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Skyscraper of the 1890's

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**MARCH:** To Templars, the history of the Masonic Temple illustrated on the cover has a special interest because Knights Templar played leading roles in the cornerstone laying ceremonies in 1890. Its twenty stories made it the tallest office building in the world. Its likeness was reproduced on souvenir spoons, on postcards and on other memorabilia of more than eight decades ago. It was a daring innovation and Freemasons throughout the world read about it, visited it and were proud of the Masonic architectural “marvel” in Chicago. The *Knight Templar Magazine* is indebted to the office of the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Illinois, for the opportunity to use the cover picture. Our story of its construction and the building’s history begins on page 9.

Paul C. Rodenhauer, Editor

*"Eyes" not Ides of March . . .*

## **A SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN**

March is the final month of the three-month period for the Fifth Voluntary Activities Campaign on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The Campaign closes March 31; reports from *Grand Commandery Chairmen* will be accepted until April 14 — no later.

Our goal this year is in excess of \$300,000 if we are to continue the casework of the Foundation. We have three primary choices: 1. reject applications for assistance because of lack of funds; 2. receive a proposal or request for an increase in the Eye Foundation annual assessment; 3. show our Templar concern for others by overcoming the difference between income and outgo with an over-the-top Voluntary Campaign each year.

We need to remember that Life Sponsorships, for one, automatically are placed in the Permanent Fund, which is now nearing the \$2,000,000 mark. The higher the total of the Permanent Endowment Fund, the greater the income for continuance of the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. However, funds which are allocated to the Permanent Fund do NOT help in current casework. What is needed is a balance of each. We need to build up the Permanent Fund to insure the future work of the Foundation; we need to increase current income to handle the immediate work of the Foundation.

It is a twofold job. Upon this Campaign depends in very large measure the present and future humanitarian progress of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. It is YOUR project, YOUR decision, YOUR effort which will determine the amount of good we, as a Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, can accomplish for those who need to be brought from darkness into light.

By the time you read this, a new Knights Templar Eye Foundation film will be available for use in Commanderies throughout our jurisdiction. It is a sound-color, 16mm film which can be booked through the Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572.

I hope you will make promotional use of the film. I pray that your efforts during this month will be successful in achieving the goal needed to continue the Foundation's casework, and I look forward to awarding plaques of recognition and appreciation to Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies at the 52nd Triennial Conclave August 11-16 in Chicago.

*G. Wilbur Bell*



# The KNIGHT WRITERS

## COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ I want to thank all for the graciously vast and far spread reply in answer to the excess materials which Mary Commandery No. 36 wanted to dispose of.

The requests have been so great it will be impossible to help everyone or answer the letters of inquiry; however, those fortunate enough to receive anything will receive it F.O.B.

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□ I enjoy C. L. Rothwell's short stories in the *Knight Templar* as they are very informative. I was in Greenville, Tennessee, and thought it would be nice to visit Andrew Johnson's home, tailor shop and grave. His home was the highlight, so simple but beautiful.

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□ I look forward to receiving every issue of *Knight Templar* for I enjoy reading about what is going on in Templary. Most Eminent Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell has written an excellent plea for York Rite unification in his article "Unity and Progress in 1973." I would like to see the Grand Encampment make overtures to the other two bodies for the formation of another commission for the purpose of working out the details of a York Rite merger as proposed by the 1966 commission.

As time goes on, the choice of action is lessened. Financial strains and size of membership of each body becomes more acute. The time to take action on a merger is NOW! If the coordinate bodies of the Scottish Rite were able to work out a unification, then so can the York Rite Bodies hammer out a similar organization. Everyone has to try to make it work!

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□ The *Knight Templar Magazine*, Vol. XIX, January 1973, received and as always read by me with much pleasure, BUT, I missed something re: Sir Knight Truman which most certainly was a fine Masonic accomplishment.

I refer to his sending three top flight extra fine Masons to Europe to pick up and put again on its feet European Masonry.

Ray V. Denslow and George Bushnell and one other, whom I do not recall at this moment, were the three.

Ray had a card which, when they desired transportation to any place in Europe (where Masonry had been ruthlessly persecuted during World War II), he would present said card to an American Military Commander and that Commander would provide airplane transportation to the desired place or country.

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□ In the spring of 1954 I was transferred from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to Japan with a stop over in Fort Lewis, Washington. While at Fort Lewis, Washington, I had the pleasure and privilege of attending some Masonic meetings.

The Commandery made a special trip on a Sunday to Olympia, Washington. I was invited to go on this trip, which I appreciated. While in Olympia I took several snapshots of the Commandery. I have these snapshots and if there is any member of the Commandery who would like them I will be glad to send them.

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□ I'm interested in purchasing Masonic items such as watch fobs, pins, jewels (old), glassware, etc., from any of the brethern or their wives who might wish to dispose of such items for my collection.

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☐ I am a new Knight Templar, a member of the Orin Shipp class. I collect turbans, fezzes. I would like to have a York Rite Jewel, Order of Ark Mariner, for my collection. All items are kept privately and will never be displayed to the public.

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☐ Tuebor Lodge No. 578, Detroit, Michigan, has what its members consider a unique name. Tuebor, in Latin, means "I will protect" or "I will defend" and was chosen at the formation of the Lodge in 1948 because nearly all the founding members were members of the Detroit Police Department.

During the short history of Tuebor Lodge we have been represented in the Grand Commandery of Michigan by two members, both retired police officers: Fred G. Kirby, P.M., is a Past Grand Commander and Glenn R. Knox, P.M., is presently a Grand Commandery officer.

During 1973, Tuebor Lodge celebrates its 25th year of activity. We have issued a commemorative medal as a souvenir. Because of the appropriateness of our name to both Masonry and Templary some readers may like one of our coins, obtainable by sending one dollar to the undersigned.

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☐ I wish to take this opportunity to let you know how much I enjoy the *Knight Templar Magazine* and all the interesting letters and articles. My wife enjoys it as much as I do. I am very interested in receiving copies of "news-letters" published for the benefit of local Masonic organizations as we, in Cowlitz County, Washington, are wanting to publish one and need some help in getting it started.

We had the privilege of attending the Grand Priory Session in Victoria, B.C., last August and also the Supreme Session of the Social Order of the Beauceant in Dallas, Texas, in early October where we had the privilege of meeting and talking with G. Wilbur Bell and hearing him speak. He is an outstanding speaker and a delightful person to talk to.

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☐ Miss Isaac's January letter triggered off a chain reaction on my part. I have a tape dubbing of Mozart's Masonic Music, courtesy of the University of Wisconsin School of Music, and I have the entirety in three different versions of "The Magic Flute," with its proto-Masonic motifs and themes. I had planned to shape them all into a presentation as entertainment before Lodges and other Masonic groups but severe illness, diabetes and peripheral neuritis which has in the last year and a half almost lost me the use of my left leg, cancelled all plans. I recommend Marcie Davenport's definitive biography of Mozart which gives full space and credit to his Masonic affiliations and the debt he owed the Fraternity.

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☐ The story of John Philip Sousa in the October *Knight Templar* and Clifford Lucas's letter in the December issue about Mr. Sousa's death were of great interest to me. Although I did not play with Mr. Sousa, I have had the privilege of playing in other bands and some orchestral ensembles with many former Sousa men. As director of radio and TV productions for Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana, for many years I produced and broadcast an annual Sousa memorial program on his birthday, November 6. It was my good fortune to be able to bring in three former Sousa men to appear on those programs and to tell of their personal experiences with Mr. Sousa. All were clarinet players: James Austin, Jr., of Angola, now retired and living in Florida; the late Gene Slick, Anderson, Indiana; and Edmund C. Wall, New York, Mr. Sousa's solo clarinetist (1926-1931) and for many years solo clarinetist with the Goldman Band and the New York City Ballet orchestra.

Some years ago Mr. Slick visited Angola Commandery No. 45 of which I am Warder and, at his urging, one of my former colleagues at Tri-State, Professor Charles Hallawell, Slick's son-in-law, having then recently completed his Capitular and Cryptic Degrees in the Angola York Rite Bodies, petitioned for the Chivalric Orders and became a member of Angola Commandery No. 45.

Mr. Slick told me there were many Masons in the Sousa band over the years and Mr. Sousa took his Masonry most seriously.

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## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**From a Proud Daughter:** Mrs. Charlotte E. Mattas, Fort Collins, Colorado, who is a member of the Social Order of the Beauceant and who enjoys reading the *Knight Templar Magazine*, writes to tell us of her pride in her father, Sir Knight George Coulson, now 92. A Past Master, Past High Priest and Past Commander, his record of participation in Masonic bodies would fill this page. An organist playing for dinners and banquets, Sir Knight Coulson "is at present and has been for many years a cellist in the Fort Collins Symphony." Mrs Mattas included with her letter a program of the January symphony concert. She concludes: "Still has a good musical ear at 92!"

**Unified York Rite:** Among similar comments on the Grand Master's January message was a letter from Wayne F. Stone, Commander, Columbian Commandery No. 52, Ashtabula, Ohio, expressing "complete agreement" with Sir Knight Bell's remarks "concerning a unified York Rite." Eminent Commander Stone says "It seems to me some basic changes must be made instead of a little tinkering here and a little patching there."

**Yazoo City Leader:** A. G. Fulcher, K.Y.C.H., Yazoo City, Mississippi, pays tribute to Sir Knight David Clifton Minchew. "He petitioned our Lodge in 1956 at the age of 66," writes Sir Knight Fulcher, "was Raised April 16, 1957, received the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite as fast as qualified, has served as Master of Yazoo Council, Commander Yazoo Commandery and is this year High Priest of Yazoo Chapter. Sir Knight Dave has worked continuously through the years in all bodies.

"Now 84, he is an inspiration to all who know him."

**Buster Brown:** Many readers will recall the longtime (1910-55) advertising campaign featuring a Buster Brown. "I live in a shoe. That's my dog Tige. He lives there, too." The story of Buster Brown — the late Sir Knight W. Edmund Ansley — starts on page 19.

**Euclid:** Sir Knight Allen G. Illa, Orlando, Florida, draws our attention to the discrepancy between the text and the illustration on page 13 of the February issue. For Sir Knight Illa and others who noted the informative article by Sir Knight Justin King, we ask that they take the February article in hand and change the copy beside the illustration to read: "On this cord they took a rod of any convenient length and laid off three lengths of the rod from B to C (rather than A to B), four lengths from A to C (rather than B to C) and five lengths from C to D." If we are misinformed, we ask Sir Knight King to correct us.

**Voluntary Campaign Events:** A spaghetti dinner is one of the Voluntary Campaign benefit-events held by the Drill Team of St. John's Commandery No. 20, Youngstown, Ohio. Captain Lewis H. O'Hara, P.C., heads the team. All proceeds will go to the Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

**Placemats and Napkins:** Colorful Templar placemats and dinner napkins, especially appropriate for use in Masonic Temple dining rooms and social halls, are available at the Grand Recorder's office, Chicago. Placemats are \$9.50 a thousand; the full-sized dinner napkins are \$13.50 per thousand. Each item is obtainable only in lots of one thousand. Trumbull's painting of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence adds a pre-Bicentennial theme.

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## THE FAIR ADVENTURE

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by  
Gilbert H. Hill

"The day shall not be up so soon as I, to try the Fair Adventure of tomorrow." Thus spoke Lewis, the Dauphin of France, in Shakespeare's play, "King John," of the Magna Carta, Act 5, Scene 5, Line 21.



To live in the time of the Magna Carta, the Age of Chivalry, the Crusades, the Renaissance, the Age of Discovery, the Age of Steam — all of these periods have afforded an experience of fair adventure.

Yet beyond these landmarks of human progress have come the Industrial Age, the Communications Age, the Age of Travel, the Atomic Age, the Space Age, the Computer Age and the Age of Automation. The hand of destiny, not the matter of choice, has placed men where they are, or were, in the corridors of time!

Some may think that they are misplaced; that they do not belong to their time. Others, the drivers, not the drifters, are satisfied with the elements of circumstance that fit their interval. The "do" and "dare" in their lives bear proof that they have found the fair adventure. "So let it be!"

It has been, always, those who climb yonder hill to see the broader boundary of their surroundings will know and appreciate where they are and why.

Humanity's crying needs found their champions at Runnymede, Camelot, The

Holy Land and Medieval Italy because there were men to meet the challenge of the hour, in the broad sweep of change.

Constantine, climbing a hillside above the Bosphorus in 324 A.D., was in search of a site for a new eastern Roman capital. His followers, exhausted in a seemingly endless quest, inquired: "How far will you go Sir?" The great leader replied, "Until He who leads me stops." Thus did a man of destiny, knowing his role, establish a crossroad where three continents meet and a Christian stronghold emerged, lasting from the Fourth to the Fourteenth Century, more than a thousand years. The wavering existence of a Roman influence was stabilizing in a world ready for collapse. Long after the Roman Empire of the West slid into oblivion the Christian Empire of the East grew strong and endured.

What challenge is there if man is ushered into a world of perfection? No problems to solve! The Garden of Eden was that way and man fell. That which makes men great is the great things they find to do. They recognize the demands they were created to satisfy. Those who chafe at the thongs that tie them to where they are have only to rise to the hilltop to see what the mighty hand of destiny entrusts to them.

"Homo Sapiens" is not a creature but a man equipped with the ability to use not only instincts but habits, memories, desires, hopes and ideals for guidance and pattern making. Here for him are sound raptures, color raptures, fun raptures, wisdom raptures and spiritual raptures to weave into the tapestry of triumphal living.

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Anciently, there were many mighty and wealthy civilizations before the less glamorous, less prosperous, West began to rise. To tell the story of the West is to begin 1,000 years before Christ. Ancient Greece, the mother of high culture, was the tutor for a smattering taste for learning among the Romans who were neither scientists nor philosophers. It was a difficult undertaking because the Roman language was clumsy and there was very limited literature. Thus the culture became Greeco-Roman, and the combination was more easily acceptable in all Italy. A social order of a high level arose as a great light in the Near East.

Even so, it took eleven and one-half centuries, to 150 A.D., to bring into full swing the distribution of books and libraries to North Africa, Egypt and all the Fertile Crescent edging the Mediterranean. A time of superior and able thinking, keen and free expression, had arrived in eloquent form — eloquence far surpassing that of 1650 A.D., fifteen centuries later. Inspired men had seen their duty and fulfilled their role.

Alas, the Dark Ages! The six centuries from the fall of Rome to the Eleventh Century wiped out the progress so slowly attained. Communications were lost; roads blocked; bridges destroyed; cities sacked and burned; public buildings vandalized; churches looted and made squatter havens; gangsterism prevailed over all. The legacy of the Dark Ages was disheartening and tragic. Literacy plummeted. Language became a jumble of strange dialects.

Only a brave and resolute struggle of ten centuries brought, finally, the Renaissance. The Fair Adventure had beckoned in the hearts of able men as the Middle Ages passed and Medieval Europe rolled away into memories, only, of darkness and despair. Constantinople, chosen capital of the first Christian Emperor of Rome, fell to the Turks in 1453 and the last shadow of the old order was gone.

Europe, reviving, awoke to the charm

of the arts and a more humane literacy than the past church-dominated education afforded. The power of the mind over the material was now secure and certain. Western civilization had lifted from the Dark Ages.

No age in all time offers so much to so many as our time. The end of every old epoch hinges on the beginning of the new; each offering its full quota of opportunities and possibilities. Jeopardy hangs no curtain between the undone and the need to do. With the bright new tools of nuclear power, endless communication and computer-guided energy the ultimate can be achieved.

To shirk humanitarian responsibility is to shrink back from faith in a nobler destiny and repudiate commitment to liberty and freedom, the pillars which support the superstructure of all human progress.

As the light of a star in the East guided the Wise Men of old, in the days of Herod, Tetrach of Galilee, so the glittering constellations of technological discoveries bid the wisest and noblest of us to a new birth of hope and salvation for mankind. Gallaxies in the star-decked heavens mark the way of the "yet to be" where the Fair Adventure remains the challenge of duty and principle.

To those with the will to see a star of destiny rises and never sets in the night sky, guiding each one toward self-fulfillment. A new world of elegance and excellence arises where obligations, privileges and convictions motivate.

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**Three Classes: Some observer once noted that there are three categories of members — those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, those who wonder what happened.**



## CHICAGO'S MASONIC SKYSCRAPER

*The Knight Templar Magazine, through the research and the literary skill of C. L. Rothwell, assistant to the editor, presents to readers a story of one of the 19th century "marvels of the world," an account of the 20-story Masonic Temple in Chicago which was torn down in 1939. It made architectural as well as Masonic history when it was built in the last decade of the 19th century.*

In 1883 the first steel-frame building was constructed in Chicago. In 1887 the first electric elevator went into use, freeing buildings to attain new heights. Chicago was the home of these early "tall" buildings. One of the most important pioneer architectural firms in this field was that of Daniel H. Burnham and his partner John Wellborn Root, both of whom made architectural history in the course of their careers.

When Chicago Masons decided to build a Masonic Temple they chose Root as the architect. Root designed the building using his new type of ornament based on the Romanesque style – a style that became prominent in Chicago architecture later in the buildings of Louis Sullivan. The gables and arches used by Root would make the building prominent in Chicago architecture then and in books of architecture to this day.

But, even more spectacular, Root planned to make the building 20 stories high! It may not seem like much today but at that time it was the *tallest office building in the world*. It is hard to imagine, perhaps, the stir the building caused with its new height and new style. There were many who felt the building would reach into the clouds. It was an innovation.

The Masons were justly proud of their plans for this "marvel." They made elaborate plans for a cornerstone laying which would include all branches of Masonry and many dignitaries.

"Plumb, Level, Square" read the page

one headline of the Chicago *Daily Tribune* of November 7, 1890, describing the cornerstone laying of the new Masonic Temple on November 6. It was definitely BIG news.

There were "4000 men in the (parade) line" wrote the news reporter and "rows upon rows of uniformed Knights Templar with drawn swords." The white plumes and black uniforms of the Templars continued to hold the eye of the reporter throughout the ceremonies and he repeatedly spoke of the impression they made.

The Templars, in fact, stole the show. The crowd was particularly impressed by the mounted members of Montjoie Commandery No. 53, Blue Island. Other Commanderies represented were Apollo No. 1, Chicago No. 19, St. Bernard No. 35, Englewood No. 59, Chevalier Bayard No. 52, Siloam No. 54 and Evanston No. 58 – 600 uniformed Knights.

Grand Lodge of Illinois proceedings for 1891 listed a total of 2277 Masons in the parade from 37 Lodges, 600 Templars and 85 members of Oriental Consistory. The official total of marchers was 3724, including bands.

Everything started at High Noon in the Asylum of Apollo Commandery No. 1 when the Most Worshipful Grand Master, John M. Pearson, opened the Grand Lodge of Illinois in ample form. The procession was then formed and moved at 3 p.m. by a roundabout way to the site of the Masonic Temple at the northeast corner of State and Randolph, with the Templars in the lead. → → →

At the site the Templars formed a hollow square thru which the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge passed to the platform. One of those in the procession was the youngest Entered Apprentice Mason in Illinois, one John C. Smith, Jr., who had been initiated early that morning.

The cornerstone was laid with proper Masonic ceremony using the square, level and plumb to test it. Corn was then scattered on the stone after which wine and oil were poured upon it. An address was then given by the Grand Orator, DeWitt C. Cregier. Sir Knight Cregier, a Past Commander of Apollo No. 1, Past Grand Master of Illinois Masons, 33° Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J., and charter member of St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, was also the Mayor of Chicago at the time.

The stone contained the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery of Illinois, papers from Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine, by-laws and membership rosters of Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and Consistories in Illinois, city reports, coins, medals, proceedings of the International Order of Odd Fellows and Chicago newspapers.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the Asylum of Apollo No. 1 and closed in ample form. That night there was a banquet attended by 200 "prominent members of the Craft." There were at least five past Grand Commanders present, including one from Iowa and one from Indiana. Other out-of-town dignitaries included P.G.M. Morris Goldwater, Arizona, grandfather of Brother and Senator Barry Goldwater, and Grand Recorder Thomas H. Caswell, P.G.H.P., P.G.C., California.

The Honorable Carter H. Harrison, former five term Mayor of Chicago, was present and spoke on his favorite subject: Chicago. Harrison was not a Mason. He was the father of Sir Knight Carter H.

Harrison who would shortly also serve five terms as Mayor.

Also present was General John C. Black of Civil War fame, later Grand Orator, who spoke on the establishment and origin of Freemasonry. Several area mayors and prominent Chicago men were also in attendance.

In 1891 the word "skyscraper" was coined and applied to the building. The height (302 feet) and architectural style drew many visitors. The interior was elaborate, particularly the circular stairways. Sixteen elevators were available and capable of carrying some 50,000 persons per day.



Interior of the Templar Asylum. Courtesy Scottish Rite Cathedral Library, Chicago.

However, the building apparently did not suit the needs of the Masons. The meeting rooms occupied the top floors. Many members were reluctant to ride in the jerky elevators, which were also slow and caused many delays. The Shrine moved out in 1902 and the Scottish Rite followed in 1905. By 1910 the Masons were advertising for tenants to occupy the offices and for Masonic bodies to use the meeting space. By 1922 the Masons found themselves financially unable to continue with the building. It was sold to a syndicate and became known as the Capitol Building.

Chicago Masons promptly → → →

planned and built a new Masonic Temple, much less elaborate, less than a block west of the "skyscraper." Altho it was actually taller than the original building, it was no longer a "skyscraper" by standards of the time.

A theater was built on the lower floors of the new building, known as the Oriental Theater building. An organist named Paul Ashe made the theater popular but the Masons scattered to neighborhood Temples and there was no support for a central Masonic Temple. Today, only two Lodges meet in the building, which Masons no longer own.



The "new" Masonic Temple between Dearborn and State on Randolph, about 1927. The "old" Masonic Temple is visible in the background. Picture courtesy Chicago Historical Society.

The Masonic skyscraper came down in 1939, a victim of the progress of Chicago. Today a drug store stands on the site of the historic Masonic Temple — a full two stories in height!

We acknowledge with appreciation the assistance of Sir Knights Samuel K. Zipp, Librarian, Chicago Scottish Rite Cathedral; Carl Lutz, Recorder of Medinah Temple; and Illinois Grand Generalissimo Forest C. McDaniel in preparing this article.

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## Dedicated to America

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held February 5 at Lexington, Massachusetts, for the \$6,000,000.00 Scottish Rite Masonic Library and Museum structure.

The new building to which the public will be welcomed is "to be dedicated to America, her history, her patriots and builders, her ideals and to faith in her future" and has been designed as the contribution of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction to the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence. It is anticipated that the new facility on the Bay State's historic trail will be completed and ready for formal dedication when the Bicentennial is observed initially in Massachusetts in April 1975.

Participating in the contract signing and groundbreaking ceremonies were town and state civic officials, officers of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council, representatives of the architectural firm of Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott and of the general contractor for the project, Turner Construction Company.

The multimillion dollar structure has been planned to blend with the surrounding landscape and will be a one-story structure — actually a collection of red brick buildings with gabled roofs and windows, doors and fittings relating to the early American period.

## Two Plays

The Reverend Ernest K. Emurian, Minister of the Cherrydale United Methodist Church in Arlington, Virginia, has written two plays which were forwarded to the *Knight Templar Magazine* by Lt. General Herman Nickerson, Jr., Past National President, National Sojourners. "The Flag" is a patriotic play in four acts about the flag and various incidents connected with it from 1776 to 1843. "The Christian Flag" is a one act play which tells the history of its creation.

## Grand Master Attends Knighting of GM Chief Executive

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell was a special participant Friday, January 26, when Edward N. Cole, President of General Motors Corporation, was Knighted by Detroit Commandery No. 1 in the Detroit Masonic Temple. A banquet followed the conferral ceremonies with Past Commander Frederic F. Piggins as toastmaster. Entertainment featured the General Motors Mixed Chorus — Frank Murch, director; Donald H. McFarlane, president.

The Commissioner of the Detroit Police Department, recently-dubbed Sir Knight John F. Nichols, introduced Sir Knight Cole to the 700 who attended the banquet. The new member of Detroit Commandery delivered "a speech of commitment to Templary." The address of the evening was presented by Grand Master Bell.



Grand Master Bell welcomes Sir Knight Edward N. Cole to Templary at Detroit January 26. Looking on are Commander John G. Coulson, Maurice L. Johnson, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and Roy H. Edwards, Detroit Commandery Captain General.

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### Urbana Has Fund Raising

Urbana Commandery No. 16, Urbana, Illinois, is sponsoring a benefit dinner for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation March 30, 1973, at 7:00 p.m. in the Urbana Lincoln Hotel. Guest speaker will be G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Seating facilities limit attendance to 200. For information write W. T. Henderson, 408 West Vermont Avenue, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

### Rainbow Check

Approximately 400 persons were present at the Connecticut York Rite Unity Banquet at Restland Farms when Mrs. Helen F. Jobs, Supreme Inspector for Connecticut, Order of Rainbow for Girls, presented a \$100 check from the Connecticut Rainbow to Grand Captain General John W. Colody. Sir Knight Colody is Chairman of the Eye Foundation for Connecticut.

## THE WORD

by  
James W. Cross

*Sir Knight Cross, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Illinois, is a past presiding officer of Chapter, Council and Commandery in Urbana. In his connection with "The Word," he wishes to be identified as an honorary member of Springfield, Illinois, Chapter, Council and Elmwood Commandery. Says Sir Knight Cross, "Springfield is my second Masonic home." He is a member of the Springfield cast for "The Word" and takes an active role in promotion of the drama.*

One group of York Rite workers has Exalted 2,000 candidates since August of 1966. This group from Springfield, Illinois, will present "The Word," a Synoptic Ritualistic Drama, on Tuesday, August 14th, eight years after the first presentation to candidates, at the Arie Crown Theater, McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois.

The author of "The Word," Myron K. Lingle, Past Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, served as presiding officer of Tyrian Lodge No. 333, Springfield Chapter No. 1, Council No. 2 and Elwood Commandery No. 6. It was during these years that he conceived the idea of arranging, in chronological order, the events concerning "The Word." The drama, truly a labor of love, required much writing and rewriting following extensive research into Masonic history.

In an article describing "The Word," Sir Knight Lingle wrote:

In 1954 I conceived a drama without interruption by changing the scenery and properties on the main stage while continuing the performance on the forestage. As I began to dovetail the parts of the Cryptic, Symbolic and Capitular Degrees it became clear that, in addition to the central theme of the Great and Sacred Name of Deity, there was the parallel theme of the rejected keystone that eventually led to the subterranean discovery of the Word.

The two themes, then, combined to

complete the story of the Master's Word — of the source, the precautions against loss, the apparent loss, the adoption of a substitute, the search and ultimate recovery. The degrees are presented in Act I in this sequence: 9, 4, 9, 4, 8, 3, 4, 8, 3, 9, 6. Act II presents the synopsis of the seventh Degree, climaxed with the Order of the Red Cross. The first two Acts are presented in two hours.

In 1968, I applied the same staging to the Commandery Orders: alternating the scenes on the main stage and forestage, eliminating the alarms and dialogues at the doors and dispensing with the ceremonies of posting and escorting. The method was expedited — the substance remained unchanged. The Order of Malta and Order of the Temple are presented in Act III for a period of about ninety minutes.

The first two presentations of "The Word" were limited to members of the Chapter and Council and were produced in Springfield in 1955 and in 1963.

On August 6, 1966, Myron K. Lingle York Rite Day, the first 142 candidates witnessed the presentation of "The Word" and thus became members of the Chapter and Council.

The first trip "out of town" to present "The Word" was in 1968 when we of the Springfield cast presented the drama in the Scottish Rite Temple in Chicago. Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell suggested that our cast present "The Word" at the Centennial celebration of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska on →→→

September 19, 1970, at North Platte. In looking back, I believe this was the turning point for the cast. Because of a tragic fire we could not practice in the Masonic Temple but Ansar Shrine cooperated by letting us practice on their drill floor. The Consistory in Springfield not only made their robes available to us, but their wardrobe people flew with us to North Platte.

We arrived in North Platte, Nebraska, on Friday evening in order to practice on their stage. Our cast had been accustomed to using the scenery of the Consistory and an excellent stage. At North Platte the work was presented in the high school gymnasium. From this experience we learned to improvise and that elaborate scenery was not necessary. It was also learned that all we really need are 24 dedicated York Rite Masons for the key parts, a good director and local Masons to fill in for the walk-on parts. Nebraska had 187 candidates.

Since our trip to Nebraska, we have presented the drama at Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Madison, Wisconsin; Decatur, Illinois; Evansville, Indiana; and at Medina Temple in Chicago. We have portable scenery for the vault scene which we take with us. If robes are not available, our robes can be taken with us.

I hesitate to name any particular member of the cast because they all work as a team and for all of the York Rite Bodies. Special mention must be made of Sir Knight Samuel B. Woods who is the spark plug of our group. Sam plans our trips, schedules the practices, checks to see that we have a complete cast and all other details. He has as an assistant, Sir Knight Harry Landcaster, who is the director of the Degree team. Harry is the Director of Work for the Springfield Scottish Rite.

The Springfield cast is really a group of York Rite Masons representing seven or eight Chapters and an equal number of Commanderies. Some members travel 50 to 75 miles to participate. The cast includes Grand Officers from the Chapter,

Council and Commandery. About two-thirds are Past Masters and half are Past High Priests and Past Commanders.

As a result of our travels we enjoy closer Masonic fellowship. The members of the cast continue to work and enjoy presenting both "The Word" and the standard ritual. The most obvious result of this work is the 2,000 candidates. It is my opinion that the unity and cooperation that has developed between the Chapter, Council and Commandery is a result of this activity and is also of great importance. In Springfield we depend on using the Scottish Rite Temple and their robes. The Scottish Rite has also provided the cosmeticians and wardrobe people. The work of this Degree team has helped both the York and Scottish Rites in our area.

We can now confer the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite in four hours. We normally start at ten or ten-thirty, break for lunch and conclude the work at two-thirty or three.

The York Rite Bodies of Peoria, Illinois, have presented the drama on several occasions with great success. At least three other Grand Jurisdictions have formed Degree teams and presented "The Word."

Springfield officers continue to confer the Chapter, Council and Commandery in regular form. By presenting "The Word" they are also able to act on the petition of the busy Master Mason and present the York Rite story in one day in chronological order.

*Editor's Note: "The Word" on Tuesday, August 14, during the week of the 52nd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, will be presented for the express purpose of giving all Knights Templar in Triennial attendance a first-hand view of the drama and for the voting members to make their decision regarding the future use of the material as acceptable optional preparatory ritual. A Proposal on the subject will be on the agenda of the Triennial sessions.*

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### “The Word” In Wisconsin

George R. Hughey, P.G.C., is coordinator for the presentation May 19 at Madison, Wisconsin, of the Hiramic legend (Chapter and Council), together with the Orders of the Commandery by the original cast from Springfield, Illinois, and selected ritualists from Wisconsin Commanderies.

The drama was written by Past Commander Myron K. Lingle, Elwood Commandery No. 6; P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Illinois; Deputy, Supreme Council, 33°, N.M.J.

Candidates will report with credentials from 8 to 9:45 a.m., May 19, at the Temple of Freemasonry, 301 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison. “The Word” begins at 9:45 a.m. Luncheon is scheduled at 12:30, the conferral continues at 2:30 and a banquet concludes the day at 5:45 p.m. The 1972 conferral of “The Word” at Madison had a class of 522 candidates.

### International Order, Job’s Daughters

Mrs. Doris E. Finley, Supreme Secretary, International Order of Job’s Daughters, announces that the annual meeting of the International Order in 1973 will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, August 15-18, with Miss Annetta M. Stumpf, Supreme Guardian, presiding. Miss Stumpf’s home is in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be the setting for the annual meeting August 11-17, 1974. The 1975 meeting will be in Indianapolis, Indiana.

### Sans Parade, Sans Sword

The 52nd Triennial Conclave in Chicago August 11-16 will not feature a parade. Consequently, Knights Templar attending the Triennial Conclave – unless involved in drill team or escort duty – will not be required to bring swords with them.

# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## Another Masonic Legion Post



Sir Knight George W. Nilsson, Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, left, receives a 55-year American Legion membership card from Brother Don Nesbitt. Both are members of Sunshine Post No. 251, Los Angeles, which is composed entirely of Masons. Sir Knight Nilsson is Commander of the Post.

## DeMolay Proclamation

J. W. (Jack) Nutt, Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay, has proclaimed April to be Harry S. Truman Memorial Month. He has called upon all jurisdictions and Chapters of the Order to join in this commemoration by participating in special Harry S. Truman Memorial Classes.

Harry S. Truman was a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Missouri; and an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay. Truman, a close friend of "Dad" Frank S. Land, Founder of the Order of DeMolay, gave longtime support to DeMolay.

## Allred Installed

The Reverend G. Howard Allred, Ivanhoe No. 8, Greensboro, North Carolina, was installed as Chaplain for Oasis Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Charlotte, January 27. Sir Knight Allred is paster of Central United Methodist Church, Asheboro.

## International Grand Masters Class

"It's an historic occasion," writes General Chairman James S. DeMond, Grand Captain General of Indiana, about the April 28th York Rite Class scheduled for the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 431 West Berry Street, Fort Wayne.

The Pilgrimage will honor Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., and Sir Knight W. Stanley Wright, Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar of Canada.

A brochure from Sir Knight DeMond includes these quotables:

The first official visitation of Canadian Templars in our 255 years led by Grand Master Wright.

They will confer the Order of the Temple according to the Ancient Crusader Ritual on both U.S. and Canadian Candidates. Both Grand Masters will participate in this most unusual presentation. Grand Master Bell invites all U.S. Grand and Subordinate Commanderies to present candidates for the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite of Freemasonry.

The deadline for reservations is April 23. Reservations for luncheon and banquet are \$7.50 for both men and women. Men's registration is included in the \$7.50. Checks are to be made payable to James S. DeMond and mailed to him at 5011 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805. Housing is available upon request.

## Iowa Conclave Dates

Earlier information listed June 18-22 as the dates for the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa. Revised dates are June 21-23. The location remains at Ames.



## IMMC Over the Top

Warren N. Barr, Sr., President of the Board of Trustees, made the announcement at the January 23 luncheon board meeting: Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, had not only achieved its goal of meeting the Stone Challenge Grant on deadline, it had surpassed the goal by more than the amount of the grant!

The Stone Grant of \$500,000 to go toward equipping and furnishing the Stone Pavilion was announced jointly by Sir Knight Barr and Mrs. Donna Stone Bradshaw, President of the W. Clement and Jesse V. Stone Foundation, in March 1972. To qualify for the gift the medical center had to raise \$753,528 in cash or negotiable securities by December 31, 1972.



Sir Knight Barr, left, poses with Mrs. Bradshaw, Sir Knight Stone and Past Department Commander Alvin L. Crump, member of the Board.

On December 31, Illinois Masonic had raised a total of \$1,373,351.10 in unrestricted funds — \$619,823.10 over the top. The funds were raised by direct appeals to Masons everywhere, the medical staff and the Chicago community, which netted more than \$650,000. The balance came from three large bequests and one \$30,000 gift from a charitable trust. Sir Knight Barr said: "This justifies our faith in Masonry and in the future."

## Keeping Up with the Jones's



Otto H. Smith, Jamestown Commandery, Jamestown, New York, credits the four Jones brothers pictured above as sparkplugs for 22 Jamestown Knightings in 1972. All Past Commanders, the brothers are: Floyd, Richard, Gordon and Frank.

## Truman Cover



Harry S. Truman  
1884 — 1972

The above cover was issued by the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club and forwarded by Sir Knight John M. Cunningham.

## Bicentennial Stamp

The first of four commemorative stamps symbolizing the "rise of the Spirit of Independence" prior to the American Revolution was issued February 16. The stamp depicts the role of printers and pamphleteers who united the patriots. All stamps in the series will depict communications in the colonies.

## Pre-Triennial Meetings in Chicago

The closing days of January saw a succession of business meetings by Grand Encampment officers and committee chairmen in Chicago to review the status of the Order as the present triennium entered its final months. Major purpose, however, was to plan for the advancement of Templary during the pending triennium.



Thursday, January 25, was devoted to a meeting of Grand Encampment officers — Grand Master Bell, Deputy Grand Master Riegler, Grand Generalissimo Avery, Grand Captain General Cottrell and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer. Similar meetings, with the Grand Master presiding, have been held each three to four months since the 51st Triennial Conclave.

On the 26th, Friday, while Grand Master Bell was in Detroit to welcome General Motors President Cole into Templary, Deputy Grand Master Riegler presided over a budget meeting in the Grand Recorder's office. The group was augmented by Past Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., Finance Committee Chairman Arch M. Dullnig and Past Department Commander and K.T. Eye Foundation Trustee Harold S. Gorman.



Current Grand Encampment appropriations, authorized in August of 1970 by Grand Encampment members, were discussed; projected needs and costs evaluated. The meeting, which began at 9 a.m., recessed at 6:30 p.m., and was resumed at 8 p.m.

Saturday at 1 p.m., Grand Master Bell presided over the 1973 meeting of the Grand Master's Advisory Committee for reports from officers and committee chairmen, for proposals, discussions and a conference that covered Templar topics ranging from finance to uniforms, from ritual to religious activities, from patriotic and civic involvement to public relations and drill team competition.



Participants, in addition to those involved in the earlier meetings, included: Grand Treasurer Edmund F. Ball, Herbert D. Sledd (Jurisprudence), Carl J. Baesemann (Patriotic and Civic), Louis A. Beaudoin (Membership), Oliver S. Willham (Educational Foundation), Alvin L. Crump (Triennial Conclave), John H. Loree (Drill Regulations), G. Calvin Dyson (Ritual), Gordon J. Brenner (Religious Activities) and Dr. Beryl S. Kinser, Associate Grand Prelate.

Department Commanders in attendance as members of the Advisory Committee were: Dr. Ward L. Ekas (Northeastern), Stephen B. Dimond (Southeastern), Ned E. Dull (East Central), Arthur J. Peterson (North Central), John R. Mendius (Southwestern), Dr. Paul W. Sweet, Jr. (Northwestern). Art Coots (South Central) was ill and unable to attend. Nineteen states were represented.

## THE TRAIL OF S.K. BUSTER BROWN



Front row, left to right: J. E. Burris, E. A. Burke, Carl Krauter, Buster Brown, T. M. Walton, Lee Rogers, William H. King. Back Row: Jack Nelson, Ray Blakely, W. C. "Clinton" Henry, DeWitt Cornelious, Dr. R. J. Shull.

The Pictures section of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* of November 8, 1970, carried the article, "Selling Shoes with Buster Brown." A picture in the article showed Buster Brown being "installed as an honorary colonel in Oklahoma," date and exact location unknown. An alert reader sent the picture to the Editor of the *Knight Templar Magazine* pointing out the "honorary colonels" were actually Knights Templar.

There were several midgets working for the Buster Brown Shoe Company at the time and no one seemed to know which was the "honorary colonel." The *Knight Templar Magazine* hoped to publish the picture and obtain identification from a reader. Letters to the shoe company and the St. Louis paper in an effort to obtain a clear picture got no results.

The article mentioned "Edmond Hensley" of Hugo, Oklahoma, as one of the Buster Browns. A letter sent to him was returned - "no such person" - and the trail to Sir Knight Buster Brown seemed blocked.

On September 27, 1972, W. Edmond Ansley died in Gainesville, Texas, of a heart attack while on a nostalgic trip to trace memories of his days as Buster Brown.

Noting the difference in the name, another attempt was made to find Buster Brown, this time thru Past Department Commander Oliver S. Willham, Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee and a Past Grand Commander of Oklahoma.

"Ed Ansley was a good friend of mine," came the immediate reply. Further, Sir Knight Willham knew exactly the person to identify the principals in the newspaper picture - 50 year Templar William H. King of Hugo.

Altho reproducing a newspaper picture is not normally possible, the *Knight Templar Magazine* is happy to print the picture of the *Knighting of Buster Brown* to set the record straight.

Sir Knight King, Prelate at → → →

the July 27, 1924, Knighting, is still active in Masonic work, serving as long time Treasurer of St. Omer Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

Sir Knight Ansley stood four feet, two inches tall. For 27 years he travelled about 50,000 miles each year delighting millions of children with the antics of Buster Brown. A Boston terrier named Tige was his constant companion during the annual 10 month road trips.

Starting in 1910 at the age of 22 Ansley dressed in a blond Dutch boy wig and a red Little Lord Fauntleroy suit — and, of course, Buster Brown shoes — and played the rascal. "I'm Buster Brown. I live in a shoe. That's my dog Tige. He lives there too."

His high pitched voice and small stature led the children to believe he was one of them. They bought Buster Brown whistles, watches, plates and other objects by the millions.

The Buster Brown craze was financially rewarding for the shoe company. It was also rewarding for artist Richard Outcault who created the comic strip. Ansley retired in 1937 and, by World War II, all of the Buster Browns were off the road.

In 1943 Smilin' Ed McConnell made his debut as the radio Buster Brown. McConnell moved to television in 1951 and died in 1954. Andy Devine then portrayed Buster Brown for almost a year.

Sir Knight Ansley lived in Hugo after his retirement, fishing a little and recalling the days when he was a living trademark for a popular shoe.

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**THE PROJECT:** Fifth Voluntary Campaign

**THE THEME:** Fund-raising Events for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

**THE GOAL:** In excess of \$300,000

**THE CLOSING DATE:** March 31, 1973

## New York Medal

The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of New York will issue a medal to commemorate the 175th Anniversary on March 1, 1973. Proceeds from the medal will be used in their charitable program. All contributors of at least \$4.00 will receive a bronze medal and contributors of at least \$12.00 will receive a serially numbered sterling silver medal. Numbers 0-10 will be awarded to the highest bidders.



Deadline date for orders is March 15 with expected mailing April 1. Sir Knight William G. Peacher is chairman of the medal committee. Address orders to him at 600 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York 13202.

## York Rite Dedication

Sir Knight Joseph P. LeSuer, Panama City, Florida, can "rightly boast of his family's dedication as York Rite Masons," says Grand Commander H. Edward May, Florida.

One son, Joseph C., is Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Florida. "The other son is presently the Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. All three are Knights York Cross of Honour."

Grand Commander May also notes that "Poppa Joe" was the recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. "His wife has done her part by serving as 'Junior Warden' for all three as they worked their way through the four York Rite Bodies."

## American Passion Play

The American Passion Play, Bloomington, Illinois, will observe its 50th Anniversary May 20 with the final performance of the 1973 season which begins March 25. Chairman of the Production Committee is Sir Knight Louis L. Williams, 33°, Active for Illinois, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., and Past Grand Master of Illinois Masons. Williams has written an historical study of the Passion Play for release in this anniversary year. For information on the book and tickets to the performances write: The American Passion Play, Box 647, Bloomington, Illinois 61701.

### "Masons Care Building"

Sir Knight Conrad Hahn, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association, will speak Saturday, July 28, at Grand Lodge dedication ceremonies for the new extended "Masons Care Building" now being completed at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

The speaker is a Past Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut. Born of missionary parents at Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico, he was educated in the public schools of New Orleans, New York City and Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was graduated with honors from Yale, received his Master of Arts degree at Columbia University, served as teacher, coach and headmaster for 24 years at Suffield Academy, Connecticut, and has been associated with the MSA since 1958.



The ceremonies of dedication for the 116 bed, three story, air conditioned structure at Elizabethtown will include participants from a variety of bodies of Masonry — Scottish Rite and Templary — also DeMolays, members of Job's Daughters and the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

## IN MEMORY OF

**Elmer E. Watkins**

**Texas**

**Grand Commander — 1966**

**Born July 27, 1898**

**Died January 25, 1973**

**Charles C. Lynch**

**Oklahoma**

**Grand Commander — 1952**

**Born September 7, 1888**

**Died January 28, 1973**

**Raymond H. Wesner**

**New Jersey**

**Grand Commander — 1952**

**Born August 25, 1896**

**Died February 2, 1973**

**Victor Carl Whitfield**

**Texas**

**Grand Commander — 1953**

**Born January 1, 1892**

**Died February 4, 1973**

### "Easter Reality, Faith and Hope"

Dr. Beryl S. Kinser, Minister to the First Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois, and Associate Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., will speak on "Easter Reality, Faith and Hope" at the Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service in Arlington National Amphitheater April 22. His sermon will be condensed in the May issue.

His message will be available to NBC radio stations throughout the country. The Army Chorus and the United States Marine Band will participate in the service. Chairman of arrangements is Marvin E. Fowler, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia. Headquarters hotel is the Hotel Washington; the Twin-Bridges Marriott will be the scene of the Easter morning breakfast following the service.

For details write Chairman Fowler at: Masonic Temple, 801 13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

## Southeastern Regional Conference Chaired by Dimond

Jacksonville, Florida, was the scene. The event was a workshop gathering of Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter and Grand Council officers and representatives from the eight jurisdictions which comprise the Southeastern York Rite Region.

Edward M. Selby, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Council, R.A.M., International, headed the Royal Arch Masons present, assisted by Walter H. Winchester, M.D., District Deputy General Grand High Priest.

The General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, R. & S.M., International, Hoyt McClendon, was in attendance with his Regional Deputy Grand Master, E. Leslie Webb, Jr., Tennessee.

Representing the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar were the Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell; Deputy Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, Past Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser and Department Commander Stephen B. Dimond, who served as chairman of arrangements for the three-way workshop.



Among the Templar participants were Sir Knights Dimond, Bell, Riegle, Crofts.

Each body met separately Saturday afternoon. The Templar conference continued Saturday evening following the combined dinner. Sunday's was a unified meeting with reviews by the regional

representatives and concluding messages from the General Grand High Priest Selby, General Grand Master McClendon and the Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., Sir Knight Bell.

The 1974 combined conferences are scheduled for Tampa, Florida, from noon Friday, January 18, to noon Saturday, January 19.

### Seen at New Orleans Banquet Scene



Pictured above are guests and officers of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana at the Grand Master's banquet Sunday, February 4, in the Le Pavillon Hotel's Terrace Room.

From left to right are Robert W. Cauldwell, Grand Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine, New York; Ralph L. Moseley, Sr., Grand Commander of Louisiana; the Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., G. Wilbur Bell; Past Grand Commander D. Peter Laguens, Jr., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and the M.W. Grand Master, Judge Harwell L. Allen, who presided over the banquet and the Grand Lodge sessions. In attendance from the Grand Encampment with Grand Master and Mrs. Bell were Grand Recorder and Mrs. Paul C. Rodenhauser.

Principal speaker for the Grand Communication was M.W. Orin A. Shipp, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Responder for the guests was M.W. Evans Cray, Jr., Grand Master of Florida. Elected as the new Grand Master of Louisiana was N. H. McClamloch, Jr.

## THE YORK RITE PATH

by  
Donald F. Young

*The following is taken from a speech delivered by Sir Knight Young at the 106th Annual Banquet of Howell Chapter No. 202, West Chester, Pennsylvania. A former dean and professor, Sir Knight Young is now president of Young and Associates, College Student Affairs Consultants, Exton, Pennsylvania.*

The Blue Lodge Mason who has not yet petitioned to receive ALL the York Rite Degrees and Orders is in a unique position. No one will misunderstand us when we say we of the York Rite Bodies cannot "give" him anything. We can only show him the keys, which, if he will use them, will admit him into a glorious mansion whose rooms are filled with Treasures of the Heart, Mind, and Spirit; and there, in this mansion, if he will, he can begin the fulfillment of all the hopes and dreams embodied in the goal of a life richly and well lived.

Since antiquity, Freemasonry has been a way of life for men of honor and integrity. The heritage of every Mason can be summed up — duty and practical service to God, country and fellow man. Freemasonry is a way of life!

I would like to speak of the Master Mason's quest for light and knowledge and how it might be solved. There is an old Latin expression, *Solluitor Ambulando*, meaning "It is solved by walking." The Master Mason's quest for light and knowledge can be solved by walking the ENTIRE path of the York Rite! *Solluitor Ambulando!*

Before we discuss this walk let us take a few moments to very briefly relate the history of the York Rite.

The York Rite was named from the belief, very generally held in the 18th Century, that Masonry in Great Britain had its origin at York under King Athel-

stan in 926 A.D. when Prince Edwin received the Charter of York from the King organizing a General Assembly of Masons. To quote from the *Regius Manuscript* of about 1390:

This craft came into England, as I tell you, in the time of good king Athelstan's reign; he made then both hall, and also bower and lofty temples of great honor, to take his recreation in both day and night, and to worship his God with all his might. This good lord loved this craft full well, and purposed to strengthen it in every part on account of various defects that he discovered in the craft. He sent about into all the land, after all the masons of the craft, to come straight to him, to amend all these defects by good counsel, if it might so happen. He then permitted an assembly to be made of divers lords in their rank, dukes, earls, and barons, also knights, squires and many more, and the great burgesses of that city, they were all there in their degree; these were there, each one in every way to make laws for the state of these masons.

It might be noted the *Regius Manuscript*, the earliest original Masonic document, makes reference to the York Assembly of Masons, recites fifteen articles and fifteen points and ordains an assembly be held each year. The *Lands-down Manuscript* (about 1600) further embellishes the story of King Athelstan and Prince Edwin.

The Ancient Constitutions adopted by all the Grand Lodges of Great Britain were supposed, by those adopting them, to be copies of York Constitutions granted by King Athelstan. Every one of these Grand Lodges claimed the → → →

title of Ancient York Masons on that account. The "Moderns" claimed, "Ours is the real Ancient Grand Lodge of York," according to their Grand Secretary in 1769. The Deputy Grand Secretary of Ireland in 1790 stated, "We, the Freemasons of Ireland, are a branch of the Ancient York Masons."

The "Ancients" in their warrants stated, "We, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons [according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York]."

In 1705, the Grand Lodge of all England was established at York. This was the first organized Grand Lodge to be formed anywhere in the world.

In 1717, in London, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, later known as the "Moderns," was formed.

In 1723, Dr. James Anderson compiled Constitutions for the Grand Lodge in London and repeated the story of the 926 York Assembly of Masons. In 1738, a revised edition of Anderson's Constitutions again related and further embellished the story.

We do not know when the Grand Lodge at York adopted the various Degrees which it worked but we do know the Royal Arch was attributed to it in 1744 and it is one of the places where we have early records of its being conferred.

In 1751, in London, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to Old Constitutions was formed. This Grand Lodge became the champion of the Royal Arch Degree and dubbed itself the "Ancients."

Brother Laurence Dermott, Grand Secretary of "Antients" in 1756, said, "The Royal Arch, I firmly believe to be

the root, heart and marrow of Masonry."

Also in 1756, the first Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was formed by the "Modern" Grand Lodge at London. In 1771, the "Antients" formed a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in London in competition to the "Modern" Grand Chapter.

The Grand Lodge of York gave its sanction to the working of five separate Degrees or Orders in 1780: (1) The Entered Apprentice; (2) The Fellow Craft; (3) The Master Mason; (4) The Royal Arch; (5) The Knight Templar.

The United Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1813 with the merger of the "Ancients" and "Moderns" Grand Lodges. It set forth at that time that:

**It is declared and pronounced that pure and Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, namely, those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the Holy Royal Arch. But this article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding a meeting in any of the degrees of the Orders of Chivalry, according to the constitutions of the said Orders. (Article II of the Articles of Union.)**

In 1792, the Grand Council of Select Masons was organized in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1797, the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the U.S.A., was formed in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1816, the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A., was formed in New York City. In 1817, the two English Grand Chapters merged to form the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. In 1818, the Cryptic system was combined to form Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and in 1880, in Detroit, Michigan, the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the U.S.A., was formed.

We have briefly traced the history of the York Rite, let us turn to the Degrees and Orders of which it is composed.

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The York Rite of Freemasonry is composed of four bodies: (1) the Symbolic or "Blue" Lodge, the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery. The following York Rite Degrees and Orders are conferred in York Rite Masonry: the Lodge confers the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason; the Chapter confers the "Capitular" Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason; the "Cryptic" Degrees of the Council of Royal and Select Masters are Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master; the "Chivalric Orders" of the Commandery of Knights Templar are the Order of the Red Cross, the Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple. Let us look at each of these Degrees and Orders of the York Rite.

**MARK MASTER:** In this Degree the candidate is still symbolically laboring on an unfinished temple; he is taught the nobility of labor and that in the erection of his moral and spiritual temple he must determine and prepare the materials of which that temple is to be constructed and to have due care that in so doing the work which he shall present, bearing his mark, shall be such as to designate him as one worthy of admission to "that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

**PAST MASTER:** In this Degree the candidate is taught that he who would govern others must first learn to govern himself.

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:** In this Degree the candidate is acquainted with the events surrounding the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple. Here he sees completed for the first time the construction of the Temple on which he has symbolically labored in all the previous Degrees. Symbolically it represents the building of life and character and the reward which comes to him and all those who faithfully perform this task.

**ROYAL ARCH MASON:** With the exception of the Master Mason's Degree, no Masonic Degree is more important in its historical and symbolic significance. It appears in some form in every Rite but only here does its history, its symbolism and its lessons show so vividly its connection with the Master Mason's Degree and the fact it is, indeed, the final chapter of that essential Degree of Freemasonry. It brings to light that for which the Mason has searched. Its lessons are the essence of Masonic truth. Its ceremonies for the most part are founded upon the return of the Israelites from captivity to rebuild a destroyed temple and the discoveries found there.

**ROYAL MASTER:** This is the first of the Council or "Cryptic" Degrees. Its drama portrays additional light on both the Master Mason and Royal Arch Degrees. It and the following Degree are essential to a clear understanding of the events of one section of the Royal Arch Degree.

**SELECT MASTER:** The historical object of this Degree is to commemorate the deposits of an important secret or treasure which, after the preliminary preparations, is said to have been made by our three Grand Masters.

**SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER:** This is one of the best written ritual Degrees in Masonry. It deals with incidents in the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar when Zedekiah, the last King of Judah, was conquered and carried captive to Babylon. It enlarges upon the section of the Royal Arch having to do with the capture of Jerusalem by the Babylonian King and teaches strongly and dramatically the lesson of fidelity.

**ORDER OF THE RED CROSS:** As the first step in Templary this Order continues the story of the Royal Arch and deals with a period in Jewish history at the time of the return of the Jews from captivity and the efforts to rebuild the Temple of their God in →→→

Jerusalem. It teaches the lessons of the triumph of truth.

**THE MEDITERRANEAN PASS AND THE ORDER OF MALTA:** This Order is the first Christian Order encountered by the candidate. It is historically based upon one of the old Orders of the Crusades.

**THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE:** The third Order of the Commandery is wholly Christian. This is very probably the most impressive Degree or Order in Masonry. It develops the great moral lessons of Knighthood.

Now that we have hurriedly travelled the York Rite Path through which the Master Mason might gain masterful light and knowledge through walking as he seeks his quest I wish to present my own personal reaction to this wonderful trip down the York Rite Path.

After the completion of the hours of participation as a candidate I must state I found it to be most inspiring, intellectually stimulating, spiritually rewarding and an experience that I will remember and treasure all my life. Having travelled in many lands, lived in many states and taken part in a number of organizations and activities, I was still unprepared for the emotionally uplifting experience which the conferral of these Degrees and Orders gave me. The teachings, which are reflected in them in such a magnificent manner, complement the work of the Symbolic Lodge. In fact, one cannot help but have a deeper and more meaningful understanding of Masonry and the Blue Lodge afterwards. I know a number of questions that I had about Symbolic Masonry were answered through Chapter, Council and Commandery.

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## A PRAYER For Those Growing Old

Lord, Thou knowest that I am growing older.

Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I Must express myself on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs.

Keep me from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful but not noseey; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use it all. But Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.



### Reminder — Grand Commanders

General Order No. 11 from the Grand Master, dated December 4, 1972, listed the Grand Encampment Representatives for Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commanderies in 1973. The list also was published in the January 1973 *Knight Templar Magazine*.

One of the paragraphs in General Order No. 11 overlooked by some Grand Commanders reads as follows:

**Within 30 days after receipt of this General Order, the Grand Commander of each Grand Commandery will open correspondence with the Representative assigned to such Grand Commandery and make suitable housing reservations and arrangements for the Official Visitation thereto.**

## FIFTH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN FUNDS

*As the March issue went to press, reports had been received showing results of the first six weeks of the current "Benefit Activities" campaign. Total reported as of February 9 was \$69,827.10.*

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Total February 9</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Total February 9</i>
Alabama	\$ 1,198.00	New York	\$ 1,532.00
Arizona	2,517.73	North Carolina	1,491.00
Arkansas	645.00	North Dakota	169.50
California	1,330.50	Ohio	4,321.25
Colorado	1,670.75	Oklahoma	514.00
Connecticut	345.00	Oregon	596.00
District of Columbia	1,610.00	Pennsylvania	3,377.55
Florida	1,016.00	South Carolina	150.00
Georgia	3,180.00	South Dakota	303.00
Idaho	966.25	Tennessee	1,163.50
Illinois	5,269.80	Texas	8,343.00
Indiana	1,160.55	Utah	00.00
Iowa	475.00	Vermont	606.35
Kansas	1,234.00	Virginia	4,600.00
Kentucky	915.20	Washington	566.85
Louisiana	1,187.00	West Virginia	836.00
Maine	157.75	Wisconsin	741.00
Maryland	2,282.20	Wyoming	260.00
Massachusetts-Rhode Island	2,971.50	Philippines	460.00
Michigan	2,590.40	St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, DE	90.00
Minnesota	2,069.05	Ketchikan No. 4, Ketchikan, AK	30.00
Mississippi	470.28	Honolulu No. 1, Honolulu, HI	5.00
Missouri	531.00	Hermann Von Salza No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany	406.32
Montana	393.50	Porto Rico No. 1, San Juan, PR	350.00
Nebraska	299.50	(Havana No. 1 - inactive	30.00)
Nevada	674.00	Al Hasa No. 1, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia	30.00
New Hampshire	458.82	Canal Zone No. 1, Acon, CZ	240.00
New Jersey	566.00		
New Mexico	430.00		

### 65 Years a Templar

Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt, Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Louisville, Kentucky, will be honored on his 65th anniversary as a Templar April 7 when the Commandery holds its annual Past Commanders' Night. Wendt, who will also be marking his 50th and 51st anniversaries as a Past Commander, will occupy the Commander's chair and confer the Order of the Temple on the class. Deputy Grand Commander Morrison L. Cooke will represent the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser are expected to attend.

### Youngstown Military Ball

Sir Knight Julius Bartha, Salem, Ohio, reports that the Military Ball of St. John's Commandery No. 20, Youngstown, "was a huge success" on January 20. "We had visitors and guests from Pennsylvania and Grand Officers from Ohio - including Grand Commander Drake."

There were 254 reservations for the dinner at 7 and the Grand March.

**When it comes to giving Templar service, some fellows stop at nothing!**

# Masonic Happenings in The Magnolia State

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## Mississippi Grand Commandery Will Meet March 16-17; Grand Master Will Attend

The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, will be present at the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar to be held in the Heidelberg Hotel at Jackson March 16 and 17.

The program for the annual conclave has been sent to officers and committeemen of the Grand Commandery, together with the Commanders and Recorders of Constituent Commanderies.

The program states that the Credentials Committee will be on duty in the Foyer on Friday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 17, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. It is hoped that every commandery in the state will be represented at this, the 112th annual conclave.

The Right Eminent Sir Knight John David Lewis of Tylertown will preside over the annual conclave. Assisting him in arranging the program are Mays D. Whelchel, Deputy Grand Commander; W. Neill Bogan, Grand Generlissimo; Juston M. Jones, Grand Captain General; and Cecil A. Thorn, Grand Recorder.

### *Grand Lodge Report Will Be Given In April Templar*

This month's "Magnolia Happenings" is being written before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in order to meet publication deadline, which occurs during the time of the annual communication. A report of the actions taken at the Grand Lodge, as well as listing the officers for the next year, will therefore have to wait until the April issue of the Knight Templar.

A program for the ladies has been arranged by Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Mrs. Mays D. Whelchel, Mrs. W. Neill Bogan, Mrs. Juston M. Jones, Mrs. Cecil Thorn, and Mrs. R. M. Anderson.

The Grand Commandery program follows:

Lunch in the Rose Room Friday for officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Guests of the Grand Commandery and their ladies, and members of the Drill Team and their ladies.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1973

- 1:30 P.M. Opening of Grand Commandery by St. Cyr Commandery, Water Valley
- Reception and introduction of Visitors.
- Report of Grand Commander.
- Report of Knights Templar Eye Foundation representative, Grady H. Barnhill.
- Report of Knights Templar Magazine Correspondent, Edward B. Shearer, P.G.C.
- Report of Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Cecil A. Thorn.
- Report of Grand Recorder, Cecil A. Thorn.
- 4:30 P.M. Adjournment.
- 5:00 P.M. Divine Service under the direction of the Grand Prelate in the Victory Room.
- 7:00 P.M. Banquet on Roof of Heidelberg Hotel: J. D.

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## Northeast York Rite Association Has Festival

The January Festival of the Northeast Mississippi York Rite Association was held in the new Masonic Temple at New Albany January 27.

The day's work began with the Royal Arch degree when 15 candidates were exalted. The first three Chapter degrees had been conferred at New Albany on Thursday night preceding.

For the Council, R. & S. M., degrees there were 22 candidates, with the number increasing to 27 for the Super Excellent Master's degree. The latter degree team was made up of ritualists in the Northeast Association with the exception of T. Olin Gore, Jr., who took the part of Gedeliah. It was a "first" for him.

Classes in the Orders of the Commandery were 25 for the Red Cross, 26 for the Order of Malta, and 27 for the Order of the Temple.

The Northeast Association will hold another festival about mid-summer.

## Grand Commandery—

Lewis, Grand Commander, presiding;  
Ladies Dress—Semi-formal.

Sir Knights—Uniform, if you have one, without sword or chapeau, otherwise, dark suit.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1973**

7:00 A.M. Breakfast for members of K.Y.C.H.

9:00 A.M. Grand Commandery Reconvenes.

Report of Inspector-Instructor.

Report of Correspondence Reviewer.

Report of Jurisprudence Committee.

Report of Credentials Committee.

Election of Officers.

Greetings from Visitors.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

Report of Finance Committee.

Report of Necrology Committee.

Reports of Committees.

Installation of Officers.

12:30 P.M. Adjournment.

Mississippi

## Greenwood Refurbishes Temple, Knights Five

On February 2 Greenwood Commandery knighted five candidates.

Masons of Greenwood have recently refurbished their temple and installed a small elevator at a total cost of approximately \$15,000.00 Also included in the work was tiling the floor of the lodge room, installation of new lighting fixtures, and repainting of interior woodwork.

The Greenwood temple is a brick, two-story structure. The lower floor accommodates the secretary-recorder's office, a lobby, a kitchen, a large dining room, and restrooms. The second floor also has a small lobby, the usual anterooms, the lodge room, and, at the back of the master's station, paraphernalia rooms.

The regular York Rite festival at Greenwood is scheduled for Saturday, August 4.

## Pearl Lodge Has 600 At Christmas Party

Approximately 600 people attended Pearl Lodge's annual Christmas Party at the Masonic Home in Meridian on Sunday, December 17.

In addition to a number of gifts for the children, cash contributions were made by the members of Pearl Lodge totaling \$47.00 for each child. Secretary of Pearl Lodge Bob Anderson, P.G.M. and a member of the Board of Managers of the Home, states that the only solicitation for funds for the party is a reminder that it is to be held and which he includes with the notice of dues paying time. The members of the lodge contribute voluntarily and generously, he says.

Another Christmas Party for the children was given on December 19 by Hamasa Shrine Temple.

## Raises 71-Year-Old

This news item recently appeared in the Okolona (Miss.) Messenger:

"Secretary Morris Bell of Prairie Lodge No. 87, . & A. M. (Okolona), reports that the local Masonic Lodge last week conferred the Master's degree on Bob Chenault, who is 71 years of age. Old time members of the lodge say that he is perhaps the oldest citizen to receive the degree in the local lodge."

## HIGHLIGHTS OF TEMPLAR HISTORY

by  
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The above is the title of a book published by the Grand Encampment and printed by the Mitchell Printing Company of Greenfield, Indiana, in 1944.

The book numbers only 87 pages but is filled with valuable information to stimulate interest among Knights Templar and to disseminate knowledge on the ancestry and lineage of our Order.

The Grand Encampment authorized the Committee on Templar History at the Triennial Conclave of 1937 and much of the material in the book was presented to the Grand Encampment in the committee reports of 1940 and 1943. The members of the committee, all now deceased, were Sir Knights Andrew D. Agnew, Past Grand Master, chairman; Chalmers L. Pancoast, P.G.C., New York, at that time Official Reviewer of the Grand Encampment and the Editor of the *Grand Encampment Review*, the forerunner of the *Knight Templar Magazine*; and William Moseley Brown, P.G.C., Virginia, a former Professor of Psychology at Washington and Lee University, Virginia, where he graduated. Dr. Brown was the author of the book under discussion and also the author of many books on Freemasonry including "Freemasonry in Virginia," "Templary in the Old Dominion," "The Making of a Mason," "George Washington, Freemason" and the "History of Blandford Lodge No. 1, A.F. & A.M."

The book was issued during the administration of the late Sir Knight Charles N. Orr, Grand Master, who wrote the Foreword, which includes, among other

things, the following statement: "The treatment of the material is in popular style and should make the book therefore acceptable to the rank and file of Knights Templar throughout the country. It should be read, in my opinion, by every Templar in the United States."

Chapter headings of the book are as follows: The Place of Templary in the Masonic System, Religious and Military Orders, The Monastic Military Orders, Theories Connecting Chivalric Freemasonry with the Medieval Order of Knights Templar, Theories of Monastic Templar Origins, Templar Rituals and Calendar of Templar Events from 1769 to 1816.

The allegorical illustrations used in Chivalric Freemasonry, with the exception of those taught in the Order of the Red Cross, are based on the rules, duties and achievements of the two great religious and military Orders of the Temple and of St. John, known respectively as the Knights Templar and the Knights of Malta. As stated in the book, some of the lessons of Chivalric Freemasonry taught by allegorical illustrations are:

1. Veneration for the adherence to the Ancient landmarks of Freemasonry.
2. Truth is the wisdom, strength, beauty, power and majesty which will prevail over all obstacles.
3. Pilgrimages and penance are necessary for admission to the privileges of Christian Knighthood.
4. Humility is a fundamental of Christian Knighthood. → → →

## RCC Regional Assemblies Announced

A Western Regional Assembly, Red Cross of Constantine, has been scheduled at the Rivera Hotel and Convention Center, Palm Springs, California, September 28-30, 1973. Irvin S. Gress, Intendant General for Southern California, will be in charge.

The Northeastern Regional Conference of Red Cross of Constantine, as announced by Past Grand Sovereign William E. Burchfield, will be held October 19-21 at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

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### ... WYLIE B. WENDT

5. The mystic swords of Faith, Hope and Charity, tempered with Justice, Fortitude and Mercy, will defend and vindicate the honor of all Knights of the Order.

6. Christian Knights will wield their mystic swords in the defense of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian religion.

7. Faith in the diety of Jesus of Nazareth as shown by his birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension.

8. Belief in the mortality of the body and the immortality of the soul.

9. Inviolability of the engagements entered into by the Templar.

10. Respect for and adherence to the principles established by legal and constitutional government.

This book condenses the historical background and basic principles of the Order.

Sir Knight Wendt's 65 years as a Templar will be officially celebrated April 7 in Louisville. He resides at 5012 East Manslick Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40219. "The Highlights of Templar History" publication is available from the Grand Recorder's office, Chicago, at \$1.00.

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## From Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico

Ten members of Rey Salomon Council No. 5 and Tijuana Commandery No. 3 journeyed 750 miles to Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, to confer the York Rite Degrees and Orders upon a group of 10 Royal Arch Masons of that city. The group was headed by Enrique Barocio, Master of Rey Salomon Council, and Sir Knight William Webber, Past Commander of Mexico City and Tijuana Commanderies.

Also present were York Rite Masons from El Paso, Texas, and from the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of the United States of Mexico.

## Masterful Installation

Two Masters of two Symbolic Lodges were involved in the January installation ceremonies of Colorado Commandery No. 4, Austin, Texas. James D. Berry, Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas, and Worshipful Master of T. Neal Porter Lodge No. 1354, was Installing Officer for Eminent Commander Max W. Stone, who is Worshipful Master of Hill City Lodge No. 456.

Additionally, the corps of Commandery officers includes nine Past Masters and the Senior Stewards from the two Lodges. Past Commander W. V. Cartwright, installed as Treasurer of Colorado Commandery, is the Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of Texas. Past Grand Commander E. Bloomquist, who serves as Grand Recorder-Secretary of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter, was among the officers from the Grand Bodies in attendance.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The brain is like a computing machine, but there is no computing machine like a brain."

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## **52ND TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.**

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### **TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE SESSIONS**

Morning and afternoon starting 9 a.m., Monday, August 13, thru Thursday morning, August 16. Installation of officers, 11 a.m., Thursday, Conrad Hilton Hotel. Sessions open to voting members and all Sir Knights. Opening ceremonies Monday and Installation Thursday open to all Sir Knights, families and friends.

### **TRIENNIAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- August 11: Drill Team Competition; Exhibition Drill, Detroit No. 1; Shower of Stars entertainment – all at McCormick Place.
- August 12: Divine Service (10:30 a.m.); Triennial Luncheon (11:45 a.m.) – McCormick Place. Reception to Grand Master (8-10 p.m.), Grand Ballroom, Conrad Hilton.
- August 13: Ladies' Luncheon – Entertainment (Noon), Gold Room, Pick-Congress Hotel. (Monday evening open for state dinners, hospitality arrangements, special functions.)
- August 14: "The Word," by Original Springfield Cast (7:30 p.m.) – McCormick Place; Entertainment for ladies (8 p.m.) – Conrad Hilton.
- August 15: Grand Master's Banquet (7 p.m.) – International Ballroom, Conrad Hilton

(Program Brochures and Pre-registration Order Forms to be distributed during current month by the General Committee.)