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SEPTEMBER: The cover this month salutes the new Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Roy W. Riegle, Emporia, Kansas. The background montage represents a few of the highlight stages in his past — as a schoolboy in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, as a soldier, attorney and State Senator in Kansas. In his capacity as Grand Master, Sir Knight Riegle also becomes President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., with a Permanent Fund of almost \$2,000,000 and yearly casework expenditures of approximately \$900,000, also ex-officio head of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation which has a revolving fund exceeding \$5,000,000 for student loans. The new Grand Master's biographical sketch begins on page seven. Those of other new or re-elected officers start on page 19.

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AND TO TEMPLAR PROGRESS

The 52nd Triennial Conclave is now history. It is time to execute our plans for the new Triennium, resolve to do everything possible to advance Templary in all its departments and to enhance its image. In all planning and deliberations we should remember that we can reach our objectives only by concentrated and coordinated loyalty, devotion and team work of all.

Let it be our goal to build upon and strengthen our already existing Templar projects, remembering that while we hold to our cherished ideals we should at the same time alter our methods, when necessary, to achieve our goals.

Let us strive to build a stronger and more enduring Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We who are charged with its affairs should recall the visions of its founders – through this Foundation countless thousands of people, regardless of age, creed, race or national origin, will be saved from a life of darkness and will be able to see the beauty of the land about them. Let us encourage full use of all the money of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, to help the greatest number of worthy young men and women to receive an education useful to them and to our nation and the world.

It is through these two great charitable Foundations, and our service to mankind, that we can best prove to the world that we are truly emulating the Knights Templar of old.

Let us urge Sir Knights throughout the land to attend the annual inspirational Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery, perhaps our greatest demonstration of patriotism. This Service, evidencing our Christian belief in the immortality of the human soul, expresses our loyalty and devotion to the government which guards us against tyranny and despotism so that we can think, work and live as a free people.

Let us work for a steadily increasing membership, give attention to our ritualistic work, encourage our drill teams and support our Youth Organizations.

Finally, let it be our aim to cooperate and coordinate our efforts with all Masonic Bodies so our great Masonic Family can flourish and extend its influence throughout the United States and beyond.

It is great honor to be the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and a great responsibility. Like my predecessors, I pledge my heart and my greatest efforts to the task before me.

Roy H. Riegle



The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ In July issue, "Thought for the Month" you said if we missed the June 30th eclipse not to worry about it, there would be a longer one in 2150 A.D.

I was in the AAI eclipse expedition into Mauritania. There were some other Brothers there too and we beheld one of the worlds most spectacular displays. It was breathtaking and silence fell on the group as they viewed it, in a beauty that cannot be described. Out there in the great spaces of the Sahara Desert, alone with nature, the eclipse and himself — no man in his right mind could ever deny nor not see the handiwork of the Great Architect of Universe all around him as he witnessed this event.

Several of us tried to visit the only Masonic Lodge in Senegal, the French one, Kuman Lodge No. 133, Dakar, but we could not even locate the building, let alone find out when they met. We knew only English and they spoke French so they never did understand what we wanted.

I doubt if I will see the 2150 eclipse, but I hope to see the one June 20, 1974, in Australia.

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□ Temple Chapter No. 172, R.A.M., will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on October 17, 1973. Commemorative coins will be on sale for \$2.00. The coins are nickel silver oxidized. To obtain one of these coins send order to me.

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□ Attention, Collectors: Our Royal Arch Chapter has a limited supply of commemorative coins and booklets, issued during our Centennial celebration in 1972. These are available at \$1.00 each.

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□ Bestor G. Brown Lodge No. 433, A.F. & A.M., Wichita, Kansas, celebrated their 50th Anniversary on March 3, 1973. We had some medallions struck in honor of the occasion with a picture of Lodge and name and address on one side and the all-seeing eye, square and compasses, 1923-1973, and the words: "Brotherly Love-Relief-Truth" and "50 Years," on the other side. Price, \$1.00 each.

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□ C. L. Rothwell's article on James A. Garfield in the July issue of *Knight Templar* mentions incidentally that our former President came forth with an original demonstration that the square erected on the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle equals in area the sum of the corresponding squares on its altitude and base. Writing in *The Scientific American* for October 1966, Martin Gardner advises a book by Elisha S. Loomis, *The Pythagorean Proposition*, categorizes the 367 proofs known up to the year 1940. After stating the one by Garfield first appeared in *The New England Journal of Education* on April 1, 1876, Gardner reproduces the relevant diagram but leaves the solution for his readers to work out; subject to a little preliminary fumbling to find the right key, this is not too difficult for an amateur mathematician. I am inclined to think the contribution by the then Congressman from Ohio will, in the long years ahead, attract more lasting interest than the biographical record, itself outstanding.

A related matter: I notice an increasing tendency to ascribe to ancient peoples a greater familiarity with geometrical theory than they actually possessed when resorting to sundry ways of constructing right-angled triangles to meet practical needs. Taken alone, such procedures normally bear no logical connection with the proof by Pythagoras or Garfield, or any other.

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□ If the Sir Knight pictured in the photograph will contact the writer he may retrieve same.



The photo, which may be of some value to the Sir Knight, was found during June 1973 behind a chair cushion in room 1369 of the Ilikai Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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□ I agree there should be some changes in our uniform, not that it doesn't impress me because it does, but because it is not the uniform of the ancient Templars. The comment was made that today a problem exists in finding young men who are willing to wear the uniform of the military. I would just hope that any man who doesn't want to wear the uniform of his country would never be permitted to call himself a Mason.

Too often we hear it said the membership of Templary should be increased and I agree but I think, in these times, closer care should be taken to be sure of the type of person we are permitting to enter.

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□ I want to take this occasion to express appreciation for receiving the *Knight Templar* which I read diligently. Being involved with membership in several organizations, I hardly find enough time to read all of the periodicals, but this one I do read. I was made a member of Dieu le Veut No. 45 on Good Friday, April 18, 1919.

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□ I always read my husband's *Knight Templar*. It is so interesting. Of course, it is natural to write about men and boys in it but I see no reason the Job's Daughters could not be mentioned too. I would like to have them recognized in some way too. My granddaughter will become Honored Queen next Easter.

My husband is 82 years old and enjoys his Templary in every way he can.

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Editor's Note: We will continue to try to publish newsworthy items about DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls — and the Family of Masonry.

□ In the South Carolina Supplement for July I was saddened to read of the passing of William Manning Richardson, the oldest Mason in South Carolina.

I had the honor of meeting the late Sir Knight Richardson at Columbia, March 12-14, 1972, when we both received the Anointed Order of High Priesthood at the annual meeting of the Grand York Rite Bodies. He was very spry. I must say, he had a lot of love for Masonry and the Brotherhood of Man.

It is my hope and prayer that the God of Truth, the Living God, the Everlasting Father, will so direct me with His Divine Guidance that I may so serve Him; God willing, that I might in some small way help bring about a better understanding of peace and love to a troubled world.

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McKinley Stamp

Templar President William McKinley, the subject of a feature in this issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, is pictured on this seven cent postage stamp submitted by Sir Knight Phil A. Telic, Stamp Editor of the *Wisconsin Masonic Journal*.





EDITOR'S JOURNAL

Truman Library: Director Benedict K. Zobrist, Harry S. Truman Library, has written to express appreciation for the copies of the *Knight Templar Magazine* containing articles about the late Sir Knight Truman. The library in Independence, Missouri, is under the National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, United States of America. The director says he is "very pleased to have these for our collection."

A Promise: Never again will we confuse St. Paul with Minneapolis or vice versa. A letter from Sir Knight W. Robert Swanson, now of Florida, but a Past Commander of Damascus No. 1, *St. Paul*, Minnesota, in friendly but succinct fashion notes that the magazine placed Damascus Commandery in Minneapolis. Says he: "It is in St. Paul. It is the oldest and largest Commandery in the state of Minnesota. We St. Paulites and former St. Paulites are a little 'touchy' about anyone saying our Commandery is located in Minneapolis. I'm proud to say I was Commander in 1961-62."

In closing, "I enjoy the *Knight Templar Magazine*. A lot of informative, interesting reading in every issue."

Tom Thumb's Tub: A clipping from the *Evening Star and Daily News*, Washington, D.C., by Sir Knight John M. Cunningham, raises an interesting conjecture. In the town of Snow Hill on the Pocomoke River is the Julia Purnell Museum with an "interesting collection of local memorabilia and artifacts of the past, including Tom Thumb's bathtub." We all knew Tom Thumb (a Knight Templar, by the way) was 40 inches tall and weighed 70 pounds, was born in Bridgeport, had a career with P.T. Barnum and died in 1883. However, the connection with Snow Hill is somewhat of a minor mystery.

Policy No. 10: From Marvin E. Fowler, P.G.C., District of Columbia, Provincial Grand Master, R.O.S., came some time ago a policy relayed to him by a collector-friend issued in 1884 by the "Knights Templars and Masons' Life Indemnity Company," Chicago, to Sir Knight George W. Conradt of Peru, Indiana. Sir Knight Conradt's monthly payments were \$6.00, apparently the premium for a \$5,000 policy in the 51-55 age bracket. In existence earlier, was a contract with the "Knights Templars and Masonic Mutual Aid Ass'n," "on which the name of Sir Knight Conradt appears under an August 1880 date.

Gleanings: "All men have burned toast for breakfast now and then; don't take the other fellows grouch too seriously." "Buck-passing usually turns out to be a boomerang." "It doesn't matter who gets the credit as long as business (Templary) shows a gain."

Americanism: In 1972 correspondence with Mrs. Julia Strickland, Montgomery, Alabama, we received a copy of her pre-World War II thesis on "Americanism."

She reviews the forming of our Constitution, "the fruition of the hopes, faith, intent and purpose" of those early leaders. She enjoins "all young people to read and study both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and to pay particular attention to the first ten amendments . . . These give us our Bill of Rights . . . They tell us how our government protects us."

Mrs. Strickland's father was a Templar; she is the widow of a Templar. "As for myself," she wrote, "I graduated at Alabama Central Female College, am a member of the Eastern Star, a graduate of Chautaugua School of Nursing. Served in Hospital Section, Service Unit No. 1741, W.W. II. Now live at the Masonic Home."

ROY W. RIEGLE, EMPORIA, KANSAS, ELECTED 44th GRAND MASTER IN CHICAGO

The voting members of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A., assembled in Triennial Conclave in Chicago August 15, unanimously elected Sir Knight Roy W. Riegler as Grand Master of the sovereign body. He also becomes President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The Grand Master was born April 27, 1896, near Lyons, Kansas, lived in Paxtonville, Pennsylvania, for nine years, then returned to Kansas where he became a schoolteacher, soldier, lawyer, judge and legislator. He married Keith M. Roberts in 1923. One son, Roy W. Riegler, Jr., deceased; three daughters, Ardis Jean, Jo Anna and Mary Keith. Private in World War I; wounded during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in France; joined Company D (later Company B), 137th Infantry, 35th Division, in 1920; served continuously in the Kansas National Guard until 1954, progressing from 1st Sergeant to Colonel.

Active service during World War II, 1940-1946, serving in Alaska, Southwest and Far Pacific, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. Battalion Commander; Commanding Officer, U.S. Troops, and Post Commander at Juneau, Alaska; Provost Marshal General, Alaskan Department; Civil Affairs, the Philippines; Military Government, Japan. For the past 17 years he has been the Judge Advocate General of the Kansas Military Department and a member of the Kansas Military and Armory Boards. Awarded the Order of the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with pendant and fourteen other Army Medals, also the Military Medal of Merit by the Commonwealth of the Philippines. He is a graduate of five U.S. Army Schools.

Sir Knight Riegler is a graduate of Washburn University, Washburn University School of Law and the Kansas State Teachers' College. He is the holder of five college degrees: B.S., A.B., A.M., LL.B.,



and J.D. Elected President of the Washburn University Student Council and was also elected to the Sagamore Society, the highest honor bestowed on a Washburn student. He has practiced law in Kansas since 1925, served as Probate and Juvenile Judge. Member of the Kansas House of Representatives and Kansas State Senate for 18 years. He was a member of the Kansas Legislative Council, 1939-41, and Kansas Judicial Council, 1953-61. In legislative committee assignments, he was chairman of the House State Affairs, Soldier's Compensation and Public Utilities Committees. In the Senate he was chairman of the Senate Education, Judiciary and Military Affairs Committees, in addition to other assignments. He was Majority Floor Leader in the House, 1937-39.

Former President Kansas Day Club, Kansas State Historical Society, Lyon County and Fifth Judicial Bar Associations, the Lyon County →→→

Council of Churches; Member, Pi Kappa Delta, National Forensic Fraternity; Pi Gamma Mu, National Social Science Fraternity; Phi Alpha Delta, National Legal Fraternity; Tau Kappa Epsilon; National Social Fraternity. Lions Club, Past officer of his Lutheran Church Council; has served in area Lutheran projects; member of the Retired Officers' Association and other civic, judicial, military organizations including: American Legion (Past State Commander), Veterans of Foreign Wars and Veterans of World War I (State Judge Advocate for the past 15 years).

Masonically, his record includes: Past Sovereign, St. Justin Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Preceptor of Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, River Jordan Tabernacle; member, Governor General's College, York Rite Sovereign College - awarded Order of the Purple Cross, 1964; member, Order of the Eastern Star; Order of High Priesthood; Order of the Silver Trowel; Great Priory of America (Chevaliers Bienfaisants de la Cite Sainte); Scottish Rite Bodies, Topeka, Kansas; Arab Shrine Temple, Topeka, Kansas. He is a Past Grand Master, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Kansas.

Sir Knight Riegler has served Templary in committees on tactics and ceremonies, uniforms, revision of laws, drill regulations and was Captain and Drill Instructor of the Emporia, Kansas, Knights Templar Drill Team, 1929-64. He served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, 1946-1947; Grand Encampment Department Commander, 1952-1955; Chairman of the Committee on Drill Regulations, Grand Encampment, 1955-64. Elected Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment in Philadelphia, 1964; Grand Generalissimo in Detroit, 1967; Deputy Grand Master in Denver, 1970; Grand Master in Chicago, 1973. He was, for many years, listed in *Who's Who in the Midwest* and *Who's Who in World's Commerce and Industry*.

Reception for Roy Wilford Riegler

Kansas Templars will celebrate the advancement of one of their members to the office of Grand Master of the Grand Encampment with a reception and dinner to Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegler in his home town, Emporia, Kansas, September 29. "Masons, friends, Templars from all jurisdictions, are invited to be a part of the party for Roy and Keith," writes Charles S. McGinness, Kansas Grand Recorder.

Location will be the new Student Union building of the Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia. The reception will be at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, to be followed by the dinner in the same facility, which will accommodate up to 1,000 persons.

Emporia, Kansas, nationally known as the former home of the late William Allen White, famed editor and journalist. The Kansas State Teachers College is historically one of the foremost and earliest Teachers Training Colleges in the nation. The college was founded in February 1865 only four years after Kansas acquired statehood. Its present enrollment is more than 6,500 students.

Says Sir Knight McGinness: "Kansas Templars are especially proud of the new Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. He is a native Kansan well known for his contributions to the educational, religious and fraternal life of the state.

"Sir Knight Riegler's Kansas fratres cordially invite everyone to join with them in this September 29th event. Reservations for the affair including the dinner should be sent to Andrew F. Fry, Recorder, P.O. Box 179, Emporia, Kansas 66801. Donations of \$3.75 per plate should accompany your reservations and should overnight accommodations be needed, Sir Knight Fry can also care for that."

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS FOR 1973-76 TRIENNIUM

Grand Encampment officers for the 1973-76 Triennium were elected or re-elected and appointed Wednesday, August 15, and installed August 16 in open ceremonies on the fourth day of the Grand Encampment business sessions of the 52nd Triennial Conclave in Chicago. Outgoing Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell was Installing Officer. Past Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., served as Installing Marshal.

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Most Eminent Grand Master

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Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

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Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo

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Right Eminent Grand Captain General

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Right Eminent Grand Recorder

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Right Eminent Grand Prelate

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Walter A. DeLamater, 1955-58

John L. Crofts, Sr., 1967-70

G. Wilbur Bell, 1970-73

Right Eminent Past Grand Generalissimo: C. Byron Lear

BELL ELECTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EYE FOUNDATION

At the August 16 reorganization meeting of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., with Grand Master Riegle presiding, retiring Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell was elected by the trustees to the post of Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at the Rhinebeck, New York, office. Former Executive Director,



Past Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater, had recommended Sir Knight Bell to succeed him at the Annual Meeting of the Trustees July 1972.

Re-elected trustee for a term of nine years was E. Guy Frizzell, P.G.C., Tennessee, at the corporation meeting of the Foundation during a recess in the Triennial Conclave proceedings earlier in the Conclave week. Re-elected at the same meeting was the Rev. Howard T. Joslyn, P.G.C., New Hampshire.

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WILLIAM McKINLEY, K.T.

by
C. L. Rothwell

Sir Knight William McKinley, 25th President of the United States, was a man of peace. His entire political career had been marked by his conciliatory nature. He abhorred violence. Though conservative on business issues he had won the hearts of the working class. His death on September 14, 1901, plunged the entire nation into a state of mourning.

There are Sir Knights who can recall exactly what they were doing when the word came that the President was dead. Many of their parents and grandparents were witnessing the third Presidential assassination in the short span of 36 years.

For the second time in twenty years the Grand Commanderies of the District of Columbia and Ohio were called out to participate in the funeral services of the slain Templar President. The Proceedings of the District of Columbia report a notice was placed in the papers ordering out the Grand and Constituent Commanderies. Five Commanderies escorted the body from the White House to the Capitol on September 17. The Grand Officers were mounted.

In Ohio, 20 Commanderies — 2,000 uniformed Knights — formed the 4th Division of the funeral escort in Canton. The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Henry Bates Stoddard, was unable to be present. Grand Captain General William B. Melish, later Grand Master, represented the Grand Encampment. Twenty-one Ohio Commandery officers, a Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania and DeMolay Commandery No. 12 of Louisville, Kentucky, were among the participants according to the Ohio Proceedings of 1901.

Grand Commander Foster issued General Order No. 4 declaring a 60 day mourning period for Ohio with all banners, jewels, furniture and emblems draped in mourning and crepe on the hilts of swords.

The actions of the Templars mirrored the grief and shock of an entire nation.

William McKinley, Jr., was born on January 29, 1843, in Niles, Ohio, the seventh child of William and Nancy Allison McKinley. His father was an iron manufacturer whose grandfathers had fought in the Revolutionary War.

The future President received his education in Poland, Ohio, and at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania. A devout Methodist, he seemed destined to fulfill his mother's fondest dream — William would become a minister. Illness soon forced him to drop out of school and, when his health improved, financial difficulties prevented his return to college so he taught school.

Fort Sumter fell and McKinley enlisted in the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He impressed his Major, later Lt. Colonel, Rutherford B. Hayes. When McKinley became an officer the two were closely associated.

Hospitalized in Virginia for injuries received in battle, he was greatly impressed with the friendliness of a Union surgeon toward Confederate wounded. He discovered the men were Brother Masons and, marvelling at the bounds which transgressed war, made haste to join a Lodge.

A Confederate Master → → →

Raised McKinley in Hiram Lodge No. 21, Winchester, Virginia, on May 3, 1865. He was given a Demit so he could take his membership back home to Ohio.

The war over, Major McKinley studied law in New York and returned to Canton in 1867. There he met and married Ida Saxton, daughter of the banker, in January of 1871. On the following Christmas Day their first daughter, Katherine, was born. In the spring of 1873 another daughter was born, living only five months. Mrs. McKinley, already overly distracted by the death of her mother a few months earlier, became a feeble, nervous invalid, never able to live a normal life again. In 1876 Katie died.

Putting the tragedy of his family from the forefront of his mind, McKinley was active in the campaigns for Grant and Hayes. In 1876 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, serving with fellow Ohioan, Templar and future President James A. Garfield whose term in the White House would also end, ironically, with an assassin's bullet.

McKinley served in the House until 1890, with the exception of 1882, where he led the fight for high tariffs to protect "infant industries." This issue caused his defeat in 1890 but he left the House a popular man. He had received some votes for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1888.

On August 21, 1867, McKinley had affiliated with Canton Lodge No. 60. He became a Charter Member of Eagle Lodge No. 43 - later named William McKinley Lodge - in Canton on June 2, 1869. He received the Chapter Degrees in Canton No. 84 in December of 1883 and was Knighted in Canton Commandery No. 38 in December 1884. On December 23, 1896, he became a Life Member of Washington Commandery No. 1 in the Capital.

McKinley was elected Governor of Ohio in 1891. In 1892 he received 182 votes as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency. He was re-

lected Governor in 1893. In 1896 he was elected President over Brother William Jennings Bryan on a protective tariff, gold standard, platform. Ohio Senator Mark Hanna has been largely credited with the success of the McKinley campaign. While Bryan made a record number of speeches McKinley sat at home with a "front porch" campaign. The people came to see him. Co-operating railroads offered low excursion rates to those visiting Canton.

The last President to have served in the Civil War, Sir Knight McKinley was basically opposed to intervention in Cuba. The loss of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor forced him to demand Spanish withdrawal from Cuba and, eventually, directed by Congress, led to the Spanish-American War. He opposed annexation after the war but was convinced the people favored it. The Philippines, Guam and Puerto Rico were ceded to the U.S. in the peace treaty. Cuba came under American control until it could establish its own government. The Hawaiian Island had been annexed during the war. America emerged as a major world power. McKinley's term of office marked the turn of century with a President who did indeed bridge the gap between the old and the new.

The campaign of 1900 was based on the prosperity of the country - "the full dinner pail." The Vice-Presidential candidate was Brother Theodore Roosevelt, fresh from fame in the Spanish-American War. Together they defeated Brother Bryan.

The victory of his re-election was short lived. On September 6, 1901, while welcoming citizens at the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo, New York, the President was mortally wounded by terrorist Leon Czolgosz and died on September 14. Czolgosz was executed on October 29.

McKinley's last words summed up the philosophy he lived: "It is God's way. His will, not ours, be done."

THE 52nd TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE IN REVIEW

An early resume of actions taken at the business sessions of the 52nd Triennial Conclave, August 13-16 at the Conrad Hilton, Chicago, includes the adoption of a resolution proposed by Past Grand Commanders George R. Hughey and Karl A. Crane, Wisconsin, which will now allow the "chronological dramatization of the ritual known as 'The Word,' copyrighted by the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States of America," to be made available "as optional ritual for the Degrees and Orders of the Capitular, Cryptic and Chivalric bodies identified as the York Rite of Freemasonry for York Rite Festivals and/or similar conferral events for York Rite classes of candidates."

The use of the dramatized ritual, written by Sir Knight Myron K. Lingle, P.C., 33°, Supreme Council 33°, N.M.J., Deputy for Illinois, was made permissive following an August 14 conferral of the ritual upon a class of 104 candidates at McCormick place by the original Springfield cast.

Other ritualistic matters included several changes in the standard ritual as proposed by the committee of Sir Knights Charles E. Bostick, John B. Nye and Chairman G. Calvin Dyson. The changes will be incorporated in a new printing under the supervision of the chairman at a later date. Also to be printed by the end of the year will be sticker-corrections to permit present rituals to be "updated."

The Committee on the Spanish Ritual, headed by Dr. J. George Lang, reported the completion of the translation and the printing. Official rituals are now available to Recorders at \$5.00 each from the office of the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604. The immediate need for the Spanish Rituals is in the three Commanderies of Mexico and the one in Guatemala.

Budget

The budget for the Grand Encampment operations for the next three years was decisively adopted with a per capita of \$1.50 for Grand Commanderies and \$2.50 for Subordinate Commanderies. The per capita income covers all operations of the Grand Encampment and Grand Encampment office, including the preparation, printing and mailing of monthly issues of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. Currently the magazine features an average of 45 Grand Commandery Supplements.

Christmas Toast and Response

The annual Toast to the Grand Master and his Response formerly was specified to be presented "on Christmas Day." Adoption of proposals by Sir Knights William D. Tucker, California, and Gordon J. Brenner, New Jersey, modified the date by the wording "on Christmas Day or at some convenient hour on or near the birthday of Christ."

Associate Patrons and Patrons

Adopted in the closing moments of the Conclave was the proposal of Sir Knights Marvin E. Fowler, Harry L. Beach and Rodger R. Kauffman to excuse the \$1.00 annual assessment to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation "for members who are Patrons or Associate Patrons." Presently this applies only to members whose dues have been remitted because of their inability to "pay the same," and "members who have purchased Life Sponsorship Certificates."

Disapproved

Details of other approvals and rejections by the voters will be reported in later issues. Among the proposals defeated in the balloting were: the discontinuance of the office of Deputy Grand Master of the Grand

Encampment, the abolishment of the office of Deputy Grand Commander, the elimination or modification of Chapter and/or Council prerequisites, the centralizing of bookkeeping records related to the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, all proposals for a change or modification of the uniform, permission to elect to the permanent rank of Past Grand Prelate one who has filled the office of Grand Prelate, and the proposal to change the name of the body from "Grand Encampment of the United States of America" to "Grand Encampment of Knights Templar International."

A proposal to change from a Triennial Conclave to a Biennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment was likewise rejected. The next Triennial Conclave will be convened in Kansas City, Missouri, August 14, 1976.

Reception

Open reception ceremonies for distinguished guests, officers of the Grand Commandery of Illinois and the Grand Encampment were held Monday morning, the 13th, in the Grand Ballroom of the headquarters hotel. Leaders of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant, the Supreme Council of the Order of the Amaranth, and of state and national Masonic bodies were officially received and presented by the presiding Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell.



Greetings and a welcome to Chicago were presented by the Honorable Richard

J. Daley, Mayor. He was presented to the assembly by Sir Knight Walter H. Vartan, Sr., who served as Chairman of Publicity and Printing for the Triennial Conclave Committee.

Charters Granted

Applications for charters were approved, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, for Walther Graf von Spelten Commandery, U.D., Nuernburg, Germany, and for Guatemala Commandery, U.D., Guatemala.

Eye Foundation Presentation

A special dramatization on the Eye Foundation was presented during the Grand Master's Banquet Wednesday night. Daniel D. Wissert, Eye Foundation Case No. 1, whose surgery took place in February 1956, was present with Sir Knight Henry G. Olson of Escanaba, Michigan, who sponsored the case.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and daughter Loreen of Taylorville, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McElvaine and son David of Birmingham, Alabama, were also participants. Mrs. John R. Mendius was the soloist for the dramatization.

Installation

Sir Knight Roy W. Riegle was installed Grand Master, and the other officers to their respective offices, by retiring Grand Master George Wilbur Bell with Past Grand Master John Lawton Crofts, Sr., serving as Installing Marshal. Drill team members from Kansas, under the direction of Grand Commander Phillip C. Boley, provided the installation escort.

A briefing session for Grand Officers, Department Commanders and Chairmen of Standing Committees was held Thursday evening, August 16, with the new Grand Master presiding.

The ceremonies included solos by Mrs. George R. Hughey.

A TEXAS VIEW

by
James W. Proctor

York Rite Masonry has a story to tell, which we do quite well to each other but we do poorly to the public. People wish to identify with winners and doers.

Certainly with out support of the Hospital at the Masonic Home, the Eye Foundation and the Student Loan Program we are definitely winners and doers. We need effort spent in the direction of indentification of the term York Rite with humanitarianism – not charity but service to our fellow man. I do not believe you and I telling each other what York Rite has accomplished will enlarge our great organization one iota. You and I, and several thousand other Sir Knights telling the public what good works our bodies stand for can begin a movement that knows no bounds inside the imagination of willing workers.

My desire and enthusiasm for Festivals is not rooted in membership. I'd rather see new Sir Knights as the product. The roots for a growing festival movement is in informing the general public, through good P.R. work, why men become Knights Templar. We must stand up and be recognized not merely as a Christian Masonic Order but rather as an Order daily trying to practice the Christian attitude toward non-members by working and providing the Christian Virtue of Charity toward those in need.

Only if and when the term "York Rite" becomes synonymous in the minds of the American people with Christian Charity and Virtues, or, reduced to its simplest terms, "York Rite" equals service to the helpless, hopeless and needy" can we begin to find the fulfillment of our motto, "Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar." Then we will begin to find that more and more Christian men want to become Masons so they may become Knights

Templars. This to me should be the goal we each pledge ourselves to everyday.

Inspiration is fire – fire to give our entire membership pride and interest. The loss of members by suspensions is a record of poor work within our bodies. An evil of equal proportion is the number of card carrying, dues paying members who never return to the Asylum after receiving the Order of the Temple. I feel we have failed these Brothers and Sir Knights even more than the ones who go suspended because they have never been given an interest or pride in their title of "Sir Knight." Which is the greatest failure, to loose a man who no longer cares or keep a man who has no reason for staying?

Sir Knight Proctor is the Generalissimo of Ascension Commandery No. 25, Tyler, Texas, and a member of the Public Relations Committee of the Grand Commandery of Texas. His address is 1110 Medical Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701.

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STORY WITH MORAL

A Mason was hunting in the forest when a storm came up. It was raining torrents so he crawled into a hollow log. It fit snugly. The rain lasted four hours and the water soaked through the wood. The log began to contract. The storm abated and the man tried to get out but could not. He strained but to no avail. The log held him tight. He knew he would die of starvation unless he could free himself. His whole life flashed before him, especially his mistakes.

Suddenly he remembered he had not paid his Lodge dues. This made him feel SO SMALL that he was able to crawl out of the log.

The moral of this story is: Do not let your dues accumulate until you get in a tight pinch.

Credit Warren F. Bower
Massillon, Ohio, for this one!

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Spirit of 33

Lawrence H. Smith, P.C., Battle Creek Commandery No. 33, writes that the three Knights pictured below have "combined ages of 250 years." The three have been active in the "48 man full form opening that we are quite proud of." Battle Creek Commandery also "had five Platoons in the June Conclave in Flint" in which the trio participated.



Left to right, veteran participants Everett Wilson, Harlan Cleveland and L. V. Nickols.

Congressman Brotzman Class

The Honorable Donald G. Brotzman, U.S. Congressman from Colorado's Second District, has signed a York Rite petition and will be a candidate in the October 5-6 class named for him. Brotzman is from Boulder. The class is expected to be one of the largest ever to receive the York Rite Degrees and Orders in Colorado according to Gordon Merrick, General Grand King, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International.

Senator Tower To Be Knighted

The Tyler, Texas, York Rite Bodies and Sharon Shrine Temple will host a state-wide York Rite Festival and Shrine Ceremonial September 21-22 to honor Senator John Tower who will be a member of the class. Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer and South Central Department Commander Clell C. Warriner are expected to attend.

The Chapter Degree will be conferred by Rev. Bruce Brannon, Grand High Priest, and his Grand Line officers. The Council Degrees will be conferred by the Grand Council officers led by Grand Master Walter Cartwright. James Willson, Jr., Grand Commander, and his officers will confer the Templar Orders.

Centenarian Confers Order

Dr. Harry B. Lyon, who celebrated his 100th birthday March 15, served as Excellent High Priest in the Order of the Red Cross at the York Rite Fifth District Spring Festival in Orlando, Florida. There were 10 candidates.

A Mason for 79 years, Sir Knight Lyons served as Master of his Lodge 70 years ago. He has been a Templar for 71 years and is a past presiding officer of his York Rite Bodies. The New York Templar, who resides in Florida six months of the year, is also an Honorary 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

Looking Ahead

The Committee on Time and Place, P.G.C. William R. Robbins, Missouri, Chairman, relayed an invitation to convene the 53rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in Kansas City, Missouri, August 14-19, 1976. The report was unanimously adopted.

THE FAMILY OF MASONRY

"Positive, Protected Identification"



One of the numerous Knights Templar Eye Foundation fund-raising projects adopted by individual Grand Commanderies is a K.T. Identification Decal program operated for three years by St. John's Commandery No. 24, St. John's, Michigan.

Chairman Willis Hettler, Sr., and Whit Elder Gannaway, Sr., of the "Michigan Knights Templar Identification Decal Program," describe the fund-raising activity as one which has resulted in "many Life 'Memberships' to the Eye Foundation."

A Grand Commandery interested in information can secure it from the Michigan K.T. Identification Decal Program, 1015 1/2 South Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48910.

Presidential Scholar

Miss Melanie Hanson, Jamestown, Kansas, was named as one of the 121 Presidential Scholars for 1973. Selected for "academic excellence, leadership activities and potential for future accomplishments" based on school records, test scores and the recommendation of school officials, the Presidential Scholars received their official bronze medal from Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower during a three day visit to Washington, D.C.

Father is Sir Knight Don Hanson, P.C., an Inspecting Officer for the Grand Commandery of Kansas. Melanie, her twin sister and her brother, a Master Mason, are scheduled to be Initiated in Leah Chapter No. 182, O.E.S., Concordia, this fall.

New York Medal

The Grand Chapter, R.A.M., New York, issued a medal to commemorate its 175th Anniversary March 1. The medal is deep sculptured, 1½ inches in diameter and 1/8 inch thick. Each contributor of at least \$4 will receive a bronze medal and each contributor of the at least \$12 will be sent a sterling silver medal. Proceeds will be used in the Grand Chapter's charitable program. Contributions can be sent to: William G. Peacher, G.H.P., 600 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York 13202.

Extended Care Building



Ground has been broken for a new extended care building on the grounds of Ohio Masonic Home, Springfield. Located next to Rickly Memorial Hospital, the \$2,800,000 building is scheduled for completion late in 1974. The project is sponsored by the Endowment Fund of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Sir Knight A. J. Lista, Chairman, which also sponsors the home.

The Masonic Home complex is administered by a 15 member Board of Trustees, all of whom are Templars. They include Edward M. Selby, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International; P.G.C. Robert Schoedinger, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Dispensations and Chapters, and P.G.C. George H. Thomas, member of the Grand Encampment Finance Committee.



Sir Knight Edward E. Kuhns, Humbolt Park Commandery No. 79, Chicago, receives his 50 year pin and dues card from P.G.C. Seth Flanders. Kuhns responded with a gift to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Sword of Great Grandfather



Roy E. Gillespie, left, Director of Ohio University, presents his grandfather's sword to Roy B. Worstall, newly installed Commander of Cyrene No. 10, Zanesville, for use during Worstall's year in office. Gillespie is the grandson and Worstall is the great grandson of James C. Gillespie, first Commander of Cyrene. Worstall is the first direct descendent to become Commander.

Statement of Fund Raising Policy

In 1971, the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., adopted a statement of policy for "Projects Sponsored and/or Promoted for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation:"

1. There is one permanent organization for soliciting and receiving funds on a national or international basis - the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572.
2. No individual or group, other than a committee officially named by a Constituent, Subordinate or Grand Commandery, is permitted, to initiate or operate a promotional or fund raising project in the name, direct or indirect, of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation without written consent of the Grand Encampment.
3. Authorization will carry requirement for annual audit and other periodic accounting of funds.
4. Once approved, the project or activity is limited in its operation and promotion to the jurisdiction or jurisdictions which may officially adopt and sanction it as a fund-raising project.

Annual Conclave, Convent General

The Masonic Temple at 34 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio, will be the setting for the 38th Annual Conclave of the Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22.

Hubert O. Auburn, Grand Master General, announces that headquarters will be the Sheraton-Columbus Motor Hotel. Speaker for the Saturday banquet will be Edward M. Selby, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Council, R.A.M., International. General Chairman and Treasurer for the Conclave is William V. Ashton, 10700 Blacklick Eastern Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

**WILLARD M. AVERY BECOMES DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
FOR 1973-1976
JOHN B. COTTRELL, JR., IS GRAND GENERALISSIMO**

Willard M. Avery, Knightstown, Indiana, lawyer, and John B. Cottrell, Jr., financial analyst from Media, Pennsylvania, were elected to the offices of Deputy Grand Master and Grand Generalissimo respectively by the voting members of the Grand Encampment in Chicago August 15. Both have long records of Templar service.



Sir Knight Avery was born on February 2, 1907, at Palmyra, Indiana. He was a Rector Scholar at DePaul University from which he graduated with highest honors in 1929. After graduation he taught social studies and speech for two years at Portland, Indiana. He then attended the University of Michigan Law School where he was the winner of the Henry M. Campell case club award and served as senior judge in case club competition. While attending law school, he was elected Student President of the Lawyers Club and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree in 1934.

Since his graduation, he has been successfully engaged in the general practice of law at Knightstown, Indiana. He and his wife Margaret have two sons, Max and Jack, and two grandsons.

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Sir Knight Cottrell was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 7, 1910. Educated in the Public Schools of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Married to Charlotte A. Wohnus, July 23, 1938. Member of Media Presbyterian Church — Former President of the Board of Deacons, currently a Ruling Elder. Senior Cost Analyst, Philadelphia Electric Company; Member of the Quarter Century Club. Active in Community Activities including Red Cross, United Fund, Salvation Army. Has served as President of Coin and Photography Clubs.

Masonic Record: Past Master, Symbolic Lodge; Past District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; Chairman, Board of Governors, Grand Lodge District School of Instruction; Past High Priest, Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; currently in 18th Year → → →

He has been continuously active in the civic affairs of his community. A Methodist, he has served in numerous lay capacities in the church and served with distinction as local President and Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis International.

Sir Knight Avery has been actively engaged in Grand Encampment projects for many years. He is a member of Knights-town Commandery, having approximately 210 members in a town of 3,000, with three Commanderies within a radius of 15 miles. His Commandery has sent a drill team to the last seven Triennials. He served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana in 1956-57. During his Grand Commandery tenure, an invitation was issued for the holding of the 47th Triennial Conclave at Indianapolis, Indiana. Sir Knight Avery acted as legal advisor to the Triennial Conclave Corporation and served as Vice President of the local Triennial Committee. He was the first President of the Indiana Foundation of DeMolay, Inc., a model for other DeMolay Foundations throughout the United States, and he holds the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor. He is Past Grand Patron of the Indiana Grand Chapter, O.E.S.; Past Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, member of K.Y.C.H., member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis. He served as Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment and was Editor of the *Knight Templar Magazine* for 5½ years until 1967. He was made an Honorary 33°, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, September 1967 at Pittsburgh.

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Basis of Templary Policy

... "We are Soldiers of the Cross; we believe in the Christian Religion and in the practice of the Christian Virtues, and the immortality of the human soul. This belief, this practice, this faith will continue to receive our dedicated adherence."

From the Statement of Policy by the M. E. Grand Master, Roy W. Riegler

as member of Printing and Publishing Committee, Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania; Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Council of Royal and Select Masters; Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; Grand Encampment Public Relations Committee, 1961-64; Grand Encampment 49th Triennial Committee 1964; Past Department Commander, 1964-1967; Chairman, Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities, 1967-1970; Past Prior, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; Chairman, Committee on York Rite Cooperation, Convent General, Knights York Cross of Honour; Past Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Preceptor, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Celebrant, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; Life Member, Masonic Homes Corporation of Pennsylvania; Senior Member, Order of DeMolay; Active Legion of Honor; DeMolay Advisory Committee Member; Deputy Member, Supreme Council of DeMolay International; Member - Benjamin Franklin Consistory; Nominated to Receive Honorary 33°, N.M.J., September 1973; Lulu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Royal Order of Scotland; Philalethes Society; Grand College of Rites; Allied Masonic Degrees; Knight Masons of Ireland. Has been given numerous Honorary Memberships in Commanderies and Grand Commanderies.

In common with other Grand Encampment Officers, he has been commissioned a "Kentucky Colonel" and holds a variety of other honors and recognitions.

Elected Grand Captain General, Denver, 1970; Grand Generalissimo, 1973.

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KENNETH CULVER JOHNSON IS GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

The new Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment is Kenneth C. Johnson, Little Rock, Arkansas, engineer. Sir Knight Johnson is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas and has served the Grand Encampment as a member of committees on the Knights Templar Cross of Honor and Membership.

Sir Knight Johnson was born September 7, 1912, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was educated in the public schools of Pine Bluff and is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a B.S. in Engineering. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, National Honorary Engineering Fraternity.

He was associated with Arkansas Power & Light Company as a Sales Engineer prior to service in World War II as a Reserve Officer. Following his release from Active Duty he joined Southern States Equipment Corporation as National Sales Manager. In 1947 he joined Dyke Associates, Inc., a Management Engineering firm, and is now Executive Vice President. He is also President of three associated companies. A Registered Professional Engineer, he is Past Chairman of Arkansas Section of I.E.E.E. and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. He is now retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve Corps of Engineers.

Sir Knight Johnson and his wife Yvonne have three sons and three grandchildren.

Active in civic, community and religious areas, he has served as President of the Sales and Marketing Executives Association; as Board Member and Vice President of Quapaw Council, Boy Scouts of America, recipient of Silver Beaver Award; President of Arkansas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; Chairman of Official Board and Sunday School teacher of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church; President of National Sash & Door Jobbers Association.

Masonic Record: member, York Rite Bodies of Pine Bluff; member, Grand



Lodge History Committee; Past Grand Commander, 1960; edited Grand Commandery 100th Anniversary Conclave publication; member, York Rite Advancement Committee; Honorary 33^o, Scottish Rite, S.J., Valley of Little Rock; Past Sovereign and Recorder, St. Giles Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, former Intendant General for Arkansas and Grand Orator, United Grand Imperial Council; Past Preceptor, Holy Grail Tabernacle No. XI, H.R.A.K.T.P.; Legion of Honor, International Order of DeMolay; Past Potentate, Sahara Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., longtime Chairman, Committee on Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, Ceremonial Potentate, Past President, Cabiri; Pine Bluff Arsenal Chapter No. 166, National Sojourners; John R. Fordyce Camp, Heroes of '76; Gilchrist Council No. 26, Allied Masonic Degrees; Arkansas Chapter of Rose Croix; Past Director, Court No. 38, Royal Order of Jesters; Philalethes Society; Chevalier Bienfaisant de la Cite Sante, Great Priory of America; Bendemeer Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.; Royal Order of Scotland; Grand Council of Rites.

REV. BASIL L. JOHNSON APPOINTED GRAND PRELATE

The Most Eminent Grand Master, Roy W. Riegle, has announced the appointment of the Reverend and Sir Knight Basil L. Johnson, Dodge City, Kansas, as Grand Prelate for the 1973-76 Triennium. Reverend Johnson has served the Grand Commandery of Kansas as Grand Prelate for many years and has also served the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Kansas as Grand Chaplain.



The Reverend Johnson was born April 9, 1910, in Carmen, Oklahoma. He graduated from high school in Larned, Kansas, and holds an A.B. from Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, B.D. from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, honorary D.D., Southwestern College. Sir Knight Johnson and his wife Ruth now reside in Dodge City, Kansas, where he is Minister to the 2,000 member United Methodist Church.

Active in Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce and Ministerial Alliances in Salina and Wichita, Kansas; Y.M.C.A., Wichita; and "every ministerial organization there is."

Serves as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, 1948, 1949, 1965, 1968, 1971 to present. Also served Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand

Council of Kansas as Grand Chaplain. Regular speaker for Masonic organizations in Kansas.

Masonic memberships include: Albert Pike Lodge No. 303, Wichita; Goodland Chapter No. 74; Wichita Council No. 12; Columbia Commandery No. 38, Goodland; Calvary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Honorary 33^o, Scottish Rite, S.J., Valley of Wichita; Midian Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

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Grand Prelate Presentation

The new Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment is also the Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Kansas. On May 11 he marked the 25th anniversary of his first appointment as Grand Prelate of Kansas with a presentation of copies of *Our American Heritage* to all Past Grand Commanders of Kansas under whom he had served.



Left to right, front row, Mesdames Gerde-mann, Wilcox, Dean, Schisler, Schoonover and Johnson. Standing, Past Grand Commanders R. Neil Gerdemann, Keith Wilcox, Carrol Dean, Archie Schoonover, Monte Krug standing in for Joseph E. McMullen, Leo J. Schisler and Grand Prelate Basil L. Johnson. Honorary P.G.C. James E. Collier was unable to be present.

RE-ELECTION FOR GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND RECORDER

Edmund F. Ball, P.G.C., Indiana, was elected to his seventh term as Grand Treasurer August 15 in Chicago. Paul C. Rodenhauser, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, was re-elected Grand Recorder. Sir Knight Ball, Muncie, Indiana, was first elected Grand Treasurer in 1955 at the 46th Triennial Conclave in New York City. Sir Knight Rodenhauser, Editor of the Knight Templar Magazine, was appointed Grand Recorder by the late Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker December 10, 1966, and elected at Detroit in 1967.



The Grand Treasurer of Grand Encampment was born in Muncie, Indiana, January 8, 1905. He has a distinguished record in industry, aviation, military service, in civic activities, church and Masonry.

Sir Knight Ball is a member of Muncie Lodge No. 433, Muncie Chapter No. 30, Muncie Council No. 16 and of Muncie Commandery No. 18. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Indianapolis, Honorary 33°, Supreme Council, 1961. Among other Masonic memberships are: Murat Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Indianapolis; St. James Conclave No. 4, Red Cross of Constantine; Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, 1946-47. Elected Trustee of Grand Encampment, 1949, and Right Eminent Grand Treasurer in 1955. →→→



The Grand Recorder is Chairman of Public Relations, Editor of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, Secretary of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation and Secretary for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. He also became Grand Recorder of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, March 1969.

A graduate of Millersville State College in 1933 (B.S. in Education), his formal education included studies in journalism at Temple University, in Philadelphia.

Professionally, in addition to syndication writing, he was a continuity writer, promotion and production director in radio from 1935, and TV-program-production-manager from 1949 through 1966, the post from which he resigned to become Grand Recorder. He served in the U.S. Navy, 1943-1945.

He and Mrs. Rodenhauser →→→

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Sir Knight Ball has been associated with Ball Corporation since graduation from Yale in 1928, becoming President in 1948, Chairman of the Board in 1962, President and Chairman of the Board 1968-1970, currently Chairman of the Executive Committee. Other associations include: President, Muncie Airport, Inc.; Chairman of the Board of Muncie Aviation Corporation; Director, Ball Corporation, Borg-Warner Corporation; American National Bank and Trust Company and Merchants National Bank, both of Muncie; American Fletcher Corporation, Indianapolis; Indiana Bell Telephone Company of Indiana; and of the Muncie Airport, Inc., and Muncie Aviation Corporation. Sir Knight Ball is also a commercial pilot.

He serves as President of the Board of Directors of Ball Memorial Hospital, trustee of Wabash College and Muncie Y.M.C.A., former trustee of the Asheville School for Boys. Appointed a member of the National Council on the Humanities by President Lyndon B. Johnson, January 27, 1966-1971; appointed a director of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters in June 1969. Honorary degrees from Ball State University (LL.D.), DePaul University (LL.D.) and Indiana University with an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Wabash College.

His military record includes 45 months of active duty with the U.S. Army, from June 1941 to April 1945. Held rating of Service Pilot. Served 22 months overseas in European, North African and Mediterranean Theatres in World War II. He was on the staff of General Dwight D. Eisenhower for planning the invasion of North Africa. In North Africa he served on the staff of General Mark W. Clark at Headquarters Fifth Army. Ground Air Support Officer with 45th Division for invasion of Sicily, later with VI Corps for invasion of Italy at Salerno and at Anzio Beachhead.

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... RODENHAUSER

(Hazel P. Palmer) are the parents of a son; a Medical Doctor in Baltimore, Maryland; three grandchildren.

Activities have included: Member, St. John's Lutheran Church, Columbia — teacher men's bible classes; for six years a member of the National Lutheran Church in America Commission on Press, Radio and Television; Past Chairman, Lancaster County Chapter, American National Red Cross; Past President, Lancaster Exchange Club, Columbia Historical Association, Columbia Little Theatre; Trustee, Fulton Foundation, Lancaster; Board Member, Columbia Hospital; Lancaster County United Fund; participant in TB Society, Mental Health, Y.M.C.A. campaigns; member Pennsylvania Society; recipient Elizabethtown College Citizen's Award Citation and Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction "Advancement of Education" citation. Listed in Marquis, *Who's Who in the East*, 1964-66.

Masonically: Past Presiding Officer of his Symbolic Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery; Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, 1963-64; memberships in Knights York Cross of Honour; Red Cross of Constantine (Past Sovereign — Grand Recorder, United Grand Imperial Council); Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (Past Preceptor); Knight Masons of Ireland; Allied Masonic Degree; Zembo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. (Past President, Lancaster County Shrine Club); Scottish Rite Bodies of Lancaster and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, (Deputy Master, Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, in 1966 when he moved to become Grand Recorder in Chicago); former member Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Committee on Masonic Culture. Member Citizens Board, Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Honorary Legion of Honor and Active Member on Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay. Created Honorary 33^o, N.M.J., 1964

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THE GOLDEN FLEECE, THE ROMAN EAGLE, THE STAR AND GARTER

by
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In the first Degree of Masonry, reference is made to the white apron of a Mason. It is said to be more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter.

The reference to the Golden Fleece is evidently not to the Argonautic expedition in search of the Golden Fleece, nor to the deluge, of which that event is supposed to have been a figure, but to certain decorations or honors with which the apron is compared. The Order of the Golden Fleece was of high repute as an Order of Knighthood. It was established in Flanders in 1429 by the Duke of Burgundy, who selected the fleece for its badge because wool was the stable production of his country. It has also been considered one of the most illustrious Orders of Europe.

The Eagle was to the Romans the emblem of imperial power.

The Order of the Garter was founded by Edward III of England in 1348. The Star was added in 1629 by Charles I. From the beginning the Order was under the protection of St. George and the red cross on a field of white was worn by the Knights of the Garter on the left side of the mantle. This cross of St. George is known to us as the Greek cross of equal arms and angles and is the oldest cross known to man.

The Church of the Lateran at Rome, built by order of the Emperor Constantine the Great in A.D. 325, was built in the form of this cross because of its mysterious relations to the religion of all

nations and as a part of the symbolism and the secret teachings of the ancient colleges. It also formed the ground plan of the Temple at Jerusalem and represented unity and trinity.

The Order of the Garter is the oldest and still the most illustrious Order of British Chivalry. It is because our own beloved Order of Knights Templar is an Order of Chivalry, having much in common in ceremony and regalia with this illustrious Order, that the following is written.

The late Sir Winston Churchill was installed as a Knight of the Garter on June 14, 1954, in a ceremony of ritual and solemn music. The ceremony took place in St. George's Chapel, at Windsor, where Britain's Kings and Queens are buried.

Members of all Orders of Knighthood wear a distinctive garb and the Order of the Garter is no exception. The garments should appeal to those who love the spectacular, and include a mantle of dark blue (garter blue) velvet lined with white taffeta, a surcoat of crimson velvet and a great hat of black velvet. The member also receives what is called the collar, which looks more like a necklace. It is gold and weighs two pounds. From it hangs the major pendant known as "The George," an enameled figure of St. George on horseback fighting the legendary dragon. There is also the "Lesser George," a golden badge worn as a pendant from a four inch blue ribbon over the left shoulder. Another bit of regalia is an eight pointed star of silver with the cross of the Order in the center. →→→

The most important part of the regalia is the garter itself, a gold-edged band of blue velvet, with the motto of the Order thereon in French: "Evil to him who thinks evil."

We as Knights Templar have a uniform as a part of our regalia, which we should be proud to wear, and our regalia includes a star, in the center of which is a passion cross, emblem of the reward which the great Captain of our Salvation has promised to those who conquer in his name.

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IN MEMORY OF

Arthur E. Peters

Idaho

Grand Commander — 1963

Born February 6, 1902

Died May 17, 1972*

H. Prentiss Magee

Louisiana

Grand Commander — 1967

Born September 23, 1893

Died June 13, 1973

Harold G. Price

Utah

Grand Commander — 1957

Born September 11, 1899

Died July 9, 1973

* Announcement of death received July 1973

Earl S. Bardwell

P.G.C. Earl S. Bardwell, Great Falls, Montana, died June 9, only 19 days before his 93rd birthday. Sir Knight Bardwell was a Past Grand Master of Montana Masons and had presided over the Grand Chapter and Grand Council as well as the Grand Commandery. He was Intendant General, U.G.I.C., Red Cross of Constantine, at the time of his death.

Eulogy to a Mason

The July 26th *Knox County Citizen*, Fredericktown, Ohio, reported the death of Ohio's Oldest Registered Pharmacist, Sir Knight Charles F. Fink, at the age of 95.

The newspaper also carried in full the eulogy delivered during the Masonic service for Sir Knight Fink. It was given by Foy B. Herendeen. Excerpts are below:

Let us think of Charlie's life as an open book — and indeed it was — and think that he daily has written his eulogy far clearer and more lasting than anything that we may say here tonight.

In the familiarity of a small town it seems futile to mention his family life. He was a good neighbor and the father of an honorable family. He and Stella lived happily together for nearly 70 years.

But the place where most of us knew him best was FINKS. The hub of our community and the "house by the side of the road" for all travelers.

How many times have little chubby hands reached up to give Charlie a penny for the biggest piece of candy? His usual patience considered that a good sale.

On April 3rd he made a supreme effort to be present when I received my 60 year pin.

The hopes of immortality seem brighter when we think that someday we may be with Charlie again.

Poet's Prayer

Master on High, Instill in Me
The Spirit to write of Thy Realm Sublime,
Of Thy Infinite Love, in Poetic Rhyme.
Not for gold or fame crave I, but for Thy
Love, from up on High.

Elmer W. Baumer
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Jennings, Missouri

The Signing of the Constitution

It was September 17, 1787, and 39 men, 23 of whom were Masons, prepared to sign the Constitution of the United States. But approval was not unanimous and three of those who refused to sign were Masons.

Edmund Randolph, Elbridge Gerry and George Mason believed the Constitution failed to properly limit the authority of the central government and the power of the Federal courts. They feared an overly powerful Supreme Court and a loss of States' rights to the Federal Government.

Edmund Randolph was Grand Master of Virginia at the time he refused to sign the Constitution. He later became Attorney General under Masonic President Washington and Secretary of State from 1794 to 1795.

Elbridge Gerry, whose redistricting of Massachusetts during his term as Governor gave us the term "gerrymandering," went on to become Vice President under James Madison. Gerry is said to have been a member of Philanthropic Lodge of Marblehead, Massachusetts, altho some authorities dispute this.

George Mason was also from Virginia. The name of his Lodge is unknown but he is generally believed to have been a Mason in name and title.

Combined South Central Workshop

Chapter, Council and Grand Commandery officers and Past Grand Officers will gather at Tulsa, Oklahoma, September 15-16, for the first combined South Central York Rite Conference. It follows the traditional meeting of the Southwestern York Rite Officers.

The Conference will take place at the Sheraton Inn, Skyline East, 6333 East Skelly Drive, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135.

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Vandall New General Grand Scribe



Junior Wamsley Vandall, Junior Past Grand High Priest of West Virginia, is the new General Grand Scribe of Royal Arch Masons, International. He is 46.

The appointment was announced by General Grand High Priest Edward M. Selby following a meeting of the elective Council at Trenton, Missouri, in connection with the annual meeting of the York Rite Publishing Co.

The new appointee, as Grand High Priest, led West Virginia to a gain in membership reversing a succession of losses, according to the newly installed General Grand High King, Gordon O. Merrick. The appointment and advancement followed the May 18 death of the General Grand King Halldor K. Halldorson.

Reminder — New Suite

The Grand Encampment Office is now located in Suite 1700 rather than 1733. The complete address:

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GRAND GUARDIAN COUNCIL OFFICERS 1973-74.

FIRST ROW: THIRD FROM LEFT-BETTY GOOD; FOURTH FROM LEFT - FRANK ANGELI.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS MEET AT LANDER

The Grand Guardian Council International Order of Job's Daughters of Wyoming convened at Lander on June 7-8 & 9th, 1973. This was the 41st Annual Session.

There were 660 Job's Daughters and adults in attendance.

The meetings were conducted by: Mrs. Margaret Mickelson, Grand Guardian; Mr. Frank Allen, Associate Grand Guardian;

and Janda Beaver, Grand Bethel Honored Queen.

Mrs. Betty Good of Douglas was installed Grand Guardian for the ensuing year, and Frank Angeli of Rock Springs was installed Associate Grand Guardian.

The other Grand Officers Installed are:
Catherine Smith . Vice Grand Guardian.
Earl Christensen . Vice A. Gr. Guardian.
Mrs. Allen Edwards . . . Grand Guide.

Mary Alice Nixon . . . Grand Marshal.
 Ada Mary Melonuk . . . Grand Secretary.
 Louis Soward Grand Treasurer.
 Robert Ward Grand Inner Guard.
 George Obert Grand Outer Guard.
 Mrs. G. Darlington . . . Grand Chaplain.
 Mrs. Frank Angeli Grand Librarian.
 Mrs. James Durr Grand Dir. of Music
 Mrs. Bill Graham . Grand 1st Messenger.
 Mrs. R. Sterling . . Grand 2nd Messenger.
 Mrs. H. Rodgers . . Grand 3rd Messenger.
 Mrs. Paul James . . Grand 4th Messenger.
 Mrs. Jack Moon . . . Grand 5th Messenger.
 Fred Sellin Grand Sr. Custodian.
 Jerry Holiday, appointed Grand Junior
 Custodian was unable to be present and
 will be installed at a later date.

Mrs. Good's project for the year is to aid the Adolescent Treatment Unit at the Wyoming State Hospital in Evanston.

There will be some 90 girls and adults from Wyoming who will attend the Supreme Session at Baltimore, Maryland on August 12, 1973. A plane has been chartered for this trip. On their return they will stop at Washington D.C. for a tour of that City.

The next Annual Session will be held at Gillett, Wyoming on June 13-14 and 15, 1974.

FIRST! A MASTER MASON

I like going back to my Lodge. I have found it refreshing. To this experience I come gladly and joyfully, as a boy returns again to his old home, which he left to seek his fortune; still some of the old Brothers await to welcome me. Grown a little older I find them, but still strong and eager for the duties of a Mason! With them I can be what I long so often to be just one of the Craft. Their Aprons and mine are made of the same cloth; their dreams and mine are similar; their pulses beat to the same inspiration; and we are all at peace.

Edgar A. Guest



Department Commander John W. Givens,
 P.G.C., Oregon

Wyoming Grand Commandery Conclave

Our M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar U.S.A., Roy W. Riegle's representative John W. Givens will be on hand for our 86 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming on Saturday September 15, 1973, to be held at Cody, Wyoming.

Our Grand Commander, Ralph C. Drury, of Riverton, Wyoming will preside over the meetings, which include Grand Commandery business, plans and projects for the coming year and election of Officers and installation of the Officers.

There will be other Masonic Leaders in attendance from whom we can each learn very much.

Our Grand Commander urges all Sir Knights who can possibly attend to attend. You will greatly benefit in attending.

OBSERVATIONS OF A TEMPLAR

by Forrest L. Hintz
K.Y.C.H.

Let's stop fussing about the uniform. That isn't the major problem of our Order. Granted, it's an increasingly expensive, too often shoddy, anachronism. I wear mine proudly, but we must remember the day of any "Lodge uniform" is about gone. It remains primarily as a comedy sight gag.

Our problem, as I see it, is twofold. First, we aren't making ourselves known. We have the Eye Foundation, a magnificent example of Christian principle. Who knows much about it except us? As a newspaperman, I have yet to see any mass media publicity about it. If we did, I assume it would be the usual public relations blurbs that go unread into file 13.

We give, say, a \$50,000 research grant to some hospital. That's highly commendable and the research is vital. But who remembers that? It's a static thing and somewhat remote. As our photographers would say, "All I got was two guys with a piece of paper." We're hiding our light under a bushel. Let's stop talking and start doing.

Second — and this will anger some — our York Rite rituals are archaic. Young men — and it is they who must take the banner from us — only rarely are either philosophers or historians. They read hard news in the papers, see professional actors on the tube. How many of them really listen to lengthy, abstract lectures accompanied by scratched filmstrips or fanciful, peeling glass slides? How deeply are they impressed by slipshod Degree work, made so because too often even the characters don't understand the language? Certainly, the candidate doesn't. I suspect he sometimes wonders why he joined a group of men in moth-eaten regalia who seem to have little idea of what they're doing.

It is inconceivable that our Order does not number at least a few professional dramatists with ample talent to make our rituals meaningful to the candidate, still the most important man in the room. It can be done without sacrificing a single principle. We need to show him our philosophy works rather than preach it to him.

We need to put our rituals into chronological order so the story unfolds naturally. To do that would require combining the separate bodies into a single, cohesive York Rite. Undoubtedly, that will raise the hackles of those who "collect" high office.

The Young people who will follow us are, in their idiom, "turned off" by formalized religion, yet they are desperately seeking an active faith by which they can live. We can provide that faith but only if we are willing to make it, as they say, "relevant." And that relevancy will require more than high-sounding pronouncements and lip service to the needs of mankind. As I read it, that was the pattern established by our Savior.

It is not the uniform that makes a Knight Templar. It is the man.

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**There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood,
leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries;
On such a full sea are we now afloat,
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures.**

Shakespeare

FROM THE GRAND MASTER'S PHOTO ALBUM

Representative snapshots from the album of Sir Knight and Mrs. Roy W. Riegler, with notations from the back of the pictures as written by the Grand Master, are shown below. Roy, Jr., shown in two, is deceased.



Top row, left, "boy to the left of school teacher with big fluffy collar" is a 1902 school picture of the Grand Master. Top right is "Lt. Col. Riegler and wife just before going to Alaska" — 1942. Second row, left, "our 33rd wedding anniversary." The Riegles recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Right, a picture taken in May 1946 just after Roy, Jr., returned from Saipan where he served with the Marines — Roy, Jr., the Grand Master, Mrs. Riegler, daughters Ardis Jean, Jo Anna and Mary Keith. Bottom row, left, the Riegler children, "youngest to oldest," Mary, Jo Anna, Roy, Jr., and Ardis. Right, the Grand Master as Deputy Judge Advocate in 1962 and friends.



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