

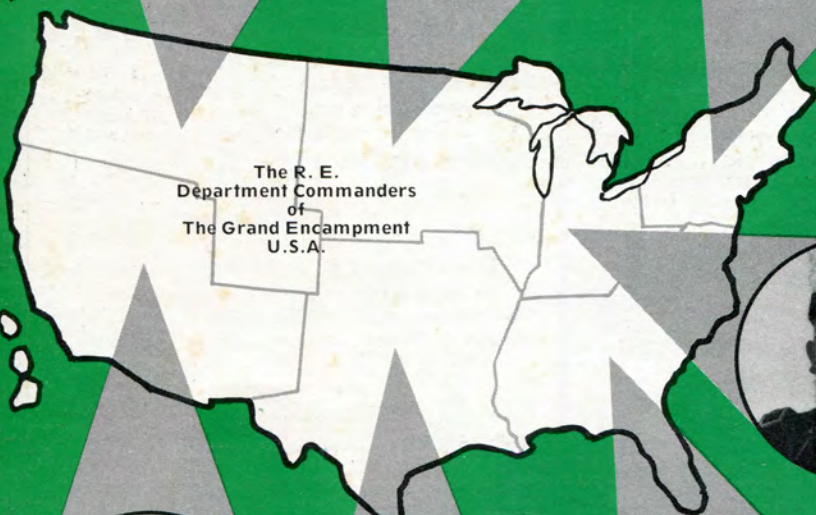


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OCTOBER: Photographs on the cover are those of the seven Department Commanders appointed to serve the seven national Departments of the Grand Encampment during the 1973-76 Triennium. Their positions in relation to the map of the United States are "approximately" indicative of the locations of the Departments they serve. Pictured clockwise from the Northeast around to the North Central Department are: Sir Knights Beaudoin, Fleming, Harrison, Warriner, Nye, Givens and Howard. Individual Department Commander sketches in condensed form begin on page 11.

A later issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* will bring you photographs and biographical sketches of the Templars appointed by Grand Master Riegler to head Grand Encampment Committees for the Triennium.

Paul C. Rodenhauer, Editor

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TO TEMPLARS IN THE FIELD

As this new Triennium moves forward, I salute those tried and true Templars — the Department Commanders — who have accepted appointment as regional representatives of the Grand Master.

Most will never realize how much time and energy went into their selection. Few will ever know of the hours of evaluation and prayerful consideration spent in finding the seven stalwart Templars whose background, ability, attitude and loyalty make them ideal leaders to serve their respective Departments of the Grand Encampment.



It is an honor to be a Right Eminent Department Commander. But even more important is the far reaching responsibility of their posts. I am confident that the distinguished Templars serving with me during the present Triennium will perform outstanding work for Templars and for our Order. They are devoted, progressive, eager to help advance Templary in every worthwhile endeavor.

One of their first major assignments — and of all magnanimous Knights of the Temple — is to make a truly outstanding success of the Sixth Voluntary Fund Raising Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The campaign will begin December 1; it will conclude April 30, 1974. The future scope of our humanitarian work for those who sorely need our help rests largely upon the result of the campaign. We must make it a success. The Eye Foundation is an extension of our individual Christian concern, the exemplification of all that we as Templars represent.

Above all, we must do our best because this project was the humanitarian cause of the illustrious “father” of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the late Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, Executive Director of the Foundation from its start until August 16, 1973 — nine days before his lamented death at the age of 93.

Fully support the campaign — for the benefit of those in need, to honor the memory of a Templar whose name was synonymous with Christian Charity.

Roy H. Riegle



The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ On our bus back to the hotel from McCormick Place after the Drill Team awards presentation there were several members of the Dallas drill team and their wives. After trying to drown out each others state song someone started the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and I think everyone on the bus joined in. It made you feel good to belong to a Christian organization where after the competition and the rivalry, all could join in on such a great hymn.

I guess that's what Templary is all about.

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□ I am a member of Rock Island Commandery No. 18 and do enjoy reading our own *Knight Templar* publication which is no doubt one of the finest Masonic publications.

As a collector of Masonic jewelry both new and old this is a bit of information which may be helpful to those who may be looking for a Knight Templar Charm. I gave up looking for an antique one and am glad of this because, searching the various Masonic supply firms, I found a beautiful K.T. charm which is in two parts (hinged) and has our Knight Templar Maltese Cross, Cross and Crown on one side including crossed swords and the Shrine AAONMS on the reverse. It is beautifully enameled on both sides and is of 10K solid gold. It also has a Knight on the top with shield on and a loop for attaching.

I gave this to my wife on a gold chain to wear around her neck as so many wives wear similar ones handed down from one generation to the other.

It is obtained from The Masonic Supply Company, Bloomington, Illinois 61701, and listed in their catalog. I hope this will help many find this item which is very scarce except from the above firm.

KENNETH KENDALL
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□ The disapproved items that came before the 52nd Triennial of the Grand Encampment, many of which would in my opinion rejuvenate York Rite Masonry, should serve to startle every thinking Knight Templar into realizing that the days of York Rite are numbered and that by possibly the year 2000 it will no longer exist.

In the early part of the nineteenth century, the Chapter and the Commandery were the strong bodies, Scottish Rite was the second rate body. Lobingier's History of the Supreme Council 33°, page 157, Commandership of Moses Holbrook: "In our Supreme Council we have transacted no business for more than a year." Further on, Folger, the Cerneau historian speaking of the year 1829, said: "After this, strange to say, the Council, 'fell a sleep' and no more is heard of it until the year 1844." By March 1859 there were just five members of the Supreme Council, namely, Holbrook, Le Prince, Mackey, Honour and Furman left. Do we wish the same thing to happen to the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery as we know them now?

It was Mackey's insistence that brought Albert Pike to the head of the Scottish Rite bodies and of course Pike was the driving force that started Scottish Rite to the position it now holds. While I am just a "little guy" in as much that I have never desired any position in the Grand Bodies of Utah, it is my opinion that we need a life time Grand Master in York Rite, similar to the Sovereign Grand Commander in the Southern and Northern Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite.

Maybe I am just a doom predictor, but I have heard that a similar statement was made at the Triennial.

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□ I would like to correspond with any Knight Templars by the name Tharrington.

STARKEY L. THARRINGTON, JR.
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☐ Several issues ago some poor soul was be-moaning our uniform. I feel sorry for such persons.

The uniform which was so proudly worn by my father and the Templars in their march to Easter services was the first desire created in me at the age of 11 to want to become a Master Mason and later to have the honor to wear the Templar uniform. We were laborers and made sacrifices to buy the uniform but were proud to do so.

What better way to advertise than to publically show ourselves in uniforms on Easter and in laying our Brethren to rest?

If that poor Brother can't afford a uniform I'll gladly borrow the money for it.

A. W. BEVERLY
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☐ May I extend my thanks to Sir Knight John B. Vrooman, P.C., for his excellent article regarding "The Uniform - Symbol of Templary," August *Knight Templar*.

However, may I point out: the future of Jesus Christ was predetermined, thus a shield was not necessary. He had no need for a uniform or plumes because his aura surpassed all uniforms. His words were weapons which attacked the so-called establishment. The followers of Christ, when one thinks of those healed, were perhaps the most raggedly and unkempt of any generation and surely this applies to most of the latter Crusades. Jesus Christ had his army of followers, using his doctrine as defense, and after his demise it created the largest armies, equipped with the most effective weapons of that period. Regardless of how each of us may feel about it, weapons, uniforms, and organization have become an involvement in the preservation of Christianity.

Knight Templar uniforms may change in the future but this does not guarantee that individuals will provide, care for and/or wear the prescribed uniform.

If an additional purpose for Templary is deemed necessary may I suggest a title of "Children's Crusade." This title could be used for our charitable drives with appropriate advertising and publicity, as to the history, etc., and disposition of accumulated funds. I am sure we could go well over the top in charitable donations, if our able members would devote their skills and knowledge to the task.

KENNETH B. ULRACH, SR.
Chelsea, Massachusetts

☐ The September issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* came today. The magazine is quite correct, Elbridge Gerry did NOT sign the Constitution. It is also correct in saying he was NOT a member of Philanthropic Lodge A.F. & A.M. here in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Regretful, but true.

I am a Gerry buff, the local historian of Gerry's Veteran Firemens' Association and the author of several articles about this great patriot, the most recent indicating my stand about the "Gerrymander" so called. Also am 58 year member of Philanthropic Lodge myself and Kadosh Commandery No. 29 in Philadelphia (38 years).

Have cooperated with Brothers Heaton, 32°, and Sir Knight James R. Case, 33°, in American Lodge of Research.

Would like nothing better than to find a record to prove Elbridge Gerry was a Mason. Alas, we have searched in vain.

RICHARD TUTT, JR.
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☐ I enjoy your *Knight Templar* publication very much. Keep up the good work.

I have been an arthritic for many years but have collected all types of tokens and canine dog license tags, mostly by mail. I have 2249 dog tags from all U.S. states except North and South Dakota. Some from Holland dated 1799 to 1883 and others from Denmark, Germany and Africa are in my collections.

Some reader may be able to add to my collection or complete the U.S.

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☐ Greetings from the Lone Star State. I do hope all went well at the Triennial. Someday I plan on making a Triennial.

I am convalescing at home after major abdominal surgery performed last month at Brooke General Hospital. I know my prayers were answered by the SAOTU. I feel so much better now, no distressed stomach feeling at all. I also want to say thanks for all prayers asked in my behalf.

Keep the *Knight Templar Magazine* rolling off the press. It is the greatest.

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EDITOR'S JOURNAL

Appreciation: A rewarding experience of the 52nd Triennial Conclave was meeting and conversing with those who have been helped by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McElvaine and son David, Birmingham, Alabama; Danny Weissert, Escanaba, Michigan – Case Number One of the Foundation back in 1956; the Allens – father, mother and daughter Loreen, Taylorville, Illinois, participated in the program at the Grand Master's Triennial Conclave banquet to give their respective accounts and express their appreciation.

The casual conversations before and after their appearances were even more indicative of the genuine gratitude and respect they have for Templars and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Sir Knight Henry G. Olson, 80 years old, Recorder of Escanaba Commandery, a Knights Templar Cross of Honor recipient and a staunch worker for the Foundation, was joined by Mrs. Olson to accompany Danny Weissert to the Conclave. Danny was four when he received a successful operation for crossed eyes. Today, a grown man, he has not forgotten what Templars did for him. He is glad to tell of his appreciation. So are the Allens and the McElvaines.

Mrs. Earl Torell, wife of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation chairman for Illinois, made sure the visitors saw some of Chicago's scenic and historic highlights during their two day stay. Their ability to participate in "sightseeing" is significantly indicative of what Knights Templars are doing and have done for Mrs. McElvaine and two-year old David, for Danny Weissert, for Loreen Allen, and for some 18,000 others.

These participants spared no words in expressing gratitude to all Templars. Equally grateful were the Templars for gaining a new awareness of this humanitarian work of the Order.

Ohio Editor: Samuel Fitzsimmons, Editor of Ohio's two page supplement in the *Knight Templar Magazine*, is the 1972-73 Worshipful Master of his Symbolic Lodge, Van Wert No. 218. "On the night of his inspection," says W. Duane Kessler, Secretary of Ohio's Second Division, Council for Templar Advancement, "Sir Knight Fitzsimmons was called on not only to preside but also deliver the lecture. An interesting feature was the use of 'black light' which added depth and perception to an already beautiful, solemn and inspiring degree."

C. Byron Lear: Past Grand Generalissimo Lear, formerly of New Jersey, a resident of Sun Valley, Arizona, for several years, participated in all Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment since 1934 – until the 52nd in Chicago. He was unable to attend because of the illness of Mrs. Lear, who was hospitalized during the Triennial period. Sir Knight Lear is a Trustee of the Permanent Fund.

A new Trustee, elected at Chicago to succeed John B. Phelps, Sr., whose nine year term expired, is J. Harvey Moore, P.G.C., Pennsylvania – nephew of the late Paul Miller Moore, Grand Master of Grand Encampment from 1961 to 1964.

I.O.O.F.: An article in the *Knight Templar Magazine* referred to the "abolishment" of the uniform by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Rev. Edward Joseph Beck, D.D., Kentucky, says the Order "has not abolished the Uniform... Those in doubt should attend the I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the first Sunday in May each year and observe the popularity of the Patriarchs Militant and Independent Order Odd Fellows of the World... I hope I never see the words 'Obnoxious to the Wearer' printed or spoken about any Uniform."

WALTER A. DeLAMATER

Most Eminent Past Grand Master
April 18, 1880 – August 25, 1973



Walter Allen DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master 1955-58, was born in New York City, April 18, 1880, was educated in the New York Public Schools and St. Mark's Private School, graduated from the Army School of the Line and the Army General Staff College, France. He died August 25, 1973, at Rhinebeck, New York.

Sir Knight DeLamater, a distinguished executive and public relations consultant, possessed an outstanding military record. He enlisted in the New York National Guard as a Private in 1900 and retired in 1940 with the rank of Major General. His active War Service included: Mexican Border Service, 1916; American Expeditionary Forces in France in numerous offensive and defensive engagements; cited for exceptional bravery and "for his splendid work as an organizer and administrator," awarded Decorations for his Mexican Border Service, St. Mihiel Offensive, Sector 304 Defensive, Meuse-Argonne Offensive, Troyon Sector Offensive, Grand Montagne Offensive. Decorated by President Girardo Machado, Cuba; General Haller, Commanding General Polish Army, and received numerous other honors including decorations from the State of New York.

When he retired from the New York National Guard he was President of the National Guard Association of the United States.

On June 5, 1901, he married Marie West (deceased March 31, 1940). Two children were born to this union, Marie Lillian (Mrs. Hubert Norton) and Walter Allen, Jr. (deceased). Three grandchildren: Hubert Allen Norton, Dolores Marie (Mrs. Alfred Siik) and Claudette Rose DeLamater. On March 4, 1942, he married Rosalind Gladys Huies, who survives.

His leadership in Masonry included these and many additional bodies: K.Y.C.H.; Red Cross of Constantine Grand Sovereign, Knight York Grand Cross of Honor. Scottish Rite (Most Wise Master, Rose Croix; Commander in Chief, Valley of New York Consistory; Coroneted 33° in 1947); Order of Eastern Star (Patron 1952); Royal Order of Scotland, Deputy Grand Master; A.A.O.N.M.S., (Potentate of Mecca Temple, 1926 and 1950); Royal Order of Jesters, (Past Director); and other memberships, offices and honors.

Sir Knight DeLamater was elected and installed Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment August 26, 1955, serving the three year period until August 1958. He was Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., from its inception until August 16, 1973.

FOR CHRISTIAN MASONRY, FOR HIS COUNTRY

"Speaking for the Grand Encampment, its officers and members, I attempt to express the deep loss that each of us feels in the passing of one whose very name was recognized as the personified essence of Templary. Sir Knight Walter was one of a kind. He will be sadly missed and affectionately remembered in the world of Masonry. He will live in our memories as a stalwart warrior who strove for the good of his fratres and all mankind. We will recall his good works, his many contributions to all Masonry and to Christian Masonry particularly. To his widow, Rosalind, and his family, we express deep and sincere sympathy, but our grief and theirs can be mitigated by the knowledge that he lived a rich, productive and rewarding life. We commend his spirit to the eternal and merciful Captain of our Salvation."



Grand Master

"Few men in our Order's history gained so much respect and admiration as Walter Allen DeLamater. Long after four score years and ten, he was a dynamic and devoted leader, dedicated to the humanitarian work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Throughout his span of 93 years and more than four months, he was a valiant fighter for the principles in which he so firmly believed. His example will remain with us, to inspire us, to encourage us, to motivate us to ever greater deeds of Christian Charity. Templary has lost a true Soldier of the Cross."



P.G.M.

Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation

WALTER A. DeLAMATER

. . . Your Gift to Us . . .

Dear unknown friend who gave us sight
who changed our darkened world to light.
Our humble thanks we give to thee, for this
great gift . . . the power to see.
And though we will never meet, tis true,
our life's enriched because of you.
Now we see flowers fresh and sweet
and soft green grass beneath our feet.
Stars in the quiet dark sky at night,
and winters snow so deep and white.
Our heartfelt thanks to you we send,
our dear unknown . . . yet closest friend.

From the thousands of men, women and children, of all races, creeds and colors, who have had their precious gift of sight saved or restored, through the efforts and devotion of this great man. He will long be remembered as the founder of our great Philanthropy, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Harry L. Beach, P.G.C.
District of Columbia.

O.E.S., MASONIC, TEMPLAR AND MILITARY SERVICES

An Order of the Eastern Star service for Past Patron Walter A. DeLamater was conducted at his home Monday evening, August 27. On the following evening in Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue, New York, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New York, following a Masonic service by officers and members of his Symbolic Lodge, conducted a Templar service with Grand Commander Nelson A. Strauch as Commander, Past Grand Commander Sydney E. Friar as Prelate, and a large number of Past Grand Commanders and other officers and Knights from New York and surrounding jurisdictions present and participating. Deputy Grand Commander F. William Young, now Grand Commander, was in charge of the service escort. Members of Sir Knight DeLamater's home Commandery, Yonkers No. 47, served as the guard of honor.

Those present from the Grand Encampment included Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Generalissimo John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer (not pictured), Department Commander Louis A. Beaudoin, and Past Department Commander Ward L. Ekas.



In his eulogy, Grand Master Riegle paid tribute to Past Grand Master DeLamater's years of service to his church, his country and Christian Masonry, expressed condolences to Mrs. DeLamater and the family, and said: "Death is the golden key that opens the gates of eternity."



Wednesday afternoon, August 29, for Fort Myer services and burial in Arlington National Cemetery, the family, Grand Master Riegle and Past Grand Master Bell were joined by Past Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., Nokomis, Florida. Others in attendance included Sir Knights Marvin E. Fowler, Colonel William E. Barkman, William P. Jacobs, Jr., and other Templar officers, past officers and members.



Burial following the full honor funeral service was in Arlington National Cemetery beside the grave of the late Wilber M. Brucker, P.G.M., former Secretary of the Army, former Governor of Michigan, who died October 28, 1968.

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Regional Department Jurisdictions

- Northeastern: Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts-Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont
- Southeastern: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia
- East Central: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia
- North Central: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin (also Canadian regions for General Grand Chapter)
- South Central: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas
- Northwestern: Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming (also Alaska for General Grand Chapter and Council)
- Southwestern: Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah

Pending Regional Conferences

- Northeastern – October 12-13 (Friday noon to Saturday noon), Washington, D.C.
- Northwestern – November 3-4 (Saturday noon to Sunday noon), Boise, Idaho
- Southwestern – November 10-11 (Saturday noon to Sunday noon), Phoenix, Arizona
- North Central – November 17-18 (Saturday Noon to Sunday noon), Des Moines, Iowa
- East Central – January 12-13, 1974 (Saturday noon to Sunday noon), Wheeling, West Virginia
- Southeastern – January 18-19, 1974 (Friday noon to Saturday noon), Columbia, South Carolina

(1973 South Central Conference was held September 15-16 at Tulsa, Oklahoma)

MEET YOUR DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

This month the Knight Templar Magazine salutes the seven Department Commanders who serve as the Personal Representatives of Most Eminent Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegler during the 53rd Triennium. Each Department Commander will preside over the annual Department Conferences in his Department and attend the Annual Conclaves of each Grand Commandery within his jurisdiction. Their duties include the promotion of Templary and York Rite efforts, acting as advisor in the absence of the Grand Master and making regular reports to the Grand Master on the condition of the Order in their Department.

Louis Alfred Beaudoin is the 1973-76 Department Commander for the North-eastern Department which is comprised of the Grand Commanderies of Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont and the Subordinate Commanderies in Delaware.

Sir Knight Beaudoin was born in Bristol, Connecticut, January 9, 1903. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, and is a Contractor. He and his wife Victoria reside in Sandisfield, Massachusetts.

His whole Masonic career has been devoted to Templary. "I've never held an office in any Masonic body except Templary," the 45 year Templar states. He is a member of York Rite bodies in Massachusetts. He served thru the Grand Line of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, becoming Grand Commander July 18, 1963, upon the death of the presiding Grand Commander. On October 9, 1963, he was elected Grand Commander in his own right. In Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Beaudoin served as Chairman of the Membership Committee during the 52nd Triennium. He also is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J., and a member of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Charles Leo Harrison, Norfolk, Virginia, is Southeastern Department Com-

mander. The Grand Commanderies of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia make up this Department.

Now retired, Sir Knight Harrison spent 35 years with the Navy Public Works Center, Norfolk Naval Station. He and his wife Elizabeth are the parents of two daughters.

Sir Knight Harrison has been active in many Masonic bodies. He is a Past Grand Commander of Virginia. Among his other memberships and honors, he is active in the Shrine, Allied Masonic Degrees, Red Cross of Constantine, Grand College of Rites, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Eastern Star, Jobs Daughters and the Philaethes Society. He is presently Grand Outer Guard, Grand College of America, H.R.A.K.T.P.

William J. J. Fleming, East Central Department Commander, serves the Grand Commanderies of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia.

Retired after 47 years in the hardware business, Sir Knight Fleming and his wife Helen reside in Huntington, West Virginia. They are the parents of one son, George.

Sir Knight Fleming has been a member of Huntington Commandery → → →

No. 9 for 49 years. He is a past presiding officer of all his Masonic bodies, York and Scottish Rite. He is a Past Grand Commander of West Virginia. Other Masonic affiliations include: Past Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine; Honorary 33°, A.A.S.R., S.J.; Beni Kedem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Past Sovereign Grand Master, A.M.D.; H.R.A.K.T.P.; Royal Order of Scotland; Past Great Chief, Knight Masons of Ireland; Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; Philalethes Society; Past Patron, Order of Eastern Star.

Charles Allen Howard, Jr., serves the North Central Department — the Grand Commanderies of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Born August 11, 1904, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, his father, Charles Allen Howard, Sr., was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota in 1906. Howard is a bachelor. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Sir Knight Howard is still engaged in the practice of law. He is now retired as a Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.R.

A Templar for 44 years, Sir Knight Howard is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota. He is also a Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, and Past Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council. He served the Grand Encampment as Chairman of the Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities and, during the 52nd Triennium, Chairman of the Committee on DeMolay. He is a member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and Executive Officer in South Dakota. Other Masonic memberships include: Honorary 33°, A.A.S.R., S.J.; Past Sovereign, Red Cross; Past Potentate, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Clell C. Warriner is Department Commander for the Grand Commanderies of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas — the South Central Department.

Retired after 43 years in the field of education, 21 years as High School Principal, he is now "in business" as Secretary of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where he resides with his wife Emily. They are the parents of three sons.

A Templar for 40 years, Sir Knight Howard is a Past Grand Commander of Oklahoma. He has participated in drill competition at seven Triennials, the first at San Francisco when Gethsemane, his home Commandery, won first place. Other Masonic affiliations include: Past Sovereign, Red Cross; Past Prior, K.Y.C.H.; Past Preceptor, H.R.A.K.T.P. In 1970 he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal of the General Grand Chapter.

John William Givens, Department Commander of the Northwestern Department, is the Personal Representative of the Grand Master to the Grand Commanderies of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

Now retired as a Retail Sales Manager, Sir Knight Givens and his wife Merle reside outside Portland, Oregon. He is Chairman of the Board, Central Machine Corporation, and Vice President, Central Fabricator Corporation.

A Templar for 48 years, Sir Knight Givens is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Oregon. He serves the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., on the Committee on Wills and Bequests. He has been a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities. Givens is Recorder of St. Laurence Conclave, Red Cross, and Al Kader Temple of the Shrine.

John Bernard Nye is Southwestern Department Commander. His jurisdiction covers the Grand Commanderies of Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah.

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Regional Workshops

The Grand Encampment, together with the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council, holds seven regional workshop conferences annually.

First of the York Rite Year was the South Central Conference September 15-16, at Tulsa, Oklahoma. This initial workshop will be followed October 12-13 by the Northeastern Conference at Washington, D.C.; the Northwestern at Boise, Idaho, November 3-4; the Southwestern at Phoenix, Arizona, November 10-11; the North Central Conference November 17-18 at Des Moines, Iowa.

The two remaining workshops – the East Central and the Southeastern – have been scheduled for January 1974.

The North Central Conference at Des Moines will be preceded on November 16 by a meeting of the elected officers of Grand Encampment.

... DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Retired in 1969 as a Dental Technician, he continues to work periodically for his employer. He and his wife Velma reside in Seal Beach, California. He served 14 months combat duty during World War II in Europe and was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Particularly active in Drill Team competition, he was Commandant of the Long Beach Commandery No. 40 Drill Team for 15 years. He serves as a Judge in Grand Encampment Drill Team competition. He is a Past Grand Commander of California and a former member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Ritualistic Matters. His Masonic affiliations include: Past Prior, K.Y.C.H.; Past Sovereign, Red Cross; Past Patron, Eastern Star; Royal Order of Scotland; Honorary 33°, A.A.S.R., S.J.

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Guatemala President Invited

Carlos Arana, President of Guatemala, has received an invitation to attend the December 1 chartering ceremonies in Guatemala City for Guatemala Commandery U.D. President Arana, a Mason, is expected to be present, also the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala and Scottish Rite leaders.

The charter will be officially presented by Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, who presided over the 52nd Triennial Conclave when the charter received the approval of Grand Encampment voters. Sir Knight Bell, with Mrs. Bell, will be accompanied by Grand Recorder and Mrs. Paul C. Rodenhauer for the presentation.



The ceremonies will be open to Masons and their families. Joh M. Vanbeusekom has served as Eminent Commander of the Commandery while under Dispensation. He is in charge of arrangements for the December 1 ceremonies of instituting Guatemala Commandery No. 1 and the related program.

Advisory Committee Meeting

Grand Master Roy W. Riegle has announced a meeting of the Committee Advisory to the Grand Master to be held in Chicago January 26-27, 1973. The Committee consists of all elected Grand Encampment Officers and Past Grand Officers, the Department Commanders and the Chairmen of all Standing Committees, also the Grand Prelate.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Address

With Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell as Executive Director, the address of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., until further notice, continues to be P.O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572.

Presiding "Chair"



Final meeting of Grand Encampment officers before the 52nd Triennial Conclave was on July 27 and 28 in the Grand Encampment office, Chicago. When Deputy Grand Master Riegle walked into the conference room, the chair at the top of the 10 foot table showed only the identification, "Roy."

Drawing the chair from the table, he found "Not Yet!" beneath his name. Sir Knight Bell presided for the July meeting. Nineteen days later, the "Not Yet!" was removed and retiring Grand Master Bell relinquished the presiding officer's chair to Grand Master Riegle.

\$5,000 to Eye Foundation

Mrs. Alma A. Ljungren presented \$5,000 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., during the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota in Eveleth. Mrs. Ljungren's late husband was a Mason.



Left to right, Mrs. Ljungren, Minnesota Eye Foundation Chairman Adolph Kopischke and Sir Knight William Riek, long time friend of Mrs. Ljungren.

Tri-Council Centennial

Concordia No. 1, Jerusalem No. 2 and Hiram No. 5, the only Councils in Maryland still in existence that helped to form the Grand Council of Maryland on May 12, 1874, are sponsoring a banquet and celebration October 27 in Baltimore. Leaders of Maryland York and Scottish Rite bodies are expected to attend. Sir Knight William C. Smith, 725 East 36th Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218, is in charge of reservations.

"The public and particularly men who are potential Masons should be aware of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Crippled Childrens Hospitals, the Burn Institutes, the many Scholarships that are available and the many other Masonic Charities. There is something in Masonry for everyone. We must be able to communicate this to all men if we are to grow as we should."

J. Fred Williamson
Grand Master of Masons in Kansas

WORTH STRIVING FOR

by
Justin O. King, P.C.

Being a regular reader of several Masonic Publications, published in different parts of this great country, and being some what of a student of Masonry, I have been reading with interest many articles relating to what are commonly called the "Higher Degrees" in Masonry. Most of the articles are a criticism of these Degrees.

It is time we realize these criticisms are of no value to the Craft. They are, for the most part, uncalled for. In the writings of Albert G. Mackey there is a statement to the effect that the Masters Degree is a wreck. In some respects, when the Candidate has finished the Symbolic Lodge, it is like beginning an interesting and absorbing story. Then, when he has reached the bottom of the page, he finds the words, "to be continued." He is not finished until he has secured the remaining installments and finished the story.

We all know no real blue-blooded American wants a substitute for anything. I earnestly believe if there were more Master Masons who really knew what they are supposed to know about the first three Degrees of Masonry there would be more Brothers who would not be satisfied until they had reached the Summit in Masonry.

Masonry can be thought of as a large beautiful oak tree; the trunk represents the first three Degrees, commonly called the Blue Lodge, and the many branches represent the Higher Degrees. There is so much in the Blue Lodge that the average man can never grasp it all. It is necessary to have the other Degrees as aisle lights. Through the single lights we see more of the trunk or the main parts of Masonry.

I have no desire or purpose to discredit the Symbolic Lodge; no, not at all, nor am I trying to make it appear that all of

Masonic understanding is in the Higher Degrees and nothing in the first Three. What I wish to convey is that there are many beautiful lessons in the Higher Degrees and they are worth striving to receive.

Sir Knight King's address is: 536 South Elizabeth Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.

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IN HALLOWED MEMORY . . .

Herman E. Fowler

North Dakota

Grand Commander — 1954

Born August 7, 1874

Died July 13, 1973

Charles W. Steele

West Virginia

Grand Commander — 1944

Born May 19, 1880

Died August 4, 1973

Arthur M. Loomis

California

Grand Commander — 1950

Department Commander — 1949-52

Born March 8, 1884

Died August 5, 1973

Walter A. DeLamater

New York

Grand Commander — 1934

Grand Master — 1952-55

Born April 18, 1880

Died August 25, 1973

Harry W. Pride

Colorado

Grand Commander — 1969

Born December 13, 1899

Died September 5, 1973

Luther R. Ault

Tennessee

Grand Commander — 1947

Born March 30, 1892

Died September 13, 1973

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Walter C. Ploeser Class

The October York Rite Festival in St. Louis, Missouri, October 6 and 13, has been named in honor of the former U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay and the present U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica, Sir Knight Walter C. Ploeser, St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, member of the Supreme Council, S.J., and Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Missouri.

A Past Potentate of Moolaw Temple, he was also Grand Master of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, 1952-53.

Gene Autry Day in Oklahoma

Gene Autry, of movie-radio-television fame, a member of the Blue Lodge at Catoosa, Oklahoma, heads a class of York Rite candidates for the Gene Autry State-wide Field Day at Guthrie October 6.

Walter L. Harmon, Stillwater, was named general chairman; Department Commander Clell C. Warriner, secretary-treasurer. Petitions for candidates were distributed by the Committee to each Secretary-Recorder in the state.

The town of Gene Autry in Oklahoma has been named in honor of the veteran western performer, the exemplar of the October 6 class.

Square Dance as Fund Raiser

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation will be the beneficiary of a Square Dance Saturday, November 3, in the Masonic Temple, Franklin, Massachusetts.

The benefit event has been arranged by Milford Commandery No. 11, Milford, Massachusetts. The Commander is Grant Langley.

"Pilgrimage to the Holy Land"

The East Bay York Rite Association, California, will present its eighth annual "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land" October 27 and November 3 in honor of Sir Knight Eggert Rohwer, Past Grand Commander, also Past Grand Master, R. & S.M., of California.

The "pilgrimage" is a York Rite Class which the Association labels "a journey in four dimensions" — the Blue Lodge, the Royal Arch, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery of Knights Templar. Chairman is Clarence E. Dunn, 3218 Farnam Street, Oakland, California 94601. The Degrees and Orders will be conferred at Oakland Masonic Memorial Temple.

Tucson One Day Festival

A one day festival in Tucson, Arizona, April 14 of the current year resulted in the Knighting of 72 Companions.

The second of the year's one day festivals in Tucson is scheduled Saturday, October 13, starting at 8 a.m. in the Masonic Temple. Recorder Marcus L. Cheeseman, Arizona Commandery No. 1, says that "all work will be completed by 9 p.m." Joining in sponsoring the festival are Tucson Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., and Roskrug Council No. 6, R. & S.M.

A \$3.00 per person registration fee covers coffee breaks and meals. The festival slogan: "Make York Rite Masonry Grow and Go in Arizona."

Triennial Conclave Sermon

In a later issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, portions will be featured of the Divine Service message presented Sunday morning, August 12, in Arie Crown Theatre, McCormick Place, Chicago, by Dr. Beryl S. Kinser, Associate Grand Prelate 1970-73.

Loving Cup from Scotland

A commemorative pewter Loving Cup was presented during the Triennial Conclave session to the Grand Encampment by M.E. Knight Ian L. MacKean, Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master of the Great Priory of Scotland.

The miniature cup, on a wooden stand, is displayed in the Grand Encampment office in Chicago. It has been engraved: "From M.E. Knight Ian L. MacKean, Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master of the Great Priory of Scotland to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A."

Award for Gerald G. Sanderson

Sir Knight Gerald G. Sanderson, who served as housing chairman for the 52nd Triennial Conclave in August, was the recipient of an award at the annual meeting of the International Association of Convention Bureaus in San Antonio "for his work in developing and implementing a data processing system for the IACB." It will initially enable the bureaus to use a common numbering system in their files. Sanderson is Executive Vice President-Sales of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau.

Thomas Smith Webb Reception

The new Grand Commander of Massachusetts-Rhode Island, Thomas C. Brown, will be honored with a reception by his home Commandery, Thomas Smith Webb No. 51, Barrington, Rhode Island, Saturday, October 20, at Cranston, Rhode Island.

The 170th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery was convened for sessions September 7-8 at the Masonic Temple, Boston, when Grand Commander Robert M. MacKenzie presided.

Membership Awards

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell presented membership plaques during the Triennial Conclave August 12 to Grand and Subordinate Commanderies showing gains in membership during the 52nd Triennium.

Subordinate Commanderies receiving awards were: St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware; Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii; Tijuana No. 3, Mexico; Hermann von Salza No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany; Heidelberg No. 2, Germany; Bavaria No. 3, Munich, Germany; Tokyo No. 1, Japan; Al Hasa No. 1, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Twelve Grand Commanderies showed gains. They are: Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

A special plaque was awarded to the Grand Commandery of Tennessee for the longest period of consecutive annual membership gains. Tennessee has shown a consistent gain since 1942.

Knightstown Wins Drill Competition

Knightstown Commandery No. 9, Knightstown, Indiana, home Commandery of Deputy Grand Master Willard M. Avery, took first place in Class A drill competition at the 52nd Triennial in Chicago August 11.

Golden West No. 43, Los Angeles, was second followed by Lansing No. 25, Michigan. Dallas No. 6, Texas, was fourth among eight Class A teams.

Palestine No. 33, Springfield, Ohio, took first among the 15 teams in Class B competition. Three Indiana Teams took the remaining honors - Greenfield No. 39, 2nd; Ft. Wayne No. 4, 3rd; Raper No. 1, Indianapolis, 4th.

Noble Lives

There are hearts which never falter
In the battle for the right;
There are ranks which never alter
Watching through the darkest night;
And the agony of sharing
In the fiercest of the strife
Only gives a nobler daring,
Only makes a grander life.

There are those who never weary
Bearing suffering and wrong;
Though the way is long and dreary
It is vocal with their song,
While their spirits in God's furnace,
Bending to His gracious will,
Are fashioned in a purer mold
By His loving, matchless skill.

There are those whose loving mission
'Tis to bind the bleeding heart;
And to teach a calm submission
When the pain and sorrow smart.
They are angels, bearing to us
Love's rich ministry of peace,
While the night is nearing to us
When Life's bitter trials cease.

There are those who battle slander,
Envy, jealousy and hate;
Who would rather die than pander
To the passions of earth's great;
No earthly power can ever crush them,
They dread not the tyrant's frown;
Fear nor favor cannot hush them,
Nothing bind their spirits down.

These, these alone are truly great;
These are the conquerors of fate;
These truly live, they never die;
But, clothed with immortality,
When they lay their armor down
Shall enter and receive the crown.

Poem recited following Installation Ceremonies, 52nd Triennial Conclave, Chicago, August 16, by the R.E. Grand Prelate, the Rev. Basil L. Johnson, Dodge City, Kansas.

"Rebuilding Faith"

The Rev. Fred M. Eister, 1972-73 Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, preached extemporaneously on the subject of "Rebuilding Faith" at the Divine Service of the 120th Annual Conclave of Pennsylvania in May.

The message was taped. Because of the requests for copies, Sir Knight Eister and Dieu Le Veut Commandery No. 45, Wilkes-Barre, transcribed and reproduced the sermon in leaflet form. It is now available as a Dieu Le Veut Commandery Knights Templar Eye Foundation fund raising project.

Commandery officers announced that copies at \$1.00 each are available from The Rev. Fred M. Eister, 376 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, Pennsylvania 18644.

Evanston Honors Grand Commander

Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois, will honor the newly installed Grand Commander of Illinois, Sir Knight John E. Cook, with a dinner and reception October 13 at Arlington Towers, Arlington Heights. Grand Commander Cook is a Past Commander of Evanston No. 58.

"Ladies at Inspections"

R. S. Sagar, K.Y.C.H., Supplement Editor for Georgia, announces that "Guidelines for Open Inspections" have been compiled for the Georgia York Rite Historical and Educational Commission and published by "The Office of the Grand Recorder," 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia 31201. Sir Knight Sagar, who handled the compiling, says "copies are available upon request" for any jurisdictions which hold Inspections and might be interested in suggestions.

SUITE NOTE: New Suite Number for the Grand Encampment Office in Chicago is No. 1700. No other change. Still at 14 East Jackson Boulevard - 60604.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

by Warren Deck
P.G.C., New York

Sixty years ago Theodore Roosevelt wrote in the foreword to his autobiography: "Practical efficiency is common, and lofty idealism is not uncommon; it is the combination which is necessary, and the combination is rare."

Although his life was one of the most crowded and varied on record, his deeds alone do not explain the hold he possessed over the imaginations of men from the turn of the century until his death in 1919. He himself was greater than anything he did.

He was frail, yet he made himself a tower of strength. He was timid, yet he made himself a lion of courage. He was a dreamer, yet he became one of the great doers of all time.

The most extraordinary thing about Roosevelt's variegated, controversial personality was his choice of career. In 1883, wealthy young men of old families simply did not choose politics as their life work. Of this, he says in his autobiography: "It happened that I had been left enough money by my father not to make it necessary for me to think solely of earning bread for me and my family. I had enough to get bread. While I had to earn money I could afford to make earning money the secondary instead of the primary object of my career."

Born in Manhattan in 1858, the young Theodore Roosevelt, because of his frail health and attacks of asthma, never attended a public school. Most of the time he had tutors.

His second trip to Europe, when he

was fourteen, included visits to Egypt, the Holy Land, Syria and Greece. The summer was spent with a German family in Dresden.

As a small boy, Roosevelt became interested in natural history and particularly in bird life. During his trip he obtained a collection of birds in Egypt and Palestine which he later gave to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington and the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

After his return to New York, he began seriously to study for admission to Harvard which he entered in 1876. He describes himself at Harvard as a "reasonably good student," earning a Phi Beta Kappa key and starting a book which was published after his graduation under the title, *Naval War of 1812*. This won lasting recognition as one of the best works on the subject.

Following his graduation from Harvard, he married Miss Alice Hathaway Lee of Massachusetts. Four years later, she died on the same day as Roosevelt's mother, after having given birth to a daughter, the Princess Alice of White House days who has survived to see the tenth successor to her father as President.

Roosevelt's first political success was his election in 1882 as Assemblyman, the youngest member of the New York State Legislature. Summarizing his three years in the Legislature, he said: "I worked on a very simple philosophy of government . . . that personal character and initiative are the prime requisites of political and social life . . . but it was defective in that it did not →→→

sufficiently allow for the need of collective action.”

In the ensuing years he encountered such causes as replacing the spoils system with a civil service based on merit, non-political and honest police, building and strengthening the Navy, enforcement of anti-trust legislation and conservation of natural resources. He learned to work with practical efficiency with legislators and public officials when he could obtain their cooperation, but he also became proficient at securing collective action from legislative bodies by enlisting public support for his causes.

He ran as the reform candidate for Mayor of New York City in 1886 and was defeated. From 1889 to 1895, Roosevelt served as United States Civil Service Commissioner under Presidents Harrison (Republican) and Grover Cleveland (Democrat). From 1895 to 1897 he was president of the Police Commission of the City of New York and from 1897 to 1898 he was Assistant Secretary of the Navy. In his Navy post, he urged intervention in Cuba and labored zealously to get the Navy ready.

In May 1898, he resigned his Navy post to raise volunteers for Cuba. He was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the First United States Volunteer Cavalry which was ready for combat after only six weeks intensive training in Texas. It achieved a lasting place in history as the Rough Riders, remembered for their daring charge which Roosevelt led up San Juan Hill.

In 1898 Roosevelt was elected Governor of New York. In 1900 he was nominated for Vice President on the Republican ticket headed by William McKinley. New York's Republican boss wanted him out of the way, a position which Roosevelt described as “innocuous desuetude.” From his years in the West and from his popularity as a Spanish-American war hero, he was widely known and his nomination was greeted with spontaneous enthusiasm.

An assassin's bullet ordained that he was not to be shelved and, in September 1901, after only six months as Vice President, he became the twenty-sixth, and youngest, President of the United States.

He supported trust legislation, carrying out McKinley's policies as he had promised to do, but there were no guidelines for settling the 1902 coal strike, for recognizing the Republic of Panama when it seceded from Colombia, for settling the Alaskan boundary dispute with Great Britain or for enforcing the Monroe Doctrine by warning off Germany and Great Britain and Venezuela.

In 1904, Roosevelt was elected President in his own right over Brother Alton B. Parker. Roosevelt's plurality was the largest any candidate had ever received. Achievements of this term were: the Hepburn Act for the regulation of railroad rates, the Food and Drug Act, important services to conservation, his negotiation of an end to the Russo-Japanese War and his demonstration of American naval power by sending the United States Navy around the world in 1907. The last he considered a service to peace in that wielding the Big Stick would serve as a deterrent to those who had not recognized that, under Roosevelt's dynamic Leadership, the United States had at least assumed its place as a great nation.

Despite an insistent clamor for him to accept the nomination for another term, Roosevelt instead threw his support to Brother William Howard Taft who had served as Secretary of War in the Roosevelt cabinet.

By 1910 Roosevelt found that many of his progressive policies were being shelved under the stand-pat policies of President Taft. This led to an open break between the President and his predecessor and to a fight for the Republican nomination in the 1912 convention. Taft, as an incumbent, controlled → → →

the party machinery and the Roosevelt delegates were not seated. The Progressive party was formed, naming Roosevelt for President and Sir Knight Hiram Johnson for Vice President. With Republican support split between Taft and Roosevelt, the election went to a minority, President Woodrow Wilson. Until his death in 1919, Roosevelt fought Wilson's policies, particularly the failure to strengthen the country as it became more and more evident that the United States would be drawn into the first World War.

In 1909, he led a combined hunting and scientific expedition to Africa, bringing back the largest and most carefully chosen array of African fauna ever collected. In March 1910, at the conclusion of the expedition, he toured Europe. In Christiania he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize for his services in ending the Russo-Japanese War. At Oxford he delivered the Romanes lecture and in London represented the United States at the funeral of King Edward VII.

In 1913 Roosevelt headed a joint United States-Brazilian expedition to explore the upper reaches of the Amazon. Although stricken by fever he steadfastly refused to turn back unless the expedition would go on without him. The exploration of thousands of miles of back country was finally completed. In recognition of his contribution Brazil named the river he discovered and explored Rio Teodoro.

If Theodore Roosevelt had never entered politics, he could have achieved lasting fame as a writer. This career, started while he was still a student at Harvard, includes 31 titles on far-reaching subjects, e.g., *The Winning of the West*, *Life of Thomas Hart Benton*, *History of New York*, *The Rough Riders*, *Life and History of African Game Animals*, *Through the Brazilian Wilderness*, *Theodore Roosevelt*, *An Autobiography*, *National Strength and International Duty* and *Conservation of Womanhood and Childhood*. Many of these volumes are accepted as classics in their fields.

Theodore Roosevelt was above everything else a devoted family man. On their return from London, following his marriage to Miss Edith Kermit Carow, in 1886 they took up their residence in Sagamore Hill at Oyster Bay, New York. Their five children were: Theodore Jr., Kermit, Ethel (Mrs. Richard Derby), Archie and Quentin. He was charming to children in general, and he would never break an engagement with his own children or others, even when he had to drag himself away from official business to keep it.

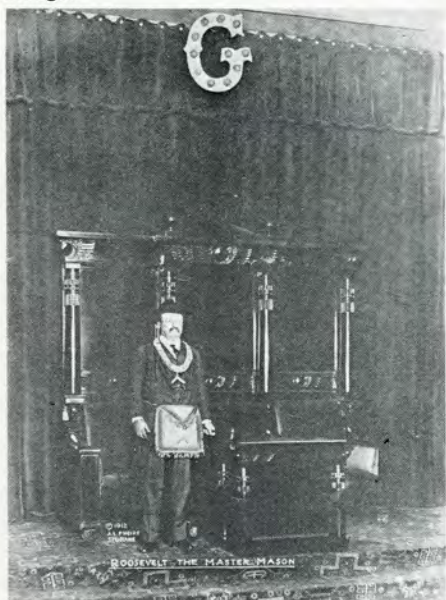
Roosevelt as a Masonic President, unlike a few of his distinguished predecessors and successors, confined his active Masonic membership to his home Lodge and held no Masonic office.

He was Initiated at Matinecock Lodge 806, Oyster Bay, on January 2, 1901, at the age of 42, just after his election as Vice President. The Lodge room and approaches were crowded to suffocation with nearly 400 in the building and about 800 outside unable to enter. He was Raised on April 24, 1901, after passing a perfect examination in open Lodge. An overflow crowd again attended.

Scarcely had he become a Master Mason when he engaged in speaking on Freemasonry. One of his first appearances was at the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at their observance of the 150th Anniversary of George Washington's initiation November 1902.

As he traveled the country he paused to break ground or lay cornerstones for Masonic Temples. One occasion was the breaking of ground for the Masonic Temple in Spokane, Washington, on May 22, 1903. During a subsequent visit to Spokane on July 12, 1912, he addressed a crowd from the portico of the Temple. Arrangements had been made to take a picture of Roosevelt in the Lodge room. Being a showman, he donned the regalia of the Master of Spokane Lodge 34 and posed for the photo. →→→

Roosevelt never served as a Master of his Lodge.



During his travels abroad he made Masonic contacts in Africa, the Azores, South American and Trinidad.

Upon returning to Oyster Bay he enjoyed attending his home Lodge where his gardener was Master for three years. John J. Leary, in his *Talks with T.R.*, reports Roosevelt as saying, "... I am a member of the local Lodge of Masons. You also know, brother, I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men in all walks of life to meet on common ground, where for the time all men are equal and have one common interest."

At the laying of the cornerstone for the Masonic Temple in Washington D.C., he said, "I ask of each Mason . . . that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen . . . the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is . . . to make that body . . . an instrument for the upbuilding, and

uplifting, the ennobling of the great nation to which we all belong."

For the past 26 years, on Sunday near the end of April, an annual pilgrimage has been held at Matinecock Lodge in Oyster Bay sponsored by the Associated Masonic Clubs of the State of New York. After the service, the procession goes to Roosevelt's grave in Young's Memorial Cemetery. Escort is provided by Nassau Commandery No. 73, Hempstead.

Sir Knight Deck resides at 511 Sanders Avenue, Scotia, New York 12302.

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Three Templars



The Templars pictured above are all members of Allegheny Commandery No. 35, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Left is Norman H. Pract, P.C., District Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R.A.M. In the center is P.C. Earl A. Zimmer, Division Commander, Grand Commandery. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., P.C., on the right, is District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

“When planning for a year — sow corn
 When planning for a decade — plant trees
 When planning for life — train and educate men.”

From the Kuan-tzu
 3rd Century B.C.

MASONIC COLLECTORS ITEM AVAILABLE

The dedication of the W. Clement Stone Pavilion October 20 will be a milestone in the growth of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago. The Pavilion substantially enlarges the Center's capacity to provide ambulatory care and its "walk in, walk out" services will make the Medical Center — the largest Fraternal Hospital in the world — available to hundreds of additional patients daily. All Templars and their families are invited to the ceremonies October 20 starting at 11 a.m.

To commemorate the dedication, the Board of Trustees has had a medal designed and struck in bronze, silver and platinum. The silver and platinum medals are obtainable in a limited edition, serially numbered, and all will be made available exclusively to donors to the Illinois Masonic Medical Center Endowment Trust Fund in the amounts specified on the donation and order form. Sir Knight Warren N. Barr, Sr., President, Board of Trustees, says: "It's a unique opportunity to obtain a collector's item and support an outstanding example of Masonry in action."



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Philadelphia Masonic Temple Medallion

A medallion has been struck by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, observed Saturday and Sunday, September 15-16.

The obverse of the medallion has a replica of the Masonic Temple and the dates, 1873-1973. On the reverse is a reproduction of the Seal of the R.W. Grand Master, "circled by the Grand Master's name and years of service."

It is in jeweler's bronze, the size of a silver dollar, enclosed in a plastic case. The cost, if mailed, is \$1.25 including tax and postage. Checks can be made payable to the Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Quantity is limited.

Eye Foundation Check

The Combined Commanderies of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., area have presented a check for \$80 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The check represents the offering received at the First Annual Ascension Day Service for the Commanderies held in the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia. The seven Commanderies covering three Grand Commanderies, are Washington No. 1, Columbia No. 2 and Potomac No. 3 from the District of Columbia; St. Elmo No. 12 and York No. 16 from Maryland and Old Dominion No. 11 and Arlington No. 29 of Virginia.

Slight Correction

Although correctly listed as Chairman of the Committee on Membership of the Grand Encampment in General Order No. 1, a listing under "Committee Advisory to the Grand Master" turns N. Donald Bell into Donald F. Bell. For the records, the listing — in each case — should be N. Donald Bell, P.O. Box 25, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

COLONEL SAMUEL COLT

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

The 13th and last Triennial Conclave of the *General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the U.S.A.* met at Hartford, Connecticut, September 9-15, 1854, concurrently with the 16th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Twenty-two states were represented by delegates from state grand encampments and subordinate encampments. The Grand Master was William B. Hubbard of Ohio, who served a record 12 years; the Grand Recorder was Benjamin B. French of Washington, D.C. Among the great array of organizers, promoters and ritualists present were such notable Sir Knights as Charles W. Moore of Boston, writer and magazine editor; Albert G. Mackey of South Carolina, historian and expert on Masonic jurisprudence; Rob Morris of Kentucky, the Poet Laureate of Masonry; Theodore A. Parvin, a stalwart from Iowa; Charles Gilman of Baltimore and California; Rev. Salem Town of New York, a venerable if there ever was one; Albert Pike, later Sovereign Grand Commander of A.A.S.R., S.J., and many lesser lights.

Weighty matters of business and legislation were on the agenda; nomenclature of the general, state and local encampments was changed to the present day usage; uniform clothing and accessories were specified for the first time; the ritual was to be standardized; etc.

The lighter side of a national Masonic convention was not neglected, but appears to have been somewhat more sedate than those of the present. The local daily paper was put in the hands of all the delegates and carried news complimentary to the visitors and to

Masonry. Invitations were tendered and accepted to visit the local militia regiment, then in camp for muster, public institutions of the city, the prostrate Charter Oak and Colonel Samuel Colt's armory or gun factory.

Colonel Colt was not in town; he was in Europe looking up new business and recruiting skilled mechanics. He had set up an assembly line for production in mass of his patent revolving breech fire arms; the components were standardized, and each finished weapon bore a serial number to facilitate repair and servicing. Colt obtained contracts in Russia, Turkey, France and Great Britain, and opened a branch factory in England.



The conspicuous onion-shaped dome on the original Colt Armory, painted a heavenly blue and still standing, was reminiscent of the remunerative contracts the Yankee inventor made with the Czar.

The Russians, with typical disdain for anything dangerous to play with, were soon toying with the revolver and invented the potentially suicidal Russian roulette.

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Samuel Colt was born at Hartford in 1814 and at an early age was taken with the family to Ware, Massachusetts. Here, as a roving apprentice in a bleachery and dye plant, he first burned his fingers with experimental chemical combinations. He was rusticated to an uncle's farm for a year and then sent to Amherst Academy. There he began making fire-works and in the course of his random experiments caused an unexpected explosion, which blew up a storm and subsided with his expulsion.

At the age of sixteen he found himself a reluctant apprentice seaman on his way to Calcutta. A year at sea was enough of sailing but, in his time off watch, he had whittled himself into fame and fortune by carving out a wooden model of a revolving cylinder pistol with his pocket knife.

Back at Ware he began more cautious trials in the laboratory, and then took to the road as an itinerant lecturer and demonstrator of the entertaining effects of laughing-gas. Across the country in a horse drawn wagon, down the Mississippi by river boat, "Doctor" Colt traveled, sometimes in company, sometimes in competition with mountbanks, shell game artists and revival preachers. He found paying audiences and willing victims enough to accumulate sufficient money to have his first revolving weapons made as working pieces, both pistol and rifle. They were tried out in the War against the Seminoles and in the Texan War of Independence.

Initial success was soon followed by a patent dispute, failure of the original company at Paterson, New Jersey, and loss or impairment of his claim to certain essential mechanical principles he had adapted. Against odds he kept improving weapons, ammunition and manufacturing methods, and was encouraged and rewarded by a government order for 2,000 of his novelty for use in the Mexican War. He established his factory at Hartford in 1848. His interest in

explosives had led him to experiment with a submarine torpedo and underwater telegraphic cables, neither fully developed.

Colonel Colt, as he was called, never had any active military service. In April 1861 he offered to raise a regiment of marksmen to be armed with his patent revolving breech loading rifles. He was commissioned and recruiting began, but after a dispute across over how the officers were to be named, among other differences, he relinquished his appointment and the recruits formed a cadre for the 5th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry in the Union army. His organizing ability was not wasted in his expanding shop, for during the Civil War there were 387,017 revolvers, 6,693 rifles and 113,980 muskets produced, totaling more than a half million items.

He belonged to many business, social and fraternal groups but he valued his Masonic connections above them all. He was a member of St. John's Lodge in Hartford, as his father had been before him, Pythagoras Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Washington Commandery of Knights Templar.

The skilled mechanics he brought over from Germany to augment the force of Yankee workmen shared liberal employee benefits, enjoyed a minimum wage, had good housing facilities and their own social center and recreational facilities. They also provided most of the musicians for the original Colt's Band. It's first appearance in public was on the day after the Charter Oak fell during an August hurricane, just a few weeks before the Grand Encampment came to town. The band marched over from the factory at high twelve, played the "Dead March," "Home Sweet Home" and "Hail Columbia," then marched back to be at the bench with no loss of working time. The program was thus explained - the dirge was for the fallen guardian of Connecticut's charter of self government; "Home Sweet Home" was a → → →

nostalgic reminder of the old country; the final patriotic air a tribute to the land where they had found more freedom, and where they were making a good living.

The visiting Masons were taken down to view the fallen monarch of the forest in a fleet of carriages and invited to visit the nearby Wyllys mansion. A piece of the Charter Oak was presented to the Grand Encampment, and from that a patriarchal cross and fashioned to be passed along by the Grand Master to his successor.

In January 1862 the band turned out again, this time with black armbands, their drums muffled and their banner hung with crape. They moved at slow step ahead of 1500 "armourers" who marched in the funeral procession of their employer, benefactor and friend. In the prime of life, blest with real affluence, with business literally booming, with Civil War contracts bulging the factory, Sam Colt was suddenly called to report to the Supreme Commander in the Celestial Asylum. While he did not live to become a millionaire and distributed his benefices, there was no stint to the generosity with which his family and business associates gave in his name and to his memory.

No matter whether it is the peace-maker or the widow-maker, a trouble maker or an automatic, the word Colt came to mean a multiple shot hand weapon and is so understood in almost every language. Samuel Colt left behind a name and fame that will endure as long as men resort to arms.

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U.S. MAIL

A Supplement Editor suggests the U.S. Postal system be redubbed "U.S. Snail." Without editorializing on that comment, the *Knight Templar Magazine* does recommend that it's a good idea to estimate the number of days a letter or package will require, then multiply by two. This applies especially to Grand Recorders relaying Update Reports due in Chicago before the 5th of each month. Some deliveries range from the 6th to the 16th — delaying updating of names and addresses by one full month.

As Man Should Live

I shall not slave for monetary wealth,
With lofty halls and servants for myself,
Nor grandeur in society and pride
That locks my common weaknesses inside.
I shall not hoard my talents, but will give;
Try to earn eternity and live.
Yes, live beyond this world of care and strife,
For I believe in everlasting life.

I'm sure each living creature on this earth,
Was put here for a purpose by its birth,
And I shall always do the best I can,
To be a brother to my fellow man.
We're all God's children, (this we can't deny)
And everyone must have his chance to vie
For all he can accomplish by his deed,
Regardless of his color, race or creed.

I shall not close my eyes to human need,
Nor tolerance and compassion, for indeed;
I know that oft we disregard the shoal,
While searching for the gems within life's lease
And try to make believe we search for peace.
But peace is not material in its art,
It emanates its beauty from the heart.

There isn't time to waste in our life's span,
And I shall always do the best I can
To give some help to those less blest than I;
Regardless of their downfall, I must try
To give some help, some deed, and with a smile,
To make a downcast soul know life's worthwhile;
For in this world we must not be afraid
To help another mortal up the grade.

Someone must profit by each day I live,
And I must always do my best to give
Some of the blessings heaven gave to me,
To someone burdened by life's heavy sea;
I'll try to share his griefs, his care, his woe
By simply praying for him 'cause I know
That it will be a victory for me,
To live as God created me to be.

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To Each His Own

Although it is assumed every Templar knows that the *Knight Templar Magazine* is mailed automatically to each member on record, the Supplement Editor for Kansas, Gerald R. Butcher, reminds us that there may be exceptions and that, even after more than three-and-a-half years of every-member mailing, the distribution by virtue of membership may not be known to all readers.

Sir Knight Butcher's point could be appropos. It is a human trait to overlook the need for occasional repetition of information -- whether it be magazine mailings or how to respond to your partner's opening bid at bridge.

Therefore, as a reminder: the *Knight Templar Magazine* is mailed monthly to each Knight Templar in good standing if his name and address are correctly listed by his Recorder with the office of the Grand Recorder in Chicago. There is no subscription cost for such members.

If you as a reader know of a Templar in good standing who is not receiving the *Knight Templar Magazine*, we suggest that you -- or he -- get in touch with his Recorder to be sure his name has been relayed to the Grand Encampment office for the membership and mailing files.

Each Templar should be receiving his own copy of the *Knight Templar Magazine* every month -- thanks to the cooperative and efficient assistance of the some 1,600 Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Recorders who see that this office receives monthly reports on Knightings, Affiliations, address changes and other pertinent membership information.

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Masonic Brotherhood in Action

During the Revolutionary War the British and American troops are recorded as having exchanged Masonic courtesies several times. One such incident involved Brother George Washington. The troops under General Washington had the British in retreat when it was discovered the British had left the emblems of their Lodge and a copy of their Constitution behind. General Washington returned the items to the British with an escort and a guard of honor.

No Work Laid Out?

Oh worldwide ancient craft
Whose birth is lost in time,
Teach us to know thy draft:
Thy wondrous plan divine.

Ne'er yield to fate foresworn;
Nor loss of Will to Do.
Ne'er lean to modes outworn;
Nor search for codes untrue.

Thy creed, an ancient vow:
That men for purpose live
To build, to dream, to plow,
Where soil and seed will give.

The trowel, the scale, the square.
The cornerstone in place.
The temple tower so rare,
On trestleboard to trace.
The builder's art supreme
In modern day's decay,
Must now, a world redeem,
With hands, and brick, and clay.

Gilbert H. Hill

Lafayette at Bunker Hill

General Lafayette returned to America to attend the cornerstone laying ceremonies at the Bunker Hill Monument June 17, 1825, 50 years after the historic battle was fought.

Historiographer James R. Case wrote in the February 1973 issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*: "In the mammoth military, civic and Masonic procession an estimated 5,000 Masons marched. There were only a few hundred Knights Templar in all New England but each of the six states had one or more Commanderies and delegates were there from all."

One of those Masons was Sir Knight Edwin W. Archer's grandfather. "He participated in the Masonic parade held in Charlestown in connection with the laying of the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument." A silk hat band worn by Sir Knight Archer's grandfather with the wording "Welcome Lafayette, June 17, 1825" has been given to the Charlestown Historical Society.

Archer is a 52 year member of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34, formerly of Charlestown and now of Medford, Massachusetts.

DO YOU REMEMBER ME

Hello! Remember me?

Some call me Old Glory, others call me the Stars and Stripes.

I have also been referred to as the Star Spangled Banner.

But, whatever they call me, I am your flag — the flag of the United States of America.

There is something that has been bothering me, so I thought that I might talk it over with you today.

I remember some time ago (I think it was a Memorial Day, or was it Veteran's Day?) that people were lined up on both sides of the street to watch a parade.

A High School band was behind me — naturally, I was leading the parade.

When your daddy saw me coming along waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart.

And you — I remember you.

Standing there as straight as a soldier, you didn't have any hat, but you were giving the right salute.

Remember, they taught you in school to place your hand over your heart —

And little sister, not to be outdone, was saluting the same as you.

There were some soldiers home on leave and they were standing at attention giving the military salute.

Oh, I was very proud as I came down your street that day.

Now, I may sound as if I am a little conceited. Well, I am.

I have a right to be, because I represent you, the people of the United States of America.

But, what has happened?

I'm still the same old flag,

Oh, I have a couple more stars added since you were a boy.

A lot more stars added since the beginning of this country, and a lot more blood has been shed since that patriotic day so long ago.

But now, I don't feel as proud as I used to.

When I come down your street, some people just stand there with their hand in their pocket and give me a small glance and then look away.

I see children running around and shouting.

They don't seem to know who I am.

Is it a sin to be patriotic any more?

Have some people forgotten what I stand for?

Have they forgotten all the battle fields where men have fought and died to keep this nation free?

When you salute, me, you are actually saluting them.

Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls some time.

Look at the names of those who never came back.

Some of them were friends or relatives of yours.

That's whom you are saluting. Not me.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again.

So, when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart and you'll see me waving back — that's my salute to you.

And then I'll know that you remember who I am.



52nd TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE LEGISLATION

The following information covers Sections of the 1967 edition of the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes, the edition currently in use, which were amended by action of the voting Sir Knights at the 52nd Triennial Conclave sessions, August 13-16, in Chicago. Legislation, unless a deferred or retroactive date is specified, is always in effect the date the balloting for approval takes place.

The second paragraph for Section 18½ was amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of this project, and in accordance with Section 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, an annual assessment of One Dollar (\$1.00) per member each year, except —

- (a) Members whose dues have been remitted because of their inability to pay the same;
- (b) Members who have purchased Life Sponsorship Certificates; and
- (c) Members who are Patrons or Associate Patrons of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The above applies to Knights Templar Eye Foundation assessments. The third classification of exemption from assessment now covers Templars who are or who become Patrons or Associate Patrons.

Another proposal to add a new paragraph to Section 18½ was also adopted:

Exemption to the annual assessment for a Knight Templar holding a Life Sponsorship shall not apply in more than one Commandery. If a Life Sponsor becomes a dual member, he assumes assessment responsibility in the second Commandery. A Life Sponsor demitting from one Commandery and affiliating with another, carries his exemption status with him and the Commandery with which he affiliates then credits his exemption on its roll. The Commandery from which he demits then removes his exemption status from its reports.

The intent and wording were intended to eliminate confusion caused by attempting to credit Life Sponsorship exemption in a second Commandery for a dual member. The additional paragraph

makes financial responsibilities the same in each Commandery — the original and the dual. Life Sponsorships cannot be transferred except by demit and affiliation.

Proposed and approved by the voters was an additional paragraph for Section 43 of the Constitution:

Any Grand Commandery may by its Laws provide that the offices of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder may be consolidated into the one office of Grand Recorder and when so combined the Grand Recorder shall assume and perform the duties of the Grand Treasurer.

A companion resolution provides a paragraph be added to the end of Section 64:

Any Commandery may, by its By-Laws, provide that the offices of its Treasurer and Recorder may be consolidated into the one office of Recorder and when so combined the Recorder shall assume and perform the duties of the Treasurer, as set forth in Section 73.

In connection with the Grand Commandery change, the proposers, with the voters' concurrence, directed that Sections 51 and 52 "and such other Sections as pertain to this matter" be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Encampment for rewriting.

A new Section 101 was proposed and adopted:

The Committee on Religious Activities shall consist of three members, and the → → →

Grand Prelate, ex-officio, to be appointed at each Triennial Conclave by the newly elected Grand Master and to serve until the close of the next Triennial Conclave. It shall each year prepare and cause to be submitted to all Grand and Subordinate Commanderies a suitable Toast to the Grand Master, with a Response of the Grand Master thereto, to be given on Christmas Day or at some convenient hour on or near the birthday of Christ. It shall initiate and give active leadership throughout our Christian Order to programs that will place proper emphasis upon our individual Christian responsibilities, as well as to the religious obligations of Templary.

A proposal to amend Section 206 of the Statutes was approved by the voting Sir Knights:

Eliminate the present final sentence of Section 206 — "If it be only a majority ballot, he is restored to good standing, but not to membership" — so that the full Section will then read: "When a Knight Templar has been suspended or expelled for unknighthly conduct, he may be restored to membership on petition if the ballot is unanimous."

Also granted was Grand Encampment permission — with the recognized consent and authority of the respective Grand Chapters and Grand Councils, Sovereign state bodies, whether or not associated with the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council — to utilize "The Word," a synoptic dramatization of the York Rite ritual, as an optional form for York Rite Festivals and/or similar conferral events for York Rite classes of candidates.

The annual per capital for Grand Commanderies for the 1973-76 period was established at \$1.50; for Subordinate Commanderies, \$2.50, effective with the Grand Encampment year ending June 30, 1974.

Several ritualistic changes were adopted by the voters. These will be incorporated in the revised Rituals to be printed within several months. Adhesive sticker corrections or a gummed Addenda for insertion at the end of the earlier Rituals will also be distributed by January 1,

1974, by the Grand Recorder.

The amendments to the Constitution and Statutes will be compiled on a one or two page Addenda for addition to the present copies.

The recommendation of the presiding Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell, to form a committee to revise and "purify" the 1967 edition was adopted. Grand Master Riegler will appoint a committee to achieve that purpose during the Triennium.

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Additional Voluntary Campaign Plaques

Commanderies receiving plaques for fund raising activities during the 5th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., were recognized in the June 1973 issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. Additional plaques have been awarded also to: Pikes Peak No. 6, Colorado Springs, Colorado; St. Elmo No. 9, Meriden, Connecticut; Patton No. 69, Mt. Vernon, Illinois; Indivisible Friends No. 1, New Orleans, Louisiana; Lahonton No. 7, Fallon, Nevada; Melita-Coeur de Lion No. 17, Scranton, Pennsylvania; Trinity No. 58, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

Age is a quality of mind —
If you have left your dreams behind,

If you no longer look ahead,
If your ambitions are all dead —

If love is cold
Then you are old.

But if from life you take the best,
And if in life you keep the jest,
If love you hold —

No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly,
You are not old.

MASONS OF DESTINY

In October 1781, the Revolutionary War was six years old. Washington's troops were tired and ill. Cornwallis had retired to Yorktown, Virginia, to regroup. In January he had been defeated by General Greene at Cowpens but had turned around and defeated Greene at Guilford Court House in March. Still, the harassments of the Greene troops caused Cornwallis to pull back.

Cornwallis waited in vain for more troops for the American and French armies had stopped the British in Hampton Roads. Lafayette, De Grasse and Rochambeau joined Washington at Yorktown and the siege began on October 6. British troops numbered 6,000 while the American Army, bolstered by French troops, numbered 16,646. On October 19 Cornwallis surrendered and the Revolutionary War was over.

It is said Washington and Lafayette visited a Masonic Lodge that evening; this has been disputed by researchers. History does not record what Cornwallis did. However, Cornwallis was also a Mason.

Baron Johann de Kalb, a German serving in the French army, came to America on a confidential mission in 1768. In 1777 he was commissioned a Major General in the American forces. Near Camden, South Carolina, on August 16, 1780, he was mortally wounded and taken prisoner by the British. He died August 19 and was buried with the grand honors of Masonry by his adversary, the British General, Lord Cornwallis.

After the Revolutionary War Cornwallis served first in India, then in Ireland. He resigned his post in Ireland when George III refused to grant the Catholics emancipation. Lord Cornwallis was then sent to India. He died in 1805.

