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**NOVEMBER:** The Grand Commandery of Connecticut received First Award honors at the 52nd Triennial Conclave Banquet in Chicago. Retiring Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell made the presentation to the widow of Sir Knight John W. Colody, longtime Voluntary Campaign Chairman and, at the time of his death, March 30 of this year, Grand Captain General of his Grand Commandery. Shown with Mrs. Colody on the cover photograph is Connecticut Grand Commander Reuben E. Curran.

Grand Master Roy W. Riegle has established the 6th Voluntary Campaign (December 1, 1973-April 30, 1974) as a memorial for the late M.E. Grand Master, Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director from the organization of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation until August 16, 1973, when Sir Knight Bell, whom he had recommended as his successor, was elected.

Paul C. Rodenhauser, Editor

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## LEADERS OF OUR CHRISTIAN INSTITUTION

Twenty seven years ago I was privileged to be installed Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas. It was an experience I shall never forget, an honor remembered with a combination of pride and humility. I recall keenly the sudden realization that my fellow Kansas Knights, by conferring upon me the highest position in their gift to bestow, had charged me with duties and responsibilities of great importance to our Order.



The memory gives me a feeling of true kinship with those present leaders of our Grand Commanderies, chosen by their fratres to discharge the duties of office with fidelity, to support and maintain the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations of their Grand Commanderies.

I extend them personal and official tribute. To them I express this Charge:

Be faithful and considerate to those you lead; be firm and just in governing. You are a designated representative of the Grand Encampment and every act reflects credit or discredit upon our sovereign body of Christian Masonry as well as your Grand Commandery. Bear in mind that your fellow officers deserve your confidence, an opportunity to share in your plans, to assist in preserving a continuity of program that assures continued Templar progress. Your official family is a team. Working together, conferring, consulting, creating a unified program structure will guarantee your Commandery a harmonious and productive future. Exert every effort that this valiant and magnanimous Order shall forever flourish.

In the familiar words of installation, I remind each Grand Commander that the rays of light on his jewel of office "are symbols that suggest to you the humility, love and pure benevolence that emanate like rays from the religion of the blessed Emanuel, and which should ever characterize the members of this Christian Order."

*Roy W. Riegle*



# The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ What is a York Rite Mason?

Recently, because of the *Knight Templar*, I had the pleasure of receiving, and realized the privilege of attaching decals upon my vehicle. They read: "I am proud to be a York Rite Mason." Since then, the questions have been: "I have heard of a Mason. But, just what is a York Rite Mason?"

Are we guilty of failure in giving sufficient publicity relative to our charitable actions, donations and purposes?

We as York Rite Masons try to walk on the path in the light of God, reflecting his warmth, with guidance, and help to our fellowman. But...

Are we hiding our light under a bushel? (Matthew 5:15-16)

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□ I collect all postal cards related to the Masonic Order. In my collection I have 547 different Masonic Temples pictured on postal cards, with every state except Alaska represented.

I would appreciate hearing from other Masonic postal card collectors for the purpose of trading or buying Masonic postal cards.

If any Sir Knight would care to mail me a picture postal card of his Temple the favor would be appreciated.

CHARLES PATTISON  
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□ How many living Masons, now over 70 years of age, can claim membership in the same Lodge of which their great-great grandfather was a member and in the same Commandery of which their grandfather was a member?

It would be interesting to know!

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□ I did enjoy James R. Case's article on Lafayette in an earlier issue. The following is from the "Brief Annals of Nashville from its Foundation to 1875," prepared by Anson Nelson, Recording Secretary of the Tennessee Historical Society.

"General LaFayette, son and suite, arrived here on the 4th of May, 1825, and were received with the greatest demonstration of joy. An immense procession was formed, the streets were decorated with arches of evergreens, and patriotic mottoes were inscribed upon them. Gen. Jackson and a number of citizens received him, and Gov. Carroll addressed him in behalf of the State, tendering him a welcome to Tennessee. The procession, with the military, escorted him into the city, where Robert B. Currey, Esq., the Mayor, addressed him in behalf of the city, and tendered him its freedom and hospitality. The joy of the people knew no bounds, and Gen. LaFayette ever spoke of his reception at Nashville as one of the most pleasant events of his life. He was taken to the residence of Dr. Boyd McNairy, who threw open his doors to the distinguished visitor and his suite. The next day the General went to the Masonic Hall, where he received the ladies of Nashville in that polite and cordial manner for which he was remarkable. A public dinner was given him at the Nashville Inn, at which Gen. Jackson acted as President, assisted by George W. Campbell, Henry M. Rutledge, John Somerville, and Felix Grundy, as Vice Presidents. Our old friend Timothy DeMonbreun was at this dinner, and was toasted by Col. Andrew Hynes, as the patriarch of Tennessee, and the first white man that settled in the country. Gen. LaFayette visited the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Masonic fraternity generally, and was welcomed by Wilkins Tannehill, Esq., as a friend and a brother. A collation was furnished on the occasion, and all hands had a good time generally. Before his departure, the General called on Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Littlefield (the daughter of his old companion and friend, Gen. Green), and others."

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□ My husband has been a Sir Knight (Melita Commandery) for about two years. During this time I, as his Lady, have been reading his *Knight Templar* and enjoying it very much. There has been mention about changing the uniform in order to attract younger men to join. This past July I accompanied my husband to Ocean Grove for the Grand Master's Church Service where he was part of the Honor Guard for the Grand Master. As we were walking down the street a woman, whom we did not know, stopped us to compliment me on the fine looking gentleman I was with, his uniform and questioned my husband as to what it stood for.

Please keep with tradition and think of all the men who have gone before who wore this same uniform with pride.

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□ I am interested in Knight Templar Commemorative plates. I had one labeled "Huntington Commandery No. 9, K.T., Huntington, W.Va., 34th Annual Conclave, May 20, 1908" and one labeled "Denver Commandery No. 25, State Conclave, Boulder, Colorado, September 24-25, 1909." Today we got one labeled "Duquesne Commandery No. 78, 1912."

If anyone has any other plates they don't need, I wish they would get in touch with me. I had a 1913 Centennial plate from Western Star Lodge in Ohio for 1813-1913 but heard they were starting a library and let them have it.

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□ I would like to call to your attention two mistakes I found in the September issue of the *Knight Templar*. On Page 19, below Willard Avery's picture, you have him graduating from DePaul University, whereas he really graduated from DePauw. On page 24 second paragraph, the same mistake occurs in the article on Sir Knight Ball. Here again it should be DePauw.

I know because I taught at DePauw for 43 years.

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*Editor's Note: There will now be a short Pauw's for correct identification. DePauw University it is.*

□ I am seeking information on Sir Knight J. Albert Marshall's family. I have found a High Priest Medal (1908) and a Commander's jewel (Brandywine Commandery, 1916) belonging to him. I would like to return them to members of his family. If anyone has any information, please contact me.

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□ Freemasonry has always been known for "fellowship" within our Fraternity. I suggest a deeper meaning in the word "kornonia." It is a Greek word which basically means fellowship but it goes much further than that. It leaves the confines of our "group" and teaches "Agape Love" (man to man) to persons outside of our circle. This I feel is the true meaning of Freemasonry and this is what we must do, as our forefathers did, if we are to survive.

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□ The latest issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* had an article on Col. Samuel Colt. This year represents the 100th anniversary of Colt's single action Army revolver. In connection with this event, a special cover was completed by Sir Knight Richard M. Needham of Lancaster, Ohio.

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□ I was prompted to write by the letter of Sir Knight George W. Hervey in the September issue of the *Knight Templar* concerning President Garfield's proof of the 47th Problem of Euclid. He mentions it deals with squares erected upon the hypotenuse and legs of a right triangle. I make haste to point out President Garfield, to the best of my knowledge, did not use the classical proof with squares at all but devised one of his own using a trapezoid and some algebra.

I have found in my math classes (and I am a certified Texas schoolteacher) the Garfield Method of Proof is much easier for the kiddos to understand than the classical method involving erection of squares.

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## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

*Congratulations:* George M. Saunders, Imperial Recorder, A.A.O.N.M.S. for North America, will observe his 75th birthday this November 17. Imperial Potentate Jacob A. Wingerter plans to "have a special tribute to George" and has named Sir Knight Walter H. Vartan, P.P., Medinah Temple, Chicago, to serve as chairman for a dinner and reception Friday, November 16, in the Empire Room of the Palmer House, Chicago. Cost per couple - \$50.00. Chairman Vartan's address - 262 East Illinois Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. "Happy 75th Birthday to George M. Saunders" is the November project for all the Temples in Shrinedom.

*Rainbow for Girls:* Houston Heights Assembly No. 10, Order of Rainbow for Girls, held a car wash for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation's financial benefit. Deputy Grand Commander Aubrey C. Martindale, Houston, reports the girls turned in the sum of \$125.00. Sir Knight Martindale is Texas K.T.E.F. Chairman.

*York Rite Harmony:* Heads of the York Rite bodies in Pennsylvania have met to "discuss means of furthering harmony in the York Rite." A. Kenneth Stevenson, Grand Commander, has appointed a Grand Commandery Committee of Past Grand Commanders J. Harvey Moore, Ewart Roberts and Grand Captain General Warren R. Williams, Jr., to work with similar committees from the other two bodies. P.G.C. Moore is a nephew of the late Paul Miller Moore, a Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment, who worked for the same cause in Pennsylvania and elsewhere for several decades.

Pennsylvania's Chapters and Councils form one of the jurisdictions not associated with the General Grand Chapter or General Grand Council.

*Buster Brown:* Colorado's Grand Commander Brinkley B. (Buster) Brown reports that 42 candidates were Knighted in the Donald G. Brotzman York Rite Class October 5-6 in Denver. "Bob Newnam (immediate Past Grand Commander) set it up," says Sir Knight Brown. The Honorable Donald G. Brotzman is U.S. Congressman from Colorado's Second District. It was a Friday evening-Saturday all day event. Chairman - James Kirkbride.

*Templar Universality:* Supplement Editor Gerald R. Butcher, Kansas, was impressed with the "Universality of Templary" in Chicago during the 52nd Triennial Conclave. He was talking with the Commanders of Heidleberg and Nuernberg Commanderies, Western Germany. One is a Persian, the other German. The three conversed in English until Sir Knight Butcher introduced an Italian maxim into the conversation. The Persian corrected him on one of the words. Says Sir Knight Butcher: "Three Templars hailing from three separate Commanderies and with three different languages were able to discuss Templary in common."

"During the Triennial Conclave, Templars from Commanderies and Pories from all over the world were able to talk on the Level with each other. Sir Knights from Kansas or Canada chatted with the M.E. Grand Master of the Great Priory of Scotland, the Grand Commander of Wisconsin, Grand Encampment officers and the Commanders of German Commanderies on a Level of equality not openly practiced enough elsewhere in the world."

*New Supply:* Available from Grand Encampment office - colorful Templar napkins at \$13.50 per thousand, placemats \$9.50.

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## ALBERT GALLATIN MACKEY, M.D.

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by  
Alvin B. Lowe  
Grand Prelate, Utah

"To leave Charleston at this time would subject me to great inconvenience, and to the chances of pecuniary loss. These I would willingly incur for the sake of performing my duty as your presiding officer, but it would also involve a dereliction of my duty as an agent of the government, and be a neglect of that charge with which I have been entrusted; and this I have no right to do. My own convenience I do not look at — my pleasure would be to be with you — but I look at the necessity of a faithful discharge of my public duty, and this imperatively requires me to remain where I am, at my post, until my office is thoroughly and completely organized."

The foregoing paragraph, taken from a letter written to the Nineteenth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the United States of America (now International), and printed in the proceedings of the 1865 convocation, illustrates how faithfully Albert Gallatin Mackey, for the past six years General Grand High Priest, served in any office to which elected or appointed.

Born March 12, 1807, in Charleston, South Carolina, the youngest son of Dr. John Mackey, he was a lineal descendent of Rob Roy MacGregor. He received an excellent English education and an elementary course in the classical languages, pursuing this course further to aid his literary career. He early became a tutor and a teacher in the public school on John's Island near Charleston. While a teacher he studied diligently and was admitted to the South Carolina Medical College, graduating in 1832. His Latin Thesis won first prize, an equivalent of first honors in other colleges. He married Sarah Pamela Hubbel in 1836 and became the father of four sons and two

daughters. The same year an epidemic of Asiatic cholera broke out in the vicinity of Charleston. Dr. Mackey took charge of a large plantation on one of the islands nearby where the epidemic raged among slaves. Without assistance, he successfully treated the disease for some weeks. He resumed private practice in Charleston and in 1838 became a Demonstrator of Anatomy for his alma mater. In addition, he was appointed Physician for the city almshouse.

The love for the linguistic pursuits led him about 1842 to relinquish the practice of medicine and devote his entire efforts to literary subjects. He was connected with many literary and political journals, some as editor, some as an associate editor, some as an author. "Temperaments," "The Middle Ages," "The True Condition of Women," "The Poetry of the Talismans," were but a few of the subjects on which he wrote and lectured.

Living in one of the most secessionist States, he was ever loyal to the Union. He and two other men formed the Union Club, which met in secret. This club never had more than 13 members. In 1868 he was elected a delegate to the Reconstruction Constitutional Convention and was unanimously chosen President. When the Legislature met under the new Constitution to choose a United States Senator, Dr. Mackey lacked just one vote of winning. In 1870 he gave up all political life to move to Washington to devote full time to writing and the duties of the Secretary General of the Supreme Council.

It was, however, chiefly as → → →

a Masonic writer and author that Brother, Companion, Sir Knight and Illustrious Mackey attained eminence and distinction. At the time of his death he was one of the ablest, most accomplished and highly thought of American Freemasons. For 40 years, from being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Charleston until his passing in Washington, D.C., when he was Dean of all 33° Scottish Rite Masons throughout the world, Mackey devoted his entire efforts to Masonic pursuits.

At a time when Masonry was decimated due to the anti-Masonic feeling that pervaded the country after the Morgan affair he became a member of all the Bodies in Charleston. A contemporary of Rob Morris of Kentucky and Dr. George Oliver of England, he followed Dr. Oliver, but seems to have ignored Rob Morris completely. Yet, in his *Reminiscences* of 1856, Rob Morris graciously wrote, "the character of Dr. Mackey as a profound and lucid historian and writer in all departments of Masonry is, we conceive, unequalled by any living writer unless it be the venerable Dr. Oliver, of England." Having been a great follower of Oliver caused Mackey in later life to make supreme efforts to escape from many false positions into which he had been led. He must have been an omnivorous reader. He had an abundant vocabulary but wrote faster than his reading could supply the facts. Often it was necessary to retract what he had previously written.

Upon being Initiated, Passed, and Raised in St. Andrews Lodge No 10 in 1841, Mackey immediately affiliated with Solomon's Lodge No. 1 of Charleston, becoming Senior Warden June 25, 1841, under a Dispensation to revive that Lodge, and Worshipful Master in December 1842. In 1843 he became Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, adding to that duty the office of Grand Lecturer in March 1845, in which offices he continued until 1866. He prepared Reports on Foreign

Correspondence which were recognized as exhaustive and learned and were favorably received in Grand Lodges throughout the world and in various American Grand Lodges. He was selected by the Grand Master of South Carolina to deliver the oration on St. John's Day on December 27, 1842, when he had been a Mason just 20 months.

In April 1843, as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, he made his first report on a question of Masonic law. The Grand Lodge, being unwilling to reverse a Subordinate Lodge, refused to accept his report, but the Grand Lodge was considered wrong and Dr. Mackey right.

His first book on Masonry, *The Lexicon of Freemasonry*, appeared in 1845, after he became Grand Lecturer. This book was revised many times, going through 18 editions in this country and four in England, until it finally contained over twice as much material as the original edition. For the next 36 years he averaged a book every two and a half years. He published several short lived Masonic publications and wrote innumerable articles for other publications. He must have had unbounded energy, doing all this writing in addition to his duties in the many Masonic offices which he held. Prior to moving to Washington, Mackey had been or was then Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of South Carolina, also Secretary General of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter.

During 1841 he was exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in Union Chapter No. 3 and immediately made his presence felt, being High Priest from 1845 to 1849. Elected Deputy Grand High Priest in 1847 and re-elected annually until 1854 when he was elected Grand High Priest, holding →→→



that office until 1866. He attended the Triennials of 1853 and 1856, then in 1859 was elected General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. Because of the War of Rebellion he served until 1865 but was not able to preside at the Triennial in Columbus, Ohio, due to his appointment by President Andrew Johnson as Collector of Customs. His letter, read by Deputy General Grand High Priest John L. Lewis, told of his disappointment in not attending and how he had been unable to contact any Grand Chapters except the one in South Carolina for six years. From his facile pen came *The Book of the Chapter*, written and presented to a Committee for Uniformity of Work which met in Washington, D.C., in April 1860. First published in 1858, with several revisions it came to be the almost universal textbook of Capitular Masonry.

Companion Mackey's efforts to restore Capitular Masonry in South Carolina were stupendous and bore much fruit. In 1861 there were 25 Chapters on the rolls of that Grand Chapter. All but four owed their existence to him. He had been personally present and organized 21 Chapters.

Becoming a Cryptic Mason, he was Grand Illustrious Master of The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters from about 1859 to 1870, though the Grand Council was inactive during the war years. His *Manual of the Council*, first published in 1867, was almost universally used by all Councils. He organized several Councils in South Carolina. When he joined any Masonic Body, he built additions.

While not so devoted to Chivalric Masonry as to the other bodies, he nevertheless manifested a deep interest in Templary. He was received and dubbed a Knight Templar in South Carolina Commandery No. 1 on March 15, 1845, and in 1851 became Eminent Commander. Sir Knight Mackey insisted that every Masonic body follow the set

standards. In a letter dated February 26, 1860, written to the then Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Benjamin French, he severely criticized South Carolina Commandery for holding an election without notifying all the members, in a place other than their own Asylum and without a Sentinel. In 1865, having been dormant during the war years, Sir Knight Mackey reorganized that Commandery, serving as Commander for another year. Representing South Carolina Commandery at the Grand Encampment Conclaves of 1853 and 1856, he was made an Honorary Past Grand Warder in 1871.

At an early period in his Masonic career, Dr. Mackey took a great interest in Scottish Rite Masonry, the deep and profound philosophy he found congenial. He was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, according to his written statement during May 1844 and was selected Secretary General in December, when the Council consisted of only seven members.

Writing of the year 1829, Folger, the Cerneau historian, says: "After this, strange to say, the Council, 'fell asleep', and no more was heard of it until the year 1844." For the next 15 years, Mackey did much to resuscitate it. He seemed to be the only person taking any interest in Scottish Rite. Illustrious Mackey certainly was a wonderful judge of the ability of men. Part of one paragraph of his letter of July 7, 1858, to General Albert Pike reads: "The A. and A. must be resuscitated . . . *You must and shall be at its head* . . . I waive, *absolutely*, my own claims as the oldest member now living." Pike was unquestionably the father of modern Scottish Rite Masonry but it is also certain that through Mackey's insistence Pike be elected Grand Commander, Mackey was the mother of the idea. When General Pike was installed in January 1859 there began the close association that continued over 22 years between two outstanding →→→

Masons of the nineteenth century. He lived to see the success of his choice of General Pike as Grand Commander. Illustrious Mackey's ability and fidelity were so well known that he was honored by being elevated to third in rank in the Grand Council, the usual rank for the Secretary being sixth. He was elected Lieutenant Grand Commander in 1870, but refused the promotion, believing he could be of more use in the office which he had served faithfully and so long.

His good friend, Henry Buist, 33°, writing a eulogy in 1881, paid tribute to his greatness: "The records of the Grand Lodge during the long period in which he occupied the office of Grand Secretary attest the learning ability with which he discharged his duties." Grand Commander Pike, writing in *The Beauties of Cerneauism* many years after Mackey's passing, said not so kindly as Buist:

"Brother Mackey was a man without business-habits of any kind, a scholar and writer; and kept all his papers, private and official, in terrible confusion. I found many papers belonging to his private matters, in 1877, in trunks and boxes marked as containing papers of the Supreme Council; . . . and so far as being wondered at that the minutes of the Supreme Council were lost, the only wonder is that any papers at all were left. I know that he never had a record-book but kept all his minutes on loose sheets; and it was certainly not supposed anciently that there was any law, as there surely was no custom, requiring minutes to be entered in books."

Again quoting Buist: "He was faithful to every public and Masonic duty. Treachery found no place in his character. He never betrayed a trust. He was eminently sincere and loyal to his friends, and those who were most intimately associated with him learned to appreciate him most."

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## National VFW Chaplain a Templar

Sir Knight Henry L. Reinewald, P.C., Empire Commandery No. 66, Stapleton, New York, has been elected National Chaplain, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Elected at the 74th National Convention in New Orleans, he now serves almost 2,000,000 members of the VFW in the United States, Panama Canal Zone, the Islands of the Pacific, Southeast Asia and Germany.

Additionally, Sir Knight D. H. Sanders, Jr., Empire Commandery Recorder, reports that the Rev. and Sir Knight Reinewald was installed October 20 for his fourth term as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Michigan, the state in which he now lives.

## Wylie B. Wendt Honorary P.G.C.

Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt, Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Louisville, Kentucky, was made an Honorary Past Grand Commander at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky September 9-10 in Louisville as reported by Morrison L. Cooke, newly installed Grand Commander.

Wendt, who will be 88 on November 19, is Kentucky's first Knight Templar Cross of Honor recipient. Last April he was honored on the 65th Anniversary of his Knighting and his 51st year as a Past Commander. He is a bimonthly columnist of the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

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## CHANGES

The address of Edward R. Saunders, D.D.G.G.H.P. and Master of Third Veil, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International, has been changed to: Parkside Apartments No. 103, 10601 Montrose Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. The General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Chapter, Dr. Lewis Raymond, has requested correspondence for him be directed to: Old Stone Church, Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

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## HONORS AND WEIGHTY RESPONSIBILITIES

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Each November the Grand Encampment through the medium of the Knight Templar Magazine salutes the 48 Right Eminent Grand Commanders of the respective Grand Commandery jurisdictions.

In their ceremony of installation after years of indoctrination in official Templar duties, the Grand Commanders are charged to maintain a watchful care over the affairs of their Grand Commanderies and are reminded that their "exalted honor is accompanied by weighty responsibilities."

Among other duties they are "to preserve inviolate the laws of the Order, to dispense justice, reward merit, and expound the sublime principles of universal benevolence," to "inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality and govern with justice and moderation."

The pictorial salute in this issue is an invitation to some 375,000 Knights of the Temple to observe the installation ceremonial command: "Sir Knights, Behold Your Grand Commander!"



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**Marvin E. Anderson**  
**ARIZONA**



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**ARKANSAS**



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**A. Kenneth Stevenson**  
**PENNSYLVANIA**



**Lowell M. Reed**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**



**James MacLafferty**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA**



**James L. Norris**  
**PHILIPPINES**



**E. LeRoy Doty**  
**TENNESSEE**



**James Willson**  
**TEXAS**



**Lamar H. Jones**  
**UTAH**



**Trafton M. Hoisington**  
**VERMONT**



**Robert B. Frost, Jr.**  
**VIRGINIA**



**Fred W. Gemmer**  
**WASHINGTON**



**Milton G. Maisel, Jr.**  
**WEST VIRGINIA**



**Lloyd A. Lindner**  
**WISCONSIN**



**Ernest R. Burgon**  
**WYOMING**

## ROY WILFORD RIEGLE – GRAND MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Hon. Garner E. Shriver, Kansas,  
In the House of Representatives

*Mr. Shriver:* Mr. Speaker, on August 15, 1973, Roy Wilford Riegle of Emporia, Kansas, was elected unanimously as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A. This high honor caps a long career of service to Kansas and the Nation as a schoolteacher, soldier, lawyer, judge, and legislator.

It was my honor and pleasure to serve with Roy Riegle for a number of years in the Kansas Senate. I have also enjoyed my long association with Roy in connection with Masonic activities.

Any complete list of Roy Riegle's service to his hometown, state and country would be too long to include here. I will only mention a few of the highlights in the life of the new Grand Master.

Roy served with distinction in both World Wars, and he continued his service in the Kansas National Guard until 1954. He obtained five college degrees from Washburn University of Topeka, Kansas, Washburn School of Law and the Kansas State Teachers' College of Emporia.

He has practiced law in our State of Kansas since 1925 and served as probate and juvenile judge. He was elected to serve in the Kansas House and Senate for 18 years. He was a majority leader in the Kansas House of Representatives in 1937-39, a member of the Kansas Legislative Council, 1939-41, and the Kansas Judicial Council, 1953-61.

In addition, Roy's record of service to civic, religious, social, judicial and military organizations is unsurpassed. A partial list includes the Kansas State Historical Society, bar associations, the Kansas

Day Club, the Lutheran Church Council and the Lyon County Council of Churches, Phi Alpha Delta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Lions Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and others.

Roy's service to Masonry and Templary, is, of course, evident in his election as Grand Master. Kansas Templars will celebrate his advancement to this high office with a reception and dinner in his hometown of Emporia, Kansas, on September 29.

Mr. Speaker, I requested permission for this brief insertion in the *Congressional Record* so that more people might know of the service of this good friend and fine Kansan. Our best wishes go out to Roy Wilford, Mrs. Riegle and their three daughters as he begins his three year term as Grand Master of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

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### The Walter A. DeLamater Memorial Campaign

General Chairman Charles S. McIntyre, Monroe, Michigan, likens the 6th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to a modern day Crusade in memory of "a great leader and humanitarian."

In his words, "it calls for a paraphrase from an acclaimed address of 110 years ago" –

*It is for us, the living, to be dedicated to the unfinished work he so nobly carried on.*

The Campaign extends from December 1, 1973, thru April 30, 1974. The goal – \$500,000.

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## CHIVALRY

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

While browsing in the library recently, I ran across an unusual book titled *Gesta Christi* (The Achievements of Christianity), having for its sub-title "A History of Humane Progress under Christianity." The author is C. Loring Brace of London, England, and the book was published in London in 1882.

There was a chapter titled "Chivalry." It is generally conceded that the peculiar home of chivalry was France and England and it is therefore surprising to learn this writer has a statement to this effect: "The initiation of the knight was essentially religious in form but the outward ceremony seems to have descended from the ancient Germans."

The article goes on to explain the method of creating knights, which procedure was as follows: The aspirant was divested of his clothes and put into the bath as an emblem of purification; then a white robe, symbol of purity, was wrapped around him, next a red robe, symbol of the red blood which he should shed for the Faith, and of the blood shed for him; and finally a black garment was worn, to remind of the death which would be always near him. He was then to fast twenty-four hours, and in the evening to enter the Church and pass the night in solitary prayer, or sometimes in company with his god-fathers. The next day his first act was to be confession. After this he was present at mass and listened to a solemn sermon on knighthood and, finally, he knelt before the altar; his sword was blessed by the priest and he made solemnly his knightly vows.

Formal statements of the knight's vow included the following: 1. I shall fortify and defend the Christian religion to the uttermost of power; 2. I shall be loyal and true to my sovereign lord the king, to all Orders of chivalry, and to the noble office of arms; 3. I shall fortify and defend justice with all my power, and that without favour or vanity; 4. I shall defend the just action and quarrel of all ladies of honor, of all true and friendless widows, of orphans of good fame; 5. I shall do diligence wheresoever I hear that there are any murderers, traitors or robbers who oppress the king's leiges and poor people, to bring them to the law with all my power.

The mother of the celebrated knight, Bayard, is said to have uttered these words when he received his sword: "Serve God and He will aid thee; be sweet and courteous to every gentleman in divesting thyself of all pride. Be not a flatterer or tale-bearer, for this kind of people come not to great perfection; be loyal in word and in deed, keep thy word, be helpful to the poor and the orphans, and God will reward it in the."

And thus it can readily be seen that our present day Order of Knights Templar keeps alive the old traditions and customs of the ancient Orders of Chivalry.

Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt, whose columns appear bimonthly in the KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE, will review the history of Templar Christmas Observances in the January 1974 issue. He resides at 5012 East Manslick Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40219.

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# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## New Supreme Grand Master of Canada

M.E. Knight M. B. Davis, St. John's, Newfoundland, was elected Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada at the 90th Annual Assembly September 8-11 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Past Supreme Grand Master F. Carl Ackert reports that it was "a very fine Assembly, with 218 registered Sir Knights. The Grand Master's Banquet was attended by 500 Knights and ladies."

The new Deputy Grand Master is R.E. Knight R. V. Weir, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., and Mrs. Riegle were guests for the Assembly, also Past Grand Master and Mrs. G. Wilbur Bell and Sir Knight and Mrs. Edward Holloway, New York. Sir Knight Holloway is a Past Department Commander of the Grand Encampment.

## Double Honors for Lyons

Alva F. Lyons, past presiding officer of San Juan Chapter, Durango Council and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, Durango, Colorado, was the 1968 recipient of the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Distinguished Service Medal. At the Grand Commandery Conclave of Colorado in September of this year, he was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor.



Milford E. Shields, Ivanhoe Past Commander, reports that Sir Knight Lyons has a 250 year record in Freemasonry, "more than 50 years in each of five bodies."

## "All the Way, Either Way, in One Day"

J. M. Willson, Grand Commander of Texas, relays the announcement that the "3rd Masonic Happening" will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple, Houston, December 8, offering the Master Mason an opportunity to go "all the way, either way, in one day."

To quote: "Cooperation between the York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine is the Foundation on which these 'Happenings' were constructed. This year brings the promise of the biggest and best to date."

The Houston York Rite Association will confer the Degrees and Orders in a Festival Class named in honor of Dan B. Jordan, who will be installed M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Texas several days before the "Happening."

Grand Commander Willson writes: "All Companions and Sir Knights are invited. Anyone acquainted with a Master Mason whom they feel would be a candidate can secure petitions at any of the several Commanderies and Chapters. The Secretary at the Scottish Rite Temple also has petitions.

"Get information on 'Masonic Happenings' from Rex K. Barefoot, Commander, Ruthven Commandery No. 2, Vice President, Houston Area York Rite Association, 9003 Jackwood, Houston, Texas 77036. Phone: 774-4088 or 529-5171."

## Personality of the South

Sir Knight Elmer F. Burmahln, Dakota Commandery No. 1, Lead, South Dakota, now residing in Lynchburg, Virginia, has been selected to appear in the 1973 edition of *Personalities of the South* "in recognition of past achievements, outstanding ability and service to community and state."



## Report from Kansas Reception

"Places were set for 425 and all were filled," writes Grand Recorder Charles S. McGinness, Kansas, describing the September 29 Grand Commandery of Kansas reception for Grand Master and Mrs. Roy W. Riegle in the Student Union Building of the Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

In addition to Kansans, Templars and their ladies were present from Missouri, Indiana, Oklahoma, Colorado "and other jurisdictions."

Sir Knight McGinness says that Grand Prelate Basil Johnson's address "was one of the finest Masonic speeches I have listened to in any Masonic gathering during the past forty years I have been around."

## Independence Day Memories

Late news from Ohio told of the participation of Sir Knights of the 7th Division, Grand Commandery of Ohio, in the Parma Ohio Civic Association parade July 4. The 38 Knights in line were joined by the Al Sirat Grotto Band.

The climax came later when the two units were awarded first and second places in the precision drill category.

## William T. Bringham Honored

Dr. William T. Bringham, Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois, Executive Secretary of Sigma Chi Fraternity, was awarded the Key Award of the American Society of Association Executives August 29 in New Orleans. Sir Knight Bringham has been the chief executive of Sigma Chi for almost 20 years. Other Masonic memberships include Senior DeMolay; Royal Order of Scotland; Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

## Pavilion For Health Sciences

October 20th marked a milestone in the 52-year history of Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Masonic leaders from the Scottish Rite, York Rite, the Grotto and the Shrine joined with dignitaries of city, state and nation to dedicate the \$18 million W. Clement Stone Pavilion for the Health Sciences.

W. Clement Stone shared the spotlight as distinguished guest with Col. Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., one of the two men to first set foot upon the moon.

## Templar Consecrated Into Episcopacy

The Very Rev. Frank H. Benning, S.T.D., archdeacon in the Anglican Episcopal Church of North America, Rector of St. James Anglican Church, Atlanta, Georgia, was consecrated into the Episcopacy September 30 in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Atlanta.



Dr. and Sir Knight Benning, member of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 4, served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II. He entered the construction industry and became a registered architect and executive vice-president and treasurer of Benning Construction.

He studied for ministry and was ordained to the Priesthood December 1968. The Bishop is state chaplain of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Anglican Episcopal Church is separate from the Protestant Episcopal Church, having its orders through the Old Catholic Church of Utrecht which is non-papal.

## A PICTORIAL VIEW OF THE TRIENNIAL



Drill Committee Chairman Jack Loree, back to camera, steps forward to congratulate the Captain of the Knightstown Commandery Drill Team after Grand Master Bell announced the team had won first place in Class A competition. Sir Knights Riegle, Avery and Cottrell look on at right.



The Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery No. 1 form the Passion Cross during exhibition drill Saturday evening.



Tennessee Grand Commander LeRoy Doty receives Grand Encampment award for longest period of consecutive membership gain from Grand Master Bell.



The pipers of Ansar Temple, home Shrine of Grand Master Bell, pose after piping the Grand Master to his formal reception Sunday evening.



Grand Master W. Stanley Wright, center, is flanked by officers of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada prior to their official reception by Grand Master Bell. Left to right, Sir Knights Wells, Carson, Wright, Davis and Clinton Bell.



Some of the distinguished guests are, left to right, Ian MacKean, Grand Master of Scotland; Sir Knight George Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33<sup>o</sup>, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.; Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker, widow of the Grand Master; Mrs. Agnes McLeod, Supreme Worthy Advisor, Rainbow; Martha A. Maurer, Supreme Secretary, Amaranth; Mrs. Doris Bell, Supreme Royal Matron, Amaranth; Mrs. Fagerstrom; Mrs. Mickelson; Grand Master Wright.



Mrs. Clarence Fagerstrom, President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, is escorted to the front by Department Commander Stephen B. Dimond.



Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley is followed by Sir Knight Walter Vartan following the Mayor's welcoming speech to the Grand Encampment.



Mrs. Mae Mickelson, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, is greeted by Grand Master Bell.



Mrs. Doris Bell, Amaranth, poses with Grand Master Bell at the official reception Monday morning.



Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master Ian L. MacKean of the Great Priory of Scotland is escorted to his seat at the Grand Master's Banquet by a Rainbow girl.



Grand Master Bell greets well-wishers as he and Mrs. Bell are escorted to their seats at the Grand Master's Banquet by the Illinois Honored Queen of Job's Daughters.

TEMPLARY – MEASURE OF MASONIC PROGRESS

## IN HALLOWED MEMORY

**George A. Haynes**  
Montana  
Grand Commander — 1966  
Born April 14, 1901  
Died September 3, 1973

**Roger A. Bond**  
North Dakota  
Grand Commander — 1956  
Born June 8, 1909  
Died September 7, 1973

**Raymond L. Brown**  
Vermont  
Grand Commander — 1954  
Born February 23, 1892  
Died September 17, 1973

**Archer B. Gay**  
Virginia  
Grand Commander — 1963  
Born August 28, 1901  
Died September 19, 1973

**Raymond W. Allen**  
Wyoming  
Grand Commander — 1954  
Born September 14, 1884  
Died September 24, 1973

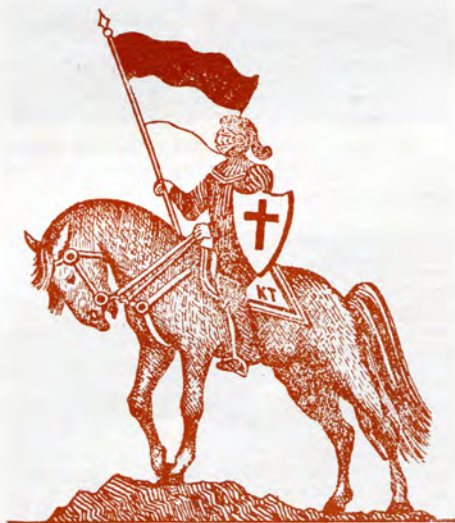
**William H. King**  
Oklahoma  
Grand Commander — 1950  
Born September 17, 1884  
Died September 25, 1973

**John W. Nicar**  
Virginia  
Grand Commander — 1959  
Born June 22, 1908  
Died October 2, 1973

## Priest Eulogizes Masonic Leader

Father John A. O'Brien, author-in-residence at the University of Notre Dame, praised Albert N. Hepler, Jr., Indiana insurance executive, member of South Bend Commandery No. 13, South Bend, and Deputy for Indiana, Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., for his leadership in the recent rapprochement between the Masons and the Knights of Columbus. Hepler died September 6.

Recalling that Sir Knight Hepler organized some of the first contacts between the two in the nation, Father O'Brien said the Masonic leader, a Presbyterian, "had visions of a time when Masons and Knights would, as he put it on one occasion, 'walk together as sons of God.'" Father O'Brien spoke at funeral services September 10 in South Bend.



Good-night! good-night! as we so oft have said,  
Beneath this roof at midnight, in the days  
That are no more, and shall no more return.  
Thou hast but taken up thy lamp and gone to bed;  
I stay a little longer, as one stays  
To cover up the embers that still burn.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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## THE BALEFUL ASPECTS OF THE ASSASSINATION

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by  
Sir Knight Irving I. Lasky, M.D., F.A.C.P.

*This, the second of two articles on the subject of Sir Knight Garfield, is a medical observation by Dr. Lasky, Los Angeles, California, who notes that "in this day and age, the remarkable improvements in medicine most probably would have saved his life." It is a specialized account of the 1881 methods followed in the treatment of the fatally wounded President.*

President James A. Garfield, born November 19, 1831, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, was gunned down on July 2, 1881, in the Washington railroad station; the wound proved to be mortal September 19, 1881. Stewart M. Brooks stated "while nature was 'kind' to the convicted executed assassin (Charles Guiteau) — a snap of the neck and a quick death — it was cruel to the wounded President: eighty hot and harrowing days at the razor's edge amid pain, pus and prostration. At death, all that remained of the two hundred pound illustrious patient was one hundred and twenty pounds of ravaged and burned-out flesh."

Unfortunately, had President Garfield lived in this day and age, the remarkable improvements in medicine most probably would have saved his life. The wounds of Presidents Lincoln, Kennedy and very likely McKinley were mortal under any circumstance.

Following his gunshot wound, in the despair of his mortal anguish and pain, his greatness shone forth by his constant reassurance to his family, friends and physicians. To his son, the President said "It is only the hull that is stoved in; the upper works are unharmed." The greatness of the man was also evidenced by a letter he wrote on August 11 to his 80 year old mother in Ohio, the last letter the President would write by his own hand.

The lethal instrument was a .44 caliber bone-handle revolver of the British bulldog pattern. This powerful weapon could penetrate a two inch plank at a distance of 100 feet. The President was shot in the back and right arm. The first physician on the scene was Doctor Smith Townsend. He stated, "I found the President, when I arrived at the Baltimore and Potomac Depot, about five minutes after the shooting occurred, in a vomiting and fainting condition. From the pulse at the wrist, I thought he was dying. I had his head lowered, and administered aromatic spirits of amonia and brandy to relieve him. This had the desired effect, and the President, regaining consciousness, was asked where he felt the most pain. He replied 'In the right leg and foot.' I asked him the character of his pains and he said that it was a 'prickling sensation.' He rallied considerably and I proceeded to examine his wounds. I found that the last bullet had entered his back about two and one-half inches to the right of the (first lumbar) vertebra. I introduced my finger into the bullet wound; the President looked up and asked me what I thought of it. I answered that I did not consider it serious. He continued 'I thank you Doctor, but I am a dead man'."

Doctor D. Willard Bliss, a prominent Washington physician and Garfield's boyhood friend, immediately assumed charge of the case. Later this → → →

physician wrote, "The point of entrance of the ball, which was oval and sharply cut, was on the right side, four inches from the median line of the spine, and on line with the eleventh rib. A slight discharge of blood was oozing from the orifice and had soiled the clothing. I then passed the little finger of my left hand to its full extent into the wound, which developed the character and extent of the fracture of the rib. After withdrawing my finger, I made an exploration with a long flexible silver probe which I passed downward and backward in several directions, with a view of indicating the course of the ball . . . and meeting resistance from soft spots. I desisted and excluded the probability of deflection, being inclined to the opinion that the ball had entered the liver, which, if true, would not warrant further exploration in that direction."

The exploration of the wound by the finger and the silver probe most assuredly introduced an increased possibility of blood poisoning. Surgery had advanced very little since the Civil War. In spite of the fact that Sir Joseph Lister of England had by then introduced the proven necessity of antiseptics in medicine, surgeons continued to operate with contaminated instruments and poke around the tissue with infected fingers which frequently produced blood poisoning.

Bullets take a highly unpredictable path upon hitting such material as bone. The lethal bullet hit the President's right eleventh rib, fracturing it, deflecting to the left and downward, fracturing the twelfth rib and, being still more deflected by this encounter, passed straight through the body of the lower spinal (first lumbar) vertebra. Having lost its power upon passing through such a mass of bone, the bullet continued only two and one-half inches farther, lodging in the fatty tissue immediately below the lower border of the pancreas. The bullet missed the spinal cord and avoided the heart and great vessels of the chest. The prickling

sensation in the right leg and foot that the President complained of after the catastrophe was probably related to a bruising of the nerve roots of the spinal cord or possibly injury to the spinal cord itself.

Six weeks after the shooting of President Garfield his near mortal condition became apparent. His body was emaciating rapidly and his weight had gone down from 210 to 130 pounds — all of this while the nation hoped and prayed for the miracle of recovery. Huge blocks of ice were brought into the Executive Mansion to cool the temperature from 90° outside to 75° inside. Although this system of airconditioning did bring relief, it did not stop the multiplication of the malevolent microbes which had entered the President's body via bullet, probe and finger. Alexander Graham Bell brought an electrical apparatus to the President's bedside in an attempt to locate the bullet. Again the surgeons were of the opinion that the bullet was the cause of the patient's problem but, most assuredly, it was an aside in the matter, particularly when it was later realized it was well-pocketed off in an area which could produce no difficulty.

By August 17 the doctors knew that the situation was hopeless. A special train was arranged for conveying the President to the seaside of Elberon. At 6:00 o'clock on the morning of September 6 President Garfield was tenderly placed on a stretcher, then on an express wagon and then on a train which had been fitted to the needs of the dying man. The railroad right of way had been cleared for an unimpeded trip. The journey of 238 miles was accomplished a few minutes short of seven hours. The dying President was finally housed at Francklyn Cottage on the New Jersey shore. The President's room was so situated that he could look at the ocean.

The final notice of death is herewith quoted. "Elberon, New Jersey, 19 September 1881, 11:00 p.m. → → →

After the bulletin was issued at 5:30 this evening, the President continued in much the same condition as during the afternoon, the pulse varying from 102-106. After taking nourishment, he fell into a quiet sleep about thirty-five minutes before his death and, while asleep, his pulse rose to 120 and somewhat more . . . At ten minutes after 10:00 o'clock, he awoke complaining of severe pain over the region of the heart and almost immediately became unconscious and ceased to breathe at 10:35."

Doctor D. S. Lamb of the Army Medical Museum and Doctor J. J. Woodward performed the autopsy on President Garfield. Huge abscesses were found in the region of the spleen, liver, intestine and a tiny abscess was located just beneath the capsule of the left kidney. Additionally observed were severe bronchitis and bronchopneumonia on the lower portions of the lungs.

On August 8 Doctor Wood, who had earlier been in immediate attendance of the President, received a cut on his hand while dressing the wound of the injured man and died thereafter from blood poisoning. It was quoted in the *Medical News* of that time, "From attendance on persons in high political positions, spare us, Oh Lord."

With the later advent of new surgical procedures and the discovery of penicillin by Brother Alexander Fleming, it is quite likely that the President would have survived.

When President James Abram Garfield's body lay in state in the United States Capitol from September 21-21, Columbia Commandery No. 2 formed part of the guard of honor and escorted his remains from Washington to Cleveland, Ohio. At the funeral on September 26 nearly all of the officers of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, fourteen Commanderies of that state and eight Commanderies from adjacent jurisdictions were present and partic-

## Mrs. Tom Thumb

Sir Knight G. Ward Stetson, Director of the Historical Museum of Middleboro, Massachusetts, wrote to the *Knight Templar Magazine* about Mrs. Tom Thumb, "a life long" resident of Middleboro.

Lavinia Warren was born in Middleboro. She married General Tom Thumb (Sir Knight Charles Stratton) in 1863 at Grace Church in New York City. Among the guests were President and Mrs. Lincoln and cabinet members. Her sister Minnie, also a midget, served as Maid of Honor

The Thumbs built a home which still stands in Middleboro whose features were scaled to their size. Sir Knight Stetson recalls visiting the home with his father, Mrs. Thumb's attorney. Mrs. Thumb was only 32 inches tall. "Her tiny form standing beside my dad's six feet and four inches made a lasting impression upon me."

Tom Thumb died in 1883 and was buried with Masonic honors. In 1885 the widow married Count Primo Magri, an Italian midget whom she had met while working for P. T. Barnum. She died in 1919.

Mrs. Tom Thumb was a member of the Eastern Star in San Francisco. The May Flower Lodge in Middleboro has a Masonic apron owned by Thumb. Pictures in the Historical Museum show Thumb in Templar uniform. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is also in possession of Masonic regalia belonging to Sir Knight Thumb.

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ipated in the funeral cortege. Benjamin Dean, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A., also was present.

Sir Knight Lasky is a member of Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles, California.

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## TEMPLARS ATTENDED ANNUAL SESSION, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell (33°), Grand Generalissimo John B. Cottrell, Jr., (who was made an Honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33°, at the meeting), and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer (33°), were among the Grand Encampment representatives attending the 161st Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction September 23-27 at Detroit, Michigan.



Pictured during attendance at the Supreme Council meeting are, in sequence: Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, Knights Templar, U.S.A., with Donald W. Vose, M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Past Grand Master Bell with Alexander Wygard, Mexico, and the Grand Encampment's Grand Generalissimo, John B. Cottrell, Jr. Bottom luncheon view shows Sovereign Grand Commander Newberry presiding. To his left is the Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, Henry C. Clausen. Sovereign Grand Commander Clausen conducted the Biennial meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, at the House of the Temple, Washington, D.C., October 11-19.



Seven new Active Members were elected to the governing board of the Supreme Council in the closing session: Lynn J. Sanderson, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; John F. McCain, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Charles B. Moody, Zanesville, Ohio; Forrest A. Wakeman, Mooresville, Indiana; Robert F. Miller of South Bend, Indiana; Stanley F. Maxwell, Reading, Massachusetts, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Council, and Sidney R. Baxter, Stoneham, Massachusetts, Administrative Assistant to the Sovereign Grand Commander, both with headquarters at the Council's Lexington, Massachusetts, national office.



Retiring as Active Members and named Emeriti Members of the Supreme Council are John W. Barkley, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, attorney, and Louis L. Williams, Bloomington, Illinois, attorney, and a past Scottish Rite Deputy for Illinois.



## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE HIGHLIGHTS

Irvin S. Gress, Intendant General, California Southern, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, conducted a Western Regional Conference September 28-30 at Palm Springs, California, with 88 in attendance.

The Grand Officers were headed by Grand Sovereign William J. Nether-ton, Louisville, Kentucky, who participated in a Friday afternoon conference and served as speaker for the formal Saturday evening banquet. The ritualistic work of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders was conferred Saturday morning, September 29, by Tucson, Arizona, St. Croix and San Diego Con-claves.

Other Grand officers participating in the Conference included Grand Viceroy C. Leander Prisk, Salt Lake City; Dallas F. Bullock, Grand Junior General, Philadelphia; Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder; Clarence D. Phillips, Grand Herald, Oregon; Past Grand Sovereign William R. Burchfield, Pennsylvania.

Among the Intendants General present were Harvey F. Tate, Arizona; L. Merton Dawald, Idaho; Renzo Gaia, Washington.

The conference closed with a Sunday morning prayer breakfast. The Rev. Dr. Granville Frisbie presided; the speaker was the Rev. James H. Blackstone, Jr., Community Church, Palm Springs.

The Northeastern Regional Confer-ence of the invitational Order, originally scheduled for October 19-21 at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, has been re-scheduled for October 26-28 at the same location. The meeting will be conducted by Past Grand Sovereign William

R. Burchfield, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, assisted by Past Grand Sovereign William H. Cantwell, Delaware; Grand Trustee Walter B. Wilson and Intendant General John G. Eshleman, Pennsylvania. Next year's Buck Hill Falls dates - October 18-20.



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### Masonic Cachet

Abington Chapter No. 245, R.A.M., Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, will issue a commemorative envelope November 28 to mark its 100th Anniversary. The cachet will be a design which has been used on the monthly notice to members for a number of years. It will be franked with a current commemorative stamp.

Covers are 35 cent each or three for \$1.00 and are available by sending remittance and a large stamped, self addressed envelope to Carl J. Dunlap, 3464 St. Vincent Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19149.

### Charters for Nuernberg and Guatemala

Acting on the recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, Robert S. Schoedinger, Chairman, voters at the 52nd Triennial Conclave approved petitions for Charters to Walther Graf von Spelton Commandery U.D., Nuernberg, Germany, and Guatemala Commandery U.D., Guatemala City, Guatemala.

The Walther Graf von Spelton presentation on November 24, 1973, is to be made by the newly appointed Representative of the Grand Master for the Subordinate Commanderies of Germany, Ryoji Beutner, P.C., of Heidelberg No. 2.

Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell will preside for Charter ceremonies in Guatemala City Saturday, December 1.

## CENTENARIAN EDWARD J. BULLOCK

By Alvin L. Crump  
Past Department Commander



The *Chicago Tribune* of September 20 featured a picture and biographical salute to Sir Knight Edward J. Bullock, who "had to quit playing baseball 20 years ago."

Sir Knight Bullock celebrated his 100th birthday September 16. For a number of years, fellow members of St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Chicago, have held a luncheon birthday party in his honor.

The party was held as scheduled Saturday, September 22, but — unfortunately — without the presence of the guest of honor. Past Grand Sovereign Bullock and his family decided that the trip from his daughter's home in River Forest might not be wise.

We had one vacant chair for Sir Knight Bullock at the center of a long table with a namecard and large birthday cake appropriately decorated.

Past Grand Sovereign Robert Ingalls, Indiana, represented the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine. Telephone greetings were relayed

from Past Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Sovereign William J. Netherton and others who were attending Masonic meetings elsewhere.

After the luncheon, a number of us visited with Sir Knight Bullock and his daughter for several hours at their home, presenting the birthday cake, a printed program, an elaborate birthday book and a commemorative coin.

The *Chicago Tribune* story told how Centenarian Bullock began working for \$3.00 a week as an office boy for a Milwaukee firm later absorbed by Standard Oil of Indiana. He retired in 1939 as vice president and board member of the company.

He told the reporter that the best time of your life doesn't start until you're 50.

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### Former Airline Executive Honored

William A. Patterson, Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois was inducted into the Illinois Business Hall of Fame during ceremonies October 16 in the Continental Plaza Hotel, Chicago.

Sir Knight Patterson, former president and Chairman of United Air Lines, began work in airline business in 1929 and was United's president from 1934 to 1963, chairman until 1966.

### News from Washington

Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, Knights Templar, U.S.A., and William J. Netherton, Grand Sovereign, U.G.I.C., Red Cross of Constantine, were elected Inspectors General Honorary 33° at the October 15 session of the Supreme Council, S.J.

## AN UNUSUAL MASON AND TEMPLAR

By W. H. McCollum

Recorder, Gethsemane Commandery No. 31, El Dorado



The town which is now associated with his place of birth did not exist when he was born. As man measures time, 100 years are more than a watch in the night and only a few mortals ever begin their second century of living.

On such mortal, Dr. John L. Green of El Dorado, Arkansas, celebrated his 100th birthday August 9, 1973. His birthplace is near Dubach, Louisiana.

At 12 he joined the Fellowship Baptist Church. The First Baptist Church of Junction City, Arkansas, ordained him as a Deacon at the age of 23.

His practice of Optometry began in Ruston, Louisiana, in 1894 with retirement in 1951. In addition to his practice of Optometry, he became a skillful Jeweler.

His Masonic career began in Junction City Lodge No. 529 in 1901. In 1905 he moved to El Dorado and in the same year became a member of the Arkansas Consistory and Scimitar Temple of Little Rock.

In 1906 he became a member of El Dorado Lodge No. 13, F. & A.M. He has held membership in El Dorado Chapter No. 280, O.E.S., and was Worthy Patron in 1921. On July 19, 1973, he became a member of Zedekiah Council No. 52 of El Dorado. Gethsemane Commandery No. 31, El Dorado, conferred the Orders of the Commandery upon Dr. Green and 12 other candidates constituting the Dr. John L. Green Class August 18, 1973, as a birthday present from Gethsemane Commandery, where he now holds a Life Membership. Arkansas Grand Commander Chester A. Liddle was present.

Dr. Green, active, alert, very much a part of the world in which he lives, treasures is his membership in the First Baptist Church of El Dorado where he has been a member for 68 years. He has a smile and a kind word for everyone.

### Kansas Templar Is 101

Sir Knight Guy Hawk, Newton Commandery No. 9, Newton, Kansas, celebrated his 101st birthday August 27. His wife Ida was 100 on August 8. They celebrated the event with an open house August 12. In July they celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

Hawk started out working on a farm, then struck oil. Since then he has combined his business with community and philanthropic activities. He is a strong supporter of the Methodist Children's Home in Newton.

Each day the couple takes a ride around Newton. They aren't much interested in television or radio. Mrs. Hawk occasionally does needlework.

The most exciting event of Sir Knight Hawk's life: the days when he rode in the Cherokee land run in Oklahoma territory.

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### BEHOLD YOUR NEW GRAND COMMANDER



Parker G. Manning of Lafayette Lytle Commandery (77), Toledo, was elected Grand Commander of Ohio at the 131st Annual Conclave held in Berea.

He succeeds Walter E. Drake of Mayfield Heights.

S.K. Manning was born in Verona, N.J., Feb. 7, 1921. He attended school in New Jersey and the Pratt Institute School of Industrial Design in Brooklyn.

Before and during World War II he served Six years in the U.S. Navy, four years on sea duty during which time he visited 18 foreign countries.

Professionally SK Manning is president and general manager of Frater Co., distributors of organizational supplies.

He is a member of T. James Lutheran Church; a member of the Executive Board of Toledo Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; a past commodore of

Jolly Rober Sailing Club; a member of Bay View Yacht Club and the United States Power Squadron.

SK Manning is a 25-year member of Barton Smith Lodge (613), F&AM; Toledo Chapter (161), R.A.M.; Toledo Council (33), and served as commander of Lafayette Lytle in 1961-62.

He is also a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Toledo, and was the first Dad Advisor of George H. Roulet Chapter, Order of DeMolay, where he is still a charter member of its advisory board. He served as chairman for three years and has been awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor by the International - Supreme Council of DeMolay.

Other Masonic affiliations include: Crusaders unit of Zenobia Shrine. Prince of Peace Tabernacle HRAKTP, Downtown Toledo High Twelve Club, Eastern Star and Firelands Council-Allied Masonic Degrees.

SK Manning is married to the former Dorothy Jean Seavolt of Toledo and Mount Vernon and they have three sons, James P. II, Paul E. and Thomas B.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 131st GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE

Other new officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio, named at the 131st Annual Conclave, in addition to Grand Commander Drake, are;

Lawrence M. Looker of Columbus, Deputy Grand Commander; George D. Stein of Cuyahoga Falls, Grand Generalissimo; William D. Coffman of Toronto, Grand Captain General; W. Boyd Sibold of Lima, Grand Senior Warden; Donald W. Anderson of Middlefield, Grand Junior Warden.

Also installed were: PGC Thomas E. Gibson of Athens, Grand Treasurer; George R. Fitez of Columbus, Grand Recorder; Elwood L. Nelson of Springfield, Grand Standard Bearer; William J. Faul of Hillsboro, Grand Sword Bearer, and Reuben C. Welker of Mayfield Heights, Grand Warder.

GC Manning appointed R. Eugene Loose of Upper Sandusky, Grand Sentinel; the Rev. Eugene H. Buxton of Wooster, Grand Prelate, and William Ammer of Circleville, 4th Division Commander.

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**PAST PRESIDENT** — Div. Com. and Grand Line Officer Elwood L. Nelson of Springfield, left, is shown as he presented PC Clarence E. "Cy" Young of Dayton (68) with his past President's Certificate. The certificate was presented to the 2nd Div. by PC Roscoe O. Rilling, also of Dayton and a P.P. of the Div. CTA.

Other awards were not available at present time.

### BUCKEYE KNIGHT NOTES

PC Reg Anderson, recorder of Cuyahoga Falls (83), tells us that they are all set to hold their annual Military Ball Nov. 10th.

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When the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction (33rd Degree) met in Detroit recently, guess who was elected to receive the degree in 1974 — none other than PGC Robert Emmons of Cincinnati. Congratulations.

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EC Ed Hughes and F. E. Darnes, recorder, of St. Luke's (34), Newark came up with this one.

Back in September, PC William H. Butler had the honor of presenting two SK's their 50-year gold pins. They were James H. Braid and George N. Penick.

What's so unusual about it is that PC Butler, now 91, was EC in 1923 and dubbed these Fratres Sir Knights.

Two other SKs, also dubbed by PC Butler back in 1923, also received honors in other Commanderies.

SK Clifford B. Sturgeon received a 50-year pin in Stanton, Calif., and SK James L. Hupp in Laurel, Md.

Incidentally, PC Butler has been York Rite Sentinel and Guard at Newark for — get this — 34 years.

By the by, St. Luke's had the distinction of dubbing 27 at their annual York Rite Reunion... Largest class ever.

Just throught you's like to know.

## \$500,000 GOAL FOR MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN

The 6th Voluntary Fund Raising Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has been designated by Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, President of the Corporation, as the *Walter A. DeLamater Memorial Campaign*. The General Committee for the Memorial Campaign appointed by Sir Knight Riegle includes Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, Chairman; G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director; Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder.

The Campaign begins December 1, 1973; it will conclude April 30, 1974. For those five months, the Committee's announced goal is \$500,000.

There are several changes from previous campaigns. First — all funds, with the sole exception of wills and bequests, will be credited for Commandery recognition. Because it is a memorial campaign, Memorials will now be included, as will Life Sponsorships, Patrons, Associate Patrons and, except for wills and bequests, every type of funds realized from benefit events or contributions.

Another change: The level of Commandery plaque recognition has been established at an average of \$5.00 per member. All Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies will receive plaques for productivity averaging \$5.00 or more per member, *based on membership records as of April 30, 1974.*

Three plaques will go to the three top producing Grand Commanderies, based on the per capita (\$5.00 or more) results of their Constituent Commanderies. Additionally, the Walter A. DeLamater Memorial Campaign will give plaque recognition to the three Grand Commanderies having the three highest dollar totals — without regard for per capita returns. A plaque also will go to the Sub-

ordinate Commandery having the highest rate of per capita funds for the campaign.

Sir Knight McIntyre requests all Constituent Recorders to send their reports, with supporting checks, to their respective Grand Commandery Voluntary Campaign Chairmen. They, in turn, will report to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Rhinebeck, New York. Subordinate Recorders will send their reports and checks to the General Chairman in care of the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

The Chairman reminds all Recorders — Grand, Constituent and Subordinate — that the basic procedure for the campaign is outlined in Grand Master Riegle's General Order No. 2 and that literature and report forms will be distributed during November from the Grand Encampment office in Chicago.

The following Grand Commandery Chairmen, appointed by their Grand Commanders, will lead the campaign activity in the respective jurisdictions:

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| ALABAMA     | George W. Sorrell, 1009 47th Street, Oak Hills, Birmingham 35208 |
| ARIZONA     | Nash C. Willis, 1125 Seventh Avenue, Safford 85546               |
| ARKANSAS    | Franklin B. Trusdell, 8 Carthage Circle, Fort Smith 72901        |
| CALIFORNIA  | William E. J. Erichsen, 1895 Camino del Rio, San Diego 92108     |
| COLORADO    | Gaines S. Greene, 2424 South Leyden Street, Denver 80222         |
| CONNECTICUT | Charles L. Lincoln, Sr., 271 Brewer Street, East Hartford 06118  |
| FLORIDA     | Cornelius K. McAvoy, 3617 Lightner Drive, Tampa 33609            |
| IDAHO       | Richard E. Wheeler, 740 Lawrence Avenue, Twin Falls 83301        |
| INDIANA     | Robert E. Price, P.O. Box 102, Connersville 47331                |
| IOWA        | Hugh E. Hossle, P.O. Box 32, Ames 50010                          |
| KANSAS      | Christian C. Bomberger, 426 North Maxwell, McPherson 67460       |
| KENTUCKY    | Clayton A. Compton, Jr., R.R. 1, Box 420, Crestwood 40014        |

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| LOUISIANA      | Earl R. Little, 2722 Hudson Place, New Orleans 70114            |
| MARYLAND       | Earl M. Bittner, 100 South Hilltop Road, Catonsville 21228      |
| MASS.-R.I.     | David L. Esancy, 556 Market Street, Rockland 02370              |
| MICHIGAN       | Jack Shimonishi, 10000 Burt Road, Detroit 48225                 |
| MISSISSIPPI    | John A. Stewart, P.O. Box 914, Pontotoc 38863                   |
| MISSOURI       | James E. Sullivan, 3403 Arlington, Independence 64052           |
| NEBRASKA       | Omar L. Gottula, 1051 North K Street, Fremont 68005             |
| NEVADA         | Frank Logar, Jr., P.O. Box 207, Fallon 89406                    |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE  | Francis M. White, 116 South Main Street, Penacook 03301         |
| NEW JERSEY     | Christopher A. Smith, P.O. Box 150, Brookside 07926             |
| NEW MEXICO     | Richard E. Johnston, 4709 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos 87544       |
| NORTH CAROLINA | Frederick G. Speidel, P.O. Box 17661, Raleigh 27609             |
| NORTH DAKOTA   | Robert Page, Bottineau 58318                                    |
| OHIO           | George D. Stein, 1632 Twenty-Fifty Street, Cuyahoga Falls 44223 |
| OKLAHOMA       | Willis H. Gorey, 907 South Toledo Avenue, Tulsa 74112           |
| OREGON         | Douglas McWorkman, 1525 Fifth Street, Astoria 97103             |
| PENNSYLVANIA   | Warren R. Williams, Jr., Griffis Street, Montrose 18801         |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | John B. Maxey, 921 Brantley Street, Columbia 29210              |
| SOUTH DAKOTA   | M. Dale Anderson, P.O. Box 686, Pickstown 57367                 |
| TENNESSEE      | W. Whitton Florida, 4313 Larigo Drive, Knoxville 37914          |
| VERMONT        | Roland J. Bishop, 9 Bacon Street, Springfield 05156             |
| VIRGINIA       | Joe R. Harris, 2027 North Utah Street, Arlington 22207          |
| WASHINGTON     | Frank M. Thomas, 1064 Thomas Street, Seattle 98102              |
| WEST VIRGINIA  | Earl Hays, Route One, Falling Waters 25419                      |
| WYOMING        | Ralph C. Drury, 716 Jefferson Avenue, Riverton 82501            |

At deadline, Voluntary Campaign Chairmen had not been named for D.C., Georgia, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin.

### REGIONAL CONFERENCE SEASON

First York Rite Regional Conference of the York Rite year was the South Central Conference at Tulsa, Oklahoma, September 15-16 with Department Commander Clell C. Warriner conducting the Grand Encampment workshop sessions, Regional Deputy Alvin P. Knight the Grand Council meetings and Aix B. Harrison, District Deputy General Grand High Priest, in charge of the Chapter discussions. The latter served also as General Chairman of arrangements for the three-week Conference.

Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, Grand Captain General Kenneth C. Johnson and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer represented the Grand Encampment, along with Dr. Oliver S. Willham, Chairman, Knights Templar Educational Foundation.

Both General Grand High Priest Edward M. Selby, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., and General Grand Master

Hoyt McClendon, General Grand Council, represented their two General Grand Bodies.

The second Regional Conference, the Northeastern, got underway at Washington, D.C., October 12 with Louis A. Beaudoin, Department Commander, Regional Deputy General Grand Master Joseph C. Bryan and District Deputy General Grand High Priest Edward R. Saunders in charge of the separate workshop meetings. D.D.G.G.H.P. Saunders served as General Chairman.

Grand Master Riegle, Grand Generalissimo John B. Cottrell, Jr., and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer attended for the Grand Encampment.

1973 Regional Conferences left: Northwestern, November 3-4, Boise, Idaho; Southwestern, November 10-11, Phoenix, Arizona, North Central, November 17-18, Des Moines (Altoona), Iowa.

## The Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving

It may be I am getting old and like too much to dwell  
Upon the days of bygone years, the days I loved so well;  
But thinking of them now I wish somehow that I could know  
A simple old Thanksgiving Day, like those of long ago,  
When all the family gathered round a table richly spread,  
With little Jamie at the foot and grandpa at the head,  
The youngest of us all to greet the oldest with a smile,  
With mother running in and out and laughing all the while.

I like the olden way the best, when relatives were glad  
To meet the way they used to do when I was but a lad;  
The old home was a rendezvous for all our kith and kin,  
And whether living far or near they all came trooping in  
With shouts of "Hello, daddy!" as they fairly stormed the place  
And made a rush for mother, who would stop to wipe her face  
Upon her gingham apron before she kissed them all,  
Hugging them proudly to her breast, the grownups and the small.

Then laughter rang throughout the home, and, Oh, the jokes they told;  
From Boston, Frank brought new ones, but father sprang the old;  
All afternoon we chatted, telling what we hoped to do,  
The struggles we were making and the hardships we'd gone through;  
We gathered round the fireside. How fast the hours would fly —  
It seemed before we'd settled down 'twas time to say good-bye.  
Those were the glad Thanksgivings, the old-time families knew  
When relatives could still be friends and every heart was true.

Sir Knight Edgar A. Guest  
1881-1959