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DECEMBER: The staff members of the *Knight Templar Magazine* and the Grand Recorder's office join with the officers of the Grand Encampment to express warm greetings of the season to all Templars and friends. This holiday issue of the magazine, as in other months, goes to readers in many parts of the world. Most of them live in the United States, but there are others with addresses scattered among 25 different countries. For some it will be a holiday season of snow and cold winds; for others it may be a time of mild or even tropical temperatures. To all, in the familiar Templar phrase, "wherever dispersed," we express appreciation for their readership and send our very best wishes for good health and good cheer as the old year nears its close with the observance of Christmas as its climax.



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Paul C. Rodenhauser, Editor

STAR OF WONDER, STAR OF NIGHT

There are many versions of the origin of the Christmas tree and the lighted candles upon its branches. One account tells how Martin Luther, returning to his home one Christmas eve, found that the glow of the starry heavens over the snow covered woods filled him with a great and wondrous reverence for God's glory.

To capture and transmit this feeling of revelation, he took a small fir tree to the nursery, placed candles upon the branches, lighted them, then called his children to witness the spectacle of Christmas brilliance as a symbol of faith.


The illuminated Christmas tree has become a yuletide fixture. If we look upon it as an emblem of Christian faith, it will remind us as Templars of that great Star in the East, the light that guides us in all worthwhile undertakings, the light that never fails.

In the season of Advent and of Christmas, I extend to every Knight Templar, and to his family, good wishes for holiday joy and happiness, and for that peace which can come only from above.

This is the season when all peoples around the globe in general attune themselves to the theme of "Good Will Toward Men." Knights Templar especially should keep this theme in mind and demonstrate it in their actions not only at Christmastime, but through every day of every year to come.

As we gather in our Templar asylums and houses of worship this year, let us clasp hands and open our hearts to the light eternal, to those divine rays from the Star in the East, that guided the Wise Men of two milleniums ago. Let us raise our voices in the ancient Advent hymn:

O Come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our Spirits by Thine Advent here;
And drive away the shades of night,
And pierce the clouds and bring us light.



Roy H. Riegle



The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Thru the invitation of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, a few Knights and their ladies from Wisconsin took the trip to Washington. I attended the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery. After the religious service we were lined up in front of the graves of the Unknown Soldiers. I was fortunate in being in the front line at the graves. There were many snapshots taken and I wondered if it would be possible for me to get one. I would be happy to pay for any expenses incurred.

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□ It was not the price of the uniform that caused my recent recommendation; it was the style. If we as Knights of the Temple are to follow the tradition of Soldiers Priests, then the present garb is not correct.

A Knight would appear in the Temple in the garb of a Warrior Priest, a white cape with a Red cross on the left breast. This is authenticated history of our Order.

As for being ashamed to wear the uniform, I wore the uniform of the United States Air Force for 20 years and two wars.

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□ Little did I realize the wonderful response I would receive from a little word in the *Knight Templar*. I have received 27 different dog tags and one transportation token.

My blessings to all.

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Editor's Note: Sir Knight Smith's collection hobby was noted in the October issue.

□ The Order of Knights Templar in the States is on such a massive scale that I am sure the administration, especially as it differs so much from English Knight Templary, where the Grand Master, as you know, is appointed for life and he appoints all his Provincial Priors in the same way. For your information, I am going to be installed as the Provincial Prior of the Province of the North and East Yorkshire by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master on the 8th December, 1973. The ceremony is to take place in the very old Medieval Hall in the City of York, known as the Merchant Adventurers' Hall and dates back to the 12th century.

I am looking forward to the visit of the Knights of the York Commandery No. 21 in Spring of 1975 when we hope to be able to reciprocate the wonderful hospitality that they showered on the party that I brought over to America in June of this year.

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□ As I am not able to read or write at present due to eye trouble my mother reads the *Knight Templar Magazine* to me.

I have been on disability for four years. I would like to start a hobby to pass the time such as collecting Masonic coins, insignias, etc.

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□ I am seeking information on Hugh Mulloy, born 1749-51, Albany, New York. He was secretary of a Masonic Lodge during the Revolutionary War, supposedly having taken the Degrees in Washington's tent. He was Captain of the ship "The Freemason" during the War.

Who were his parents? Who were his brothers and sisters? Any information will be helpful.

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☩ The letter written by Alvin B. Lowe of Salt Lake City, Utah, published in the October issue, tends to confirm a conclusion that I reached in about 1950. I was Knighted in 1948. A decline in York Rite Masonry has been caused, I believe, by the change in the pattern and tempo of American life since the turn of the century. Social activity used to center around neighborhood activities, due largely to the difference in transportation facilities then and now.

Family life as we knew it then has practically disappeared due to motor vehicles, radio, T.V., record players, moving pictures, bowling clubs, country clubs, etc., etc.

Along with these things has come not only an increase in the cost of living, but in the cost of common entertainment and social functions. Men, 75 years ago, were able to devote much more time to Lodge activities without interfering in the duties that they owed to their families. Today this is practically impossible. It is axiomatic that a man gets out of a Lodge just what he puts into it. How can a man today belong to his Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, possibly the Shrine and even the R.O.J., one of the working units in the Shrine Temple and his local Shrine Club, let alone have any time left for anything else whatsoever?

For certain professional men, such as I used to be, it is necessary to also be active in one or more technical societies connected with their profession. Obviously, there are so many demands on his time that he cannot possibly do justice to more than one or two of his affiliations.

As I see it, if York Rite Masonry is to survive, the Chapter, Council and Commandery must be combined into a single body, such as the Consistory, and completely overhaul its organization and method of operation so the time and money required to become a Knight Templar will be somewhere in the same neighborhood with that required by the Consistory. Up to this time I have not mentioned the expenses involved, which are a major consideration to the great majority of young men making a start in life today.

I became a Knight Templar for several reasons, mostly because of my father and the advice of a good friend, who had traveled both ways, to take the York Rite. I have never been sorry. Although I have never been able to take the Scottish Rite, I believe that the Order of the Temple must be the most beautiful and impressive of all Masonic Degrees.

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☩ It is amazing the prophecy of Templary we have today. While reading the *Knight Templar Magazine*, I was reminded of 1954, when I was High Priest of my Chapter, an individual who seldom attended made a similar prophecy of the fate of our Chapter and even suggested we might as well surrender our Charter. My reply was as long as I was High Priest we would sail ahead. I was re-elected High Priest. Okmulgee Chapter had a 10% net gain in 1954 and also in 1955.

In 1971 our Chapter had a 90% net gain, our Council 137% and our Commandery 99%. I was a first or second line signer on 74 of these petitions and we did not miss anyone because of the "uniform." We had 12 of these new Sir Knights, also two 1972 candidates, in uniform in Chicago and placed 6th in Class "B" Drill Competition.

My belief is if we had less criticism and more positive thinking and action many Commanderies would double their number of Knighting.

One does not have to be a sailor to know that it is not the wind or gale but the set of the sail that determines a ship's destiny. Today as Knights Templar, let our words and action always be such that we go forward.

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☩ I recently purchased a Knight Templar sword while on a business trip in Des Moines, Iowa, at a local English antique shop. The name William Sedgwick is engraved on it.

I would appreciate any information about the age of the sword, William Sedgwick, the body of which he was a member, etc.

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NEVER THE TWAIN . . .

It was Mark Twain who once wrote: "... Friendship is so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime — if not asked to lend money."



EDITOR'S JOURNAL

Action Express: Featured in the *Chicago Tribune* is an "Action Express." In common with similar columns in other major newspapers, it answers unusual questions, digs up little known facts and serves as a popular clearing house for information.

Its October 29 column was of special interest to Templars. A reader wrote: "Going thru the effects of my late father, I came across this photograph that he took at about 9th and Michigan Avenue. Can you tell me anything about the arch and where the picture might have been taken?"

Beneath was a reproduction of a 1910 photograph of a turreted arch and this reply: "The picture intrigued us, too. We traced it thru the Chicago Historical Society to the Grand Encampment of Knights-Templar of the U.S.A., a Masonic organization. Cheryl Rothwell, assistant editor of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, told us the arch was put up in 1910 for a triennial celebration that ran from August 9 to 11. There was another arch on LaSalle at Madison . . ."

We thank "Action Express" for seeking and finding the correct source to answer the reader's question. Further referring to the 31st Triennial Conclave, we note in the Printed Proceedings that Sir Knight William B. Melish was Acting Grand Master, a position made necessary by the death July 21, 1910 — less than three weeks before the Conclave — of the Grand Master, Dr. Henry W. Rugg.

Responding to welcomes from the Mayor, Governor and Illinois Grand Commander, Sir Knight Melish noted the unusual arches and bridges and thanked the committee "as your fratres, for all the work . . . Chicago's tremendous welcome will go down in the history of the Order as one of, if not the greatest, which has ever been accorded a Grand Encampment."

Voltaire: Impressed by the lively and continuing discussion on Templar uniforms, a reader has relayed this quotation from "Letters on the English" by philosopher-author Voltaire (1694-1778):

"All the works of the modern philosophers put together will never make so much noise as even the dispute which arose among the Franciscans merely about the fashion of their sleeves and of their cowls."

Objection: "For several months, I have been flooded with mail attacking Jews, Negroes, Catholics. None of it makes sense. Other Sir Knights must be receiving similar mail."

So writes an annoyed Templar last month. Although not limited to Masons, others apparently have been receiving such mail. One correspondent says that "most of it comes from east of the Mississippi River from Canada to Florida."

The unfortunate part of these radical letters and reprints of abusive articles from unknown publications is that some allegedly are signed by Masons and Templars who identify themselves as such. The majority of the material is far more distinguished for its violent tone than its composition, logic or Christian spirit.

There's always a "file 13."

Film on the Loose: Sir Knight Charles R. Thompson, Long Beach, California, received "an 8mm Super film to review. It was not mine but showed Templars at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, views of the White House, a beautiful girl in graduation gown and cap, a group picture and a clock tower. The number on it is 99972.

"I returned the film to DynaColor Corporation, Box 16000, Santa Monica, California 90406. Someone in Templary is missing this film." Sir Knight Thompson hopes this note will help.

JOEL POINSETT

by

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

Our traditional Christmas greens – the holly, mistletoe and evergreen tree – came to us long ago with Yule-tide customs of England and the European northlands. More recently a colorful importation from Mexico has become a highly popular Christmas decoration.

How many who admire the blazing crimson star of the poinsettia realize it had any connection with a South Carolina native, a flower lover, a modest man of great attainment in several fields – Joel Poinsett – who was a Knight Templar, commended by the Grand Encampment for his services to the Order.

Born at Charleston in 1779, of Huguenot lineage and a father who was a doctor of medicine, he was sent north for education beyond the common school at the Greenfield Hill Academy in Connecticut, of which the preceptor was Rev. Timothy Dwight, later president of Yale. On the college level he attended St. Paul's School in London and then the medical school of the University of Edinburgh as his father wished. Being inclined towards the military, of his own volition he transferred to the Military Academy at Woolwich but, when his father learned of the switch, it was with disapproval and the young man was called home. There he was put to the study of law but that had no appeal. His chief interests were military science and the study of foreign languages.

He was permitted to return to Europe and there he lived and traveled about for eight years, meeting the VIPs of the times. The death of his father and a sister left him financially independent but alone in the world. He came back to

America in 1808 when war threatened and sought a high military appointment but no spot was available. However, his varied training and language facilities recommended him for appointment as a special envoy to the South American countries then beginning their struggle for independence. In Brazil and Chile he was an advisor on political and military matters and laid the ground work for later commercial relations.

In 1816 Poinsett was back in South Carolina and was elected to the state legislature where he supported a program of internal improvement which included extending the state highway net and dredging navigable rivers. He was then elected to Congress but during his four years there, 1821-25, he was a relatively inconspicuous member.

He was named the first American Minister to Mexico in 1825. That country was in political turmoil. He may have become involved unofficially in some of those activities as his recall was requested and reluctantly granted four years later. It was said by some that he had perverted Freemasonry to politics and that made a good excuse whether right or wrong. There was great rivalry among Masonic bodies of the several Rites, as well as among the politicians who were affiliates.

While in Mexico, Poinsett was struck by the profusion of beautiful shrubs growing generally in the open and extensively used for indoor decoration from Christmas until Easter. He brought a quantity of the plants back with him and distributed some to fellow flower lovers. By propagation and selection the plant has been greatly improved, pink and white varieties having been →→→

developed. The "Mexican fire plant" or "painted leaf" now bears the name of the man who introduced it to the United States.

Upon his return to South Carolina Poinsett found the state in a ferment of opposition to the tariff act of 1828, with talk of — and even the threat of — secession. He was among the courageous organizers and leaders of the Unionist party and took part in a conciliatory settlement. In 1833 he married the widow of a long time friend, retiring to his plantation and peaceful enjoyment of life, cultivating his crops through the field hands and cultivating his mind through extensive reading and study.

Called back to public service in 1837 when Van Buren appointed him Secretary of War, he brought his training, industry, enthusiasm and originality to a job where he was responsible for internal improvements, mineral lands, explorations and surveys, Indian affairs, pensions, land bounties and, incidentally, a small regular army. It was a busy four years of development and accomplishment, during which time his health was not of the best. He pushed exploring parties to the Pacific and had the natural resources of the west surveyed. The Seminole War was followed by removal of 40,000 of the red men across the Mississippi to the Indian Territory, where Poinsett was especially zealous in advocating schools throughout the reservations but, while that was his policy, it seems performance did not keep up with planning.

He also strengthened the military academy at West Point which turned out a larger number of better trained young officers just in time for the War with Mexico, which, strangely enough, Poinsett opposed. Although educated in and strongly inclined towards the military service, he seems to have most successfully used persuasion, conciliation and diplomacy rather than force, right to the end of his 72 years. Quitting public service he had another ten years in garden

and study at his plantation home before death claimed him December 12, 1851.

In the midst of all his hustle and bustle, he was able to so divide his time that Masonry often received a goodly portion of his attention. He was a member and Past Master of Solomons Lodge in Charleston. He served as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina in 1821 but declined advancement. In 1836 he was elected Grand Master but again declined high office in the fraternity. While in Mexico he had encouraged the introduction of York Rite Masonry, three Lodges being chartered by New York and one by Pennsylvania.

In Royal Arch Masonry he was Grand High Priest in South Carolina, 1821-23, and introduced the degrees of the Chapter into Mexico while living there. Elected Deputy General Grand High Priest (in absentia) at the 1829 Triennial, he was re-elected in 1832 and 1835. In 1838 he declined further service on account of his health and pressure of his official station. He seems never to have actually been in attendance at the General Grand Chapter and no notice was taken of his death. When he left office, however, it was with a resolution of thanks for his services.

In Templary he was a member of South Carolina Commandery and, it is assumed, a Past Commander. In 1826 the Grand Encampment approved his application for permission to introduce the Orders into Mexico but nothing appears to have been done in consequence. At the Grand Encampment held in Washington in 1835 he was elected Grand Captain General, although not in attendance. At the Triennial in Boston three years later a letter was read from him declining any elective office. That he had been true to his knightly vows and faithful in performance of his duties, is indicated by a vote of thanks from the Grand Encampment for services rendered the Order by steadfast →→→

During the 52nd Triennial Conclave, presiding Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, assisted by the present Grand Master, Sir Knight Roy W. Riegle, and other Grand Encampment officers, presented plaques of recognition to those Grand Commanderies which had shown gains for the three-year period from 1970 to 1973.

A special plaque went to the Grand Commandery of Tennessee for the longest period of membership gains — since 1942. A number of other jurisdictions had gains for more than 25 years.

Following is a statistical report of the gains made during the full period of the 1970-73 Triennium:

Grand Commandery	6/30/70	6/30/73	Gain
Arizona	1,848	2,099	251
Arkansas	3,579	3,581	1
Florida	8,587	8,771	184
Georgia	12,260	12,749	489
Kentucky	8,278	8,615	337
Mississippi	7,486	8,145	659
North Carolina	7,905	8,564	659
South Carolina	7,487	8,640	1,162
Tennessee	9,834	10,426	592
Texas	28,850	28,890	40
West Virginia	6,282	6,346	64
Wisconsin	6,328	6,356	28

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adherence thereto during the days of persecution and trial and with regret that paramount public duties did not permit him to continue as an officer.

The hills flame with the fire of God!
Men lift their eyes aghast —
But if their souls are big enough
They hold that glory fast!

Pending features by Historiographer Case of Connecticut will include articles on John Barney and John A. Logan.

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Author of this seasonal poem is Sir Knight James Grafton Carter, Dayton Commandery No. 68, Dayton, Ohio, who has been selected to be included in the 1974 *Who's Who in Poetry* published by the International Biographical Center, Cambridge, England. He also appears in *Men of Achievement, 1973*, Melrose Press, Cambridge.

Now a retired C.P.A., his activities in genealogy have won him recognition in *The Hereditary Register of the United States of America*. He also is the author of books on finance.

Oh tree of life — balsam fir —
Whisper your mysteries to me
That I may know at Christmas time
Why you were favored as the children's tree.

Oh tree of life — trusting tree —
Did Eve pick your fruit in greed,
Her malicious snick, scattering man,
Afflict you with needles to breed?

On tree of life — faithful tree —
God's world indoors at Capricorn,
God's aroma and scent reminding man,
Though he be far, be not forlorn.

Oh tree of life — hopeful tree —
Tell us of ageless time
Of Romans and Jews who candled your boughs
Feasting and merrying, oblivious to crime.

Oh tree of life — humble tree —
Forlornly waiting out the stable door,
'Til pitying stars glowed on your limbs
Exalting a tree as never before.

Oh tree of life — parable tree —
Forgiven at last when Christ was born.
God gave to Him your onerous task
To suffer for the sins of man unborn.

Oh tree of life — symbolic tree —
Guarding the creche and Baby's hair,
Each twig a cross, each cone looking up,
Standing silently, free of despair.

Oh tree of life — delightful tree —
That God enriched for a purpose sublime.
You glitter, you glisten, you dazzle with stars
For all to behold at Christmas time.

Parry Sound, Ontario
October 27th, 1973

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Dear Sir:

My husband has said so many times that he wished he could write a letter to you. We are so appreciative of receiving the *Knight Templar*, and should have sent a 'Thank you' long ago. But this month a letter appeared from Sir Knight Kendall, a member of Rock Island Commandery No. 18. I thought I would not put off writing any longer; that is Mr. Brown's Commandery too.

I fairly bounced when I saw No. 18. We read the *Templar* from cover to cover; the letters are always so interesting, just like meeting old friends, even the places bring back memories, like Newcastle-on-Tyne, the lectures and messages from the learned Sir Knights, the biographical sketches, oh so many things too numerous to mention. What a privilege to belong to the Commandery! (and to be the wife of a Sir Knight).

When one has their sight, sure we read all about the Eye Foundation and think it is a wonderful thing, but when Mr. Brown had to have a cataract removed last October, and the other eye operated on in June — all these many months with only limited vision, well, one realizes what a wonderful thing sight is. He will have only limited vision when his glasses are ordered, but the next best thing to having his own sight restored is helping others and this is what he did, he sent in his Life Membership to the Eye Foundation last spring — it may help others. He will be 91 his next birthday; he is very keen, interested in current events, and of course in all things pertaining to the Masonic bodies.

Thank you again for the *Knight Templar* — they are so much appreciated.

Sincerely — Millie P. Brown
for Alexander Brown
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Parry Sound, Ontario

Alabama Amaranth Presentation

P.G.C. Thomas W. Mann, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Alabama, was presented with a \$275.00 check in November for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from the Grand Court of Alabama Order of the Amaranth.

A Christmas Gift of Sight

Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Trustee, and Chairman of the Memorial Campaign, reminds all Templars that Voluntary Campaign participation is the "finest Christmas gift a Templar can give."

THE DEW OF HERMON AND ZION

by
Gilbert H. Hill

"As the Dew of Hermon and the Dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

from Psalms 133

As in the days of the prophets of old, Mt. Hermon is still drenched with dew. Vapor arising from the Sea of Galilee, 37 miles away and 680 feet below sea level, condenses in the cold altitude of 9,232 feet, causing dew of rain-like proportions.

Mt. Hermon, thought to be the sight of the transfiguration, is really the most majestic mountain in Syria. The Arabs call it "Jebel eth-Thel," (snow mountain). From the heights of this mountain, Syria's capital, Damascus, only 26 miles away, is a mystically inspiring sight. Here it was, in the oldest continuously inhabited city of the world, "Pearl of the Middle East," that Ananias, one of the disciples, restored the sight of St. Paul. A crypt in the Christian quarter of the city marks the house of Anaias.

The mountains of Zion are the hills around Jerusalem, like the hills of Rome, seven in all. Of these, the most noted are Mt. Moriah and Mt. Zion. Blue-white vapor mists arising from the Dead Sea, 1,286 feet below sea level, climb to an average height of 2,500 feet in the hills around Jerusalem, forming a heavy dew.

The Dead Sea, lowest body of water on the earth's crust, is 47 miles long and about an average of 10 miles wide, subjected to a temperature of 130° F. much of the time. It has no outlet and the full flow of the Jordan River, with its millions of tons of water, evaporates, leaving the level of the sea, for most of the year, constant. The salinity of the water is eight times that of ocean water.

On the southeastern corner of the Dead Sea, archeological evidence is overwhelming to the effect that this was the site of the cities of Sodom, Gomorrah and Zoar. Bible readers will remember that at the destruction of Sodom, Lot's wife ignored the warning of the angels, looked back and became a pillar of salt, or a statue of rock salt.

Between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, two thirds of the length of the Jordan River is below sea level and thus is not navigable. The river meanders so much between these two points that in a straight distance of 65 miles it travels 200, thus providing much additional surface area of water for evaporation.

A great lesson for mankind comes from this Palistinian process of nature, God's plan: from the heat and torment of an arid area, refreshing soft water falls to earth on the cool mountain sides and tops, affording luxuriant growth for gardens and vineyards. A brine of valuable minerals and salts extremely useful for chemical and medical purposes is left behind. Salt in its purest form (NaCl), sodium chloride, is a great preservative and was always used by the Israelites in their altar offerings to their God.

In the process of the production of the dew of Hermon, Palistinians must observe that the natural forces at work through the ages will never favor Moslem, Christian or Jew to the exclusion of either of the others. As all the Holy Land needs salt as a seasoner and →→→

preservative, so out of the heat and torment of hatred must come some day the "peace which passeth all understanding" for man cannot hate forever. Men and nature are the products of change.

Peace, like the dew of Hermon, may yet arise from the depths of hatred and torment and despair and settle on the mountains of hope. The residue of experiences will be valuable in the settlement of disputes in time to come, when Arab and Jew can meet and greet with their own expression: "Salaam" and "Shalom," both meaning "PEACE."

As salt is a seasoning ingredient and a preserving agent, so may the residue of age-old conflicts, hatreds and enmity become the agency of peace for all time. Whichever way the fortunes turn in the Middle East, surely there will be valuable elements remaining as the basis of more permanent structures of human homogeneity. History records the destruction of Jerusalem sixteen times, yet each rebuilding has been on firmer ground. All humanity demands that it will survive even Armageddon. It is the salt of three great faiths Muhammadan, Christian and Jewish.

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Seasons Greetings

Ascension Day, 1974

Sir Knight David Aiken, President, Templar Knights Commanders' Association of the Metropolitan District of New York, has announced plans for the May 19 Ascension Day Church Service and Parade. The parade will start at 3:45 p.m. in Madison Square Park. The 4:00 p.m. church service will be held in Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue. Former Grand Prelate Dr. Norman Vincent Peale has been invited to deliver the message.

I stood before
the Master's chair
A brother craftsman
Lead me there

A trowel now in
the Master's hand
with which to spread
cement and sand

The words I had
been taught to use
and warned that I
should not abuse

That friendship was
the greatest part
and faith must come
from my own heart

An apron pure
and spotless white
A trust to keep
with all my might

And for these things
I kneel in prayer
God help me walk
both straight and square

The above poem is the work of Sir Knight Glen R. Buzzell, Lyme, New Hampshire 03768, a member of St. Aldemar No. 11, Barre, Vermont, who is interested in its use in "as many corners of the earth as possible." If readers desire copies as lettered above, but in 8½ by 11 inch size, they can secure availability information from the author.

Better is little with content
than too much with contention.

Brother Benjamin Franklin

1973 HONOR ROLL OF LEADING TEMPLARS

Sir Knight Edgar H. Clark, Chairman of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Committee, joins with Grand Master Riegle and the Knight Templar Magazine to salute the Templars selected during the calendar year of 1973 to receive the Knights Templar Cross of Honor award in their respective jurisdictions.

Nominations based on contributions to Templary and Masonry are made by the Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies. Each Grand Commander makes a selection (two if the Grand Commandery membership is greater than 15,000, three if it exceeds 25,000) and forwards the name or names together with supporting statements, to the Grand Master for approval. The 18 active Subordinate Commanderies relay their individual selections to the Grand Master, who selects one for the honor.

Each then receives – usually at his Annual Conclave – a plaque containing a brief citation and a Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor medal. The recognitions for service over and above the call of duty are signed by the Grand Master and Grand Recorder and bear the seal of the Grand Encampment.

Alabama	Mobile No. 2	John Sebastian Gamundi
Arizona	Casa Grande Valley No. 11	Carl Bunyan Sprinkles
Arkansas	Hot Springs No. 5	Duval Thornton
California	San Diego No. 25	William E. J. Erichsen
Colorado	Ivanhoe No. 11	Alva Frank Lyons
Connecticut	Cyrene No. 8	Edward Lester Spencer
District of Columbia	Columbia No. 2	Timothy Shaw Newkirk
Florida	Brevard No. 24	Roy Harris Wall
Georgia	Griffin No. 35	Dannie Lee Reed
Idaho	Idaho No. 1	Lenn Magill
Illinois	Dixon No. 21	James George Cledon
	Sterling No. 57	John Jacob Wolf
Indiana	New Castle No. 44	Archie Wilson Franklin
Iowa	Malta No. 31	William Max McDowell
Kansas	Mt. Olivet No. 12	Earl Stanley Brown
Kentucky	Princeton No. 35	James Franklin Gordon
Louisiana	Indivisible Friends No. 1	Bowdre McDowell
Maine	Not Awarded	
Maryland	Maryland No. 1	Levin Elworth Custer
Mass. & R.I.	Joseph Warren No. 26	Ernest J. Comi
Michigan	Lansing No. 25	Robert Carlton Davidson
Minnesota	Darius No. 7	Robert Ross Jones
Mississippi	Cyrene No. 9	Robert Marshall Shields
Missouri	Ascalon No. 16	Guy Elmore Kirkmen
Montana	DeMolay No. 15	Leonard O. Creamer
Nebraska	Mt. Nebo No. 11	Clark Peters
Nevada	Edward C. Peterson No. 8	John P. Burns
New Hampshire	Trinity No. 1	Richard Warren Watson

New Jersey	Jersey No. 19	Albert Woods Bates
New Mexico	Not Awarded	
New York	St. Lawrence No. 28	Bertram W. Barrows
North Carolina	Calvary No. 25	Augustus Oden Latham
North Dakota	St. Aldemar No. 3	Harry T. Monson
Ohio	Calvary No. 13	Demaree Moore
	Mt. Vernon No. 1	Frank Henry Nicklaus
	Medina No. 84	William Millard Bower
Oklahoma	Shawnee No. 36	Chester Lee Moffett
Oregon	Portland No. 1	Ellis M. McKnight
Pennsylvania	Franklin No. 44	Howard H. Gilliland
	Jerusalem No. 15	Thomas F. B. Samworth
South Carolina	Spartanburg No. 3	John Mounce Moore
South Dakota	La Co Tah No. 6	Loftus Home Ward
Tennessee	St. Elmo No. 15	J. D. Higginbotham
Texas	San Marcos No. 56	Chesley C. Pennington
	Ivanhoe No. 8	George S. P. Crenshaw
	Tancred No. 82	Frank Walker Schaedel
Utah	El Monte No. 2	Alfred Berrill
Vermont	Taft No. 8	Thomas Kenneth Fauley
Virginia	Luray No. 19	Leo Halcy Hoak
Washington	Seattle No. 2	Frank W. Schnell
West Virginia	Weirton No. 30	Frank Walter Giebel
Wisconsin	St. Croix No. 14	John R. Wahlquist
Wyoming	Mount Lebanon No. 11	Harold L. Johnson
Subordinate	Hermann von Salza No. 1	Gary Max Kollo

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The January *Knight Templar Magazine*, in addition to special articles, will include highlights of information about the Chairmen of the Grand Encampment Committees for the 1973-76 triennium.

Informational items scheduled for January also will feature a listing of the official Annual Conclave Visitation schedule for 1974 – the dates and locations of the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commanderies and each designated Representative of the Grand Encampment who will participate.

Additionally, January's issue will feature meeting dates and locations of national Masonic and affiliated bodies. This service is designated to assist the planning for regional and national activities, also to help publicize meeting information for those who might wish to attend.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT IN NORTH DAKOTA

E. J. Taylor, Jr., Recorder
Tancred Commandery No. 1
Mandan, North Dakota

"If it had not been for what I learned during those years I spent in North Dakota, I never in the world would have been President of the United States."

Theodore Roosevelt

An interesting additional part of the life of this distinguished Mason fits the theme of Sir Knight Deck's excellent article on Theodore Roosevelt in the October 1973 *Knight Templar*.

On September 7, 1883, Theodore Roosevelt dropped off a Northern Pacific train at Little Missouri, Dakota Territory (now Medora, North Dakota). For the next three years he spent more than half his time in territory now known as Roosevelt National Memorial Park. He purchased two ranches. While he had not become a Mason at that time it is interesting that the registered brand of the Chimney Butte Ranch was a Maltese cross and the brands of the Elkhorn Ranch were an Elkhorn and an equilateral triangle.

Roosevelt did a good deal of writing while in the Bad Lands including biographies of Thomas H. Benton and Gouverneur Morris and *Hunting Tales of a Ranchman*, which is biographical of that portion of his life. Several excellent accounts of this period of Roosevelt's life have been written, the best of which are *Ranching With Roosevelt* by Lincoln A. Lang and *Roosevelt in the Bad Lands* by Hermann Hagedorn.

It was characteristic of Roosevelt that he fully entered into the untamed frontier life. He was among the first to realize the importance of bringing some kind of law and order to the country where the lawless found easy refuge and horse-thieving and cattle rustling flourished. He helped organize the Little Missouri River Stockmen's Association and served

as its president. He was a Deputy Sheriff of Billings County, D.T., while an Assemblyman of the New York state legislature.

Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park may be reached by interstate highway I-94. The south unit of the park is adjacent to the highway. The town of Medora has been restored by Sir Knight Harold Schafer who has expended considerable time and money on this enterprise. It is possible to stay at the restored Rough Riders Hotel, see Roosevelt's log cabin and in general see a frontier town as it appeared during territorial days. The north unit of the park has been left in wilderness condition. It is well worth the 60 mile journey required.

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THE AMERICAN'S CREED

The Creed, written by William Tyler Page, was adopted by an Act of Congress on April 6, 1918. Sir Knight William F. Horsch, CDR, USNR (Ret.), Detroit Commandery No. 1, Michigan, forwarded it to the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Riegle a Retread

Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, Emporia, Kansas, has become a member of the National Honor Society of Retreads, "an Honor Society of War Veterans who Served Honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States of America during World War I and again in World War II."

Information on the latest membership of Colonel Riegle was forwarded by Sir Knight Frederick J. Egger, P.C., Manhattan Commandery No. 31, Bronx, New York, also a Retread.

Executive Director K.T.-K.C. Speaker

Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., was the announced "Main speaker" for the November 28 annual joint banquet of the Knights of Columbus Lodge and the Billings Blue Lodge No. 139 of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

The major subject of the joint meeting at the Congregational Church in Fort Atkinson was highlighted as "The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Its Goals and Objectives."

Reuben E. Gartman was chairman of speaker arrangements.

Dodge City Reception

The Sir Knights of Dodge City Commandery No. 25, Kansas, announce a December 8 reception in honor of the R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Dr. Basil L. Johnson. The reception will be from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Masonic Temple and the banquet will be at the Community College of Dodge City at 6:30 p.m. Chairman is Gail Sullivan, 814 Gillman, Dodge City, Kansas 67801.

York and Scottish Rite Leaders



Shown at the House of the Temple, Washington, during the Biennial Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33^o, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, in October, are, seated, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, George A. Newbury, and, on the right, the presiding Sovereign Grand Commander, Henry C. Clausen.

Standing are G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation; Roy W. Riegle, Grand Master, Knights Templar, U.S.A., and William J. Netherton, Grand Sovereign, U.G.I.C., Red Cross of Constantine.

Supreme Guardian on the Move

Mrs. Robert W. Brown, Gladwin, Michigan, installed Supreme Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters in Baltimore last August, currently is on a swing of visitations through the United States.

Already completed have been official visits to Labrador, Alaska, British Columbia, and to New Hampshire, Oklahoma and other states. January's schedule calls for visitations in Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, Japan, Australia, Bangkok and Hong Kong.

Job's Daughters is an organization of young ladies, 12 to 20 years of age, who are related to a Mason.

Early Easter Plans

Grand Commander Morrison L. Cooke, Grand Commandery of Kentucky, has issued Special Bulletin No. 1 on the subject of "Easter Sunrise Service." It announces that Grand Commandery officers "are sponsoring a Chartered Pilgrimage Flight to Washington, D.C., for the annual Easter Sunrise (Memorial) Service of the Grand Encampment.

"We plan to leave Louisville Saturday morning, April 13, and return Sunday evening April 14." The project will be a "package deal, ladies invited, including round-trip plane fare, accommodations at the Hotel Washington, and chartered sightseeing buses."

Indiana Grand Commander Russell R. Aulm has proposed a chartered group flight to Washington for the Sunrise Service leaving Indianapolis on Friday, April 12, and returning Monday, April 15. It also included plane fares, hotel accommodations at the Pick-Lee House and sightseeing. Interested Sir Knights are advised to contact the Grand Commander direct at 1611 East LaSalle Street, South Bend, Indiana 46617.

Sesquicentennial Celebration

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in the Commonwealth of Virginia officially celebrated their Sesquicentennial November 26 and 27 at the Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, with a Templar Festival and a Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta were conferred on the class of candidates November 26 with the Order of the Temple on November 27. Russell B. Frost, Jr., Grand Commander, presided over the Banquet Tuesday evening.

New, New Jersey Templars

The 30th annual Statewide Templar Festival in New Jersey resulted in 59 Knightings at the Masonic Temple, Plainfield, Saturday, November 3. The class was named in honor of the M.W. Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey, Vernon Cornine.

Registration began at 8:15 a.m. The special conclave was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. after the conferral of the Order of the Red Cross by Jersey Commandery No. 19, the Order of Malta by St. John's Commandery No. 9 and the Order of the Temple by Trinity Commandery No. 17. Past Department Commander Theodore F. Voelter, P.G.C., New Jersey, wrote; "We had a prior Festival in Camden in October when 18 were Knighted."

Cottrell Honored by Square Club

John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment, was honored November 2 by the Franklin Square Club at its annual meeting at the Alpine Inn,

Springfield, Pennsylvania. Guest speaker for the occasion was Sir Knight Harry G. Fox, 33°, Deputy Commissioner, Philadelphia Police Department.



Among those present were the Chairman of the Board, a retired Chairman of the Board and the President of the Philadelphia Electric Company, where Sir Knight Cottrell is associated with the Plant Accounting Division. The honored Templar was presented "with a beautiful Philadelphia Bowl with the base suitably inscribed."



When Arizona Grand Commandery officers are installed, each wife pins the jewel of office on the uniform of her husband and plants a ceremonial kiss on his cheek while a camera records the event.

The October 22 installation, with Grand Master Riegle as installing officer, progressed as planned — until the turn of Estel Brooks, Grand Treasurer, when film difficulty developed necessitating a number of re-takes and “repeated kissing practice.”

The final photograph is regarded by Arizona Templars as a “classic example of osculatory congratulations.”

“Stacked Deck”

A team from St. George's Commandery No. 37, Schenectady, New York, installed the officers of St. Andrew's Chapter, Order of DeMolay, October 27. Lawrence A. Deck was installed Master Councilor by his brother Bruce L. Deck. Another member of the installing team was their father, P.G.C. Warren Deck, a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations.

Maurice B. Tracy, Chairman of the Advisory Council, referred to the family group as a “stacked deck.”

Geoffrey E. Stickler, Almoner, Scottish Rite Almoner's Fund, Inc., Valley of Chicago, A.A.S.R., has announced detailed figures on the distribution of the Fund since May 1, 1969.

A total of \$12,000 has been given to the Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm, Paxton, Illinois. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has received \$3,000; the Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago has been a beneficiary in the amount of \$24,750; the Chicago Unit of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children has received \$4,500; a total of \$1,950 has gone to the Masonic Service Association, U.S.A., Hines Hospital.

Contributions for the period amount to \$73,040. Donation and contribution information is available from Geoffrey E. Stickler, Almoner, Scottish Rite Almoner's Fund, Inc., 915 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

Nathan Hale Taught Here



A bicentennial reminder is the School House at East Haddam, Connecticut, where Nathan Hale (1755-1775) taught two centuries ago after his 1773 graduation from Yale.

The martyred patriot is sometimes confused with a Colonel Nathan Hale, a Mason, who died in 1780. Hale's last words remain an inspiration to Americans: “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country!”

Saturday and Sunday, November 24-25, were the dates for the Annual Convocation of the Texas State Priory of the Order of Knighthood, DeMolay, in the city of Temple.

The Order of Knighthood, for DeMolays between 17 and 21, has been designated to receive "special cooperation and assistance from the Grand Encampment Office during the 1973-76 Triennium of the Order of Knights Templar," announces Grand Master Roy W. Riegle.

At a two day meeting of the International Knighthood Study Committee hosted by the Triennial Conclave Committee in Chicago last August, Grand Master George M. Klepper, Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, joined the committee for its deliberations. Deputy Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., and the Vice-Chairman of the Supreme Council's Committee on Appendant Orders, Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer, spent a brief period with the members between Triennial Conclave committee meetings Saturday, August 11.

The meeting was chaired in the absence of Robert Walker, New York, by Sir Knight Reese L. Harrison, who is Knighthood Governor for Texas.



Mrs. Leslie Armstrong, West Point, Nebraska, was elected Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant at their Annual Assembly held in Boston October 15-19. She follows Mrs. Clarence Fagerstrom of St. Paul, Minnesota, who presided.

Long time Supreme Recorder Mrs. E. Loy Knoske, Warren, Ohio, was named Supreme Recorder Emeritus. Mrs. Herbert S. Roth, 1253 Second Place, Calimesa, California 92320, is the new Supreme Recorder.

Comet Kohoutek for Christmas

December and January will offer an opportunity to witness the "brightest comet in living memory, and it may not return for thousands of years." So reports Dr. Kenneth Franklin, Hayden Planetarium chairman, New York.

Dr. Franklin calls it a "glorious show." By mid-December, Comet Kohoutek is expected to be visible an hour before sunrise. By the middle of January, it is scheduled to set about two hours after sunset. Visibility began in November, some three hours before sunrise.

The comet was discovered by Dr. Lubos Kohoutek, at the Hamburg Observatory, in March. Its closest approach to the earth will be 75 million miles in January 1974.

Telescopes will be needed to view it by the end of February. The peak time is described by Brian Marsden, Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, who says it may be "the biggest, most spectacular astral display living man has seen, beginning this Christmas and lasting two months."

Stone Pavilion Dedication

Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury, Supreme Council, 33^o, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., was the principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies October 20 for the W. Clement Stone Pavilion for the Health Sciences at Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago. During the ceremonies it was announced that the new student housing apartments will be named in honor of Sir Knight Warren N. Barr, Sr., President of the Board of Trustees.



On stage, left to right, Colonel and Sir Knight Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., second man to walk on the moon; Sir Knight W. Clement Stone, Sovereign Grand Commander Newbury, Sir Knight Barr, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley and Gerald W. Mungerson, Executive Director of the Medical Center, who presided.



M.W. Earl M. Potter, Grand Master of Illinois Masons, left, and Sir Knight Barr, seated, look on as Louis L. Williams, Active Member Emeriti, Supreme Council, 33^o, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., and P.G.M. G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, place the deposits for the cornerstone pillar.

Eye Foundation Promotion by TV

Warren R. Williams, Jr., Grand Captain General, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, has been re-appointed Grand Commandery Chairman for the Eye Foundation's Voluntary Campaign.

As one of his promotional projects, he appeared for a taping session of "Manager's Chat," a quarter hour feature on WLVT-TV, West Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, utilizing "before" and "after" pictures of several youngsters who had been assisted by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and discussing Templary's humanitarian project generally.

The program is to be aired January 1, 1974, at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.



Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser poses with Sir Knight Williams, Sovereign Grand Commander Newbury and P.G.M. Bell



Mayor Daley speaks at the banquet following the ceremonies as Sir Knights Stone, left, and Barr look on.

THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR'S UNIFORM

by
Dr. Beryl Sales Kinser

The following is excerpted from the text of former Associate Grand Prelate Kinser's message at the August 12 Divine Service during the 52nd Triennial Conclave. It is based upon Ephesians 6:10-24.

I want you to know I do not have in mind the uniform which you carefully hang in your locker in the Armory or wear in the Asylum, where you present the beautiful and impressive lessons and inspirations of Templary, or which are seen in your public appearances.

I am speaking of a spiritual uniform becoming a Knight Templar, but which also should be worn by his wife and children and every person who is a follower of the Christian way of life.

The uniform I have in mind you put on and never take off. You go to sleep in it and wake up in it. You wear it to church every Sunday and also every day of the week at work, at play or at rest.

Every Knight Templar has signed his name to a petition which requires him to assert, "I am a firm believer in the Christian religion." As much as we love our Order and all that it does for us others through the Eye Foundation and the scholarship programs, let us be reminded the Church of Christ has historical priority and should have our personal priority.

It was not until 312 A.D. that "In Hoc Signo Vinces" appeared in the heavens to Constantine before the battle of Saxa Rubra. It was in the Cross of Christ that Constantine became Emperor of Rome. Prior to that time Christians had been persecuted. No Christian could serve in the Roman Army. After Constantine became converted to the Christian faith



he ordered every soldier to become a Christian. Whole battalions marched into rivers and submerged themselves in the water as a sign of Christian baptism.

This change of religion in the Roman Emperor brought the Christian ethic and ideals to have a dominant influence upon the development of our Western civilization. It was Constantine, in an effort to unify his empire, who arranged the first ecumenical council held in Nicea in 325.

The Knights Templar became an Order of the Roman See. They participated in the Crusades to rescue the Holy Land from the non-believers and then became a wealthy organization in Europe. Later the properties were confiscated and Grand Master DeMolay was executed.

This preceded the Reformation and the Religious Wars with respect to which one historian remarked, "They painted the soil of Europe red with blood all to the glory of God and the salvation of their respective souls."

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Let us thank God that the days of religious wars are long gone and that the spirit of cooperation and mutual appreciation has replaced antagonism and warfare between Christian bodies. The new word among churches in our day is "Ecumenism," which means the whole household of faith.

But, let it be said to the everlasting glory of Masonry, here is a fraternity which realizes that God is called by different names by different peoples. Masonry was and still is in advance of the church in ecumenism. Masonry includes all believers in God regardless of the name of their religion.

In 1885 Rudyard Kipling was Raised in the Lahore, India, Lodge. He said, "I was Entered by a Hindu, Passed by a Moslem and Raised by an Englishman." The Tyler was a Jew.

And now for this uniform which all Christians should wear 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year and all the years of your life.

When the author of the Epistle to the Ephesians wrote, "Put on the whole armor of God," he implied that there was a battle going on. Indeed, there was and still is. There are so many things good, beautiful and true in this world which need to be defended and strengthened and so much evil, wickedness and corruption which should be opposed and eliminated that your Christian character demands that you personally be involved and engaged in this warfare. If it isn't war, then why be armed? James Russell Lowell put it in these words:

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth and Falsehood, for the good or evil side."

The first item is the girdle of truth. The girdle was made use of in ancient times to bind up and strengthen the body and better enable a man to persist in his

labors. For the soldier it was a wide belt.

There was no recorded answer when Pilate asked our Lord, "What is Truth?" But in Biblical usage the word "truth" embraces more than conformance with fact. It includes "to sustain," "faithful," "lasting," "loyalty," "justice," "righteousness," as a way of walking in the light according to the Word of God. May your life be "true."

Your next item will be the breastplate of righteousness. The Prophet Isaiah pictures God himself going forth to do battle against evil and wearing the breastplate of righteousness. Godly men and women will also put this on.

Unless you want to go barefooted your feet should be shod with boots or shoes of your preparation of the gospel of peace as you go forth in your life in communication with others.

Then take up your shield of faith. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews wrote, "now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." It is that in which we have good reason to believe, upon which we act and live our lives.

For your chapeau put on the helmet of salvation. According to the Bible language salvation means "saving health."

And your weapon is a sword, the sword of the spirit which is the word of God.

Put on this whole armor of God, wear it constantly and consistently as your uniform and you will live and die a better and happier person and the world will be a better and a happier place because you have been here.



Successful Fund-Raising Projects

Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Chairman of the Walter A. DeLamater Memorial Campaign, December 1-April 30, has compiled a list of benefit events submitted by a number of Commanderies as "tried and proven" activities in Voluntary Campaigns of the past. Sir Knight McIntyre observes that some will be more suitable and more successful in some localities than others, but suggests that the full list be given consideration by Committees assigned to help meet the \$500,000 goal of the 6th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



The listing of suggested fund-raising activities includes:

- theatre parties
- breakfasts
- luncheons
- dinner
- dances
- bake sales
- rummage sales
- travelogues
- benefit recitals
- car washes
- paper drives
- card parties
- silent auctions

A Pre-Bicentennial Note



Sir Knight Zenon C. R. Hansen, left, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and President Henry J. Nave, stand beside a one-quarter replica of the Liberty Bell at the Mack World Headquarters, Allentown, Pennsylvania, as an advance Bicentennial Salute and, quoting Sir Knight Hansen, as a reminder that "liberty is not a mere privilege conferred 200 years ago, but a daily way of life that must be earned and re-earned."

The replica Liberty Bell, created by Schulmerich Carrillon, Inc., Sellersville, Pennsylvania, is produced in limited edition, musically tuned, "faithful in the smallest detail to the original — uneven lower lip, misspelled inscription, ornamental filigree on the frame."

Correction

In the November salute to Grand Commanders, the first name of the Grand Commander of Virginia was incorrectly listed as Robert. The correct name of the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia is Russell B. Frost, Jr.



Grand Encampment
Roll Call of Honored Dead

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Walter E. Beisecker

North Dakota

Grand Commander — 1967

Born December 20, 1894

Died September 26, 1973

Harry B. Shaw

Maryland

Grand Commander — 1955

Born August 21, 1899

Died October 14, 1973

F. Yale Williams

Nevada

Grand Commander — 1955

Born December 16, 1902

Died October 17, 1973

Fred England, Jr.

Michigan

Grand Commander — 1952

Department Commander — 1958-61

Born August 29, 1894

Died November 6, 1973

Five Score and Three

Died, at the age of 103, Sir Knight Hermann Redlich, Chicago Commandery No. 19, Illinois. Notice of this passing was received November 1 from his daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. E. Redlich, Highland Park, Illinois.

Sir Knight Dies at 101

Sir Knight H. G. Hawk, who celebrated his 101st birthday August 27 in Newton, Kansas, died October 22. Sir Knight Hawk's birthday was noted in the November *Knight Templar Magazine*.

A member of Newton Commandery No. 9, he is survived by his widow, Ida, who observed her 100th birthday August 8, 1973.

WASHINGTON'S DEATH

"Perhaps the best example of Medical treatment in *The Good Old Days* is the last illness of George Washington — the most distinguished member of the Masonic Fraternity, first President of the United States, and first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen. He died December 14, 1799, at the age of 67, a victim of the incredible medical practice of the time.

"On the morning of December 12th, he rode out to his farm and returned in the afternoon. It had been a cold, wet, blustery day. His hair was damp with snow. The next morning he complained of a sore throat, which worsened toward night. The following day he could scarcely speak, and he breathed with difficulty. He asked that the overseer be called to bleed him. This was done. Dr. Craik was summoned, as well as Dr. Brown. Dr. Craik arrived and immediately bled him again. Another doctor, Dr. Dick, was sent for. While waiting for Drs. Brown and Dick to arrive, he was again bled for the third time. After their arrival, he was bled again (fourth bleeding), and given a cathartic and an emetic.

"Late that afternoon he died.

"Considering Washington's strong constitution, it is reasonably certain he would have survived an ordinary cold and sore throat if he had had *no* medical attention. But he could not withstand the medical treatment of the age in which he lived. Four bleedings in one day, plus further dehydration from the cathartics and emetics was just too much."

Beyond the circle of the sea,
When voyaging is past,
We seek our final port in Thee;
Oh! bring us home at last.
In Thee we trust, whate'er befall;
Thy sea is great, our boats are small.

Henry van Dyke

GRAND ENCAMPMENT WORKSHOP ROUNDUP

Five Regional York Rite Conferences have been conducted in five Departments since the close of the 52nd Triennial Conclave in August. Separate General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council sessions were held at each.

Department Commander Clell C. Warriner presided for the first in the Grand Encampment year September 15-16 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the South Central Department. Grand Encampment representatives included Grand Master Riegle, Grand Captain General Johnson, Grand Recorder Rodenhauer and Educational Foundation Chairman Willham.

Sir Knight Louis A. Beaudoin, Northeastern Department Commander, was joined by Grand Master Riegle, Grand Generalissimo John B. Cotrell, Jr., and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer, in conducting the Department Conference October 12-13 at Washington, D.C.

Among the Grand Encampment Chairman participating were Marvin E. Fowler, Easter Sunrise Memorial Service; Gordon J. Brenner, Religious Activities, and G. Calvin Dyson, Ritualistic Matters. Also in attendance were Department Commanders Charles L. Harrison (Southeastern) and William J. J. Fleming (East Central). The 1974 Conference will be held October 10-11.



Northeastern Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders at Conference.

The Northwestern Conference at Boise, Idaho, November 3-4, was conducted by Department Commander John W. Givens. Participating were Grand Master Riegle and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer. Sir Knight Brinkley B. Brown was chairman of arrangements.



Department Commander Givens presides with Grand Master Riegle to his right.



Pictured at Washington, Sir Knights Cottrell, Grand Master Riegle, Southeastern Department Commander Harrison, Host Department Commander Beaudoin.

Sir Knight Brown, Grand Commander of Colorado, is also the District Deputy Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. The local committee was headed by Past Grand Commander Merlin F. Purcell, Idaho.

Sir Knight John B. Nye, Southwestern Department Commander, was in charge of the Grand Encampment workshop at Phoenix, Arizona, November 10-11, with Deputy Grand Master Willard M. Avery and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer participating. Earl A. Spitler, Deputy General Grand High Priest, was chairman for this year's York Rite gathering. The Representative of the General Grand Master of General Grand Council, Hoyt McClendon, in the Southeastern region is Marvin J. Baker.

Next year's Conference, Southwest Region, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 9 and 10, 1974.

The final November workshop was in Altoona, suburb of Des Moines, Iowa, November 17-18 with Department Commander Charles A. Howard in charge of the North Central Templar Conference. As in all of the current year's York Rite gatherings, the Deputy General Grand High Priest served as chairman of arrangements. James P. Irish represents the General Grand Chapter in the North Central region.

The Conference was preceded November 16 by a meeting of Grand Encampment officers - Grand Master Riegle, Deputy Grand Master Avery, Grand Generalissimo Cottrell, Grand Captain General Kenneth C. Johnson,

Grand Recorder Rodenhauer - also Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell as Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. All participated in the Department Conference, as did Karl A. Crane, member of the Committee on Drill Regulations.

The two remaining Conferences of the Grand Encampment year - which extends from July 1 to June 30 - will be the East Central (Sir Knight Fleming, Department Commander), January 12-13, Wheeling, West Virginia; and the Southeastern (Sir Knight Harrison, Department Commander), January 18-19, Columbia, South Carolina. All Grand Commandery Officers and Past Grand Commanders are invited to attend the Regional Grand Encampment Conferences.

Voluntary Chairmen Updating

Appointments have been received to complete the listing of Grand Commandery Chairmen for the Walter A. DeLamater Memorial Campaign, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Added since the November issue: James E. Moseley, Georgia; Richard C. Wheeler, Idaho; Clifford J. Freeman, Illinois; Clark H. Leach, Maine; Ralph W. Bell, Minnesota; John Traufer, Montana; Neil R. Baker, New York; William D. Snipes, Texas; Jay R. Newman, Utah; Robert V. Osborne, Wisconsin.



CHRISTMAS STAR

Each star shines on its bit of earth,
Its point is fixed in vision fine;
The Christmas Star gives brilliant birth
To Light that makes the whole world shine.

Milford E. Shields, P.C.
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Otis V. Jones, Voluntary Campaign Chairman for Raleigh Commandery No. 4, North Carolina, left, presents check for \$2,340 to Commander Carroll Sanford at the close of the 5th Voluntary Campaign.

The Sir Knights of Raleigh Commandery raised a per capita average of \$7.35 during the last Voluntary Campaign. North Carolina Voluntary Campaign Chairman Frederick G. Speidel points to the fund raising activity of this Commandery as one which would work for all Commanderies during the current campaign.

The Commandery held a "Covered Dish York Rite Promotional Banquet." Everyone brought \$2.00 and a covered dish. Chairman Speidel gave a short talk on the Eye Foundation and the Grand Encampment film, "The Cavalcade of Templary," was shown.

Net results: a Voluntary Campaign plaque, 52 new Life Sponsors, five Associate Patrons, four Patrons and 19 candidates for the Spring York Rite Conferral. As Chairman Speidel points out, the local York Rite bodies benefited from the Voluntary Campaign activities as well as the Eye Foundation. The members enjoyed the project sharing and also publicized the Foundation to other Masons and to the general public.

Voluntary Campaign Materials

Report forms, fact sheets and leaflets publicizing the Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign in Memory of Walter A. DeLamater were placed in the mail by the Grand Encampment Committee, Charles S. McIntyre, Chairman, starting November 26.

The mailing schedule includes sample sets of materials to all Constituent and Subordinate Commanders, Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, Grand Recorders and Grand Commandery Chairmen, also to Grand Encampment officers and Department Commanders.

Bulk supplies go to each Constituent and Subordinate Recorder. An emergency supply of promotional leaflets is sent to each Grand Commandery Chairman.

Additional forms and leaflets are available upon request to the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Commandery credit starts with reports received during December, January, February, March and April, plus an additional report leeway until May 14. All reports are to be forwarded by *Grand Commandery Chairmen* to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572

Advice to Writers

When you've got a thing to say,
Say it! Don't take half a day. . .
Life is short - a fleeting vapor -
Don't you fill the whole blamed paper
With a tale which, at a pinch,
Could be cornered in an inch!
Boil her down until she simmers,
Polish her until she glimmers.

Advice to Writers for the *Daily Press*
Joel Chandler Harris (1848-1908)

MARYLAND SUPPLEMENT



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At this Christmas Season it is apropos and fitting to publish for the Sir Knights of Maryland a history of the Gothic Room, or Commandery Asylum, on the fifth floor of the Masonic Temple in Baltimore. This history was prepared by a very sincere, a very dedicated Sir Knight, one whose only request is . . . "I would appreciate a credit line for both Carroll Commandery No. 17 and Beauseant Commandery No. 8, since they deserve the recognition . . ."

GOTHIC ROOM (Commandery Asylum)

Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Md.

The entire fifth floor of the Masonic Temple in Baltimore is devoted to the Knights Templar. It consists of the lobby as you leave the elevator, the Asylum, the Drill Hall, a large locker room, and several small rooms off of the Asylum which are used by the four City Commanderies.

The first thing to attract one's eye in the lobby is the picture of Jesus ministering to the needy. This represents the Captain of our Salvation, to Whom all Templary is dedicated. This is of special import to all Christian Masons, since the Knights Templar organization is the only one in all of Freemasonry which is strictly Christian in nature.

In the locker room the Sir Knights store the uniforms which are worn at the Commandery Conclaves. These are unique in that each State prescribes the style of uniform it shall wear, even though all commanderies operate under the Grand Encampment of the United States and the Grand Commandery of their respective State.

The Drill Hall is a large room with mirrors almost the entire length of the north wall to permit participants, at drill practice, to see how they are performing. This room also serves as the Commandery Banquet Hall.

As you enter the Asylum itself, you must be prepared to return to the days of yore, where chivalry reigned supreme. As one beholds the breath-taking atmosphere of Gothic architecture, the large columns with shields and black and white Beauseants on the side walls; stained glass windows; huge, massive double doors entering into the Drill Hall, the beamed ceiling, suspended triangles with a Passion Cross reclining at a 45-degree angle, and illuminated with electric candles; in the East, a two-step dais elevates the throne above the tiled floor of the Asylum. Behind the throne, suspended on the paneled wall, is a blood-red Passion Cross, above which is a round, stained glass window. On beholding all of this, one cannot remain in this century. A feeling of profound understanding of the days of the Knights Templar and of Knightly Orders permeates the air as the enchantment overwhelms the humble beholder.

The stranger does not know that he has just begun his trip into yesteryear through

the surroundings which he has beheld. As he approaches the East and faces about he sees a choir loft with a large pipe organ. Directly below it on the Asylum floor, he sees the chairs occupied by the junior officers of the Commandery. Situated among these chairs he is attracted to the beautiful banners of the Order, the Beauseant, and the beautiful American Flag. To the rear of all of these and under the choir loft is a chamber, now visible, where a soft light radiates and there seems to be some sort of picture which is not clearly seen. Attention stirs, and curiosity aroused, he approaches the Ascension Chamber, where his astonished eyes behold a huge painting on the wall of our Lord ascending into heaven; not merely hung there, but actually painted on the wall. The room is decorated in gold with an illuminated red cross suspended overhead and the word "INRI" on the wall. On each side of the Ascension is a marble statue of cherubim. The impression made upon a non-member is one of humble religious significance; to the Knight Templar it is an awe-inspiring experience which vibrates every learning experience which we have passed through during our knighting and reminds us of the beautiful, impressive, and everlasting truths which are with us all; and especially those of our Blessed Teacher, Who is with us always.

This Asylum is a counterpart of the Toslyn Cathedral at Edinburgh, Scotland.

On Christmas Day in 1890, this Temple was burned and most of the records were lost. The Great Baltimore Fire, in 1904, however, did not touch the Temple. In 1908 the Temple was burned again and this time it was gutted with a great loss of more than \$100,000 in Knights Templar uniforms and equipment. This Asylum was rebuilt following that fire and was dedicated on November 19, 1909. At that time the Grand Commandery of Maryland formed in the Doric Room on the fourth floor and marched to the dedication ceremonies on the fifth floor.

Knights Templar of Baltimore are very proud of the picture of Christ in the Ascension Chamber. It is not only unique in that it is painted on the wall, but also in that it was begun by a Mr. Dabur, who died before it was completed; his daughter, Miss E. Dabur, finished the work.

William T. Stover,
Generalissimo
Carroll Commandery No. 17
Westminster, Maryland

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



TO OUR KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

by
Justin O. King, P.C.

Remembering King Arthur's injunction in Tennyson's "Holy Grail":

**"God make thee good as thou art beautiful,
Said Arthur, when he dubbed him Knight."**

Reflect upon the shades of meaning of the term Knighthood: (1) The rank or dignity of a Knight; (2) the body of Knights; (3) Knightly character; (4) Knightly deeds — in other words the honor of having been raised to the rank of dignity of a Masonic Knight. Reflect upon the splendid moral tone and intellectual quality of the body conferring the honor, and of your worthiness both to receive the distinction and to retain it.

Although we view the teachings of Masonry as uplifting and inspiring they embody but the simple principles of human conduct learned at a mother's knee and voiced and revoiced by sages, philosophers and teachers of the world throughout the ages for the guidance of mankind on the journey of life. Principles summed up in those supreme dual commandments, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, this is the first and great Commandment and the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self." Purity of body and of heart, meekness, gentleness, courtesy, probity, patience, justice, charity, forgiveness, courage in its noblest sense — these are the things for which Masonry stands and which Knighthood represents. Always old, yet these become equally and beautifully new in each generation of man.

When we think of the term Knight, we think of youth and service — youth in its capacity for development; youth in its impressibility; youth in its purity and vigor; youth in its ardor and ambition — all directed toward one end, and that end,

service. This thought is the same as this passage from Ecclesiastics which we have all heard in one of our Degrees. It begins, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, 'I have no pleasure in them'" — in other words, before the natural responsibilities of the heart to the finer things of life may be deadened.

In earlier times, when Knighthood was in flower, the Knight's duties dealt with those matters which demanded a sound body, a brave heart and an unswerving loyalty to the principles set forth in his vows. Therefore, the material for Knighthood was taken at a very early age, a child of noble birth. At this age the material was capable of being molded, shaped, impressed. The child was trained up until at 21 he was eligible to Knighthood. The services were both military and religious and bound the Knight by solemn vows to be: chivalrous, brave, courteous, to defend the distressed, especially women. He also swore allegiance to his country.

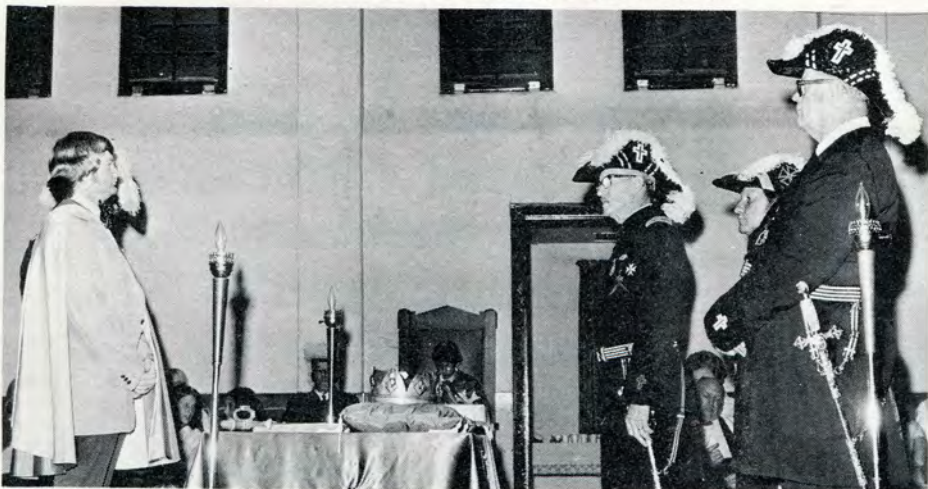
Is it any wonder that Masonry has idealized the Knights and the Knighthood incorporated in its life? Masonry thinks not of war but of peace in which the Knightly virtues insure truth and justice, toleration and liberty, to be the priceless property of all mankind.

What more can man want than to be accepted, dubbed and become a peer of all men vowed to Knightly service, and stand with them on an equal footing? None will or can tower above him save him who makes his life of greater benefit to mankind in influence and in service.

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Las Vegas Installation of DeMolay Priory Officers



Knights Templar of Malta Commandery No. 3, Las Vegas, Nevada, installed the new officers of St. Omar Priory of DeMolay recently. Priors include DeMolays between 17 and 21. "Mission of the Priory," says Malta Generalissimo Victor Robinson, "is to assist DeMolay Chapters every way possible." Pictured, left to right: Gary Abbot, Sir Knight Seneschal of the Priory; Sir Knights Robinson, William Berk and Alonzo Anderson, Partially hidden is Sir Knight Fred Vonsild, member of Edward C. Peterson Commandery No. 8, Carson City.



Andrew Johnson

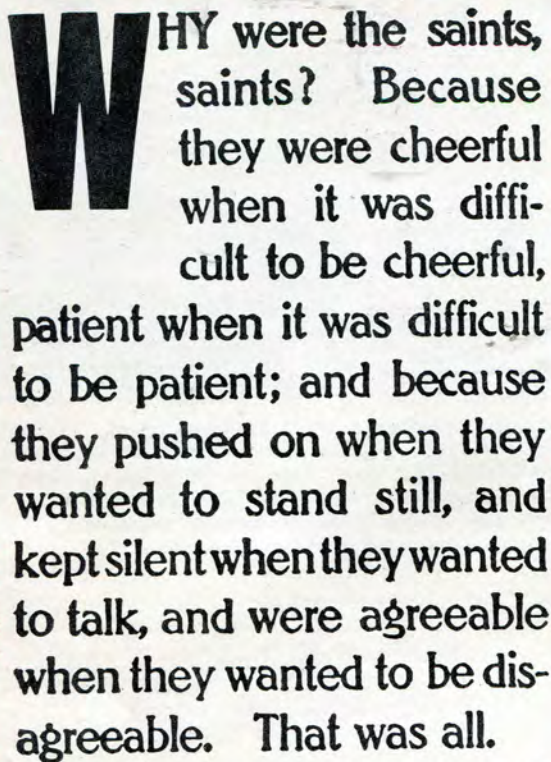
This 17 cent postage stamp pictures Templar President Andrew Johnson. The 17th President, a member of Nashville Commandery No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee, was the subject of a feature in the December 1972 issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. The Stamp is from the collection of Sir Knight Phil A. Telic, Stamp Editor of the *Wisconsin Masonic Journal*.



Flag on Christmas Day?

For those who fly the flag of the United States only on special days, it should be noted that Christmas is one of such designated dates. Others include New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday (or Presidents' Day), Easter, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Mother's Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Citizenship Day (September 17), Columbus Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. On May 30, the flag should fly at half-staff until noon. The flag can be flown on other days as well.

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON TO EACH "KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS."



WHY were the saints,
saints? Because
they were cheerful
when it was diffi-
cult to be cheerful,
patient when it was difficult
to be patient; and because
they pushed on when they
wanted to stand still, and
kept silent when they wanted
to talk, and were agreeable
when they wanted to be dis-
agreeable. That was all.

It was quite simple and
always will be.