

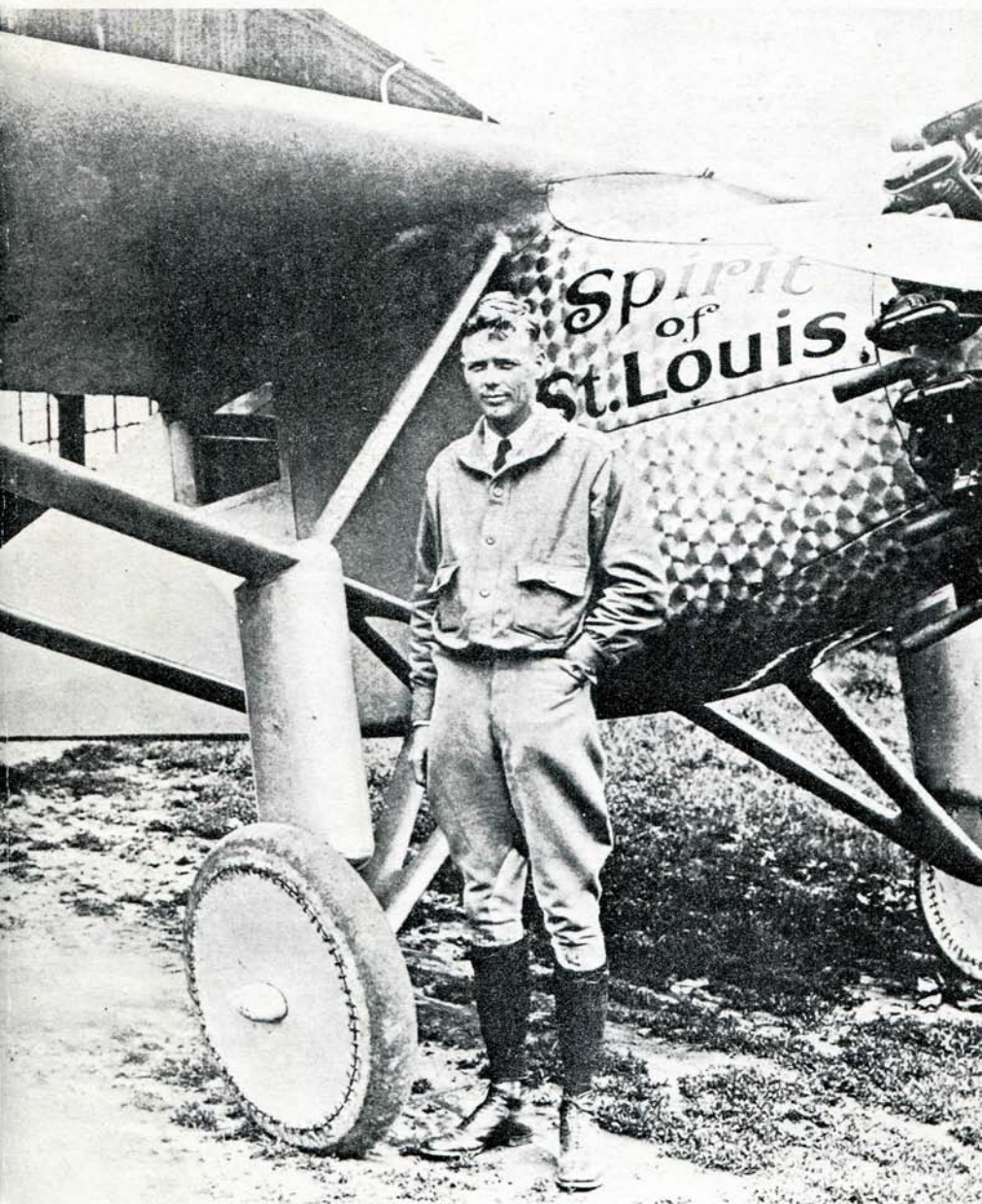


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MAY: The fifth month of the year marks the anniversary of numerous historical events, but especially developments and accomplishments in heavier-than-air flights. These include the first "successful aeroplane flight" May 6, 1896; the first Air Mail flight May 15, 1918; the patent granted the Wright Brothers May 22, 1906, for their first plane.

Overshadowing all was the solo flight across the Atlantic by Charles A. Lindbergh, whose triumphant landing at Le Bourget Aerodrom, Paris, May 21, 1927, thrilled the entire world.

Brother Lindbergh's picture sets the theme for this issue; C. L. Rothwell's Lindbergh story carries out the theme starting on page 7.

Paul C. Rodenhauer, Editor

"DUTY—HONOR—COUNTRY"

Every day of the year should be a day of thanksgiving for the rich inheritance of liberty and freedom we have received from our forefathers whose lives reflected those three inspiring words: "Duty — Honor — Country." Every day on the calendar should be a day when we show our love of country and our instinctive respect for its institutions and its flag.

We should be especially mindful of our great heritage as Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day approach and as the weeks and months move by to bring us nearer the celebration of our nation's 200th birthday.

The late General Douglas MacArthur, a fellow Mason, wrote that "Duty — Honor — Country" were three hallowed words which reverently dictate what we ought to be, what we can be, what we will be. These, he said, are "rallying points; to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes forlorn."

These are words we Templars understand and appreciate. These are words we try to exemplify daily.

Just a few weeks ago at Washington, surrounded by Templars and fellow Easter worshippers, in a setting marked by rows and rows of white crosses on the graves of fallen heroes, your Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Prelate, symbolically placed a Cross of Lilies before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington. This is an experience difficult to relate. Perhaps you who were present can understand the tremendous, heartfilling emotion which swept over us. I assure you it brings home an overwhelming realization of the depth of sacrifice which makes it possible for us to live today in liberty and freedom.

Of course, we need to fully observe the special days set aside to pay tribute and display our flag, but on all days we need to remember the debt we owe to those who lived and died under the code of "Duty — Honor — Country" that it might continue to fly proudly over a land "bright with freedom's holy light."



Roy Keiford Rieple



The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Assistance is requested to secure the four volume *10,000 Freemasons* by Denslow — Volumes I thru IV.

DR. IRVING I. LASKY
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□ On "The Long Gray Line," (March) it is the opinion of your servant that West Point's two most illustrious alumni were Generals Robert E. Lee and Brother Douglas MacArthur. None ever accomplished more — unless it was Stonewall Jackson!

K. M. CAIN
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□ The response to my query in the *Knight Templar* (January) has been most gratifying and, as a result, I have had contact with more than 20 persons; five of whom are Brubakers and also Masons. They are Carl, Howard, William, Wilber and Burton, located in New Jersey, New York, Iowa, California and Pennsylvania respectively.

As of this writing I still have the dubious distinction of being the only one living in New England.

CYRIL E. BRUBAKER, K.Y.C.H.
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□ I wish to compliment you on the high standard of material written each month in the *Knight Templar Magazine*. The articles are from such a wide variety of places from around our own country they should please every Knight Templar, wherever he may reside. I am glad that you do not slight the youth organizations which are affiliated with Masonry. A very fine piece on the Order of Rainbow for Girls appeared on page 30 of the March issue.

JOHN L. MUROCK
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□ I have followed with interest the controversy over the uniform for Knights Templar.

May I say that I do not believe that the uniform reflects our ancient heritage and, as far as I am concerned, I believe we would be better off without it. I know that had it been obligatory I probably would not have taken the Orders.

One objection I have to it is that it looks like a Yankee officers uniform and, if we must have it, it should be Confederate gray, the same as my ancestors wore.

LLOYD S. RIDDLE
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□ Saturday, June 22, 1974, Mendocino Chapter No. 88 and Ukiah No. 53 are sponsoring their fourth Annual Redwood Empire Outdoor Degree, expanding to confer all four Royal Arch Degrees in a Festival at the Frank Tunzi Ranch near Comptche, California. Mark Master and Past Master Degrees begin at 9:30 a.m. There will be a noon break for the usual barbecue. The Most Excellent Master Degree will be conferred at 1:30 followed by the Royal Arch at 3:00.

We are asking all interested Chapters having candidates to bring them to make the beautiful outdoor Degree a success once again. This is a stag event. Donation for meal, \$5.00. Camping is available for self-contained trailers or motor homes.

The reservation deadline of June 15 is important as the site is located a distance from stores and last minute purchases are impossible.

JOHN C. NORBERRY, Co-Chairman
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□ I am a collector of any Masonic memorabilia: plates, mugs, glasses, pitchers, ash trays, etc. with Masonic markings. If any of the Sir Knights have any of these items for sale please let me know.

ROBERT M. MONROE
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☐ I collect all kinds of Boy Scout memorabilia for a Scout museum. Would greatly appreciate any old uniforms, badges, Scout books, historical pictures or albums of individual or Scout troop activities. I will gladly pay the postage and insurance. Will try to send something in exchange to help your collecting hobby.

HARRY THORSEN
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☐ I am interested in buying a Knight Templar Mug in Carnival Glass. I understand these are rare. Perhaps some of the readers could help.

WILLIAM D. TUCKER
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☐ I read every issue of *Knight Templar* from cover to cover and enjoy it immensely. I eagerly look forward to receiving the next month's issue.

Being an avid sports fan, I would like to know some of our sports personalities who belong to our Great Fraternity. I am sure it would be received and appreciated by other sports minded Brethren.

GERALD H. CHURCH
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Editor's Note: If any reader has knowledge of an up-to-date source, or personal knowledge of Masonic membership of sports personalities, we would be happy to hear from them.

☐ I am collecting Betty Crocker coupons to get a bus for the Inter-Church Council. We have a camp at Russell Mills in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. The bus will be used in July for regular day campers and in August by the Crippled Children and the mentally retarded.

We are developing the camp so all buildings will be on one floor and have a ramp for those who are crippled or in a wheel chair.

I thought perhaps the ladies of Knights Templar might have some spare coupons. I have 70,200 so far. It doesn't matter if the date has expired as they can all be used. I have until the end of the year to complete my project. Any help would be appreciated.

MRS. KENNETH SESSON
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☐ On behalf of the Taft York Rite Bodies, I wish to express our appreciation for all the help you, your staff and the staff of the Templar Eye Foundation have given to us in the York Rite Educational Night for the Promotion of Templar Masonry, for without your combined efforts the night would not have been the success it was.

Our sincere thanks go to Sir Knight Riegler and Sir Knight Bell for their warm and reassuring interest in our Promotion of Templar Masonry.

Our speaker for the evening was to have been Sir Knight Frank F. Jones, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California. However, on Wednesday morning, March 20, Sir Knight Jones' father passed away and he had to return home.

As Masonry is not one endless chain but a network of many devoted men, we looked to our elbow and asked Sir Knight Kenneth L. Morris, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, if he would fill the vacancy left by Sir Knight Jones. Sir Knight Kenneth graciously accepted and we were very grateful to him on such a short notice.

The evening was well attended by the heads of Masonic Bodies, Master Masons and a few ladies.

The speaker's message, the printed material and the films were well presented and the reception and comments by those attending were good.

CARLOS JOHNSON, JR.
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☐ My brother-in-law who now resides in Santa Ana, California, purchased a Knights Templar sword in Japan some 20 years ago, inscribed "Dr. Curtis Bland."

I am curious to know why it should have been for sale in Japan in a souvenir shop and if you know the whereabouts of the person listed above. My relative offered to give me the souvenir and was interested in knowing if Dr. Curtis is living and interested in recovering same.

I am a Knight Templar and was interested in the matter.

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**THE MONTH OF MAY IS
YORK RITE MONTH IN DEMOLAY**



EDITOR'S JOURNAL

Multi-media: A feature of Easter Weekend in Washington, arranged too late for publicizing, was a presentation Friday evening, April 12, at the Hotel Washington of "Showcase in Picture and Sound," the dramatic story of "Pershing's Own" — the United States Army band and, later, the United States Army Chorus.

Colonel Samuel Laboda, leader and Commanding Officer, was the narrator. With multi-media effects, he told of General Pershing's deep interest in Army music, an interest that resulted in 1922 in his terse directive: "You will organize and equip the Army Band."

The Chorus, after an earlier start, "was reborn in January 1956 with the assistance of the late Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker," then Secretary of the Army. A new band and music center is now in progress — a training and performance building with recording and visual facilities — which will be named the Wilber M. Brucker Hall.

General and Sir Knight Bruce C. Clarke, retired four-star General, spoke after the formal presentation, reviewed highlights of his military association with Secretary Brucker and eloquently expressed his regard for the late Grand Master. He referred to the government's excellent construction and equipment plans for the building but noted that they would not include an outdoor bandshell. It was hoped that Templars would "somehow" find a way to finance the some \$300,000 required.

General Clarke paid tribute to Mrs. Clara Brucker, who was present for the Easter Weekend activities. Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle thanked Colonel Laboda and General Clarke and added his salute to Wilber M. Brucker, "a great patriot, soldier, administrator, statesman and Templar."

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The DeLamater Sword: Mrs. Walter A. DeLamater, her daughter and members of the Rhinebeck staff of Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell's Knights Templar Eye Foundation office were present to officially give the late Grand Master DeLamater's sword to Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle Saturday afternoon, April 13, in conjunction with a reception for the Grand Master and officers. The sword,

accepted by Grand Master Riegle, was then presented to Sir Knight Joe R. Harris, Chairman, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Knight Templar Chapel, for display.

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Editorially Speaking: As a point of information, the *Knight Templar Magazine* is not a research journal, although it carries articles and features by recognized scholars on Masonic study and research. It is not a news bulletin, although it reports Templar and Masonic happenings in all bodies and all areas. It is not a mirror of reader opinion, although it contains comments and expressions of diverse viewpoints from members. It is not a review of Grand Encampment reports and documents, although it is an "official publication" of the Grand Encampment.

It is none of these, yet it is designed to be all of these. Its purpose is to serve Knights Templar as a "house organ," a tool of communication and information for diverse interests and preferences — for all ages. Its consistent aim is to tell what is going on throughout the world of Masonry, to present thoughtful items on a wide range of subjects, to offer, in every sense of the phrase, a variety of Masonic news, views and features — especially for those who have enlisted under the banner of Templary.

To try to define the magazine in one sentence, we take the immodest liberty of quoting the expression of one of our readers: "The *Knight Templar Magazine* is a treat, rather than a treatise."

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Changing Change: The last year in which dimes and quarters contained silver was 1963. Half-dollars contained 40 per cent silver until 1970. The silver dollar, discontinued in 1935, was revived in 1971 but, except for special mintings for coin collectors, it also contains no silver. It used to be common to announce a "silver offering" at donation events. Today it would be an "alloy offering" — mixtures of copper and nickel.

As the values of various metals change, there may be more change in our change in the future.

CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, JR.

by
C. L. Rothwell

Forty-seven years ago this month a young mail pilot from St. Louis catapulted into the public eye when he became the first person to fly non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean. Since that time he has resolutely attempted to remove himself from that spotlight. As a result, his life is surrounded by myth and mystery.

Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., was born February 4, 1902, in Detroit, Michigan, to a Swedish immigrant and a teacher. Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr., was a Congressman from Minnesota from 1907-17 and was a candidate for governor in the Farmer-Labor primary at the time of his death. Mrs. Evangeline Lodge Land Lindbergh was a graduate of the University of Michigan. The future aviator was their only child.

Lindbergh enrolled at the University of Wisconsin but left, with his mother's blessing, to enroll in a flying school in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1920. In 1924 he enrolled as a flying cadet in the U.S. Air Service at Brooks Field, Texas.

On April 15, 1926, Lindbergh made his first flight as a mail pilot on the St. Louis-Springfield-Peoria-Chicago run. That September, according to Lindbergh, while on a night flight over Illinois, the idea came to him that it was indeed possible for him to fly non-stop across the Atlantic.

In 1919 the Orteig Prize of \$25,000 had been established for the first non-stop New York to Paris (or Paris-New York) flight. That many experienced pilots with heavy financing had failed did not impress Lindbergh.

Lindbergh was not one to meditate on an idea. He immediately went into action. He decided other flights had failed because they had carried a lot of weight

in such things as mail and mementoes, fancy food and another crew member. A little food, a little water, a rubber raft and flares, a map and lots of fuel were all Lindbergh thought necessary.

A single engine Bellanca with a Wright engine would be perfect for the flight he thought. Fortunately, one was already available, a sort of "display model." Lindbergh set out to get it. He obtained financial backing from his friends and from some St. Louis businessmen, notably Harold M. Bixby and Harold Knight, who saw the flight as a promotion of their city.

At the Wright factory they suggested it was foolish to start out on a long flight with only one engine. The three engine Fokker which Admiral Byrd had used in his flight over the North Pole was considered the "right" plane, even by the Wright executives. Mr. Bellanca, designer of the plane, was in agreement with Lindbergh but the Wright Company refused to sell the single engine plane for a trans-Atlantic flight.

Lindbergh turned to a small California firm called Ryan Airlines who agreed to make the plane in two months. In December of 1926 Lindbergh took time to complete his Masonic work in Keystone Lodge No. 243, St. Louis.

In February 1927 Lindbergh went to San Diego to work on the final stages of "The Spirit of St. Louis." Since he knew nothing about navigation — indeed, he wasn't too sure how to locate Paris — he bought some sea maps. He decided it was impossible to get a fix with a sextant while flying the plane and that a radio would be too much extra weight so he thought he would just depend on "dead reckoning."

Meanwhile, the race to be → → →

the first was on. Newspapers were filled with accounts of plans by Admiral Byrd, Rene Fonck, Noel Davis, W.W. I ace Charles Nungesser and Chamberlain. All were investing \$100,000 or more while the Lindbergh budget was about \$20,000.

Chamberlain was going to fly the Wright-Bellanca Lindbergh had wanted. First Lindbergh would fly the plane to a world's endurance record — exactly what Chamberlain did on April 13. Brother Byrd's "America" crashed on landing on the 16th, delaying his proposed flight.

With all the activity, Lindbergh prepared a trans-Pacific flight plan. He felt at least one of the others would make the Atlantic flight before he had the chance. Since he had gone this far he was determined to make some sort of record flight. Then, on April 24, the "Columbia" (Wright-Bellanca) crashed. Two days later Davis' "American Legion" crashed.

On May 8, with Lindbergh still in San Diego testing his plane, Nungesser took off from Paris. Brother Lindbergh spent the day studying charts for a Pacific flight. It was, after all, the first time a plane had actually gotten into the air for the trans-Atlantic flight and Nungesser was an experienced pilot. The plane was sighted all the way to Boston but never landed in New York. None of the sightings after Paris were verified and Nungesser was not found.

Only Lindbergh, the "Columbia" and "America" were still in the race. Only Lindbergh was not on the eastern side of the continent. On May 10 he took off from San Diego at 3:55 p.m. and made a "long practice night flight" to St. Louis in a record 14 hours, 25 minutes. He found out a couple things — he was not good at navigation and it was essential to have a heater to keep the engine warm. He took off from St. Louis' Lambert (actually Anglum, Missouri) on May 12 on the second leg of a record setting cross country flight.

The word was out that France would consider it extremely improper for an American to take off before Nungesser was found. The record for the race stood at four killed, two missing and three injured.

Looking back, it is easy to see why reporters thought Lindbergh was the most fool-hardy of three pilots left. "Experts" claimed Nungesser failed because he attempted to fly alone, which was Lindbergh's plan also. Byrd was experienced and was flying a three engine plane.

The rivalry apparently existed only in the papers who delighted in playing Lindbergh as the "dark horse." Curtiss Aircraft repaired Lindbergh's Wright spinner (propellor) free altho they owned the "Columbia." Admiral Byrd offered him the use of Roosevelt Field, the best runway, even though Byrd was a competitor and had exclusive use of the field.

May 13 headlines read "Flyin' Fool Hops Today" as Lindbergh made a test flight. He was very annoyed at the reporters, photographers and PR men who not only ridiculed him and invaded his privacy, but printed what he considered to be lies about him.

At 7:52 a.m. May 20 the man who had only been a pilot for five years and had decided to try the flight only eight months earlier took off for Paris. Lindbergh knew he could do it but few others agreed. According to Denslow, he wore the Square and Compasses on his jacket and "Spirit of St. Louis" bore a Masonic tag.

The main problem was sleepiness. His mind wandered. Later, he said he flew by instinct and not skill. There was a lot of fog. He navigated by figuring he went 100 miles east each hour. At the end of 24 hours he really didn't know where he was. During the 27th hour he sighted boats and, flying low, yelled, "which way is Ireland?" They ignored him.

During the 28th hour he determined he was over Ireland and, in his excitement, turned around and flew west for a few minutes. Over the English Channel he was so excited he thought he would fly back to Ireland later and then non-stop to St. Louis. "Where have you been?" they would ask. "Ireland." "When did you leave?" "Yesterday." He thought it would be great fun.

Once over Paris he →→→

couldn't find Le Bourget, the airfield. At 10:22 Paris time he landed after, officially, 33 hours, 29 minutes, 30 seconds in the air, the first person to fly the Atlantic non-stop.

Later he flew to Brussels and to London. On May 31 the plane was dismantled and placed aboard the "Memphis" for a water trip home. In Washington it was reassembled and Lindbergh flew triumphantly to St. Louis on June 17.

Lindbergh flew the Atlantic just ahead of the other competitors. Before he was back in the United States, Chamberlain had flown the Atlantic with a passenger. The next year Kingsford Smith flew from California to Australia.

He spent the rest of the year flying across the country and then accepted the invitation of the Mexican government to fly to Mexico City. It was another record breaking flight but this time it was more. He met Anne Morrow, daughter of the American Ambassador, who would later become Mrs. Lindbergh.

Among the honors Lindbergh received on his many visits were numerous gifts from fellow Masons and Masonic bodies. He was presented with a gold life membership card from his own Lodge.

Exactly thirty years later "The Spirit of St. Louis II", a USAF F-100F jet, set a new trans-Atlantic record when it flew from McGuire AFB, New Jersey, to Le Bourget in 6 hours, 38 minutes.

Lindbergh had proved trans-Atlantic flight was possible. He wanted to leave the public eye as quickly as he had entered. It was not to be. In 1929 he married Anne Morrow and their first child, Charles A., Jr., was kidnapped on March 1, 1932. The ransom was paid but the child was slain. Many rather grizzly newspaper accounts and photos added to the family's distress. They later had four more children: Jon, Land, Anne Jr., Scott.

In 1935 the Lindberghs moved to Europe because excessive publicity had forced the family to keep their house and grounds under armed guard. In 1936, with Alexis Carrel, he invented a perfusion pump called an artificial heart.



Anne Morrow Lindbergh

While in Europe the Lindberghs traveled a great deal. They knew many European leaders. Mrs. Lindbergh was herself famous for her books as a result of the many long flights they had taken together. Lindbergh was convinced a European war — and probably a world war — was imminent. The family returned home in 1939 as war broke out.



Colonel Lindbergh in the cockpit of his P-36 fighter, 1939.

Lindbergh was violently →→→

opposed to the U.S. entering the war. While the convictions were his own it was true his father had believed in socialistic economic policy and he himself had made many friends in German aviation. The newspapers attacked him severely.

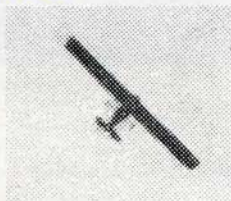


Colonel Lindbergh and General Ennis Whitehead.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor Lindbergh volunteered his services. He was opposed to intervention. He was in favor of defense when attacked. He flew 50 combat missions, advanced to General and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Major Thomas P. McGuire and Lindbergh on Biak Island, 1944.



The Merry Month of May

May was a good month for the Saxons who called it thrimilce because the cows in pasture could be milked three times a day. In legend, however, May is unlucky, particularly for weddings.

May is the anniversary month of several American victories in several wars. The Mexican War ended with a treaty signed May 19, 1848, by Brother James K. Polk. Admiral Dewey's May 1, 1898, victory at Manila contributed to the end of the Spanish-American War. German forces in Italy surrendered on May 2, 1945, an unconditional surrender in Europe was signed May 7, effective May 8, coincidentally the birthday of the new President, Sir Knight Harry S. Truman. On May 10, 1775, Ethan Allan and his Green Mountain Boys captured Ft. Ticonderoga.

May is a month of aviation "firsts." The first successful aeroplane flight was on May 6, 1896. (The Wright Brothers later made the first flight in a heavier-than-air mechanically propelled craft.) The first Air Mail flight was on May 15, 1918. Lindbergh landed in Paris May 21, 1927. Amelia Earhart flew the Atlantic on May 20, 1932. The first American in space completed his suborbital flight on May 5, 1961.

Brother Richard Byrd flew to the North Pole on May 9, 1926. The first transcontinental railroad was completed May 10, 1869, with ceremonies in Utah. The smallpox vaccination was developed May 14, 1796, just three days before the inventor's 45th birthday. Sir Edmund Hillary reached the summit of Mt. Everest on May 29, 1953.

On May 7, 1915, a German submarine sank the Lusitania. The Hindenburg crashed on May 6, 1937. The impeachment trial of Sir Knight Andrew Johnson ended in the President's favor May 26, 1868. May 31, 1889, was the date of the great Johnstown flood.

Mother's Day is May 12. Memorial Day will be observed on May 27; the traditional date is May 30. Confederate Memorial Day is May 10 in some states.

Goddess of Freedom

Atop the U.S. Capitol is the bronze statue of the Goddess of Freedom. When the statue was placed on the Capitol two names were engraved upon her head — President Abraham Lincoln and Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds B. B. French. Benjamin B. French was Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment and its Grand Master from 1859-1865.

VICE PRESIDENT FORD – “FROM A FAMILY OF MASONS”

“I come, as I think some of you may know, from a family of Masons over not one generation but many generations. And I’m proud to be a part of Masonry in North America – some four million strong who represent the high principles and the fine ideals that give to us in America and to all of you in Mexico and Canada the realization of what’s good for your people and for our people.”



Michigan Grand Master Wilfred E. Adams, Executive Secretary Stansbury, Vice President Ford and Grand Master Donald W. Vose, Massachusetts.

So spoke Vice President

Gerald R. Ford, Jr., when he appeared at the annual banquet of the February Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Washington, D.C.

The text of Brother Ford’s remarks at the February 19 banquet is provided through the courtesy of the Executive Secretary of the Conference, William B. Stansbury, Jr., (P.G.M., Maryland), with permission from the Vice President.

VICE PRESIDENT FORD: Most Worshipful Grand Master Donald Vose; Grand Masters from Canada, Mexico and the United States; my colleagues in the Congress, it’s a really great privilege for me to make a few short observations and comments tonight. I apologize for being tardy and not being present when my dear friend, Homer Ferguson, was appropriately honored for – 60 years of Masonry. He deserves every bit of this accolade, this wonderful recognition for a man who has given so much to so many and so much for Masonry.

Let me say that I’m delighted to be here. I might tell you that there’s been some change in my life in recent months, thanks to Martha Griffiths and Al Cederberg and Phil Hart and Bob Griffin – all of the Michigan delegation, and a good many from many other states. I am deeply grateful for their support. I’m sort of an instant Vice President. It hasn’t happened before, and I can only say I’m

grateful for their support and the kind reception here tonight.

I come, as I think some of you may know, from a family of Masons over not one generation but many generations. And I’m proud to be a part of Masonry in North America – some four million strong who represent the high principles and the fine ideals that give to us in America and to all of you in Mexico and Canada the realization of what’s good for your people and for our people.

Every place I go, wherever I run into those of us who are Brethren, I find that you are the leaders. You do not necessarily always agree about political philosophy or partisan ideas, but you have an interest in and a dedication to the things that are good for our country and for your country as each of us sees it.

As I indicated, there’s been a significant change in the Ford family in recent months. Let me tell one or two stories that might change the format → → →

Norman Vincent Peale might have used last night. I'm sure he inspired you and gave you a great message. But, in the lighter vein, I'd like to tell you a story or two about what happened to us — my wife, Betty, and our four children.

Some of you may have seen, on the Dick Cavett Show, the Ford Family being interviewed. It wasn't quite as simple as it seems in that hour and a half that transpired on the show that Thursday night.

It all started when Mr. Cavett's people contacted my office and asked that Betty and I come to New York to their studios to be interviewed by them. I said it was impossible. We didn't have the time to go there. Then they thought it would be a good idea to come to the office in Washington and conduct an interview.

Well, they arrived at the office and they thought it was pretty staid, not the proper setting. So they said to me, "Mr. Vice President, would it be all right if we came out to your house with our equipment and had a family interview?" I agreed.

So they got together all their equipment and they came out on a Monday morning. They arrived with two big vans, and they had all the cables and three or four cameras and dollies and people and everything. They spent the whole day Monday invading our rather modest home.

I came home from the office and when I walked in the front door there were my wife Betty and our 17 year old son sitting in the corner, huddled together. I walked in, you know, expecting a warm welcome. Instead my wife gave me an icy stare and said, "This wasn't one of Ford's better ideas."

It was, however, one of Betty's better put-downs.

Here's another experience our family has had recently. The morning of October 12th, Senator Scott and I were asked to come to the White House to tell the President how the confirmation process would be handled by the House and the Senate — the Committee hearings, the votes in the two chambers. And the President said he would call the individual who would

be nominated for the Vice Presidency at 7:30 that night — the person whose name would be announced at 9 o'clock to the American people. I had no indication who it would be. And so Senator Scott and I went back to Capitol Hill and I was nonchalant about the whole thing because I really didn't know.

After the day's business in the House, I went home and had a swim as I usually do. I sat down and had dinner with Betty and Susan, our 16-year-old daughter. About 7:25 that night, a telephone call came on our downstairs telephone, which has five extensions. We have two teenage children at home and some of you may understand that problem. At 7:25 our oldest son, who is a theological student up in Boston, Massachusetts, called because he had heard that his old man might get the nomination. He was talking to Betty on the downstairs phone. At precisely 7:30, the upstairs phone rang. That's an unlisted phone with no extension. Our daughter, Susan, dashed upstairs.

We thought this was a private line, but Susan has listed the number with several of her friends. So, she ran upstairs thinking maybe one of her friends was calling. She answered the phone and in a somewhat disappointed tone, she yelled down to me, "Dad, the President wants to talk to you."

So, I dashed upstairs pretty fast. When I got up there, the operator said the President wanted to talk to me. And he got on the line and I said, "Well, Mr. President, it's nice to talk to you." And he said, "Well, I have some good news for you. But I think Betty ought to get on an extension so she can hear the news at the same time."

Here I am on a phone with no extensions and I really didn't know what to do. I tried to explain. And finally I said, "Mr. President, why don't you just hang up and call back on the other line?"

So, he hung up and I dashed downstairs and I got Betty off that other line pretty fast. The President didn't change his mind in the next thirty seconds.

But let me say that having → → →

come from a family which has a long tradition of Masonry, I'm proud to have an opportunity just to say a few words tonight. I don't think anybody would be more proud than my father if he were here. I can recall very distinctly when my three brothers and I were given the great honor of joining Masonry at one time. It meant so much to my dad. He was active in Degrees: he was active from beginning to end. And I learned from him, as I have learned from others, the superb contribution that all of you and the others who are our Brethren among the four million in North America have made to each of our governments and to our peoples.

We should be proud of our organization, proud of our respective countries. And as we leave Washington and go back to our various communities or respective states, we should hold our heads high and be proud of what this means to each of us and what it means to our communities and to our country.

That's my feeling toward Masonry and what it has meant to me, what it has meant to my family.

Masonry exists in those countries which are free. And it is important that we maintain that freedom so that organizations such as Masonry can exist and flourish because what we do can have an impact on our respective countries and the world at large. Freedom is a priceless heritage for each of you and all of our fellow citizens. And our contribution can be immeasurable in protecting that freedom worldwide.

I conclude by saying I'm grateful to be a part, as all of you are, of this great organization and what it stood for and what it will project in the days and months and years ahead.

Thank you very kindly.

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Templar Bicentennial Programming



Now available, where open booking dates exist, are four pre-Bicentennial films on the background of America. Two have been widely shown for a period of 18 months; two additional films have now been added for free loan use. Each print is introduced, on film, by Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle.

The four films and their lengths are:

Signing of the Declaration of Independence — 21 minutes

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere — 11 minutes

The American Revolution — 15 minutes

The Westward Movement — 15 minutes

Each is a 16mm sound-color print. Each is offered for single bookings. Because of the demand for Commandery programming, only one film can be made available for each individual date. There is no charge beyond return postage.

Requests for bookings can be made to the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Available after July 4 will be the Grand Encampment's "Masonic Americana," a compilation of feature articles about Masonic leaders who have played roles in the nation's founding and progress, also descriptive accounts of scenes and events of patriotic nature.

"Masonic Americana," in book form, will be offered at \$1.00 per copy. It will feature contributions by Templar writers whose articles have appeared or will appear in the *Knight Templar Magazine* during the remainder of 1974. It is intended to provide highlights of Masonic participation in the history of the United States of America and to serve as a memento of Templary's Bicentennial salute.

Lt. Governor Julian M. Carroll, Commonwealth of Kentucky, was the exemplar for the statewide York Rite Festival named in his honor March 30 in Louisville. The Festival was sponsored by the Kentucky York Rite Council. 140 candidates were Knighted.

The Reverend Thomas E. Dicken, Grand Master of Kentucky Masons; Norman Harper, Grand High Priest; Nolan Rose, Grand Master of the Grand Council, and Grand Commander Morrison L. Cooke were in attendance. Grand Encampment representatives were East Central Department Commander William J. J. Fleming and M.E. Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, who spoke briefly at the dinner following the conferrals.



Grand Master Riegle, Grand Commander Cooke and Lt. Governor Carroll.

Sir Knight E. Morton Taylor, Kentucky Supplement Editor, writes: "The Kentucky York Rite Council is proud of the unity demonstrated in this successful festival. It was, indeed, York Rite Unity in action."

A Lodge Room in Two Countries

Golden Rule Lodge in Quebec, Canada, suffered the loss of its Lodge Room thru a fire early in its history. (The Lodge was chartered in 1803.) As a result, a new Lodge Hall was built between Rock Island, Quebec, and Derby Line, Vermont. The building was situated on the United States-Canadian boundary line in such a manner that the official international boundary ran thru the center of the Lodge Room. The Hall had entrances on both the Quebec and Vermont sides.



The Idaho York Rite Bodies Knighted Governor Cecil D. Andrus at the April 23-27 festival named in the Governor's honor. One of 12 Masons currently serving as Governor, the new Sir Knight is also a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner.

Sir Knight Clem Shorb reports the Governor's petition was the first to be received for the Boise festival.

Grand Master at Outdoor Conclave

Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegle, Grand Master, will be guest at the Outdoor Conclave in the Black Hills of South Dakota, May 25, with Schrader Commandery No. 9 as host Commandery.

Grand Recorder Walter H. Reckling reports it will be the "first meeting of this type in the state."

North Central Department Commander Charles A. Howard, Jr., expects a class of 25 to receive the Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta at the Masonic Temple in Rapid City the morning of May 25. A chuckwagon dinner at 5 p.m. will be followed by the 7:30 p.m. conferral of the Order of the Temple in the outdoors of the Black Hills, "about 1½ miles from Game Lodge on paved road."

PILATE AND THE DOGWOOD

by
Gilbert H. Hill

If the cherry blossoms in the nation's capital around the Tidal Basin reminded us of Tokyo's gift to America, if the rhododendron calls to mind the wilds of southwest China, and tulip beds conjure up the lowland landscapes of Holland, with their picturesque windmills, then surely bougainvillea of the southwest Atlantic Islands, the shamrock of Ireland, the thistle of Scotland and the mistletoe of the Celtic Druids, make their impact on the minds, hearts and imaginations, of sensitive souls everywhere.

Little wonder that the charm of blossom and graceful stem became part of the weave in the fabric of folklore, religion and mythology, as civilization slowly grew from swaddling clothes to ballot-age, and gave to the coming generations traditions and legends that teach, inspire and preach.

The lowly dogwood of our South, once a great tree in stature according to tradition, harks us back to ancient Rome and Judaea. This tree, dear to the heart of all America, we are told, furnished the trunk and boughs for the Romans to build a cross: the Cross of Crucifixion.

The New Testament story fits well into the record of the tree that bore that cross. The sorrow and shame that fell upon the world when Pontius Pilate, Procurator of Judaea, turned justice over to the mob, dwarfed the dogwood and left a vivid reminder of the tragic death of Jesus in 30 A.D.

The American member of the Cornaceae family is sometimes called the Cornel tree. It has also a legend about its origin: Romulus, one of the brothers who founded Rome in 753 B.C., to test his strength, threw a dart from the Aventine Mount. The staff of the dart stuck so deep in the ground that no one could pull it out. So, it grew into a tree of considerable size and beauty, because the ground was fertile where the dart fell.

Posterity preserved and worshipped it

as one of the most sacred things and walled around it for its protection. Plutarch tells us the red dogwood lived until the reign of Caius Marius, in 37 A.D., when workmen, repairing steps around a building, dug too close and destroyed the roots, and the tree withered. Thus was confirmed the penalty, tradition decreed the tree should pay for its part in the drama of tragedy on Golgotha, seven years before.

Pilate was called back to Rome by direction of Vitellius, the governor of Syria, to report his actions to the Roman Emperor, Tiberius, regarding the Jewish problems and turmoil. However, Tiberius died before Pilate reached Rome in 37 A.D.

Failing to justify his actions against the Jews to the new Emperor and born down with frustration and remorse for his part in the Crucifixion, the once proud and arrogant Pontius Pilate fell into the deepest despondency. Depressed further, by the burden of his difficult post and the censure of his wife, Procula, he took his own life.

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"Poet Laureate of World Peace"

Sir Knight Milford E. Shields, Poet Laureate of Colorado, was named "Poet Laureate of World Peace" by the Second World Congress of Poets in Taipei, Taiwan, sponsored by the Chinese Poets Association, co-sponsored by the United Poets Laureate International, the World Poetry Society Intercontinental, the International, the Who's Who in Poetry and the World Poets' Resource Center, Inc. It also awarded the "Milford E. Shields World Poetry Prize" medallion to "an outstanding world poet."

Case Award to Dwight Smith

Sir Knight Dwight L. Smith, Past Grand Master of Indiana Masons, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana and long-time Grand Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference of Grand Secretaries, has been selected to receive the 1974 James Royal Case Medal of Excellence of the Masonic Lodge of Research of Connecticut.

The award will be presented May 29 at the Masonic Temple, 3045 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, Sir Knight Smith was selected to receive the honor "because of an outstanding career as an author and researcher of Masonic and related subjects." Chairman Leon Rozene writes Smith will deliver an original paper at the program which will be preceded by a 7:00 p.m. dinner.

Progress in Heidelberg No. 2

Sir Knights of Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Heidelberg, Germany, one of the Grand Encampment Subordinate Commanderies, traveled to Berlin March 9 to confer the Commandery Orders on 10 members of Outpost Chapter and Council.

This is the second trip to Berlin authorized by Dispensation from the Grand Master. In March 1973, 12 Knights were dubbed in Berlin.

Principal participants included Past Commanders Ryoji Beutner, Elmer C. George and Manuchehr A. Azzazzi and Eminent Commander William E. Smith, Jr. Sir Knight Beutner is the Grand Master's Personal Representative in Germany and — says Recorder Elmer George — "one of the finest ritualists on the continent today."

Eleven Sir Knights traveled by air, train and automobile to Berlin for the Knightings. As a result of these two trips, Heidelberg now has 22 additional Sir Knights.

125 Years for Mt. Moriah

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 77, F. & A.M., Anderson, Indiana, is celebrating its 125th anniversary on June 1 with a play entitled "In The Beginning," an all Degree day and a banquet. The Lodge has a current membership of 1,144.

"Due to the generosity of one of our 50 year members," writes Senior Warden William A. Bussell, "we are starting a new Temple which will house two Blue Lodges, as well as all the York Rite Bodies, the Beauceant, Eastern Star, DeMolay and Job's Daughters."

When the local Masons first applied for a Charter the town had a population of 60. During the year it operated under Dispensation the population grew to 382 and the Master was a leading figure in Indiana government and publishing. James A. Dick is the current Master.

National Camping Travelers

The National Travelers Club was organized in August 1966 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, through an article published in the Spring 1966 issue of the *Royal Arch Mason*. The club of Master Masons and their families who enjoy traveling by camping has grown from 21 to close to 6,500 families. The name was changed in 1973 to National Camping Travelers because of the similarity in name with an insurance club.

Each year a National Rally is held in August, usually in the home state of the National President. The 1964 rally will be in Nebraska, home state of National President Art Atkinson, Mt. Moriah No. 4, Lincoln.

Mrs. Thomas J. Guice, National Historian and wife of the National Treasurer (member of Monumental Commandery No. 3, Baltimore), writes that Masons can secure information about the N.C.T. by writing: National Camping Travelers, P.O. Box 34, Dayton, Ohio 45449.

1974 R.O.S. Meetings

Provincial Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler has announced the schedule of the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge, U.S.A., of the Royal Order of Scotland for 1974.

July 13 - Spokane, Washington, Masonic Temple, 2 p.m. Banquet at Ridpath Hotel, 7 p.m.

August 24 - Cincinnati, Ohio, Netherlands Terrace Hilton Hotel, 2 p.m. Banquet, 7 p.m.

September 26 - Atlantic City, New Jersey, Haddon Hall, 2 p.m. Banquet, 7:30 p.m.

October 5 - Charleston, West Virginia, Scottish Rite Temple, 2 p.m. Banquet at Daniel Boone Hotel, 7 p.m.

Past Grand Commander Fowler notes all candidates are to report at 1 p.m. All members and their ladies are invited to the banquets as guests of the Order.

Beauceant Publicity Committee

Mrs. Leslie N. Armstrong, Supreme Worthy President, Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, has named Mrs. Warren M. Brown, Past Supreme Worthy President, 2906 North Madison Avenue, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501, as Chairman of the committee on Beauceant information for the *Knight Templar Magazine*. Mrs. Ewen M. Osmond, 10 Morses Pond Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts 02181, is the other member of the committee.

50 Year Award to Dr. Willham

Dr. Oliver S. Willham, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, was one of nine Masons receiving 50 year awards in Frontier Lodge No. 48, Stillwater, Oklahoma. The committee he heads has granted more than \$26,000,000 in student loans since its inception.

"Fun for All"

The 84th Supreme Council Convention of the Grottoes of North America June 13-15 at Cleveland, Ohio, promises "fun for all" on the cover page of the March/April issue of *The Grotto*, official publication of the Supreme Council, M.O.V.P.E.R., Grottoes of North America.

Presiding will be Howard A. Bodeker, Grand Monarch, of Westlake, Ohio. Deputy Grand Monarch is Michael G. Wahl, Edina, Minnesota.

Among the features at the Convention will be band, choral and vocal contests, also trophies to the "most Outstanding and Colorful Grotto, Outstanding Unit, Most Unique Unit, Clown Unit, Ladies Auxiliary or Caldron, Horse Patrol and Outstanding Floats."

Supreme Council office is located at 111 East Wacker Drive, Suite 2922, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

Juarez Chapter, R.A.M., Chartered

On February 2 the Companions of El Paso Chapter No. 157 joined with Masonic leaders from Mexico, Texas and New Mexico for the Chartering of Juarez Chapter No. 9 in the sister city of Juarez, Mexico.

Fedor Stefanovich, Grand High Priest of Mexico; William Webber, Past Grand High Priest, and Grand King Zacarias Miramon Corral represented the Grand Chapter of the United States of Mexico. Grand Commander Albert L. Elwell and P.G.C. Marvin J. Baker, P.G.H.P., represented New Mexico. Frank D. Hensel, District Deputy Grand High Priest and personal representative of Grand High Priest James A. Scott, Jr., and Grand Guard Ben. F. Jarratt represented the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Officers and members of El Paso Chapter had assisted the Juarez Companions in forming the Chapter.



Chester L. Lauck, of radio's longtime "Lum and Abner" daytime series, will be the featured speaker at the formal banquet which concludes the 102nd Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, Saturday evening, June 8, at Louisville, Kentucky. William J. Netherton, Grand Sovereign, will preside. Lauck, active Masonically as well as in public relations work, is a member of the Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine of the United States, Mexico and the Philippines. His forte is speaking in a humorous vein to Masonic bodies and other groups.

Seen at the April session of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, Memphis, was the presentation of a \$100.00 check to G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, by DeMolay's Past Grand Master, Sir Knight Joseph S. Lewis, Ponca City, Oklahoma. Sir Knight Lewis, a longtime Life Sponsor, now also becomes a Patron of the Foundation. Patron Certificates are \$100.00; Associate Patron Certificates, \$50.00

Both the Patron and Associate Patron certificates, by legislative action at the 52nd Triennial Conclave, now exempt members from annual assessment. Previously only Life Sponsors were exempt.

The Picture of Leadership



Take four Past Grand High Priests of Louisiana's Grand Chapter, R.A.M., three Sovereigns of the Red Cross of Constantine in Louisiana, and one Intendant General of the United Grand Imperial Council, add them together and you come up with the sum of Carroll W. Cormier, Frank T. Norman, J. A. Poche and A. J. Lewis, All four are Past Grand High Priests, the first three are Sovereigns, respectively, of St. Paul Conclave, New Orleans; St. Matthew, Shreveport; St. Charles Conclave, St. Charles. Lewis is Intendant General.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF THE RED CROSS

by

H.P.G.C., K.T.C.H., Kentucky

In the historical lecture that is sometimes given in connection with the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, mention is made of the fact that the Order is not a pagan



rite, nor is it a mere social observance. It is an Order founded upon Truth and is the proper preparation for the solemn ceremonies that follow in the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple.

The Order of the Red Cross is indeed something a great deal more than a mere social observance, this having an especial reference to the banquet that so frequently follows the work, where the candidate, Zerubbabel, a Prince of the House of Judah, is seated next to Darius, King of Persia.

For the Templar who is interested in the Biblical background of the founding of the Order, the scripture readings are from Ezra 3: 8-11 and Ezra 4. The reading of the decree is taken from Ezra 6: 8-12. The plot of the story is contained in the First Book of Esdras of the Apocrypha, chapters 2 to 4 inclusive.

The Apocrypha are writings or statements of doubtful authorship or authority. But the Books of the Apocrypha form part of the Sacred literature of the Alexandrian Jews and, with the exception of the Second Book of Esdras, are interspersed with the Hebrew Scriptures in the ancient copies of the Septuagint, or Greek version of the Old Testament. Most of them belong to the last three centuries, B.C., when prophecy, oracles and direct revelation had ceased. Some of them form an historical link between the Old

Testament and the New Testament. As to their Canonical Authority, Josephus seems to reject it as a whole but, it appears from his use of First Esdras, to have accepted the authority of at least that book.

The historical lecture in our Red Cross ritual says that "Esdras makes the Guards suggest both the questions and the prize but we follow the story as told by Josephus. The details of the story are practically the same.

The use of certain words may be called to the attention of the Companions of the Order. Judah and Benjamin are two such words.

We are all familiar with the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Likewise, Zerubbabel, a principal in the Red Cross drama, is a Prince of the House of Judah. And it is from the Tribe of Judah that the Messiah was to come, from the House of David.

Benjamin was the tribe that furnished eleven of the apostles, all of whom were Galileans, the twelfth apostle being Judas Iscariot, a Jew, of the Tribe of Judah. When the nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms, the Tribe of Benjamin (along with the Tribe of Levi, the Priestly tribe) was left with the Tribe of Judah to constitute the House of Judah, the remaining ten tribes constituting the House of Israel. Saint Paul himself said in Romans 11:1, "For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin."

Tatnai was the Governor of the Province west of the Euphrates at the time of Darius and Zerubabel and Shethar-Boznai was an officer under his command. These two united in trying to obstruct the building of the Second Temple and wrote a letter to Darius, who ordered them to obstruct no → → →

longer, but to assist the Elders of the Jews in the rebuilding of the Temple.

Justice, Truth and Liberty are the Grand Characteristics of this Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. The Red Cross of equal arms and angles (the Greek cross) is the emblem of the Order, its four arms indicating Diety, Truth, Justice and Liberty.

The origin of the device of the Eagle on royal banners can be traced to very early periods. It was the ensign of ancient Kings of the Medo-Persian Empire, of Persia and of Babylon. The device was adopted by Charlemagne to denote the union of the black eagle of the East with the golden eagle of the west, typifying the Holy Roman Empire, and later the eagle was one of the emblems of Imperial Rome. The eagle appears on the Royal Arch banner and on the Jewish banner of our own Illustrious Order.

A Companion of the Red Cross has engraved upon his escutcheon these words: "Libertas et natale solum" (Liberty and my native soil). Can such a man be other than a good citizen? Such men are willing to shed their blood in defense of liberty and native land.

Endurance, coupled with faith and perseverance, is a shining attribute of a Companion of the Red Cross, who is taught a lesson he never forgets, Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be a good man and true is one of the first lessons taught in Masonry. And upon these fundamental principles the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross is founded.

Sir Knight Wendt marked the 66th anniversary of his Knighthood on April 5. He first served as Commander more than 52 years ago. He resides at 5012 East Slick Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40219.

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Good News from the South

The Grand Commandery of South Carolina reported another gain in Templar membership for 1973. Net gain — 728 new Knights Templar on the South Carolina rolls.

Heger to be Honored In June

The Louis Frederick Heger York Rite Class June 8 and 15 in St. Louis, Missouri, will honor the 55 years of Masonic service represented by Sir Knight Louis F. Heger, P.G.C., Missouri, Department Commander of the Grand Encampment 1952-55, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Ritualistic Matters 1964-67. The Festival conferrals will take place in the Masonic Temple, 3681 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis.



Sir Knight Heger, shown in the snapshot above as Department Commander, was born June 30, 1894, in St. Louis. His Masonic career began in 1918 in Tower Grove Lodge No. 631. He was Knighted in Ascalon Commandery No. 16 in 1919, served as Grand Commander of Missouri in 1942-43 and has been an active participant in the Moolah Temple Shrine Patrol. He was Drill Master of Ascalon Commandery from 1932 until he retired from the position in January of this year.

Among other bodies and honors: Past Sovereign, St. Louis Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Charter Member and Past Preceptor of Lord of Lords Tabernacle No. LI, H.R.A.K.T.P. He continues to be active as Chairman of the Committee on Work, Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Grand Commander Marion L. Dollison, Webster Groves, Missouri, says: "This class will honor a truly dedicated Christian Mason."

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"Interesting Templars"

Grit, which identifies itself as "America's Greatest Family Newspaper," has published a vignette of Sir Knight Harry E. Tice, a 25 year member of Atlanta Commandery No. 9, Atlanta, Georgia, under the sub-heading, "Mr. Sunshine Scatters Cheer."

In part, the sketch reads:

"Once Harry E. Tice, of Atlanta, considered himself the worst letter writer in the world. But that was before he saw how much a sick or shut-in person can be cheered by getting something in the mail.

"He now buys greeting cards by the case and postage stamps by the thousands. He mails them coast to coast to persons he finds listed in church and fraternal bulletins.

"This activity along with his hospital visits has earned him the title 'Mr. Sunshine.' Tice has the reputation of making more hospital visits than anyone else in Georgia."

The St. Lawrence Seaway



This stamp commemorating the dedication of the St. Lawrence Seaway is from the files of Sir Knight Phil A. Telic, Stamp Editor of the *Wisconsin Masonic Journal*. The Seaway opened April 25, 1959, and was officially dedicated by Queen Elizabeth II and President Eisenhower on June 26.

Wisconsin Senator Alexander M. Wiley was co-author of the St. Lawrence Seaway Act which paved the way for the joint U.S.-Canadian venture. A member of Tancred Commandery, No. 27, Chipewewa Falls, Wisconsin, he was the recipient of the Gourgas Medal of the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., in 1956.

SIXTEEN OF TWENTY SEVEN PAST COMMANDERS HONORED



A card of certification showing the year each served as Commander was issued to 16 Past Commanders by Damascus Commandery No. 5, Keokuk, Iowa, March 14. Eleven were unable to attend the Commandery's salute to its Past Commanders. Deputy Grand Commander Max Ellis presented the certificates. Eminent Commander of Keokuk Templars is Howard C. Eads.



CLIFF EUGENE MURPHY MEMORIAL CLASS



Class members and participants pose for a group photograph March 16 at Gulfport, Mississippi. The event was the Spring York Rite Class of the Gulfport York Rite Bodies named in memory of Cliff Eugene Murphy. The photograph was submitted by Recorder Marvin E. Barber, Gulfport Commandery No. 38.

SIR KNIGHT CROFTS, P.G.M., ELECTED GRAND MASTER INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DEMOLAY



John L. Crofts, Sr., Past Grand Master, Knights Templar U.S.A., was elected to head the Order of DeMolay for 1974-75 at the 54th Annual Session of the International Supreme Council of the Order April 3 in Memphis, Tennessee. He succeeds Grand Master George M. Klepper, who presided for the sessions. One of the first to greet the new DeMolay Grand Master was Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegle, Grand Master, Grand Encampment, who was made an Honorary member of the Supreme Council by election of the Active Members.

The Congress of DeMolays began Thursday, March 28. The Supreme Council was convened Sunday, March 31. Sir Knight Klepper, Past Imperial Potentate, Shrine of North America, was greeted with a standing ovation following his report to the Supreme Council. The retiring Grand Master said that the most pressing problem of the Order is "transmitting the enthusiasm from the top to the local leaders." He saluted the Grand Encampment for its pledged support to the Order of Knighthood for DeMolays from 17 to 21.

The Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, John B. Cottrell, Jr., was elevated to Active Member of the Supreme Council, as was Elmer H. Palmer, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Massachusetts-Rhode Island. Their collars of office were presented by the Executive Officer of Pennsylvania - William J. McCulley, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Alfred E. Grant, Past Executive Officer of Rhode Island. Sir Knight McCulley, Lancaster Commandery No. 13, was elected to the office of Grand Junior Councilor, first post in the four-year elective line. In addition to Grand Master Crofts, Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.C., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and Grand Recorder Paul C.



Rodenhauser, continue to serve as Active Members of the Supreme Council, as does Department Commander Charles A. Howard, Jr., Executive Officer in South Dakota. Sir Knight Bell was Chairman of the 1973-74 Executive Committee; Sir Knight Rodenhauser is Chairman of Public Relations and Publications, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Appendant Orders.



Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, ranking guest at the session, was presented with his Honorary Membership insignia by DeMolay's Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master, George M. Saunders, who was re-elected Grand Secretary. Similarly honored by Sir Knight Saunders were the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, R. & S.M., International, Hoyt McClendon, Alabama, and Edward M. Selby, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International.

In his remarks at the opening session Sir Knight Riegle stressed that "our great body is solidly behind the Order of DeMolay," noted the presence and participation of Sir Knights Crofts, Bell, Cottrell and Rodenhauser, announced the Templar special support for DeMolay's Order of Knighthood program and presented a check for \$1,000 to DeMolay "on behalf of more than 365,000 Knights Templar of the Grand Encampment."



Sir Knight Dimond escorts DeMolay Grand Master Crofts through the DeMolay arch of steel to the east.

Pictured left: Deputy Peterson.

Among other Templars honored at the session were: California's Grand Recorder William C. Leeson; Past Department Commander Harvey C. Byrd, Texas; Herbert D. Sledd, P.G.C., Kentucky, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Templar Jurisprudence — elected Honorary Members, and Past Department Commander Arthur J. Peterson, Minnesota, elected Deputy.

Officers installed at the formal banquet April 3, in addition to Grand Master Crofts, were: Judge Robert A. Grant, Indiana; Deputy Grand Master; Jack H. Meyers, Michigan, Grand Senior Councilor. Re-elected with Grand Secretary Saunders was the long-time Grand Treasurer, Chandler C. Cohagen.

Past Department Commander Stephen B. Dimond, Active Member, Supreme Council, served as Installing Marshal. A contingent of Florida DeMolays was present to form an Arch of Steel for the newly-installed Grand Master as he was conducted to his place at the head table.

The wives of Sir Knights Rodenhauer, Crofts, Riegle and Cottrell witnessed the open sessions of the Supreme Council and the banquet program and formal installation ceremonies. Present also for the Wednesday session and events were Grand Captain General Kenneth C. Johnson of the Grand Encampment, and Mrs. Johnson, Arkansas.



Heller



Olson

In his remarks to the Council, Grand Sovereign George A. Newbury, Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, an Active Member of DeMolay's Supreme Council, praised the work of 1973-74 International Master Councilor William Heller, New Jersey, saluted the 1974-75 successor, Richard Olson, also from New Jersey (where William C. Chasey, Sr., is Executive Officer), and DeMolay of the Year David Kalodner, Chester Chapter, Pennsylvania.



Kalodner

Grand Sovereign Newbury said "the performance of the 98 young men at the Congress was really an eye-opener. I left their meetings with a feeling of great inspiration."

Representing Grand Sovereign Henry C. Clausen, Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S. & R., Southern Jurisdiction, was Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Tennessee Andrew Benedict, a Deputy of DeMolay's Supreme Council.

Henry B. Struby, Junior Past Imperial Potentate, represented the Shrine's Imperial Potentate, Jacob Wingerter, in bringing "greetings from nearly 900,000 Shriners." He said that "we in the Shrine have long manifested our interest in DeMolay by contributing \$25,000 annually . . . and holding the Frank S. Land Memorial Breakfast" each year.

Before and after each session of the Supreme Council, committee meetings were in progress — including several meetings of the Committee on Appendant Orders, chaired by Robert M. Walker, Buffalo, New York. Staff representative for this committee was John B. Travelbee. During the meeting, details were announced of the International Knighthood Convocation to be held at the Drawbridge Rowntowner Motor Inn, Enlarger, Kentucky, July 4-7, 1974.

One of the lighter daily events at the Sheraton Peabody, headquarters hotel, was the daily arrival of the "famous Peabody Ducks" at 7 a.m. from the roof to the lobby fountain, and their departure — to processional music — each afternoon at 3. The trips to and from the roof are made via elevator. The half dozen ducks, almost invisible on camera against the stone fountain and the dark maroon carpet, follow the leader single file after the "red carpet" is unrolled and the music plays, enter the elevator and obediently turn and face the front.

The generations of Peabody Ducks are said to have been a tradition of the hotel for half a century.



Sir Knight Cottrell, left, and Sir Knight George Davidson, P.G.C., Ohio, "sit in" during Appendant Orders Committee meeting. Davidson is Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on DeMolay.



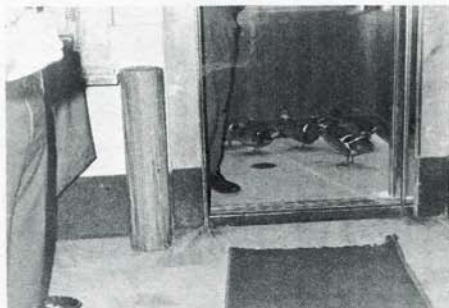


The host organization at Memphis was headed by Executive Officer William L. Smith. The next sessions of the DeMolay Congress and the International Supreme Council will be convened in Orlando, Florida, April 3-9, 1975.



Edict from Florida

The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Florida has issued an edict which reads: "That it shall be the responsibility of the High Priest of each and every Chapter in the state of Florida to check the Symbolic Lodge dues cards of every applicant for admission into a Chapter. Only legitimately current dues cards shall admit the applicant, local, known, Grand Chapter Officers or other, into the Chapter Room."



Mistaken Identities

It was Harold V. B. Voorhis, keen sleuth of accurate facts, who noted a discrepancy in our reporter's account of the A.M.D. meetings at Washington in February — to wit: The Senior Substitute Magus of Societas Rosicruciana is *Lawrence E. Eaton* and the Junior Substitute Magus is *Henry Emmerson*, of Massachusetts and New York respectively. You are asked to correct your copy of page 19 of the April issue accordingly.

Executive Director
Knights Templar Eye Foundation

I just realized that I haven't made a further contribution to the Eye Foundation as a memorial to my good friend, Walter DeLamater; and I am enclosing my check for \$50.00 to go along in this campaign.

With every good wish and sincerest regards to you, I remain

Cordially yours in the Faith

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1974 INSPECTION TOUR



Hospitality in Port Townsend: l. to r. Em. Commander Bill Matheson, S.K. Gil Kaseburg, P.C., Merrill Beham, P.C., R.E. Grand Commander Fred Gemmer, R.E. Past Grand Commander Ceil Ward.



R.E. Grand Commander, S.K. Fred Gemmer with S.K. W. E. Matheson (lt.) and S.K. Harold Schafer (rt.) who is the Commander of Juan de Fuca No. 17 at Port Angeles.



Sir Knight Harold Schafer, Em. Commander of Juan de Fuca Commandery seen here with Mrs. Walter Scott during refreshment. Sir Knight Harold did a very fine job as Commander for both Juan de Fuca and Townsend Commanderies.



Sir Knight Fred Gemmer, Grand Commander, and his staff during his visit to Calvary Commandery at Goldendale seen here with Em. Commander Robert Cole and his Knights.

HOLIDAY IN BRITAIN!

A TOUR OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO MASONS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO MASONS.

Leaving Sea - Tac September 3rd for

London. 22 days in England & Scotland. VISITING MANY OF THE HISTORIC MASONIC SITES. HAVE DINNER WITH MASONIC OFFICIALS OVERSEAS.

KNOW GREAT BRITAIN BETTER.

DISCOVER THE ROOTS OF MASONRY.

THE TOUR IS UNDER THE PERSONAL GUIDANCE of James T. Albertson.

James T. Albertson is a life member of Riverside Lodge No. 112, Wenatchee, Washington, is a 32° Scottish Rite, and is Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the York Rite.

The tour will be limited to 36 people.

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SIR KNIGHT GUY SLIGAR ASSISTANT EDITOR



Knights Templar Magazine salutes this month our assistant editor, who deserves much credit for gleaning news from the eastside of the State. He is a great help to your editor. Please, Sir Knights contact him with any newsworthy item you may have for publication.

THREE FAITHFUL KNIGHTS



A particular tribute is paid today to Sir Knights Joe Harbaugh, Joe Lovin and Ed Sparks, all Past Commanders of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 4, Tacoma, except Joe Lovin being the present Commander. Their devotion to aiding their fellow Knights is deserving of a mention. They cross the waters of Puget Sound uncountable times to assist the Knights of Vashon Commandery, supported by other willing and hardworking Knights. Let this service to a smaller Commandery be an inspiration to all of us in the Puget Sound area to aid and assist. Perhaps other smaller Commanderies would enjoy this kind of co-operation, too.

YORK RITE IN RENTON



M.E. Comp. Gilbert Kaseburg, Grand High Priest, R.A.M., held District No. 5 meeting at St. Andrew's Temple, hosted by your editor, Douglas Edlich, High Priest of Issaquah Chapter No. 39, R.A.M. A large attendance made this an outstanding event.

Grand Encampment
Roll Call of Honored Dead

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Marvin A. Wilson

Oklahoma

Grand Commander — 1944

Born November 1, 1894

Died March 11, 1974

Leo Carl Dimmer

Illinois

Grand Commander — 1954

Born December 30, 1890

Died March 28, 1974

Frank Foster Smith

Maryland

Grand Commander — 1965

Born September 16, 1900

Died April 2, 1974

Calvin M. Keller

Missouri

Grand Commander — 1953

Born April 20, 1892

Died April 7, 1974

Frank M. Jones

Frank Martin Jones, 81, father of California's Grand Commander Frank F. Jones, died March 20 in Oceanside, California. Born in Missouri, he had been a California resident for 54 years. He was a veteran of World War I. A Mason, a member of the American Legion, the Rotary Club and the Vista Community Church, he was buried March 25. A Masonic ceremony was performed.



Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men.

Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers.

Pray for powers equal to your tasks.

Phillips Brooks

Grand Lodge Bicentennial Activity

"Masons Chart Replay of Washington's Visit" was the headline in the most recent *Bicentennial Times*, official publication of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, the government agency in charge of Bicentennial plans.

"George Washington's visit to the DeWint House in Tappan, New York, may have been a quiet occasion, but the re-enactment planned for August 15, 1976, promises to be a gala fete.

"Sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York, which owns the famed home that is now a National Historic Landmark, the event will be authentic right down to cookies prepared from Colonial recipes. The event is open to the public.

"The changing tides of the Revolutionary War brought both George Washington and Major John Andre to Tappan — Washington on Glory's path and Andre, Benedict Arnold's co-conspirator, on a course that ended on the gallows.

"Co-sponsors of the Tappan program are the Stony Point Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Fellowship Clubs of Naurashank and Wawayanda Lodges."

Magazines for Ohio Templars

Beginning with the May issue, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio has ordered 50 extra copies of the *Knight Templar Magazine* containing the Ohio Supplement. Any Ohio Templar now living in another state who would like to receive the Ohio Supplement should contact George R. Fitez, Masonic Temple, 34 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Memorial Campaign Standing

Figures including reports for the week ending March 29 showed a total of \$230,696.68 in the 6th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Final figures will be published in the July issue.

Father Knights Son



The 1974 Inspection of St. Elmo Commandery No. 64, Chicago, will long be remembered by Commander William E. McMahon who had the honor of Knighting his son, William R., a Past Master of Myrtle Lodge No. 795. Some 20 years earlier the situation had been reversed when William R., the son, presented his father with his Myrtle Lodge petition.

Alice McMahon, the candidate's mother, planned the dinner. She was assisted by members of Maywood Conclave, Order of True Kindred of Illinois. Bethel No. 16, Job's Daughters, served the dinner to about 225.

Patrons and Associate Patrons

Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation exempts the holder of the certificate from yearly Eye Foundation assessment.

As a result of action taken at the 52nd Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar who are holders of Patron or Associate Patron certificates are also exempt from annual Eye Foundation assessment. The Patron certificate is \$100; the Associate Patron, \$50.

Formerly, the majority of those holding Patron and Associate Patron certificates were non-members, friends and associates of Templary who wished to assist in the casework and research grants of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The certificates, still available to non-members, now offer Templars themselves opportunity to increase the Endowment Fund and, at the same time, receive exemption from the assessment.

Texas to Honor Henry Britton Beard



The Corpus Christi York Rite Bodies will honor Past Grand Commander Henry Britton Beard with a York Rite Festival on May 25.

P.G.C. Beard was Knighted 54 years ago in Wills Point Commandery No. 44 and affiliated with Corpus Christi No. 57 in 1931. He served his Commandery as Recorder for a total of 15 years and served the Grand Commandery of Texas as Grand Commander in 1957.

Active in all York Rite bodies, Sir Knight Beard served as Treasurer of his Lodge, where he is a 56 year member, Treasurer and Secretary for 27 years in both his Chapter and Council and as presiding officer of all bodies.

Garage Sale for 125th Annual Conclave

DeMolay Commandery No. 9, Reading, Pennsylvania, plans a Wednesday, May 22, "Leesport Auction" and Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to raise funds for its "quota of the cost of the 123rd Annual Conclave" of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania in May of 1976. May 22, 1974, also marks the final business of the 121st Annual Conclave in Washington, Pennsylvania. Election of Grand Commandery officers takes place Wednesday morning, May 22, with the present Grand Commander, Sir Knight Kenneth A. Stevenson, presiding.

Memorial Day

Edgar A. Guest

Blow gently, winds of May,
And softly stir the trees,
Whispering today
The love we bear to these
Who sleep that silent sleep,
At rest forevermore.
Blow gently, winds of May . . .
Their warfare now is o'er.

Blow gently, winds of May,
Bearing the perfume rare
Of blossoms o'er the way;
Rose petals scatter there;
The starry flag we place
In glory on each grave,
Catches in a fond embrace
For us and proudly waves.

Blow gently, winds of May,
Shine softly, summer sun;
Our heroes sleep today,
Their duty nobly done.
And with the flag they loved,
And flowers, we come today
To honor those who sleep . . .
Blow gently, winds of May.

