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SEPTEMBER: Brother Gerald R. Ford, 14th Mason to become President, was born in Omaha, Nebraska, July 14, 1913. He is the eldest of four brothers, all of whom were initiated in Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 30, 1949, and presented with lambskin aprons by their father.

Another Masonic President, William Howard Taft, is the subject of a biographical sketch which begins on page 7 of this issue. Brother Taft, on Washington's birthday in 1911, attended traditional Masonic ceremonies to voice hearty approval of the movement which was to result in the building of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria. The Taft story also appears in Templary's Bicentennial publication, *Masonic Americana*.

Paul C. Rodenhauser, Editor

THE HARMONY OF BROTHERHOOD

In our visits throughout the Grand Encampment jurisdictions and beyond, we have been rewarded with more and more examples of the increasing harmony among York Rite Masons. One of the more recent was experienced during an official visit to Springfield for the First Annual Session of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Illinois.

This departure from the former pattern of three separate sessions of the Grand Bodies brought almost one thousand Masons and ladies to a three day series of events marked by smooth and cooperative planning, expertly conducted sessions, ceremonial impressiveness, typical Templar hospitality and a unity of purpose that was truly wonderful to share. My compliments to the talented and dedicated Companions and Templars who arranged and correlated the Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery scheduling and presentations.

The August gatherings were made doubly impressive for me because of their setting in one of the more historic and inspiring areas of our nation. In Springfield, so richly endowed with memorabilia from another century, one could almost feel the sense of destiny among the Illinois York Rite Masons and their Masonic visitors from all points of the compass.

It was a truly inspiring experience. I predict great and continued progress for a jurisdiction so capable and companionable. Those York Rite Masons cannot fail to succeed; they *must* not fail. Upon them and others like them across our nation depends the progress of our beloved Order and of the whole York Rite structure.

It takes unity, cooperation, understanding, harmony and, above all, the will to progress, the desire to work and share, to join hearts and hands for the enhancement and strengthening of Masonic brotherhood.

We are living in unprecedented times. Our Templar precepts and our convictions are needed as never before. And with that need comes a great opportunity to be of vital service to our Order — to all mankind. We must be leaders and achievers. We must take the initiative and move *forward*.

Progress depends upon you — and upon me. Together we can achieve it!



Roy Wilford Riegle



The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ I am requesting information about a pocket watch in my possession. This watch was manufactured with the name "Dudley" on the face of the dial and "Lancaster, Pa." appears in the works. This unique watch has a spring loaded back which, when opened, reveals a second crystal protecting the works. There are jewel holding plates in the following Masonic shapes: plumb, level, one shoe, 24 inch gauge, the open Holy Bible, the trowel with the all seeing eye on its handle. All of these surround the square and compass. There are 21 jewels in the works, a patent number in the case cover and a different number on the works.

This appears to be a watch made for presentation purposes. I would like to know if there are any more like it, when it was made and how many were made. Can anyone estimate the value for me?

CHARLES W. HANSON
310 Ellen Lane
Batavia, Illinois 60510

□ I collect pocket watches and would like to hear from any of the Brethern who might have one for sale, running or not, as I do my own repairing. I would like any sent to have the price included.

OTIS E. WHITAKER
218 Ash Street
Park Forest, Illinois 60466

□ You will never know how badly it made me feel to go to my mail box and find my most treasured *Knight Templar Magazine*, July issue, all wet from the terrible rain storms we were having. As I am very sick and have not been well for some time, one of my greatest joys is to read my Masonic literature. I appreciate my *Knight Templar Magazine* more than you will ever realize.

GEORGE PHILLIP BRADFORD
1210 East Columbus Drive
Tampa, Florida 33605

□ This in reference to my letter in connection with my selling a few antique souvenirs of Knights Templar Conclaves.

All four items were sold at dawn on July 30 to a gentleman near Pittsburgh who had just received the August issue.

It has been a big surprise to me that so many people, in so many states, are interested in Knight Templar collecting. The phone never stops ringing. Letters are numerous; of course I am answering all the letters, returning checks, etc.

Some of the telephone calls are placed at the highest rate — person to person, operator assisted, daytime. It has been an uplifting experience to hear about these members' lives, both on the phone and in writing — their collections, the offices they hold or did hold and where, age, ailments, wife, husband.

There seems to be a wave of glass collecting. Some decribe themselves as "ardent" collectors, and I suffer with them in their disappointment!

MRS. ELEANOR J. OSBORNE
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□ Bethel Commandery No. 36 of Elgin, Illinois, is in need of an Illinois Sir Knight Commandery coat, single breasted, size 50, for a line officer. If any Sir Knight or Commandery has such a size coat available please contact me at your earliest convenience.

CHARLES E. KERIN, Commander
508 East Hillside Avenue
Barrington, Illinois 60010

□ I have for sale around 45 volumes of A2C (London Lodge of Research) from 1917 to the present except for perhaps 4 or 5 volumes. They are in perfect condition at regular prices — \$10 per volume. A few are very scarce and selling in London for \$15 to \$18 per volume. They are very hard to come by and none have been available in England for quite some time.

T. E. DAVIS
156 South 5th Avenue
Yuma, Arizona 85304

□ The first edition of *Masonic Americana* published by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., is informative and historical and will be a valuable addition to my Masonic library. In fact, it should be in every school library in the U.S.A.

JOSEPH S. LEWIS
24 Hillcrest Road
Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

□ In *Masonic Americana* I read with much interest the article on Lorenzo Dow. Rev. Dow journeyed to Clermont County, Ohio, in 1795 and, as my great grandfather Danill Kidd was one of the first Methodists in the section of the country, family history has it that Rev. Dow headquartered with my folks and helped get a Methodist Church established at Batavia, Ohio.

JOSEPH H. KIDD
1153 Eastgate Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

□ The copies of *Masonic Americana* arrived in good condition and I have already distributed seven of them to friends. The book is attractively printed, easily read and contains a concentrated history of the great events in our U.S.A. A copy should be in every public and private library in the country. It is a real contribution to the Bicentennial.

HUGO G. LOESCH
29 Stoneleigh Park
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

□ On this, our fourth anniversary, we three wish to commend you and your staff on the excellent issue for July. It contains much that will inspire us to further our efforts during the next two years. Our advisors have told us that we may now expect our "challenge of the century" to be adopted in the remaining 26 states next year so that the "Appreciate America Decade" will be a great success nationally. Thank you for such an excellent publication. We shall continue to use it and God's Holy Word to help us in our spiritual and fraternal lives.

MATTHEW BOOKER
KEITH M. HART, Chairman
DELORA L. STANTON
Honor America Committee
St. Petersburg, Florida

□ Will you please reserve "The Cavalcade of Templary" for the Nashua, New Hampshire, York Rite Bodies for Friday, September 21, 1974? We are now looking for a mailing to 100 or more newly Raised Master Masons by the several Lodges in our area so we may possibly increase our memberships by 20 to 30 percent in the very near future. All the help we can get will be greatly appreciated.

HARRY C. DOWNING, JR.
87 Aldin Drive
Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

□ It would be very helpful to our Masonic group to direct Masonic stamp collectors to a source of Masonic covers, to wit, Dr. John N. Hoffman, P.M., Middletown, Pennsylvania. Prince Edwin Lodge No. 486 has available Masonic covers with appropriate write-up. For listing send stamped, addressed envelope to 2501 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

JOHN M. CUNNINGHAM
P.O. Box 7200
Ben Franklin Station
Washington, D.C. 20044

□ My uncle's sword in leather case was removed from my property in recent years. It is engraved with the name "George C. Cory" who was a member of Fairmont Commandery No. 27, Fairmont, Minnesota. Would appreciate any information and will offer a reward for the return of same.

HAROLD J. ARMSTRONG
Box 316
Welcome, Minnesota 56181

□ Re: article on Admiral R. E. Byrd, August issue of the *Knight Templar*. I was instrumental in having oxygen and acetylene plus equipment for its use sent along with Admiral Byrd when he went the first time to Antarctica. I was then in the operating department, Air Reduction Sales Co., New York City.

As I was an Ensign in the 1st World War, some of these events like this one are of particular interest to me. Also, I have just added another 50 years to my long string of such things in that I was married 50 years July 5th. I am a 50 year member of both Rites and the Shrine.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Clarke of St. Vith: After many years of effort by friends, family and associates, the book *Clarke of St. Vith, The Sergeants' General* has been published by Dillon-Liederbach, 14591 Madison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44107. The list price is \$10.00.

Mrs. Bruce C. Clarke, wife of Sir Knight Clarke, says the book covers events in "Bruce's early life, as a West Point Cadet, a young officer, an Army Engineer, leading Patton's army across France, the Battle of the Bulge, Korea, Vietnam, training and commanding the Post W.W. II Army and his many activities since retirement."

She concludes: "I think you may enjoy it. It is well written for popular reading. I've learned things about Bruce I never knew."



Greeting from Karachi: Deputy Grand Commander Ernest C. Barker, District of Columbia Supplement Editor for the *Knight Templar Magazine*, sent us a summer card from Karachi, Pakistan, with the note: "Here for 10 days, then home via Australia, Honolulu, San Francisco. Expect to be back in time to prepare the D.C. Supplement for August." He was.



Trouble: "Better never trouble trouble until trouble troubles you" comes from a poem by a David Keppel. From memory, the rest of it goes something like this: "For you only make your trouble Double-trouble when you do; and trouble like a bubble, that you're troubling about, may be nothing but a cipher with its rim rubbed out."



From Sarnia, Ontario: Belatedly, we learn from Sir Knight Murton Taylor, Past Grand Standard Bearer of his Preceptory, that he, a Provincial Grand Prior, represented the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada at the Templar Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington in April. Sir Knight Taylor is well known in Michigan where he has frequently attended the Annual Conclave of that Grand Commandery and also in Indiana and Ohio.

Northfield, Minnesota: Sir Knight C. M. Crandall, Recorder, Northfield Council No. 12, R. & S.M., directs attention to the high honors achieved this year by three members of Northfield Council.

Donald B. Purrington was installed Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in October of 1973 and as Intendant General, Division of Minnesota, Red Cross of Constantine, in August of this year.

Lynn F. Gunsolas was installed Grand Illustrious Master, R. & S.M., of Minnesota last October.

In June of 1974, Adolph A. Kopischke became Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota. Sir Knight Kopischke, too, is a member of Northfield Council.

Says Recorder Crandall: "We are proud to publicize the high honor these Masons have attained. I doubt very much if this has happened often."



Noted: A copy of a dues notice from a Constituent Commandery, containing the item "Assessment for *Knight Templar Magazine*," recently came to our desk. It is worthy of comment because there is no assessment for the magazine. The per capita to the Grand Encampment pays for all operations including the *Knight Templar Magazine*. Voting members of the Grand Encampment approved the editing, printing and mailing of the magazine to every Templar at the 50th Triennial Conclave in Detroit in 1967 as a part of the duties of the Grand Encampment office.

The every-member mailing began with the July 1969 issue — and without any magazine "assessment." In view of occasional misunderstandings, we thought the subject warranted comment.



Canadian Knights: The 91st Annual Assembly, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, will be reported next month. Grand Encampment August guests at Newfoundland included Grand Master Riegle, Past Grand Master Bell, Grand Recorder Rodenhauser.

BROTHER WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

by
C. L. Rothwell

Only one American has ever served as both President and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. That man was Brother William Howard Taft.

Taft was born September 15, 1857, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Alphonso and Louisa Torrey Taft. His beginnings were far from humble. The father, Brother Alphonso Taft, was Attorney General of the U.S. (1876-77), Secretary of War (1876), Minister to Austria-Hungary (1882-84) and Minister to Russia (1884-85).

A graduate of Yale (1878) and Cincinnati Law School (1880), William Howard Taft served as Assistant County Solicitor and became Judge of the Superior Court at the age of 29. At 33 he was Solicitor General of the U.S., then U.S. Circuit Judge. He became President of the U.S. Philippine Commission and was the first Civil Governor (1901-04).

Brother Theodore Roosevelt appointed Taft to be Secretary of War (1904-08) and twice offered him an appointment to the Supreme Court. He also served as Provisional Governor of Cuba in 1906. Roosevelt groomed Taft for the Presidency and he was elected in 1908.

On February 18, 1909, the President-elect was made a Mason "at sight" by Ohio Grand Master Charles S. Hoskinson at an "Occasional Lodge" called for that purpose in Cincinnati's Scottish Rite Cathedral. That same evening he visited Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, Cincinnati, and watched the conferral of a Third Degree. On April 14 he became a member of that Lodge.

The making of the President-elect a Mason "at sight" drew criticisms, predominately from states where Grand Masters were not allowed this function. The *Menace*, an anti-Catholic periodical, published an article by one Walter Hurt, supposedly of Cincinnati, entitled, "Taft

— A 35 Minute Mason." It attacked Taft as pro-Catholic and under strong Catholic influence.

Taft was not a stranger to religious criticism. He was a Unitarian. His father had lost the nomination for Governor of Ohio to Rutherford B. Hayes as a result of a religious attack.

When the article was reprinted in Cincinnati's *Masonic Bibliophile*, Past Grand Master of Ohio Masons William B. Melish, at that time Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, saw fit to issue statement that the article was 90% false. He added, "I presented his petition, and I had charge of him while he was being initiated, and I can vouch for him, in every respect as a Brother Mason who exemplifies the tenets of the Fraternity in his everyday life."

As President, Taft dissolved the Standard Oil and tobacco trusts. He was a better "trust-buster" than Roosevelt, bringing almost twice as many prosecutions for violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act in four years as Roosevelt had in seven. He drafted the 16th and 17th amendments (direct election of Senators and income tax) and saw their passage, the first amendments since after the Civil War.

He backed the enlargement of powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, created a commerce court, a children's bureau, a Postal Savings system and the parcel post system. The first steps toward establishing a federal budget were taken. "Dollar diplomacy" was used, whereby U.S. money was used to increase U.S. influence abroad.

As an administrator and judge, his record is excellent. But Taft was not a politician. He broke from Roosevelt and went on with his own conservation and tariff policies. He fought with → → →

Congress and the party progressives who were Congressional leaders. Roosevelt became so angered he attempted to block the renomination of Taft. Taft won on the first ballot and Roosevelt went off to form the Bull Moose party. In the election Taft received 8 electoral votes, Roosevelt 88 and the election went to Democrat Woodrow Wilson with 435.

Mrs. Helen Herron Taft was an accomplished musician and founder of the Cincinnati orchestra. She introduced musicals at the White House and instigated the planting of the cherry trees along the Tidewater basin. As a girl of 17 she had visited the White House with her family. Her father was a law partner of then President Rutherford Hayes. She decided then that she wanted to be First Lady.

The Tafts had three children: Helen (Mrs. Frederick J.) Manning, a Professor of History, former Dean and Acting President, Bryn Mawr; Robert A., U.S. Senator from Ohio, 1938-1953; Charles, former mayor of Cincinnati. A grandson, Robert A. Taft, Jr., is currently the Senior Senator from Ohio.



Taft made many Masonic visitations and assisted in cornerstone layings. On May 9, 1911, the President posed wearing

the Watson and Cassou apron of George Washington and holding the trowel Washington used in laying the cornerstone of the Capitol. He was a life member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. On November 1, 1923, he assisted in the cornerstone laying of the Memorial using the Washington trowel. Also in attendance with the Chief Justice was the new President Calvin Coolidge.

At 55 the ex-President was far from retirement. In 1913 he was President of the American Bar Association. He was Professor of Constitutional Law at Yale until 1921. He had served as President of the League to Enforce Peace and was a supporter of the League of Nations. During the war he had served as Joint Chairman of the National War Labor Board.

In 1921 Sir Knight Warren G. Harding had appointed Taft to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, a position he considered his greatest public honor. He resigned due to illness in February 1930 and died March 8. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, the only President to be buried there until 1963.



Taft on Masonry

Brother William Howard Taft, 27th President of the United States, delivered a speech at Newark, New Jersey, May 13, 1911, on the 150th anniversary of St. John's Lodge in that city.

"Masonry," he said, "aims at the promotion of morality and higher living by the cultivation of the social side of man, the rousing in him of the instincts of charity, and the love of his kind. It rests surely on the foundation of the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

"I did not come here to make a speech, either upon Masonry in general or upon St. John's Lodge in particular. I came here that by my presence I might testify to the respect I feel for such a worthy association . . ."

DEMOLAY'S ORDER OF KNIGHTHOOD

by
Richard E. Harkins
Executive Director

The first "superevent" for DeMolay's Order of Knighthood was eminently successful when 276 Knighthood members, advisors, sweethearts and girlfriends gathered in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, over the 4th of July weekend for the first International Knighthood Convocation.

The affair climaxed a year's effort of putting new energy and promotion into the Knighthood program and signaled bigger and better things to come in the future for this special program for DeMolays who are 17 to 21 years of age.

Prominent in the plans for the advancement of Knighthood is the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. When the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Roy W. Riegle, issued General Order No. 5 recently he provided a tremendous boost to the Knighthood program.

Specifically, the Order calls for special assistance with public relations and publications and aid in the dissemination of both. It also requests each Grand Commander to offer cooperation to the DeMolay Executive Officer in charge of the various states and to encourage Constituent Commanderies to support Knighthood at the local level.

Convocation Program

While emphasizing fun and social events, the Knighthood convocation in Kentucky had an appropriate share of seminars and ritual work.

The convocation was officially opened on a Thursday evening with Reese L. Harrison, Jr., an Active Member and Chairman of the Appendant Organizations Committee of the DeMolay Supreme Council, calling the Convocation to order. Greetings were also issued by

Kentucky Executive Officer Host Robert Tutt and International Master Councilor Rich Olson.

Immediate Past IMC Bill Heller of New Jersey was on hand to give the invocation and the colors were presented by the Five and Drum Corps of J. N. Frist Chapter of Clinton, Indiana.

A letter of greetings was read by Virginia IKC Rick Daniel from Governor Mills E. Godwin of Virginia who extended best wishes for a most successful convocation.

A special "arch of steel" honor guard of the Florida Knighthood Sword Team helped the official reception of DeMolay Grand Master (and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment) John L. Crofts, Sr.

Immediately following the opening, a pool mixer and splash party was held. Then the "Eatsa Pizza Contest," sponsored by Stanley Garrity Priory of Kansas, got underway with 24 brave contestants ready to take on the pizzas to see who could devour them the fastest.



Eight minutes and 10 seconds later, Scott Uhrick of Fort Wayne, a member of Sahara Priory of Indianapolis, was proclaimed the champion and finished a full two minutes ahead of the next runner-up. It was a sight to behold, with Sir Knights madly chomping their cheese → → →

pizzas to the urgings and pleadings of fellow cheering Priory members while taking large swigs of Coke to help get the pizza down.

The first affair on Friday was a morning workshop on "What's New in Knighthood," led by Dad Harrison, Andy Collins of Texas, a member of the Knighthood Task Force, and Dad John Travelbee, Director of Knighthood from ISC Headquarters.

Mid-morning, the tennis tournament got underway with singles, doubles and mixed doubles categories, and the various table-top games tournaments began which included chess, monopoly, backgammon, hearts, spades, bridge, euchre, checkers and ping pong.



Following a buffet luncheon, another seminar was held on "Service to DeMolay and Masonry" led by Senior Sir Knights Gary W. Millere of Louisiana and John P. Mosely of New Hampshire.

Friday evening a complimentary dinner was enjoyed at the Covington Scottish Rite Temple, and the International Priory was officially opened by DeSoto, Texas, Priory. The Florida "Arch of Steel" Sword Team again performed to help honor various distinguished guests which included Grand Master Crofts, Deputy Grand Master Robert Grant and ten other members of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

Also present were several of the elected officers of the Grand Encampment, which included Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Roy W. Riegle, Deputy Grand Master Willard M. Avery, Grand Generalissimo John B. Cottrell, Jr., and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenahuser. Several other Masonic leaders were present and were received.



Left to right: Rodenhauer, Cottrell, Crofts, Olson, Riegle and Avery.

An investiture of Knighthood was then conducted by DeSoto Priory for 19 Sir Knight candidates. The Order of Ebon (which is an optional second Degree in Knighthood) was put on by Cincinnati, Ohio, Priory, and following a reception for State and Priory Knighthood Sweethearts, a display of the Order of Anon was given by Cincinnati Priory.

Then, at midnight, IMC Rich Olson began a forum for Illustrious Knight Commanders which actually didn't wind up until about 4:00 a.m., with a few hardy souls remaining until the very end.

On Saturday the tennis and table-top competitions were completed and the safe driving road rally was conducted with 17 cars going through the hour and a half course.

Two more seminars were held during the day, one on "What You Always Wanted to Ask About Masonry and Never Did," and another one on Knighthood publications.

There was another pool party in the afternoon prior to the formal grand awards banquet in the evening. Grand Encampment Grand Generalissimo John B. Cottrell was the principal speaker. Also in attendance at the banquet and offering some remarks was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Reverend Clyde Dicken.

Harrison served as Master of Ceremonies. In his remarks he stated, "All of you here are in a distinct group, one of the 276 attending this first International Knighthood Convocation. In the future, others will ask you what it was like back in 1974 at this first convocation."

Cottrell challenged all Sir Knights to go back and motivate their → → →

fellow Sir Knights to do greater things in Knighthood.

The banquet closed with a rededication service led by Dad Dennis Daugherty, Assistant Director of Public Relations from ISC Headquarters.

The convocation officially closed Sunday morning with the Knighthood Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the jurisdictions of Florida and Ohio. George Effinger, SGIG for the Scottish Rite in Kentucky, was the principal speaker.

At 8:30 the convocation was officially closed by Grand Master Crofts. Everyone started packing and departing for home, much wiser and richer in experience for the opportunity of being at the convocation, and all in agreement that similar convocations should be planned and held in the future.

What Knighthood Is

The Knighthood program originally got started in DeMolay back in 1946. The Founder of DeMolay, Frank S. Land, recognized the need for something special to interest the older members of DeMolay after the minimum age for DeMolay had been dropped from 16 to 14. The full official title of the group is the "Chivalric Knights of the Holy Order of the Fellow Soldiers of Jacques DeMolay."

The DeMolay Supreme Council approved the program in 1946 but it was 1948 before the first Knighthood Priory was established in Kansas City. A few states like Texas, Ohio and Michigan got on the bandwagon immediately and began to institute Priors. The program has had limited success since then and there are currently 78 Priors in operation today. The heaviest concentration of Priors is still in those three states, although the program is beginning to catch on in several other states.

The new Knighthood program is built



around several key elements: (1) co-ed activities; (2) DeMolay service; (3) athletic and fun type events (like car rallies); plus the other traditional projects on Masonic service, fund-raising and ritualistic work.

Knighthood consists of one Degree, known as an investiture, and any DeMolay member who is at least 17 is eligible to join although some experimentation is taking place on an "invitation only" type of membership.

Special pamphlets, handbooks and other planning materials on Knighthood are in production now. One of the ISC Headquarters Staff members has been designated the Director of Knighthood to insure proper staff support. Several special task forces have been and are working on the development of new ways to make Knighthood grow.

It's a revitalized, exciting program for older DeMolays that the Grand Encampment is deeply committed to, and hopefully each Commandery will become equally interested and involved in this program that serves as a bridge on the second half of the DeMolay journey from boyhood to manhood.

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Masonic Americana in Shrine Temples

Imperial Recorder George M. Saunders, Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, has ordered 400 copies of the Grand Encampment's Bicentennial salute, *Masonic Americana*, for distribution to Shrine Temple libraries.

Sir Knight Saunders, who also serves as Grand Secretary of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, writes that "this compendium of Americana belongs in the library of every Mason."

The books, a Templar tribute to the birthday of the nation, are available in any quantity, at \$1.00 each, from the office of the Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.



President Gerald R. Ford is the 14th Mason to become President of the United States. He was Raised May 18, 1951, in Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D.C., as a courtesy to Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33^o, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., in 1962.

Brother Ford was a member of the University of Michigan's undefeated national championship football teams in 1932 and 1933. Named Michigan's "Most Valuable Player" in 1934, he played in the Shrine East-West Crippled Children's benefit classic in San Francisco New Year's Day, 1935. He is now a member of Saladin Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Grand Rapids.

The new President received his law degree from Yale in 1941. In 1942 he entered the U.S. Navy and served 47 months on active duty. In January 1946 he was released with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He practiced law in Grand Rapids until his election to the United States Congress.

He served in Congress from January 1949 until December 1973. In 1963 he was named to the Warren Commission to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy, headed by the late Sir Knight and Chief Justice Earl Warren, P.G.M., California. His book, *Portrait of the Assassin* (with John R. Stiles), was published in 1965.

September 21 is the date for the "Masons for America Day" sponsored by Florida's 23rd Masonic District. Activities include a parade which terminates at the Civic Auditorium, Melbourne, site of the afternoon's events. George L. Myers, Grand Master of Florida Masons, and Mel Byers, National President, National Sojourners, Inc., are scheduled to participate.

Septimus

September, originally the seventh month, became the ninth when Julius Caesar revised the calendar and moved New Years from March 1 to January 1. It originally had 31 days.

Labor Day, this year on September 2, became an official holiday in 1894 when President Cleveland signed the bill. September 2 is also VJ Day, the official date of the end of World War II.

The Continental Congress met at Independence Hall on September 5, 1774. Sir Knight and President William McKinley was assassinated on September 6, 1901. John Winthrop made the first settlement at Boston on September 7, 1630.

Sir Knight Alfred Landon, Republican candidate for President in 1936, was born September 9, 1887. Brother Oliver H. Perry won his victory on Lake Erie September 10, 1813. He ran up his "Don't Give Up the Ship" flag. Sir Knight John J. Pershing, General of the Armies, was born September 13, 1860.

The "Star-Spangled Banner" was written on September 14, 1814. Brother and President William Howard Taft, later Chief Justice, who is featured in a biographical sketch on pages 7 and 8, was born September 15, 1857.

Brother George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol on September 18, 1793, wearing his Masonic apron. On September 19, 1796, he gave his famous Farewell Address as he left the Presidency.

Autumn begins on September 23 — the date in 1779 when Brother John Paul Jones captured the *Serapis*. Chief Justice (and Brother) John Marshall was born September 24, 1755. Brother George Washington began the siege of Yorktown against Brother Lord Cornwallis on September 28, 1781.

Y.R. COUNCIL FESTIVAL SUGGESTIONS

The International York Rite Council has agreed on a "Suggested Ritualistic Outline for One-Day Festivals" designed to make it feasible for a coordinated presentation of Chapter, Council and Commandery Degrees and Orders within a seven hour period.

The Council, formed in 1968 for the cooperative advancement of York Rite Masonry, is composed of officers of the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International; the General Grand Council, R. & S.M., International; and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

The recommendations entail no changes not already either in effect or authorized by the three bodies according to the three presiding officers — Edward M. Selby, General Grand High Priest; Hoyt McClendon, General Grand Master; and Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, Grand Encampment.

However, it is understood to be the first time the officers of the three bodies have issued a combined and correlated statement on ritualistic work. The outline has now been distributed to their respective Constituent and Subordinate units for consideration and suggested use.

Another agreement of the Council calls for the closing morning sessions of the seven Regional Conferences to be devoted to a combined Workshop-Discussion meeting, with the three presiding officers of the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and Grand Encampment, and the three Regional-Department Representatives, serving as panelists. The three Representatives in each Region or Department will select a moderator whose specific duties will be to make appropriate introductions, announce subjects and relay "without preamble" questions to the panelists from those attending. The next such Regional Conference is scheduled at Bossier City, Louisiana, from Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning, September 14-15. There will be individual workshops Saturday afternoon and

evening, a combined discussion session Sunday morning.

Members of the International York Rite Council by virtue of office are: General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International — General Grand High Priest Edward M. Selby, General Grand King Gordon R. Merrick, General Grand Scribe Junior W. Vandall, General Grand Secretary Charles K. A. McGaughey; General Grand Council, R. & S.M., International — General Grand Master Hoyt McClendon, Deputy General Grand Master Owen L. Shanteau, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work John H. Watts, General Grand Recorder Bruce H. Hunt; Grand Encampment — Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, Deputy Grand Master Willard M. Avery, Grand Generalissimo John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Captain General Kenneth C. Johnson, Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser.

1974-75 chairman of the Council is Hoyt McClendon; Bruce H. Hunt is secretary. The International York Rite Council will assemble for its next meeting Sunday afternoon, November 17, following the North Central Regional Conference at Omaha, Nebraska.

Grand Master Attends Combined Sessions



Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle attended the first combined Annual Sessions of the York Rite Bodies of Illinois at Springfield August 1-4. Shown with him are the newly elected Grand Officers, Grand High Priest N. Tracy Walker, Grand Master of R. & S.M. James M. Waters and the new Grand Commander, Sir Knight Forest C. McDaniel.

EYE FOUNDATION TRUSTEES MEET IN CHICAGO

Harold S. Gorman, P.G.C., Nevada, became Treasurer of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at the Annual Meeting of the Trustees in Chicago July 27-28.

Earlier - July 1 - Sir Knight Gorman had been appointed by Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle to serve the unexpired triennium term of Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment. Former Grand Treasurer Ball, who served from 1955 until his July 1 retirement from the post, was honored at the meeting for his years of service to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and was elected to continue in the post of Trustee. He is the surviving member of the original Board.

Grand Master Riegle, Deputy Grand Master Willard M. Avery and Grand Treasurer Gorman serve as President, First Vice President and Treasurer of the Foundation by virtue of office. Re-elected Second Vice President for 1974-75 was E. Guy Frizzell, Tennessee. Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell was re-elected Executive Director, The Rev. Howard T. Joslyn, Assistant Executive Director, and Paul C. Rodenhauer, Secretary.

Appointments for 1974-75 are: Sir Knight Avery, General Counsel; Investment Committee - Sir Knights Edmund F. Ball, John B. Cottrell, Jr., John L. Crofts, Sr., Willard M. Avery and Harold S. Gorman, Chairman; Necrology - E. Guy Frizzell; Committee on Finance - Sir Knights E. Guy Frizzell, Charles S. McIntyre and Alvin L. Crump. Grand Master Riegle re-appointed Sir Knight Joslyn to head the Public Relations Committee of the Foundation.

Also appointed were the following additional Sir Knights to assist the Board: Wills, Bequests and Contributions - C. Wallace Jackson, James E. Moseley, Robert S. Schoedinger, Herbert J. Pfeufer, Sr., Albert C. Eckert and John W. Givens.

The Grand Master named Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, to the chairmanship for the 7th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The Trustees voted to hold the campaign in the time period corresponding to the 1973-74 campaign, from December 1, 1974, through April 30, 1975. Constituent and Subordinate recognitions again will be given to the Commanderies achieving a per capita productivity of \$5.00 or more, with further plaque recognitions for the three Grand Commanderies with the highest per capita results and to the three Grand Commanderies with the highest dollar productivity. One plaque will go to the Subordinate Commandery achieving the highest per capita total.

Forms, literature, letters and mailing material will be prepared in the Grand Encampment office at Chicago for distribution to all Grand Commandery chairmen and to each Commandery before December 1. Each Grand Commander will be asked to name a Grand Commandery Chairman to head the campaign.

In his report for the year, Executive Director Bell noted that 1,280 cases were handled during the fiscal period ending June 30, 1974. He expressed appreciation to the President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Grand Master Riegle, and the officers of Grand Encampment for the opportunity to discuss the operations of the Foundation with them at frequent meetings throughout the year; to Howard T. Joslyn, General Counsel Avery, Grand Recorder Rodenhauer and the Grand Recorder's staff; to a "very dedicated and efficient staff" at Rhinebeck, to Voluntary Campaign Chairman Charles S. McIntyre, and to the individual Trustees for assistance and cooperation, and to all who worked in any capacity to reach the total of \$432,966, during the 6th Voluntary Campaign.

Sir Knight Bell, in commenting upon the Eye Foundation as a recognized humanitarian project, noted that a representative of the I.R.S., after an audit, stated that the Foundation was the "finest charitable organization" it had been his privilege to audit.

The Trustees approved research grants of \$10,000 to the Eye and → → →

PICTURED AT EYE FOUNDATION MEETING



Grand Master Riegle and Executive Director Bell flank Sir Knights Ball and Gorman during jewel of office transfer.



A proposal from the floor gets attention from President Riegle and Executive Director Bell.



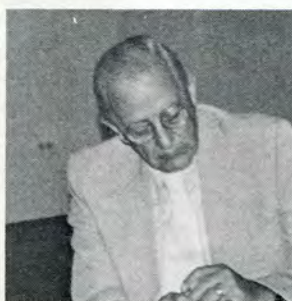
Sir Knight Ball, Grand Captain General Johnson, Deputy Grand Master Avery and Sir Knight Joslyn listen to reports.



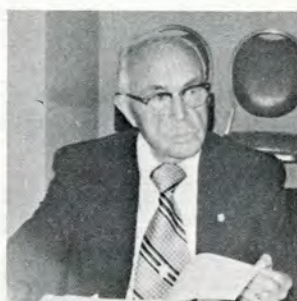
Trustees Sorrell (Alabama), McIntyre (Michigan) and Ball (Indiana) follow discussion.



Past Grand Master and Trustee Crofts offers a meeting comment.



Statistical report is examined by Grand Generalissimo John B. Cottrell, Jr.



2nd Vice President Frizzell, Chairman of Committee on Finance.

Ear Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for Retinal Research by Dr. William C. Everett, and \$25,000 to Dr. Arthur G. DeVoe, Columbia University, New York City, for continuing research on an artificial cornea program.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Supreme Council, N.M.J., Sessions

The 162nd Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., will be held September 21-26 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury presiding. More than 1,200 33° Masons are expected to attend.

On September 25 the 33° will be conferred upon 207 Scottish Rite Masons from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction which covers 15 northeastern and mid-western states. Announcement of those selected to receive the 33° in Boston in 1975 will be made on September 26. Haddon Hall will be headquarters for the sessions.

Fall RCC Regional Conferences

Red Cross of Constantine Regional Conferences are scheduled September 27-29 at Lewiston, Idaho, and November 1-3 at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

Irvin S. Gress, Intendant General, Division of California Southern, is Chairman of the Western Regional Committee for the Lewiston Conference. Past Grand Sovereign William R. Burchfield is Chairman for the Regional Conference in Pennsylvania.

C. Leander Prisk, Grand Sovereign, is expected to be in attendance at each of the two Conferences.

Convent General, K.Y.C.H.

The 39th Annual Conclave of the Convent General of Knights of the York Cross of Honour will be held at the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado, September 7 with Gordon R. Merrick, Grand Master General, presiding. Earl C. Slayton, 1395 Elm Street, Denver 80220, is Chairman for host Priory, Pikes Peak No. 21. Robert Purchase Monroe, Richland, Washington, is Deputy Grand Master General.

New Representative for Grand Master



William Webber, La Jolla, California, long identified with the progress and promotion of Templary among the Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment in Mexico, has been named by Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle as his Representative for the Republic of Mexico. The appointment was effective August 1, 1974.

There are two Representatives of the Grand Master now serving the Grand Encampment — Ryoji Beutner, Past Commander, Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, representing the Subordinate Commanderies of Germany, and the newly appointed Representative, Sir Knight William Webber, for the Republic of Mexico. The three Subordinate Commanderies in Mexico are Tampico No. 1, Tampico; Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico City, and Tijuana Commandery No. 3, Tijuana. All are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Webber is a recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, a Past Commander of Ivanhoe and Dispensation Commander of Tijuana Commandery.

1974-75 Department Conferences

First seasonal Templar Conference in cooperation with General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council will be in Bossier City, Louisiana, September 14-15.

Rensselaer Medal to General Bradley

Brother Omar N. Bradley, only surviving five star General of the Army, has been chosen by the Valley of Cincinnati to receive its Killiam H. Van Rensselaer Gold Medal. An Honorary 33° Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J., General Bradley will be the Reunion Banquet speaker in Cincinnati November 9.

Virginia Adopts New Uniform

At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Virginia last May a proposal was adopted to change the uniform for Virginia Templars. The new uniform, as proposed by the late Archer B. Gay, P.G.C., is identical to that worn by U.S. Navy officers, a double breasted short coat.

Also adopted was a proposal by P.G.C. David E. Bayliss, Jr., for a dual Chapter-Commandery petition. The proposal will be considered at the September meeting of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

Riegles Attend Rainbow Sessions

Grand Master and Mrs. Roy Wilford Riegle were among the Honored Guests at the 25th Biennial Session of the Supreme Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, July 23-25 at the Rivergate Convention Center, New Orleans.

Mrs. Agnes McLeod, Supreme Worthy Advisor, presided. Miss Letie Batchelder, Seattle, Washington, was Acting Supreme Worthy Advisor. The Supreme Inspector in Louisiana is Mrs. Bryce W. Patton. Supreme Recorder H. D. Grout, Jr., reported attendance of "well over 3,500."

The 26th Biennial Sessions are scheduled July 20-22, 1976, at the Royal Inn, Anaheim, California. Mrs. Bernice M. Dyck, Fresno, is the Supreme Deputy in California.

Grand Master Appoints McIntyre

The 7th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will run from December 1, 1974, through April 30, 1975, with Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, as chairman. Committee includes Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director, and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer. The goal — "more than \$500,000," says Sir Knight Riegle.

"Whence Came You"

Following is the introduction from the advance program for Master Masons Night scheduled November 7 at Medinah Temple, Chicago, when some 3,000 Master Masons are expected to witness the 3rd Degree conferred by Harvey Lodge No. 832, Harvey, Illinois.

"Whence came you is the theme of a Masonic Evening — which is now to be held annually at Medinah Temple. Its purpose is not only to promote Masonic Brotherhood but to strengthen the tie between Blue Lodges, all Appendant Bodies and Medinah Temple.

"This year, on November 7, Medinah Temple, in association with Harvey Lodge No. 832, will be host to some 3,000 Master Masons. Harvey Lodge is providing the candidate, who will be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The entire First Section will be conducted by Harvey Lodge. The Second Section will be conducted by prominent Master Masons of the Scottish Rite, the York Rite or, in general, Master Masons who have received acclaim for their Masonic efforts throughout the years.

"This program is a result of the joint efforts and co-operation of many Master Masons and Shriners — but specifically, has been made the responsibility of the Past Master's Club of Medinah Temple, under the direction of Robert J. Kopp, Chairman."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

On or about May 12, 1885, Sir Knight R. E. Withers, at that time the Most Eminent Grand Master, was appointed U.S. Consul at Hong Kong by Grover Cleveland, the President of the United States. In order to fulfill this high duty, Sir Knight Withers delegated his responsibilities and authority in the Grand Encampment to the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Charles Roome.

For several years prior to 1885 a number of Templars had been in the habit of celebrating the Feast of the Nativity by uniting at 12 o'clock M. in a libation in honor of the day, thus renewing and strengthening their social and fraternal ties by this pleasing intercommunion. One of this group, Sir Knight Stephen Berry, Templar correspondent for Maine, distributed a circular letter amongst the Order in the United States and elsewhere asking their cooperation to "join the Templar Correspondents on Christmas Day, at noon, Eastern standard time (equivalent to 5 p.m., Greenwich), in a libation pledging Grand Master Withers, now in Hong King; the sentiment to be

'To him that's awa'!'

The Grand Master responded as follows: "The noble and magnanimous Order of Knights Templar - though Continents expand, and Oceans roll between us, heart still responds to heart in loving greetings."

Since that time the Christmas Observance has become an important function of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The Commander of *your* Commandery has many duties and responsibilities, one of which is arranging for the Christmas Observance. I feel certain that he would heartily welcome any assistance that you can give him in this important Templar event.

Why not get out your Commandery General Orders right now, get his telephone number and ask him in what way you can help him at the Christmas Observance. If he lives too far away write

him a letter offering your services. He will not only be extremely grateful but tremendously surprised.

Gordon J. Brenner, P.G.C.
Chairman, Grand Encampment
Committee on Religious Activities

[Copies of the Christmas Toast and Response will be shipped by October 15 to Grand Recorders and Recorders of the 17 Subordinate Commanderies if orders are received at the Grand Encampment office before October 7. Grand Recorders and Subordinate Recorders have received availability and price information. They may order from the office of the Grand Encampment, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.]

REGIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The respective Department Commanders of the Grand Encampment have announced their schedule of Regional Conferences, held in cooperation with General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council Representatives, for the Conference year of 1974-75. Conferences are on a "noon to noon" schedule, starting either on a Friday afternoon and concluding by Saturday noon, or scheduled Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The following is the fall and winter schedule of workshops.

South Central - September 14-15,
Bossier City, Louisiana (Saturday -
Sunday)

Northeastern - October 11-12, Portland,
Maine (Friday - Saturday)

Northwestern - November 2-3, Boise,
Idaho (Saturday - Sunday)

Southwestern - November 9-10, Albu-
querque, New Mexico (Saturday -
Sunday)

North Central - November 16-17,
Omaha, Nebraska (Saturday - Sun-
day)

Southeastern - January 17-18, Nashville,
Tennessee (Friday - Saturday)

Unannounced - East Central Conference

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by
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Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842), the Florentine who left his native Italy at 24 to pursue a career which eventually led to the prestigious directorship of the Paris *Conservatoire*, is known to music connoisseurs today chiefly for his opera *Medea*, the Requiems in C and D minor, the *Anacreon Overture*, and (alas) his autocratic treatment of the budding French composer-critic Hector Berlioz (who had the temerity to enter the library of the famed *Conservatoire* through the wrong — that is, the ladies' — door!).



That Cherubini was also one of a noteworthy number of important eighteenth century composers who were affiliated with Freemasonry and who wrote music for the Order may come as a surprise. While Cherubini's Masonic activity was far less significant than Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, whose Masonic music is especially well-documented, it is nonetheless a subject which sheds additional light on the special role which Masonic organizations have historically played in the fostering of music.

When Cherubini arrived in Paris in 1785, interrupting his London engagement with a summer vacation, he found concert life flourishing. Foreign virtuosi provided an abundance of attractions, although French musicians also performed in public, particularly in the orchestras. The nobility had lost its

exclusive hold upon the control of musical affairs and an energetic management of bourgeois impresarios helped to invigorate concert life all over Europe. Cherubini, who had made the trip from England to France with the tenor Babini, was quickly drawn into the stream of Parisian concert life at the insistence of another musical countryman, Giovanni Battista Viotti.

Viotti (1753-1824) had been a celebrated violin virtuoso, touring throughout Europe, including the sumptuous court of Catherine in Russia. After appearances in England he had crossed to France where he was welcomed as guest artist at gatherings of elite amateurs. His spectacular public debut in France took place on March 17, 1782, at the *Concert spirituel*. Although he gave up public performances on the violin a year later (because his audience had failed on one occasion to satisfy him with enough applause), Viotti continued to be active in arranging and conducting performances, especially at the *Concert de la Loge olympique*, a Masonic enterprise. He was also a great favorite of Queen Marie Antoinette who appointed him her official accompanist and who patronized the *Loge's* musical events.

Cherubini may have met Viotti earlier in Italy, or perhaps in 1784 when Cherubini was first en route to London via Paris; at any rate Viotti and Cherubini became fast friends during the summer of 1785 and it was undoubtedly Viotti who made the arrangements for Cherubini's and Babini's appearance at

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the *Concert spirituel* September 8, 1785.

Cherubini did not list a symphony in his official catalogue under the year 1785, yet the *Mercure* of September 17, 1785, contained a review that Cherubini's concert had offered not only a symphony by the young composer but also three of his arias, sung by Babini. Since Cherubini would most certainly have made note of any new large-scale work such as a symphony, one may conclude that the "symphony" offered was an overture to one of Cherubini's earlier operas.

Cherubini's works were not on that occasion received with much critical acclaim, but the ambitious Italian could hardly have been completely discouraged by his initial French failure for he made plans to return to France the following year. After his second (and none too successful) season in London, the composer left for Paris where Viotti had invited his younger contemporary to share his quarters. The two friends were to remain very close for six years, until 1792 when Viotti fled from the Revolution; in later life the pair were able to renew their personal association.

Luigi Cherubini was 26. From a somewhat later portrait, one judges that he was handsome, with a full, boyish face and flowing, curly hair. Viotti, a man of the world, must have taken pleasure in acquainting Parisian society with his elegant young protege.

The *Academie de Musique, Concert spirituel, Concert des Amateurs, Concert de la Loge olympique*, and numerous other exclusive outlets for musical performances, such as the *Societe du Concert* and the *Societe academique des Enfants d'Apollon*, welcomed the newcomer. The private salons of Conti, La Poupliniere, Mme de Polignac, Mme de Richelieu, and Mme d'Etioles opened to him a new, stimulating social milieu in which music and its relation to speech, to nature, to man and its use in the theatre were customary subjects of intense, witty debate. Although the original Encyclopedists had died off, the influence of Diderot, d'Alembert, and Rousseau continued to be felt in such discussions, as

well as in the artistic principles of Beaumarchais, Gretry and Marmontel.

In the fall of 1786 Cherubini composed a cantata destined for a concert at the *Loge olympique*. Its full title was *L'Alliance de la Musique a la Maconnerie. Cantate. Amphion, elevant les Muses de Thebes au son de la lyre. Composee a Paris pour la Loge olympique l'annee 1786*. The title and intended audience of the work confirm the composer's participation in Masonic activity. Curiously, the work was not actually performed, according to the composer's own testimony, but in 1789 another cantata, *Circe*, did achieve performance sponsored by the same Lodge, as had a *scena* specially created for the remarkable Madame Toldi the year before.

Both Viotti and Cherubini were evidently Masons, and their fellowship with the Olympic Lodge indicates that their aspirations transcended purely professional musical limits; they were also concerned with fraternal and humanitarian ideals. Masonry had grown remarkably in the seventies and eighties. According to Gaston Martin (*La Franc-Maconnerie francaise et la Preparation de la Revolution*), only 198 Lodges were active in France in 1776, with 35 in Paris; in 1798, the total membership stood at 629 Lodges, with 63 in Paris. Piccini and Dalayrac were among composers in Paris who had been received into membership and distinguished thinkers from all walks of life were enrolled and frequented the meetings and artistic events promoted by the Society.

Such was the character of the audience of the Masonic *Loge olympique*, the commissioner of Cherubini's first French works, and in such a heady atmosphere Cherubini spent the opening days of his Paris residence.

In 1805 Cherubini's response to a report Franz-Josef Haydn had died was to compose a new memorial cantata dedicated to the celebrated Austrian symphonist. Actually the report proved false and the venerable man lived on in Vienna until 1809; Cherubini's work was not performed until that →→→

year. It is a touching coincidence that the music of Haydn, who was initiated into the Vienna Masonic Lodge *Zur wahren Eintracht* in February 1785 and who was certainly one of the most profound influences upon Cherubini's instrumental style, had apparently first been heard by the young Italian at a concert of the Parisian Masonic *Loge olympique*! The *Loge olympique* had commissioned the "Parisian" symphonies from the master in 1784, but they were ready for their French presentation only beginning with 1786.

As a contemporary observer, J. Reichardt, recounted in his letters, "You probably will remember the worthy Cherubini and how he came to Paris as a fine young man with Babini... and heard for the first time at the *Concert spirituel* and the splendid *Concert d'Amateurs* at the *Loge olympique* Haydn's symphonies, how he stood completely astonished and entranced, even pale and almost petrified. The beautiful moment certainly was decisive for his later taste and style."

While Cherubini's specifically Masonic music has had no impact upon the development of music and remains ignored, a certain transfer of content and style may well have occurred in at least two areas. For example, the overture to the Masonic cantata on *Amphion* was transformed, with key change from C to D, into the overture to Cherubini's opera *Anacreon* of 1803. Secondly, some of Cherubini's "hymnic" works commissioned for official French Revolutionary observances may reflect the composer's familiarity with similarly solemn music used in the Lodge's rituals.

Late in life Cherubini seems to have been attracted to the socialistic-religious movement founded by Claude-Henri Saint-Simon in the early 1820's, the possibility is suggested by frequent references in Cherubini's daybook to Adolphe Nourrit and Maria Malibran, two singers who were associated with the movement. The journal contains notations of gifts for them and of purchases of tickets for their benefit performances. Nourrit, leading

tenor of the *Opera*, was especially close to Cherubini, having sung in the latter's *Blanche de Provence* and *Ali Baba*, while his father had sung a lead in *Les Abencerages*, another Cherubini opera. Particularly significant is the fact that Cherubini lists for his journal in June of 1826 an expenditure for a "frame for the picture of *Enfantin*," the central power in Saint-Simonism after Saint-Simon's death in 1825.

Quatrelles L'Epine, the Cherubini investigator who has published the journal, remarks that Cherubini was "very intimate with him" (that is, *Enfantin*), but gives no evidence for this assumption. It is likely Cherubini had some interest in the movement though he was certainly not an official adherent. According to the testimony of his daughter, Cherubini's religious beliefs were of a rather liberal type. No strongly fixed religious stand would have held him back from dabbling in the new movement any more than his Roman Catholic upbringing had prevented him from subscribing to both Church and Lodge.

Saint-Simonism decried a society disunited in beliefs, principles, sympathies and purposes and pictured a completely organic, unified society in which religious and temporal purposes and powers were one. The society was to be based upon love, intelligence and strength: loving God, knowing God and working for God. To fulfill these goals, the fine arts, science and industry were to be utilized, and three corresponding orders of a new society would emerge: priestly, scholarly and industrial. The artist and priest were to be equated in the new social arrangement. The artist no longer was to follow the dictates of society but was to lead it.

The message of Saint-Simonism must have struck a responsive chord in Luigi Cherubini. He had served the art of music as composer and teacher conscientiously and continuously from his childhood to old age, but he had reaped only rather modest rewards from society. He had never willingly allowed his art to be reduced to mere →→→

The Pipers and the P.G.M.

Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, donned his Tartan and played the base drum when the Ansar Shrine Pipers entertained during the official reception at the first Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Illinois in Springfield, Illinois, August 1-3.



Sir Knight Bell is a Past Potentate of Ansar Temple. The pipers were on hand in Chicago last August to escort the 1970-73 Grand Master and Mrs. Bell to and from the formal reception during the 52nd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. The Springfield appearance was a salute to the newly elected officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Illinois.

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entertainment or sensual enjoyment for salon or stage; a humanitarian message, a religious thought, a moralizing text is almost always apparent in any of Cherubini's musical works. Then, too, the high principles of craftsmanship and care in all of Cherubini's work indicate the composer's serious regard for his art. The conception of the artist as priest of a reorganized society must have had appeal for such a man, a man whose early Masonic ties had certainly broadened his vision of music and of mankind.

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DeMolay Visit

Fourteen Michigan DeMolay under the direction of Dennis R. Williamson, Executive Secretary of the DeMolay Foundation of Michigan, Inc., visited in Chicago July 29 at the offices of Past DeMolay Grand Master George M. Saunders, Imperial Recorder of the Shrine and Grand Secretary of the Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay, and Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment and Active Member of the Supreme Council of DeMolay.

The DeMolays, representing seven Chapters, were returning from Potosi, Missouri, where they had attended the 1974 Leadership Conference, one of nine such meetings sponsored by the Supreme Council. They had also visited the Supreme Council headquarters in Kansas City. Three of the 14 DeMolays were members of the Order of Knighthood.

Templar Assists Salvation Army

William M. Weisenborn, proprietor of the Local Electric Company, has been appointed captain of the construction section/electrical contractors for the Salvation Army's Capital Campaign in Chicago, Robert E. Anderson, Vice President of Campbell-Lowrie-Lautermilch Corporation and chairman of the construction industry group, has announced.



The business division is scheduled to raise \$2.5 million of the \$10.9 million public contribution goal to build 11 new facilities at a cost of \$22 million.

A Past Potentate of Medinah Shrine Temple, Sir Knight Weisenborn is a member of Humboldt Park Commandery No. 79, Chicago. He belongs to various Masonic organizations including the Red Cross of Constantine and the Royal Order of Jesters.

THE ORDER OF THE THISTLE

by
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An Associated Press dispatch dated Edinburgh, Scotland, June 28, 1954, carried the information that the Duke of Edinburgh became a Knight of the Thistle in a ceremony in St. Giles Cathedral. The Order of the Thistle is Scotland's highest Order of Chivalry and corresponds to the Order of the Garter in England. The Duke's wife, Queen Elizabeth II, attended the ceremony and listened as the Duke took the oath of fealty to his queen.



H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, is a member of Navy Lodge No. 2612, London. He was initiated December 5, 1952. King Edward VII was the first Master of that Lodge. King George VI also served as Master.

Both the Duke and the Queen wore the dark green velvet robes and the white plumed hat of the Order during the ceremony, the wearing of which again demonstrated that Orders of Knighthood have a distinctive dress, as does our own Order of Knights Templar.

In the *Illustrated History and Cyclopedia of Freemasonry* by Robert Macoy, published in New York City in 1908, under the title of the Royal Order of Scotland, mention is made that this Royal Order is composed of two parts, that of Heredom and Rosy Cross, the former taking its rise during the reign of David I, King of Scotland, and the latter in that of King Robert the Bruce. The last to have been originally the same as the Most Ancient Order of the Thistle, and to contain the ceremonial of admission formerly practiced by it.

After a discussion of Heredom, Macoy has this to say about the second part: It's an Order of Knighthood and perhaps the only genuine one in connection with Masonry, there being an intimate connection between the sword and the trowel.

The above is written, not as actual fact, but as one of the many legends and traditions of the Degrees and Orders of Freemasonry and their backgrounds from whence they are derived.

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The Wilsons of Idaho



Past Grand Commander Wendell W. Wilson presented his wife Ina with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., at the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, session June 12. Mrs. Wilson, outgoing Worthy Grand Matron, had made the Eye Foundation her project for the year. Earlier she presented a check for \$4,146 to Idaho Deputy Grand Commander Emmette H. Spraker for the Eye Foundation.

AN OPEN LETTER

Our Masonic Fraternity has been suffering of late from membership losses, due to many causes.

It is my considered opinion that the main source of difficulty is in our leadership in all Bodies, both Lodge and the concordant Bodies. Along these lines, I feel that the following article will prove worthy of close attention by all our members of the York Rite.

PERSONAL SACRIFICE

To hold office in any of our Masonic Bodies requires personal sacrifice. There are, of course, Masons who have the itch to go through the chairs and to become past presiding officers. Many of these Brethren accept official positions with complete complacency. They want to hold office but at the same time they expect to do just as little as they can in order to keep from being eliminated. Some of these Brethren do not attend any more meetings than they have to and generally shirk a lot of the responsibility which belongs to them and which they should assume but when election night comes along they are always on hand to see that they are either re-elected or advanced.

Heavy responsibility rests upon each officer of our Masonic societies. Those who accept these honors must make up their minds that personal sacrifice is going to be necessary and that they must bear their share of the burden of carrying on the affairs of the organization in which they hold office. Some Brethren have been known to shirk their official duties and when election night came along and they were dropped from official position, they became hostile and fraught with vengeance when the fault was all their own.

Illinois Scottish Rite Mentor

Let each of us who have been honored with election to a position of trust in our great Fraternity conduct himself, in Lodge and in public, so that honor and respect will be given to the Masonic image, a larger number of the civic leaders of our country will be inspired to join in the membership and labors of Masonry, and the Fraternity become, once again, a leader in spreading the moral principles for which we stand in a Country that sorely needs such leadership at this time.

*F. Wm. Young, K.Y.C.H.
Grand Commander, New York*

The Seventh Voluntary Campaign

Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle asks all Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies to make advance plans for fund-raising projects during the Seventh Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The campaign will begin December 1, 1974, and conclude April 30, 1975. The emphasis is on shared Commandery activities — concerts, benefit banquets, garage sales, testimonial events and similar fund-raising projects. As before, special recognition will be given to Commanderies averaging \$5.00 or more in per capita productivity, also to the three Grand Commanderies and one Subordinate Commandery with the highest productivity per member and to the Grand Commanderies with the highest dollar totals. The Sixth Voluntary Campaign raised a total of \$432,966. The Grand Master asks for a Seventh Voluntary Campaign total of "\$500,000 — plus."

ATLANTIS, MOTHER OF NATIONS

by
Gilbert H. Hill

Oh night of ages, speak to us! Tell us thy great story that vicariously we may know the treasure of thy greatness and thus understand our marvelous inheritance! Tradition and legend are loud in thy acclaim. Coincidence and accident could not conjure up the marvels of thy past and make them fit so well the pattern of speculation.

Plato, the great Greek philosopher, writing of a period 9,000 years previous to his time, records a story told to him by Solon, the Athenian law giver, who traveled in Egypt in 590 B.C. From an Egyptian priest, the details of tradition and legend were gathered, relating to the cataclysmic disappearance of the Atlantean continental domain.

The empire of Atlantis, according to Plato, was great and wonderful, extending into Africa to all of Egypt. In Europe, it extended east to Italy. Westward, its extent was to the opposite continent, which according to archeological and scientific testimony, included Central America, Peru and the valley of the Mississippi.

The religion of the Atlanteans was simple and sincere. There were no sacrifices except fruit and flowers. Only one deity, the Sun, was worshiped in Peru. The founder of the Aztecs, Quetzalcoatl, condemned any sacrifices except fruit and flowers. The first religion of Egypt was identical with the Atlanteans and temples were erected to the Sun, Ra. Peru's festival of the Sun was called Ra-Mi. The Phoenicians venerated Baal and Moloch, which were powers of the sun, both friendly and destructive.

The ancient Canary Islanders, the Egyptians, the Peruvians and the Aztecs believed in the immortality of the soul

and the resurrection of the body. Each of these civilizations embalmed and mummified their dead. Although separated by great distances of land or ocean, these people were united in religious practices and beliefs. The priesthood of the Phoenicians, Hebrews, Egyptians, Central Americans, Peruvians and Aztecs held a powerful sway of influence over their peoples. Among all of these areas are found traditions of an evil spirit, or devil, and in all have been preserved the traditions of the great flood.

All of this, then, points to a common origin. No bold hypothesis is needed to establish the existence of a great Atlantean empire, especially when we find the origin of the essential plants of civilization, such as the grains oats, rye, barley, maize and wheat, completely lost in a distant antiquity. Only in Greek mythology do we have a hint of the introduction of such food plants by Atlantean kings or gods. No European nation claims to have discovered and developed these essential food plants.

The gods of Greece undoubtedly were human beings. There is a tendency to attach divinity to the great among earthly rulers. It is human nature. Primitive Indians seeing white men for the first time thought them to be gods. The Greeks were so much younger a civilization that they had not grasped the religion of the Atlanteans but admired the greatness of their leaders and the glory of their attainments to the degree of the supernatural. The Greek-made-gods lived on Olympus and Olympus was Atlantis, in the ocean beyond Africa. In fact, the word "Olympus" may, through translation, be actually "Atlantis." So Greek mythology is probably the history of Atlantean kings. Mythology is → → →

really history viewed by the eyes of immature intelligence. Mythology, therefore, has not been fiction but an interpretation of what was going on around the land and its people.

Genesis 5:2, states that God created man, male and female, and gave their name "Adam." The people of "Ad-ami," or "Ad," were undoubtedly the people of "Atlantis." The sons of "Ad," are the base of nearly all the ancient races: Hebrews, Arabians, Chaldeans, Hindus, Persians, Egyptians, Ethiopians, Mexicans and Central Americans.

The Egyptologist today cannot find a rude beginning, a climb from barbarism — no past of a primitive or primal nature. Known only for its high and developed culture, with no minor beginnings, Egypt was surely a child of a parent culture long developed when recorded history began.

Pyramids and obelisks, once thought to be Egyptian only, are duplicated in America. The western hemisphere offers many examples of both. The great pyramid of Cholula in Mexico is 177 feet high and covers about 45 acres. Teotihuacan, northeast of Mexico City, has the remains of 15 pyramids nearly as large as the base at Cheops in Egypt.

The arch of the ruins of architecture of central America strongly resembles the oldest structures of Greece. Between Alton, Illinois, and East St. Louis is the great mound of Cahokia, left by the American mound builders along the Mississippi Valley. It is 97 feet high, with sides 500 to 700 feet in length. The area covered by the mound is almost as great as the largest Egyptian pyramid of Cheops. In Ohio alone there are more than 10,000 mounds. The mounds are not conical but have four sides similar to the Egyptian pyramids.

Quiche legends (Indians of Guatemala) almost duplicate the message of Genesis: "At first all was sea — no man, animal, bird or green herb — there was nothing to be seen but the sea and the heavens." Compare this with Gen. 1:2: "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep..."

If in the new world and the old, scientific study has revealed the Peruvians to be so nearly like the ancient Europeans in culture, customs, beliefs and government, it must add weight to the conclusion that these distantly separated peoples were once a united civilization.

The strongest arguments that favor this view are: they both believed in the immortality of the soul; they both worshiped the heavenly bodies; both had similar calendars dividing the year into 12 months; their weapons were the same, made of the same material; both had orders of knighthood; agriculture was the principal industry of both worlds; the architecture of the Peruvians, Italians and Greeks were greatly similar; ancient Peruvian pottery resembles the oldest Egyptian types; the Egyptian pyramids and the Mexican pyramids both stand with their sides to the four points of the compass.

Surely, all of the aforementioned similarities cannot be considered coincidental or accidental.

Oceanography, now in its infancy, may yet reveal the artifacts, skills and perhaps inscriptions we need for more details of the ancient tragedy which engulfed the parent race of man, the Atlanteans. Carbon 14 can more exactly set the date. Wouldn't it be nice to know the exact date of the Great Flood of Noah's time? Was Noah skilled in the building arts? Was he an Atlantean? Perhaps an ancient Mason? Modern engineers still marvel at the feats of the pyramid builders: the magnitude of their undertakings; the beauty, form and symmetry of their work; the planning, accuracy and permanence of their structures. Could the Atlanteans have been the great builders and Masons of prehistoric antiquity? Were they dispersed at Babel and when the Atlantean continent sank? Some day we may know.

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Grand Encampment
Roll Call of Honored Dead

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Clayton A. Astell
Colorado
Grand Commander — 1951
Born April 8, 1893
Died July 12, 1974

Richard P. Gregson
Connecticut
Grand Commander — 1957
Born November 14, 1895
Died July 20, 1974

Perry L. Blackshear
Georgia
Grand Commander — 1925
Born November 16, 1884
Died July 22, 1974

James W. Rankin
Mississippi
Grand Commander — 1953
Born January 9, 1886
Died July 24, 1974

Conrad J. Raider

P.G.C. Conrad J. Raider, Maryland, who died July 10, had been active in Masonic affairs for 70 years. Among his many Masonic memberships, offices and honors, he was a Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Noble of Boumi Temple for more than 50 years, member of the Royal Order of Jesters, the Royal Order of Scotland, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. and long time Secretary of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Maryland. He was also an Honorary Past Grand Commander of the District of Columbia.

Sir Knight Raider retired last year after 40 years as an insurance salesman. Prior to that he worked as a safety engineer.

Grand Commandery Memorial Services were held July 12. Templars were present from Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia as well as Maryland. Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders of Maryland acted as pallbearers.

GOD'S PROMISES

God has not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through.
God has not promised
Sun without rain.
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God has promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
And undying love.



Edward Holloway

Edward Holloway, 1891-1974, was 1949 Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New York, and 1958-61 Department Commander of the (then) North Atlantic Department of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Holloway served a period of 12 years on the Grand Encampment Committee on Templar Jurisprudence. His passing on July 11 was reported in the August issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Harry B. Lyon Dies

Sir Knight Harry B. Lyon, P.C., Dunkirk Commandery No. 40, New York, died March 15, his 101st birthday, in Daytona Beach, Florida. A Mason for 80 years and a Templar for 72, "Doc" sojourned in Florida for six months each year where he attended the Daytona Beach bodies. A past presiding officer in all his York Rite bodies, he was also a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Summer has come and gone, and September with the resumption of our Masonic meetings, is upon us. I sincerely hope that July and August were used by each and every Templar to organize and plan a full and interesting program for his Commandery. Second by second our opportunities for service slide by, and the very second that you read this message is the beginning of the remainder of your life. Do you accept the challenge to serve, and are you really using your talents to the fullest? Not only does the growth and virility of Templary depend on YOU, but the greatest service that YOU can render to mankind is to exemplify the Masonic principles and Christian virtues every moment of your daily life.



To arms, Sir Knights, the battle has been joined, and Our Lord needs every able-bodied "Soldier of the Cross." Work to build your Commandery. Live to strengthen Christ's Kingdom.

Eminent Commander, it seems only yesterday that everything was before you, and already your year is four months gone. Are you a third of the way toward your goal?
Howard T. Scull, Jr.

BLINDNESS TAKES NO HOLIDAY

The Report of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, 1973-1974, has some interesting statistics. Pennsylvania Templars sponsored 11 people costing \$7,808. There are at present three referrals from the Association for the Blind in process. Pennsylvania has a total of 3,289 Life Sponsors, an increase of 23 percent and 15 percent over all. 68 Commanderies increased the number of their Life Sponsors; 23 Commanderies have 20 percent or more. Pennsylvania Knights Templar contributed a grand total of \$31,243 or \$1.45 per member to the Eye Foundation in the 6th Voluntary Campaign of 1973-1974. 83 of the 89 Commanderies participated, and many thanks are due the Ladies' Auxiliaries and other organizations which also contributed. Remember, Sir Knights, **BLINDNESS TAKES NO HOLIDAY: WORK TO BRING LIGHT TO OTHERS.**

EDITOR'S APPEAL

Our Grand Commander has put the success of his Public Relations and Pennsylvania Supplement coverage in the hands of Sir Knights selected for their ability to produce in this field. The editor urges the Sir Knights on the Public Relations Committee to gather and forward information to him. Each Sir Knight throughout Pennsylvania also has a responsibility. See that your news reaches your Division publicity representative as listed in the Grand Commandery Roster for 1974-1975.

GRAND COMMANDERY ROSTER

The 1974-1975 Roster of Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania is available by writing to Sir Knight S. Henry Mauldin, Grand Recorder, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

TEMPLAR BUMPER PLATE

Thinking ahead to our responsibilities in 1976 when York will host the 123rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, the Past Commanders of York Commandery No. 21 have made available this auto bumper plate to all interested Sir Knights. It offers an excellent opportunity to promote Templary and to identify one's self with the Order. The plate is made of cast and polished "Armetele," which closely resembles pewter.

The plate sells for \$8.00 plus \$1.00 mailing charge and 48 cents Sales Tax. We are offering the other Commanderies in Pennsylvania a plan to sell these plates to their members and profit accordingly. Inquires should be addressed to Past Commanders Asscoiation, York 21, 400 Masonic Drive, York, Pennsylvania 17402.



She proudly stands among the rest
In grave need of protection
From those who glorify her faults
And every imperfection.

Withstanding onslaughts from without
And endless strife within;
Surviving for two-hundred years,
Her patience, now, wears thin.

The greatest country in the world;
Inspired by God in man.
Yet some seek to pervert her;
To destroy her, if they can.

But good shall conquer evil.
It can, It will; It *must!*
And none shall overcome us, for,
In God we place our trust.

Harold L. France
Casa Grande Valley No. 11
Chandler, Arizona

The Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Red Cross of Constantine, met in St. John's, Newfoundland, August 9, with Grand Sovereign Henry Duston Hopkins, G.C.C., presiding. Elected to head the Grand Imperial Conclave for 1974-75 was R. Ill. Knight Rev. Alexander Keith Campbell, G.C.C. Past Grand Sovereign G. O. Smith, an Honorary Member of the United Grand Imperial Council, R.C.C., United States, Mexico and the Philippines was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Imperial Conclave sessions, attended by Grand Standard Bearer G. Wilbur Bell, who represented Grand Sovereign C. Leander Prisk, K.G.C., and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer, K.G.C., preceded by one day the 91st Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar, attended by Grand Master Riegle and Sir Knights Bell and Rodenhauer.

Masonic Unity

When Templar President James A. Garfield lay dying of complications from the wound received at the hands of Guiteau he wanted to go to Elberon, a New Jersey resort where he and his family had been spending the summer. Knowing he was dying and because of the malaria prevalent in Washington that summer, the doctors agreed.

The question was how to get the President the five-eighths of a mile from the railroad station to the cottage. 2,000 men worked laying rails to provide a spur. In 16 hours, working all night on the evening before the President arrived in temperatures which soared over 100°, they finished. But the tracks could not hold the heavy locomotive needed to pull the President's car. Volunteers then *pushed* the car along the new track to the cottage.

The story was told by one John Eaton, a contractor and prominent Mason in the area, of Captain Mount, an ex-captain in the Confederate Army residing in Elberon. Captain Mount was asked to assist in building the spur and flatly refused. He would do nothing "for a Yankee and particularly a Republican." Then Mount found out Garfield was a Mason. He reported for work saying, "why didn't you say that before?" and is said to have worked harder than his associates from that moment.



One action taken at the 1973 Triennial Conclave in Chicago granted the opportunity to combine, in effect, the offices of Treasurer-Recorder in Constituent Commanderies – but only if the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction (or the Grand Encampment in connection with Subordinate Commanderies) granted its permission.

In answer to an inquiry received by Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, the Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, Herbert D. Sledd, P.G.C., Kentucky, clarifies the matter in these words:

“It can be assumed that in an effort to advise all interested parties of the legislation enacted at the 52nd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, the concluding portion of the proposal to add a paragraph to Amended Section 64 of the Constitution was inadvertently omitted.

“The proposal, and the discussion, clearly indicate, that the legislation as adopted by the Grand Encampment, requires that a Constituent Commandery obtain the permission of its Grand Commandery, and that the Subordinate Commandery obtain the permission of the Grand Encampment, before the duties of the Recorder and Treasurer legally can be combined.”

“One of the Finest Horse Shows”

E. Bloomquist, P.G.C., Texas, writes that the 11th Annual Arabian Charity Horse Show at the Pin Oak Stables, Houston, November 1-3, “will be one of the finest horse shows in the nation and will be a big asset for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.”

“Proceeds from the sale of the tickets, ads for the program and sale of the program will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation,” says Sir Knight Bloomquist. “The Knights of the 3rd Templar District of Texas together with the ladies of the Beauceant will handle the ticket and advertising sales, ushering arrangements, etc.”

Now that you are a man indeed
And no longer your father need
To plan your life as best for you,
May you always to yourself be true!

With principals guiding your steps
In avoiding pitfalls you are adept.
Bear in mind in this rapid pace
That it's you that you must face!

As a father, some day, you should enjoy
The love of your own little boy.
Only then will you see
What you have meant to me!

The pattern of life will ever be
The same for you as for me.
Your part with honor play
As you meet the challenge day by day!

Living a life as best you can,
Is the aim of every real man;
And as his past he does view –
It is then that I take pride in you!

Walter Weston Folger, P.C.
Salisbury No. 13, North Carolina

Southern Arizona Festival

The Degrees and Orders of the York Rite will be conferred in the Red Room of the Masonic Temple, Tucson, Arizona, Saturday, September 28, with the R.A.M. Degrees scheduled to start at 8 a.m. The Council Degrees will be presented at 1:30 p.m., the Orders of the Commandery at 3:15 p.m.

THE HUMAN BRAIN IS A
WONDROUS ORGAN THAT
STARTS TO WORK THE MOMENT
YOU ARE BORN AND NEVER
STOPS UNTIL YOU STAND UP TO
SPEAK.



"MASONIC AMERICANA"

Not Pending, but

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A Templar Bicentennial Tribute to the Nation, 181 pages detailing the stories of Masons and events prominent in the founding and development of the United States of America, is now available from the office of the Grand Encampment. This 1974 salute to the 1976 observance of the nation's birthday is a compilation of materials prepared by the *Knight Templar Magazine* staff and by a wide range of Masonic authorities and researchers.

The Bicentennial souvenir volume, singly or in bulk, is available at \$1.00 a copy, shipped postpaid. A kaleidoscope of American personalities, scenes and events, the publication includes past and pre-scheduled accounts from the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

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