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MARCH: The Knight Templar pictured on the March cover is General Sam Houston, first President of the Lone Star State, who was Knighted in 1853 in Washington Commandery No. 1, Washington, D.C. The account of Sam Houston and Texas Masonry is told by Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother Lee Lockwood beginning on page 7. Among other March features is the first of a two-part story of Freemasonry in Hawaii researched and written by Sir Knight Harold W. Kent, Honolulu. The cover reproduction for the current issue is from an original painting by Alonzo Chappel, used with permission of the Chicago Historical Society.

Paul C. Rodenhauer, Editor

EASTERTIDE AT ARLINGTON

Thousands of Templars, their families, friends and the general public will gather within the columns of hallowed Arlington Amphitheater the last Sunday of March to unite in a community Easter worship for a profession of Christian faith.

They will thrill to the musical inspiration of the U.S. Marine Band and the U.S. Army Chorus; they will witness the solemn Templar tribute to fallen heroes, the presentation of a Memorial Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; they will hear the Easter address by the Rev. Orlo Choguill, D.D., Pastor Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of Topeka, Kansas — a distinguished Templar who has served as Director of McCormick Seminary of Chicago, on the Executive Board of Education of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in Philadelphia, on the Board of Governors of the Menninger Foundation of Topeka, a highly esteemed lecturer in college and theological schools. I know from experience his message will be moving and meaningful.

We can thank the Department of Defense, Military District of Washington, for this 45th opportunity to assemble in our traditional community worship service. We, as Templars, are especially appreciative of the arrangements made by the Grand Encampment Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service with Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler as chairman, and for the expert and dedicated assistance of such Templars as General Bruce C. Clarke, Colonel William E. Barkman, Parade Marshal, and many others throughout our nation who give time and effort to this Easter pilgrimage.

When we gather at Arlington we experience a wondrous outpouring of Christian faith and purpose; we exemplify the blessed heritage of Freedom of Religion bequeathed to us by our forebears, a heritage that we as Knights Templar must perpetuate for those who will follow.

It will be a stirring and significant Eastertide at Arlington — especially if you are there. We hope you can be present; if not, we know you will be sharing the Joy of Easter with us — wherever you may be.



Roy Wilford Riegle



The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



▣ As Junior Deacon of my Blue Lodge, Myrtle No. 89, Belleville, I am charged with starting a small library for now and future generations. I would appreciate any donations of books on the history of Masonry in this country. If any Sir Knight has anything of this nature, particularly books by the late Joseph Fort Newton, I would like to know. I can pay a small charge for some of these works. *George H. Powell, 558 East Grand Boulevard, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197*

▣ Prior to getting "burned out" in 1955 I had a watch charm similar in form to the emblem on the face of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I am interested in getting a replacement. If any Sir Knight has one to sell I am interested in buying. *I. J. Mitchell, 325 Pierce Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764*

▣ I have *Morgan's Freemasonry, Exposed and Explained*, by Captain William Morgan, New York, "published for the trade." Inside are the dates 1826-27. I wondered how many books may be floating around the world and what value this has. *Earl E. Windle, P.O. Box 204, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635*

▣ Enclosed is \$1 for a copy of *Masonic Americana*. I can't wait to read about Freemasonry's part in the founding of the United States. We have had a great 200 years and the next 200 are going to be even better! *John M. Johnson, 1805 Main Street, Lexington, Missouri 64067*

▣ My uncle's sword in leather case together with uniform was removed from my property in recent years without my acknowledgement. It is engraved with the name "Frederick M. Wurster" who was a Life Member of Lafayette Commandery No. 7, Hudson, New York. I would appreciate any information that may be offered. *H. C. Wurster, 381½ Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108*

▣ The U.S. Bicentennial Society, First and Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia, has an excellent offer of historic American Flags for sale. Of particular note is the Bennington Flag of August 16, 1777. The flag, for \$8.95, is a 3 by 5 foot flag with a six foot staff. Also available are the Stars and Stripes of June 14, 1777, and the present 50 star flag. Of course, these old flags are perfectly legal because of the First Amendment of the Constitution. The display of historic American Flags is, I believe, a fitting way to celebrate the Bicentennial. *D. Bruce Griggs, P.O. Box 1182, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548*

▣ Utah Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1974. For the celebration and as a memento of it, the Chapter procured some ceramic trays about 5 by 7 with the Arch and Keystone and appropriate lettering.

Those companions who collect such mementos can obtain one by writing to the Secretary, Utah Chapter No. 1, at the address below, enclosing \$3.00 for postage and handling. *H. Scott Hammill, 650 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111*

▣ I am interested in obtaining Masonic tokens from the War Between the States, both Union and Confederate. If any Sir Knight knows where I can get them I would appreciate any help I can get. *William T. Spencer, 504 Ivy Circle, Alexandria, Virginia 22303*

▣ I truly enjoy each and every copy of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I had the pleasure of serving as Secretary and Recorder of Tyre Council No. 4 and Palatinate Chapter No. 7 located in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and I am a member of Heidelberg Commandery No. 2. I enjoy reading letters from Sir Knights whom I had the pleasure of meeting in Germany.

Possibly if this letter is printed some of them will write to me. *Thomas B. Marshall, PSC Box 2756, Robins AFB, Georgia 31098*

☐ In 1973, Temple Chapter No. 172, R.A.M., of Dayton, Kentucky, celebrated their 50th anniversary and had a commemorative coin struck. The announcement was made in "The Knight Writers," and we are very grateful for the response.

We still get a few requests for coins by some of our Brethren who have been reading old copies of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I am pleased to announce we still have some coins available for \$2.00. They may be obtained by writing to me at the address below. *Ronald Gayle Parker, P.H.P., 407 Tenth Street, Dayton, Kentucky 41074*

☐ While attending the Southern Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, in mid January there were others that found interest in our home, as it was burglarized.

Among the varied Masonic items looted and carried away was my gold plated Past Commanders Sword which was prized as it had formerly belonged to a Past Grand Commander of Massachusetts. As present Deputy Grand Commander of Florida I had visions of making the Sword a two time history and then passing it along to another State Grand Commander.

If you own an old sword in a rust free condition, preferably one with a past record, please contact me promptly quoting your selling price. *Albert G. Rodgers, 8035 Broughton Street, Sarasota, Florida 33580*

☐ Enclosed is bank check in the amount of \$20.00 for which please forward me 20 each: *Masonic Americana*.

The first three copies which I received were very well received by our local Lakewood Masonic Luncheon Club. *George E. Wood, P.O. Box 547, Stlcm. Br., Steilacoom, Washington 98388*

☐ The February *Knight Templar Magazine* touches a new high. I'll buy the "Arizona Plan" of Sir Knight Aldrich. It solves all my worries about K.T. uniformity: it has the virtues of simplicity, clarity and — best of all — it embodies what E. B. White called "the sweet use of brevity." If appropriate and acceptable I'd venture to underwrite a set of aprons for my own bailiwick, Nassau Commandery No. 73, currently holding camp at Hicksville, New York.

The stamp piece was especially enlightening. Thanks for an excellent publication. *Ronald E. Westman, 2 Toll Gate Lane, Wantagh, New York 11793*

☐ Re: The Arizona Plan. I was very sorry to read this article. The other Sir Knights in my Commandery were very upset also. To us, the sword is Commandery. *Arnold Walker, 925 Tower Boulevard, Lorain, Ohio 44052*

☐ Read the article on the "Arizona Plan" of a K.T. dress, and uniform. Sounds O.K. except for one thing. What about all the drill (service) corps in the country? It would look silly for us to drill in that type dress — and no swords yet. If such a dress came to be it would wipe out all service corps as such. There would have to be drastic changes in ritual where the service corps take a part in same. Either that, or keep the uniforms just for the purpose of the ritual. *Richard M. Needham, 708 North Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio 43130*

☐ Please put me down as strongly favoring adoption of the Arizona Plan, as outlined in February issue of your fine magazine. *Milton C. Jones, Villa Alice, 757 East 16th Street, Houston, Texas 77008*

☐ Re: "The Arizona Plan." This would be just the shot in the arm that our Order needs. This proposed new "uniform" conveys an impressive yet dignified image and does so in such a manner that is impossible to become dated, thus enabling us to continually keep our best face forward, so to speak. How few of us are willing or able to purchase even a single complete regulation uniform, much less to constantly be replacing it just for the sake of keeping current with contemporary men's clothing styles or a changing waist line. (I DO have a full uniform, incidentally.)

I for one would not miss the "ancient mariner suit" one iota and would be overjoyed to see it permanently retired to the archives of Masonry as a quaint reminder of a by-gone era. I have no desire, however, to see the teachings of the Templar Orders "modernized." It is only our image which must be brought up to date if we are ever to be characterized by much of the public as something more than "that bunch of old men padding around in those old time Navy costumes."

I see the Arizona plan as a realistic and highly satisfactory answer to the great uniform controversy. It's adoption can only result in positive gain for both the Commandery and Masonry in general, and I can see not a single disadvantage. I support its adoption as soon as possible. *Ted D. Shelly, Commander, Nazareth No. 33, P.O. Box 160, Manchester, Iowa 52057*

SIR KNIGHTS CRUMP, KREGER AND YOUNG PRESENT MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE

Dr. and Sir Knight Norman Vincent Peale, former Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A., is presented with a plaque certifying memberships in Chapter, Council and Commandery in a ceremony at New York City January 30. The plaque held by Sir Knight Peale lists his memberships in: Wilmette (Illinois - Honorary) Chapter R.A.M. No. 253, Evanston (Illinois - Honorary) Chapter R.A.M. No. 144, A. N. Gage Council (Illinois - Honorary) No. 124, Excelsior Chapter No. 164, R.A.M., and Palmyra Council No. 26, R. & S.M., Palmyra, New York, and dual membership in Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois, and Red Jacket Commandery No. 81, Canandaigua, New York.



The presentation was made by Past Department Commander Alvin L. Crump; Dr. H. Randall Kreger, Secretary, Grand R.A.M. Chapter, New York, and Grand Master of R. & S.M. of New York; and by F. William Young, immediate Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New York.

Templar Heads Aid for Blind in Greece

"For the last 15 to 20 years, we've been sending notices out to people asking for donations. Now we want the people to know what we did with the money."

The statement is by Sir Knight Andrew Jarvis, DeWitt Clinton No. 2, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and his subject is a new school building for the blind under construction in the Kallithea section of Athens, Greece.

Jarvic, former Portsmouth Mayor, is president of the "American Friends of the Blind in Greece." A newspaper interviewer earlier this year stated that "Jarvis and other Greek-Americans, who have been working quietly but diligently since they formed their group in 1945, took the initiative to establish a school in the Sepolia section of Athens and introduce programs there to help blind young people at a time the country was facing so many other problems."

The new school will be four stories high and will cost \$400,000.

"A Milestone in Freemasonry"

The January 17 Supplement to *The Tribune-Democrat*, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was a sixteen page salute to the 100th Anniversary of Johnstown Lodge No. 538.

The Supplement, forwarded by Pennsylvania P.G.C. Ewart Roberts, includes color photographs and descriptive copy not only of the Johnstown Lodge but of the general background of Freemasonry in the area, including the York Rite and Scottish Rite, the Masonic Homes, the Shrine and other bodies.

George Washington Inauguration Date

Students of American History are asked to note that George Washington was inaugurated as President on April 30, 1789. In the February account of Brother Washington, the inauguration date was given as April 20.

SIR KNIGHT SAM HOUSTON

by
R. Lee Lockwood

Sir Knight Lockwood, Past Commander of Waco Commandery No. 10, Waco, Texas, has long been active in all branches of Masonry. Among his numerous titles, honors and offices are: Past Grand Master of Texas Masons; Past Deputy Grand Master, Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., S.J.; Past Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Texas, 33°, A.A.S.R., S.J.; Past Grand Master, Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay; Past Grand Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine; Emeritus Member of Honour, Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

General Sam Houston came to the Mexican territory of Texas in 1832. His reputation as a soldier and statesman was well known to the colonists and they welcomed him as a prominent leader in their struggle for freedom under the Dictator-President of Mexico, General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

In November 1835 a convention in Austin, Texas, named General Houston as Commander-in-chief of the Texas army and declared that Texas had "taken up arms in defense of the Federal Constitution of Mexico of 1824." Later, on March 2, 1836, a convention was held at Washington-on-the-Brazos which declared the independence of Texas from Mexico and, again, elected General Houston as Commander-in-chief of the Texas army.

On March 6, 1836, General Houston left the convention to take command of the Texas army at Gonzales. When Houston arrived at Gonzales he found 374 men. Houston planned to rescue the defenders of San Antonio but learned of their defeat at the Alamo. In the meantime, he ordered Colonel Fannin to abandon Goliad and join his army to engage General Santa Anna. When Fannin delayed his withdrawal, his troops were surrounded and defeated by Mexican troops in the Battle of Goliad on March 19, 1836.

General Houston was now the only soldier in his entire command who had ever engaged in a major military battle.

He had no choice but to retreat in order to train his men; retreat and recruit new men; retreat and drill his army. But retreat turned into pursuit.

About 3 p.m. on April 21, 1836, while the Mexican army took siesta, the Texas army attacked. In a battle that lasted less than thirty minutes, less than 800 Texans completely routed the more than 1,600 Mexican soldiers. General Santa Anna was captured and taken before General Houston who lay wounded in the shade of a cottonwood tree.



From a diorama of early Texas Masonic history in the Grand Lodge Memorial Temple, Waco.

General Houston spared the life of General Santa Anna because, as he said, Santa Anna was "worth more to Texas alive than dead." Santa Anna was still the most popular General in the Mexican Army. As a prisoner, General Santa Anna signed the treaty to surrender → → →

and ordered the remaining Mexican troops in Texas to retreat beyond the Rio Grande.

In September of 1836, following the end of the war, Houston was elected as the first President of the Republic of Texas and the constitution which he had assisted in writing was adopted. Colonization of the new Republic was encouraged by the passage of the Texas Homestead Act.

While serving as President of the Republic, Brother Houston presided over the Convention which established the Grand Lodge of Texas on December 20, 1837. This organizational meeting was held in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol of the Republic of Texas in Houston, Texas. Since General Houston presided over the Grand Lodge until the Grand Master was installed, he became the first presiding officer of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The gavel used by Brother Houston at this organizational meeting is one of the cherished possessions of the Grand Lodge of Texas.



Since the Texas Constitution provided that a president could not succeed himself, General Houston became a member of the Texas Congress at the end of his first term as President of the Republic.

On May 9, 1840, Houston married Miss Margaret Lea at Marion, Alabama. Under her influence, he was baptized into the Baptist Church by Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, who later became President of Baylor University. Brother Burleson was a member of Milam Lodge No. 11.

General Houston was inaugurated as President of the Republic for a second time in December 1841. On the day after his inauguration he attended the convention of Royal Arch Masons that resulted in the organization of the Grand Royal

Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas.

During his second term as President, the economy of the state faced disaster and President Houston introduced a government policy to reduce salaries, to abolish unnecessary government offices and to completely reorganize the finances of the state. Later Brother Houston had a large part in directing Texas to ratify the referendum for statehood in the union of the United States. After Texas became a state, he was elected to serve as one of the first two Senators from Texas in the United States Senate, serving from 1846 to 1859.

General Houston was elected Governor of Texas in 1859. When the movement for secession became popular, Governor Houston opposed it. And, after the Legislature voted secession, Governor Houston required a referendum vote of the citizens. Although the tide of feeling was against him, Texas became the only Confederate state seceded by popular vote of its citizens.

When Governor Houston was summoned to take an oath of loyalty to the Confederate States of America, he refused and resigned as Governor of Texas. Although retired from office, General Houston remained loyal to Texas and to Texans. He had loved the Union but, when Texas was sure to leave the Union, he worked to recreate the old Republic. When this failed he refused an offer from President Lincoln to send troops to Texas under his command and retired to Huntsville where he died on July 26, 1863. His last words were, "Texas! Texas!" followed by "Margaret," the name of his beloved wife.

Throughout his busy career, Sam Houston was always active in the Masonic Orders. The *Masonic Review* of August 11, 1864, lists him as a consistent visitor in the Lodges of Washington. It is known that Houston attended Grand Lodge Communications in Kentucky, Alabama and Tennessee. On February 3, 1853, he received the Orders of Knighthood in Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Washington D.C.

In the first meeting of San → → →

Jacinto Chapter of Huntsville, Texas, on February 22, 1850, Houston was installed as Master of the Third Veil.

In June 1853 he attended the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as a proxy for San Jacinto Chapter and served on the Committee of Grand Officers' Reports.

At his death in 1863, the Knights Templar of the Colorado Encampment (now Commandery No. 4 of Austin, Texas) passed the following resolution which is quoted in part:

"While we deeply mourn his loss, we contemplate with proud satisfaction his character as a patriot and a soldier, under whose guidance Texas achieved her independence from Mexico; and his qualities as a statesman, under whose wise and prudent counsel our citizens were ever protected in all those rights and privileges for the security of which governments are instituted. Full of years and honors he has gone to the tomb, but, in his love and devotion to his country, he has left us an example that will cause his memory to be ever cherished and revered."

The Grand Lodge of Texas commissioned Brother Bryant Baker, world famous sculptor, to execute two bronze statues of Sam Houston, representing him in a heroic pose. The head, uncovered and gazing upward, was modeled from actual front and three-quarter view photographs and a life mask in the possession of the Barker Texas History Collection of the University of Texas Library. The body measurements are proportional to those of Houston. One statue was placed in the foyer of the Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco, Texas.

On October 28, 1961, Lee Lockwood, Past Grand Master, representing the Grand Lodge of Texas, presented the second statue to the State of Texas. It stands in the foyer of the State Archives Building in Austin. The statue was accepted by Brother Price Daniel, Governor of the State of Texas and Past Master of Liberty Lodge No. 48. Governor Daniel's wife is the former Jean Houston Baldwin, a great, great granddaughter of General Sam Houston.



During the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas in December 1973 Brother Otho Morrow, a great grandson of Brother Houston, presented several Houston items to the Museum of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Among the items was a lock of hair taken from General Houston by Brother Morrow's father.

Sir Knight Lockwood can be reached at P.O. Box 266, Waco, Texas 76703.

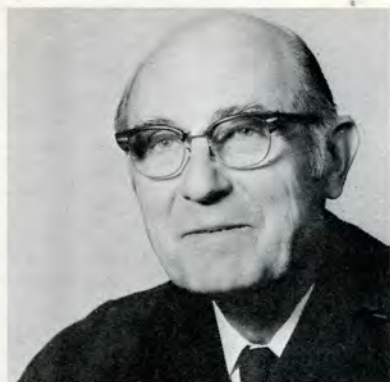


\$23,000 for Eye Foundation

Texas Templars have turned over \$23,000 in proceeds from the 11th Annual Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Show which they sponsored as an Eye Foundation project for the Voluntary Campaign. The show was sponsored by the cooperation of 28 Commanderies, according to Grand Commander Aubrey C. Martindale.

Plans are already underway for the 12th Annual Show. "I would like to have another go and see if we can't reach a goal of \$50,000 for the Eye Foundation," writes Martindale.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE SPEAKER



The Rev. Orlo Choguill, D.D., will be the Templar speaker March 30 for the 45th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. The service will be broadcast over NBC-Radio.

The service, open to public and Templars alike, will feature the U.S. Marine Band and the U.S. Army Chorus and is made possible by the Department of Defense, Military District of Washington.

A reception for Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, elected Grand Encampment officers and their ladies, will be held Saturday afternoon, March 29, at the Washington Hotel. Various state dinners

and programs have been scheduled Saturday evening.

The Easter Morning Service at 7:30 will be followed at approximately 9:15 by the annual Easter Breakfast under the auspices of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia. Information on Easter arrangements are available from Chairman Marvin E. Fowler, whose committee office is in the Masonic Temple, 801 13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Sir Knight Choguill, Easter speaker, is Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, Topeka, Kansas. "Honorably retired," he is doing interim service in Kansas Presbyterian Churches.

Active in many community capacities, he was Director of McCormick Seminary, Chicago; 15 years on the Executive Board of Education, United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in Philadelphia, on the Board of Governors of Menninger Foundation, Topeka, and as Lecturer in colleges and theological schools. For 25 years he has been listed in *Who's Who in America*. A native Kansan in his 45th year as a Mason, he is a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies. He and Mrs. Choguill live at 4017 West 28th Terrace, Topeka.



Freemasonry, A Way of Life

Brother William E. Parker has completed and published *Freemasonry, A Way of Life*, "a general introduction to the various bodies of Masonry, their history, organization, benevolences and philosophy."

Copies are available at \$10 plus \$.50 packaging and mailing costs by writing to Brother Parker at 168 Sheffield Road, Battle Creek, Michigan 49015.

Eddie Bloomquist Day

Saturday, June 21, has been designated "Eddie Bloomquist Day" by Texas Grand High Priest James R. Davenport. There will be "an old-fashioned fish fry" followed by an open-air conferral of the Royal Arch Degree by Garland Chapter No. 451 at the Lyle L. Cross ranch near Cranfill's Gap, Texas. Reservations should be made by June 1 to Robert H. Waters, 1622 Charlotte, Garland, Texas 75041.

SIMON OF CYRENE

by
Joseph C. Mobley

Dr. Mobley, Park Avenue Commandery No. 31, Memphis, is a Past Grand Master of Tennessee Masons and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Tennessee. He is also an Honorary 33° Scottish Rite Mason.

One of the personages of the Bible venerated by all Knights Templar is "Simon of Cyrene who was compelled to bear our Saviour's Cross." A superficial consideration of Simon's claim to our veneration makes one wonder why he is entitled to this honor. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke give us all of the concrete information we have about Simon, and each Book gives only one sentence. In his account Mark gives us a little more than the other two writers for he says Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.

By inference this tells us much more about Simon. In the first place the inspired Word of God does not contain anything which is not essential; if one accepts this premise, the account of Simon begins to expand. When Mark stated the Cyrenian was the father of Alexander and Rufus it was in the manner of one mentioning people well known to his readers. Therefore, Alexander and Rufus were men known to Mark and his contemporaries as Christians. With this in mind let us construct the story of Simon of Cyrene.

Located in Libya of North Africa, Cyrene was the chief city of that Roman colony and there were a large number of Jews in the area. According to Acts 6:9, the Cyrenian Jews, along with other non-resident Jews, had a synagogue in Jerusalem. Its purpose was probably to accommodate Jews from afar who would come to Jerusalem for special religious festivals, especially for the Passover. Apparently, Simon was one of those Cyrenian Jews who had come to the city for that celebration.

Simon was probably lodged in the countryside outside of Jerusalem because of the scarcity of accommodations in the city. He was on his way into the Holy City when he met the procession of condemned criminals carrying their crosses to the hill outside the city where they would be crucified. Surely Simon must have been embarrassed by the order of the Roman soldiers to help the bloody and weakened Jesus carry His cross; he must have remonstrated with the soldiers but to no avail . . . for he was "compelled" to bear the cross.

As he took up his burden he must have been struck to the depths of his being by the face-to-face confrontation with the countenance of a man who looked like a king in spite of his deplorable physical appearance. Certainly it was an unforgettable experience for Simon.

He must have made inquiry about Jesus and learned of His miraculous work for the poor and afflicted and of the promise of salvation. Perhaps he heard of the Resurrection and then sought out the Disciples of Jesus who told him still more about the Saviour of Men. He may have been one of the crowd assembled in Jerusalem at the time of Pentecost when so many accepted Christ for the Book of Acts does state that Cyrenians were present at that miraculous event. Certainly he must have been converted.

After his conversion Simon probably returned home to his family in Cyrene where he told them of his wonderful experiences and his discovery of the Messiah. Undoubtedly his sons Alexander and Rufus became Christians and probably his wife also.

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The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will again sponsor its Easter Morning Breakfast at the Marriott Twin Bridges Motel, Arlington, Virginia. The Breakfast will be held at approximately 9:15 a.m. following the Easter Sunrise Memorial Services at Arlington National Cemetery March 30.

Deputy Grand Commander Ernest C. Barker announces that breakfast tickets are \$4.50 per person and urges that orders and remittances be sent promptly to the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Committee, Masonic Temple, 801 13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.



1950 Grand Commander Talbott and
1975 Grand Commander Elmer Van Winkle

... SIMON OF CYRENE

We know that Mark wrote his Book for the Gentiles. There is some evidence that John Mark was a Roman citizen, living in Rome at the time he wrote the Gospel. Since he wrote of Alexander and Rufus as of friends known to many, we may assume the sons of Simon had grown up and moved to Rome. Perhaps Paul also knew this family of Simon for, in his letter to the church at Rome, he sent his greetings to Rufus and his mother... possibly the same Rufus of whom we have been speaking.

While there are a lot of suppositions in this story it is not beyond belief. It is not necessary for the salvation of men and is therefore of minor importance. In any event, however, with this amplified story of Simon before us, we can no longer wonder why Matthew, Mark and Luke were so careful to relate the story of how he was compelled to bear the Master's Cross... and it is with a greater sense of appreciation that we now venerate the memory of Simon of Cyrene.

Sir Knight Mobley resides at 2240 North Parkway, Memphis, Tennessee 38112.

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Willis Talbott, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington, as a feature of a testimonial dinner in his honor at Raymond, reviewed highlights of his Masonic career and recalled that there was a two week delay in his receiving his 3rd Degree in October of 1917 at Lancaster, Missouri, "because of rain and mud too deep and slick for the 'Model T' to make the hills, so I arrived at the Lodge Hall just in time to miss the closing of the Lodge that night."

His Masonic career was resumed when he came to Centralia, Washington, after a tour of duty in France. From that date to the present, his memberships have been numerous, changing and progressive. He has headed his Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery; has served as Illustrious Grand Master of Council in 1947 and Grand Commander in 1950.

He is a charter member of Evergreen Priory No. 41, K.Y.C.H., Prior in 1954; became a member of Afifi Shrine Temple, Tacoma, in 1944; Patron of Eastern Star in 1925; has White Shrine membership (Watchman of Shepherds) in Centralia.

Past Grand Commander Talbott commented: "I will never live long enough to repay even a small portion of the benefits and privileges I have received over the years."



MASONRY IN HAWAII

by
Harold W. Kent

Sir Knight Kent, long time resident of Hawaii, is a member of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, Alexandria, Virginia. He is an Honorary 33°, A.A.S.R., S.J., and Grand Junior General, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine. Part II, 1900-1975, of "Masonry in Hawaii" will appear in the April issue of the Knight Templar Magazine.

In 1778 a hitherto unknown mid-Pacific island chain was opened to the gaze of the world by eminent Captain James Cook, 3° of the Grand Lodge of England.

Sandalwood for Chinese cabinets and whales for oil and bone were the first sources of external industry for the Sandwich Islands, so named by Cook in honor of his patron, the Earl of Sandwich. The activity related to these products brought only a few more than a dozen immigrants with Masonic affiliations to permanent residence in the period 1800-1850, one of whom, fortuitously, was a Frenchman, Captain F. Le Tellier, master of the barque *Ajax* out of Le Havre.



This man bore in his sea locker a

dispensation from the Supreme Council, 33°, of France to open Lodges in any promising place in 1° to 32°. Fresh in on his whaler and finding Honolulu "promising," he invited the handful of local Masons residing in Honolulu, members of foreign Lodges, aboard the barque — an historic evening for Hawaii Masonry — April 8, 1843. He instituted Lodge le Progres de l'Océanie No. 124 in the name of the Grand Orient of France. The Lodge, the first west of the Rocky Mountains, is now known as No. 371, under the Grand Lodge of California. One of its initiates, Kamehamelia V, was the first royal member in Masonry.

This water-born incident occurred 132 years ago, a period to culminate, not in tidal waves of candidacies, impressive monumental buildings or massive financial portfolios — there is some modest suggestion of such in Hawaii — but, by the growth of a Masonic family, closely knit with its modern day galaxy of 20 national organizations and 80 local Chapters, Lodges, Temples, Bethels, Clubs, Courts, Conclaves, Orders, Assemblies and Bodies. For a remote chain of Pacific Islands, the existence of this composite of Masonic enterprises may be considered a fairly remarkable achievement.

It was gold that nurtured the Kingdom of Hawaii's second Blue Lodge. California was beset by hordes of gold seekers of whom several small isolated concentrations of Masons quickly →→→

formed Lodges under their several jurisdictions and founded the Grand Lodge of California.

Not all the Masons in Hawaii had dashed off to the gold fields. Those remaining worked on the supply of mounting needs of the mining communities. Lodge le Progres was quiescent but alive. Some of the Masons from that Lodge joined with a few resident sojourners in organizing Hawaiian Lodge No. 21 under the new Grand Lodge of California with charter dated May 5, 1852.

The Supreme Council of France did not fail in any sense with its operation of Lodge le Progres but it could in practicality do little with the higher Degrees of Scottish Rite. The minutes are meager but there is a record of Alexander Liboliho (Kamehameha IV) being given the 30°.

There was Masonic readiness for a Royal Arch Chapter in the 1850's. Charles W. Vincent, a Past Master of Hawaii's first two Blue Lodges (1852, 1853 respectively), returned to New York, his former home, where he became a member of Phoenix Chapter of New York. He came back to Honolulu with great enthusiasm for the York Rite, met with Richard Coady and George McLean to form a Grand Council and organized Honolulu Chapter No. 1. Vincent served as High Priest 1859-1869. Kamehameha IV was exalted tenth on the rolls February 18, 1858, and his brother Lot Kamehameha (Kamehameha V), No. 20, May 30. Almost all the members were taken from the two Blue Lodges. York Rite dates its beginnings in Hawaii with the chartering of Honolulu Chapter No. 1, September 14, 1859.

Honolulu Commandery No. 1 was chartered November 30, 1871, with John O. Dominis, Prince Consort to Liliuokalani (later Queen), as the institutor and installer. A short time later two more of the Kingdom's royal family entered the York Rite: King Kalakaua and Prince William Pitt Leleiohoku, Heir Apparent to the Throne. Added to the afore-mentioned Kamehamehas IV and V, the list of Masonic royalty totalled five.

All were Raised either in Lodge le Progres No. 124 or Hawaiian No. 21, most of them subsequently Masters of their Lodge, some of them more than once.



John O. Dominis



David Kalakaua Rex as Commander

Both Kalakaua and Dominis served as High Priest and Eminent Commander. Each was Knighted in the Red Cross of Constantine (Honolulu – now Opukahaia – Conclave was not chartered until 1927) in St. John's Conclave in Chicago, January 14-15, 1874, and later invested with the Knight Grand Cross.

York Rite has grown within Hawaii. Honolulu Council was installed in 1951, Kalakaua Chapter 1962, Hilo →→→

Chapter 1972 and Kahanamoku Chapter, U.D., named after Duke Kahanamoku, famous Olympic swimming champion, 1975. York Rite Festivals are held periodically on the neighbor islands. Since there is no state level control in Hawaii, supervision of York Rite activities rests with a deputy and two special representatives.

The 1871 institution of the Commandery caught the attention of Albert Pike, a respected leader in the Chapter and Commandery, stimulating him to seek an outlet for Scottish Rite in Hawaii. Ever opting for a fuller enhancement of that Rite, he invited Pitkin C. Wright of Iowa to venture a trip to Hawaii and organize the work.

After correspondence with John Dominis, Eminent Commander of Honolulu Commandery, who listed 14 of his Knights as willing to participate in the Scottish Rite project, Wright arrived in Honolulu June 30, 1874, and was soon successful in forming a Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix and Council of Kadosh, the first two being chartered October 20. Dominis became the first Venerable Master, resigning to accept appointment as the first Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Kingdom of Hawaii. Coronetted 33^o, Honorary, he was agreeably honored as Knight of Grand Cross of Honour. Kalakaua added Scottish Rite to his growing list of Masonic connections and became the first Wise Master of Chapter Rose Croix.

The whaling industry collapsed in 1871 with the destruction of most of its fleet and sugar, which even prior to that was climbing, surged into ascendancy. Men came from Scotland to work as bookkeepers and field supervisors. These Scots were a profound stabilizing force in their communities and the Masonic Order. It was inevitable that sojourners among them would join local Masons in forming Blue Lodges and encourage affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Lodge Maui was formed under the Grand Lodge of California in 1870, but faltered, was recognized under Charter of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, finally uniting

again with California. A second such Lodge was formed later.

The seventies were also marked by national Masonic inaugurations: General Grand Council, Red Cross of Constantine, A.A.O.N.M.S., all in 1872 and Eastern Star in 1876. It was generally a great decade for Masonry.

Steady growth attended the two Blue Lodges and the two Rites in the 1880's. Both tragedy and expansion marked the next decade. King Kalakaua died in San Francisco after completing a "cold" ceremonial in his quest for admission to Islam Temple. (Aloha Temple was not organized until 1901.) John Dominis and Albert Pike also passed away — all three in 1891.

Pacific Lodge No. 822 of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was chartered in 1895. It is now Honolulu Lodge No. 409, fourth in the Hawaii Blue Lodge list. Kilauea Lodge No. 330 became the fifth in 1897. Eastern Star's Hawaii Chapter No. 1 was instituted in Hilo in 1899.

Politically the decade was turbulent. The Kingdom gave way successively to Provisional Government (1893), the Republic of Hawaii (1894) and Territory of Hawaii (1898). History records no trace of Masonic interference in the political scene albeit there were Masons among the leaders as changes took place. Hawaii Masonry acquired a genuine sense of unity under the American Flag, entering into a surge of activity that would not slow until the depression of 1929 set in and then but temporarily.

Sir Knight Kent's address is 1451 Ohialoke Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96821.



HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

"Give a Little" – "To See a Lot"



Eminent Commander Arthur Long, Shawnee Commandery No. 14, Lima, Ohio, poses with a Shawnee Drill Team float to publicize a March 15 Pancake Day as a fund-raising project for the 7th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

K.T.E.F. Float



Harold R. Mallow, Mountain Commandery No. 10, Altoona, Pennsylvania, is the designer of the float pictured above. Its original purpose was for display in the 1974 Memorial Day parade in Altoona, but the design is such that it can be disassembled for continued use, particularly for 1976.

Sir Knight Mallow says the Eye Foundation emblem is "about four feet in diameter and folds in half. The shield is made of styrofoam."

Grand Commander's Class

The York Rite Bodies of Indiana have joined to confer the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite in festival March 7 and 8 at the Masonic Temple in Indianapolis. Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees will be conferred on Friday evening, March 7, beginning at 6 p.m. The Grand Council officers will confer the Select Masters Degree and Grand Commandery officers will confer the Order of the Temple on March 8.

Reservations may be made with Cloyd C. Lentz, 4122 Mount Vernon Court, Indianapolis, Indiana 46236. Deadline is March 4.

Redwood Empire Outdoor Degrees

The fifth annual Redwood Empire Outdoor Degrees, sponsored by Ukiah Chapter No. 53 and Mendocino Chapter No. 88, will be held June 28 at the Frank Tunzi ranch, Comptche, California. The Mark Master and Past Master Degrees will be conferred in the morning beginning at 9:30. After a noon barbecue the work will resume with the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees.

Chapters are invited to bring their candidates to participate. Further information is available from John C. Norberry, 304 North Pine Street, Ukiah, California 95482. Reservation deadline is June 21.

Corrected Reception Date for Beaudoin

The February *Knight Templar Magazine* listed April 29 as the date of a reception to be tendered Department Commander Louis A. Beaudoin at the Holiday Inn, intersection of routes U.S. 20 and I-495, Marlboro, Massachusetts. The location remains the same, but the correct date is Saturday, April 19.

\$3,000 to Eye Foundation



Maurice H. Taggart, P.C., right, presents check to P.G.C. Hugh E. Hossle, left while Jerald E. Marsengill, looks on.

Temple Commandery No. 44 Drill Team, Des Moines, Iowa, sponsored a circus as a Voluntary Campaign project. The proceeds, \$3,000, were turned over to Iowa Voluntary Campaign Chairman Hugh E. Hossle. In addition to the Eye Foundation contribution, the Drill Team invited, as guests, residents of the Woodward School for the Retarded and Physically Handicapped, veterans from the local VA hospital, Boys Club members and children in the first three grades of the Des Moines schools.

Maurice H. Taggart is President of the Drill Team. Jerald E. Marsengill, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council, was Chairman of the circus project.

Gene Proctor Class

York Rite Bodies of Angola, Indiana, have named their Tri-State Festival Class of March 8 in memory of the late Sir Knight Gene Proctor, who was actively identified with festival plans at the time of his death.

Chapter and Council conferrals on the 8th will be followed with Commandery conferrals Saturday, March 22, at Hillsdale.

Gene Taylor Festival

The York Rite Bodies of Region 7, southwest Missouri, have set April 19 as the date for a one day York Rite Festival named in honor of Congressman Gene Taylor who will be a member of the class. Grand Captain General Walter F. Ruestman and Grand Captain of the Guard Dudley C. Barnes head the committee planning the festival.

Templar New Supreme Tall Cedar

Sir Knight John C. Sarver, Lincoln Commandery No. 91, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, has assumed the office of Supreme Tall Cedar of North America. He was installed in ceremonies at Convention Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey, at the conclusion of a three day mid-winter conference. A Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, he is also active in the Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and the Methodist Church.



K.T. Sword Located

A Templar sword bearing the name and identification "C. Stoney Bronson, Clark Commandery No. 7" has been recovered from stolen materials by Lt. Louis E. Shipley, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Detective Division, Houston, Texas, P.O. Box 24, 77001. Lt. Shipley, instrumental in returning an earlier Templar sword to the owner's family, will be glad to make arrangements to return the "C. Stoney Bronson" sword to its rightful owner or to the family of the owner.

Buckeye Priory Installation

Paschal A. King, Jr., was installed Illustrious Knight Commander of Buckeye Priory, Order of Knighthood, at ceremonies Friday, January 31, in Main Masonic Temple, Columbus, Ohio. Members and families attended the Priory's 10th installation of officers.

Priorities of the Order of Knighthood are one of the continuing projects of DeMolay which receive support and assistance from the Grand Encampment. Priorities include DeMolay members between the ages of 17 and 21. Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle's General Order No. 5, issued in 1974, stated that "The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of A m e r i c a recognizes the intimacy between the Templar Order and the Order of DeMolay" and requested each Grand Commander to give appropriate consideration and "offer cooperation to the respective Executive Officers of DeMolay and, through the level of the Constituent Commandery, encourage and support the 'Order of Knighthood' Program of the Order of DeMolay."

Illinois Lodge and Commandery Leaders



Pictured are four Illinois Masonic leaders who share membership in the same Lodge and same Commandery. Left to right: Grand Commander Forest C. McDaniel, P.M. James B. Stoner, who is also Grand Master of the 1st Veil, Grand Chapter R.A.M.; Albert W. Gylden, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of Illinois Masons; William E. Kaiser, Jr., Most Wise Master, Gourgas Chapter Rose Croix, Valley of Chicago. All are members of Glenview Lodge No. 1058 and Austin Commandery No. 84, Glenview, Illinois.

Donald Davidson Knight Commander

Donald Davidson, son of Sir Knight and Mrs. George W. Davidson, was installed as Knight Commander of Palestine Priory, Order of Knighthood, January 25 at Springfield, Ohio. The elder Davidson is Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on DeMolay. Donald was installed by State Master Councilor Mark A. Loose, son of Sir Knight R. E. Loose, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.



Palestine Priory is sponsored by Palestine Commandery No. 33, which also sponsors Frank W. Keifer Chapter, Order of DeMolay, of which P.G.C. Davidson is a Past Master Councilor. Donald became the first son of a Past Grand Commander of Ohio to be elected to DeMolay line last fall when he was elected State Junior Councilor.

Shrine Potentate Hosts Joint Meeting

Representatives of Illinois York Rite bodies, Scottish Rite bodies and Shrine met at Medinah Temple, Chicago, for a dinner conference January 29, at the invitation of Potentate Earl P. Brown. Purpose of the meeting was to encourage "closer cooperation among the bodies," to plan activity schedules for the year and to eliminate conflict of dates and projects.

Carl W. Lutz, Medinah Recorder, will serve as a clearance-correlator for the bodies.

Montana Masonic News Features K.T.E.F.

The *Montana Masonic News* for January 1975 featured the Grand Encampment press release on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation on page three. Sir Knight William C. Campbell is the Editor and Publisher of the paper.

A SALUTE TO WYLIE B. WENDT

Since January 1970 Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt has been known to more than 365,000 Templars as the bi-monthly columnist of the Knight Templar Magazine. The 25 articles which have appeared since then are only a small part of this outstanding Templar's contribution to Masonry. This month the Knight Templar Magazine takes a closer look at the man behind the name.

Wylie Brodbeck Wendt was born in Newport, Kentucky, on November 19, 1885. He was Raised in Robert Burns Lodge No. 163 at the age of 22 and Knighted in Newport Commandery No. 13 on April 4, 1908. "Templary appealed to me at once," he says, "it has been my 'first love' in Masonry ever since."



On the engineering faculty of Michigan State College, he affiliated with Lansing Commandery No. 25 in 1909. In 1915 he went to Kansas State College, Manhattan, and affiliated with Oriental Commandery No. 48. Transferring again, he affiliated with Schrader Commandery No. 9, Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1920.

While in Michigan he had been active on Lansing's Drill Team, which has marched 16 platoons in parades, one of only two Commanderies to march that many. He was Junior Warden when he went to Kansas.

In 1922 and 1923 he was Commander of Schrader. He was elected Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota in 1922 and was Grand Junior Warden in 1925 when he returned to Kentucky. He became a professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Kentucky.

Sir Knight Wendt retained his membership in South Dakota and, at the 1931 Triennial in Minneapolis, commanded the South Dakota marching battalion.

In 1935 he affiliated with Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Kentucky. Elected to membership in the

Grand Commandery of Kentucky, he has served on the Committees on York Rite, Jurisprudence, Work and Tactics. He had organized the Inspection Department of South Dakota and did the same for Kentucky, becoming the first Chief Inspector in 1953. He wrote "practically all of the present Kentucky Asylum Ceremonies and has privately published a Manual for Conferring the Order of Malta with the Full Ceremonial."

Known to Kentucky Templars as the "Venerable Patriarch," Sir Knight Wendt commanded the Kentucky battalion at the Indianapolis Triennial in 1958. In 1965 he became Kentucky's first recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor.

Other Masonic memberships include: DeWitt Clinton Consistory, A.A.S.R., Grand Rapids, Michigan (which is, he points out, the Consistory of President Ford); Kosair Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Louisville; former Intendant General in South Dakota and current Intendant General in Kentucky, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Grand Preceptor, Grand College of America, Knight Templar Priests; Past Sovereign Grand Master, Grand Council, A.M.D.; Fellow, Philalethes Society; Grand College of Rites; Red Branch of Eri, Knight Masons of Ireland; Order of the Cork; Masonic Order of the Bath; Council of the Nine Muses; Virginia College, S.R.I.C.F.; Royal Order of Scotland; Great Priory of America, C.B.C.S.

Wendt has been called "the best posted Knight Templar of Kentucky and perhaps of the nation" and the "best known Knight Templar in the United States." → → →



THE PRICE OF REDEMPTION

“And so they nailed Him to the cross!” He had spoken in eloquent phrases about Truth, Justice, Goodness and Mercy. But this was not the reason for his torture and execution. Then, as now, nothing could have been safer than to take a firm stand, verbally, for Virtue. To phrase well one’s affirmations, and to declaim them eloquently, so long as the homily remains impersonal and unfocused produces a glow of satisfaction in those who like to live their life of virtue vicariously or symbolically. It is when one gets down to cases – cases which involve a particular course of action, a specific man or group, a definite time or place – that men feel threatened and frightened and angry. And when they do, the prophet, the critic, the redeemer is likely to be nailed to a cross! The redemptive program of Jesus and of others who have pointed to salvation and led the way has always gone beyond ritual and exhortation. It has gone out into the real world of living men, existing institutions and actual events. And it is out in this real world that ignorance, vested interest, fear and prejudice stand, hammer in hand, ready to nail to a cross those whom would destroy! The shadow of some man’s cross lies dark across nearly every freedom, privilege and opportunity for good that we enjoy.

Julius W. Opeim, Prelate
Home Commandery No. 5
Rochester, Minnesota

. . . WYLIE B. WENDT

This year is his 52nd as a Past Commander and, on April 4, he will begin his 68th year as a Templar.

An article on Sir Knight Wendt in June 1968 *Knight Templar Magazine*, on the occasion of his 60th anniversary as a Templar, concluded: “This lively, witty, mentally alert and erudite Christian gentleman stands as a living example for all Templars. He fills completely the definition of Knighthood which he offers in a beautifully written article in the June 1967 issue of the *Philalethes*: “*Knighthood is a military order of honor, a mark or degree of ancient nobility, or a reward of personal virtue or merit.*”

Templars across the nation and around the world join the *Knight Templar Magazine* in this salute to an extraordinary Templar as he begins his 68th year of service to Templary.

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\$25,000 for Artificial Retina Research



Templar interest and concern in research for the blind or those threatened by blindness was expressed in the form of a check for \$25,000 to the Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital, New York, when Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., presented, on behalf of Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle and all Templars, the fourth research grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to Dr. Arthur G. DeVoe, left, and Dr. John H. Dunnington.

HAPPINESS CANNOT BE BOUGHT

There was never a time when so much official effort was being expended to produce happiness, and probably never a time when so little attention was paid by the individual to creating the personal qualities that make for it. What one misses most today is the evidence of widespread personal determination to develop a character that will in itself, given any reasonable odds, make for happiness. Our whole emphasis is on the reform of living conditions, of increased wages, of controls on the economic structure — the government approach — and so little on man improving himself.

The ingredients of happiness are so simple that they can be counted on one hand. Happiness comes from within, and rests most securely on simple goodness and clear conscience. Religion may not be essential to it, but no one is known to have gained it without a philosophy resting on ethical principles. Selfishness is its enemy; to make another happy is to be happy one's self. It is quiet, seldom found for long in crowds, most easily won in moments of solitude and reflection. It cannot be bought; indeed, money has very little to do with it.

No one is happy unless he is reasonably well satisfied with himself, so that the quest for tranquility must of necessity begin with self-examination. We shall not often be content with what we discover in this scrutiny. There is so much to do, and so little done. Upon this searching self-analysis, however, depends the discovery of those qualities that make each man unique, and whose development alone can bring satisfaction.

Of all those who have tried, down the ages, to outline a program for happiness, few have succeeded so well as William Henry Channing, Chaplain of the House of Representatives in the middle of the last century:

"To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy . . . to study hard, think quietly,

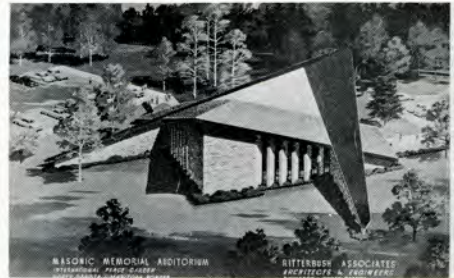
talk gently, act frankly; to listen to the stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; in a word to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common."

It will be noted that no government can do this for you; you must do it for yourself.

Journalist William S. Ogdon wrote the quoted NEW YORK TIMES editorial in 1945 after returning from World War II service in the Pacific. Elated to be home and a civilian again, he expected his own feeling of happiness and contentment to be reflected by others. Astonished to hear anger, bitterness and complaints instead of pride and appreciation of life, he composed the oft-quoted editorial, "The Art of Happiness."

Masonic Memorial Auditorium

A campaign to raise \$500,000 to construct the Masonic Memorial Auditorium at the International Peace Garden on the North Dakota-Manitoba border has been launched by the Masons of North Dakota according to Robert K. Muhs, Chairman of the Masonic Bicentennial Committee.



The auditorium, in the shape of a square and compass, is scheduled for dedication on July 4, 1976. Tax deductible contributions for the project may be sent to: Masonic International Peace Garden Bicentennial Foundation, Inc., Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Grand Lodge, 201 14th Avenue North, Fargo, North Dakota 58102.

Grand Encampment
Roll Call of Honored Dead

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Eugene S. Whitney

Nebraska
Grand Commander — 1968
Born September 13, 1905
Died January 12, 1975

Richard R. Blauert

South Dakota
Grand Commander — 1951
Born July 18, 1899
Died January 14, 1975

Kenneth N. Johnson

Kentucky
Grand Commander — 1968
Born June 27, 1911
Died January 18, 1975

Frank L. Bourke

Maine
Grand Commander — 1965
Department Commander — 1967-70
Born November 20, 1904
Died January 21, 1975

Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island
Grand Commander — 1950
Born September 4, 1891
Died February 2, 1975

Leslie R. Cox, Jr.

Missouri
Grand Commander — 1972
Born August 2, 1926
Died February 4, 1975

Happy is the man whose thoughts can bear
The rigid test of unerring square.
Who unswervingly treads
Steadily toward his Master and his God,
Seeking thru deeds of charity and love
To gain that heavenly Lodge above.
Knowing that the stone in rubbish cast
Shall crown his Master's Work at last.

forwarded by
Harvey Hill Cusick
136 East Washington Street
Lisbon, Ohio 44432

ALBERT G. TVERBERG
1886 — 1975

Albert G. Tverberg — 61 years a Mason, a Templar for 60 — died January 16 at the age of 88 in Tarzana, California, where he had lived since last fall. A former sheriff, newspaper publisher and banker in North Dakota, he had served as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Dakota since 1952.

He was Raised in 1914; became Master of Crescent Lodge No. 11 in 1929, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in 1935, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., in 1950.

His membership in Kem Shrine dated to June 11, 1915, when he was numbered in the first class inducted into the Temple in Grand Forks. He was a member of the Grand Forks Consistory, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction.

FRANK L. BOURKE
1904 — 1975

Frank L. Bourke, Portland, Maine, died unexpectedly January 21. He is survived by his widow, the former Elizabeth P. Rolfe, a stepdaughter, brother, sister, two grandchildren and a nephew.

Sir Knight Bourke, a Past Grand Commander of Maine, was the 1967-70 Department Commander of the Northeastern Department of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A. A member of Maine Consistory, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., Kora Temple Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, K.Y.C.H., he was Grand Sovereign, Grand Imperial Council of Maine, Red Cross of Constantine, at the time of his death.

He was active in the Lions Club, the Woodfords Club and the Methodist Church, was on the board of the Salvation Army, had served with the United Fund and was a past director of the Bangor Chamber of Commerce. He retired from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in 1968 after 30 years of service.





ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
1891 — 1975

The Honorable Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., P.G.C., Grand Commandery of Massachusetts-Rhode Island, died February 2. He served as presiding officer of all York Rite bodies, as Grand Treasurer of his Grand Commandery since 1965, member of Trinity Priory, K.Y.C.H.; Albany Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; 33°, N.M.J. He was appointed Judge of Suffolk Probate Court in 1940. Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America in 1951, he remained active as Chairman of the Board of Governors, Shrine Burns Institute, Boston Unit, and as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Shriners Hospitals for Crippled and Burned Children, 1949 until his death.

WILLIAM ROBERT BURCHFIELD
1895 — 1975

William Robert Burchfield, born June 1, 1895, died at his home in Montgomery, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1975. Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., he was a member of Baldwin II Commandery No. 22, Williamsport, since 1918. He served as Eminent Commander in 1950.

He was Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, 1951-52, and had long been active in various bodies of Freemasonry. A Past Master of Muncy Lodge No. 299, he presided over Adoniram Council No. 26, Williamsport, in 1944. He was an Honorary 33°, N.M.J., a member of Williamsport Consistory and Penn Priory No. 6, K.Y.C.H. He was a Past Governor General, Sovereign York Rite College.

ROBERT S. HANSON
1899 — 1975

Robert S. Hanson, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, longtime Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Pennsylvania, died February 5, 1975. Dr. Hanson, retired Head of the Department of Chemistry, Drexel University, where the Robert S. Hanson Chair was established recently in his honor, was a Past Commander and former Recorder of Ascension Commandery No. 97, Ardmore. He served as Standard Bearer for the Grand Commandery 1962-63, and was a Past Prior, K.Y.C.H.

Voluntary Campaign Standings

As of February 11, returns from the 7th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation totalled \$150,129.31. The campaign honoring the continuing work of Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball for the Foundation closes April 30. The theme is "shared Commandery fund-raising activity." The goal is \$500,000.

The top ten Grand Commanderies based on reports from Grand Commandery Chairmen for the week ending February 7 are:

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| Texas | \$29,765.25 |
| Pennsylvania | \$10,466.00 |
| Indiana | \$10,023.28 |
| Florida | \$ 9,551.06 |
| Ohio | \$ 6,778.10 |
| Georgia | \$ 5,902.00 |
| Tennessee | \$ 5,895.50 |
| California | \$ 4,808.75 |
| Iowa | \$ 4,233.25 |
| Michigan | \$ 4,142.75 |

Report forms, stuffers and all materials related to the Voluntary Campaign are available from the office of the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

St. Anthony Conclave

Sir Knight William Young is proud that "many officers of St. Anthony Conclave, San Antonio, Texas, are serving in the Grand Lodge." Examples: Conclave Prelate Robert B. O'Connor, is Grand Master; Herald Jack B. Lee, Grand Orator; Recorder Young, Grand Marshal; Sovereign Roy E. Dunsmore, Grand Senior Warden. Among other Conclave members holding state Masonic offices is Past Grand Commander Wintford H. Owen.

He also notes that Sovereign Dunsmore is a brother of Past Sovereign John Dunsmore and Viceroy Porter Loring, Jr., is a son of Past Sovereign Porter Loring, Sr.

A MASONIC INCIDENT

as told by

Sir Knight John Edwin Mason

The following is the account of a Masonic incident which occurred after the fall of Vicksburg during the Civil War as told by a soldier who was a member of Washington Chapter No. 2, Wisconsin. It first appeared in the Masonic Monthly in 1863. The article was forwarded to the Knight Templar Magazine by P.G.C. Charles H. Green, Florida.

On July 4, 1863, General Grant captured Vicksburg with some 35,000 Confederate Troops. At that time I was with the 33rd Wisconsin Volunteers under the Command of Colonel J. B. Moore (a Past High Priest of Washington Chapter), then a part of the 4th Brigade of the 16th Army Corps. Soon after surrender, General Grant ordered this Brigade, with two batteries of Artillery and a Battalion of Calvary, all under the Command of General Ransom, to proceed down the river and capture Natchez, the only point held by the Confederates between Cairo and the Gulf of Mexico.

Convoed by two gunboats, the expedition soon arrived in front of Natchez and, after an exchange of gunfire between the gun boats and a Battery on the hill, the Confederates fled and the Federals entered Natchez and formed a cordon of camps around the city with the right and left wings resting on the river.

Some two weeks after being settled in camp, two citizens of Natchez called on Colonel Moore and made themselves known as Masons. They then stated the object of their visit, saying, "three young officers of the Confederate Army had received the Most Excellent Masters Degree just before the war - that they had been captured and paroled at Vicksburg and were now at home awaiting exchange, but were desirous of receiving the Royal Arch Degree while at home." The gentlemen stated that the "active working members of their Chapter, Natchez No. 1, were all in the Army and that there were not enough members at home who were proficient in the Ritual to confer the Degrees."

They asked Colonel Moore to help them out of their dilemma. Colonel replied that while he knew there were many Masons in his Regiment, he did not know if there were those who could render the necessary assistance but he would ascertain and report to them at an early date. After the visitors had left Colonel Moore called before him ten known Royal Arch Masons and, with a few rehearsals, he had an impromptu Chapter sufficiently drilled to confer the Degrees.

He reported this to his Confederate Companions of the city. A time was appointed and 15 or 20 Federal Companions rode to the Hall where many other citizen Companions were assembled. They were members of the local Chapter. The Acting High Priest was one of the visitors who requested the Wisconsin Companions to take charge of the Work and confer the Degree.

Colonel sat in the East and made the assignment of officers. In due time the candidates were presented and they received the Degree. In conducting these two-fold captives up from Babylon to Jerusalem to assist in rebuilding the second temple I could not help but wish that they might aid and assist in rebuilding the waste places of our common country. If alive, I have no doubt these Companions are now loyal citizens of our reunited country.



WHAT WILL I GET OUT OF MASONRY?

by
Donald H. Smith
Grand Commander, Kentucky

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, from his own 20 years of world-wide experience, expresses his own deep regard for Freemasonry and provides his answer to a question often asked, directly or indirectly, by members of the Craft.

What Will I Get Out of Freemasonry?

A question of this type can only be answered in a personal way. Every worthwhile endeavor we put our hands to should remind us that we will get from it as we give to it.

If Masonry is only knowing something other men don't know, then we have it. If it is a ring, a tie-tac or a lapel pin, then we have it. If it is more than this, we can have it, but we must seek it. We must give of ourselves.

Twenty years ago, the Senior Warden of Atlanta Lodge No. 59, F. & A.M., Georgia, was lecturing a group of six Entered Apprentice Masons behind the bread racks in his grocery store after closing time. One of his statements to this small group of anxious learners was, "You're going to get out of Masonry in direct proportion to what you put into Masonry."

I was one of the Entered Apprentices and that was the first time I heard it; I have heard it a thousand times since and have probably repeated it a like number of times.

Is it true, Sir Knights? Have you received as you have given to Masonry? As for me, I have received a thousand fold more in fellowship, in learning and in my faith than I have contributed. However, both are incalculable, so I will say I was lucky. I could test the truth of the saying in many places.

When I was Raised, I was a career soldier. The first effect of Masonry on me was to give me a social outlet other than

that of the Army post where I was stationed. I had fellowship with civilians who welcomed me as a Brother. They invited me to work with them. They welcomed me to their organization and gave me a place in the organization. I soon learned more and became a part of the ritual team. I was receiving in a much greater proportion than I could give.

Then, as if some new force had entered my life, I found that there were groups of Masons who met on Army posts and I soon found myself with other armed forces personnel as a member of the National Sojourners. I was soon initiated into the Heroes of '76.

Next I served in Germany where I found that Masonry transcends language barriers, where the saying "to travel in foreign countries, to work for and receive," was a reality; where former war-time enemies became closer than friends, they were Brothers.

I have also visited Masonic clubs in the Far East and found the same gentlemanly fellowship that Masonry has for all its members.

I came to the city in which I now live as a soldier at a post with only six military personnel. I found the fellowship at the local Lodges as heart warming and hospitable as any I had experienced. They also found work for my temporarily idle Masonic hands and I again found the Brotherly affection I had known in Masonry.

Here I was Exalted, Greeted and finally created a Knight →→→

Templar. Here I have been elected to serve by my Brothers and Companions. From local work we have become part of the Grand Commandery and through it received membership in the Grand Encampment.

I have made many close personal friends across the Commonwealth and even across the nation through the York Rite of Freemasonry.

In the years of privileged service I have been honored by being permitted to obligate, or dub and create, hundreds of Knights Templar. They have included mechanics, a governor, house painters, a mayor, merchants, clergymen, doctors, teachers, members of the armed forces and men from many other occupations. All these men have two things in common: they are men and they are Masons.

All of this began because that Senior Warden who gave of himself told me what I could get out of Masonry. Do you suppose he knew how great would be my portion in the time that has passed? It was behind the bread racks in his grocery store that I found the beginning of Masonic wisdom and knowledge and I believe it is my duty to pass it on to others.

Since my portion is great, I owe a great deal. It is like all love: the more we give away, the more we receive.

My Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights: What do we get from Freemasonry? The Brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God. It is available to all who do as I have done. We must all try to give in direct proportion to what we receive.

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"Life/Style" — Reginald E. Anderson

Sir Knight Reginald E. Anderson, P.C., Recorder, Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83, Ohio, was the subject of the "Life/Style" section of the *Akron Beacon Journal* of January 22.

The vignette covered a wide range of facets in the life of Sir Knight Anderson, now 74, with special emphasis upon his operation of "Bickford Laboratories, which turns out gallons of vanilla and 35 other flavors, ranging from mint and coconut to raspberry and lime; food colors and varied syrups."

The *Beacon Journal* staff writer who interviewed him described him as a "74 year old man with white bristly hair (who) walks and talks so fast it's difficult to keep up with him. In his one-man operation he does everything; buys, sells, delivers, makes orders and even types his letters on an ancient Royal."

Anderson's business began with a "Mr. Bickford" in 1918 when the Volstead Act prohibited the use of alcohol in vanilla extract. "Bickford," says Anderson, was an organic chemist who came up with a vanilla without alcohol. "He'd put vanilla bottles in bushel baskets and go around the neighborhood. When the WCTU members found out his vanilla didn't have any alcohol, they bought the stuff like crazy and that's how it started."

The account of Sir Knight Anderson includes references to his "53 years in the Masonic Lodge," notes that he is now sole owner of the company, "works hard but goes and comes as he pleases" and refers to his wife, Minetta Slusser Anderson. The article closes with this quote by Anderson:

"She's in the Masonic Nursing Home in Springfield. She's getting good care, but I miss her. I still live in the house on Castle, with my calico cat."

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

It is sometimes more rewarding to be the giver than the gitter.

TWO THOUSAND BICENTENNIAL PAPERWEIGHTS ON TEMPLAR DESKS

In the February *Knight Templar Magazine*, the Grand Encampment first announced the availability of Templar Bicentennial Marble Paperweights. At presstime for the current issue, more than 2,000 were in circulation. The marble paperweights, with a protective cork base, are two inches square by three-quarters of an inch deep, bear a three-color metal plate on which is centered the Cross and Crown, surrounded by the Bicentennial wording: "Knights Templar, U.S.A. Salute to the Nation's Bicentennial."

The Templar Bicentennial Paperweights, one of the continuing Knight Templar projects commemorating the 200th Birthday Anniversary of the U.S.A., are available at \$3.00 each, postpaid. (Minimum orders of 60 are \$2.50 per paperweight, postpaid.) Checks and orders will be expedited at the office of the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Award to DeMolays, Jobs Daughters



Peter Eichenlaub for DeMolays and Betty Brand for Jobs Daughters headed the St. Louis area wide collection for the "Tree of Lights" Campaign for the Salvation Army. "Their efforts set a new record and won for each the coveted Bell Award," writes Sir Knight Melvyn H. Scherzer, St. Aldemar No. 18, St. Louis, Missouri.

Brigadier John Paton in presenting the Awards said, "The Salvation Army is especially pleased to recognize this outstanding record set by the DeMolays and Jobs Daughters. No other youth group has ever accomplished so much and, in this time of greatest need, it is particularly appreciated. Your wonderful help will give aid and comfort to thousands needing help during the year. In their behalf, I express our heartfelt thanks."

The Rainbow Girl Assemblies entered the campaign for the first time.

Damascus Commandery "Fun Nite"

P.C. Arthur G. Sweeten, Damascus Commandery No. 95, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, is Chairman of the Damascus Commandery Eye Foundation Committee. He announces a Damascus Commandery "Fun Nite" for Thursday, March 27, "with all proceeds going to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."

The event, at \$11.75 per ticket, will be a dinner-theatre party at the Huntingdon Valley Dinner Theatre.

Chairman Sweeten says the "Fun Nite" consists of a dinner followed by the musical, "Promises-Promises," presented by a New York cast. His release includes the reminder: "Bring your friends, especially a potential candidate and his lady."

Masonic Americana

Available at \$1.00 each, postpaid — *Masonic Americana* — 181 pages of biographical and descriptive accounts of Masons and events associated with the founding and development of the nation. Send orders with checks to the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

OF WHAT USE IS POETRY?

by
Gilbert H. Hill, P.C.

Don't ask me that! Better to question the use of food. Food is a necessity. Poetry is a necessity. Both are foods. Both satisfy hunger because, "Man doth not live by bread alone," Deuteronomy 8:3. When the needs of the flesh are satisfied, then comes the hunger of the heart — the heart that is not flesh, but celestial.

From time beyond recall, in the courts and castles of old, and the strongholds and halls of the bold, came the troubadours, bards and musicians to satisfy that other hunger. "As nightingales feed on glowworms, so poets live upon the living light of nature and beauty." G. Bailey.

Thus comes the message of mood and emotion from the deeper wells of enlightenment where dwells the sober, silent, soul, for:

Poetry is the heartbeat of humanity.

Poetry is the music of the heart.

Poetry recaptures the raptures of the past.

Poetry peeks into the eternal.

Poetry entertains, inspires, comforts.

Poetry is transportation to the realms of fancy.

The Bard of Avon's ringing words sing through the centuries on thousands of tongues in hundreds of languages. Characters receive eternal life in the lines of the poet. Roman myths, Norse sagas, Persian fables, live and speak to us today as they did in their distant yesterdays: Ulysses, Antigone, Beatrice, Don Quixote, call to us, if we but listen.

In poetry there is no limit of time or space, no end, no beginning; all is eternal. Words and expressions that never die strengthen our convictions. Treasure gems of wisdom and philosophy adorn our thinking. Jewels of thought well up in the

heart to fill every man's cup of eloquence.

Milton, the austere Puritan and early defender of English liberty, wrote the poetic narrative of the "Fall of Man." Later, as if to calm the frustration of defeated flesh, he wrote, "Paradise Regained." Shakespeare, with his more than 36 plays written in poetic form, is quoted perhaps more than any other poet. Thus he has been our teacher and counselor for more than three and one-half centuries (1597–1975). His logic, his philosophy, his wisdom, is often repeated by those who have never read any of his work. This is testimony to the depth and magnitude of impressions made on those who do read and love Shakespeare. By such influence the non-readers are beneficiaries through contact with their better informed associates.

Who would give up the priceless portraits of the Age of Chivalry delivered to us by Scott and Tennyson? How, or where, can one find a better definition of "Liberty," than in Byron's, "Sonnet on Chillon"? Who has not drunk at the fountain of wisdom and inspiration flowing from the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam and not slacked a gnawing thirst? How deprived are we who have not read "The Fool's Prayer" by Edward Rowland Sill or Henley's "Invictus"?

Come with me into the vineyard of poetic expression and I will show you exotic beauty, powerful emotion, immortal character and the distilled wisdom of the ages. With soliloquy and sonnet, quatrain and couplet, ballad and song, there is a banquet for the soul. Please don't ask me, "Of what use in poetry?"

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The 7th Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign, named to express appreciation for the continuing work of Knights Templar Eye Foundation Trustee Edmund F. Ball, is now in its final two months of fund-raising projects.

The 1st Campaign was conducted in 1968 with John L. Crofts, Sr., as Grand Master and President of the Foundation. Successive, progressively productive campaigns have been conducted annually through the three-year term of Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, who is now Executive Director, and into the present administration of Grand Master and Foundation President Roy Wilford Riegle.

The campaign theme is "shared fund-raising activities" by Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies for a three-fold purpose: to raise additional funds for the expanded humanitarian work of the Templar Foundation; to create Commandery membership interest through meaningful Templar projects; and to increase Masonic awareness, via fraternal public relations efforts, of the large scale work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for those suffering from blindness or impaired vision.

Lord North, the British Prime Minister, was getting a bit worried. He decided to use Brother Benjamin Franklin as the "fixer" for the whole mess.

North and his friends had been cruel to Franklin in the past and had had him ousted from his job as Deputy Postmaster General. Now North sent intermediaries to hint of a vast reward for Franklin if he would act as Mediator. They even offered 1,800 pounds as a down payment for the dirty work.

Franklin replied that even God could not bring about a reconciliation if the Coercive Acts were not repealed and the troops removed from Boston. It was the turning point for Franklin, a moderate. The offer so disgusted him that he became a radical for American independence.

In desperation, Lord North had a bill passed called the new England Restraining Act. It forbade the four colonies of New England to trade with any other colonies or any country except England. The bill also denied these colonists their fishing rights. It was signed on March 30. The colonists had not received word of it when General Gage made his excursion to Concord.



Texas Float

The Festival San Jacinto Association, San Antonio, Texas, entered a float in the January 1 Tournament of Roses parade entitled "Heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto." At right is an artist's sketch of the float. An article on Sam Houston begins on page 7.





Three of the prominent Shriners present for the East-West Shrine football benefit: George M. Saunders, Imperial Recorder; Past Potentate G. Wilbur Bell, Ansar Temple, Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment; and Recorder Jack C. West, Islam Temple, San Francisco.

Pennsylvania York Rite Cooperation

The York Rite Cooperation Committee of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania has released an expression of appreciation to all Eminent Commanders in the jurisdiction for "the harmony that exists in the York Rite Bodies at the local level . . . particularly in planning special Conclaves for Conferring Orders that do not conflict with regularly scheduled meetings of other Masonic Bodies . . . in planning jointly sponsored social, Religious and Patriotic activities . . . Cooperation in providing personnel to assist Commanderies in Conferring Orders . . . Conditions and actions prevailing not conflicting with the basic structure of any of the Bodies."

The York Rite Cooperation Committee of the Grand Commandery is chaired by Past Grand Commander J. Harvey Moore, Aliquippa, and includes Grand Generalissimo Warren R. Williams and A. Kenneth Stevenson, Past Grand Commander.



Commander William C. Woodland, Calvary Commandery No. 3, Parkersburg, West Virginia, in this picture by Sir Knight Esta E. Snider, accepts a Knights Templar Eye Foundation contribution from Mary Ann Jones, Honored Queen, Bethel No. 3, International Order of Job's Daughters, Parkersburg.

At a Jobs Daughters meeting honoring Master Masons and the Eastern Star, money usually spent to present token gifts to the honored guests was utilized as a Knights Templar Eye Foundation contribution.

Mary Ann comes from a Jobs Daughters family. Sister Caroline is an officer and Sir Knight and Mrs. H. Courtney Jones, the parents, are members of the Associate Guardian Council. Sir Knight Jones currently is Grand Captain General, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia.

THE EASTER

The Easter is the Raising of the Christ,
The consummation of the Christmas birth;
The Easter has eternity sufficed,
The Easter is the blessing of the earth.

MILFORD E. SHIELDS, P.C.
Colorado

Aprons – Nothing New

Sir Knight Robert E. Butchers, Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Ohio, points out that aprons, as Commandery dress, are not new. The following quotes are from *Thomas Smith Webb* by Brother Herbert T. Leyland:

“On September 13, 1802, the By-Laws of Saint Johns Commandery were adopted, Sir Knight Webb being in ‘The Chair.’ The third By-Law describes the dress of the Encampment and on examination was found to be the usual male apparel along with apron sash.”

The apron was described as follows: “The apron of black silk plush, triangular, 16 inches; trimming, one and one half inch silver fringe on an orange heading. On the flap, crossed swords three and one half inches in length, below the flap on the apron, a skull one inch in diameter, crossed bones one and seven eighths inches in length below the skull. All of silver.”

The sash was described as: “Baldric of Black silk plush four and one half inches wide, bordered with silver cord, covered by a rectangular net work of gilt thread forming one-quarter inch meshes. The front, spangled, placed in one inch squares. On the Baldric, the seven pointed star, with the motto ‘In hoc signo vinces’; in the center of the star, a coffin; on the right a skull and crossed bones. On the shoulder and hip a four pointed silver rosette with a gilt center. A silver tassel suspended from the inside and outside point of the baldric.

“Suspended from the baldric is the square and compasses with a representation of the sun, moon and stars on white metal. The letter G is shown beneath the angle of the square, also, descending from the points of the compasses an arc of the circle. The emblems pendant are studded with brilliants, white, purple and garnet.

“The description given above accurately report the apron and the sash, with its jewel, as they are to be found at the present time.”



Regalia of Thomas Smith Webb

The Ringling Brothers

One of the greatest names in the circus world is the Ringling Brothers. The original Ringling Brothers numbered seven, all Templars. Albert Charles, August George, William Henry Otto, Alfred Theodore, Charles Edward, John Nicholas and Henry William George Ringling were all active members of St. John Commandery No. 21, now Baraboo No. 28, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

War Certificates

The Grand Lodge of Illinois, during the Civil War, issued “War Certificates” to Master Masons in the Army to prove Masonic membership. Certificates were also issued to the sons of Masons who were not of age or who had not been of age long enough to receive the Degrees.

The Grand Lodge issued a total of 1,371 certificates to Master Masons and 366 to their sons.

"ETERNAL LIFE"

Easter is the day cherished by Christians as the special time to ponder the meaning of Eternal Life. It holds the key to all other Christian celebration. Without Easter there would never have been a Christmas, a Good Friday or a Pentecost. God help us if in this festival of the triumph of Jesus Christ over death and the grave, over man's evil and nature's death, we allow the immensities of life and death to be obscured by matters of frocks and foods and flowers.

There are two concepts in human experience we live by daily. One is the concept of quantity such as days and years, things measured by weight, volume and duration. They end for a man at the grave. The other, the concept of quality, the realm in which we place character, not time, begins with our beginning but goes on eternally.

Jesus taught that eternal life, because it is qualitative not quantitative, begins here and goes on forever. He also taught that both here and there it promises continuing and growing adventure. Moreover, He both taught and proved by His sacrificial death that it is not won without cost. And by His resurrection He proved its ultimate victory! That's what Easter is about.

And, praise be to God, through Him the victory is ours, too. "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Let us join heart and voice with believers of the ages and shout and sing, "Because He lives, we too shall live."

The Rev. Orlo Chogull, D.D.
(Sir Knight Chogull will present the 1975
Easter Morning message at Arlington Cemetery)