

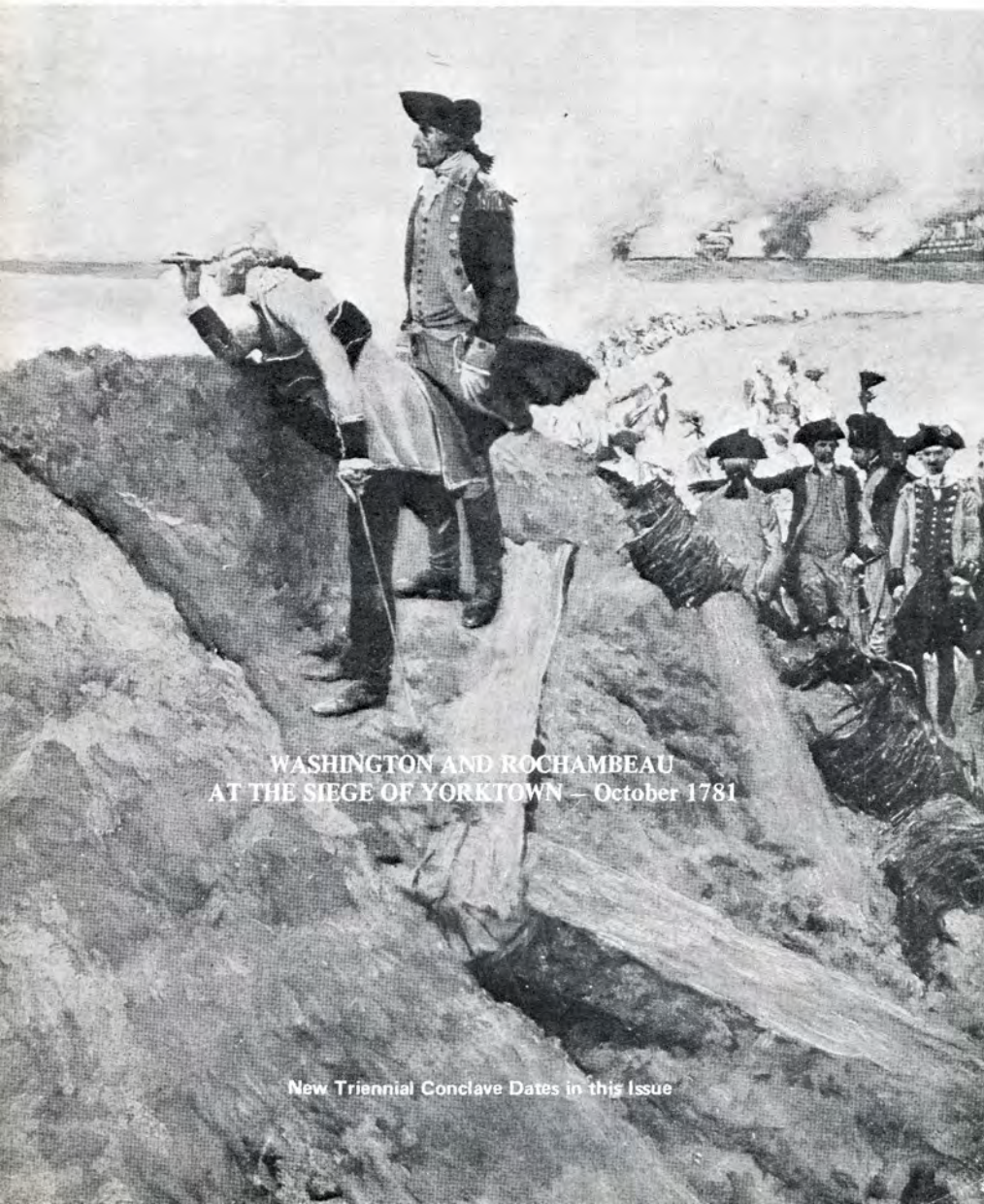


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the Bicentennial

OCTOBER: October 19 marks the 1781 day in history when Lord Cornwallis, a Mason, surrendered to Brother George Washington at Yorktown in the Virginia peninsula. Cover picture credit goes to *Historical Pictures, Chicago*.

The cover also reminds readers of a necessary change in dates for the 53rd Triennial Conclave. To permit Kansas City to host a national convention, Triennial dates have been moved two weeks later next year — extending from August 28 to September 2, 1976.

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POLITICAL CONVENTION, AMERICAN INSTITUTION

Democracy in Action! — and Knights Templar will have had a role! That tells in a nutshell the story of our meeting this past month with the Triennial Conclave Committee, the representatives of the Mayor's office and the Convention Bureau at Kansas City, Missouri.

Your Grand Master announces with Masonic pride, even though drastic changes may be necessary, the results of that Kansas City conference:

1 — Because promotion and support of the democratic processes are the goals of all Templar citizens, we have released the dates of August 14-19 next year, even though cleared for us by city officials, on behalf of the National Republican Convention. As a result of our cooperation, the *Convention is now scheduled August 16-20, 1976.*

2 — This consideration granted automatically moved the dates of the 53rd Triennial Conclave to a brand new schedule. *The Triennial Conclave will now be scheduled August 28-September 2, 1976.*

In all probability, we could have enforced the originally proffered dates, but only at a severe sacrifice to Kansas City and to our own prestige and reputation. Not one of us, I am thoroughly convinced, would wish to interfere with our accepted democratic processes. As citizens, we are called upon to support and maintain this orderly procedure for selecting national leadership.

Regardless of inconvenience or disruption, we know you would want your Grand Officers and the Triennial Conclave Committee — both unanimously in concurrence — to make this change for the good of the two-party system in America.

The new dates — August 28-September 2, 1976 — will necessitate a revision of some advance reservations and possibly vacation and other plans, but I know you and I agree the move was our only reasonable recourse.

As good Masons and Templars, I ask that you revise and re-formulate your arrangements for 1976 and be present to participate for the good of the Order August 28-September 2 — next year.



Roy Wilford Riegle



The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Please forward one commemorative paperweight as shown on cover of current issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

May I take this opportunity also to thank you and offer my congratulations for the patriotic and timely stories you are now featuring in the *Knight Templar*. I enjoy them very much. *Willard Keir, 2894 Penny Lane, Youngstown, Ohio 44515*

□ I would like to order one of your Templar Bicentennial Paperweights as advertised in the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Enclosed please find my check for three dollars. Thank you very much. Enjoy the magazine very much and read it from cover to cover the minute it comes in the mail. Enjoy the historical articles about Templary. Keep up the fine work. *Earl T. Spicer, Generalissimo, DeMolay No. 7, Boston, Massachusetts*

□ Please send me ten copies of *Masonic Americana*. What perfect gifts for the men who are Installing Officers and the Visiting Officers (men) who visit our O.E.S. Chapter on Visitors Night. As you are well aware I've been reading my husband's magazines again! *Mrs. Shirley Hight, 441 Yates Avenue, Grove City, Ohio 43123*

□ To Sir Knight Booth from Oregon, who feels that the Cross and Crown be worn only by Knights Templar. A display of love for the Lord does not appall me. Our symbol is not only for Templars, but for Christians — and is displayed in churches around the country. It is the only symbol that a person not in the Craft can readily understand. Its beautiful meaning should be broadcast, instead of being hidden. All others being secret, ours should be taught in His name. *Sir Knight William P. Wohlfarth, Damascus No. 23, 2404 Cowan Boulevard, Apt. C, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401*

□ Please send me three more copies of *Masonic Americana*. Of the first three I ordered I placed two of them in our public library. I expect to place two of this order in the library of Ft. Lewis College.

I believe our Orders have been negligent in letting the world know what we stand for and the part Masons have played in the development of our country over the past 200 years. This book is a great help. *Arthur M. Meyers, Durango, Colorado*

□ Several of the Brothers saw the copies of *Masonic Americana* we had received from you and had taken to Lodge and are interested in receiving a copy. Will you please send me eight copies? *Alfred C. Eichler, Jr., 48 Huntington Road, Delafield, Wisconsin 53018*

□ Thanks for your work on the *Knight Templar Magazine*. We enjoy every issue. *Jack E. Fahey, 1720 South 14th, Lafayette, Indiana 47905*

□ I read the *Knight Templar Magazine* from cover to cover, each issue, and enjoy it very much. I file them on the shelf and refer to them time and again. *Mrs. Ralph E. Tyler, Route 1, Box 108, Lebanon, Oregon 97355*

□ Comparison of the photo (page 27, July) with the G.A.R. membership badge (in my possession) which was the property of my grandfather leads me to think that they are one and the same. It might be added that a book (also the property of my grandfather) carries a description of the G.A.R. membership badge in detail — along with a photo — which seems to bear out my belief. *Benjamin F. Schuh, 4829 Woodbine Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45432*

□ I have completed reading the *Masonic Americana* book that you have published and may I offer my congratulations for a well edited and compiled book. I have since sent on my copy to a Brother Mason in Ireland and he too has commented on its value to the Craft. Along with the excellent *Knight Templar Magazine* you publish monthly, I can only say that the quality and content of all is a reflection of the fine organization we Knights Templar can be proud of. May God Bless you and yours at the Grand Encampment office for your untiring efforts. *Robert E. Mutz, 720 Tradewinds Drive, North Palm Beach, Florida 33408*

□ I would like to get information pertaining to a spoon I have had in my possession for over twenty years and was given to me by a grandson of a Sir Knight. That would make the spoon quite old. Considering outstanding workmanship of the spoon, it was created by a craftsman of the first order.

I have been told by spoon collectors that they have never seen one like it and could not give me information as to when, where or why it was created.

If it is a commemorative spoon, perhaps some reader of the *Knight Templar* could give the desired information. *Theodore Parker, K. T., 275 Del Recreo, Ojai, California 93023*

□ From some of my reviews I am reminded of something I was told some time after I was Knighted in Edinburgh. It seems that some of the Knights, after the slaughter in Europe, made their way to Scotland and settled near Stirling, Scotland, where King Robert The Bruce gave them shelter and support. Years later they wanted to reorganize and Stirling Lodge of Masons helped them out and allowed them to use their meeting place. It may be worthwhile to contact Stirling Lodge of Masons and have them review their old records to see if they approve or disapprove this information. I notice that the Stirling Royal Arch Masons were involved with the Knights Templar at one time. *William P. Davidson, 5040 Jackson Street, Box 115, North Highlands, California 95660*

□ Keep up the good work on the *Knight Templar* – Very informing, and this makes for good reading. *Dan Yevtich, 304 Wood Street, Delta, Ohio 43515*

□ I will be Master of my Blue Lodge, Montpelier No. 547, Montpelier, Ohio, in 1976 and I am looking forward to using *Masonic Americana* throughout my year to inform the Brethren of the important role Masons played in the founding of our great nation. I very much enjoy the *Knight Templar Magazine* and look forward to reading it every month. *Ronald Keller, 213 West Lawrence Street, Montpelier, Ohio 43543*

□ In reading the latest copy of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, I would like to call attention to two geographical errors.

First, in mentioning the Concord incident, the writer speaks of "Charleston." As a native of Massachusetts, I would like to say there is no Charleston in that state. The name is *Charlestown*. Second, the writer who mentioned the mounted soldiers called them "calvary," which is the scene of the crucifixion. The correct name for the mounted soldiers is *cavalry*. This mistake was repeated at least three times. I don't like to criticise (sic) but these were too much. *Carl W. Staples, Trinity Commandery No. 44, 2850 Cypress Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212*

□ I look forward to the receipt of the *Knight Templar Magazine* monthly and think it is a well prepared and useful publication. My congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of your work. *J. William J. Stedman, 6816 47th Street West, Tacoma, Washington 98466*

□ It was a great surprise when I read the verse by Sir Knight Glen R. Buzzell, Lyme, New Hampshire. As a young man starting out I lived in Lyme while attending high school. I knew Mr. Buzzell because I lived and worked for Mr. Carroll H. Washburn, who owned a dairy.

It is a strange experience to read the work of someone known so many years ago, especially a great and meaningful verse. *Clayton E. Akerman, Sr., 610 Cardinal Drive, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130*

The use of brevity in letters to the Editor is helpful and appreciated. Letters are accepted with consent to condense.



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Metric: "You really got something going with the article on the metric system," writes (among others on the subject) Ralph M. Be'nard, Generalissimo, Fostoria No. 62, Ohio. He gently chides an earlier writer who raised a question about pillars and cubits. "We have never tried to speak of them in inches so why try now to do it in millimeters? All that he has to do is multiply inches by 25.4 mm — or was he . . . saying he did not know the inches in a cubit?"

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Missed: The Rev. Charles L. Wood, Ed.D., Master, Ocean City Lodge No. 171, New Jersey, notes that our list of Master Masons in Government, secured from other sources, did not include Worshipful Brother William J. Hughes, Past Master, a member of the House of Representatives, 2nd District. We hereby add and, if omitted, regret the omission.

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Too Small: Sir Knight Robert O. Shaver, Honolulu, says we use "puny print" in the magazine, and we would be happy to receive any expression of viewpoint. Sir Knight Shaver guesses the average age of all who receive the *Knight Templar Magazine* is at least 50. "My vision is 20-20 with glasses, but I'm not tiring my 80 year old eyes to read" the magazine. "Naturally, I'm interested in every word in it after 58 years a Templar." Larger size type means less material. Perhaps the point is well taken. Opinions?

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Grand Recorders: Lest they forget, each Grand Recorder and Recorder of each of our 17 Subordinates, receives in January a complete packet of materials for the year of 1976 — report forms, nomination forms, order forms, everything from annual returns to lists of other available materials — including biographical sketches and prints of Grand Encampment officers. Idea is to furnish in one major folder the basic materials for the remainder of the year.

Colleen: Elsewhere we salute the new assistant in editorial endeavors, Miss Colleen Burritt, recent addition to the Grand Encampment office, whose staff news and articles already are appearing in the magazine. Without attempting to shift advance pressure (it's more than a one person job) upon Miss Burritt, that leads to our next subject.

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Proofing: Apparently no publication such as the monthly *Knight Templar Magazine* ever can be printed with all its pristine purity of expressions intact. Amazing and annoying misprints creep in, regardless of stringent precautions. Latest to draw critical comment was the slip of "calvary" for "cavalry." Our alibi — preparation and typesetting of our 32 page monthly magazine plus 47 two-page State Supplements generally within a five-day period. It isn't a good excuse but we hope you think so!

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Entitled: Every Knight Templar under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment is entitled to receive the *Knight Templar Magazine* by virtue of membership. If you know of any Templar *not* receiving the magazine, please refer him to his local Commander or to his Recorder. A portion of each Templar's annual per capita of \$1.50 to the Grand Encampment pays for his magazine each month — as well as numerous other services and materials free or at reduced rates.

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New: Bicentennial offerings (postpaid and at cost) include: Enlarged *Masonic Americana*, \$1.50; Bicentennial Paperweights, \$3.00 (\$2.50 in lots of 60); Bicentennial metallicized self-adhesive stickers, \$1.00 for 12; \$7.50 for 100; \$35.00 for 500; Manual of Public Ceremonies, 50 cents; new *Charting the Course*, 50 cents for singles, 25 cents for 100 or more. Purpose is to permit distribution of basic information to newly-dubbed Knights. (Helps some of us older ones, too!)

CAMPAIGN MATERIALS AVAILABLE THIS MONTH

The outstanding Templars listed below have been selected by their Grand Commanders to head the Spirit of '76 Voluntary Campaign procedures and activities in their individual Grand Commanderies. The campaign will be launched with appropriate Commandery projects and fund-raising activities December 1. April 30, 1976 marks the conclusion. The goal is to reach in excess of \$500,000.00.

The campaign procedure, as in the past, calls for report forms, in duplicate, and checks to be forwarded to the Grand Commandery chairmen by Constituent Commanderies. (The 17 Subordinate Commanderies report to Charles S. McIntyre, Grand Encampment Chairman, in care of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.) Report forms, fact sheets and leaflets will be shipped from the Grand Recorder, Chicago, by the end of October and will be available upon request throughout the campaign.

The Voluntary Campaign Committee named by Grand Master Riegle consists of Chairman McIntyre, Past Grand Master and Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer. They request that ALL Constituent Commandery reports be made to the Grand Commandery Chairmen to avoid confusion and to assure proper Commandery credit.

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PROFICIENCY?

Attention—Chairmen and Recorders!

To avoid possible misunderstandings at the conclusion of the *Spirit of '76* Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign, Membership shown on the November Updating Reports from Recorders — if received during December 1975 — will form the basis for determining Per Capita Membership when the end of the Campaign arrives April 30, 1976.

Plaques earned as of April 30 will be prepared completely on the Constituent Recorder's Membership Reports as received in December in the office of the Grand Encampment, Chicago.

The Grand Master's official General Order, announcing the 8th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, is now in the hands of each Recorder and Voting Member of the Grand Encampment.

I have been asked on many occasions what can be done to stimulate more interest in our Commanderies, but was always at a loss when it came to giving a suitable answer. I presume that many reading this letter have had the same inquiry.

The reason — Ritualistic Proficiency.

I can remember quite vividly that when my Commandery and Masonic Bodies were enjoying excellent ritual work they thrived with good administration, enthusiasm, new petitions, improved attendance and a general increase in interest. Today it seems as though the conferring of the Degrees and Orders are not receiving the zeal of proficiency as before and consequently the Bodies are suffering from this adverse trend of ritualistic ability.

It would be greatly appreciated if other interested members would convey their thoughts to me regarding this vital subject. We may be able to come up with an answer.

Fraternally,
Joe R. Harris, P.G.C.
Virginia

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

by
Margaret B. Avery

Mrs. Willard M. Avery, wife of the Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment, is the author of the present history on the DAR. Her record in the Order of the Eastern Star, Social Order of the Beauceant and Daughters of the American Revolution is listed at the conclusion of the Article.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington, D.C. on October 11, 1890. Mrs. Caroline Scott Harrison, wife of Benjamin Harrison, then President of the United States, was unanimously elected first President General.



Mrs. Caroline Scott Harrison

The threefold purpose of the NSDAR is for historic, educational and patriotic service and is exactly the same now as when the Society was organized.

The Society was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia on June 4, 1891. A charter was granted by the United States Congress and signed by President Grover Cleveland in 1896. This charter stipulates that the Society report annually to the Congress.

Any woman is eligible for membership who is at least 18 years of age and who

can prove descent from a man or woman who served as a soldier, sailor or civil officer during the Revolutionary War, or as a recognized patriot or gave material aid.

Our headquarters buildings — Memorial Continental Hall (1905), the Administration Building (1923) and Constitution Hall (1929), occupy an entire city block a short distance from the White House and are the largest group of structures in the world owned and maintained exclusively by women. They are valued at approximately \$10,000,000.

Memorial Continental Hall was designated as a Registered National Historical Landmark in 1973. In this building is the Genealogical Library, classified as one of the finest in the country. It contains approximately 60,000 books and pamphlets and over 30,000 manuscripts. Unpublished, non-copyrighted records are on microfilm. There are also approximately 40 volumes of the abstracts of pension applications of Revolutionary War soldiers. The 28 Period Rooms are of great interest to tourists and other visitors. They are maintained by the individual state organizations under the direction of the Curator General.

In the Administration Building is the DAR Museum and two other educational facilities: the Historical Research Library and the Americana Collection of several thousand original historical documents pertaining to the American Revolutionary era. The most outstanding single historical grouping is a rare complete collection of documentary signatures of → → →

the 39 signers of the Constitution.

In Constitution Hall is the auditorium, the largest in Washington, with a seating capacity of 3,811. Since 1933, the National Geographic Society has held its annual lectures in this Hall. Also in this Hall are held symphony concerts, ballets and many other cultural programs. It is being used by the National Symphony Orchestra and London Records, Inc., for all 1974-1975 recording sessions.

The NSDAR holds its annual Continental Congress in Constitution Hall during the week of April 19th, the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington. We have approximately 200,000 members in nearly 3,000 Chapters in the 50 states, District of Columbia, England, France and Mexico.

The Society functions through 24 National and a number of Special and Standing Committees to further its objectives of historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavor.

The Conservation Committee (1909) stresses preservation of natural resources and participates in beautification projects. In 1971 an 18th century rose garden, dedicated to the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, was given to Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia. The President General's project, during the 1971-74 administration, was the furnishing of two rooms at Independence Hall.

Countless historic places are preserved, houses restored and graves of Revolutionary soldiers located and marked.

The Madonna of the Trail Monuments located in each of the 12 states across the country through which the National Old Trails Road passes (Bethesda, Maryland, to Upland, California), were placed by the NSDAR (1928-1929).

The DAR have always taken an active part in the field of education. They own, maintain and operate two schools: Tamasee in Tamasee, South Carolina (1919), and Kate Duncan Smith in Grant, Alabama (1924). Both are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Tamasee is a boarding and day school for boys and girls in

the elementary grades. Kate Duncan Smith is a day school for elementary and high school students. Approximately one million dollars has been invested in each school. The NSDAR contributes \$10,000 to each annually; additional contributions total thousands of dollars.

DAR members contribute to five other schools, mainly in the form of scholarships, clothing and gifts.

The American Indians Committee helps the American Indians by furnishing financial and other aids to two Indian Schools: St. Mary's Episcopal School for Indian Girls, Springfield, South Dakota, and Bacone Indian College, Bacone, Oklahoma.

Citizenship training and study of American Government are promoted through the Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship Committee. The DAR Manual for Citizenship is given to foreign born who wish to become American citizens.

Through the Student Loan and Scholarship Committee, the NSDAR expends around \$100,000 annually. Scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$400 a year are awarded for medical training, occupational therapy and nursing. An \$8,000 American History Scholarship, \$2,000 per year for four years, is given to a qualifying high school senior.

The DAR Good Citizens Committee awards a \$1,000 National Scholarship to the winning high school senior girl in an accredited private or public school, who has been chosen for outstanding qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. This scholarship is applied toward her tuition at the college of her choice. The state winner is awarded a \$100 Savings Bond.

The National Defense Committee publishes documented material which stresses the moral, spiritual and Constitutional values on which our freedoms are based. Through DAR Chapters, this Committee gives Good Citizenship Medals to boys and girls in the graduating classes of elementary, junior and senior high schools who possess the important qualities of honor, service, → → →

courage, leadership and patriotism. ROTC Medals are presented to graduating cadets of outstanding ability and achievement in secondary schools, junior colleges and universities.

The NSDAR initiated American History Month (February) and Constitution Week (September 17-23). Thousands of American History Certificates and Medals are awarded each year to children in the 5th through 8th grades to promote knowledge of American History.

The Public Relations Committee, through press, radio and television, promotes the objectives of our National Society.

The President General's National Project for this administration, "A Bicentennial Tribute To The United States of America," was approved by this year's Continental Congress. Subject to the approval of the United States Congress, the NSDAR will contribute the ceiling murals in the East Corridor of the House Wing of the Capitol Building. The artwork and beautification of our Nation's Capitol is under the supervision of the United States Capitol Historical Society and Brother Allyn Cox, the famed mural painter. The murals will depict historical events in our history as they relate to legislation. Cox is in the process of designing these murals. He completed the Brumidi frescoes in the Capitol Rotunda and has been awarded the Prix de Rome and the Architectural League of New York's Gold Medal of Honor. Our National Society looks forward to the opportunity of giving a lasting tribute to the Capitol Building honoring our Country and reflecting our love and appreciation of the freedoms we enjoy.

We hope this brief article will convey to you some of the work of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. We are justly proud of the accomplishments achieved through our three objectives -- historic, educational and patriotic service.

Margaret B. Avery, Knightstown, Indiana, among other participations, is a Past Matron and present Treasurer, Knightstown Chapter No. 54, O.E.S.; Past District Deputy and Past Grand Ruth, Grand Chapter of Indiana, O.E.S.;

Newest Member Grand Encampment Staff

Editorial addition to the staff of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, with its related publications and projects, is Miss Colleen Burritt who received a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Pennsylvania State University in 1974 and a Master of Science in Journalism from Northwestern University in June of this year.



Colleen, born and reared in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, worked as a staff writer on the daily newspaper at Penn, has located in Chicago and worked for Crescent Newspapers before enrolling at Northwestern. Miss Burritt's responsibilities additional to editorial include library maintenance and related records, compilations and source materials.

Past Regent and present Treasurer, Major Hugh Dinwiddie Chapter, DAR; Past Central District Director, Past State Historian, Past State Chairman of American History and present State Chairman of Good Citizens and Honor Roll, Indiana DAR. She also holds membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, Magna Carta Dames, Daughters of Colonial Wars, Daughters of American Colonists and the Society of Indiana Pioneers.

IOLANI TELLS OF KALAKAUA

I am the Bird of Heaven, and for me
The Palace Truly Heavenly was named.
Aloha, mainland guests! You've crossed the sea
To find in Honolulu's bounds a famed
Palace. Gather, friends, to hear me tell
Of him who built this home, a man who bore
The name of king nine years before he wore
A royal crown. I knew this monarch well!

Young David Kalakaua claimed descent
From ancient chieftain. Our assembly's voice
Proclaimed the seventh king. A riot, meant
To overturn the legislative choice,
Was quickly quelled. In 1874,
His year of triumph, Kalakaua sailed
To North America. The mainland hailed
First of Hawaiian kings to reach its shore.

In Honolulu, craftsmen worked for years
To frame a place where their king could live.
In Europe, the new chief bought chandeliers
For Iolani Residence, to give
Crystalline splendor to his home. Returned
From worldwide travel, late in '82,
The Merry Monarch held a rendezvous
Of friends at Heavenly Palace. Since he yearned
for regal crowning, Kalakaua planned
Construction of a coronation stand.
He gained a costly crown with motif
Hawaiians love: a pointed taro leaf.

Remembering his pleasant revelations,
Those who had heard the king on worldwide tour
Responded to the tropic land's allure
By seeking homes and work on isle plantations.

"Heavy lies the head that wears a crown,"
Sages have cautioned. To repel the ghost
Of worry, Kalakaua served as host
For courtly gatherings that brought renown
To him as sponsor of performing arts.
Clear English and Hawaiian that he spoke
Charmed strangers from abroad and native folk.
Musicians in his court soothed troubled hearts.

Intrigue, the serpent, lurked on palace ground.
Confronted by revolt, the ruler found
He must forego some power or leave the field.
In '87 the king agreed to yield
To newer legal concepts. As reward,
The monarch kept his scepter, crown, and sword.
Just four years more the seventh king would know
The joy of mirrored court, his golden chair,
The tall kahilis. When his health ebbed low,
He named his sister as the throne's next heir.

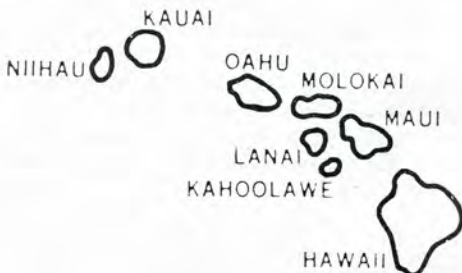
Though nineteenth century voices have been stilled,
I, Bird of Heaven who heard them, still abide.
This isle where cultures meet, Pacific's Pride,
I view as Kalakaua's dream fulfilled.

Arlyle Mansfield Losse

(Mrs. C. H. Losse, wife of Sir Knight Losse, Wisconsin Commandery No. 1, Milwaukee, was inspired to forward the poem as a result of recent articles on Masonry in Hawaii. She writes: "The Material, though voiced by a bird, is factual. Kalakaua was a prominent Mason.")



David Kalakaua Rex as Commander



"A knightly soldier . . ."

HENRY CLAY TRUMBULL

by

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

Following the first unsuccessful attempt in July 1863 by Federal forces to take Fort Fisher on the North Carolina coast by storm, and during a lull in the exchange of musket fire, the newly joined Chaplain of the 10th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry went out to succor the wounded between the lines. He may have been wearing the sword presented to him before leaving Hartford, one with a silver cross set on the hilt and inscribed "Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword in their hand." In company with the Adjutant of the regiment, he was seized by the Confederates and held for four months before exchange.

From the regimental history and other sources we learn that the circumstances of his capture and his conduct in the POW stockade made him suspect. He was reported to be a tricky fellow with little air of a Chaplain, and his captors were doubtful whether he was really a Chaplain or a spy.

When the regiment was being organized, Trumbull was of two minds about joining. After departure of the troops he was ordained to qualify him for the belated tender of appointment as Chaplain and he caught up with the regiment on the battlefield. In camp he "animated the men to do their duty" and in the field more than once during 23 engagements "encouraged the wavering line." A man who was "loved and trusted," he was not an "ardent religionist but a cheerful, social Christian," earning the reputation of being a "knightly soldier." The requirements of his appointment



were "religious not military," according to a ruling of the Judge Advocate, and as a result he was denied promotion by brevet when he left the service, since he was "not in line."

Born in 1830 at Stonington, Connecticut, into a family which bore an honored name in the state, he was tubercular in his youth and concluded his formal education at Williston Academy. He became a railroad clerk at Hartford and moved along in employment as apothecary, wool broker and newspaper man. He became a campaign worker for the new Republican party in 1856 and the same year married a daughter of Thomas H. Gallaudet, a pioneer educator of the deaf.

A member of the historic Center Church, he served as Superintendent of a Mission Sunday School following a religious revival in the city and from that post moved on to become the State Sunday School Missionary, which position he left when he went off to war.

After leaving the service in 1865 he had many tempting offers of business and editorial connections but declined them all in favor of an appointment as Secretary of the New England Sunday School Union. He issued the call for a meeting in 1872 at which the International Uniform Sunday School Lessons were formulated. In 1875 he became editor and part owner of the *Sunday School Times* and moved to Philadelphia.

He contributed powerfully to the Sunday School movement in the United States and to world-wide Bible study through systematized lessons. On a visit to Palestine in 1881 he identified the site of Kadesh-Barnea, one of the important stops during the 40 years spent in the wilderness by the children of Israel. He was the author of no less than

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Grand Master's Appointments

J. Shubel Robbins of Jennings, Louisiana, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Grand Encampment's Committee on Membership. He will fill the vacancy created by the death of Arthur J. Peterson of Minnesota.

Other members of the Advisory Committee are George E. Burchfill, Gordon M. Pannell and John C. Trebilcock.

Other appointments include Adolph R. Kopischke of Waseca, Wisconsin, Aubrey C. Martindale of Houston, Texas, and Warren R. Williams, Jr., of Montrose, Pennsylvania, who have been named to fill vacancies on the Wills and Bequests Committee, Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

C. Wallace Jackson (Chairman), James E. Moseley, Robert S. Schoedinger and John W. Givens are also members of the Wills and Bequests Committee. Announcement of the additions was made September 10 by Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle.

... HENRY CLAY TRUMBULL

33 books pertaining to his interests before his death in 1903.

Henry Clay Trumbull was made a Mason in Asylum Lodge No. 57 at Stonington in 1851, in which Lodge many of his family and friends held their membership. Upon removal to Hartford he was Arched in Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, Royal Arch Masons, and on March 4, 1853, was Knighted in Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. In 1868, when a number of Civil War veterans were among the petitioners for a new Lodge to be constituted in New Haven, their former Chaplain and comrade was complimented by the choice of Trumbull for its name.

Sir Knight Case resides at 39 Highland Avenue, Bethel, Connecticut 06801.

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Appeal from Sir Knight Stanich

Sir Knight Vucko Stanich, Jeddo, Michigan 48032, writes that Lexington, Michigan, is in need of a new Temple for York Rite Bodies and solicits contributions.

He writes that *Life Magazine* carried a feature on Masonry in Lexington several years ago. As Sir Knight Stanich describes it: "Lexington is a village with a population of 700 located on M-25 and Lake Huron . . . In its early days a very important business center.

"Masonically we are still hoping for the best to happen. We have Lexington Lodge No. 61, Damascus Chapter No. 41, Sanilac Council No. 77, Lexington Commandery No. 27 and O.E. S. No. 137.

"All these meet in the Temple over 100 years old. This is something to be proud of but it is in such poor condition repair will cost almost as much as building a new one.

"If you are in the area or passing through we invite you to visit us." The writer concludes his appeal with the note: "Almost forgot to tell you that we have a nice piece of property in the village of Lexington."

Job's Daughters Installed

The Grand Council of Pennsylvania, International Order of Job's Daughters, was installed for 1975-76 by Mrs. Dorothy Freeman, Past Associate Guardian.

Those Installed were headed by Miss Jacqueline Steele, P.H.Q., Grand Guardian. In attendance were Grand Officers from the District of Columbia, Delaware and Virginia. Job's Daughters representing all 15 Bethels of the Commonwealth were on hand according to Mrs. Dorris Tressler, P.G.C.

Members were invited to Indiana University, Pennsylvania, June 18-20, 1976, for Grand Sessions. Earlier — December of this year — the Supreme Guardian, Mrs. Idakatherine Schenk, will be entertained at Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

TEMPLARS SUPPORT HOME FOR AGED

by
Marvin A. Henrickson, President

Knights Templar, under the auspices of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of Illinois, operate a nursing home in Paxton, Illinois. The Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm is open to every Master Mason belonging to any Masonic organization in the state, and to his lady.

The Home was formed shortly after the 1950 Illinois Annual Conclave, where Sir Knights adopted a resolution authorizing the formation of a separate not-for-profit corporation to acquire, equip and staff a facility to care for those who, because of age and infirmity, could not care for themselves.

Sir Knights also established operating procedures stating that admission to the Home should be made easier and more liberal than was available under other Masonic auspices. An applicant need not be ambulatory, and no resident who has the means for paying for his care would have to turn over any other portion of his estate to the Home. Eligibility is based on membership in any Masonic organization in the state, without a minimum period of being in good standing at the time of application or, for the ladies, at the time of death of the Master Mason whose membership was relied upon.

The corporation bought a large, solidly-built old residence with strong local Masonic heritage in Paxton to accommodate 14 residents. The institution became licensed by the state to operate as a nursing home and the first resident was admitted in February 1954.

In 1959 a wing built to higher standards was designed to accommodate 12 more residents. With overcrowding of that wing, the total capacity of the Home was increased to 29.

But the demand still exceeded the

capacity, with applicants waiting over two years to become residents. Expansion plans were initiated and funds for the expansion were being accumulated when the State of Illinois raised its nursing home standards, necessitating the phase-out of use of the original house.

Faced with the alternative of closing its doors, the Home began a building program in 1973. It also began fundraising and temporary and permanent financing. Thirty-seven beds were added, the old house was closed and overcrowding in the wing was eliminated.

Residents were transferred to the new adjoining building on May 26, 1975 and the doors were opened to additional residents. Rehabilitation of the 1959 wing was completed in October 1975.

The new Home is licensed by the state to operate at the Intermediate Care level and most of the additional requirements for Skilled Care licensing have been met. The residents' activities program and the nursing rehabilitation program have also been approved.

Residents come from every walk of life in Masonry; their average age is 83. Over 200 residents have been admitted during the Home's 21 years of operation and no resident has ever left because of inability to pay. The sponsorship by the Knights Templar and their ladies has helped in providing the needed operating expenses and the capital outlays. Quality of the environment provided to the residents "compares favorably with the nicest commercially operated nursing homes in the State, but at a lower cost."

Correspondence regarding admission, contributions and bequests should be directed to the President, Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm, 450 Fulton Street, Paxton, Illinois 60957.

Burlington 100 Percent Life Sponsors

Burlington Commandery No. 51, Burlington, Vermont, has obtained 100 percent Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Sir Knight Owen Lewis, P.C., Commandery No. 51, received the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for his efforts in promoting the Eye Foundation in his Commandery.

Nazaretians Saluted

A reception for Sir Knight and Mrs. Jeane Nazaretian was a feature of the couple's 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Holiday Inn, Bessemer Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, September 6. The event was sponsored by their children "to honor our parents."

Sir Knight Nazaretian is a member of Commandery No. 10, Alabama.

Red Cross of Constantine, 1976

Grand Sovereign Hoyt McClendon, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, has named a complete roster of committees for the 104th Annual Assembly to take place June 4-5 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Sir Knight McClendon heads the executive committee as Grand Sovereign. George W. Sorrell, Birmingham, is General Chairman; Paul Rodenhauer, Chicago, Co-Chairman, and Thomas W. Mann, Birmingham, Secretary-Treasurer.

Parker Distributes "Americana"

Grand Commander William R. Parker, Michigan, has purchased 52 copies of the new *Masonic Americana* for presentation to each Commander of a Constituent Commandery this fall. In turn, the Commander will be asked to relay the Grand Encampment's publication to each public library located in his city.

Texas Happenings in October

A September listing of October York Rite Events released by Sir Knight E. Bloomquist, Grand Secretary-Grand Recorder, Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, indicates the following special Festival activities:

October 11 - York Rite Festival, Dallas, in Alexander C. Garrett Masonic Temple. All Chapter and Council Degrees and Commandery Orders to be conferred in full form. Start 7:30 a.m.

October 18 - York Rite Festival, Brownwood, in Masonic Temple. All Chapter, Council, Commandery Degrees and Orders. Full Form. Start 7:30 a.m.

October 25 - York Rite Festival, Houston, in Masonic Temple, 4911 Montrose Boulevard. All Chapter, Council and Commandery Degrees and Orders in full form. Start 7:30 a.m.

Presentation for R.A.M.



Pictured left to right are Mrs. Harold R. Priddy, Mr. John C. Langford and Mrs. J. W. Schepf. Contribution of \$250.00 from Oak Cliff Assembly No. 145, S.O.O.B., Dallas, Texas, was presented by Mrs. Schepf, President, and Mrs. Priddy, Second Vice-President. Pleased recipient Sir Knight Langford, Administrator for the Royal Arch Masons Hospital and Home for Aged Masons in Arlington, Texas.

York Rite Conference at Joplin

Sir Knight Clell C. Warriner presided for the Department Conference September 13-14 at Joplin, Missouri, in conjunction with related meetings of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council representatives. Sixty-two attended the Grand Encampment session Saturday afternoon and evening. Combined York Rite Bodies met Sunday morning.

Sessions followed the 18th annual Southwestern Conference of York Rite Grand officers at the same location with Grand Commander Blair C. Mayford in charge. General Grand Master of General Grand Council Hoyt McClendon was a participant as was the General Grand Scribe of General Grand Chapter, J. W. Vandall.

The event was attended by Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, Grand Captain General Kenneth C. Johnson and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser. Specific questions followed each Commandery topic. A Commandery session Saturday night was set aside for Templar questions and answers, followed by a question-answer session with dais officers only.

The Southwestern Department Conference in 1976 has been scheduled September 18-19 in Waco, Texas, again to be preceded by the Southwestern Conference of York Rite Grand Officers.

All Who Wrote: There Were Many!

Apologies are offered for the misspelling by an earlier proofreader which detracted from the "Black Jack Pershing" feature in the September magazine and, as a result, the subsequent article in *Masonic Americana*. The word "cavalry" was transposed several times to read "calvary." We regret the proofreading error. We also thank the very many who drew the error to our attention.

Gayle Celebrates 100th Birthday

Bowdre McDowell, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, writes that Edwin Franklin Gayle, P.G.C., of Lake Charles, Louisiana, celebrated his 100th birthday in August. Sir Knight Gayle was born at Belvue Plantation, Lettsworth, Louisiana in 1875.

He served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1923, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1927, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1932 and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana in 1955.

Sir Knight Gayle is a "four star" general Masonically and was captured by insurrectionists in the Philippines when he went there to teach English after the Spanish-American War. He presented a Masonic award to Charles Lindbergh following his famous Atlantic flight.

Seventeen men were Knighted at a York Rite Festival held in Lake Charles on August 9 and 16 in honor of Sir Knight Gayle. The Inspection of Malta Commandery No. 12 and Welsh Commandery No. 10 by the Grand Commander and his official family also took place on August 16.

Sir Knight J. Luther Jordan, Louisiana's only "five star" general, was present at the Festival. Other Grand Officers present included these Masonic leaders: A. J. Lewis, J. A. Poche, Wilburn W. Terral, Robert F. Clynch, Earl Little, Bowdre McDowell, Joe Greer, John W. Felps, Herbert Jennings, Frank T. Norman, Louis A. Leggett, J. Shubel Robbins, Adam Mehn, Joseph A. Mercer, Richard A. Thorpp, T. J. Pitman, Charles Stewart, Chris Fristow, J. Alton LeBouef, Albert Cutright, Benjamin Barron, Harry Manning, Winston A. Schoenburger, Ralph Shelton, Berthan Denham, Horace Alexius, M. L. Christensen, W. J. McFarland, George Ricks and Arthur Retiff.



Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, representing Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, is flanked at the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Windsor, by outgoing Grand Master Davis and newly-elected Grand Master R. V. Weir, Saskatchewan, on the right.

A report on the sessions has been forwarded to the *Knight Templar Magazine* by Most Eminent Knight F. Carl Ackert, G.C.T., Past Supreme Grand Master:

"Am pleased to report on the 92nd Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada held in Windsor, Ontario, August 9th to 12th, with Headquarters in the Wandlyn Viscount Hotel.

"Pleased to report a fine Assembly, with 234 registered Knights. The Grand Master's Banquet on the Monday evening was a very fine one with an excellent attendance of ladies and Sir Knights. All the sessions were held at the Cleary Auditorium. An additional feature to the church service was the attendance of the Drill Corp of Detroit Commandery No. 1.

"The Grand Encampment was represented by M.E. Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Master, and R.E. Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser, the Grand Recorder, and their ladies. This year we were favored with a visit by R.E. Knight James DeMond, Grand Commander for the State of Indiana, and their Grand Prelate, V.E. Knight L. B. Smith, and their ladies.

"This being the 'Election Year,' M.E.

The Reverend and Sir Knight Henry L. Reinewald, Pastor, St. Matthew's United Church of Christ, Evansville, Indiana, has been elected Supreme Chaplain of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States, held in Los Angeles, California, August 15-17, 1975.



A World War II Navy Veteran with 30 years continuous membership in the V.F.W., the Reverend Reinewald has held local and state positions (New York and Michigan) within the organization and was National Chaplain of the V.F.W. (1973-1974) during its 75th anniversary year. He is currently a life member of the Ford-Dearborn Post No. 1494 and a Cootie of Dearborn Pup Tent No. 9, Dearborn, Michigan.

A graduate of Wagner Lutheran College, Staten Island, New York, and the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Sir Knight Reinewald has served as pastor of the Reformed Church of Mariner's Harbor, the Plattekill Reformed Church, Mount Marion, New York, St. Mark's U.C.C., Detroit, Michigan and the Community Congregational Church U.C.C., Pinckney, Michigan.

As Supreme Chaplain, the Reverend Reinewald will serve Comrades in the Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tents located in the United States, the Panama Canal Zone, Germany and the Pacific areas.

Knight R. V. Weir was elected to the office of the Supreme Grand Master and R.E. Knight J. Ross Beattie was elected to the office of Deputy Grand Master. M.E. Knight C. E. Wells was re-elected Grand Chancellor and R.E. Knight L. H. Bearne was re-elected Treasurer. The 1976 Annual Assembly will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, August 7-10."

COMMANDERY NAMES

by

Herbert W. Sumner, Jr.
Grand Historian, New Jersey
P.C., Recorder, Melita No. 13

Damascus (11) – traditionally the resting place of Masons after the decree of Cyrus, permitting them to return and rebuild their temple.

Darius – successor to Cyrus who continued a friendly policy toward the Jewish nation.

Delphi – site of a celebrated oracle of Apollo.

DeMolai (2), DeMolay (21), Jacques de Molay (4) – 22nd and last Grand Master of Templars, burned at the stake in the 14th century.

DePayens (2), De Payens (1), Hugh de Payen (2), Hugh de Payens (10), Payen (1) – one of the founders of the Order of the Temple, the first Grand Master.

Delta (5) – a triangle – a piece of furniture in a Commandery.

Dieu le Veut – “God wills it!” – war cry of the ancient Templars.

Dove – symbolic of peace.

El Dorado (2) – imaginary country fabled to be rich in gold and precious stones.

Emmanuel (3), Immanuel (2) – Emmanuel is the Greek form of Immanuel, meaning “God with us.”

Emmaus – village north of Jerusalem where Jesus met two disciples following His Resurrection.

Esdraelon (2) – site of several battles in Northern Israel.

Eureka – from the Greek word, “I have found it!”

Excalibar, Excalibur – King Arthur’s famous sword.

Galilee – area of Palestine where Jesus preached.

Gethsemane (7) – Garden of Gethsemane – from the Hebrew, “garden of the oil traders.”

Godfrey (2), Godfrey de Bouillon (3), Godfroy de Bouillon (1) – first ruler of the kingdom of Palestine.

Harmony (2) – the strength and support of all institutions, especially of ours.

Helena (2) – famous Christian woman – mother of Constantine.

Hermit – a person who lives by himself in a secluded spot.

Hiram – either the King of Tyre or the widow’s son.

Holy Cross (3), Holyrood (2) – the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

Holy Grail (3) – the cup used by Jesus at the Last Supper.

Holy Sepulchre – the tomb of Joseph of Arimethea, where Jesus was placed.

Hospitaller (2) – member of the military-religious Order to care for the sick and needy on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Ivanhoe (24) – Sir Walter Scott made this name famous for knightly deeds.

Jerusalem (4) – capital of Judea where the Temple of Solomon was erected.

Joppa (2) – port from which the King of Tyre sent ships laden with materials for the building of King Solomon’s Temple.

Lavelette – this Knight was in command of the Templars during the siege of Malta in 1565.

Lebanon (1), Mt. Lebanon (4) – cedar for the building of the Temple was felled here.

Lochinvar – the hero of Scott’s ballad, who rides off with his sweetheart before she is married to another.

Malta (17), Melita (8) – Melita is the ancient name of the island of Malta, was occupied by the Knights from 1530 following their removal from Rhodes. → → →

Mary (2) – probably refers to the mother of Jesus.

Mt. Ararat – the landing place of Noah's Ark.

Mt. Moriah – David purchased the mount from Ornan the Jebusite as the site for his Temple.

Mt. Olivet (6), Olivet (8) – the Mount of Olives.

Mt. Sinai (2) – the place where Moses received the Law from Jehovah.

Nativity – referring to the birth of Jesus.

Nazarene (2) – any member of the early sect of Jewish Christians who kept the Mosaic Law.

Nazareth – the town where Jesus lived as a child.

Palestine (24) – the Holy Land.

Paschal – connected with the Passover or with Easter.

Philemon – New Testament book which was a letter from the Apostle Paul to his convert, Philemon.

Pilgrim (13) – one who visits the holy places from a principle of devotion.

Plantagenet (2) – the ruling family of England 1154-1399.

Prince of Peace (2) – synonymous with Jesus.

Rhodes (2) – captured by Knights Hospitaller in 1308 – occupied until 1522.

Sangre de Cristo – blood of Christ.

Siloam (3) – a sacred pool where Jesus sent a blind man to wash his eyes.

Sir Galahad – in Arthurian legend – a knight who was successful in his quest of the Holy Grail because of his purity and nobility of spirit.

St. Amand (2), Odo de St. Amand – 7th Grand Master of ancient Templars (1170).

St. Bernard (13), Saint Bernard – by his influence the Order of the Temple was confirmed – he composed the rules by which they were afterward governed.

St. Alban – a Christian who became the first martyr during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

St. Andrew – brother of St. Peter and one of the 12 Apostles.

St. Elmo (15) – an Italian corruption

of St. Erasmus, the patron saint of Mediterranean sailors, who regard St. Elmo's fire as the visible sign of his guardianship.

St. George – patron saint of England.

St. John (4), St. Johns (2) – St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were patron saints of Freemasonry.

St. Paul (5), St. Pauls – Paul was Saul, who became converted to Christianity on the road to Damascus – was called the Rock of Christianity.

Star of Bethlehem – guided the Wise Men to the manger in Bethlehem.

Tancred (10) – a Norman leader of the first Crusade.

Temple (14) – probably refers to the Order of the Temple.

Trinity (15) – the union of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost in one Godhead.

Triumph – exultation or joy for a victory – refers to Christ's victory over the grave.

Triune – three in one (see Trinity).

Zenobia – queen of Palmyra.

Zerubbabel – grandson of King Jehoiachin – was entrusted with command of the returning Jewish captives to Jerusalem by King Cyrus.

Zion (2), Mt. Zion (2), Mount Zion – often called the city of David – sometimes used synonymously with Jerusalem.

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October 1775

The fighting continued. General Howe replaced General Gage as commander of Britain's forces in America.

On October 7 a British naval force of 16 ships had attacked Bristol, Rhode Island, to get sheep and cattle. On October 18 British forces sailed into port and burned down the town of Falmouth, Maine.

Brother George Washington alerted the Continental Congress of British naval plans to destroy "all the towns on the coast."

Meanwhile, Brother Benedict Arnold continued to lead an expedition to Canada to attack the British fortress of Quebec. The troops marched on, despite exhaustion, famish and cold.

A MEMORIAL FOR MASONS

by

The Reverend Alex K. Campbell, G.C.C., P.G.S.

"You are come into the city of the living God, and to an innumerable company, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." Hebrews 12: 22-23.

Is it not a wonderful thing to belong to such a Royal Order as ours? To know that each one of us is not a solitary soul out on a lonesome adventure, but that we are one fine company of Knights. Surely the feeling of other shoulders touching ours, as they make their way to the same far-off goal and glorious ideals, heartens us.

Indeed, these frail, blundering souls of ours are helped upon their way immeasurably by those who have gone before us. We do not have to cut a slow path through virgin country, but can advance quickly today with ease, because other Knights with painful toil have worn a clear highway for us. We do not have to start at the beginning of things or near it, because others have made discoveries which have been handed down to us and seem commonplace. We do not have to find big things for ourselves; just open our eyes and they are there, left us as an inheritance.

How can we thank those of former years who daringly took the tremendous promises of faith into their hands, and had the audacity to risk their whole future and reputation upon the establishment and maintenance of this Genteel Craft, to hand on to us the glorious traditions we now enjoy? What do we not owe to them?

Has the loss of them been a loss indeed? Have we learned nothing from their having lived and died? Has the corn of wheat, fallen into the earth, although it died, remained alone and brought forth no harvest in our lives? Unless this is an inspiration, a compulsion to us to put the same unselfishness in the living of our lives, the facing of our problems and

thinking out the difficulties of our times, has it not largely failed? The one effective remembrance of them is to catch their spirit in our thoughts, our homes, our business, our treatment of the Knights in our Conclaves, to hand on the same kind of faith, unity and zeal they had in building holiness to the Lord in active faith!

What is the passing of a gush of feeling, and some cheap emotion? If we would remember them, then let us catch their love of Masonry and live our lives in their same generous manner, proving that it has made a difference, and that, because they died loving the Order and us, we are nobler, with better understanding how life should be lived and spent.

We who are living, and members of this Grand Conclave, are merely the rear rank of a vast procession of Knights Companions, winding its way toward the Eternal City, whose Builder and Founder is God. And if we are yet, still in the shadow, Look Yonder, how they pass into the glory of the Light of Home. They have obtained; their hands are on the goal; for them the promises, even the best of them, have come true.

Until some great loss comes to us we do not think much about the dead. We are far too busy with the fascinating world. Their day is over; ours is still here. But the Heavenly Grand Sovereign of us all is too wise to let them slip from our minds, for when Death speaks, there is an instant hush in our hearts; everything else is stilled that we may listen, teaching that which we do not wholly forget — some discipline of spirit, learning obedience from the things we have suffered, some bewildered understanding of the unutterable tenderness and mercy of God. And Breaking into our mortal minds comes the whisper of the voice of Faith — There are no dead. Thus we believe. Thus we affirm. And thus we are certain that we too are slowly but surely

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IN HALLOWED MEMORY

J. L. B. Leicester-Warren

Albert C. Eckert

Iowa

Grand Commander — 1956

Born April 9, 1896

Died July 17, 1975

Lester R. Kister

Nebraska

Grand Commander — 1969

Born April 6, 1896

Died August 2, 1975

Chester A. Westerdahl

Arizona

Grand Commander — 1944

Born May 2, 1886

Died August 7, 1975

J. Howard Haring

New Jersey

Grand Commander — 1953

Born January 23, 1896

Died August 19, 1975

Sam Ferrell

Kentucky

Grand Commander — 1945

Department Commander — 1961-64

Born March 24, 1896

Died September 9, 1975

Lieutenant Colonel J. L. B. Leicester-Warren, T.D., V.L., G.C.T., Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales, died August 10 following an operation.

The V.H. & E. Great Seneschal automatically assumed charge of the Order until a successor is installed. The Order will observe mourning for six months.

J. Howard Haring

J. Howard Haring, Past Grand Commander and Past Grand High Priest, New Jersey, the Templar whose handwriting expertise helped solve the dramatic Bruno Richard Hauptmann case in the early 1930's, died August 19, 1975. Masonic services were conducted August 22, with interment August 23 at Chatham, New Jersey. He had served for several years as Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Knights Templar Cross of Honor.

Sam Ferrell

There was scarcely a man in Grand Encampment ranks who did not know Sir Knight Sam Ferrell. His effervescent personality was a major product of Kentucky. He became a Department Commander of the South Central Department, as it was then designated, in 1961 and devoted a long and fruitful life to Templary and Masonry. He was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Danville. His fraternal affiliations were numerous.

... A MEMORIAL FOR MASONS

drawing near the City of God, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. In this hope we bury our dead, sure of the inextinguishable hope of man.

There is no time that we can set for parting,
We who must remain are never ready for such
pain,

Ever our prayer would be: "Not yet, dear
Lord,

Another day with us let our beloved stay."

But we must know when falls the blow,

That wisely God hath willed it so.

Prepared and presented at the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Windsor, 1975, by the Reverend Alex K. Campbell, G.C.C., now Past Grand Sovereign.

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KANSAS YORK RITE BODIES

To All Kansas York Rite Officers:

The dais officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies met in Junction City on August 17 and unanimously agreed to honor Sir Knight ROY WILFORD RIEGLE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, with a York Rite Class in May 1976. This is the first time a Kansan has served as Grand Master and it may be more than a century before the honor comes again to a Kansan.

A York Rite Committee has been appointed to head the membership drive. The Chairman is PETER N. KLEIN. Other members are THOMAS L. FRANCIS, representing the Grand Chapter; PHILIP H. FLOTTMAN, representing the Grand Council, and DEE D. DUTTWEILER, representing the Grand Commandery.

It was tentatively agreed that all candidates Exalted, Greeted and Knighted during the period September 1, 1975 to June 1, 1976, would be considered a member of the Class and will receive a Special Certificate signed by the Grand Master. The climax of the Class will come in May 1976 when all members who have not been Knighted will be taken to Salina where they will receive the Order of the Temple and a special bonus of the Super Excellent Masters Degree. It is hoped that the Class members who have already been Knighted will also go to Salina and join the Class to receive their Certificates. Although a goal of 400 Candidates was considered a minimum, it should be realized that a Class of 600 Candidates is necessary to maintain the present membership in the Kansas York Rite.

We suggest that the High Priests, Masters and Commanders under the leadership of the District Deputy Grand High Priest get together in each Grand Chapter District and map out a campaign for obtaining candidates and conferring the Degrees and Orders. We ask for your cooperation with the Special Committee under the leadership of Companion Klein. We should take advantage of this great honor to our State and use this opportunity to advance York Rite Masonry.

HENRY O. BENNETT
Grand Secretary-Recorder

THEODORE B. ADDLEMAN
Grand Master

VINTON C. FISHEL
Grand High Priest

MAXWELL A. SCHEFFLER
Grand Commander

CHARLES S. MCGINNESS
Grand Recorder

Bicentennial three-color Commemorative Paperweights are available from the office of the Grand Recorder, Chicago, at \$3.00 each or \$2.50 each in lots of 60 or more. The Bicentennial marble souvenir, first offered in February this year, is faced with a circular metal plate, within which is the Cross and Crown, encircled by the inscription in gold: "Knights Templar, U.S.A. Salute to the Nation's Bicentennial." The Templar keepsakes are two inches square by three-quarters of an inch deep, with a protective layer of cork on the base. Current distribution has exceeded 10,000. To order, send check to the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

HALLOWEEN "TWICK OR TWEET SEE!"

The "Twickers and Tweeters" are upon us
And running all up and down
With starry-eyed fairies and goblins
And pirates and devils and clowns
With eagerly turned up faces
Near Heaven reflected there
And childish hearts are happy
And my candy sacks are bare
And mothers with toddlers tiny
Even parents enjoy the fun
And all are tired and happy
When Halloween night is done
It is good to please the children
And remember the days of Yore
When we were also children
In the days long gone before
And thus does the Master want it
And so shall it surely be
And my aging heart is happy
And I hope are thine and thee.

Claire J. V. Parker, K.Y.C.H.
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I'M FINE

There's nothing whatever the matter with me
I'm just as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk I talk with a wheez;
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin
But, I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street;
Sleep is denied me night after night
And every morning I look a sight.
My memory's failing — my head's in a spin —
I'm practically living on aspirin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is — as the tale we unfold —
That for you and me, who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin
Than to let them know the shape we're in.

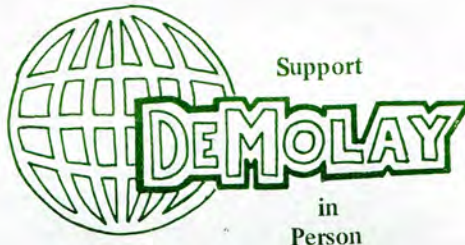
Anonymous

Three Senatorial Grand Masters

A unique event occurred during the first session of the 79th Congress when three Grand Masters, two past and one to-be, took part in the swearing-in of a U.S. Senator. Harry S. Truman was the senior Senator from Missouri and had been elected Vice President in the fall of 1944, his term to begin January 20, 1945. The 79th Congress assembled January 3 and he served as Senator until the 17th, when he resigned to assume the office of Vice President and become the presiding officer of the Senate.

Frank W. Briggs was appointed to fill Truman's seat. He was sworn in on January 22, and as is the custom, his fellow Senator, Forrest C. Donnell, escorted him down the Senate aisle to be sworn in by the Vice President. Truman had been Grand Master in 1940-1941, Donnell in 1943-1944 and Briggs became Grand Master in 1957-1958. This was also the only time in history that three Grand Masters had served as U.S. Senator from the same state in the same session of Congress.

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MASONS AND THE SURRENDER AT YORKTOWN

by
Sir Knight Ralph W. Lichty

The following story was told to me by the late Brother and Reverend Raymond J. Heckman, formerly pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa. for forty years. He was a member of Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 66, Reading, Pa. Rev. Heckman was known for his honesty and loyalty plus all factors needed for a clergyman to run a small church in the administrative, financial and social functions and he sometimes could give "A Hell Fire Sermon."

So that you may believe his story, let me tell about the release of an American G.I. in World War I by a German C.O. who was a Mason, as told to me by Brother Scott, a Mason in Canada and a Major in the British Army in India. Brother Scott lived on West 77th Street, New York City, during the latter years of his life.

The American G.I. started to make the Masonic signs visibly near his German guard. The guard recognized these signs, thus a conversation was started. The guard said, "You know that the C.O. here too is a Mason, who is in charge of the prison camp, so perhaps I can arrange a social Masonic chat between both of you." The prison camp was in a secluded area with no means of daily communication with the outside world, which made life there dull for everybody. So the C.O. welcomed a chance to talk with "a Brother of the Third Degree."

After both exchanged Masonic signs and grips, an enjoyable discussion followed. The German C.O. asked the G.I., "Do you like this war?" To which the G.I. answered, "No. Do you?" The C.O. said, "No. However I can do nothing about it for myself, but I can do something for you." The G.I., apparently a bit puzzled, asked, "What is that?" To which the C.O. replied, "I can and will release you from this camp and see that you get back to the U.S.A., with a promise from you that you do no re-enlist to continue this

fighting." And so it happened just that way. The G.I. was returned to his home.

A similar second incident happened in much the same way during World War II in Africa. This story was told to me by D.D.G.M. George G. Patman about seven years ago when he visited my Lodge, Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2 in New York City, and I told him about the W.W. I story. (Brother Patman lives at 53 Skipton Road, Harrogate, York HG4LF, England.) Again, the story was of an American G.I., a Mason, who was released by a Masonic German C.O. and sent back to the states with a promise to keep out of fighting.

The Revolutionary War was in its fourth year between the Colonies and the British Army. Neither side was winning constantly enough for either side to declare a victory. The British failed several times to crush the Colonial Army, especially in Manhattan when an American lady who knew the British loved tea invited the officers to have some tea. Meanwhile, General Washington's army escaped across Manhattan Island and up the sides of the New Jersey shore at dusk.

The British officers, being Masons, realized certain things:

1. Neither side could win.
2. After four years of war they wanted to return home to their families.
3. If they were tired of this war, so must be all of the Colonial Army.
4. Men, women, children and especially brother Masons were the victims of war, either being killed, maimed or made homeless as is the case in all wars.

Therefore, the British officers who were Masons decided to call off the war "by a planned surrender" to General Washington whom they knew to be a Masonic brother. They sent a courier to General Washington to bring → → →

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his Masonic officers with him for a meeting. The purpose of the meeting was not made known to Brother Washington in advance.

The British Masonic brothers enumerated the wrongs of the fighting, stating that the Colonists would get their wanted independence. However, both still needed each other in many ways: economically, financially, socially and in business. And so it happened as planned by the Masonic British officers.

As I told this story to a friend who was on the staff of a newspaper in an adjacent city, and then to a Masonic brother in my Royal Arch Chapter, also in the newspaper field in New York City, both said they seem to remember a "missing link" of the Surrender at Yorktown and this seemed to fill in that part. As I remember there was not too much fighting then and there.

Yes, Brethren, "Things stranger than fiction happen among Masons," or Brothers of the Third Degree.

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Voluntary Campaign Distribution

The 8th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, designated by Chairman Charles S. McIntyre and the committee as the *Spirit of '76 Anniversary Campaign*, will be launched with appropriate Commandery projects and fund-raising activities December 1. April 30, 1976, marks the conclusion.

Fact sheets, report forms, leaflets and all material applying to the *Spirit of '76 Voluntary Campaign* will be shipped from the office of the Grand Recorder, Chicago, and will be available upon request throughout the campaign. Packets will be placed in the mail before the end of October to permit complete planning and distribution in advance.

Dreams Do Come True



"Dad Pixley's Dream," building a headquarters for the Southern California Jurisdiction of the Order of DeMolay, took a step toward fruition when Sir Knight Joe Beranek announced authorization by the DeMolay Fund to select the location and build the headquarters in Orange County.

Beranek, a Templar, Past Potentate of Al Malaikah Temple and a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, serves as Vice President of the DeMolay Fund of Southern California.

The project was created and organized by Melvin A. Pixley, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Southern California, a Past Potentate of Al Malaikah Temple who also serves as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Los Angeles Unit of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children and as a board member of the Midnight Mission in Los Angeles.

In announcing the authorization to proceed with the \$500,000 project, Sir Knight Beranek reports the new 7,200 square foot headquarters building will be constructed on a one-acre site in Orange County.

The new DeMolay headquarters will be named the "Huntsinger Building" in honor of Fritz Huntsinger, Chairman of the Board of Vetco Off-Shore Industries, Inc., and a major contributor to the project.

In addition to the jurisdiction's administrative offices, the new DeMolay headquarters building will house a conference room and a chapel.

Tax-deductible contributions will be accepted at the DeMolay Fund of Southern California, P.O. Box 68, Maywood, California 90270.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

In 1966, Josephine Harkness Browning (Mrs. Iley B.) adopted the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for her philanthropy as Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The result benefited immeasurably.

Recently, a release on the subject of "From Darkness unto Light," reached the Editor's desk of the Knight Templar Magazine. The preface and the poem – by Ollie Giltner (Mrs. Wayne), 252 Deverill Street, Ludlow, Kentucky – follow:

Closest to the heart of the Most Worthy Grand Matron is that wonderful project – The Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Closest because she knows from actual experience the deterrent of service and the heartbreak of inability to go forward of those who are afflicted with the loss of sight.

May you who have answered the call of your Most Worthy Grand Matron receive a blessing in knowing that you have helped those who cannot help themselves. I feel that this project has done much to bring our members closer to the Masonic Fraternity.

"I've often wondered just how far
These eyes of mine can see
For always the horizon seems
So very close to me.

I love the beauty everywhere
The flowers of every hue
The many different shades of green
Against the sky of blue.

We take so much for granted
Sometimes we do not see
The charm in a friendly face
The blooming flower and tree.

This world is so beautiful
And yet we know of those
Who live in darkness all the time
They've never seen a rose.

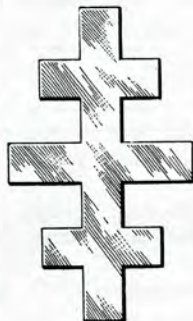
But there is hope now for the blind
And we must do our share
The Knights Templar Foundation
Is an answer to a prayer.

How wonderful it is to know
That so much can be done
Toward helping the blind to see
Dear God, help every one."

– Ollie Giltner

"New" *Charting the Course*

A revised issue of *Charting the Course*, just released during the term of the late Wilber M. Brucker, Past Grand Master, former Secretary of the Army, is available at the Grand Encampment office. Single copies are 50 cents; 100 or more for membership distribution are 25 cents each.



A MASON BELIEVES

by
Donald F. Young, 32°, K.T.

People frequently ask "Why are you a Mason?"; "What makes it last through the centuries?"; or "What does a Mason believe?"

These individuals, in asking these questions, are curious not about Freemasonry's ritual or so-call secrets. They merely want to know what it is about it that has attracted millions of men to it over hundreds of years. They want to know why Freemasonry has earned its distinguished standing in history. They want to know why so many fine men of integrity and character are a part of it. These individuals ask reasonable questions, and they can be answered in a simple, clear, easily understood response. Freemasonry consists of a body of men banded together for the purpose of mutual, intellectual, social and moral improvement. It endeavors to cultivate and exhibit Brotherly Love, Charity and Truth, not only to one another, but to the world at large. A MASON BELIEVES in the Fatherhood of God requiring that His will be done and that He guide his life. A MASON BELIEVES in the great worth of the individual. Great worth not relating to wealth, position or power, but recognizing that each individual is a human being, a creation of God, a person of value. A MASON BELIEVES that each individual is under the Fatherhood of God. History has shown clearly that whenever a totalitarian government has gained power it has sought to destroy two groups within its society: (1) religious houses of worship, and (2) Masonic Lodges. Both have stood preeminently for the glory of God and the worth of the individual.

In the Masonic Lodge, all members meet on the same level. They are all simply "Brothers" be they bankers, doctors, farmers, lawyers, industrialists, mechanics, educators, merchants, laborers

or high-ranking politicians. A MASON BELIEVES in the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

With all members on the same level, then there are no barriers when they meet; they are all Brothers, and treat each other as such. When Harry S. Truman, a Past Grand Master of Missouri, was President of the United States, he visited a Masonic Lodge in the District of Columbia. When someone immediately recognized him and addressed him as "Mr. President," Truman immediately stopped him and said kindly but firmly, "My Brother, when I entered the door of this Lodge, I became 'Brother Truman.' When I leave through that door I will again be 'Mr. President.'" A MASON BELIEVES in Brotherhood not based upon wealth, position or power, but based upon Brotherly Love, Charity and Truth.

A MASON BELIEVES in Charity. Freemasonry is not in any sense a benefit society, nor is it based upon calculations which could render this possible. A Mason's charities are solely for those who have been overtaken by misfortune and adversity. A MASON BELIEVES that Charity has a much wider context than that of the giving of alms. To him, it includes the charity of thought which overlooks the faults and defects of his fellow man.

A MASON BELIEVES in Love of Country. He loves his country and believes in its greatness among the world's nations. He knows that Masonic ideals and principles are carefully and strongly woven into his Country's Constitution, and that many of its Founding Fathers were Masons. He honors his Country's Flag, and knows that a Mason wrote its Pledge of Allegiance. He obeys his Country's laws and supports its leaders. A MASON BELIEVES in pride →→→

in his Country and he never belittles it.

A MASON BELIEVES in a just and righteous Deity, be he known as Brahma, Allah, Jehovah or Jesus. He knows that when he visits a Masonic Lodge, he will always find the Scriptures – known to Masons as the Volume of Sacred Law – prominently displayed. Depending upon what land he may be in, it may be the Bible of the Christian, the Talmud of the Jew, the Koran of the Mohammedan or the Veda of the Hindu. Thus, in Masonry, there are Christians, Jews, Moslems and Hindus who meet together and pay homage to the Divine Creator whom they address as the Great Architect of the Universe. A MASON BELIEVES that a man becomes a Freemason through his own volition. He believes that no one should be asked to join its ranks, and that when a man seeks admission to a Masonic Lodge, it should be of his own free will and accord. The choice should be his. One of the customs of Freemasonry is not to solicit members to its Lodges.

Masonry has never waged war upon mankind to convert others to its doctrines and principles, nor has it ever engaged in a campaign to zealously recruit members from every position in life. Rather, Masonry has been content to build its testimony upon deeds well done, character well formed. It has NOT knowingly received into its Fraternal Bonds any save those of good character, mental and physical competence, who have sought to petition it, of one's own free will and accord, through a favorable opinion held of it, who desire knowledge, and possess a deep and abiding faith in the existence of a Supreme Being.

A MASON BELIEVES in being profoundly fraternal. He knows that Freemasonry is the oldest, largest and most widely-known fraternal organization on earth. He knows that Masonry survives and grows among men around the world because it seeks friendship, true manhood, mutual assistance, Brotherly Love and Affection. It espouses the Golden Rule, "Always treat others as you would like them to treat you." Masonry binds men together in fraternal brotherhood,

under the Fatherhood of God, and in the belief in the immortality of the soul.

A MASON BELIEVES in Truth and in the constant search for it. Masonry teaches its Brethren to lay the cornerstone and place the foundation of their Masonic Temples upon the rock of Truth. One, thus building, realizes that he builds for eternity. He will carry the materials of such a moral and virtuous Temple through infinity. It is in such a mansion that God abides.

Masonry, consequently, presents a formulation of moral principles, acceptable to all religions, vital for man's just fulfillment. This is why it has lasted through the centuries, and this is why men are Masons. This is what A MASON BELIEVES.

Sir Knight Young is a member of Brandywine Commandery No. 88, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

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New Dates for 53rd Triennial Conclave

To permit Kansas City to benefit from a rare "middle America" National Convention in 1976, next year's Triennial Conclave dates have been moved from August 14-19 to August 28-September 2, 1976.

MORE PERSHING OBSERVATIONS

Sir Knight John C. Allen, Recorder of Watsonville Commandery No. 22, Watsonville, California, writes to say that the September 1975 article on "Black Jack" Pershing is "most interesting." He adds:

"It so happens that my late father, John C. Allen, was born in Hinesburg, Vermont, seven years prior to John J. Pershing (father was born February 14, 1860).

"Shortly after reaching maturity my father went west, settling in Nebraska. He became employed as a wholesale grocery salesman for the Raymond Brothers firm. James Pershing, brother of the late General, was employed similarly by the same firm.

"My father became active in politics and was, in 1885, I think, elected Secretary of State of Nebraska. He was later re-elected and served until 1896 when he moved to Monmouth, Illinois, where he engaged in his own mercantile business. Later he became active in Illinois politics and served four terms as Congressman from what was then the 14th District of Illinois. He passed away in 1940.

"While Secretary of State of Nebraska in 1890 he had a call from his old associate James Pershing who told him that his brother, John J., was in the Army in charge of "a bunch of Indians in the Black Hills"; that there was a vacancy at the University of Nebraska; and that he (James) would appreciate anything that father could do to get that spot for his brother, John J.

"The proper steps were apparently taken because very soon the Army transferred J.J. Pershing from the Black Hills to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he became Professor of Military Science and Tactics and Commandant of Cadets. To show his appreciation John J. Pershing arranged for my half-brother, Ralph C. Allen, now deceased, to wear a boy-sized uniform and drill with the cadets.

"Father and J.J. Pershing kept in touch with each other from then on and during World War I my father attempted

to enter the service but was rejected as being over-age. My father was Masonic and a Shriner but went via Scottish Rite rather than York, which was not too active in Monmouth, Illinois when father began his work. His son, Ralph C. Allen (referred to above), went both ways, as did I in 1924."

From Sir Knight Abe Hart, Santa Cruz, the *Knight Templar Magazine* has received another anecdote, which may or may not be apocryphal.

"In the early part of World War I, a G.I. was walking down a street in San Antonio, Texas. He saw another Army man walking toward him, and asked, 'Buddy, you got a match?' The other Army man looked him over, then asked how long he had been in the service. The first answered, 'Two days now.' 'I thought so,' said the second, offering him a match and lighting his cigarette. 'I'm General Pershing and you are darned lucky I didn't turn out to be a Second Lieutenant.'"

From another source, anonymous by request, related "corrections and additions" are relayed regarding the story of "Black Jack" Pershing in the September issue.

Sir Knight Pershing petitioned Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in Lincoln, Nebraska, November 6, 1888; he was made E.A. December 4 and F.C. December 11, 1888. He was suspended March 16, 1900; reinstated and demitted December 4, 1900, and readmitted February 3, 1920. He received the 50 Year Award January 5, 1939 and was a member or honorary member of many Masonic groups or bodies.

Definition of a DeMolay

Steve VanSlyck, Canton, Ohio, has provided what he considers "the first time in my life I have heard an adequate definition for the Order of DeMolay:

It is the coming together of groups of people and their lives to light the way for others to follow."

\$25,000 Estate to K. T. Eye Foundation

Mrs. Sallie W. Kelsch died September 5, 1974 at the age of 93. Her will left \$25,000 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Springfield, Illinois.



Pictured above are Sir Knight Stanley Bryson, Indianapolis, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Willard M. Avery and George P. Adinamis, attorney for the estate. In addition to the Eye Foundation other recipients receiving funds during distribution in August at the Murat Shrine Temple, Indianapolis, were the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation, the Benevolent Foundation of A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Indiana Order of the Eastern Star, and the Crossroads Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Mrs. Kelsch was born on a farm in Lincoln City, southern Indiana, 1881, spending her adult life in Indianapolis where she and the late David Kelsch operated a filling station. Mrs. Kelsch took her turn lubricating cars, changing oil, repairing and mounting tires and pumping gas. After her husband's death she became an "alterations lady" in a large department store until her retirement. She was a 50 year member of the Order of Eastern Star, Indianapolis, Indiana, at the time of her death thirteen months ago.

Museum Exhibits at Lexington

Masonic Symbols in American Decorative Arts will be on view at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Massachusetts, through April 4, 1976. The exhibit traces the use of Masonic symbols as decorative motifs, reflecting the roles of Freemasons like Paul Revere and George Washington in American history.

The variety of objects assembled on loan from museums, private collectors and Masonic organizations provides a view of the ceramics, glassware, textiles and furnishings used in America from the late 18th century to about 1900. A catalogue to be published in conjunction with the exhibit will deal with the background and history of this aspect of American design. Further information is available from the Museum of Our National Heritage, P.O. Box 519, Lexington, Massachusetts 02173.

Harvey C. Byrd "Happening"

Harvey C. Byrd, Waco, Texas, will be honored November 7-8 in "Waco's Second Masonic Happening." The class of candidates will be named in his honor on those dates. Sir Knight Byrd serves as Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. He was Grand Commander of Texas Templars in 1961 and South Central Department Commander 1964-67.

If the statue of a man on horseback has all four feet on the ground, the rider died a natural death. If one front leg is in the air, the rider was wounded in action. Both front legs in the air indicate the rider died in battle. If all four legs are in the air, move away quickly!

Enlarged *Masonic Americana*

Sixty-four additional pages have been included in the newly designed *Masonic Americana*, now available as a Templar service at \$1.50 each from the office of the Grand Encampment, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

TEMPLARY SUPPORTS THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

The change of 1976 dates for the Triennial Conclave, announced elsewhere in this issue, demonstrates Templar belief in the democratic process of selecting our nation's leaders, whoever they may be, and to permit our two-party system to function effectively.

The Grand Encampment has voluntarily relinquished its claim to the August 14-19 Triennial Conclave dates in 1976 so that Kansas City, Missouri, for the first time in nearly 50 years, can receive the benefit of a National Convention. The Grand Encampment dates now will be August 28 through September 2, 1976.

Merlin R. Grundy, Chairman, will distribute advance program information in October, with final details announced in February 1976.

For information, write Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Kansas City, 1221 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.