



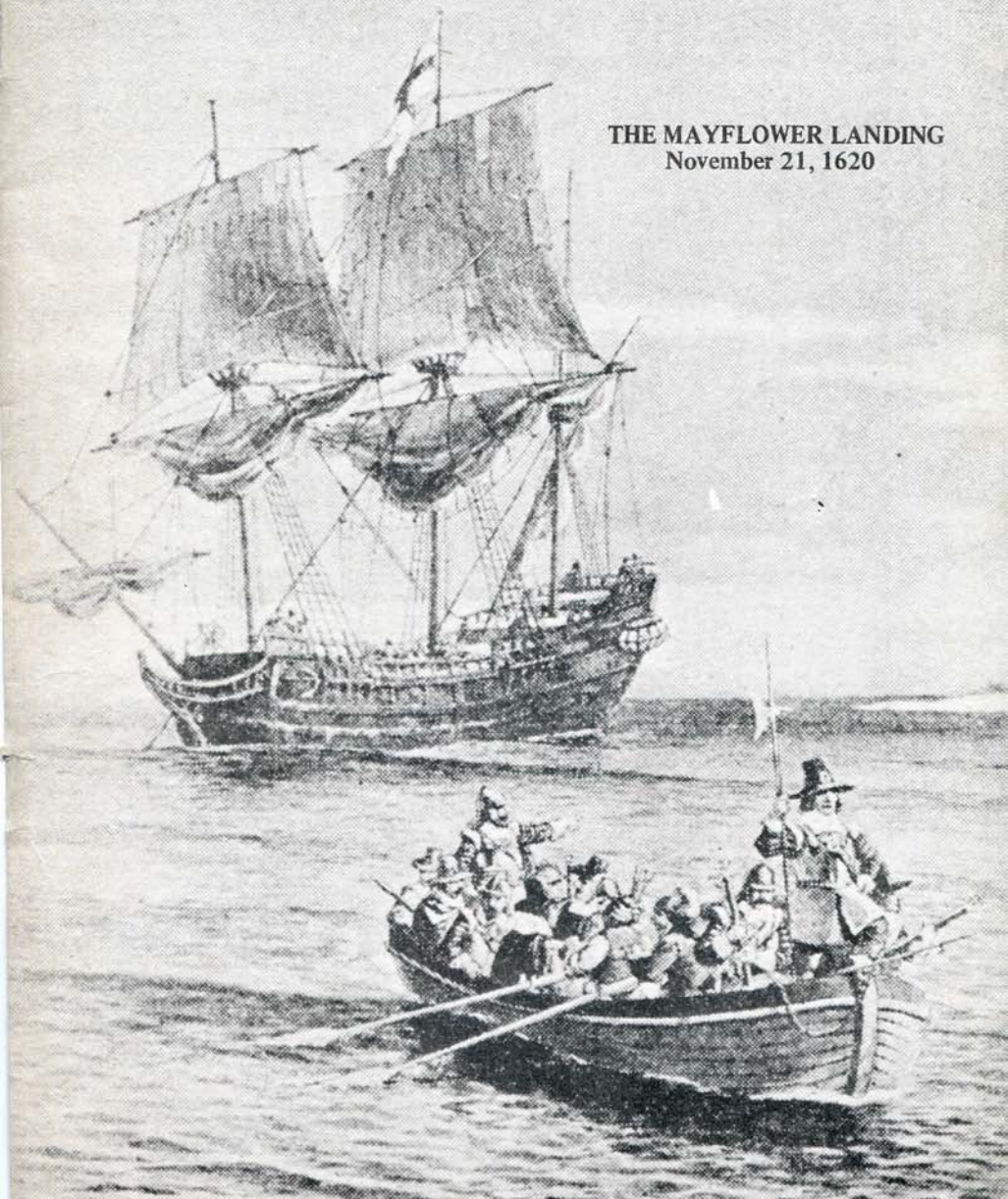
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NOVEMBER: Three hundred fifty-five years ago this month, the Mayflower Compact was signed on shipboard off Cape Cod by the Plymouth Pilgrims — true “pilgrims” who endured trials and privations to reach their New World goal. Picture credit for this month’s Mayflower cover goes to Historical Picture Service.

The November issue salutes leaders of Masonry, the Grand Commanders; it directs Templar attention to the *Spirit of '76* Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and it offers a variety of news and features we hope you will find both interesting and worthwhile.

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SHARE YOUR TEMPLAR PROJECTS

Next month as Christmastide begins, we as Templars will launch a new, concentrated and *successful* campaign to raise – in shared Commandery activities – one half million dollars. It's our annual project to augment the current needs of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and gradually but surely increase its Permanent Fund substantially.

As Grand Master of our truly great and philanthropic Order I call for and rely upon you to lend your presence and interested participation to your local Commandery and to your Grand Commandery in this tremendous humanitarian effort. Join your fellow Sir Knights in shared activities in anything from garage sales to horse shows, from pancake breakfasts to musical programs. Above all, participate! Publicize! Let the world know of the cause we solidly support!

Last year you and I and Templars everywhere raised additional funds amounting to nearly \$450,000. We can be proud of that record, but not complacent. This year we can do even better. Let's work hard to benefit those deserving applicants who turn to us for the precious gift of sight.

Our campaign again is in the capable hands of Charles S. McIntyre, Past Grand Commander of Michigan, who has been closely identified with the Voluntary Campaign for five years. As a Trustee of the Foundation he joins with me in a claim for your concerted support from December 1 thru April 30, 1976 in Commandery "project programming."

Later, Sir Knight McIntyre has plans for a new and novel program feature of a different nature. It will be publicized and released in due time. But – first things first. The 8th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has top priority for all of us. If you need Voluntary Campaign materials, write to the Grand Encampment office in Chicago. They're available.

Meanwhile, in the *Spirit of '76*, join up!



Roy Welford Riegle



The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ I am 22 years old and a member of Knights Templar. For the past year I have been collecting various books on Masonry. I also collect gold, silver and bronze medallions that have been struck by Lodges, Grand Lodges, Templars, Scottish Rite or other Masonic Orders. My main interest is getting one medallion from as many orders representing all the States in the Union.

If you can be of any help please contact *Ronald J. Howell, 4517 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana 46952.*

□ I am interested in locating the Commandery Sword of my uncle, Rinehold H. Goeltz or R. H. Goeltz, Rebecca Commandery No. 50, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Shortly after my uncle's death in 1951, this sword found its way into a Commandery in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

As I am now a member of Rebecca Commandery, Sharon, I am interested in securing this sword and returning it to the family as a keepsake. *Stanley C. Goeltz, 795 Hasenflur Drive, Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146*

□ As usual I enjoyed my latest (August) *Knight Templar* — especially the bit about International Master Councilor Mark Loose of Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

We who know Mark's dad, Ohio Grand Sentinel, like to kid him about his name or names. Some call him Ray or Raymond; others call him Eugene. Now the August *Knight Templar*, page 6, has added a new one, "Mark E." I am sure this doting father will have quite a time living down this attempt to usurp his son's name. *Ralph M. Be'nard, Generalissimo Fostoria No. 62, 201 W. Union Street, Rising Sun, Ohio 43457*

□ I am studying the bagpipes and wondered if I might contact someone who has some pipes they would sell, or who might know of someone who has some pipes. *Fred O. Holt, Jr., 5532 Purington, Fort Worth, Texas 76112*

□ I have been in the Knights Templar Home at 450 Fulton Street, Paxton, Illinois 60957, since July 27, 1975. They are doctoring my arthritis and taking me to the ear hearing aid company to get a hearing aid. Home personnel are absolutely wonderful. *Russell N. White, Patton Commandery No. 69, Mt. Vernon, Illinois 60957*

□ I would like to purchase a Knights Templar coat, size 46 short double-breasted Commandery dress in good shape. *Harvey M. Peters, P.O. Box 55, Clarkrange, Tennessee 38553*

□ I would like to purchase a small set of Masonic flags, such as would fit in one stand and to be used on a desk. Each flag having the emblem of each of the Masonic Organizations such as Blue Lodge, Chapter, etc.

I would appreciate any information anyone could give as to purchasing such a set. *S.K. Le Roy H. Tomrill, 2025 South 24th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204*

□ I enjoy the magazine as much as my husband. It certainly is fine work our countrymen have done. It makes me proud to be a Knight Templar's wife. *Mrs. Mary Flurie, Rt. 2, Box 131, Greencastle, Pennsylvania 17225*

□ I would like to express my desire to have a young teen-ager visited who is in the St. Jude Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. Her mother is there with her staying at the Pilot Motel, adjacent to the hospital.

This little girl is Lynn Skipper; the mother, Mrs. W. F. Skipper, a widow and orphan of a Knight Templar of Hattiesburg Commandery No. 21, Hattiesburg.

These people have had a long hard fight there and so far away from home, which is Picayune, Mississippi. I know a visit or phone call would mean much to them. *James T. Frierson, P.O. Box 741, Picayune, Mississippi 39466*

□ For sale from an estate: Proceedings, Grand Encampment, K.T. of the United States, 1856-1955 in 30 bound volumes. Originals from 1865 to date, prior three are reprints. Also includes 20 pounds or so of various State Commanderies prior to 1900. Best offer over \$100.00, carriage paid. S.K. Melvin L. Pfankuche, 14267 130th Place N.E., Kirkland, Washington 98033

□ In taking these (*Masonic Americana*) copies to Blue Lodge, I expect that it will generate more in orders from brother members. From what I read, and do thoroughly enjoy reading (regardless of print size) in our excellent monthly *Knight Templar* via the section... "The Knight Writers" - Comments from Readers, *Masonic Americana* is a factual writing that every Mason should read!! Roy E. Pease, 103 W. First Street, Box 224, Sumner, Iowa 50674

□ After reviewing the article "Our Leaders," by Justin O. King, Volume XXI, September 1975, I am compelled to voice a bitter objection. The article conveys emotional bias, misunderstanding and braggadocio about an institution he completely misreads.

For the record, I disassociate myself from the opinions expressed by Mr. King and more importantly from the inferences so crudely suggested. James S. DeMond, Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Indiana, 5011 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805

□ I have two collectors items that I would like to dispose of. One is a watch fob of rose gold on one side with the Shrine emblem and on the other side it is black onyx with the Knights Templar emblem.

The other is a champagne glass dated April 1910, New Orleans. It is a Syria from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It has an alligator on both sides and is in perfect condition. Malcolm J. Mims, 1520 E. Amelia, Orlando, Florida 32803

□ I have a hobby saving match covers after the matches have been used for my scrap book. I am looking for empty covers of Shrine matches and would appreciate it if any brother who has any would send them to me. I am 80 years old and a member of the Shrine in California. William R. Wolf, 502 Bodine, Clinton, Missouri 64735

□ General John J. Pershing, subject of your cover story in the September *Knight Templar Magazine*, was also a Shriner and Jester.

He was created a Noble of Sesostri Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Lincoln, Nebraska, February 28, 1895. He became a life member of this Temple at a special ceremonial held in his honor in November 1921.

On May 18, 1923 he became a member of New York Court No. 30, Royal Order of Jesters, and continued to hold membership there until his death. Stanley W. Wakefield, *Impresario*, New York Court No. 30, Royal Order of Jesters, 41 Amherst Drive, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706

□ I just had to make a comment on the September 1975 article about General Pershing. Believe me it is very good and I certainly enjoy the magazine.

I volunteered in the Canadian infantry in 1940 and was discharged a Captain in 1946. Outside of the Marines and numerous other outstanding U.S. outfits I have not seen better discipline than I saw with the British forces. I enlisted in the United States Army in 1947 as a First Sergeant and have been promoted thru the ranks until my present position of full Colonel in the U.S.A.R. So when I write this letter it is having seen both sides of the two armies. Sir Knight Colonel U.S.A.R. Eric Mercer, Constans Commandery No. 33, 300 West Lake Sue Avenue, Winter Park, Florida 32789

□ I have just finished reading the July 1, 1975 issue of the new *Charting the Course* issued by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

It is most complete and covers all facets of Templary. It is a booklet that is a must to be read by every Knight Templar. Joseph S. Lewis, 24 Hillcrest Road, Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

□ I have in my possession a wine glass inscribed "Trinity Lodge No. 497, I.O.G.T., Richmond, Va." This belonged to a member of my husband's family, but I am not certain to which particular member.

Since I am not at all familiar with the I.O.G.T., I would appreciate it if any Sir Knights could give me some background history on the organization and anything about Trinity Lodge No. 497. I would like to present the wine glass to the organization if one exists in Richmond. Mrs. James H. Stone, 7919 Rock Creek Road, Richmond, Virginia 23229



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Postal Service: A few weeks ago the U.S. Postal Service announced a new complaint system to make it easier for Americans "to gripe about everything from misdelivered letters to uncooperative employes." Plan calls for each post office and letter carrier to be equipped with postage-free complaint cards. We're looking.



Wrong State: An article prepared for us for use in the September magazine mistakenly stated that President Ford was one of the Presidents "born in Michigan." We apologize and yield to Nebraska.



Guatemalan Templars: Guatemala Chapter No. 1, R.A.M.; Guatemala Council No. 1, R. & S.M., and Guatemala Commandery No. 1 have purchased a centrally located lot in Guatemala City to build a new Temple. Memorial funds, lump sums of all kinds are welcomed by Jo van Beusekom, K.Y.C.H., who expects to release further plans and specific information at a later date. His address is P.O. Box 627, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Canal Zone.



Tribute: The departure from office of Illustrious Brother George A. Newbury, after 10 years as Sovereign Grand Commander, 33^o, Supreme Council, N.M.J., brought a lump or two to the throats of those at the Annual Meeting in Boston, September 24. Ovations for this leader of Masonry echoed through the John Hancock Hall time after time during his closing remarks. He took the opportunity at the conclusion to present the new Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Stanley F. Maxwell, 33^o, former Executive Secretary for the Supreme Council, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Brother Newbury led the applause for the Sovereign Grand Master and pledged him his loyalty and fealty.

He plans to return to Buffalo, New York, but does not plan to lessen his Masonic participation.

Prairie State Plans: William R. Dawkins, Grand Standard Bearer of Illinois, has forwarded plans indicating the Grand Commandery has prepared well for the 1976 Triennial Conclave August 28-September 2 at Kansas City, Missouri.

Bus or train arrangements are in progress at a rate of \$125.00 per person. Train schedule calls for Kansas City arrival Saturday, August 28, returning September 2. Bus scheduling covers the same dates. Information is available from P.G.C. Forest Calvin McDaniel, 3110 Belwood Lane, Glenview, Illinois 60025. Grand Commander for the current year is Charles R. Neumann.



Supplement Editor: One western editor reports he has "not received a thing from Commanderies for this month's publication. Perhaps by next time there will be some activity." Every Grand Officer, every Templar, is reminded the two page Supplements are free sources of communication for messages, for news, for calendar announcements, for all types of Templar publicity and promotion. Make contact with your Supplement Editor. He can be of real assistance.



Grand Master: Long Beach, California, Scottish Rite Bodies are hosting the three International Heads of the Grand York Rite Bodies November 7 prior to their York Rite Conference on the Queen Mary. Speaker will be Roy Wilford Riegler, Kansas, who will be accompanied by Department Commander Nye and Grand Recorder Rodenhauser. All three are 33^o Scottish Rite Masons, as are G.G. High Priest Merrick and G.G. Master R. & S.M. Shanteau who will attend.



Half Million: Grand Master Riegler asks that Templars, via fund-raising activities, reach \$500,000 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation this year — in the *Spirit of '76*.

LEADERS IN FREEMASONRY

The Grand Master of Knights Templar, Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegle, presents a salute to the Grand Commanders of Knights Templar under the sovereign jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment:

"Upon them rests the responsibility for what we gain or lose — in membership, in prestige, in the esteem of the public and in quality of leadership. This is one of the few times in the entire twelve months when we can pay tribute to all Grand Commanders because elections range from February through October.

"I take pleasure in eulogizing those who have progressed through the ranks of Templary to become the leading Masons in their respective jurisdictions. I am sure that they are performing their duties wisely, diligently and without evasion of responsibility. They are the chief executives of their states and we are counting heavily upon them for membership gains and their progressive thinking in all facets of Templary.

"Sir Knights, Behold Your Grand Commanders!"



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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN

by
P. A. Horton
Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, California

It was on November 11, 1620 that the Pilgrims gathered in the cabin of the Mayflower and drew up the first charter of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT

"In the name of GOD, Amen . . .

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and the advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our King, and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid: and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof, we subscribe our names this 11 day of November at Cape Cod."

The self-discipline of these colonists has been one of the glorious chapters in human history. Their moral standards were so high that a trip to the stocks was usually all the punishment necessary to bring an offender back to orderly behavior.

It was their firm belief that laws should govern man's effort to apply moral principles to human affairs.

Thanks to those great Americans who preceded us, we have a day in November which has been set aside for use, in the tradition of those Puritans; to give thanks for all the many blessings we enjoy. To be observed in a becoming spirit that it may accomplish the purification and strengthening of the sentiment of nationality, which was fostered by ancestral memories, cemented by the blood of our Fathers and wrought into the structure of our Country by the hand of God; evidenced by His providence in every great and important undertaking that has brought us freedom, human dignity and prosperity.

In the Name of GOD - Amen.



BROTHER WILL ROGERS

by
C. A. Burritt, Staff Assistant

Will Rogers, known as "America's Congressman-at-large" and Ambassador of Good Will" was one of the most beloved Americans of his era. He was a cowboy, satirist, newspaper columnist, trickrope artist, movie star, radio broadcaster and philanthropist.

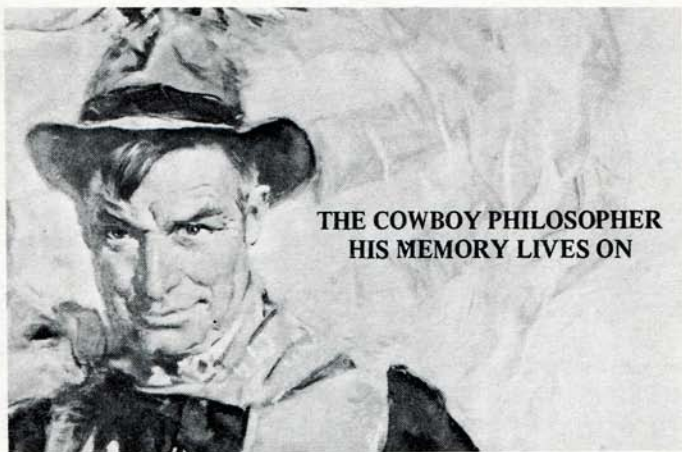
He was born November 4, 1879 in an Indian Territory called Oologah, not far from the present site of Claremore, Oklahoma. Will was the son of Clement Vann Rogers, one-eighth Cherokee, and Mary America Schrimsher Rogers, a quarter-breed. He was named William Penn Adair Rogers after and by a prominent visiting Cherokee.

Will was the last of eight children, and the fourth to survive past infancy. The family had a ranch on the Verdigris River, far from the nearest town, but life for Will was never dull while he was growing up.

He knew how to ride a pony by the time he could walk and at the age of five, his father gave him his own horse. Soon after, he was learning rope tricks and much of his time was spent practicing his new-found art.

At the age of seven, Will became No. 11384 on the Authenticated Rolls of the Cherokee Nation. His mother died of typhoid fever when he was 11.

His father tried to give him the best education possible, but young Will didn't



THE COWBOY PHILOSOPHER
HIS MEMORY LIVES ON

like to be tied down. He once said he must have attended "every school in this whole part of the country." Among the schools were Harrell Institute, a girls' seminary in Muskogee; Willie Halsell School, about 20 miles from his home, and Scarritt College in Neosho, Missouri. He left Scarritt after the end of the fall term of his second year when a brother-in-law suddenly died and Will was needed to tend to ranch matters at home. A year later his father sent him to Kemper Military Academy in Boonville, where he rarely studied but spent hours perfecting his rope tricks.

By the fall of 1898 Will and the commandant at Kemper were "in complete disagreement as to how the school should be run," so Will left. The next time anyone heard from him he was in Higgins, Texas, where he lived as a cowboy for the next two years. Will drifted from one ranch to another and eventually got back to Indian Territory area.

Will Rogers then went to Argentina and worked punching cattle. →→→

In 1902 he took a job as animal tender on a freighter sailing from Buenos Aires to South Africa, where he discovered he could earn money doing what he enjoyed best – twirling his lasso.

He joined Texas Jack's Wild West Circus while the group was on tour in South Africa. He spent nine months with the company, later joined other wild west shows in Australia and New Zealand, and returned to San Francisco in the spring of 1904.

Will joined the Cummins Wild West Show and in 1904, while on tour in St. Louis, met Betty Blake, an Arkansas woman he had known several years earlier. He broke a date with her because he had to go home to get a horse; she went back to Arkansas. Not long after, Rogers wrote to her and proposed marriage, but Betty refused.

Later, in 1908, Brother Rogers went unannounced to Betty's home in Arkansas and said he had come to take her to New York with him. He was by then a highly paid vaudeville actor (having made his debut on the New York stage in 1905.) The couple was married November 25 and they had four children: Will, Jr., Mary, James and Fred. The youngest died of diphtheria when he was 18 months old.

In 1916 Rogers entered the Ziegfield Follies and worked with the company on and off until his death. He also performed in silent and sound motion pictures. His best remembered pictures include: *In the Land of Jublio*; *Almost a Husband*; *The Strange Border*, and *Jes' Call Me Him*. His first talking picture was *They Had To See Paris*, then came *State Fair*; *A Connecticut Yankee*; *David Harum*; *In Old Kentucky*, and *Steamboat Round the Bend*.

In 1922 Rogers began writing for publication. He wrote easily because he did it the way he talked – with little regard for formal rules. He wrote a weekly column for the *New York Times*, which later became syndicated and appeared in many newspapers throughout the country.

Will also wrote books. His writings

include: *What We Laugh At*; *Illiterate Digest*; *Letters of a Self-Made Diplomat to his President*; *There's Not a Bathing Suit in Russia*; *The Cowboy Philosopher on the Peace Conference*, and *The Cowboy Philosopher on Prohibition*.

Masonically, Brother Rogers petitioned Claremore Lodge No. 53 January 21, 1905, at the age of 25. He received the degrees February 18, 1905, March 10 and 13, 1906. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Webber Memorial Class at the Valley of McAlester, Oklahoma, April 16, 1908. He was twice suspended from the Scottish Rite, but was reinstated both times.

Rogers joined Akdar Shrine Temple at Tulsa November 20, 1914. He had applied for, and was scheduled to receive, the York Rite Degrees but for some reason he never did. He was an honorary member of the Bedouin Shrine Temple at Muskogee, and attended a Shrine ceremonial in Fairbanks, Alaska, just prior to his death. The Rogers Memorial in Claremore exhibits his Masonic petition and the Bible on which he took his obligation.

Brother Rogers often said, "When I die, the writing on my gravestone is going to say 'I never met a man I didn't like.' I'm so proud of that I can't hardly wait to die so it can be carved."

He died August 15, 1935, at the age of 53, when an airplane piloted by his friend, Wiley Post, crashed 15 miles north of Point Barrow, Alaska. Rogers' portable typewriter, with a partially finished column, was found among the wreckage. The last word he had written was "death."

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Nathaniel Hawthorne, Author

– "Our Creator would never have made such lovely days, and have given us the deep hearts to enjoy them, above and beyond all thought, unless we were meant to be immortal."

THE VENERABLE PATRIARCH

by
Morrison L. Cooke
Past Grand Commander, Kentucky

In paying tribute to many of our bicentennial Masonic patriots and heroes, let us take time out momentarily to pay homage to a modern day Masonic personage who is known, loved and respected all over the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.



November 19, 1975 marks the 90th birthday of Sir Knight Wylie Brodbeck Wendt, Honorary Past Grand Commander and first recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in Kentucky. Born in Newport, Kentucky, Sir Knight Wendt was educated in the public schools and Newport High School. He attended the University of Cincinnati and the University of Kentucky, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering. Even in college his interest in Masonry was evident for, in addition to membership in Alpha Tau Omega, social fraternity; Sigma Tau, Honorary Engineering, and Theta Tau, professional engineering, he was a member of Sigma Mu Sigma, the Masonic fraternity.

Wylie was married to Martha Cauty of Lexington until her death in 1946. He has been a life-long member of Grace United Methodist Church in Newport.

The Venerable Patriarch, as he is lovingly called by his many friends in Kentucky, has a long and distinguished Masonic career. He is a 68 year member of Robert Burns Lodge in Newport, and Olive Branch Chapter there. He was Knighted in Newport Commandery No. 13 in 1908, and at various times affiliated with Lansing, Michigan Commandery No. 25; Oriental Commandery No. 48,

Manhattan, Kansas, and Schrader Commandery No. 9, Rapid City, South Dakota, where he served as Commander in 1922 and 1923. While in South Dakota, and before returning to his native State, he served as Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota. He is now a member of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Louisville, Kentucky. He captained several drill teams in Triennial parades and wrote practically all of the present Asylum Tactics for Kentucky. Sir Knight Wendt also wrote and privately published a Manual for Conferring the Order of Malta with the Full Ceremonial, which is still used widely. He was the Kentucky editor for the *Knight Templar Magazine* for many years.

His membership also includes Louisville Council, where he is a Past Illustrious Master; Kosair Shrine Temple, Louisville, and DeWitt Clinton Consistory, Scottish Rite, N.M.J. (the same one President Ford is a member of) at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Wylie is a Fellow of the Philalethes Society and a member of Virginia College, S.R.C.F. He has been a long time regular attendant at the Allied Masonic meetings in Washington, where he belongs to Knight Masons of Ireland, the Grand College of Rites, the Order of the Bath, the Order of the Cork and formerly a member of Council of the Nine Muses. A Past Sovereign Master of Grand Master's Council, A.M.D., he served as Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1970, where he was made a Knight Grand Cross.

A charter member and first Preceptor of Golgotha Tabernacle No. XIV in 1949, he was Grand Preceptor of the Grand Colledge, Holy Royal Arch →→→

Knights Templar Priests in 1957, when he also received the rank and grade of Knight Grand Cross. He was also elected to membership in the Great Priory of America, C.B.C.S. The "old professor" became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in 1955, and the Missouri Lodge of Research in 1956. He was also elected to membership in St. Simon Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he presided as Sovereign. He is at present a member of St. Barnabas Conclave, Louisville, Kentucky, and serves as Intendant General for Kentucky, a post he also held in South Dakota.

Wylie is a holder of many Honorary Memberships in all bodies, too numerous to mention. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Missouri, near Kentucky, and the Grand Commandery of South Dakota, near Kentucky. He has been a prolific writer on all phases of Masonry, and is a regular contributor to the *Knight Templar Magazine* even at this tender age. He has often been referred to as "Mr. Mason" in Kentucky and certainly no one can dispute the title he holds of "Mr. Templar" in America. Wylie resides at Wesley Manor, in the Southern part of Louisville, and is alert and spry and just recently attended the Five-State Ingathering of H.R.A.K.T.P. in Lexington, Kentucky. He is an ardent sports fan and follower of the "Big Blue," the Wildcats of the University of Kentucky, both in football and basketball, where he played and acted as manager while a student there.

Many of Wylie's friends remember him serving as Commander in conferring the Order of the Temple at five-year intervals, beginning in 1963 when he celebrated his 55th year as a Knight Templar. He did this again in 1968 and 1973, where he also marked his 50th anniversary as a Past Commander, and don't be surprised in 1978 to see him celebrate his 70th Templar birthday in the same manner. Wylie B. Wendt, a gentleman, a scholar, an outstanding Mason and Templar, loved and respected by Masons everywhere, was signally acclaimed by being unanimously

elected the one and only Honorary Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Kentucky at the 127th Annual Conclave in 1973 held at Louisville, Kentucky.

All Masons and Templars everywhere salute you, Sir Knight Wylie: Happy, happy birthday!

The author of this November tribute is Morrison L. Cooke, at 4633 Southcrest Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40215.

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NOVEMBER

The bark of the squirrel,
The coo of the dove,
The purr of the kitten,
The fawn's mother-love,

The croak of the toad,
The buzz of the bee,
The call of the wild duck,
The surge of the sea:

If these were our bounty
For doing our share,
Instead of a thousand
More blessings, most rare;

We would still owe the Lord
In a grateful way
Without ever waiting
For Thanksgiving Day.

Gilbert H. Hill P.C.
Coronal Commandery No. 36

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL SESSIONS

The General Grand Chapter of R.A.M., International, and the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, International, met for their respective 56th and 32nd Triennial Sessions in Cleveland, Ohio, September 28-October 2.

Succeeding General Grand High Priest Edward M. Selby for the 1975-78 Triennium is Gordon R. Merrick, Colorado. Dr. Owen L. Shanteau, Indiana, was elected General Grand Master of General Grand Council to succeed retiring General Grand Master Hoyt McClendon.

Junior W. Vandall, West Virginia, was elected General Grand King; A. J. Lewis, Louisiana, General Grand Scribe. Charles K. A. McGaughey was re-elected General Grand Secretary. The new Deputy General Grand Master of General Grand Council is John Harris Watts, Iowa. The General Grand Principal Conductor of Work is James D. Penley, Jr., South Carolina. Bruce H. Hunt was re-elected General Grand Recorder.

Featured highlights at the traditional triennial banquet September 30 were Gold Medal Awards which went to Floyd Kalber, Chicago, as "a giant in the news industry"; Chief



Floyd Kalber

Justice C. William O'Neil and, in absentia, to Senator John C. Stennis, Mississippi.

Among the Silver Medal Awardees were Fred R. DeBarrows, George V. Gorrell, Hewitt Laird Hornbeck, Hugh M. Layne, Fridtjof "Fritz" M. Lumbard, Ceil M. Ward, Lane E. Wheaton, Jorge P. Friedman Hernandez, Allen E. Roberts and J. Fairbairn Smith, the latter two for their work respectively as producer of "The Saga of the Holy Royal Arch of Freemasonry" and for the General Grand Chapter Commemorative Chalice, described "as a rare collector's item."



Sir Knights Bell and Cottrell, with Sir Knight Johnson, far right, pose at Cleveland with General Grand King Gordon Merrick, Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle and General Grand Master of R. & S.M. Hoyt McClendon.

The next sessions of the combined General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council will be held in Denver, Colorado, September 10-14, 1978.

Following are the appointed officers named by the two bodies at Cleveland:

General Grand Captain of Host, Clarence K. Jones; General Grand Principal Sojourner, Robert F. Secrest; General Grand Royal Arch Captain, Albert A. Remington, III; General Grand Master of Third Veil, F. R. Erick Mulder; General Grand Master of Second Veil, Henry R. Van Geest; General Grand Master of First Veil, Olin S. McDaniel; General Grand Sentinel, Norman L. Harper, General Grand Custodian of Work, W. Phelan Douglas; General Grand Chaplain, Dr. Forrest D. Haggard.

General Grand Captain of the Guard, William G. Cotton; General Grand Conductor of the Council, Thomas F. McGifford, Sr.; General Grand Marshal, Millard W. McConnell; General Grand Steward, O. Paul Thomas; General Grand Sentinel, Vincent D'Anza; General Grand Chaplain, Olin E. Lehman.



HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

50 Years a Templar



Members of Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 36, Anamosa, Iowa, recently presented Past Commander Charles J. Tyler his 50 Year Certificate. Shown in the photo above are Robert L. Duncan, Senior Warden; Sir Knight Tyler; Dale Hackett, Immediate Past Commander; Glenn Gabriel, Commander; Raymond O. Miller, Past Commander; Lynn D. Murfield, Recorder.

Lodge Activity in Iran

Consecration and installation of officers of the new Lodge International of Iran was held October 14, 15 and 16, 1975. Malcolm E. Bramford, Maj. Ret. U.S.A., says "many Americans have already come forward for petitions, and the Lodge is looking forward to a busy schedule."

The Lodge has ordered over a dozen copies of the newly revised *Masonic Americana* for its members.

Sir Knight Bramford says there are more than 40 Lodges in Iran, with three English speaking ones in Tehran.

Lodge Tyler 101 Years Old

Emulation Lodge No. 255, A.F. & A.M., Clinton, Iowa, boasts an active Tyler who is 101 years old. Sir Knight David Graham was saluted at a Dave Graham Recognition Night September 9 in the Masonic Temple at Clinton. Laurence E. Kynett, K.Y.C.H., Editor of the *Scottish Rite Booster News*, reports 200 persons in attendance including Grand and Supreme officers.

For Advance Planning

Approval has been received from the Department of Defense to hold the Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington next spring in the same manner as this past Easter. The Reverend Basil L. Johnson, Grand Prelate, will speak. The date will be April 18, 1975.

The service will again be in cooperation with the Tri-Service Chaplain's Committee, which has joined Knights Templar to apply for the facilities and to have participating military units.

The Hotel Washington will be the headquarters hotel. Marvin E. Fowler, Secretary-Treasurer of the George Washington National Memorial Association and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Easter Service Committee, says he will be glad to help any group or individual make hotel reservations.

All Three In November

The *York Rite Bulletin* of Massachusetts and Rhode Island announces a three-day Festival for November. All Chapter degrees will be conferred Saturday, November 8, at the Masonic Temple, Quincy; all Council degrees Wednesday, November 12, and the Orders of the Commandery Saturday, November 15.

R.A.M. Jewel Available

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Germany is offering a 20th Anniversary Grand Chapter Commemorative Jewel for sale. The cost is \$6.00 each, plus 50 cents for postage and handling. Members of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Germany may order direct from their Chapter Secretary. Non-members may order the jewel by writing David W. Campbell, Box 1644, APO New York 09123, and enclosing a check or money order.

Affirmation to Chilean Freemasonry

According to *Chilegram*, P.O. Box 2021, Santiago, Chile, S.A., the President of the Republic, Army General Augusto Pinochet Ugarte, has sent a letter of "salutation to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Chile, the Hon. Horacio Gonzalez Contesse, on the occasion of the 113th anniversary of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of Chile."

The Chilean newsletter reports: "A significant occasion such as the 113th anniversary of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of Chile induces me to express to you and through your exalted intermediary, to all members of the Order, the most cordial greetings of the Government I preside."

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Facts

The 8th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, designated as the *Spirit of '76*, begins December 1, 1975 and concludes April 30, 1976.

Individual Commanderies are asked to relay all reports, on forms provided, through their Grand Commandery Chairmen. They, in turn, will forward copies of the reports to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, 509 South 6th Street, Suite 200, Post Office Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

All funds raised will be counted for Commandery credit except Wills and Bequests. Plaques of recognition will be issued by Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle at the conclusion of the campaign.

For purposes of membership calibration, Update Reports submitted through each Grand Recorder to the Grand Encampment Office, Chicago, will be based on December returns. The figures reported by the individual Recorders for December will determine the per capita productivity at the end of April.

50 Year Awards Presented



Sir Knight Floyd Atwill, center, a member of Columbus, Ohio, York Rite Bodies, was presented last month with 50 Year Awards from Ohio Grand York Rite Bodies. Making the presentations are Ross Davis, left, Past Commander, Athens Commandery No. 15, and Marcus Goldberg, Ohio Grand Representative and Recorder, Trinity Commandery No. 16, Sarasota, Florida. Sir Knight Floyd is also a 50 Year Member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Emphasis on Youth Rewarded

Three members of Pocatello Bethel 57, Pocatello, Idaho, presented Sir Knight Emmette Spraker a token gift of appreciation at his installation as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Idaho, earlier this year. Sir Knight Spraker has long stressed the importance of youth programs and urged support of Masonic groups for Job's Daughters, DeMolays and Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



Cindy Knapp, Junior Princess of Bethel 57, gave brief remarks expressing Jobie admiration for Sir Knight Spraker. Bethel members Robin Gericke and Pam Albertson were among those who attended the installation.

1975 SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, N.M.J.

More than 2,200 Thirty-third Degree Masons attended the 163rd Annual Meeting of Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States September 21 to 25 at Boston, Massachusetts.

Stanley F. Maxwell, Reading, Massachusetts, was chosen Sovereign Grand Commander for the Jurisdiction. He replaces George A. Newbury, Buffalo, New York, who resigned after ten years service.



**Sovereign Grand Commander
Stanley F. Maxwell**

Sovereign Grand Commander Maxwell is currently serving as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. For the past ten years he has been Executive Secretary of the Supreme Council with headquarters in Lexington and for the past two years has been a member of the Council's governing administrative board.

He was also elected President of the corporate Trustees of the Supreme Council and President of the new Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage and Library in Lexington, the Scottish Rite's contribution to the Bicentennial celebration.

Four new Active Members were elected to the governing board of the Supreme Council in the closing session — Robert F. Chase, Scotia, New York, past presiding officer of the Sigma Scottish Rite Bodies

in Schenectady; Arlo E. Bane, Leroy, Illinois; Robert B. Perkins, Belleville, Illinois; Denman G. Kramer, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, Past Grand Master of Wisconsin Masons.

Retiring from the board was W. Henry Roberts, Indianapolis, former Deputy for Indiana and a Past Grand Master of Masons in that state.

Other newly elected officers of the Rite include Robert O. Miller, South Bend, Indiana, Grand Captain General; Neal L. Cobb, Windsor, Deputy for Vermont, and Leon A. Bradbury, Farmington, Deputy for Connecticut.

Two hundred and eleven Masons were elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree next September in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Among those to be honored are: Robert L. Howsam, President of the Cincinnati Reds; Congressmen Barber F. Conable, Alexander, New York, and Tennyson Guyer, Findlay, Ohio; Methodist Bishops Lance Webb, Springfield, Illinois, and Frances E. Kearns, Canton, Ohio; Ferris E. Lucas, Port Huron, Michigan, Executive Director of the National Sheriffs' Association; Gene E. Sease, Indianapolis, President of Indiana Central University, and Ralph R. Teetor, Hagerstown, Indiana, President of the Perfect Circle Company.

The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for "dedicated service to Freemasonry or for outstanding contribution to humanity reflecting credit on the Fraternity."

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar was officially represented at the sessions by Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, an Honorary 33° of the Southern Jurisdiction; Grand Generalissimo John B. Cottrell, Jr., Honorary 33°; Grand Captain General Kenneth Culver Johnson, Honorary 33° of the Southern Jurisdiction; Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Honorary 33°, and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer, Honorary 33° of the Northern Jurisdiction.

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10 States at Harrisburg Conference

Northeastern Templars, almost 100 strong, gathered at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 10 and 11 for their final Department Conference of the 1973-76 Triennium. Presiding for the sessions was Louis A. Beaudoin, Northeastern Department Commander for the 10 state area. Sir Knight Harry L. Parson, Lemoyne, was in charge of housing arrangements. Past Grand Commanders George C. Patton, Jr., William D. Geesey and James C. Sirios assisted the Department Commander.

Speaker at both the afternoon session and the dinner, to which the ladies were invited, was David R. Perry, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, P.C., Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, well-known attorney, legislator, writer and lecturer. Among those introduced was Sir Knight H. Chapman Marvel, Guatemala Commandery No. 1. Associated with the American Embassy, he has served in foreign posts including Guatemala, India and Africa. He and Mrs. Marvel now have located in York, Pennsylvania.

As at Joplin, Missouri, in September at the South Central Conference, the afternoon and evening were devoted to Grand Encampment program presentations, with a "rap" session for dais officers as the closing feature while the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment met with the area's Recorders.

The Conference was preceded October 9 by a meeting of Grand Encampment officers for budget discussion, arrangements for 1976 Annual Conclave visitations and other topics. With Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle presiding, the meeting included Deputy Grand Master Avery, Grand Generalissimo Cottrell, Grand Captain General Johnson and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer.

Next Northeastern Conference will convene in Burlington, Vermont, Friday and Saturday, October 8-9, 1976.



New Grand Master General

Harold Fritz Sipprell, Past Provincial Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, was elected and installed Grand Master General of the Convent General, Knights York Cross of Honour, at the fortieth annual conclave in Spokane, Washington, September 12 and 13.

Sir Knight Sipprell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, is the first Canadian to head the five-nation order.



Shown are Executive Director of Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Past Grand Master of Knights Templar, G. Wilbur Bell, newly elected Harold Fritz Sipprell and retiring Grand Master General Robert P. Monroe.

Membership is limited to Past Masters of a Lodge, Past High Priests, Past Masters of a Council and Past Commanders, by invitation. There are now more than 10,000 members who have served as heads of all the bodies.

Also elected were Louis V. Sylvester, Nebraska, P.G.C.; John C. Kaufman, Georgia, P.G.M.; Clarence K. Jones, Nevada, P.G.C.; Reverend Marvin L. Isley, Indiana, P.G.H.P.; Thomas L. Francis, Kansas, D.G.H.P.

Re-elected were William Jackson Netherton of Kentucky and Stanley Wakefield of New York.

New Pories for British Columbia and Hawaii were chartered. Halifax, Nova Scotia was selected for the next annual conclave on September 10 and 11 with a pre-conclave tour of the Province. Forty-one Pories were represented.

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September 14, 1975

Mr. Paul C. Rodenhauser, Editor
Knight Templar Magazine
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Dear Sir Knight Rodenhauser:

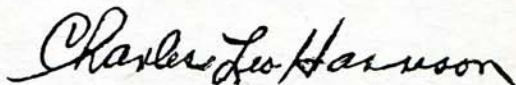
I am writing this letter on the advice of my Physician and good friend of many years, Dr. Richard Courtney Reed of the DePaul Medical Building, Norfolk, to withdraw my name as a candidate for the office of Grand Captain General at the Triennial in August, 1976, because of my health. Dr. Reed feels that any Officer in the Grand Encampment Line is one of such magnitude and scope, continuing in line for 12 years until completion, and that this would not be in my best interest.

I have advised the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder, all of the State of Virginia.

Needless to say I am quite disappointed but, I feel that I must abide by my doctor's decision. I hope that all of the other Sir Knights around the world will understand.

With Knightly greeting, I remain

Courteously yours,



Remaining Department Conferences

Southwestern - November 8, 1975, Long Beach, California, Queen Mary (John B. Nye, Department Commander)

North Central - November 15-16, 1975, La Crosse, Wisconsin (Charles A. Howard, Jr., Department Commander)

Southeastern - January 16-17, Richmond, Virginia, Hotel Jefferson (Charles L. Harrison, Department Commander)

East Central - January 31-February 1, 1976, Dayton, Ohio, Biltmore-Towers (William J. J. Fleming, Department Commander)

A Century of Masonry

Late but pertinent is the news that Duncan M. Cooper, Montana, celebrated his 100th birthday August 8 at the VA Hospital in Miles City.

Sir Knight Cooper became a Master Mason in Wataga Lodge No. 291, Illinois, 73 years ago and has been a York Rite Mason for 34, an active band member of Al Bedoo Shrine for nearly 33 years.

Observers report he stood for two and one-half hours at his birthday party greeting friends, colleagues, railroad personnel and Masons generally. His four sons attended the party.

MILITARY MUSIC AND THE MARCH KING

by
Irving I. Lasky, M.D.

Sir Knight Lasky's first article for the Knight Templar Magazine was a specialized account of the 1881 medical treatment of fatally wounded Templar President James A. Garfield. The article also appears in Masonic Americana.

The modern band may be traced to Brother Frederick the Great of Prussia. In 1763 he ordered a military band to be established and named the instruments to be used.

Music may be interpreted as an art dealing with the organization of tones and patterns. It is one of the great arts of the Judeo-Christian civilization along with literature, painting, sculpture, architecture and the dance. Whenever men have lived together, such arts have sprung up among them as a language charged with feeling and significance.

The desire to create such a language appears to be universal. It shows itself in primitive society as well as in our own. It becomes a part of man's need to impose his will upon the universe; to bring order out of chaos; to endow his moments of highest awareness with enduring forms and substance.

Rhythm plays the role of the cement which holds together the different ingredients of music. It is also a basic fundamental of band music. Ludwig von Beethoven knew the value of rhythm. Of his thirty-one piano sonatas, nineteen were written metronomically.

In medicine the phenomenon known as the circadian rhythm has been evolved which demonstrates a part of man's physiologic functions in accordance with the cycle of his endocrine glands. These glandular secretions have a remarkable relationship to man's daily activities and, in a curious way, to the time of the daylight as well as the nighttime hours. Thus, in a fascinating way, even man's physiology is rhythm based.

Music may be noted in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel we read, "Then Harold cried aloud - To you it is commanded, O people, nations and languages, that at what time you hear the sound of the coronet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltry, dulcimer and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnessar the King hath set up."

In the military, music has an extensive historical background. Twice Napoleon saw the power of music turned devastatingly upon him. His defeat in Russia is commonly laid to the hardships of a Russian winter, but Napoleon himself added another reason. He said the weird and barbaric music of the "beastly Cossack regiments" worked the Muscovites to such a pitch of fury that even the best regiments could not withstand their attacks.

At Waterloo as well, a band spurred his enemy to victory and again with music that to this day sounds weird and barbaric. This second defeat is credited to the 42nd Highlanders who, when wavering, were stimulated to renewed energy and a fresh fighting spirit when Wellington commanded the pipers to play as they never had before. The bagpipes stirred the Scots as the Russians' tunes had aroused the Muscovites. The bagpipers did so well that a rally followed and the allies pressed on to victory.

Late in November 1775 the Continental Congress authorized the military organization known today as the Marines. Part of the organization was a band of pipers and drummers. These musicians were later to become the →→→

famous United States Marine Corps Band. The Marine Band is the oldest of all present day military bands. It has played for practically every President of the United States.

Brother John Philip Sousa was born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 6, 1854. In his lifetime he had been claimed as a citizen of practically every nation in the world. John Philip Sousa's boyhood was not an unhappy one. The area in which the Sousas lived was close to hunting and fishing sites — sports which were enjoyed by both father and son. Sousa was also an avid reader, another interest passed on to him by his father.

When Sousa was about seven years old, the Civil War broke out and Washington became an armed camp with military bands parading about much of the time. He said he fell in love with all of them and was so anxious to get into one that his father finally allowed him to start taking music lessons. Shortly thereafter, his study of band instruments was undertaken.

On October 1, 1880, Sousa was appointed the 17th Director of the United States Marine Corps Band. During the twelve years he held that position, he served under five presidents — Rutherford B. Hayes, Sir Knight James A. Garfield, Chester Arthur, Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison. He held the rank of Sergeant Major, with the title of Principal Musician.

Sousa was known throughout his life for his erect carriage, poise and neat attire. He used military discipline and other military ideas in handling his musicians and bands.

After Sousa left the Marine Band, his musical Americanism coincided roughly with the period known as the "Gilded Age." His band, which was subsequently formed with the aid of wealthy sponsors, made annual or semi-annual tours throughout the United States and Canada, four trips to Europe and one thirteen month tour completely around the world.

That Sousa recognized the plight of the musical composer is seen by the fact

that he became a charter member in 1914 of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. From 1924 until his death he served actively as a vice president and a member of the Board of Directors of this group in seeking better copyright protection for composers and authors.

In 1917, when America entered World War I, Sousa, at the age of 62, desired to offer his services to the military. Having the Marine background, it is said that he first attempted to find a niche in that branch; however, they had no vacancy so he was eventually placed in charge of the band training center at the Great Lakes Training Station in Illinois. Subsequently, he was given the official rank of Captain. He also served thereafter with the Navy from May 1917 to March 1919.

In his lifetime, Sousa was honored and decorated by numerous nations and organizations. He was decorated by the Czar of Russia and by the head of the Republic of Poland in 1905. He received the Victoria Order of England, the Palms of the French Academy with the rosette of a Public Instructor of France, the Cross of Artistic Merit of the Academy of Hainault (Belgium), the Military Order of Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Victory Medal for World War I, an honorary Doctor of Music degree from the Pennsylvania Military Academy and a similar degree from Marquette University.

Among his famous marches are "Semper Fidelis," "Washington Post March," "Liberty Bell," "King Cotton," "Stars and Stripes Forever" and "Hands Across The Sea."

Sir Knight John Philip Sousa was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 10, Washington, D.C. He petitioned June 3, was Initiated July 15 and Raised November 18, 1881. He was a member of the Eureka Chapter No. 4, R.A.M., Washington, D.C., was Knighted in Columbia Commandery No. 2, on December 10, 1886, and was a member of the Alma Shrine Temple. At the time of his death in 1932 he had been a Mason for more than 50 years.

In spite of these many →→→

Roy Wilford Riegle Class

Plans have been announced for a concerted York Rite campaign to honor Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle in Kansas. The goal has been set for 600 Knightings with the climax between June 1 and July 4, 1976.

Vinton C. Fishel, Kansas Grand High Priest, says: "It was decided to honor an Eminent Sir Knight who is bringing great honor to the state. Kansas cannot expect to have a Grand Master of the Grand Encampment more than once in a century. A committee headed by M.E. Peter N. Klein was selected to head a drive for a Roy Wilford Riegle Class."

Dick Stow Receives Award

The membership of Sylvan Lodge No. 303 F. & A.M. honored Past Master Dick Stow earlier this year with the Dedicated Service Award of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

District Deputy Grand Master Paul V. Reber of Dunkirk made the presentation, assisted by current Master Bruce D. Costello of Jamestown and Past Master Gerald H. Gates of Bemus Point.

The award consists of a certificate and a special Masonic apron. Brother Stow is the second recipient of it in his Masonic district's history and one of 211 men so honored within the state this year.

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honors, he remained a modest man and a friend of all regardless of their status. The musician, the musical amateur, the man on the street and royalty — they all loved the March King.

Dr. and Sir Knight Lasky lives at 2901 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90069.

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Graham Honorary Member



Sir Knight James F. Graham, left, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California, received an Honorary Membership and gift from Sir Knight Frederick L. Beelby, Commander of Santa Monica Bay Commandery No. 61, during the Commanders' Military Ball and Reception sponsored by five California Commanderies September 13. The reception was held at El Segundo, California, and featured an Arch of Steel of fifty Sir Knights in uniform.

Sir Knight Graham also received presentations from Commanders of Ventura No. 18, St. Omer No. 30, Glendale No. 53 and San Fernando No. 75.

In Sir Knight P. A. Horton's article "The Shot Heard 'Round the World," he says, and I quote: "There at Lexington, the shot was fired that was heard 'round the world! It turned the tide of thought, not only in our country, but wherever men sought freedom." Sir Knight Horton is so right up to this point, but he goes on to say: "Here the divine rights of Kings was challenged and the first shot was fired in a revolution . . . against tyranny in government."

As for the people of Point Pleasant, the seat of West Virginia's Mason County, there's no room for argument. If, as is said, it takes an act of Congress, they've got one. The sixtieth U.S. Congress, in 1908, designated their town as the site of a battle of the revolution (and if so, then the first) and appropriated \$10,000 to help erect a monument memorializing that famous day, October 10, 1774.

Sir Knight Horton had a fine article in the *Knight Templar* but we take issue on his place and date of the first shot of the revolution.

Sir Knight Kenneth W. Robinson
Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Citizen of Year for Kuebler

Einer Wesley Johnson
Minnesota
Grand Commander — 1961
Born January 9, 1882
Died June 26, 1975

Oscar L. Ledbetter
Alabama
Grand Commander — 1975
Born December 13, 1903
Died September 8, 1975

Murray A. Stillwaugh
Illinois
Grand Commander — 1945
Born September 16, 1889
Died September 12, 1975

Robert D. Dinwiddie
Minnesota
Grand Commander — 1955
Born February 13, 1885
Died September 12, 1975

Robert L. Vannote
New Jersey
Grand Commander — 1962
Born November 11, 1907
Died September 23, 1975

November 1775

On November 12, 1775, General and Brother Richard Montgomery, with a force of 1,000 New Englanders, captured Montreal. Brother Benedict Arnold and his troops were marching through Maine to a rendezvous with Montgomery in preparation for the attack on Quebec.

News of Montgomery's victory had not reached England on November 16 when Edmund Burke, probably a Mason, rose in the House of Commons and submitted a proposal for reconciliation with the colonies. Burke was eloquent but the House of Commons was not interested. By a vote of two to one they rejected the proposal.

Burke was not alone in supporting reconciliation with the colonists. Samuel Tuckers, the Dean of Gloucester, Economist Adam Smith and Secretary at War Lord Barrington were among those English leaders who urged that all British troops be withdrawn from the colonies and that the colonies be allowed independence if that was what they wanted.

King George wasn't listening.

George F. Kuebler, P.C., EuTah Commandery No. 66, Toledo, Ohio, recently received the Oregon (Ohio) Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year Award." He is the fifth person so honored since the award was instituted in 1970.



Sir Knight Kuebler is also Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio. He served as President, First Arch Cryptic Association; presiding officer, Lotus Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; President, Eleventh District Masonic Executive Association, and received the Knights Templar Cross of Honor this month.

A charter member of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce, Sir Knight Kuebler served as temporary chairman during its organizational period and was president in 1971. He was one of the founders of the *Oregon News Publishing Company* which began in 1959 and was active in organizing a Boy Scout Troop in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oregon.

Sir Knight Kuebler has also been involved in civic affairs: chairman of the city Plan Commission since 1959; a member of the Zoning Board since 1954; president of the Schmidlin Place Civic Association from 1945 to 1949, and chairman of the restriction committee from 1949 to 1954. He is a member of the St. Charles Hospital Advisory Board and is active in many church activities.

TEMPLAR UNIFORM MODIFICATION

by
Jay E. Montgomery

Occasionally misunderstood is the position of the Knight Templar Magazine on Templar uniforms and related subjects. The magazine comments editorially neither for nor against the present uniform or proposed changes. It does select letters and articles, however, from a large number of responses and contributions which appear to offer representative views.

Each voting member of the Grand Encampment (Grand Commandery dais officers and Past Grand Commanders) has the opportunity to forward to the office of the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, prior to 90 days in advance of the 53rd Triennial Conclave, any formal proposal he deems is "for the good of the Order," whether it applies to uniforms or other matters.

Paul C. Rodenhauer

There is merit in much of what Sir Knight Aldrich has suggested in the Arizona Plan, and what his commentators have added as well. He has certainly offered something to stimulate our thinking. There are many issues involved if we plan to change or eliminate the uniform, yet clearly the main issue at stake is one which affects not only the uniform of our Order, but the issue facing all Freemasonry — *Concern for the Individual* — as man and Mason. Perhaps Masonry and our York Rite bodies especially should look more often at this premise as efforts are made to "modernize" our Order to fit the world's changing life style. I am not a radical modernist since change too often brings more headaches than help and we lose what we had without achieving the desired ends. On the other hand, I am not a staunch traditionalist. Sir Knight Aldrich's article did not mention why the apron was replaced by the uniform in 1854. Should their reasoning at that time be brought to light for us today?

It is true the uniform is expensive when new, and Commanderies often do not have uniforms donated by departed Sir Knights, or they are ravaged by the

lapse of time. Buying uniforms piece by piece does not eliminate, but only prolongs, the monetary outlay. It is also true that the present uniform design is old-fashioned (archaic to some eyes). But so far, no acceptable redesigned uniform has been approved which maintains uniqueness, dignity, some aspect of tradition, and which adds the richness to our ceremonies that our present uniform does. Our uniform as worn in Asylum and parade does leave a lasting and generally good impression upon the prospective candidate.

The Arizona Plan would eliminate the uniform entirely. This would certainly eliminate a great expense and would not doubt allow some brothers to join our Order that cannot afford the burdensome outlay of funds a complete uniform requires. I can foresee, however, a less careful attitude some Sir Knights might allow in which the proposed baldric and apron would appear not on the tuxedo shown, not on a suit, but on a Sir Knight clothed in knit sport shirt and slacks. As a candidate, I would not be favorably impressed. Sometimes appearances are important; sometimes clothes

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do make the man, and especially during these Orders which contain some of the most beautiful moments in Masonry. If the individual is our first concern, we must remember not only his purse, but what that candidate gains from us for his money. We must leave that candidate with the opinion, "I have received something beautiful and worthwhile which I never had before."

It has been stated that the style of our present uniform bears no affinity to anything. It shows no affinity to the ancient brethren of our Orders in any way. It does not show American historical tradition as a colonial military attire might. It bears little resemblance to present military attire aside from a hint at earlier Army and Navy formal wear. It does have its own history, but there are even now numerous variants in the uniform.

One final charge brought against our present uniform is that young men and Masons, particularly, have a less militaristic attitude and thus the uniform, sword and military actions are not in favor as much as before, even for Christian Knighthood. I think our present Bicentennial fervor stands as a reminder to all that might is often necessary to maintain the right when established, and whether we like it or not, it will always be so. If a brother joins us, should he not accept our symbols, recognizing they are symbols? He enlists, after all; he is not drafted into our ranks.

There are many things wrong with the basic uniform, just as there are many holes in the Arizona Plan. I would like the brethren to consider another alternative. I have seen symbolic Lodge officers in many states, and brothers in other countries who wear white tie and tails. Could not this be adapted as the basic "uniform" of the Commandery? I recommend it instead of a tuxedo, because of the changing styles, textiles and hues presently used in tux coats. The white tie and tails has more stable styling, could be worn outside the Commandery for other occasions, would not be "embarrassing" or "military" and retains dignity. It also costs much less than our present uniform.

The order's own paraphernalia could then be added to the ensemble beginning with the baldric. I would suggest the present great baldric (not the short baldric) be standardized and retained with perhaps the reverse being the Order of the Red Cross. I also recommend a red baldric with white Maltese cross be adapted for the Order of Malta. Three baldrics are required because in Commandery we are conferring distinct Orders of Knighthood, not degrees as in the symbolic Lodge, Chapter and Council. Thus a Knight Templar baldric or apron could not rightfully be worn in the Order of Malta.

The Arizona Plan calls for an apron, which seems to appeal to many as a reminder of our Lodge connections and that we are soldier/laborers. Yet as I stated we could not wear the apron of a Knight Templar for the Order of Malta. The Order of the Red Cross is given in special attire and would not need an apron. But could not the Arizona Plan's square white apron, edged in black, be lined with red and bear a white Maltese cross centered thereon? It would then be reversible. The apron front would have the triangular flap bearing the cross and crown, and when the apron was reversed, the flap would be next to the body. The front of the apron would also bear officers' insignia, much as the Arizona Plan suggested, or would be plain.

The Malta Jewel could be worn on the breast pocket with other medals, or it might be worn on a ribbon suspended beneath the tie much as the Medal of Honor is worn.

The sword, like the baldric, is an essential part of Knighthood, a detail the Arizona Plan failed to recognize. A Knight without a sword is like a Mason without a plumbline or square. I feel most Sir Knights would hate to see it eliminated, even the "non-military" ones. It could be retained with the white tie and tails as I have witnessed in Europe. The sword as a symbol is a constant reminder to the Knight not only of his obligations but of the Sir Knights who gave them to him in the →→→

presence of God. Surely it has always been so, even with our ancient brethren.

Finally, we consider our chapeau, certainly our most distinguishing feature. It could be simplified and the expense cut. Valor is a trait witnessed by deeds done, not by an emblem worn, and despite one brother's recent disdain for the "pillbox," I think the chapeau worn by our Canadian brothers is sturdy, shows dignity and would be a fitting headgear for us. I think it may also bear resemblance to headgear worn by our ancient brothers, although this is speculation.

I would like to suggest a black hard "pillbox" chapeau with silver wire band and silver bullion cross for Sir Knights, gold band and gold bullion insignia for officers. A purple chapeau would be worn by Grand Commanders. Red and green covers would be used for other orders.

In review then, I am suggesting a replacement of the basic uniform with a white tie and tails decorated with an apron and baldric of the order, and with the sword. The whole would be topped with a "pillbox" chapeau.

What would be accomplished by the changes suggested? Retention of dignity and Knightly bearing without being as militaristic as our present uniform. Drill teams and parade units could still wear this uniform. In keeping with our concern for the individual, which is a York Rite hallmark and must not be lost, we are not adding as much expense to our brother. The uniform is more practically useable for other formal social activities, yet we are not sacrificing all the beauty of our Order.

Sir Knight Montgomery is a school teacher, has travelled extensively, and is a member of Greencastle Commandery No. 11, Greencastle, Indiana. He lives at 124 E. Seminary Street, Liberty, Indiana 47353.

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Templar and Past Grand Master Honored

Sir Knight William C. Council, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33^o Active, Scottish Rite, received the Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, the highest honor that can be conferred on a Mason by the DeMolay.



Sir Knight Council was given the honor for his work on behalf of the DeMolay when he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1972. He is an active Templar and the Viceroy of Asoka Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

Four Corners Festival

More than 130 Royal Arch Masons were reported as attending the eleventh annual Royal Arch Four Corners Festival at Page, Arizona, September 20.

The four Grand High Priests present were Loyd E. Adams, Arizona; Roy T. Littlejohn, Colorado; Richard E. Johnson, New Mexico; C. Laverne Bane, Utah.

Eighteen candidates were Advanced as Mark Masters by the degree team from New Mexico, Received as Past Masters by the degree team from Colorado, one more was added for the Most Excellent Master degree team from Utah and Exalted as Royal Arch Masters by the team from Arizona.

There were 31 Chapters represented by Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Washington, Kansas and Texas. The festival will be held September 18 next ear at Moab, Utah.

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DELAWARE BICENTENNIAL MEDALLION



LODGE NO. 18, A. Y. M.

This Lodge was the third to be chartered in Delaware by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the first being Lodge No. 5 at Cantwell's Bridge (Odessa) in 1765, followed by Lodge No. 14 at Christiana Ferry (Wilmington) in 1769. Lodge No. 18 at Dover was granted its charter on August 26, 1775, and met at the "Sign of General Washington," an inn on the Dover Green.

During its 12-year history (1775-87) 106 brothers were brought to Masonic light. In addition to Brothers Allen McLane and Dr. James Tilton, the membership roll is a transcript of heroic patriots: Col. Hall, Lt. Col. Battell, Capt. Kirkwood, Capt. Caldwell, Capt. Purvis, Lt. McCall and numerous other brethren. Practically all 106 members saw active military service in the American Revolution, at least 20 serving as commissioned officers, and they participated in every major military engagement.

One brother alone, Capt. Robert Kirkwood, participated in 33 battles in both the northern and southern campaigns. This is Delaware's Masonic Heritage as we commemorate our Bicentennial of Independence, let us not forget their sacrifices.

DR. JAMES TILTON

Brother James Tilton was born near Duck Creek Hundred in Kent County in 1745. He was educated at West Nottingham Academy in Maryland before

starting his medical education as an apprentice to Dr. Charles Ridgely in Dover. He graduated from the first medical school in Philadelphia in 1771 and returned to Dover to practice medicine until the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

He enlisted as a surgeon in the Delaware Regiment under Col. John Haslet on January 13, 1776, and received his Masonic degrees in Lodge No. 18 at Dover, just as the regiment received its marching orders in July 1776. Later in the same month he is recorded as having visited Lodge No. 4 in Philadelphia with Lt. George McCall, the Senior Warden of Lodge No. 18 from Dover. He served with the Delaware Regiment in the Battles of Long Island and White Plains. After the Army's retreat he was ordered back to Delaware to serve in an Army hospital in Wilmington.

Dr. Tilton became deeply concerned with the unhygienic conditions in all the Army hospitals he visited. He later commanded hospitals at Trenton, Princeton and Morristown, New Jersey; New Windsor, New York, and finally at Williamsburg, Virginia, where he was stationed when Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown in 1781. In the Princeton Hospital in 1777 he contracted typhus and nearly died. In 1779-80, when in command of the hospital at Morristown, he developed the so-called "Tilton Hut," thus preventing the spread of disease. As the result of isolating the patients in these huts, the very high mortality rate dropped immediately. It was at this time that Dr. Tilton's Code of Regulations for the Army Medical Department was written and became law by a Congressional Act of 1780 which completely reorganized the medical department of the Army.

After the war, he became a great friend of both Thomas Jefferson and James Madison when he served with them in the Continental Congress of 1783-85, and George Washington spoke →→→

of him as "a gentleman of great merit." The outstanding services Dr. Tilton rendered in the Revolutionary War were to again be recognized by President James Madison when he appointed him to be the first Physician and Surgeon General of the United States Army in the War of 1812. James Tilton, M.D., was one of Delaware's greatest citizens and patriots, a most distinguished brother, and undoubtedly Delaware's greatest physician of all times.

ALLEN McLANE

Brother Allen McLane was born in Philadelphia in 1746 but settled near Duck Creek Crossroads (Smyrna) in Kent County. After fighting in the first skirmishes in Virginia, he returned home to receive his Masonic degrees in Lodge No. 18 at Dover in early 1776, before joining a Delaware regiment of volunteers to see action at Long Island, White Plains and Princeton. He again returned to Delaware and raised a company of 94 men at his own expense to lead them at the Battle of Brandywine and the counterattack at Germantown. Then, with the capital, Philadelphia, in the hands of the enemy he became, in the harsh winter of Valley Forge, the eyes and ears and virtually the sole commissary of Washington's starving army.

Capt. McLane's intelligence reports to Gen. Washington, as well as the fierce attacks and counterattacks he led against Gen. Howe, terminated the futile battle of Whitemarsh. Through McLane's quick action, Lafayette with 2,200 Continentals, was warned in time to avoid being massacred by Gen. Howe's 7,000 troops at Barren Hill, only eleven miles from Philadelphia.

When the British abandoned Philadelphia, Allen McLane, with his troopers, was the first to occupy the city. It was here that McLane attempted to warn Washington about Benedict Arnold's intentions, but Washington rebuked McLane severely. He was then sent to scout Stony Point and Paulus Hook, thus creating national heroes of

Gen. ("Mad") Anthony Wayne and Maj. Henry ("Light-Horse Harry") Lee as a result of their victories.

Cap. Allen McLane was then assigned to the Command of Steuben in Virginia, who was trying to cope with an invasion the British had launched from the sea, under the traitor, Benedict Arnold. This was destined to be McLane's most important and most forgotten service; he was able to convince Count de Grasse, commanding a powerful French fleet, to sail for the Chesapeake, thus cutting off the British supply line which isolated them in the middle of the seaboard, which proved to be their downfall. After this maneuver, he promptly joined Washington's troops moving south for the encirclement at Yorktown and fought with them until Cornwallis capitulated.

GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE

Between the years 1765 and 1802 a total of seven lodges were chartered in Delaware by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The first two, No. 5 and No. 14, came into being before the American Revolution; No. 18 and No. 33 at New Castle during the war, followed by No. 44, Duck Cross Roads (Smyrna); No. 63 at Lewistown (Lewes) and finally No. 96 at Newark.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland also chartered two lodges in Delaware, St. John's Lodge, No. 10, at Georgetown in 1794, succeeded by Hope Lodge, No. 31, at Laurelton (Laurel) in 1801. On June 6, 1806, Lodges No. 14 (now Washington No. 1), No. 33 (now St. John's No. 2), No. 96 (then Hiram No. 3) together with Hope Lodge No. 31 (now Hope No. 4) met in the Town Hall at Wilmington.

Nine brothers representing these four lodges proceeded to organize a Grand Lodge for the State of Delaware. Officers were appointed and installed, by-laws and regulations adopted, and charters issued. Gunning Bedford, Jr., was elected the first Grand Master, and Jesse Green the first Deputy Grand Master. May our reflection on Delaware's Masonic History give us strength.

Past Grand Master Elected Commander

Sir Knight Robert W. Markham, Jr., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary, Supreme Council, has been installed Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 13 at East Providence, Rhode Island. Ceremonies were semi-public, attended by 200 including nine Past Grand Masters and 14 Honorary 33° Scottish Rite Masons.



Pictured are M.W. Grand Master Malcolm C. Bromberg, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations; Sir Knight Robert W. Markham, P.G.M., now Eminent Commander; Sir Knight Albert P. Ruerat, P.C., P.G.M., 33°, Deputy in Rhode Island, Active, Supreme Council; Companion David P. Kopech, Grand Master, R. & S.M., Rhode Island.

Among distinguished guests at the installation were Red Cross of Constantine members and officers, also Past Grand Commanders Thomas Brown and Elmer Palmer, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Sir Knight Markham is a prominent churchman and is active in all branches of Masonry. Installation was performed by Donald M. Gregory, Daniel E. Verry, Sr., and Joseph Rais.

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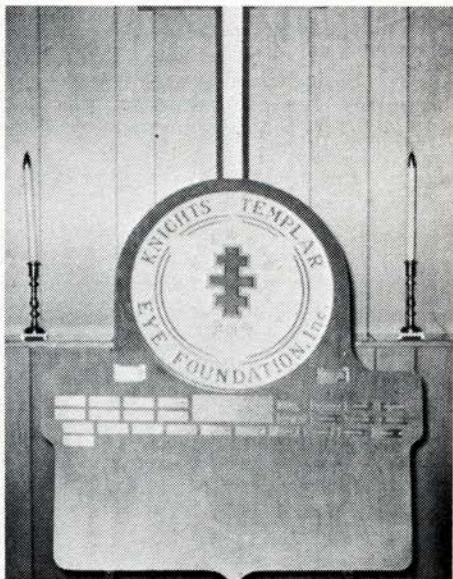
A small number of \$1.00 copies of *Masonic Americana* printed before September 1 are available from the Grand Encampment office, Chicago. The new *Masonic Americana*, released September 1 of this year, is an augmented edition of 64 additional pages offered at \$1.50 each. The earlier edition can be secured at \$1.00 each as long as the present supply lasts.

All Texas Pledges Support

In 1975 the Grand Commandery of Texas was "Number One" in its support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. "This year," say Past Grand Commanders Martindale and Bloomquist, "we expect to more than double last year's total when our reports are turned in during December."

The Annual Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Show is the attraction November 8 and 9. Country-western singer Lynn Anderson will sing at each performance. The event this year will be in the new air-conditioned Astro-Arena, "where the weather is no problem." Texas Templars expect to exceed last year's \$40,295.96 to remain in front of Pennsylvania which, in 1975, held fund-raising projects totaling \$40,177.98.

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Against the background of the Prelate's Cross, Sir Knight Kenneth S. Nagel, St. Marys, Ohio, displays the plaque designed for Knights Templar Eye Sponsorships of Sidney Commandery, currently at 34 with three Associate Patrons.

The *Spirit of '76* Voluntary Campaign extends from December 1 thru April 30, 1976.



Sir Knight Emery Burnett at 80 continues active in Masonry. Holds 50 year service awards in the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and Eastern Star. Was instrumental in forming the Mile High Chapter Order of DeMolay, Denver, Colorado.

He lives with his daughter and son-in-law in Deer Park, Texas. His attendance at Deer Park Lodge and Eastern Star, Galena Park Chapter and Council, and Park Place Commandery is an inspiration to all who have met him.

Templary Across the Border

The 60th Anniversary of Militia Templi, St. Omer Preceptory No. 60, Knights Templar, under the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, was observed in the Galt, Ontario, Masonic Temple October 9.

After a toast to Her Majesty the Queen, dinner was served, Eminent Knight Robert Rae introduced the guests; M.E. F. C. Ackert, G.C.T., presented the 60 year history. He also introduced the speaker V.E. Knight Walter Mortlock.

The Preceptory was instituted in Galt in July of 1915. "Many distinguished fratres were present on that occasion," recounts the history, "including M.E.G.M. Philip D. Gordon and Grand Chancellor William H. Whyte of Montreal, P.G.M. A. A. Campbell of London..."

The Grand Encampment office continues to make available to Templars and their friends the enlarged *Masonic Americana* at \$1.50 each, also Bicentennial Marble Paperweights at \$3.00 each (\$2.50 each in lots of 60). Write the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.



How Far From Thanksgiving to Christmas?

Thanksgiving day has come and gone,
A thankful spirit lingers:
To warm our hearts; and tune our ears,
To hear the Christmas singers.

How great the distance 'tween the thoughts
Of two words — thanks and giving?
As close in nature as the heart
Of God: in life and living!

For though 'tis latest in the year,
In calendar's swift motion;
The Christmas spirit still is Lord
Of thankful hearts' devotion.

How blessed are the memories
Of friends, both near and far:
They light the sky with love's pure ray,
Like Bethlehem's bright star.

How blest are we to have good friends!
Our thankfulness is endless.
How bleak a world our days would see.
Were we completely friendless.

And so this missive comes to you
To say that "we remember"
Your thoughtfulness. Our gratitude
From hearts made warm and tender.

But most of all, we wish you joy,
Through Christmas and the New Year!
Christ be your guardian, strength and stay
A fountain of divine cheer.

The Rev. Basil Johnson
R.E. Grand Prelate



In accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., in acknowledgement of the continuing need for added operating funds and as an adjunct to the nation's Bicentennial celebration, Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle has established the period of December 1, 1975 through April 30, 1976, for the *Spirit of '76* Voluntary Campaign as a fund-raising undertaking for the benefit of the Grand Encampment's humanitarian project, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

To execute the planning, promotional, reporting and accounting procedures for the *Spirit of '76* Voluntary Campaign, the following Committee has been appointed: Charles S. McIntyre, Jr., P.G.C., Michigan, Chairman; G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director; Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder.

Explanatory literature, report forms and a sample supply of pamphlets have been mailed to each Recorder of each Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Commandery from the Grand Encampment office in Chicago, augmented by informational mailings for the individual Grand Commandery Chairmen. *More materials will be available upon request from Grand Encampment Office, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.*



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