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**EASTER 1976:** The Resurrection is the theme of this issue as expressed in the message of the Reverend Basil L. Johnson, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, who will address the assembled Templars and several thousand worshippers Easter Morning in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. Among other features in the current magazine are a vignette of Brother William Jennings Bryan, a James R. Case article on Henry Price, and an account of the Masonic Allied Degrees in Washington, covered by Past Grand Commander Morrison L. Cooke, also a review of the Conference of Grand Masters by William Stansbury.

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## A WAY OF LIFE

Each fleeting moment draws us closer to the magic date of July 4, 1976. As the days pass, our awareness of the true significance of this 200th Anniversary of our nation is heightened and enlarged.

We can close our eyes and visualize in mental review the noble sentiments of our founding fathers, their determination, the risks they assumed, the dangers they encountered, their unremitting perseverance.

What they did in 1776 opened an era of 200 years of freedom and liberty for us, none of which has required the slightest effort or sacrifice on our part. What they gave us was an inheritance, earned so arduously by them and transmitted so freely to us today.

The least we can do as citizens of this great and glorious country of ours is to savor and advance the heritage they handed to us. Patriotism should be a way of life, a heart-warming, soul-stirring pattern of respect for our institutions, a living tribute to the American patriots who sacrificed their lives and fortunes through the years to maintain our "sovereign nation of many sovereign states."

I cannot countenance disrespect for our flag and the nation it represents. I cannot see how any man can witness the Stars and Stripes waving in the breeze without experiencing the same surge of emotion which those colors engender in me. Perhaps we appreciate it more when we have seen it on war-torn fields of conflict, and when we have been absent from our nation for months or years.

Patriotism is truly a way of life. It is not a pose, not a face to change as the inclination moves us. It is an expression of gratitude for patriots of the past and for the leaders of today who give service to our nation. We can be cynics, and there are times when we should be perhaps, but let us also recognize and salute those who serve us and our country with genuine honesty, with devotion, and with true respect for our institutions.



*Roy Clifford Reje*

*Grand Master*





## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**Harlee:** Sir Knight Asa L. Harlee writes that *Masonic Americana* "is certainly a fine book." He says "every American should have one and read it from cover to cover as I have done. If a thinking man reads it who is not a Mason, chances are that he will likely be asking some Mason for a petition before long." To emphasize his point, Sir Knight Harlee of Tallahassee sent the Grand Encampment a check in the amount of \$75.00 for 50 additional copies.

**Flag Tributes:** Each Grand Commander or Deputy Grand Commander, or a Grand Commandery representative, is asked by Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle and the Committee to be on hand Monday morning at 8:30, August 30, for the Triennial Conclave's opening ceremonies and salute to the flags of the 48 Grand Encampment jurisdictions, flags from abroad, the Christian Flag and the Flag of the United States of America. Each Grand Commander or representative will follow the flag of his state or country to the East and salute it as it is placed in position by a flag bearer from Kansas or Missouri.

**Pfaeffle:** The Bicentennial Coordinator of the *Smithsonian Institution*, Washington, D.C., has written Sir Knight Robert E. Pfaeffle, San Francisco, thanking him "on behalf of Dr. Ripley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution" for "sending the handsome K.T. Masonic sticker, Salute To Nation's Bicentennial."

Until the supply becomes exhausted, the Bicentennial self-adhesive seals, in color, are available at 12 for \$1.00, 100 for \$7.50 or \$35.00 for 500 from the office of the Grand Encampment, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604. (Seals are metallic-coated and easily applied.)

**Earthquake:** Two letters from two different correspondents in Guatemala point up the disaster and need for assistance in that Central American country. Dr. Joh. van Beusekom, Commander, Guatemala Commandery No. 1, K.Y.C.H., writes that contributions in the United States can be directed to John Loayza, 1168 Washington Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois 60302. He emphasizes that the Fund-Raising Drive is needed in this instance to "conserve the Chapter, Council, Commandery and Red Cross of Constantine" in constructing its own York Rite Temple.

A second appeal comes from Benjamin Gody Castro, P.M., Secretary, Dr. Arton Lodge No. 9, P.O.B. 1794, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Central America. He writes that the Masonic Temple of the Scottish Rite was seriously damaged. "I am sending a petition to all AA.FF. & AA.MM. of the world . . . asking a gift of one dollar for the reconstruction of our Masonic Building."

**Cavalry — Calvary:** Sir Knight P.W. Faulkner, Columbus, Ohio, has relayed a clipping from the *Columbus Dispatch* in which "cavalry" became "calvary" when referring to the early American Indian wars, a lamentable type-setting error also made some time ago in the *Knights Templar Magazine* — resulting in what can be considered a good sized number of corrective letters. Sir Knight Faulkner writes: "Just don't let it get you down."

**Legion:** Page 20 highlights two leaders devoted to patriotism — Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle and the National Commander of the American Legion, Sir Knight Harry G. Wiles. The release from American Legion public relations will appear in both of our national publications.



## I SHALL ARISE!

Job 19:25-27; Matthew 28:1-7

*The R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., is Sir Knight Basil L. Johnson, B.D., D.D., Wichita, Kansas. The message which follows will be presented to the several thousand in attendance at Arlington National Cemetery, Easter Morning, April 18, and made available over NBC Radio to stations elsewhere. The Easter service begins at 7:30 a.m. A number of radio stations will carry the message on tape at later times during the morning. The scriptures for the service will be read by a former Grand Prelate, the Rev. Howard R. Towne, D.D., Traverse City, Michigan.*



EASTER DAY! What glorious words, what splendid memories they stir, what a blessed beauty of life they recall, what a divine meaning has come into life because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even the magnificent event of creation pales in comparison, for without the life of the spirit, all creation is but a lump of clay. Indeed, it would be better never to have been, than to come to our end on this earth without a Redeemer, who can fulfill our highest dreams and aspirations.

We are met here, in memory of the lives of the glorious dead, who have given nobly of themselves in service of their country. They seem to come alive for us as we worship. As Florence Earles Coates has beautifully written:

“How living are the dead!  
Enshrined, but not apart,  
How safe within the heart  
We hold them still – our dead,  
Whatever else be fled!

“Our constancy is deep  
Toward those who lie asleep  
Forgetful of the strain and mortal strife  
That are so large a part of this, our  
earthly life.

“They are our very own –  
From them – from them alone

Nothing can us estrange,  
Nor blight autumnal, no, nor wintry  
change.

“The midnight moments keep a place for  
them

And though we wake to weep  
They are beside us still in joy, in pain –  
In every crucial hour, they come again  
Angelic from above –  
Bearing the gifts of blessing and of love  
Until the shadowy path, they lonely  
trod  
Becomes for us a bridge,  
That upward leads to God.”

But let us ever remember that, as important as is our bicentennial celebration to us, it represents only two hundred years of civilization, which is like the momentary flash of lightning, in the time period of which we are thinking today. For we are contemplating eternity.

We Christians are, indeed, a peculiar people. Even as others are weeping, wailing and wringing their hands over the death of loved ones, Christians are singing songs of praise to God for His goodness, and (even with contentment) are committing the souls of their loved ones into the gentle hands of an eternal Father, in the sure and positive faith that life does not end with the →→→



grave, but rather becomes a glorious new opportunity in a vastly wider sphere of endeavor. THERE IS NO WAILING WALL IN CHRISTENDOM, and for a very important reason: we very simply do not expect to die eternally. Sometimes we sing:

"Goin' home, goin' home, I'm jes' goin' home;  
It's not far, jes' close by, through an open door.  
I'm jes' goin' home."

— William Arms Fisher

The early Christians, history tells us, literally leaped into the arms of death in the name of their Saviour. They were empowered to do so because they remembered, and they believed, that when Christ told His disciples, "... don't be afraid. I must leave you alone, that I may go and prepare for you. But I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there you may be also," the Christians believed, I have said, that He meant what He said, and that He knew what He was talking about. They happily would have sung with Robert Louis Stevenson:

"Glad did I live, and I gladly die,  
And I lay me down, with a will."

Every Mason is familiar with the words, "Follow your guide and fear no danger." Those early Christians didn't just *say* it, they *did* it.

The resurrection of Christ our Lord is a fact of history which can never, never be taken from the Christian of faith. Non-Christians have doubted; some have denied it, but such doubt and such denial have never had any historical validity. Over and over again, many have had the same experience as General Lew Wallace, the author of *Ben Hur*. He set out to disprove the resurrection of Jesus, and wound up by becoming a convert to the Christian faith. Out of that experience came the novel we named, which expressed his conviction. Many others have walked that same road and have been led

into the presence of a divine Master.

Of the first Christians one writer has said, "Those earliest Christians knew — not merely with their minds, but with their total beings — the glory of God in Jesus Christ." (Quoted from Mack B. Stokes, *The Holy Spirit and Christian Experience*, p. 43.) Herein lies the mistake of many moderns; the thought that all we need is the knowledge of the mind. There are, however, some things which are deeper than the knowledge of the mind, what one writer calls "the invincible surmise."

"O world, thou choosest not the better part!

It is not wisdom to be only wise,  
And on the inward vision close the eyes,  
But it is wisdom to believe the heart. . .

"Our knowledge is a torch of smoky pine  
That lights the pathway but one step ahead

Across a void of mystery and dread.  
Bid, then, the tender light of faith to shine

By which alone the mortal heart is led  
Unto the thinking of the thought divine."

— George Santayana

Harry Emerson Fosdick tells us in one writing, "We live in two worlds; the one visible, tangible, temporal, and the other invisible, intangible and with a sense of timelessness. Transient things are transient here or anywhere. They cannot last. Eternal things are eternal, here and everywhere. They cannot help lasting. And in our right moods we *know* that the really lasting is the spiritual."

One thinks, in this connection, of the words of Grace Nies Fletcher, daughter of a Methodist Minister, who tells of her father's faith. Said she: "Not even death held any terrors for us who lived with Dad, for Heaven was as real a place as our backyard. Just as naturally as new babies were always being baptized in our front parlor, so old people in our parish were constantly moving into the mansions which the Lord had prepared → → →



for them." (*Golden Moments of Religious Inspiration*, McGraw-Hill, p.25.)

It is in just such a spirit that we gather here today amid the reminders of the past, and in the midst of the graves of our by-gone leaders. About three quarters of a century or so ago, one of the outstanding political leaders of our nation, William Jennings Bryan, visited Egypt. In an address given following his return, he said, "In Cairo I secured a few grains of wheat (which) for centuries had lain dormant. If those (grains) had been planted on the banks of the Nile and replanted — by this time there would be enough to feed the teeming millions of the world. There is in the grain of wheat an invisible something which has power to discard that body that we see and from earth and air fashion a new body so much like the old one that we cannot tell it one from the other. If this invisible germ of life in the grain of wheat can thus pass unimpaired through 3,000 resurrections, I shall not doubt that my soul has power to clothe itself with a body suited to its new existence, when this earthly frame has crumbled into dust."

In the same way, *I* believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I believe that when He said, "I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also," He knew exactly of what He spoke. And I hope that you, too, believe.

Believe, O human soul, as you stand upon the threshold of the unknown future with grave doubts. Believe, O human soul, as you stand beside the grave of your loved "and lost awhile," with fear for the power of death. Believe, O human soul, as the cynical cry "foolishness" in your ears and seek to shame you. Believe! and live by that belief and you shall *know*. You shall know with even more certainty that Job, of ancient day, who even before the coming of Christ peered into the future and cried in triumph, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last He shall stand upon the earth; and after this body has decayed, then without my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see *on my side*. Yes, I shall see Him, not as a

stranger, but as a friend. What a glorious hope!" Believe, I say to you my friends, and you shall find the joy of a divine and benign Presence which will overshadow all your fears and lift your heart to the sure and certain knowledge that can never, never, never be destroyed. You shall know as certainly as did the poet:

"I shall arise." for centuries

Upon the grey old churchyard stone  
These words have stood: no more is said,

The glorious promise stands alone,  
Untouched, while years and seasons roll  
Around it: March winds come and go,  
The summer twilights fall and fade,  
And autumn sunsets burn and glow.

"I shall arise." O clarion Call!

Time rolling onward to the end  
Brings us to life that cannot die,  
The life where faith and knowledge  
blend,

Each after each, the cycles roll  
In silence, and about us here  
The shadow of the great White Throne  
Falls broader, deeper, year by year  
— *Resurgam* — Anonymous

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### Happy Birthday, Grand Master

Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegle, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will observe his birthday April 27. Sir Knight and Mrs. Riegle will also observe their 53th Wedding Anniversary June 3.

In answer to inquiries, Grand Master Riegle's address is: Palace Building, Suite One, P.O. Box 383, Emporia, Kansas 66801.

# BICENTENNIAL YORK RITE FESTIVAL

## HONORING ROY WILFORD RIEGLE GRAND MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.

Saturday, April 10, 1976

Masonic Temple, Salina, Kansas

This is a special State-Wide Celebration to show Kansas' pride in Roy Wilford Riegle, who for three years has brought honor to his native state as head of all Templary.

Only Commandery Orders will be conferred. Preliminary York Rite Degrees of the Royal Arch and Cryptic Rite will not be conferred at this Festival.

### DEGREE SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

- 9:00 A.M. Registration of Candidates and members
- 10:30 A.M. Order of Red Cross will be conferred by members of Wichita Commandery
- 12:00 Noon Luncheon \$2.50 per plate (Buffet)
- 1:30 P.M. Order of Knight of Malta will be conferred by members of Newton Commandery
- 3:00 P.M. Order of the Temple will be conferred by officers of the Grand Commandery of Kansas. Appropriate music will be provided. Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegle will personally dub each candidate.
- 5:30 P.M. Banquet will be served to Sir Knights and their ladies (Tickets \$4.00 per plate)

Note to all Recorders: — All candidates for this Special Festival must be certified to: Frank L. Langshaw, Recorder, Askelon Commandery No. 6, K.T., 635 West South Street, Salina, Kansas 67401.

Reservations for both luncheon and banquet MUST BE IN SALINA by, April 7th.

Since individual Commanderies collect fees for candidates, expenses of meals will be borne by each Commandery. Those wishing to remain in Salina overnight should report their desires to Sir Knight Langshaw who will be glad to handle reservations. Please let him know number of reservations and type of room desired; time of arrival and departure, etc.

Special York Rite Committee has ruled that a Bicentennial Certificate will be issued to all who complete the Order of the Temple between June 1, 1975 and July 4, 1976, whether in local asylums, district Festivals or at this Festival.

MAXWELL A. SCHEFFLER  
Grand Commander

Attest

CHARLES S. MCGINNESS  
Grand Recorder



# ALLIED MASONIC DEGREE MEETINGS—1976

by

Morrison L. Cooke, P.G.C., Kentucky  
Junior Warden, Grand Master's Council, A.M.D.

This year the annual week-end meetings of the Allied Masonic Degrees and other bodies followed the Grand Masters' Conference, instead of preceding it. The latter Conference was held in Philadelphia in commemoration of our nation's Bicentennial, whereas the A.M.D. meetings were again held in the Washington Hotel in our nation's capital.

Opening was on Friday night, February 20, with the Philalethes meeting and workshop and more than 200 present. With President Eugene Hopp in the East, a color slide presentation, with vocal narrative, highlighted the session. It was prepared and presented by Eugene Kelchner, Illinois, Workshop Chairman, on the theme of Freemasonry and the American Revolution.

Earlier the executive committee voted to allow Life Memberships in the Society at a cost of \$100. The fees for initial membership will be increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00 in 1977. Alex Horne, San Francisco, was awarded the Certificate of Literature by the Society for the best paper presented to Philalethes during the past year.

Saturday morning, February 21, Russell Tandy, P.G.C., Tennessee, Grand Chancellor of the Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A., opened the 44th annual convocation. John Black Vrooman gave the Invocation and Herbert Fisher, Grand Registrar, announced the membership at 858, plus 55 candidates who were obligated as Fellows at this session. \$100 was given to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights of the York Cross of Honour Medical Foundation, respectively. Stanley Matthews was installed Grand Chancellor, and Harold Elliott II started in line as Grand Marshal.

The 43rd Annual Communication of Grand Master's Council, A.M.D.,

followed, with Sovereign Master Flory Diehl presiding. William Yeager, Chaplain, gave the Invocation, and later conducted a Memorial Service for those who had died during the past year. Twenty-three candidates were obligated, plus three as a courtesy for General John Sullivan Council No. 84, Pennsylvania.

Madeline Wise, wife of Senior Deacon Sam Wise, made white satin aprons with a green velvet border for the officers and Past Sovereign Masters of Grand Masters Council.

With the withdrawal from office of Llywellan Minnich, Pennsylvania, due to illness, Carl Baesemann, P.D.C., Colorado, was installed Sovereign Master. This left two vacancies at the bottom of the line, which were filled by Robert Osborne, P.G.C., Wisconsin, Chaplain, and DeMoville P. Jones, Kentucky, Tyler. Flory Diehl, outgoing Sovereign Master, was recommended to receive the Red Branch of Eri.

Charles F. Adams, P.G.C., Nebraska, Sovereign Grand Master, opened the 44th Annual Communication of Grand Council, A.M.D., with Dr. William Peacher, P.G.C., New York, Grand Chaplain, giving the Invocation. Adams reported 12 new councils instituted and five under dispensation, with a total of 115 new Councils. There was a net gain of 121 in 1975. Following the report of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, Robert L. Grubb, the meetings recessed for lunch.

C. Wallace Jackson, P.D.C., North Carolina, Sovereign Master, called to order the Installed Master's Council after lunch and the degree was conferred on 22 new Masters. This was followed by Council of the Nine Muses, No. 13, in its 43rd annual communication, Sovereign Master Harold V.B. Voorhis in the East. Wendell K. Walker was →→→



elected Sovereign Master, but in his absence Henry Emmerson read his paper on the Bicentennial - 1776-1976.

Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons, in its ninth annual meeting, presided over by Excellent Chief Charles F. Adams, received 19 candidates, showing a gain of 12 in the year for a total of 142. Carl Baesemann was elected and installed Excellent Chief. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., then assembled with Great Chief Harold D. Elliott II, presiding. Charles A. Noland, Grand Superintendent of Knight Masons of Ireland, and its representative in Ohio, was introduced. Noland is also Grand High Priest of Ohio. Flory Diehl was elected Great Chief and G. Wilbur Bell, M.E.P.G.M., was elected Grand Sentinel.

The Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis met with Harold V. B. Voorhis, Supreme Magus, as presiding officer. Stanley Maxwell, Secretary-General, resigned, and John P. Berquist, Massachusetts, was elected to fill that office.

The annual banquet of Grand Council, A.M.D., was held in the roof garden, and in the absence of Raymond Ellis, P.G.M., New York, who was the scheduled speaker, Marvin Fowler, P.G.C., District of Columbia, gave an address on Martha Washington. This was followed by the closing session of the Council and election of officers. Waldron C. Biggs, P.G.C., Vermont, was installed Sovereign Grand Master, and Dr. William Peacher, P.G.C., New York, was installed Grand Junior Deacon. Appointees were: William B. Smith, Grand Chaplain; Herbert Fisher, Grand Director of Ceremonies; J. Landis Randall, Grand Marshal, and Charles R. Glassmeyer, Grand Tyler. Wallace Jackson was re-elected to a three year term on the Board of General Purposes.

The fun degrees, Masonic Order of the Bath and Ye Ancient Order of Corks, closed out the evening. Henry Emmerson, Commander-General of the Order of the Bath, and W. W. Minton, Grand Bung in the Order of the Cork, presided respectively, with 50 candidates for both groups.

Sunday morning, February 22, Convent General, K.Y.C.H., had its annual breakfast, with Grand Master General Harold Sipprell, Nova Scotia, presiding.

Afterwards, the 43rd Annual Consistory of Blue Friars met with Conrad Hahn in the Chair. The new Friar, Mervin Mooth Hogan, Ph.D., professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Utah, gave a paper about the introduction of Freemasonry to the Mormons in Illinois, and the escapades of John Cook Bennett, a partner of the famous Mormon, Jon Smith.

The sessions closed with the annual Ingathering of Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle and Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Franklyn Churchill, P.G.C., Vermont, was re-elected Preceptor of Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle. Charles K. A. McGaughey, Grand Preceptor, conducted the Grand College session, gave his Allocution and presided over routine business. James E. McDavid was installed Grand Preceptor, and Leslie Webb, P.G.C., Tennessee, was installed Outer Guard. Next year's meeting is scheduled for February 18-20 at the Washington Hotel.



### Masonry Saluted

Masonic and Masonic-related organizations were featured in a Bicentennial Supplement appearing in six Wisconsin Sunday newspapers in February. The supplement, entitled "Freemasonry - An American Heritage," was prepared by Wisconsin Masons with the supervision of Sir Knight Ervin Peterson, editor of the *Wisconsin Masonic Journal*.

Through articles and photographs the supplement explains the history and the many services of the York and Scottish Rites, Shrine and other Masonic women's, family and youth organizations.



## **HENRY PRICE**

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

Too old to take part in the Revolutionary struggle for American independence, Henry Price was nevertheless actively in favor of the colonial cause and died a patriot son of the young republic planted in the new world, as well as patriarch of our ancient fraternity which he had transplanted there.

Acknowledged as the founder of regular Freemasonry in America, he did have a military record since he was Major in the Governor's Troop of Guards in the Massachusetts colony. The "honorable distinction" of Cornet, or Standard Bearer, was conferred on him by Governor Jonathan Belcher, who himself had the distinction of being the earliest known Freemason in America.

Price was born in London about 1697 and came to Boston in 1723. Just where or when he was made a Mason is not known but, in 1730, when visiting in London, he was listed as one of the members of Lodge No. 75 which met at the Rainbow Coffee House. In 1733, when again in London, he received in person a deputation as Provincial Grand Master of New England. Upon his return to Boston that same year he convened the Craft and formed the first duly constituted Masonic body on this side of the ocean.

By occupation he was a tailor and later opened a shop where he dealt in clothing and dry goods. He seems also to have been contractor for uniforms for colonial troops. By minding it well he was enabled to retire from his business in 1750 and then appears to have engaged in land speculation, having large land holdings in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island. He was an Episcopalian, owning and occupying a pew in Trinity Church in Boston and being a member of the Episcopal

Charitable Society. But he supported good works regardless of sectarianism and at his death was paying pew rent in three churches other than his own.

In Masonry he served as Grand Master of St. John's Provincial Grand Lodge at Boston in 1733-37, 1740-43, 1754-55 and 1767-68. He was Charter Master of the Masters' Lodge and also served as Worshipful Master of both the First and Second Lodges in Boston. His interest in the fraternity never ceased until his tragic death.

Besides his business property in Boston he had a country house and a considerable estate in Cambridge which he gave up after the death of his first wife. In about 1760 he removed to Townshend where he spent the rest of his days, making frequent trips into Boston on business and Masonic duties and representing his town in the colonial assembly for at least two years. In Townshend he had a large estate of hundreds of acres, with all sorts of mills and shops in operation, which made it largely a self-sufficient establishment.

Dotage never overtook him for at the age of 75 he took unto himself a third wife and begot two children. His death was a real tragedy and occurred while he was engaged in hewing timber or splitting rails, when an axe slipped and nearly severed his body in twain. He died at the age of 83 years and was buried with all honors due a Past Grand Master and a retired Major. His gravestone memorialized his unique services to the fraternity, recorded the fact that "by his diligence and industry in business he acquired the means of a comfortable living" and quoted in conclusion, "An honest man's the noblest work of God."

In 1888 the Grand Lodge →→→



John Adams wrote, "We shall have a long, obstinate and bloody war to go through." No one believed him. While most colonists had accepted that war was inevitable they believed it would end in a year. The British expected to be able to put down the "rebellion" in even less time. Had the Americans and the British realized the truth in what Adams wrote both might have been more willing to compromise.

The news of the repeal of the Stamp Act began reaching the colonies in April but they found it had been replaced by other methods of taxation on a variety of goods including tea.

The Declaratory Act declared that Parliament was the sovereign legislature of the British Empire and as such could "bind the colonies . . . in all cases whatsoever." This reaffirmed the power of Parliament to tax the colonists.

The united opposition of the colonists had forced the repeal of the Stamp Act and it was a moral victory. When the news reached all of the colonies in May they actually celebrated and feelings of loyalty returned. They were short-lived.

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### ... HENRY PRICE

of Massachusetts removed the remains of its first Grand Master to a new Mount Moriah and erected a granite monument to his memory. The original headstone was removed to the Grand Lodge chambers where it may be seen today, as well as an authentic portrait of Henry Price which hangs in the Grand West, for the structure he built was founded in strength.

Sir Knight Case, Historiographer of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, resides at 39 Highland Avenue, Bethel, Connecticut 06801.

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Indianapolis, Indiana - What are the odds against two men from St. John, Kansas, population 1,407, holding leadership in two different major national organizations simultaneously?

No diligent effort was made to determine those odds, which must be super astronomical, but the two men, both of whom spent some considerable time in St. John in their younger years and who now head large national organizations, are known.

They are Harry G. Wiles, now a resident of Topeka, Kansas, National Commander of the 2,700,000-member American Legion, and Roy Wilford Riegle, now of Emporia, Kansas, Most Eminent Grand Master of the 365,000-member Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

The number of parallels in the lives of these two men is amazing and goes far beyond the fact that both of them have St. John, Kansas, in their backgrounds and each now holds the top post in a national organization.

Harry G. Wiles is a Knight Templar and Roy Wilford Riegle is an American Legionnaire.

Roy Wilford Riegle is a veteran of World War I and World War II and was the first historian of Courtney M. Long American Legion Post in St. John, Kansas.

Harry G. Wiles is a veteran of World War II and was Post Commander of Courtney M. Long Post at the same time (1946-47) Roy Wilford Riegle was Commander of The American Legion of Kansas. Harry Wiles served as Commander of The American Legion of Kansas in 1970-71. Each man held several local and state American Legion offices, and both served as Judge Advocate of The American Legion of Kansas.

Harry G. Wiles and Roy Wilford Riegle both are attorneys by profession and both have been extremely active in political affairs in the state of Kansas. They have been close friends for many years and are until this day.



## WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, MAN OF CONVICTION

by  
Paul C. Rodenhauer

Three times a candidate for the Presidency of the United States, Secretary of State for two years in Woodrow Wilson's cabinet, Brother William Jennings Bryan exerted a powerful, sometimes hypnotic, influence on American politics and policies from 1891 until his death in 1925.

Brother Bryan, born March 19, 1860, in Salem, Illinois, was elected to the bar twenty-three years later, opened his practice in Jacksonville, Illinois, then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where his fame was established.

He was a member of the 52nd and 53rd Congresses — from 1891 to 1895 — and lost his seat in the post-Cleveland landslide of 1894. He became editor of the *Omaha World Herald* from 1894 to 1896.

A delegate to the Democratic convention of 1896, he wrote the famous "silver plank" platform which became one of the most controversial of all times and which was debated, pro and con, for years on end. From the east came the comment which indicated youthful Bryan had made an impression: "William Jennings Bryan (was) the young Democrat who made Wall Street shiver in '96."

His unbelievable oratory and the persistency of his cause are difficult to visualize in today's microphonic society. He was dramatic; he was revered; he convinced multitudes — but not sufficiently to win the cherished presidency.

Bryan believed strongly that the root of all economic evils of the nation was the "dictatorship" of Wall Street. It controlled gold and made the supply of gold the only standard of value. William Jennings Bryan crusaded with all his powers of persuasion for the free coinage of silver. He preached his gospel

throughout the west and mid-west, anywhere there was an opportunity, disregarding all other opposing viewpoints.

He wanted the government to buy an amount of silver that would be made legal currency at the rate of sixteen ounces of silver to one of gold. At the time, sixteen ounces of silver were worth about \$11.00. An ounce of gold was worth \$20.67 in 1896. Therefore, the free-silver adherents were asking the government to sanction dollars worth just a bit more than 50 cents.

A quote of the time referring to Bryan said: "When it was pointed out that our government would lose its credit in the eyes of the world, (he) replied that the United States was rich and powerful enough to use whatever metal it pleased, without regard to what England, France or Germany did."

At 36, Bryan came to the Democratic convention in Chicago on July 7, 1896, with the firm confidence that he would become the nominee. On the fifth ballot, he made it.

Without benefit of microphone or loud-speaker or other modern audio-aids so commonplace to us, his eloquent oratory raised his fellow Democrats to a fever pitch of intense fervor. His voice carried to every corner of the convention hall and "literally brought down the house." The listeners cheered him after almost each sentence. They had been weary and hot; he brought them shouting to their feet. Perhaps no other address of the age quite matched the effect of William Jennings Bryan's "Cross of Gold" speech in 1896.

In the election in 1896, Bryan was defeated by Sir Knight William McKinley, receiving 176 electoral votes to McKinley's 271. He served in →→→



the Spanish-American War as Colonel of the 3rd Nebraska regiment. Returning to civilian life, he ran again for President in 1900 and was again defeated, 155 electoral votes to 292. Nominated for the third and last time in 1908, he was defeated by Brother Taft, 162 votes to 321.

He remained one of the most respected and influential men of his time and played a vital role in the election of Woodrow Wilson in 1912. He served as Secretary of State for President Wilson from 1913 to 1915, executing some 30 treaties. Numerous reforms were instituted which he saw enacted in his lifetime, among them women's suffrage, the direct primary and, depending upon viewpoint, the income tax! He was considered the foremost orator of the twentieth century.

When Brother Bryan attended the funeral of President and Sir Knight McKinley in 1901, he called the late President "a genius." Although buried deep in newspaper accounts of the time, it was later unearthed and the speech labeled "one of the greatest addresses of all times." It became for years a standard exercise in shorthand books.

William Jennings Bryan was Raised in Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 15, 1892. He later affiliated with Templar Lodge No. 247 in Miami, Florida. It was in Miami that he died at the age of 65.

So much has been heard about Bryan's "Cross of Gold" speech, and so little is known about it, that we take the liberty of excerpting the following from the lengthy delivery made in Chicago in 1896:

"We go forth confident that we shall win. Why? Because upon the paramount issue of this campaign there is not a spot of ground upon which the enemy will dare to challenge battle. If they tell us that the gold standard is a good thing, we shall point to their platform and tell them that their platform pledges the party to get rid of the gold standard and substitute

bimetallism. If the gold standard is a good thing, why try to get rid of it? . . .

"You come to us and tell us that the great cities are in favor of the gold standard; we reply that the great cities rest upon our broad and fertile prairies. Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country. . .

"It is the issue of 1776 over again. Our ancestors, when but three millions in number, had the courage to declare their political independence of every other nation; shall we, their descendants, when we have grown to seventy millions, declare that we are less independent than our forefathers? No, my friends, that will never be the verdict of our people. . .

"Having behind us in the producing masses of this nation and the world, supported by the commercial interests, the laboring interests, and the toilers everywhere, we will answer their demand for a gold standard by saying to them: *You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold.*"

### DeMolay Advancement

Jack H. Myers, Michigan, was elected Grand Master of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, at the sessions which concluded March 18 at Indianapolis. He succeeds Judge Robert A. Grant of Indiana. A fellow member of the Supreme Council of Indiana, C. C. Faulkner, Jr., was elected to the office of Grand Junior Councilor which, in normal progression will elevate him to Grand Master in 1980.



## 1976 CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

by

William B. Stansbury, Jr.  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The 1976 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia celebrated the Bicentennial at the site of the founding of our Country.

The Bicentennial kick-off on Sunday, February 15, featured Philadelphia's famous Fralinger's Mummies Band followed by well-known Alexander Scourby who presented "American Legends and Tall Tales." Later in the evening the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania entertained the Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters and their wives at a special banquet held at the Union League Club.

Monday's schedule included an early breakfast for Deputy Grand Masters while the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association hosted the others in Valley Forge at the Freedoms Foundation. In the afternoon, the Masonic Service Association of the United States met.

In the evening the Grand Secretaries' dinner was held with Robert A. Hinshaw, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of Ohio, as the speaker. Following came special Bicentennial entertainment featuring Dr. "Benjamin Franklin" of Philadelphia.

February 17th marked a Frank Land Memorial Breakfast as guests of W. W. Bennett, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America. The following meeting of the Grand Masters Conference featured: Conference Chaplain L. Douglas Delano, G.M. of Virginia; Address of Welcome, John L. McCain, G.M. of Pennsylvania; Response, Thomas C. Yantis, G.M. of Texas; Keynote Address, Lewis C. Wes Cook, G.M. of Missouri, and B. Dot Dotson, P.G.M. of Oregon, outgoing Chairman, who made the report of the Commission on Information for Recognition. A new member was elected in his place — Kermit A. Jacobsen, D.G.M. of California.

On Tuesday afternoon the Conference entertained at a luncheon at the Masonic Temple by invitation of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, Stanley F. Maxwell, Sovereign Grand Commander, Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The balance of the Conference through its adjournment at about 3:00 P.M. Wednesday afternoon, February 18, included a number of topics and speakers.

Tuesday afternoon concluded with the Iowa Multi-Image presentation, "The Heart of Masonry," by courtesy of Gordon C. Hascall, Grand Master of Iowa, followed by guided tours of the Masonic Temple.

Tuesday evening the Grand Masters' Banquet and entertainment at the Philadelphia Sheraton Grand Ballroom featured an address by Brother Clarence R. Zarfoss, followed by a gala Bicentennial show featuring the Johnny Mann Singers.

The Conference presented a Bicentennial coin in lucite to each Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and a coin to all those who registered at the Conference. These coins are available if contact is made with Executive Secretary Stansbury.

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Towson, Maryland 21204.

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**Pending!**

A later issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* will bring you a report by Conrad Hahn of the Masonic Service Association in connection with its meeting in Philadelphia during the Conference of Grand Masters of North America.



# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## Boy Scouts Honor Stone

Sir Knight Robert Stone, P.C., Monroe Commandery No. 19, Michigan, was one of three awarded the District Award of Merit from Running Waters District of Wolverine Council, B.S.A., for "service above and beyond the normal, for outstanding contribution to the lives of boys through scouting by one who best exemplifies the scouting program." It is the highest award by a district.



Stone is presently district advancement chairman and has been a scoutmaster, neighborhood commissioner and member of the district executive board. He has had charge of Scouts working at the Easter Sunrise Service in Roselawn Memorial Park for nearly 40 years.

He is Captain General of Commandery No. 19 and a K.Y.C.H.

## DeMolay Breakfast at Philadelphia



Executive Officer William P. Jacobs, Jr., District of Columbia, is shown after arranging DeMolay emblem on the altar prior to the Frank S. Land Memorial Breakfast Tuesday morning, February 17, during the Conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## Masonic Unity in Action



"Masons in Wisconsin not only work together but pray together," as Grand Master Robert E. Billings joins with Floyd McBurney and Frank Pastorino at the Conference of Grand Masters in North America. They were attending the Sunday morning Service at Christ Church in Philadelphia.

At the conclusion of the Service they knelt together at the Altar to receive Communion.

Floyd McBurney is the Deputy for the Supreme Council in the State of Wisconsin, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Frank Pastorino is the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin and represented the York Rite Bodies.

## George Blanda, G. Wilbur Bell

Perennial football star George Blanda was the Shrine attraction February 27 at Mohammed Temple Stag Masonic Night, Peoria, Illinois, with Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, delivering the Masonic message at the conclusion.

Visiting Worshipful Masters were recognized during the evening. Dinner was served from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by introductions and the two principal speakers of the evening.



## Vicki Foster is Honored Queen



Vicki Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Foster, Chillicothe, Ohio, was installed as Honored Queen of Job's Daughters, Greenhills Bethel No. 51, Chillicothe, in January.

Pictured above with Vicki are her grandparents, Past Commander Thomas Dobbins, Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar, and Mrs. Dobbins, Past President of the Social Order of the Beauceant No. 227, Laura. Sir Knight and Mrs. Dobbins assisted in the installation.

A tribute of Motherhood was given by Lenny Honsley, Master Councilor, Hilltop DeMolay, Cincinnati.

## Judge Grant and Successor



Outgoing Grand Master Judge Robert A. Grant (right), International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, confers with his successor, new Grand Master Jack H. Myers, during a break in the Conference of Grand Masters in February at Philadelphia. Sir Knight Myers, Michigan, now heads the International Supreme Council for 1976-77.

## "Flea Market" Jewel



Thurman C. Pace, Jr., now Grand Commander of New Jersey, discovered a jewel of Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Alabama, in a flea-market. After cleaning and framing, Sir Knight Pace, of Alabama origin, presented the token to retiring Grand Commander McMurray L. Griffith at York Rite sessions February in Birmingham. McMurray is a member of Birmingham's No. 10.

## Lodge Issues Anniversary Medal

American Union Lodge No. 1, F. & A.M., Marietta, Ohio, has issued a Bicentennial Medal in commemoration of its 200th anniversary which occurred February 20.

The medal contains the seal of American Union Lodge, designed by Benjamin Franklin. It features a chain with 13 links set in a circle, attached by two clasped hands. The Lodge name and location surround the circle. The center features the square and compasses, with the sun, star and moon above, and three burning tapers below.

The medals are \$6.00 each and are available from Glen S. Swaney, P.M., Secretary, American Union Lodge No. 1, F. & A.M., 414 Mulberry Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750. Checks should be made payable to the Lodge.



## INTERNATIONAL YORK RITE COMMISSION

Periodically, meetings of the leading officers of the International York Rite Commission are held in various sections of the country to plan cooperative York Rite measures. Such a meeting with Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle presiding, was called to order at Philadelphia February 15.

Purpose of the meetings are to initiate three-way plans which may lead the way for the three bodies at state and local levels. Releases are distributed to the bodies during the course of the year for consideration.



Attending at Philadelphia were: G.G.H.P. Gordon R. Merrick, G.G. King Junior W. Vandall, General Grand Secretary Charles K. A. McGaughey, G.G. Master of General Grand Council Owen L. Shanteau, G.G. Principal Conductor of the Work James Dewey Penley, Jr., Past General Grand Master Hoyt McClendon, Grand Master Riegle, Deputy Grand Master Willard M. Avery, Grand Generalissimo John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand C.G. Kenneth C. Johnson, Past Grand Master of Knights Templar G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser.

New officers for the current year are G.G.H.P. Merrick, president; G.G. Secretary McGaughey, Secretary for the Commission.

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HELP THE GRAND MASTER REACH HIS GOAL, AND YOURS, IN THE EIGHTH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN FOR THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION. CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES APRIL 30. THE CAMPAIGN RESULTS WILL BE DETAILED IN THE JUNE *KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE*.



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## THE TRUTH IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR MASONRY

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by

H. C. Arbuckle, III

Corpus Christi Commandery No. 57, Texas

In 1959, Brother Randall E. Briscoe, then Grand Master of Masons in Texas, introduced a proposed program of educational material for discussion at Grand Lodge. Upon the Grand Lodge's adoption of the program, the Masonic Education Committee put together a 96 page booklet, *The Lodge System of Masonic Education*. An individual Brother could not own a copy of the booklet; only regular Texas Masonic Lodges were allowed to own copies. Four paperbound copies and one hardbound copy, to be used by the members of each Lodge's Masonic Educational Committee, were issued to each Lodge and kept by the Lodge's Secretary when not in use.

The *System* was informative, and — if properly implemented — interesting; if improperly managed, it could be dull, dreary and depressing. Four meetings were called for, one before the conferral of the first degree that both the Candidate and his wife could attend, and one after the conferral of each degree, at each of which meetings four papers were to be read to those present.

The papers covered in capsule form an abridged version of Masonic history in general, United States and Texas Masonic history in particular, explanations of the forms and ceremonies of the three degrees, and Masonic etiquette, philosophy and symbolism. Each paper was clearly written and easy to understand. They made no absurd claims, either for or against the Fraternity.

Therein lies the problem which many Masons encounter daily: misconceptions concerning the Masonic Fraternity, many of which are all-too-often propagated not only by the profane alone but also by Masons themselves! Hardly a month goes

by that one doesn't see an article in a newspaper, magazine, house organ or other periodical making, repeating or amplifying some claim, usually absurd, sometimes ridiculous, and practically always undocumented and historically unsound, either for or against the Masonic Fraternity in general or some portion thereof in particular.

During this Bicentennial, occasionally a spurious story about Masons and the American Revolution will be used, perhaps as an article of interest, perhaps as just filler, in a newspaper or magazine. This is bad enough when the periodical is a profane one; it is inexcusable when the periodical involved is a Masonically-connected one.

Recently a certain Shrine newspaper ran as filler the old story about how all, most or the majority of the framers and signers of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States and Articles of Confederation were Masons; how all of George Washington's generals during the Revolutionary War were Masons, and how all or at least most of the Presidents of the United States were Masons.

The story can be easily verified or disproved by using both profane reference works and Masonic items. First, of the 56 men who signed their names to the Declaration of Independence, according to Sir Knight James R. Case, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, in his "Foreword" to the Masonic Book Club's edition of *Founders of Freedom in America, Lives Of The Men Who Signed The Declaration of Independence . . .* "After due trial, strict examination, and based on lawful information, it can be said without fear of →→→



denial, that nine of the signers of the Declaration were Masons. (p. VII)''

Of the 39 signers of the Constitution, there is irrefutable proof that but thirteen men were Masons and, of the 48 men who signed the Articles of Confederation, but nine. The names of these Brethren, as well as those of the signers of the Declaration, are listed on page XVI of Ronald E. Heaton's book, *Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers*. Also on page XVI of Heaton's book is a list of the names of general officers in the Continental Army who were members of the Masonic Fraternity. Of all these officers, there is irrefutable proof of the Masonic membership of no more than 33 men.

Heaton also lists the signers of the Articles of Association who were Masons (ten in all) and the aides and military secretaries of George Washington who were Masons (another eight men). Brother Conrad Hahn, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, says in his "Foreword" to Heaton's book, "Of these 241 individuals, it is shown that 69 were Masons, 26 of doubtful membership and 146 not known to be Masons. (p. III)''

Brother Alphonse Cerza prepared an "Appendix" to the Masonic Book Club Edition of Heaton's book wherein the question of Masonic membership of Presidents can be found. Fourteen Presidents (as of 1974) have been Masons; another President, Lyndon B. Johnson, took the Entered Apprentice degree but advanced no further, and there is good circumstantial but inadequately documented evidence that two more Presidents probably were Masons. There are 17 names on the list of Vice Presidents who were Masons. This list includes all but two of the Vice Presidents who were elevated to President and were listed in the list of Masonic Presidents, however, and thus perhaps the correct number is really 19.

Thus, the proven stories about Masonry are sufficient; there is no need to exaggerate or enlarge upon Freemasonry's part whatsoever.

Perhaps R.W. Brother Carl H. Claudy

summed the problem up best in the *Short Talk Bulletin* of May 1947, entitled "The Truth Is Enough!" when he wrote:

"It has been one of Masonry's curses that its early histories were largely 'bunk' — fanciful tales with little or no basis in fact. Devoted Freemasons told themselves stories until they believed them, then wrote them for a credulous and uncritical world.

"Even today, many of the stories and assertions of an earlier day are repeated and believed by many brethren, to the scorn of the enemies and the amusement of the well-informed friends of the Ancient Craft."

The problem is especially acute during the current Bicentennial celebration. It should be remembered that making gross or exaggerated claims about Masonry or the role of Masonry in America's history should be strictly avoided. It is but a short step from character to caricature; exaggeration and ignorance, taken singly or together, can easily make the difference.

Here, then, is what can be done to guard against outbreaks of Masonic ignorance: inoculate with large yet unobtrusive doses of good, sound Masonic education.

This inoculation can be done on the Grand Lodge or even local Lodge level but, as with all other things Masonic, the best tonic is really the individual Brother. Those who take time to read good Masonic literature, their Grand Lodge's periodical, and think to check if they pass on possibly spurious information, are the ones that will serve as vaccine to stem the epidemic of Masonic ignorance.

No better conclusion can be found than Brother Claudy's words from "The Truth Is Enough!"

"America was born out of a demand for liberty of thought, person, speech and worship. It was won from a wilderness by a men imbued with courage, resource, daring and vision. That many of them were Freemasons is their glory and our heritage; to credit Freemasonry with the accomplishments of manhood and patriotism may be flattering → → →





When Mark A. Loose was Raised in February in Warpole Lodge No. 176, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, he was presented a copy of *Masonic Americana* by Grand Commander George Stein, Grand Commandery of Ohio. Brother Loose concluded his term as International Master Councillor of the International Order of DeMolay last month.



... THE TRUTH

to the vanity, but it is unjust to country, to patriots and to the Order many so well loved.

"Freemasonry's great objectives, to build character and hold ideals before men's eyes, have worked miracles in man; it is the men, not the Order, who have worked the miracle which is America.

"All honor to all patriots, soldiers, statesmen who built our nation; to those who were Freemasons, a Masonic salute.

"They would want - we should want - no more."

The Truth is just what all Brethren should be striving for, especially during this two hundredth anniversary of America's independence. And so mote it ever, ever be.

Sir Knight Arbuckle is a mathematics teacher at Tuloso-Midway High School in Corpus Christi. He says he is also a bibliophile and writer "by avocation." Correspondence may be directed to him at P.O. Box 3026, Kleberg Station, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.

Views above are of the United Grand Imperial Council invitational dinner meeting at Philadelphia last month. Grand Sovereign Hoyt McClendon, K.G.C., presided for the discussions by heads of Masonic bodies. Grand Encampment was represented by Grand Master Riegler, Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer in his capacity as Grand Recorder of the United Grand Imperial Council. G.G. High Priest Gordon Merrick, G. Grand Master Owen Shanteau, Imperial Potentate W. W. Bennett, Judge Grant, then Grand Master of DeMolay; Illustrious Brothers Lee Lockwood, August C. Ullrich, William H. Cantwell; General Grand Master, Convent General Harold F. Sipprell, and other Masonic leaders were in attendance and participated in the discussion.



## MASONIC MEDICAL CENTER HONORS G. WILBUR BELL

With support from the fraternity, friends of Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell are advised by the Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois, that Sir Knight Bell has been nominated "as a candidate for the honor of having his portrait painted and hung in the Medical Center's Humanitarian Hall." The monetary goal for each portrait is \$100,000. The artist, of national reputation, will contribute his talent "to the creation of this work of art so that the total sum of contributions will go, as a living memorial, to the Medical Center." The portrait of Past Grand Master Bell will measure 60" by 40". With the thought April showers will bring May flowers, contributions for Sir Knight Bell's portrait may be sent to: Sir Knight Warren N. Barr, Sr., Illinois Masonic Medical Center, 836 Wellington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60657.



## ESHLEMANS DISPLAY GLASS EASTER EGG COLLECTION

Sir Knight and Mrs. John G. Eshleman, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, have been on an Easter egg hunt for 15 years. Their efforts have rewarded them with 20 eggs which were on display at the William Penn Memorial Museum in Harrisburg last Easter season.

The Eshlemans have been searching for hand-blown glass eggs, made from about 1890 to 1900, through public sales, antique dealers and flea markets. The eggs are decorated with hand painted verses and floral designs. They vary in size, the larger ones being about the size of a "peewee" football with a "pinch" mark at the end from which the glass was blown. Acquiring an egg with the design in fine condition is difficult because housewives in the past must have washed the eggs so diligently they destroyed most of the beautiful design.

Eric de Jonge, chief curator at the William Penn Museum, says the eggs were nearly all imported. Ninety-five per cent of the glass eggs were made in Europe, generally Germany, and some from Austria. The papier mache or cardboard variety, several of which are in the Eshlemans' collection, were the most versatile and produced the most. They could be opened and filled with candy or other gifts. The papier mache eggs have always been very popular and are still being made.

The Eshlemans also have a collection of hinged metal candy molds for chocolate rabbits and eggs. However, these molds are used only for display. Today most candy makers are using plastic molds rather than the metal ones, such as in the Eshleman collection. Sir Knight Eshleman is Intendant General, Division of Pennsylvania, Central Red Cross of Constantine, and a member of Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg.





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## THE MIRACLE OF PRAYER

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by  
H. Raymond Lowe

Man has desperately endeavored to stand on his own two feet, make his own decisions and thus guide his destiny. He has, up to a point, the necessary mental faculties to enable him to do this. In most cases he is able to succeed since he has, partly by instinct and partly by learning experiences, accommodated himself to his environment.

Often all of the resources that man has within himself are not sufficient to cope with his problems and he finds himself overwhelmed. Three options are open to him. He may withdraw within himself and suffer the anguish of guilt or feeling of inadequacy; he might seek solace and advice from another human being — or resort to reliance on the Supreme Architect.

It is the latter that leads him to pray to God. We are thus inevitably led to the Mystical Tie that exists between God and man. Men sense this need whether they be of Oriental persuasion or of the Judeo or Judeo-Christian faith. We read quite often that even the atheists in those nations which deny the existence of a Supreme Being replace God with the state, often relying on confession when human beings fail to achieve expected goals or otherwise offend those in power. Perhaps in time, Lenin or Mao will be enthroned as their deity. It is inconceivable that even here where dissent is unknown, some men who are looking at the stars, investigating the mysteries of the universe and the atom, are not saying to themselves, "Is there not some power greater than ourselves or the state?"

We might speculate that the Soul is God's loving and unique gift to man. While it is not, thus far, scientifically possible to determine that the Soul exists, most men believe it does. The next step

tells us prayer is the communication link that exists between man's Soul and God.

Is there any means that we might employ to confirm that this link exists? We must first convince ourselves that a Mystical Link exists and it must be taken on Faith. Very early in the initiation every Mason learns that prayer is essential to every man. If prayer is a force, then there should be some means of recognizing its efficacy. Sir Knight Albert Pike, 33<sup>o</sup>, raises the question of whether or not the Deity governs the Universe with fixed and unalterable laws or might leave some flexibility which could be influenced by prayer and supplication.

It is a very interesting query, and while he does not arrive at a definite conclusion, most people decide the question in their own way; otherwise prayer would be futile. If the prayer is not answered, it is usually assumed that God did not wish to alter His Grand Design. However, if the results obtained are desirable it is felt that God so willed the outcome.

Just because we cannot, at the present time, provide mathematical formulae necessary to substantiate the existence of this force does not mean that we may never be able to do so. We must take into account that it has been approximately three hundred years since Newton discovered the great force of gravitation, and two hundred years since Coulomb provided the mathematics to prove magnetic force. These were mysteries before then. So it may be with prayer. Who knows but that in God's good time He may reveal similar proof of the benefit of prayer? Even enlightening new mathematics may yet be developed. There is apparently no evidence that the fourth dimension of time and space will reveal this proof but, who is →→→



Sir Knight Joseph W. Carson, labeled as "one of the most distinguished living members of our Craft," was saluted February 28 by Mocha Temple, London, Ontario, Canada.

Born February 12, 1890 in County Tyrone, Ireland, Sir Knight Carson's record is a Who's Who in Masonry. He was initiated in 1913 and has headed dozens of York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies. He served as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, 1959-1960, and was made an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A., in 1961 at Cleveland.

Mocha Temple will honor him with a Mini Ceremonial in the Masonic Temple, London, Ontario, as one "who has spent a rich life exemplifying those Masonic tenets which we have all been taught. His recognition by the pre-requisite bodies is testimony of his accomplishments."

Mocha Temple is headed by Illustrious Potentate Frank Harkness.



Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, of the Grand Encampment, presents his customary maintenance check for \$1,000 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at the Grand Masters' Conference which, this year, was held in Philadelphia, February 15-18. Similar checks for \$1,000 each were presented by Gordon R. Merrick, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, and — below — Owen L. Shanteau, General Grand Master, General Grand Council, R. & S.M., International.



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to say that the fifth, sixth or Nth dimension will not give us the evidence we are seeking? As Jesus tells us "that in my Father's house are many mansions," so it may well be that there are many dimensions.

In the meantime men must content themselves that prayer can be accepted on Faith. All believers in a Supreme Being are aware of the benefit of prayer. Let us continue to pray and to remember that many times in our lives it is the only recourse open to us.

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## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The picture at right is of an oil painting, "Good Shepherd Holding the Stricken Lamb," by the late Sir Knight Roger Joe Murphy. It was relayed to the *Knight Templar Magazine* by his parents, Sir Knight Clell P. Murphy, St. Bernard Commandery No. 23, and Mrs. Murphy, President, San Bernardino Assembly No. 200, S.O.O.B.

The painting, originally created in 1959 for the installation of a friend as the new Honored Queen of Bethel No. 33, International Order of Job's Daughters, was presented to Frank Puthoff, Past Commander, and the Sir Knights of St. Bernard Commandery No. 23, San Bernardino, California, by the San Bernardino Assembly No. 200, S.O.O.B.

S.K. and Mrs. Murphy say the painting has been so well received that "it has graced the East on repeated occasions for the International Rainbow Assemblies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the White Shrine of Jerusalem and in the Memorial Service for the Order of the Amaranth."

When Sir Knight Puthoff was Commander of St. Bernard Commandery, he asked Sir Knight Roger to do another painting "to grace the East of the York Rite Temple." But this painting was never finished because Sir Knight Roger died of cancer in December 1974, at the age of 34.

As one of Roger's last requests, the original painting was presented to Sir Knight Puthoff and St. Bernard Commandery, to be hung in the East of the Temple.

Sir Knight Roger's parents wrote the following "In Memoriam" as a tribute to their son:

"God saw the road was getting steep,  
The hill too hard to climb  
So he gently closed his loving eyes in sleep  
And whispered, 'Peace, Be Ever Thine.'"

Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle joins with Chairman Charles S. McIntyre and the Committee to borrow a paraphrase from the Ritual in connection with the 8th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation: "The Great Captain of our Salvation has promised a reward to those who conquer in His Name; He being the bright Morning Star, whose rising brought health and salvation to mankind, and light to those who sat in darkness."

Results of the Voluntary Campaign for '76 are scheduled for June release.





## GRAND RECORDERS VISIT GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Six Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies visited the office of the Grand Encampment, Chicago, March 1 and 2, to review the operations in a tour conducted by Robert Bigley, assistant to Grand Recorder Rodenhauer. They were joined by Sir Knight Jan Hapgood, comptroller; Bernice Powell, bookkeeping, also by Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., who explained details of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and its data processing relationship to Grand Encampment. Violet Carlsson, Secretary to the Grand Recorder, participated.

Attending were: Grand Recorders Mann, Alabama; Brooks, Arizona; Melvin, Illinois; Unger, Indiana; McGinness, Kansas; Sirios, Massachusetts-Rhode Island.

The magazine publishing equipment was demonstrated and explained by Colleen Burritt and Marian Carroll during the tour. The group inspected the mail room facilities, the reception and secretarial procedures and checked the data processing operations under the direction of Ellen Sjoquist.

The Grand Encampment program, if it can be accomplished, is to invite visits from groups of Grand Recorders for increased understanding and cooperative efforts. It is hoped the program can be continued following the 53rd Triennial Conclave.







"Praise the Lord we are all O.K. and as far as we know today there have been no casualties with the Brothers in Masonry. It was a terrible disaster and it will take a long time to get over it."

So write missionaries Sir Knight Bill Boden and his wife Evelyn from Guatemala, Central America. Mrs. Boden says: "Each day Bill and I give out to 450 families a bag of black beans and a bag of corn for tortillas. This will sustain them for one day and then they come back the next day as I have a card system that I mark when I give them the food. I could give out thousands of cards because they come begging but I can only take care of 450 because of money and because it is a lot of work sacking up 900 bags each day besides taking care of the missionaries. It has been Grand Central Station ever since the quake."

The Bodens' mailing address is Box 1180, Guatemala, C.A.

#### P.G.C. and P.G.H.P. Installs Son



David B. and A. B. Andrews were principals in California installation ceremonies, as noted in next column.

## IN HALLOWED MEMORY

### Merlin S. Rufer

Iowa

Grand Commander — 1964

Born July 24, 1910

Died January 16, 1976

### John Paul Stephens

Georgia

Grand Commander — 1940

Born July 1, 1891

Died February 19, 1976

### Walthall Hartman Zigler

Louisiana

Grand Commander — 1964

Born July 29, 1895

Died February 27, 1976

### Frank Charles Holmes

California

Grand Commander — 1974

Born May 4, 1899

Died March 2, 1976

### Ernest H. Bitner

West Virginia

Grand Commander — 1939

Born September 30, 1884

Died March 2, 1976

### Noel Bone

Arkansas

Grand Commander — 1975

Born June 3, 1911

Died March 10, 1975

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Watsonville Commandery No. 22 and Santa Cruz Chapter No. 38, R.A.M., California, experienced two installations of significance recently. David B. Andrews was installed Commander of Watsonville Commandery just three days after his installation as High Priest of Santa Cruz Chapter, Watsonville.

The unusual circumstances are that both as Commander and as High Priest, David B. Andrews was installed by his father, Sir Knight A. B. Andrews, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and also Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery from Nevada.



# NORTH DAKOTA SUPPLEMENT



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March 2, 1976

Sir Knights of North Dakota  
c/o Urban C. Blaisdell, Grand Commander  
Knights Templar of North Dakota  
Box 3062  
Fargo, North Dakota 58102

Dear Sir Knights:

It is indeed a pleasure for me as Mayor of Fargo to extend to you a most sincere invitation to visit our City during your 87th Annual Grand Conclave this April 25 and 26, 1976. I believe the local members of the Commandery to be fine citizens, interested in the civic affairs of their community and dedicated to the ideals of the Knights Templar and I know they will be excellent hosts during this important annual meeting.

Fargo is a city on the move and a truly exciting place to live and work and those who have attended meetings or conventions in our city in the past have found it an exciting and interesting place to visit. I know you will find our physical facilities complete and accessible. You will find our shops and fine eating establishments, our hotel and motel accommodations and an abundance of services and activities to be readily available and of the highest quality.

The people of Fargo want our visitors to feel at home and I know the members and your guests will have an enjoyable visit and a successful meeting. I commend you for your efforts on behalf of others through the Educational and Eye Foundations of the Knights Templar. I look forward to greeting you personally at the 87th Annual Grand Conclave.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Hentges  
Mayor

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## DEATH – RESURRECTION

For nearly two thousand years Good Friday and Easter have been days of Festival for the millions of people who call themselves "Christian." Each year each of us, as Templar Masons, reviews these two events as a tenet of our Order. Shouldn't we, as Knights Templar, hold our Sword Arms high and proclaim the Salvation which is ours through our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ?

Historically, Knights Templars have held observances during the three days. Our recommendation is that a "Table Lodge" works very well for this "refueling." At this time have a good discussion on the Events.

We can truly observe the love of God when we consider the fact that He loves us so much that he "... gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17.) What a beautiful promise. Let us rejoice and be glad therein.

Prayer for the Season: O, God, the Grand Commander of the Universe, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may live with Him forever in the joy of resurrection; through your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Amen

Orlando V. Ellingson, Grand Prelate

### COMMANDER'S COMMENTARY:

Most of the Commanderies have had a very active and fulfilling year. For the few who feel they need help and advice – Grand Conclave is the place to come. Here you will find men dedicated to the advancement of Knights Templar; men who will be more than happy to meet with you as a group or on a one-to-one basis. Meetings are fine but oftentimes more business and help is conducted and obtained during the hours when the conclave is not in session.

Strange as it may seem, Sir Knights are more than willing to give up a day or a weekend, do ritual work all day and return home with the firm conviction that Christianity has taken another step forward in the day-to-day conflict with "other activities." The manpower is available in the State – for the asking. Come, meet us, visit with us and feel free to ask for a "helping hand." You will not be refused! Templary is Christianity; Christianity is Brotherhood; Brotherhood is love of fellow man.

Feb. 28 found your Gr. Commander, Leo Osman, Gr. Recorder and Jim Stark, P.C. of Auvergne in Mandan, for the Knighting of 5 candidates: Temple No. 12: Jerry C. Hagans and Tancred No. 1: W. C. Block, Richard H. Bond, Donavan Eck and Carroll J. Rumpel. Congratulations to Temple and Tancred Commanderies!

We have had correspondence with several Sir Knights from Lisbon and Enderlin. Plans are in the making for revitalizing Ivanhoe Commandery. We are looking forward to seeing several Sir Knights from Ivanhoe at Grand Conclave. Wahpeton has come alive in 1975; Ivanhoe will thrive with the Spirit of 1976.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR CONCLAVE NOW – FARGO – APR. 25-26**





## KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



▣ I have a translation of *A History of Freemasonry in Europe* dated 1868. In the inside cover in excellent longhand is the following: "Hiram C. Rich, G.M. N. Knights Templar." Hiram C. Rich was my grandfather, who was a Methodist Episcopal Minister born in 1817 in Washington County, New York.

He was in Kankakee, Illinois, in 1838, evidently lived in Wilmington from 1844-1854, and died in Jefferson City, Missouri in 1892. We do not know where his Masonic membership was.

Can anyone shed light on what the "N. Knights Templar" means? The "G.M." probably stands for Grand Master because in the beginning the head of the Grand Commandery and the head of the state Commanderies were both called Grand Master. We assume the "N" indicates a city. *John H. Rich, P.G.C., 2003 Bald Hill Road, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101*

▣ I am currently searching for a Masonic pocket watch. Any information would be greatly appreciated. *R. N. Westmoreland, 32°, Jacques De Molay Commandery No. 3, 3719 Victory Circle, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901*

▣ Calvary Commandery No. 14, Lewistown, Montana, would like to locate and obtain the Past Commander's Sword of Chauncey R. Fowler. Chauncey was Commander of Calvary Commandery in 1933 and 1934. He is a life member of all the York Rite Bodies.

Any information will be greatly appreciated by Past Commander Chauncey. *Albert M. Greuston, Recorder, Calvary Commandery No. 14, Heath Route, Lewistown, Montana 59457*

▣ I am searching for the July 1969 through June 1970 issues of the *Knight Templar Magazine* to complete my files. If any Sir Knight has an extra of one of these issues, I would appreciate it if he would send it to me. *Dr. Ray A. Barnard, Analomink Lake, R.F.D. No. 3, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18301*

▣ I am in the process of binding into book form the monthly *Knight Templar Magazine* by year. I am missing the following issues: January, April and December 1970; December 1971; March and November 1972, and January, March and August 1973.

My plans are to use the information within the magazines for educational material within the framework of my Commandery. I would appreciate hearing from any Sir Knights who might be able to provide me with some of the issues. *Larry W. Moon, 2119 Elderwood Drive, Martinez, California 94553*

▣ Available – one proof set of "States of the Union Series," 24 KT Gold on Sterling, of historical value. Each contains capitol and statehood status. Wooden case included. Will sell for original cost of \$800.00 for all 50. *Henry Hofmann, Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, 999 Breckinridge Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40207*

▣ I am S.W. of Lexington Commandery No. 27, and I would like to locate and obtain the Commandery Sword of my father, NICK STRINGOS, who died in 1953 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Any information will be greatly appreciated, as this means a great deal to me. *James Stringos, 5733 Mill Street, Peck, Michigan 48466*



☐ Wanted: Genealogical information on Isaac Crabtree (born, Baltimore County, Maryland, 1757, died 1847, Wayne County, Kentucky) and Isaac Oliver, born circa 1765, North Carolina or Virginia, died October 15, 1835, Clark County, Kentucky. Both may have been Masons. *Royale R. Crabtree, St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, 506 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204*

☐ I have a watch fob from the 32nd Triennial Conclave at Denver in 1913 for sale. This brass fob has a 1913 D Buffalo Nickel implanted in it. Piece is in excellent condition. *Phillip D. Johnston, Box 85, Melcher, Iowa 50163*

☐ We would like to locate the sword of my father, Sam B. Hall, of Gil W. Barnard Commandery No. 74, Sullivan, Illinois. It has been lost from the Temple there, and it could possibly be in the hands of some Knight. My father was Commander of Gil W. Barnard Commandery in 1913.

We have also lost his Knights Templar watch fob. Does anyone know about it? I do not positively know if it had his name on it. *Frances Hall Wagner, 1719 Shatto Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44313*

☐ I have a new Past Master's Apron that I am willing to sell for \$20.00. *W. J. Dingus, K.Y.C.H., Box 733, McDonough, Georgia 30253*

☐ My father, a Mason and Knight Templar, died in 1935 and was buried in the Arvada Cemetery, Arvada, Colorado. My mother bought six lots. So now I have four lots that are not going to be used and I would like to trade or sell them for a head stone or give them to some Mason. *Henry E. Hansen, 8218 Broadway, Apt. 1112, Houston, Texas 77061*

☐ I have two antique Knights Templar Commandery Watch Fobs I am willing to sell. Anyone interested may contact me. I will send pictures and prices. *George W. Mosher, 5610 Lakeshore Road, Port Huron, Michigan 48060*

☐ My wife, Marilyn, collects sterling silver souvenir spoons, and recently obtained a spoon commemorating the 31st Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, held in 1910 at Chicago. She is now interested in adding more spoons, pertaining to all related bodies of our fraternity, to her collection.

If anyone has any they would like to sell, please write to her, or me, stating what the spoons are and the price you would want. *Joseph A. Stracuzzi, Saint George's Commandery No. 37, 13 Kling Terrace, Voorheesville, New York 12186*

☐ I collect silver anniversary and commemorative medals and coins. If anyone has any for sale and will advise, I will reply promptly. *Morton E. Mooney, Box 444, Jessup, Georgia 31545*

☐ As Master of my Lodge this year, I had designed a very special coin for raising funds for our Building Committee. The coin is bronze, the size of a half dollar. On one side are the Masonic emblems of the three degrees. On the reverse side is an exact duplicate of our Lodge seal.

This coin is a beautiful collector's item and is available from me for a \$3.00 donation each (postpaid). *Wallace R. Walker, Worshipful Master, Mt. Hollis Lodge, 134 Heritage Way, Holliston, Massachusetts 01746*

☐ Alt Heidelberg Lodge No. 821, Germany, issued a bronze medallion in commemoration of its 20th anniversary in September 1975. The words "Alt Heidelberg Lodge 821 - 20th Anniversary" are written on one side and the emblem of the American Canadian Grand Lodge (A.C.G.L.) are on the reverse side.

A limited quantity of these medallions are available for sale on a first come, first served basis, at \$4.50 each, including postage. Requests should be accompanied by a check or money order, payable to Alt Heidelberg No. 821. Send to *Harry F. Kinzie, Secretary, ODCSLOG-SYSTEMS, APO New York 09403*





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