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OCTOBER: Pictured on the front cover is the newly elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, also the corps of elected Grand Officers who will be serving with him during the 1976-79 Triennium. The back cover of the magazine carries photographs of the seven appointed Right Eminent Department Commanders and the Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. Within this issue you will find additional introductions of those who will be present as Annual Conclave Representatives during the year which follows. Also included is a brief review of legislation adopted at the 53rd Triennial Conclave at Kansas City, August 28-September 2, 1976.

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## A CALL FOR YORK RITE COOPERATION


In this issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, we are featuring an article by Gordon R. Merrick, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International. In a later magazine we will offer a presentation by the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, International, Dr. Owen L. Shanteau. These two bodies, with the Grand Encampment, form the Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry.

This spells out my own desire as Grand Master to work toward ever greater cooperation among all Masonic Bodies. Therein, to my mind, lies the future of our respective organizations. "We must hang together," as Brother Benjamin Franklin was wont to remark, "or we shall all hang separately." We assuredly want to cooperate as Templars with both the York Rite and the Scottish Rite for the general good of Masonry everywhere.

For the Grand Encampment, I have drawn up the following statement of policy and/or purpose for the 1976-79 Triennium:

1. We are a Christian Fraternal Order. This is our basic foundation and should ever be strengthened.
2. Membership must be maintained — hopefully increased.
3. Close cooperation and coordination with the Symbolic Lodge and other Masonic Bodies but particularly the Chapter and Council on local, state and national levels will be fostered.
4. The existence of the Grand Encampment organization and office is for the purpose of serving Templary in an effective and efficient manner.
5. Our major programs as Templars are:
  - (a) Conferral of ritualistic work.
  - (b) Knights Templar Eye Foundation.
  - (c) Knights Templar Educational Foundation.
  - (d) Christian observances.
  - (e) Social events.
  - (f) Support of Youth Activities, particularly DeMolay.

These programs will be maintained and strengthened.



*Willard M. Query*

Grand Master



## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**Grand Master's Reception:** Invitations are being mailed to Grand Commanders of nearby Grand Commanderies inviting them, and the Sir Knights and Masons in their jurisdictions, to a reception for the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, Saturday evening, October 23, at the Murat Shrine Club, Indianapolis. The reception is to be presented by the Grand Commandery of Indiana. The chairman asks that those wishing to attend make reservations through their Grand Commander before October 16.

**Sir Knight Hodgson:** Past Grand Master Arthur C. Hodgson was the Templar master of ceremonies for the Grand Master's banquet Wednesday evening, September 1. A noted trial lawyer, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, a Sir Knight of Sterling Commandery, Kansas, he is a longtime admirer of Sir Knight Riegle. "I have known Roy a long time and in all my dealings with him I have never known him to be other than 'pure gold'." Sir Knight Hodgson also remarks that he heard many excellent addresses "but never one which touched my heartstrings in the same way Roy's did."

**Hartline:** Sir Knight Harrison Hartline, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, was named Trustee of the Permanent Fund to serve until 1982. Hartline replaces Sir Knight J. Harvey Moore, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, who passed away August 10, 1976. Sir Knight Hartline was Grand Commander of Pennsylvania in 1960-61. He has been active in revisions of Pennsylvania's Laws and Regulations and in judicial matters generally. Sir Knight Hartline has assisted the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment during four Trienniums.

**New Grand Captain General:** W. Boyd Sibold, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery of Ohio, reports that: "In celebration of the successful campaign and election of our Sir Knight Ned E. Dull to the office of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, a reception dinner will be held at Lima, Ohio, Saturday evening, November 6, at the Milano Club, 415 West Market Street, Lima, Ohio. You and your friends are invited."

Sir Knight Boyd announces a social hour at 6, dinner at 7 p.m.; price for the dinner - \$10 per person.

**Prince:** Sir Knight A. T. Prince, Towanda, Pennsylvania, writes that General "Hap" Arnold, subject of last month's feature, was a "very good friend and cousin of my wife." He also notes that our article had Brother Arnold a 32<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Mason before he was Raised. His reference is to page 9, paragraph 3, when it appears that April and November were interchanged.

**Sir Knight Coombs:** In the past *Knight Templar Magazine*, the birth and death statistics of Sir Knight Coombs, whose Major League play with the New York Yankees is a matter of sports and Templar record, were identified as Richmond, Virginia. Obviously, as a number of readers have pointed out, the location should have been Richmond, Kentucky.

**C. Byron Lear:** Among the attendees at the Triennial Conclave was C. Byron Lear who has missed, to our knowledge, only one Triennial Conclave since he became a Templar in 1921. He was born in 1894, and will celebrate his 82nd birthday on November 24. He was elected Chairman of the Permanent Fund.

# GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS FOR TRIENNIUM

*Officers for the 53rd Triennium of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar were elected or re-elected and appointed, Wednesday, September 1, 1976, and installed on Thursday, September 2, 1976, the final day of the Grand Encampment business sessions of the 53rd Triennial Conclave in Kansas City, Missouri. Most Eminent Past Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle was Installing Officer. John L. Crofts, Sr., P.G.M. assisted as Installing Marshal, and G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., as Grand Prelate.*

*Elected by Grand Encampment:*

## **Most Eminent Grand Master**

WILLARD M. AVERY, P.O. Box 56, Knightstown, Indiana 46148

## **Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master**

JOHN B. COTTRELL, JR., 240 Crum Creek Road, Media, Pennsylvania 19063

## **Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo**

KENNETH C. JOHNSON, 19 Pine Manor Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207

## **Right Eminent Grand Captain General**

NED E. DULL, P.O. Box 429, Van Wert, Ohio 45891

## **Right Eminent Grand Treasurer**

HAROLD S. GORMAN, P.O. Box 11007, Reno, Nevada 89510

## **Right Eminent Grand Recorder**

PAUL C. RODENHAUSER, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604

*Appointed by the Grand Master:*

## **Right Eminent Grand Prelate**

THE REVEREND H. DWIGHT McALISTER, 6440 Kemberly Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29209

## **Right Eminent Department Commanders**

Northeastern Alton G. Billmeier, P.O. Box 276, Denton, Maryland 21629

Southeastern J. Willard Register, P.O. Box 1177, Columbus, Georgia 31902

East Central K. Edwin Applegate, 509 South Swain Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana 47401

North Central Hugh E. Hossle, 1014 Lincoln Way, Box 32, Ames, Iowa 50010

South Central J. Shubel Robbins, 414 Fourth Street, Jennings, Louisiana 70546

Northwestern Merlin F. Purcell, 3300 Hill Road, Boise, Idaho 83703

Southwestern William P. Wilson, 531 Woodland Avenue, Woodland, California 95695

## **Most Eminent Past Grand Masters**

John L. Crofts, Sr., 1967-70

G. Wilbur Bell, 1970-73

Roy Wilford Riegle, 1973-76

## **Right Eminent Past Grand Generalissimo**

C. Byron Lear

## **Grand Treasurer Emeritus**

Edmund F. Ball, P.G.C. (Indiana)

## YORK RITE REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Region	Department Commanders	Deputy General Grand High Priests	Regional Deputy General Grand Masters
Northeastern	Dr. Alton G. Billmeier Box 276 Denton, MD 21629	Albert A. Remington, III 4 Cold Spring Road Barrington, RI 02806	Roger W. Staples 31 Pleasant Street Eliot, MA 03903
Southeastern	J. Willard Register Box 1177 Columbus, GA 31902	Robert F. Secrest 901 Palmetto State Life Bldg. Columbia, SC 29201	McMurray L. Griffith Box 31311 Birmingham, AL 35222
East Central	K. Edwin Applegate 509 S. Swain Bloomington, IN 47401	Norman L. Harper 321 Colonial Drive Paducah, KY 42001	Richard G. Deane P.O. Box 272 Flushing, MI 48433
North Central	Hugh E. Hossle 1014 Lincoln Way, Box 32 Ames, IA 50010	Henry R. Van Geest 129 Unit 2495 Canabury Drive St. Paul, MN 55117	Louis V. Sylvester 801 S. 52nd, No. 2105 Omaha, NE 68106
South Central	J. Shubel Robbins 414 Fourth Street Jennings, LA 70546	Olin S. McDaniel 117 East School Street Bonne Terre, MO 63628	K. Maynard Curts 5236 Delmar Avenue Shawnee Mission, KS 66205
Northwestern	Merlin F. Purcell 3300 Hill Road Boise, ID 83703	F. R. Erick Mulder 749 80th Avenue, S.W. Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2V 0V2	Vernon R. Parks Box 2201, College Station Pullman, WA 99163
Southwestern	William P. Wilson 531 Woodland Avenue Woodland, CA 95695	Clarence K. Jones 1775 Circle Drive Reno, NV 89502	Marvin J. Baker Box 3742 Albuquerque, NM 87110

### Regional Department Jurisdictions and Pending Regional Conferences

- SOUTH CENTRAL** — Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. The Conference for the South Central Department was held September 18 and 19, 1976, at the Waco, Texas, Holiday Inn, I-35 near Baylor University.
- NORTHEASTERN** — Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont. The Northeastern Department Conference is planned for October 8 and 9, 1976, Manchester, New Hampshire, Sheraton-Wayfarer Inn.
- NORTHWESTERN** — Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. The Northwestern Department Conference dates are October 30 and 31, 1976, El Korah Shrine Mosque. Headquarters will be at Safari Inn Motel, Boise, Idaho.
- NORTH CENTRAL** — Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. North Central Department Conference is planned for November 13 and 14, 1976, in Bloomington, Minnesota, Sheraton Motor Inn.
- SOUTHWESTERN** — Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. The Conference for the Southwestern Department is scheduled for November 13, 1976, in Reno, Nevada, Eldorado, Hotel.
- SOUTHEASTERN** — Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Department Conference dates are January 21 and 22, 1977, at Charlotte, North Carolina, Rodeway Inn.
- EAST CENTRAL** — Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. East Central Department Conference dates are January 29 and 30, 1977, Louisville, Kentucky, Ramada Inn, Blue Grass Conference Center.

Changes, if any, will be published in the KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE.

## WILLARD M. AVERY, KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA ELECTED 45TH GRAND MASTER IN KANSAS CITY

*The voting members of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., having assembled in Triennial Conclave in Kansas City, Missouri, September 1, 1976, unanimously elected Sir Knight Willard M. Avery as Grand Master of this sovereign body.*

Sir Knight Willard Meredith Avery was born at Palmyra, Indiana, on February 2, 1907. He attended DePauw University as a Rector Scholar, and completed his A.B. there with highest honors in 1929. For two years following graduation he taught social studies and speech in Portland, Indiana. He then attended the University of Michigan Law School, winning the Henry M. Campell Case Club Award, and later serving as senior judge in Case Club competition. While attending law school, he was elected Student President of the Lawyers Club. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree in 1934.

Since 1936 Sir Knight Avery has been engaged in general law practice in Knightstown, Indiana. He and his wife, Margaret, have two sons, Max and Jack, and two grandsons.

He has been continuously active in the civic affairs of his community. A member of the Knightstown Methodist Church, Avery has served in numerous lay capacities, including President of the Board of Trustees and of the Official Board, as well as lay delegate to the Methodist Conference. He has served with distinction as local President and Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis International; Past President of the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce; and Director of the First National Bank of Knightstown.

His Masonic affiliations are extensive: Among Masonic offices held, Sir Knight Avery has served as Worshipful Master, Golden Rule Lodge No. 16, F. & A.M., Knightstown (1940); Commander of Knightstown Commandery No. 9, Knightstown (1945); Illustrious Master, Cryptic Council No. 29, Knightstown



(1954); High Priest, Knightstown Chapter No. 33 (1955); and Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana (1956-57). He is a member of the Knights York Cross of Honour (1954); was Sovereign, St. Basil Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Lafayette, Indiana (1961); is a charter member of St. Andrew Tabernacle, No. XXXV (1957); and recipient, Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay (1961). In addition, Sir Knight Avery was Grand Patron, Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star (1957-58), and First President of Board of Directors, DeMolay Foundation of Indiana.

Sir Knight Avery has been actively engaged in Grand → → →

Encampment projects for many years. He was knighted in 1939 at Knightstown Commandery No. 9, which has approximately 225 members in a town of 3500, with three Commanderies within a radius of 15 miles. His Commandery has sent a drill team to the last seven Triennials. During his tenure as Grand Commander of Indiana, an invitation was issued for the holding of the 47th Triennial Conclave at Indianapolis, Indiana. Sir Knight Avery acted as legal advisor to the Triennial Conclave Corporation and served as Vice President of the local Triennial Committee. He served as Department Commander of the East Central Department under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and not least among his accomplishments was his position as Editor of the *Knight Templar Magazine* for 5 1/2 years until 1967. He was made an Honorary 33<sup>o</sup>, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, September 1967, at Pittsburgh.

In Detroit in 1967, Sir Knight Avery was elected to the Grand Encampment line as Grand Captain General; he then assumed the offices of Grand Generalissimo in Denver, 1970, Deputy Grand Master in Chicago, 1973, and Most Eminent Grand Master in Kansas City, Missouri, 1976.

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**Divine Service**



The Sunday morning Divine Service at Kansas City featured the Apollo Chorus of Minneapolis and a sermon by Sir Knight and the Reverend Basil L. Johnson, and a wealth of Sir Knights in uniform.

WHEREAS, the International York Rite Council composed of elective officers of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, the General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters International, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was constituted February 18, 1968, and,

WHEREAS, the general purpose of said International York Rite Council is to foster a better understanding and promote a closer working relationship between the York Rite bodies, particularly on a national level, and,

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies on a state and local level are generally more active, especially in membership promotion, where a spirit of close York Rite Cooperation prevails.

NOW THEREFORE, said International York Rite Council first recognizes its dependence upon and fealty to the Symbolic Lodge of Free Masons and hereby expresses its belief in the York Rite Concept and supports and recommends that said York Rite Concept be fostered on the national, state and local levels and pledges its support to the same.

DATED this 2nd day of September, 1976.

Signed in agreement at the Installation Ceremony September 2, 1976, at Kansas City, Missouri:

**Gordon R. Merrick, General Grand High Priest  
General Grand Chapter**

**Royal Arch Masons International**

**Owen L. Shanteau, General Grand Master  
General Grand Council,  
Royal and Select Masters International**

**Willard M. Avery, Grand Master  
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar  
United States of America**





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## JOHN B. COTTRELL, JR., DEPUTY GRAND MASTER KENNETH C. JOHNSON, GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL 1976-79

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*John B. Cottrell, Jr., financial analyst from Media, Pennsylvania, and Kenneth Culver Johnson, registered professional engineer, from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, were elected to the offices of Deputy Grand Master and Grand Generalissimo, respectively, in the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at the Triennial Conclave held in Kansas City, Missouri, September 1, 1976.*



Sir Knight Cottrell was born August 7, 1910, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the Public Schools of Maryland and Pennsylvania, and married Charlotte A. Wohnus, July 23, 1938. A member of Media Presbyterian Church, he is former President of the Board of Deacons and a Ruling Elder. He is presently retired, having served as financial analyst for the Philadelphia Electric Company.

Among his civic and community activities, Sir Knight Cottrell is a member of the Quarter Century Club. He is also active in Red Cross, United Fund, and Salvation Army. He has served as



Sir Knight Johnson was born September 7, 1912, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University, with a B.S. in engineering, and is a member of Tau Beta Pi, National Honorary Engineering Fraternity. He and his wife, Yvonne, have three sons and four grandchildren.

Prior to his service in World War II as a Reserve Officer, he was associated with Arkansas Power and Light Company as a Sales Engineer. Following release from Active Duty, he joined Southern States Equipment as National Sales Manager.

In 1947 he joined Dyke Industries, Inc., a management engineering firm,

President of several Coin and Photography Clubs, and has been a member of the Media Swimming and Rowing Club, Crum Creek Valley Civic Association, and Upper Providence Landowners Association.

Sir Knight Cottrell's Masonic record includes: Past Master, Symbolic Lodge; Past District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; President, Board of Governors, Grand Lodge District School of Instruction; Past High Priest, Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Council of Royal and Select Masters; Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; member, Grand Encampment Public Relations Committee, 1961-64; Grand Encampment 49th Triennial Committee, 1964; Past Department Commander, 1964; Vice Chairman, 49th Triennial Conclave, Inc.; Past Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Prior, Knights York Cross of Honour; Life Member, Masonic Homes Corporation of Pennsylvania. He is a senior member, Order of DeMolay, holds the Active Legion of Honor, and is a DeMolay Advisory Committee member. He is also a member, Benjamin Franklin Consistory, Lulu Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Royal Order of Scotland, H.R.A.K.T.P., Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Philaethes Society, Grand College of Rites, and Allied Masonic Degrees.

### Parliamentarian



Herbert D. Sledd, prominent lawyer, again served as Parliamentarian and Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence for the Triennial Conclave.

where he is now Executive Vice-President. He is also President of three associated companies. A registered Professional Engineer, Sir Knight Johnson is Past Chairman of the Arkansas section of IEEE, and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Active in civic and religious areas, Sir Knight Johnson has served as President, Sales and Marketing Executives Association; Vice President, Quapaw Council, Boy Scouts of America; President, Arkansas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; and Chairman of the Board and Sunday School teacher of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

As a member of the York Rite Bodies of Pine Bluff, Johnson's Masonic distinctions include a term as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas in 1960. He is Past Sovereign and Recorder, St. Giles Conclave, Grand Junior General, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Preceptor, Holy Grail Tabernacle No. XI, H.R.A.K.T.P. He holds the Legion of Honor, DeMolay International; and is Vice President, Pine Bluff Arsenal Chapter No. 166, National Sojourners. He is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of Little Rock; Past Potentate Sahara Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Past Director, Court No. 38, Royal Order of Jesters; member, Royal Order of Scotland and many others.

### The Grundys and Escort



Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolays provided escorts, as shown with Chairman and Mrs. Merlin R. Grundy at Grand Master's Banquet.

## NED E. DULL ELECTED GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

*The new Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment is Ned Eugene Dull, Van Wert, Ohio, lumber dealer. Sir Knight Dull is Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio and Past Department Commander within the Grand Encampment.*

Sir Knight Ned Eugene Dull was born October 18, 1923, in Ohio City, Ohio. He attended Ohio City-Liberty High School, Ohio State University and The Citadel at Charleston, South Carolina. He is a lumber dealer in Van Wert, Ohio, having been associated with Dull Lumber and Supply Company for 25 years. He and his wife, Margaret (Margie), live in Van Wert, and they have four daughters.

Among his community and religious affiliations, he is past Trustee and member, First United Methodist Church, Van Wert. He also holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Corporation, Rotary Club, Elks, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Ohio and National Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

Sir Knight Dull is Past Presiding Officer of all York Rite Bodies in Van Wert, including Past Master; Past High Priest; Past Illustrious Master; and Past Commander, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54. He is Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio (1968).

He is a member of Ohio Priory No. 18, Knights York Cross of Honour; Holy Grail Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Prince of Peace Tabernacle No. X, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; and Past Department Commander of the East Central Department under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment (1970-73), appointed to this office in Denver by Most Eminent Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell.

In addition to his many Masonic associations, Sir Knight Dull is Drill Captain for Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54 - National Champions, Class B competition, 1961, 1964, and 1967, and most recently National Champions, Class



A competition at the 53rd Triennial Conclave, in Kansas City.

He is a member, Royal Order of Scotland, and Zenobia Shrine; and Past Sovereign Master, Buckeye Council No. 92, Allied Masonic Degrees. He is an Honorary Legion of Honor, and was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, 1970.

Sir Knight Dull was nominated at the 53rd Triennial Conclave by Sir Knight George H. Thomas, Cincinnati, Past Grand Commander of Ohio. The seconding was made by a Past Grand Commander from California, Sir Knight James F. Graham, Temple City, California, who completed his term of office last April,

Additional information after all reports are received and recorded will be released in future issues of the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Among the actions at the 53rd Triennial Conclave, Kansas City, were the following:

Committee on Foreign Relations reported unfavorably on a proposal to make the Grand Encampment an "International" Order. The report was sustained.

Charles S. McIntyre II and George W. Sorrell, Michigan and Alabama, respectively, were reelected to nine year terms on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Committee on Public Relations reported a distribution of 33,728 copies of *Masonic Americana* during the triennium.

Committee on Ritualistic Matters, G. Calvin Dyson, reported no changes, that the fully worded or Master Ritual (1919 edition) would be issued to Grand Recorders and Grand Encampment Officers in the near future "reflecting all authorized changes in the ritual since its last publication."

A per capita increase was authorized by the delegates of 40 cents for Constituent Commanderies of Grand Commanderies in order to permit continuation of full office services and the printing and distribution of the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Chairman Marvin E. Fowler reported that arrangements for Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington (April 10, 1977) would be continued on the same basis as earlier Easter weekends. Permission has been granted by the Department of Defense.

Modified uniforms were approved for Grand Encampment Officers and Subordinate Commanderies, eliminating the high-necked frock coat and substituting a three-button, double-breasted sack coat with neither baldric nor outside belt. Existing belts may be worn suspended from two short chains extending through a slit in the coat. The change does NOT affect CONSTITUENT COMMAND-

Sir Knight Merlin R. Grundy, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas and General Chairman of the 53rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in Kansas City, Missouri, is, by profession, an engineer in machine tool sales. However, he devotes much of his free time to another labor, the compensation of which is not calculated in dollars and cents. Sir Knight Grundy and his wife, Marion, make hats, or more correctly, chapeaux — those distinct, be-plumed headings to the Knight Templar uniform.

The Grundys make between 100 and 150 chapeaux per year from ostrich feathers imported from Africa. The shells for the chapeaux are made by a plastics company in Kansas City, which Mrs. Grundy covers with felt; she then attaches a block of wood with a hole at the front to hold the ostrich feathers which are cut and curled. One feather is dyed black and fastened under the white feathers (white plumes indicate friends of Christ, black indicate enemies).

The Chapeaux, currently a required part of the Templar uniform, is "an expensive accoutrement," but Sir Knight Grundy sells his creations for cost and considers the time spent in their production a "labor of love."

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ERIES. It applies to Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, Officers of Grand Encampment and SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES, with appropriate modification of identifications.

Copies of changes will be circulated as soon as possible to the officers noted.

Newly appointed Department Commander K. Edwin Applegate, Chairman, announced that the 54th Triennial Conclave would be held in Indianapolis August 11-16, 1979.

Detailed reports and actions will be reported later.

## GRAND TREASURER, GRAND RECORDER RE-ELECTED

*Sir Knight Harold S. Gorman, P.G.C., Nevada, was re-elected to the office of Grand Treasurer, and Sir Knight Paul Charles Rodenhauser, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, and Editor of the Knight Templar Magazine for the last nine years, was re-elected Grand Recorder.*

Sir Knight Harold Sumner Gorman was born May 9, 1903, in Carlin, Nevada. He graduated from Reno High School and attended the University of Nevada. He and his wife, Marguerite, are the parents of two sons, Richard and Robert.



Retired after 33 years with the First National Bank of Nevada, Gorman was Chairman of the Board at the time of his retirement.

He is former Trustee and Vice Chairman, Washoe Medical Center; Past President, Chamber of Commerce; Past Treasurer, Advisory Board Member, Nevada Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

Sir Knight Gorman is Past Commander and Treasurer, DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1, where he is a 45-year member. He is Past Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer and Chairman of Knights Templar Educational Foundation for the Grand Commandery of Nevada; Past Department Commander, South Pacific Department, 1967-70; former Trustee, now Treasurer, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. He holds memberships in Reno Lodge No. 13, F. & A.M., Reno Chapter No. 1; Reno Council No. 4, R. & S.M.; Reno Court No. 33, Royal Order of Jesters; Kerak Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; and H.R.A.K.T.P. He is also a former Intendant General for Nevada, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine.

He was appointed Grand Treasurer July 1, 1974, by Roy Wilford Riegle, P.G.M.

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Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser was born August 26, 1910, in Columbia, Pennsylvania. He studied at Temple University, and graduated from Millersville State College in 1933 with a B.S. in education. He married Hazel L. Palmer on July 14, 1936. He has one son and three grandchildren.



In addition to syndicated writing, he was a promotion and production director in radio from 1935, and TV-program-production-manager from 1949 to 1966, at which time he resigned to become Grand Recorder.

He is a member, St. John's Lutheran Church, Columbia. He is past Chairman, Lancaster County Chapter, American Red Cross; Board member, Columbia Hospital; member Citizen's Board, Illinois Masonic Medical Center; and member, Lancaster County United Fund and Y.M.C.A.

Appointed Grand Recorder by the late Wilber M. Brucker, P.G.M., in 1966, and elected to that position in 1967, Sir Knight Rodenhauser has served as Editor of the *Knight Templar Magazine* since 1967.

Masonically, he has served as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the K.Y.C.H.; Grand Recorder, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Preceptor, H.R.A.K.T.P.; and Zembo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. He is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, coronetted in 1964; Honorary Legion of Honor and Active Member of the Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay, and a member in Perpetuity of National Sojourners.

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## 53RD TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE DRILL TEAM CHAMPIONS

It began before sunrise, Saturday, August 28. Hundreds of white plumes stood out against the black sky. Inside the Municipal Auditorium the judges gathered, and at 6:00 a.m. it started.

For more than ten hours the judges watched the 28 Class A and Class B Drill Teams execute maneuvers in the arena. The judges marched along side each team, closely eyeing the angles and lines. If you listened carefully, you could hear the whispers of the end guards: "watch the center," "get that line straight," "step lively in this line." The 21- and 31-man teams travelled around the floor in a rigorous drill of marching and sword mastery. When it ended, at almost 4:30 p.m., there were a number of tired men walking back to the Hotel Muehlebach.

That night the winners were named:

### Class A

- 1st — Ivanhoe No. 54  
Van Wert, Ohio  
Ned E. Dull, Captain
- 2nd — Gethsemane No. 25  
Okmulgee, Oklahoma  
Jack Freeman, Captain
- 3rd — Golden West No. 43  
Los Angeles, California  
Jack E. Davies, Captain
- 4th — Lansing No. 25  
Lansing, Michigan  
Mies D. Grant, Jr., Captain

### Class B

- 1st — Greenfield No. 39  
Greenfield, Indiana  
William O. Heiden, Captain
- 2nd — Ruthven No. 2  
Houston, Texas  
Charles D. Browder, Captain
- 3rd — Palestine No. 33  
Springfield, Ohio  
Earl D. Yerian, Captain
- 4th — Raper No. 1  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
George D. Kivett, Jr., Captain



Ivanhoe No. 54 Class A Drill Team.



Greenfield No. 39 Class B Drill Team.



Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Captain of Ivanhoe No. 54 Drill Team, accepting award from Grand Master Riegler.



Sir Knight William O. Heiden, Captain of Greenfield No. 39 Drill Team, accepting award from Grand Master Riegler.

## REV. H. D. McALISTER APPOINTED GRAND PRELATE

*Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, Most Eminent Grand Master, announced the appointment of the Reverend and Sir Knight H. Dwight McAlister, Columbia, South Carolina, as Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment for the ensuing Triennium, 1976-79.*

The Reverend H. Dwight McAlister was born May 8, 1915, in Florence County, South Carolina. He attended the Public Schools of South Carolina and graduated from Furman University. He also attended South Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and in 1938 he was ordained to the ministry. Sir Knight McAlister has, for the past 30 years, pastored several churches in South Carolina, serving 19 years as Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Churaw, South Carolina. He is presently involved in Supply and Interim Work. He lives in Columbia, and succeeds his late wife, Mary Carolina Martin. Their two children are Mary Helen McAlister Lowrimore and H. D. McAlister, Jr.

Sir Knight McAlister is a Past member, Board of Directors, and past Chairman of the Speakers Bureau, South Carolina Eye Bank; has served on the Board of Trustees, South Carolina Baptist Hospitals for ten years; is past president, Florence County Teachers Association; member, Board of Trustees, Furman University, 1965-69; past Moderator, Florence Baptist Association; member, International Platform Association; member, Columbia Lions Club; and Past District Governor, Lions International, District 32C.

Masonically, Sir Knight McAlister is Past Master, Hannah Lodge No. 298; eight years Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina; and Past Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina. He is Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A.F.M. of South Carolina, 1968-present. A York Rite Mason, he is Past High Priest, Campbell Chapter No. 31; Past Illustrious Master, Cephass Council No. 13, 1972; Past Illustrious Grand Master,



1975; Knight Mason of the United States, South Carolina Council No. 20. Received the Super Excellent Master's Degree, the Anointed Order of High Priesthood and the Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree during 1975; and is a member, Red Cross of Constantine. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, Dalcho Consistory, K.C.C.H., Charleston, South Carolina; recipient of the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor; Honorary Member, Fort Jackson Chapter No. 184; and member in Perpetuity of National Sojourners. He is also a Shriner, Jamil Temple, Columbia.

At the closing "briefing" session Thursday night, September 2, Sir Knight Avery said: "If you ever want a truly fine speaker, Sir Knight McAlister is the man!"

# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## Armetale Commemorative Plaque



The Worshipful Master of York Lodge No. 266 of Free and Accepted Masons of York, Pennsylvania, announces a Bicentennial Commemorative plaque of Wilton Armetale made of ten different metals of high luster finish.

The rim of the Commemoration is designed of a filigree of mountain laurel with old English lettering; in the center is King Solomon's Temple; the square and compass on the left; and the Holy Bible on the right.

Anyone wishing to acquire one of these 12" Commemorations can do so by a donation of \$22. Make checks payable to: Donald W. Gross, W.M., 4115 Briarwood Court, York, Pennsylvania 17404.

## Vestal Lodge Temple Coin

Vestal Lodge No. 1144, New York, has struck a bronzed coin to aid the refurbishing of the Vestal Temple. The coin shows a view of the Vestal Masonic Temple on the obverse, and it has the inscription "I bought a brick for the Temple" on the reverse.

The coins are available for the price of \$1.00 from William Cuffney, 313 William Street, Vestal, New York 13850. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with order.

## Canada Sovereign Great Priory

The 93rd Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada of the United Orders of Malta and the Temple was held at the Sheraton Cavalier Motor Inn, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, August 7-10. Saskatoon Preceptory No. 55 hosted the Assembly.

Attended by 263 delegates, the Council was held on Saturday, August 7, and the Church Service on the 8th. Regular sessions of the Great Priory took place on Monday and Tuesday with M.E. Knight R. V. Weir, Supreme Grand Master, presiding. Some 550 Sir Knights and guests attended the Grand Master's banquet, which included among its distinguished guests Roy Wilford Riegle, then Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Grand Officers re-elected were Sir Knight R.V. Weir, Supreme Grand Master; Sir Knight R. J. Beattie, Deputy Grand Master; and Sir Knight C. E. Wells, Grand Chancellor. Sir Knight F. C. Ackert is new Grand Treasurer.

The 1977 Annual Assembly is planned for August 13-16 at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

## Masonic Happening

The York Rite Bodies of Texas and the Waco Scottish Rite Body will hold a "Masonic Happening" on November 12 and 13, in the Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library and Museum in Waco, to honor Illustrious J. W. Chandler, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Texas.

The Happening - York Rite Festival and Scottish Rite Reunion - will begin with the registration of candidates at 2:00 p.m., November 12. Both Rites will simultaneously confer Degrees, beginning at 4:30 in the Lodge Room of the Auditorium. The conferrals will conclude at 5:30 on the 13th and will be followed by a Shrine Ceremonial.



## Social Order of the Beauceant

Candlelight Assembly No. 248, Social Order of the Beauceant, was constituted by Mrs. Home P. Peck, Past Supreme Worthy President, on August 7, 1976, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Peck was assisted by Mrs. Victor Gallivan, Supreme 1st Vice President, Mrs. Arthur Coats, Supreme Preceptress, Mrs. Arthur Sullivan, Supreme Assistant Marshal and Mrs. Bennet Lacy, Supreme Inner Guard, and officers from Oklahoma City Assembly No. 36, Tulsa No. 35, Stillwater No. 124, Ponca City No. 43, Enid No. 5, Arkansas City No. 20, Independence No. 132, Liberal No. 106, Dallas No. 63 and Richmond No. 218. Mrs. Glenn W. Foster, Supreme Worthy President, was a special guest and also assisted in the Constituting of the new Assembly.

## New Jersey Coin

A bronze Bicentennial coin has been issued by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The obverse of the coin, which is 1½ inches in diameter, bears the seal of the Grand Lodge and the reverse has an appropriate Bicentennial design.

Coins can be obtained at \$2.00 each (postpaid) from the office of the Grand Secretary, Box 460, Burlington, New Jersey 08016.

## Bicentennial Plate

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland have struck a 12 inch Armetale Metal Royal Arch Plate.

It is available to anyone who makes a minimum donation of \$12.00 to the "Royal Arch Charity Fund." Plates can be ordered or a description received by writing Sir Knight Cyril H. York, 503 Greenbriar Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

## Knight Templar Family

Four "generations" of Knights Templar were represented at a reception given by Long Beach Commandery No. 40, to honor California Grand Commander, Robert J. Miller.



From left to right: G.C. Robert J. Miller; his "Grand Templar Grandfather," Sir Knight Robert A. Miller, P.G.C. (no blood relation); his "Grand Templar Father," Sir Knight John B. Nye, P.G.C.; and his "Grand Templar Son," Sir Knight David B. Slayton. Sir Knight Nye is past Department Commander of the Southwestern Department.

The eldest three members of the "Grand Templar Family" are Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and the youngest, Sir Knight Slayton, will be eligible for membership in 18 months.

## Silver Anniversary Medallion

The Scottish Rite Valley of Terre Haute, Indiana, commemorates the 25th Anniversary of the Chartering of the Lodge of Perfection with a silvered on bronze medallion. One side depicts the double headed eagle and the Valley's name; the other, the emblem of the Lodge of Perfection with the charter and celebration dates.

This medallion is available for \$5, which includes postage and mailing costs, and can be obtained from Earle O. Prater, Secretary, Scottish Rite Valley of Terre Haute, 727 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana 47807.

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### Grand Council of Germany

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Germany are celebrating their 20th Anniversary in May, 1977, and in commemoration of this event have struck 750 Grand Council medals which are to be worn around the neck. The bijous are triangular of antique silver finish with the name of the Grand Council of Germany (in German) on the

obverse; the seal of the Grand Council (in English) on the reverse.

Should any Brother, Sir Knight or Companion desire to purchase one of these bijous, they are available (\$6.50 each, including postage) from David W. Campbell, PSC Box 1644, APO New York 09123. Please use no titles or Masonic addresses on the envelope.

*"As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free" . . .*

## **"ONE NATION UNDER GOD"**

*The following address was given by The Reverend Basil L. Johnson, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, at the Divine Services, Sunday, August 29, 1976, during the 53rd Triennial at Kansas City, Missouri.*

Can you remember the day when the Pledge of Allegiance did NOT have the words "under God?" "One nation indivisible," we said, "with liberty and justice for all." How did the phrase, "under God" get into our pledge?

In 1954, Dr. George M. Docherty, pastor of the New York Avenue, Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., observed in a sermon that "there was something missing from the pledge," — "which could just as well be repeated by little Muscovites pledging to the hammer and sickle." Congress, recognizing this truth quickly altered the pledge to its present form. In this action they publicly set forth the ONE GREAT DISTINCTION between our democracy and every dictatorship of which I have known, namely, faith in God and submission to His will.

I know not what you may believe, but I for one am deeply convinced that "liberty for all people everywhere" is a divine purpose, revealed to man from the heart of God, and, that it will be always. I am aware that there are multitudes all across this earth who either do not believe in God, or believing, still design to do everything in their power to obstruct His purposes. It is my conviction that this universe is so constructed of God and so obedient to His will that it will not support willful disobedience to that will (even though it may take many years to realize God's action). Obedience is supported and disobedience leads to self-destruction, whether of the individual or of the nation. Those who disobey will ultimately be swept aside by the onward march of the divine will. As Masons, we support, I think, such a belief.

God is FOR liberty for His children; not the unrestrained license which so

many call liberty, but the disciplined loyalty to His will, which blesses and envisions and empowers. "For in that day" (God's day), says St. Paul, "the creation will be set free from its bondage to decay — and will — obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God." As Masons, we first learn the lesson of discipline; of obedience to the revelations of the Grand Architect, and in THAT lesson we find our true liberty. There are two kinds of liberty, in the minds of many men; man's license or God's liberty, but in the thought of God, the only REAL liberty is obedience to the divine.

### **It Took Vision To Create This Republic**

In what has been called, "the most popular of our national anthems," we find these words:

**"Our fathers' God, to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing:"**

Recently Alistair Cooke was quoted as saying that this country was founded on an idea — "It was invented to produce happiness for everybody, and Americans are always measuring themselves against an ideal life — which accounts for much unhappiness." Now, let me call your attention to the fact that there is a vast difference between an idea and an ideal. When you add an 'L' to idea and therein make it ideal, you have lifted it from the human invention to divine revelation. No one ever invented an ideal. Ideals come off the trestleboard of the Grand Architect; they are not the invention of man. Rather, they have been handed down from generation to generation through many ages, since the →→→

first Child of God heard the message from the Father's heart. This is why Santayana's lines are so apt:

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

When one raises the question of our beginnings, many people go back to Columbus, or the Pilgrim Fathers, or even to the Magna Charta of 1215 A.D. May I remind you that such "human invention" comes from a lack of historicity. Liberty for humankind goes back much, much further than any of these. The spiritual tells the real truth in its words:

**"Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's lan.'  
Tell ol' Pharaoh, t' let my people go."**

Our liberty was not an "invention" even in 1620. The Pilgrims came here under the guidance of God, a guidance which they clearly saw and eagerly accepted, despite any sacrifice it might require from them.

During the dark days of the debate on the Declaration of Independence (and they were dark, for many of the Continental Congress were not confident of success, even when they voted for freedom), during those days, I repeat, they were making very little progress. Benjamin Franklin arose and said, "Mr. Chairman, we have overlooked something. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without God's notice, how can an empire rise without His help? I move that hereafter we begin each session by asking God's help." From that time on our houses of Congress have opened each session with prayer, and it is interesting, to say the least, that progress was made immediately after that on the Declaration of Independence.

Franklin was not alone among those first leaders who believed in the guidance of God. One might say that of those early great leaders, almost everyone was a God-fearing person. One of my problems at this point has been to eliminate the many, many quotations I could have used from the other Congressional members.

Hear just one more, from John Adams, whose whole life was bound up in the effort to free these colonies. Said he, on one occasion, "I always consider the settlement of America with reverence and wonder, as the opening of a grand scene and design in Providence for the Illumination of the ignorant and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the world."

**"Our fathers in a wondrous age,  
Ere yet the earth was small,  
Insured to us an heritage,  
And doubted not at all  
That we, the children of their heart,  
Which then did beat so high,  
In later time should play like part  
For their posterity . . .  
Dear-bought and clear,  
A thousand year,  
Our father's title runs,  
Make we likewise their sacrifice,  
Defrauding not their sons!"**

— Anonymous

Let me repeat that I believe the most distinguishing feature between our system and that of all dictatorships, has been our faith in the overarching purpose of a divine being; a God who has a wondrous and glorious design for His children; that of giving to them ALL THE LIBERTY THEY ARE CAPABLE OF HANDLING. Solzhenitsyn, who was expelled from the Soviet Union, but who had spent the major portion of his life under Soviet domination, still has caught the essence of what I am saying, in a recent statement: "a purely materialistic philosophy of life is morally bankrupt: we must look elsewhere. Power — necessarily corrupts, unless a man has an internal ethical compass." Whence does this "internal ethical compass" come from? Just as a physical compass gets its direction from an outside source, i.e. the power of the north and south poles of our world, so, if God is not the lodestar of our life, we shall not have it. Only in God do we find the vital "direction" emanations which never fail us.

It took VISION, a mighty vision to create this republic and it will also take VISION to MAINTAIN IT, →→→

for, as the prophet has put it, "without vision the people perish." At this point one thinks of the struggle of another good Mason of bygone years. His struggle was the one so familiar to us all, i.e., the desire to please people, or the desire to please his God. At the time Rudyard Kipling was poet laureate of Great Britain. It was during the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria. Kipling had been assigned the task of writing a commemorative poem. The populace of the Empire wanted, naturally, the usual kind of bombastic beating of the collective breast, describing the greatness of the empire "on which the sun never sets." Kipling later said that this was "the hardest task ever assigned me. I wrestled with ideas for months." The *London Times* was demanding the copy to meet a certain deadline. The deadline passed with no poem. Finally, at last, out of his personal struggle with the issues came the lines, which much like the Gettysburg address of our land, was not accepted as of any particular value, but lines which have increased in stature with time:

"God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine,  
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

"The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The captains and the kings depart:  
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

One wonders if it might not have been his Masonic principles which held him to such a statement. This poem reminds us of the magnificent statement of our own Lincoln during the war between the states: "all the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio. — At what point, then, is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer: if it ever reaches us it must spring

up amongst us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time or die by suicide."

**Our hearts are lifted and our spirits rise,  
In thankfulness to God, beyond the skies,  
For those in former years who braved the seas  
To find a home, where they might bend their knees  
To talk to God. In their own way confess  
Their sins; and give their lives to nobleness.**

### **It Took Courage to Build our Institutions**

I have thought so many times during my ministry, and been steadied by the thought, of the steadfastness of Washington during the Revolution. One writer has called to our attention that it was most unusual that a man of such wealth and position as Washington, would have risked everything he had for a will-O-the-wisp ideal, as some would call it now. But the glory of his life was that he did just that — even when his cause seemed hopeless against the might of the British Empire. In the Declaration to which the signers affixed their signatures are the words, "we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." Could human spirit go much further? Let us recall that "in its main features the Declaration of Independence is a great spiritual document. It is a declaration not of material but of spiritual concepts. Its main features are ideals."

So many times I've mulled over that terrible winter at Valley Forge. One third of the army disappeared by death, one third disappeared by desertion. Even the third which was left sent a delegation to Washington to ask for permission to go home for the winter, and to plant their spring crops. Then, they said, they would return to fight. Washington responded by saying quite simply, "if you go home now, there will be no war to come back to. We will have lost." And to their credit, the men stayed.

It will take the same kind of commitment and steadfastness to MAINTAIN our institutions two hundred years later. Recently in a book titled *A* → → →

*Man Called Intrepid*, I read of the "secret war" of Great Britain (and later the U.S.) during the second world war. In fact it was so secret that its facts could not be revealed until thirty years after the end of the war. Sir William Stephenson who was "Intrepid" speaks of his agony in sending people on dangerous missions, knowing they might never return; and of "the frightful risks" these people assumed, having "no protection or privilege of uniform" and "forced to make lonely decisions that could mean merciless death to their families or countrymen." In fact, his own sense of horror sent him to his knees like Washington and Lincoln. He wrote these lines and carried them on his person throughout most of the war:

"Dear Lord  
Lest I continue  
My complacent way  
Help me to remember  
Somewhere out there  
A man died for me today.  
— As long as there be war  
I then must  
Ask and answer  
Am I worth dying for?"

Eleanor Roosevelt, when she saw it, asked for a copy and carried it always in her purse thereafter. So this hour, let us remind you that the institutions born in vision and sacrifice, cannot be maintained without vision and perhaps sacrifice. "We Americans say that the Constitution made the nation," writes H. E. Fosdick. "Well, the Constitution is a great document and we never would have been a nation without it, but it took more than that to make the nation. Rather it was our forefathers and foremothers who made the constitution and then made it work. It was their home life, their religion, their sense of personal responsibility to Almighty God, their devotion to education, their love of liberty, their personal character — that put great things INTO the Constitution and nation." I would only add that it will take the same characteristics, to maintain that Constitution this day. For as another of our leaders, Judge Learned Hand, has well

said, "liberty lies in the hearts of men and women: when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it." Some among us today would have us think we can still maintain our way of life without discipline, devotion, responsibility. IT CANNOT BE!

### A Deep Faith In God

If we ever forget that we are, indeed, "one nation — under God," we shall lose what others have created. Work as we will at the mechanisms of government, if we have not the same deep faith which its creators held, we shall crumble as has every government in history, which has forgotten God.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord!" cried the psalmist. Is our nation still counted among such nations? Have we still that bedrock of faith which sustained our leaders of another day? We must ask and answer the question, for as Lincoln said, WE ARE the nation. In the words of Stephenson, "am I worth dying for?"

David Lilienthal thought long and hard about his philosophy of faith, and then wrote an inspiring testimonial of faith in America for the future. "Greater knowledge about the world — will be the keynote of the future. But greater knowledge alone will not be enough. There must be a greater faith in humankind and in the purposes of the Creator of the Universe. There is open before us an unparalleled opportunity to build new and firmer foundations. The age in which we live CAN become one of the blessed periods of all history." Notice he said, CAN become, not WILL become. It is left to us to change the verb from "can" to "will."

### Prayer

Divine Father, as we of Templary embark on this 53rd Triennial, give to us something of the spiritual stature of the men of ancient day; men who were strong because they knew Thee. May the spirit of the Christ pervade our → → →

Donald F. Davidson, son of Past Grand Commander and Mrs. George W. Davidson, was installed State Master Councilor of Ohio, September 11. His father is active in Grand Encampment and is serving for his third term as Chairman of the Committee on DeMolay.

Donald, enrolled at Ohio State University, has a record which includes partially: International Thespian Dramatic Honor Society, Student Senate, Communication Director, News Editor, "Most Dedicated Member" of his senior class at Bellefontaine. He was awarded a Bronze Medal for Citizenship by Ohio State Sons of the American Revolution, First Place in Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Oratorical Competition, and Chairman of Youth Division, 1974 Heart Fund Drive.

Among honors in DeMolay: State Officer of the Year in 1973, First Place Ritual Competition 1972, Representative DeMolay, Four Blue Honor Keys, Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award, Degree of Chevalier, attended five leadership conferences, and was delegate in 1976 to DeMolay Congress.



... "ONE NATION UNDER GOD"

sessions that we may be kindly in our thought of others, generous in our divisions, quick in our appreciations, and devoted to our purpose of strengthening our Order, that it in turn may be a mighty tower of strength to our nation in days of trial. And in all give to us THAT VISION OF THEE, AND THAT CONFIDENCE IN THY POWER which will enable us to accomplish these requests. Amen.

The Reverend Basil Johnson lives at 12 Sequoia Drive, Forest Hills, Wichita, Kansas 67206.

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Numerous requests have been received regarding the Red Cross of Constantine Assembly in Honolulu next June 2-4, 1977. Brochures answering questions will be mailed to each member of the Order in the near future. In the meantime, the United Grand Imperial Council and United Airlines announce the following rate schedules below, from various sections of the country. Rates include a number of optional features which will be described in the brochures. Friends as well as members are invited to make the trip, with participation at the 105th Annual Assembly limited to members alone.

The basic presentation covers a 9-night, 10-day tour, with the Royal Hawaiian as the session headquarters. Transportation, hotel and usual luggage handling, etc., are based on the following rates.

	Single	Twin	Triple
Boston	977.92	798.52	750.16
Philadelphia	972.30	792.90	744.54
Atlanta	926.38	746.98	698.62
Birmingham	916.26	736.86	688.50
St. Louis	892.89	713.49	665.13
Denver	383.19	658.79	610.43
Chicago	904.04	724.64	676.28
Salt Lake	837.45	658.05	609.69
San Francisco	733.39	553.99	505.63
Los Angeles	733.36	553.96	505.60
Seattle	734.16	554.76	506.40
Pittsburgh	958.62	779.22	730.86
New York	977.48	798.08	749.72
Oklahoma City	890.95	711.55	663.19

Complete information will be contained in the brochures.

#### Attention All Templars

Increased rates for post office return of *Knight Templar* Magazines make prompt notification of address change to your local Recorder more necessary than ever. Any change of address, box number or Commandery status should be promptly relayed to your Recorder. Delay will waste mailing charges.



Arthur H. Fries, Past Commander of Highland Park Commandery No. 53 was installed Excellent High Priest of Acacia Chapter No. 168 R.A.M. of North Warren, Michigan, by four Past Commanders of Highland Park Commandery No. 53, three of whom are Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Michigan. The Honor Guard was composed of the Eminent Commander and five Past Commanders of Highland Park Commandery No. 53.

Shown seated (l-r), P.G.H.P. Thomas B. Ballard; P.G.H.P. Penn F. Naylor; Arthur H. Fries, Excellent High Priest; P.G.H.P. Gordon Goodman; and P.H.P. Royce K. Knowles.

### Military Order of the Cootie Election

Three Knights Templar were elected to Supreme Offices of the Supreme Pup Tent, Military Order of the Cootie of the U.S.A., for 1976-77.



Sir Knight John Sparks (right) Middletown Commandery No. 71, Ohio, was elected Supreme Commander. Sparks, a Navy veteran of WW II and the Korean War, is a carpenter with Armco Steel Corporation in Middletown. He is a member of York and Scottish Rite Bodies.

Sir Knight C. Fred Kauffman, Mercer Island, Washington, and a fratre of Rainier Commandery No. 28, was elected Supreme Junior Vice-Commander; and Sir Knight and Reverend Henry L. Reinewald, Pastor, St. Matthew's United Church of Christ, Evansville, Indiana, P.C. Empire Commandery No. 66, Staten Island, New York, was re-elected Supreme Chaplain.

## Grand Prelate Honored

Dr. Howard R. Towne, R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Michigan has been honored at a testimonial dinner celebrated by Traverse City Commandery No. 41. Sir Knight Towne, 30 years Grand Prelate of Michigan and 41 years Prelate of Traverse City Commandery, also served as Grand Prelate to the Grand Encampment during the 49th Triennium, 1964-67.

Sir Knight Richard M. Strauss, Grand Commander of Michigan K.T., and Sir Knight Russell Leymon, P.C., Traverse City No. 41, assisted in the ceremonies which included the unveiling and presentation of a near life-size portrait of Sir Knight Towne. Sir Knight Edward Chapman, Commander, said the portrait will occupy a "prominent place in the Traverse City Masonic Temple."



R.E.G.C. Richard M. Strauss unveils the portrait of Sir Knight and Dr. Towne (right).

In addition to the portrait, he was given a Proclamation by Raymond L. Sutton, Mayor of Traverse City, which honored Dr. Towne for fostering "the spiritual development of our citizens, instilling in them the principles of liberty, equality, and justice" and for "his many kind and generous deeds and compassion for his fellow man..." Included was a resolution proclaiming July 10, 1976, as "Dr. Howard R. Towne Day."





## TEMPLARY—FURTHER LIGHT IN THE YORK RITE

by

Gordon R. Merrick

P.G.G.M. of the Convent General, K.Y.C.H.

and G.G.H.P. of the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M. International

Ancient Craft Masonry is often called a "progressive science" because succeeding degrees and Orders of the York Rite explain and embellish its basic symbolism.



Early writers presented many theories and myths concerning bodies allegedly preceding organized Freemasonry. While many are now discredited, vestiges of confusion still exist about interrelation of our bodies.

Royal Arch Masons take pride that at the 1813 Union of the Rival Grand Lodges of England, the Holy Royal Arch was "declared and pronounced" to be a necessary part of the third degree.

Seldom is the full content of that declaration given. Knights Templar should take every opportunity to bring the full text to attention. It shows Templar ritual as having been a part of that system.

Many believe the only reason it was not continued as mandatory was because it conflicted with the concept of Masonry as "universal." That concept prevailed. Elimination of the "Orders" made the union possible.

"It is declared and pronounced that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees, and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason (including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch). But this article is NOT INTENDED TO PREVENT ANY LODGE OR CHAPTER FROM HOLDING A MEETING IN ANY OF THE DEGREES OF THE ORDER

OF CHIVALRY, ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF SAID ORDERS." (Emphasis supplied.)

"If we could revert to the ritual as it was 200 years ago (now 250 years) we should not experience difficulty in understanding the allegory, for there were numerous references to the word. . . . With its two divisions. . . it comprehends the whole duty of man and takes into consideration his two-fold nature, material and spiritual." (Shepherd - Jones)

"The old operative Lodges" Turnbull tells us "were dedicated to the Holy Trinity. Up to 1717 (when the Grand Lodge of England was formed) Masonry was distinctly a Christian organization. When the speculative element gained the ascendancy the old constitutions were rewritten and the religious requirement changed to its present reading.

"In some chapters members sat around a table while degrees were being conferred. This is proved by the ritual used by the Lodge every 'Third Night' (copy of this ritual is in the Iowa Grand Lodge Library at Cedar Rapids). This begins with the present Lodge ceremony, moves along with the essential of the Royal Arch and ends with. . . the Prelate's address in the Order of the Temple."

This compromise permitting "optional" Templar work was adopted seventeen years after Thomas Smith Webb organized the General Grand Chapter in 1797 to obtain uniformity and extend Capitular influence.

Webb was first General Grand Scribe, then King, and Deputy Grand High Priest in 1816 under DeWitt Clinton. That year Grand Encampment was → → →

organized with Clinton as Grand Master and Webb again as Deputy. Thus, at their start, our organizations demonstrated cooperation.

Cryptic degrees, an elaboration of Ancient Craft symbolism, were acknowledged as York Rite decades later. Hundreds of so-called Masonic degrees failed the test of time but those of Royal and Select Master, amplifying the Hiramic legend, had persisted though conferred as "attached" or side degrees "peddled about in lodge, chapter or consistory."

Early nineteenth century controversies ensued whether chapters or councils had authority for degree conferral. Most were resolved by mid-century. In 1770 the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, relinquished any right to the degrees. Ten years later General Grand Council was formed.

Since, the three groups have all multiplied in membership subject to cyclical social and economic circumstances, structural differences, and leadership. A decade ago, after widespread sectional cooperation, a proposal to unify the three bodies was soundly defeated.

Whatever the reasons, leaders determined for optimum results to foster cooperation and coordination. The International York Rite Council was organized. Better understanding, harmonious relationships, fruitful regional conferences have resulted.

Let us learn from early symbolism. Babylon signified confusion, Jerusalem a place of peace. May the efforts of this Council parallel those of the sojourners, leading us from trials of material existence to everlasting spiritual accomplishment.

Sir Knight Merrick resides at 601 Elizabeth, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.



## IOWA AND MISSOURI HOLD BICENTENNIAL MEETINGS

Some 133 years ago there were only four Lodges working in the State of Iowa, and these were all chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The four Lodges then formed the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and since then Lodges have been chartered throughout the state. In the 132 years that have followed, there has never been a joint meeting of the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Iowa — until Saturday, August 21, when the Grand Lodges of these two states met for joint Bicentennial meetings in Centerville, Iowa, and again in Unionville, Missouri.

Luncheon was held at 11 a.m. at the C & A Ranch, north of Centerville, and at 12:30 the Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened by Gordon C. Hascall, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa. The ceremonies were held at the Temple of Jackson Lodge No. 42 of Centerville, where the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters of Missouri were received. Brother Doyle Hampton, Master of Jackson Lodge, was presented commemorative plaques from Gordon C. Hascall and from Lewis C. Cook, Grand Master of Masons in Missouri.

A parade through the Centerville business district by Shrine units from Kaaba Temple (Davenport), Za Ga Zig Temple (Des Moines), and Moila Temple (St. Joseph, Missouri), concluded the Iowa meeting.

The assemblage then drove 22 miles to Unionville, Missouri, to parade. There, the Grand Lodge of Missouri was opened by Brother Cook in the Temple of Unionville Lodge No. 110, followed by a reception of the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters of Iowa. A similar presentation of plaques was made to the Master of Unionville Lodge from the Grand Lodges of Iowa and Missouri.

"Be not simply good; be good for something."

Henry David Thoreau

## MASONIC READINGS AND WRITINGS

by

H. C. Arbuckle, III, 32°

Masons the world over attend Lodge, recite ritual, teach the trial questions and answers, and study Masonry in various forms and fashions. A major hindrance to this study, however, is that most Masons do not know where to look for good, substantial books to read in their quest for more Light. Herein, books old and new, dealing with various aspects of Masonry, will be brought to the attention of the Brethren.

Of interest to the Mason in this Bicentennial year will be a project, "Pride in America," of the National Retired Teachers Association. NRTA chapters in each of the fifty states gathered reminiscences of its state's retired teachers, and fifty books came from this work. The two I have at hand are *And Gladly Teach*, edited by James Smallwood and subtitled "Reminiscences of Teachers from Frontier Dugout to Modern Module," available from the University of Oklahoma Press for \$8.95; and *As We Remember*, compiled from the reminiscences of more than 500 of Texas' retired teachers, available from Myrtle H. Jones, Box 64728, Dallas, Texas, for \$5. The Mason reading these will be able to take a look at the role the Masonic Lodge played in helping education along its thorny path.

The Scottish Rite's Sovereign Grand Commander, Henry C. Clausen, has written a new book for the Bicentennial, entitled *Masons Who Helped Shape Our Nation*. Available from The Supreme Council, 33°, 1733 16th St., N.W., Washington D.C., 20009, for only \$3, it is quite good, albeit a bit brief. The first half of the book is an overview of the Masons that helped make the U.S. what it



is today; the second half is a short history of the Scottish Rite.

The University of Texas at El Paso's own Texas Western Press has a new book in their Southwestern Studies series, Monograph No. 49, entitled *Ben Dowell, El Paso's First Mayor*, by Nancy Hamilton. Why a monograph on an El Paso mayor and saloonkeeper would interest Masons might be difficult to understand; however, when you learn that Dowell was a Mason and a member of El Paso Lodge No. 130, A.F. & A.M., and that a section of the book is entitled "Dowell's Masonic Interests," you have the answer. At only \$3, it is hard to buy a more inexpensive Masonic book.

This July my wife and I went on vacation to South Dakota, and we could not pass up seeing Brother Gutzon Borglum's masterpiece on Mount Rushmore. After viewing the carvings of Washington, Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Lincoln — the first and third were Masons — we wandered into a shop and I spotted *Borglum's Unfinished Dream: Mount Rushmore*, by June Culp Zeitner and Lincoln Borglum, the sculptor's son. This book, for under \$10, available from the North Plains Press, Aberdeen, South Dakota, is the thrilling saga of Mount Rushmore from its inception in the 1920's to the present. The Mason who wants a good piece of history about a Brother Mason's dream will find this book outstanding.

These four books are brand new, with 1976 copyrights, so that makes them all Bicentennial. As you can see, Masonic books abound; the only thing left to do is bring them out where the Brethren can learn of them.

Sir Knight Arbuckle was born November 11, 1944, in Corpus Christi, where he now resides with his wife. His mailing address is Post Office Box 3026, Kleberg Station, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.



SARATOGA



SURRENDER OF CORNWALLIS, 1781

# OCTOBER 1976

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1939 - Declaration of Panama 3	1777 - Battle at Germantown, Pa. 1822 - President Rutherford B. Hayes born 4	1774 - Massachusetts Assembly in Salem 1830 - President Chester A. Arthur born 5	1774 - First Provincial Congress met at Concord 1777 - Bro. Washington moves troops to Valley Forge 7	1890 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower born 1914 - Clayton Anti-Trust Act became law Harper's Ferry 16	1908 - Brother Henry Ford introduced Model T 1	1768 - Two regiments of British troops arrive in Boston 2
1845 - U.S. Naval Academy formally opened at Annapolis 10	COLUMBUS DAY (Monday Holiday Bill) 11	1492 - Columbus landed in New World 12	1890 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower born 1914 - Clayton Anti-Trust Act became law Harper's Ferry 16	1859 - John Brown seized U.S. arsenal at Harper's Ferry 16	1871 - Chicago Fire began 8	1701 - Yale College founded in New Haven 9
1777 - Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga 17	1867 - U.S. took formal possession of Alaska 1775 - British burned Falmouth Harbor 18	1781 - Brother Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown 19	1797 - <i>Old Ironsides</i> launched 1879 - Thomas Edison invented incandescent lamp 21	1777 - Battle of Red Bank, J.J. 1915 - First wireless message across Atlantic 22	1944 - Battle for Leyte Gulf began 23	1944 - Battle for Leyte Gulf began 23
1869 - Stock Market crashed 1969 - New England first HALLOWEEN 24 31	VETERAN'S DAY 1971 - U.N. seated Communist China 25	1776 - Battle of Trenton, New Jersey 1825 - Sir, Knight DeWitt Clinton opened Erie Canal 26	1776 - Battle at White Plains, New York 28	1777 - Battle of Red Bank, J.J. 1915 - First wireless message across Atlantic 22	1701 - William Penn granted Charter to Philadelphia 29	1735 - John Adams born 30



**Intendant General Eshleman**

On Saturday, July 17, Trinity Conclave of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, held its Stated Assembly at Shangri-La, the farm of Knight Companion Doctor Guy D. Wengert, near New Germantown, Perry County.

The assembly had a unique setting, being held on the floor of the farm barn, which is indeed an unusual setting for any Stated Assembly of a Conclave.

After the Assembly the ladies and Knights Companions enjoyed a picnic supper.

### Riverside Lodge Medallions

A limited number of antique bronze medallions commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Riverside Lodge No. 635, F. & A.M., California, remain available. A 68-page booklet of the history of Riverside Lodge and Masonry in the Riverside area dating from 1880 can also be secured with the high-relief medallion.

Check or money order for the medallion (\$2.00) or the history booklet (\$2.50), may be sent to Ralph E. Newman, 5286 Jurupa Avenue, Riverside, California 92504.



Sir Knight Ruperto S. Demonteverdo, Sr., Grand Commander, Knights Templar of the Philippines, forwarded a resolution to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. on the dual occasion of the 53rd Triennial of the Grand Encampment and this country's 200th Birthday. The resolution of Far East Commandery No. 1, Manila, reads in part:

"Whereas, the Fourth of July . . . has been officially declared by the grateful independent Republic of the Philippines, since years ago, as Philippine-American Friendship Day; . . .

"Whereas, in this 68th year of the life of this Commandery, and for many years before, its membership has been a happy admixture of Americans and Filipinos . . .

"Whereas, the basic freedoms and ideals so dear to the American people are to this day more tightly woven into the fabric of Filipino society . . .

"Therefore, the Officers and Members of Far East Commandery No. 1 . . . do hereby approve and adopt this EXPRESSION OF SENTIMENT:

"We voice our deep respect for the American past . . . and . . . our sincere admiration for what America is today . . .

"And, as the American People move toward the third century of their independence, we heartily join them in joyous celebration of their Bicentennial . . . [and]

"we acknowledge with gratitude the introduction of American Freemasonry here together with the other blessings that America's presence has brought to this country . . ."

## GRAND MASTER'S CLUB — GRAND COMMANDER'S CLUB

Membership in the Grand Master's Club, indicating a contribution of \$1,000 in a lump sum for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, has been extended to the following new members:

- No. 35 — Roy Wilford Riegle
- No. 36 — C. S. McIntyre, III
- No. 37 — Fred B. Paxton
- No. 38 — Morrison L. Cooke

No Commandery benefit is attached to the donation. As the committee states, "the only credit or benefit is the satisfaction of knowing you have contributed to a worthwhile cause." Each donor receives a metalized, engraved wallet card and a personalized desk medallion.

Those new members enrolled in the Grand Commander's Club now include:

- No. 2 — Alabama — George W. Sorrell
- No. 1 — New Hampshire — Howard T. Joslyn
- No. 1 — Montana — Robert B. Richardson
- No. 1 — Ohio — Homer Banks
- No. 1 — North Carolina — Walter T. McClure

Membership entails a contribution of \$100 or more annually toward a goal of \$1,000, when metal wallet cards and desk plaques will be awarded. Neither the Grand Master's Club nor the Grand Commander's Club offers Commandery credit. They are free-will gifts and not accepted for Voluntary Campaign. Membership available to individuals only.

### Knoxville Bicentennial

The York Rite Masons of Knoxville, Tennessee, have erected a large sign on the lawn of their downtown Masonic Temple at 505 Locust Street in observance of the Bicentennial. The sign lists the four Lodges, two Chapters, one Council, and two Commanderies which meet in this Temple. Beneath are the names of the fourteen Masonic Presidents of the United States. Two asterisks indicate that Andrew Jackson and Harry Truman were Grand Masters of their respective states: Tennessee and Missouri. The York Rite and Bicentennial emblems adorn the upper corners of the sign.

Shown in the photograph are three Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. They are John C. Crawford, Jr., former State Senator and U.S. District Attorney; J. Castro Smith, minister and former District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church; and E. Guy Frizzell, retired Manager of General Services of the University of Tennessee College of Agriculture. All three are 33° Honorary Scottish Rite Masons, as well as members of Tennessee Priory No. 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

The Knoxville Area York Rite Association scheduled a Bicentennial Festival in the Temple on Saturday, September 25, and on October 2, 1976. The York Rite Festivals have been a contributing factor in membership during the past thirty years.



## Grand Encampment

### Roll Call of Honored Dead

# IN HALLOWED MEMORY

**Norman G. Young**

Iowa

Grand Commander — 1955

Born August 23, 1904

Died September 5, 1976

**Garland Leonard Nowlan**

District of Columbia

Grand Commander — 1964

Born May 2, 1909

Died September 6, 1976

**William A. Perry**

Past Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle has relayed news of the death of Sir Knight William A. Perry, Past Commander of Okmulgee, Oklahoma Commandery, who had been a judge of Drill Teams at Triennial Conclaves for years. Sir Knight and Mrs. Riegle attended the funeral in Okmulgee, Wednesday, September 8, and report that 48 uniformed Sir Knights, including Sir Knight Riegle, attended under the direction of Past Department Commander Clell Warriner. "This," says the Past Grand Master, "was a tribute to a close friend for more than 40 years, a Sir Knight who declined high honors but continued to work in the grass roots."

## Beauseant 100th Anniversary

This Armetale Metal Commemorative Plate honors the 100th Anniversary of Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland, chartered in 1876. It may be obtained, tax deductible, for a contribution of \$20, by writing Lawrence E. Hennemann, 2813 Pinewick Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.



## Folsom Potato



An historic Sacramento cobblestone was presented to Grand Master John F. Roberts, Jr., by Oak Plains Lodge No. 789, at the second annual St. Johns Day observance held June 17, 1976, in Sacramento.

The stone was recovered from an excavation near the original Grand Lodge of California when it was established, and was mined in the Folsom quarry by prison labor in the early 1850's. The stones were commonly referred to as Folsom potatoes.

Presenting the stone is Chairman Robert Monge, P.M., with Worshipful Master James C. Richey looking on.

## 70 Year New Jersey Templar

Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 1, Kearney, New Jersey, will honor 95-year old Sir Knight Haig Simsarian at their Stated Conclave, November 30.

Born June 24, 1881, in Armenia, Turkey, Sir Knight Simsarian is a member of Hiram Lodge No. 17 and Enterprise Chapter No. 2. He was entered into the Order of Red Cross, December 5, 1905; the Order of Malta, December 19, 1905; and the Order of the Temple, January 2, 1906. A special proclamation is planned for the November 30 Conclave.

## Apologies

*Knight Voices* and other feature material previously scheduled for the October *Knight Templar Magazine* were necessarily omitted because of Triennial Coverage.

**R.E. Department Commanders  
and Grand Prelate 1976-79**



**Alton G. Billmeier**



**J. Willard Register**



**K. Edwin Applegate**



**Hugh E. Hossle**



**J. Shubel Robbins**



**Merlin F. Purcell**



**William P. Wilson**



**Grand Prelate McAlister**