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OUR FATHER

WHO IN ART

IN HEAVEN,

HALLOWED BE THY NAME!
THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE.



ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN,

Give us this day our Daily Bread & FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AND WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY

And lead us not into Temptation BUT DELIVER US FROM

FOR EVER AND EVER

AMEN.

Knight Templar

The Christian Rite

APRIL: The Easter message of the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, the Reverend H. Dwight McAlister, is featured in the current issue beginning on page five. Other special features of the month include reports on the February meetings of the Allied Masonic Degrees in Washington, the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America, the Conference of Grand Secretaries, Masonic Service Association, and other articles of timely nature. The cover illustration is a symbolized Masonic Lord's Prayer, said to have been found in a Chicago attic in 1971. It includes some 50 Masonic symbols and is thought to have been painted more than a century ago. Four-color copies are available from James Miller, P.O. Box 140703, Dallas, Texas 55214, who is interested in receiving information about the history of the prayer.

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APRIL SHOWERS

The changing of the seasons probably is one of the most enjoyable periods for those of us who live in the northerly zone of the United States. Climates vary in different areas served by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar but, fortunately, Templar friendships and relationships do not. A Templar is at home in every clime, as he discovers who ventures far from his own area.

It might be interesting to realize that our Grand Encampment, a sovereign body of Templars, is recognized and extends recognition to five other sovereign bodies of Brother Knights – Canada, England and Wales, Ireland, Scotland, and Helvetia. We exchange Representatives with these and they with us.

Each extends its influence in specific nations with shared authority in others. We, as a Grand Encampment, have five Subordinate Commanderies in West Germany; one in Greece, in Saudi Arabia, one in Japan, three in Mexico, one in Guatemala, the Canal Zone and Puerto Rico. We have five Subordinate Commanderies within the United States – two in Delaware, two in Alaska, one in Hawaii. A presently dormant Commandery is located in Cuba. We have a Grand Commandery in the Philippines within our Templar sovereignty.

There are 19 Subordinate Commanderies and 1,550 Constituent Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. The basic difference is that Subordinate Commanderies are administered under the direct authority of the Grand Encampment and the Constituent Commanderies are neighborhood units under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commanderies, who, in turn, work under authority of the Grand Encampment.

A total of nearly 365,000 Knights Templar serve under the Grand Encampment banner. The varying number of voting members averages 1,200 – Past Grand Commanders and Dais Officers of Grand Commanderies. These are your Representatives. They decide on all resolutions, on per capita, uniforms, ritualistic matters, charters and dispensations, and other legislation which come before the Grand Encampment every three years.

We presently are in the eighth month of a three-year triennium. In 1979, we will meet in Indianapolis; in 1982, at the conclusion of Sir Knight Cottrell's term, in a Pennsylvania city chosen by him and his committees.

These basic facts and figures are presented because all of us from time to time require updating of our information and, above all, to share the knowledge that there are hundreds of thousands of Brother Knights throughout the Templar World.

We are not alone!



Willard M. Query



EDITOR'S JOURNAL

Guide Dogs for the Blind: "Saving pull tabs and pop tops is not a gimmick," says Mrs. Robert Thomas, Santa Ana Assembly No. 61, Social Order of the Beauceant in California. Mrs. Thomas is Chairman of a project to purchase seeing-eye dogs for the blind, in conjunction with the Italian Catholic Federation of Burbank, California. These two organizations save "pull tabs" which are then sold to the Reynolds Metal Company for recycling.

The most recent recipient of a guide dog purchased through the Assembly's efforts is Mr. Gary Lee Hallgrimson, age 28, who at age 10 moved from Iowa to California. Gary is married with a five-year old son, and "Gypsy," is Gary's first guide dog. She is the third such dog sponsored by the project, trained at International Guiding Eyes, Inc., North Hollywood.

"Although the main benevolent work of the Beauceant has been the Knights Templar Eye Foundation," says Mrs. Ruth Purdy, Chairman of the Knight Templar Magazine Committee, "the members feel that this project is another forward step in supporting the slogan — 'that those in darkness may see.'"

Coin Collectors: The Grand York Rite Bodies of Arizona announce a limited number of mementos of the 1976 Arizona Grand York Rite Sessions and the Bicentennial year. The coins are 1¼ inches and are furnished in plastic cases at \$3.00 each, postage paid. "While they last," says H.W. Barlow, "there's 25% off for ten or more." He asks that you write him at 2767 North Camino Valle Verde, Tucson, Arizona 85715.

Right the First Time: February's Editor's Journal included an addendum to the list of Sir Knight John Philip Sousa's Masonic marches sent in by Sir Knight George F. Hutchinson, Jr. The list should have included "Under the Double Eagle," said Hutchinson. Subsequently, Sir Knight Donald J. DeMond, Ohio, and Sir Knight James H. LeVan, Maryland, relayed proof that the march was composed by Joseph F. Wagner, not Sousa. And as if this weren't enough, Brother Paul E. Bierley, Whitehall Lodge 761, Ohio, also wrote showing the error. His credentials? He is author of a Sousa biography and of a descriptive catalog of his works. Brother Bierley also informs us that the name "Under the Double Eagle" alludes to the emblem of Austria, not Masonry.

And Then There Were Two: Coverage of the installation of officers of Glendale Commandery No. 53, California, in March, included a photograph of three top officers and the four-man installing team — a total of seven men. The caption to the photo included only five names. No, not a guessing game, just an oversight. Also shown in the picture were new Commander Sir Knight James Hanzlik, and Captain General Roy B. Deyerle.

A Moral: It was William Penn who advised: "If thou thinkest twice before thou speakest once, though wilt speak twice the better for it."

SIGNS OF YESTERYEAR

IF HARMONY
IS WHAT
YOU CRAVE
JOIN THE RANKS
IN TEMPLARY

THE VICTORY OF EASTER

The message at the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington, Virginia, April 10, will be presented by the Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., the Reverend and Sir Knight H. Dwight McAlister, of Columbia, South Carolina. Sir Knight McAlister is well known to Masonic groups. He 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 more than ten years; is a Past President of the Florence County Teachers Association; a member of the Board of Trustees, Furman, University, 1965-69; Past Moderator, Florence Baptist Association; member of the International Platform Association; Past District Governor, Lions International; Past Grand Master of Masons and present Grand Secretary of South Carolina's Grand Lodge of Masons.



Text: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

(I Cor. 15:20)

"But thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

(I Cor. 15:57)

The subject of my message this morning is: "The Victory of Easter." The object is that each of you might come to know the Christ of the Resurrection and, through Him, experience the resurrection of a new life within and share with Him the victory of life everlasting.

Ancient and modern history record many victories. Time would not permit even the mention of them. The Bible is also full of recorded victories — victories of individuals, tribes and nations. But the greatest and most significant victory the world has ever known was the victory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ over death and the grave.

Our Lord's earthly life was a battle from beginning to end. In the wilderness a battle against temptation was fought and Christ emerged conqueror. Under the

olive trees in the garden of Gethsemane another desperate struggle for supremacy took place, and again the powers of Satan were routed. On Calvary the hosts of hell rallied for a final assault. What appeared to be a great victory for the enemies of Jesus was in reality their eternal defeat.

At the battle of Waterloo one position was captured and recaptured three times during that decisive conflict. Both Napoleon and Wellington realized the importance of holding that strategic point. On the day the battle was being fought the people of England waited anxiously for the news of the result. It had been arranged to relay the news by means of semaphore. Late in the afternoon signallers on the tower of Winchester Cathedral picked up the message, "Wellington defeated." Fog and darkness suddenly blotted out the transmitters. The news as received spread like wildfire and plunged the nation into the depths of despair. In the morning the fog lifted and the message was signaled again — this time the complete message. "Wellington defeated the enemy." Sorrow was turned into joy and defeat into victory.

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On Calvary's cross Jesus died. Hope died in the hearts of all who believed in Him. The fog of disappointment, the darkness of despair shrouded the world. The only message was, "Christ defeated." But on the third day the fog lifted and the darkness was dispelled and the full message was received, "Christ defeated the enemy." Sorrow was turned into joy, defeat into victory, and death into life. The cross was not a defeat but a victory. The resurrection is the proof. The glory of the resurrection cured the agony of the crucifixion.

The question of the ages is: "Does death end all?" One group says that there is no life after death that death ends all. Another says, "Perhaps, it may be so, but we can't be sure." The Old Testament does not advance much beyond that point. In the New Testament there is an eternally authoritative answer. "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. . . For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Listen to the words of Jesus at the grave of Lazarus, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." In His own resurrection He says, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

If the grave had ended all with the Lord Jesus Christ, there would be nothing beyond death for you and me. Before Columbus discovered the new world, the coat of arms of Spain bore the motto: "Ne Plus Ultra" which means, "There is nothing beyond." Columbus envisioned undiscovered worlds beyond, and braved the terrors of the uncharted sea to prove it. With his discovery of the new world, the "Ne" was dropped from the Spanish coat of arms, leaving the "Plus Ultra" — There is more beyond."

Before the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world and brought life and immortality to light, the grave was the utmost limit of all human hopes and expectations. "Ne Plus Ultra" was the motto of human kind, until Jesus divested death of its sting and turned the radiance of an endless life upon the valley of the shadow of death, so that now there shines from the portals of death the hope-inspiring

words: "Plus Ultra" — "THERE IS MORE BEYOND!" How much more, only the unfolding aeons of an immeasurable eternity can bring before our wondering eyes: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." (I Cor. 2:9)

When Dr. A. J. Gordon, for many years the beloved pastor of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church of Boston, lay on his last sick bed, his physician entered his room one afternoon with the words, "Doctor, have you a word for us today?" To which the radiant Christian, knowing full well that he was not long for this world, made reply, "Yes — Victory!" That's the meaning of the resurrection.

Christ's victory over death was also a victory over the fear of death. Many are the things that men fear. Some fear life, lest its struggle and labor be in vain. Some fear sin and temptation, lest it should scar them and destroy them. Some fear poverty, one of the degrading fears of old age. Some fear the victory of vice and wickedness and unbelief in the world. Some fear, all fear the last enemy, which is death. But Christ, by his resurrection, was able "to deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." To the unbeliever death is a fearful mystery from which he draws back in horror. What a difference the resurrection of Christ makes! Christians have no fear of death.

I read once of a little girl whose home was near a cemetery, and in order to go to the store she had to follow a path that led through the cemetery. But the little girl never seemed to have any sense of fear, even when she returned through the cemetery at dusk. Someone said to her, "Aren't you afraid to go through the cemetery?" "Oh, no," she replied, "I'm not afraid, for my home is just beyond."

Are you afraid of death? Not if you are a Christian, for you know that your home is just beyond. For the Christian, death is not doom but a door, not an end but a beginning, not an exit but an entrance, not a sunset but a sunrise. Jesus said, "Fear not, I am the first and → → →

last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive forevermore."

The following is a quotation from the words of Dr. W. B. Hinson, speaking from the pulpit a year after the commencement of an illness from which he ultimately died: "I remember a year ago when my doctor told me that I had only a short time to live. I walked out to where I live, five miles out of this city, and I looked across at the mountain that I love, and I looked at the river in which I rejoice, and I looked at the stately trees that are always God's own poetry to my soul. Then in the evening I looked up into the great sky where God was lighting his lamps, and I said: "I may not see you many more times, but Mountain, I shall be alive when you are gone; and River, I shall be alive when you cease running toward the sea; and Stars, I shall be alive when you have fallen from your sockets in the great down-pulling of the material universe!" That was the confidence of one who knew the risen Saviour. You too, can have that same confidence if you know the Christ of the resurrection — "whom to know is life everlasting."

I close with this illustration: Reichel was conducting the final rehearsal of his great choir for the production of the "Messiah." The chorus had sung through to the point where the soprano soloist takes up the refrain, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The soloist's technique was perfect — she had faultless breathing, accurate note placing, flawless enunciation. After the final note, all eyes were fixed upon Reichel to catch his look of approval. Instead, he silenced the orchestra, walked up to the singer with sorrowful eyes, and said, "My daughter, do you really know that your Redeemer liveth?" "Why, yes," she answered, flushing, "I think I do." "Then sing it!" cried Reichel. "Tell it to me so that I will know, and all who hear it will know that you know the joy and the power of it." Then he motioned to the orchestra to play again. This time she sang the truth as she knew it and had experienced it in her soul, and all who heard it wept under the spell of it. The old master approached her

THE CROSS AND CROWN

Of all symbols in Christendom,
None is of greater renown,
Than the pride of all Knights Templar,
The beautiful Cross and Crown

This symbol, through the ages,
Has come to express man's Hope,
In a world, bright and beautiful,
Far beyond our human scope.

As weak, frail mortals we may be,
Entrapped in the world's snare,
And destined for damnation sure,
Unless we ourselves prepare,

To meet the challenges of each day,
Whatever they may be
And hope, eternal, is our stay
For our trust, O God, is in Thee.

The Cross and Crown united stand
To show to all mankind
That Hope is ours, because of Him,
Who healed the lame and blind.

Therefore, to us, as Templars true
Where're we may be found,
The Cross of Love is clear to view
And, at the end of life, a Crown.

*Sir Knight and Reverend Don C. Markham
Batavia Commandery No. 34, New York*



with tear-dimmed eyes, and said, "You do know, for you have told me." Can you say in the words of the song writer:

"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus
lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives:

He lives within my heart."

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\$200,000 for Voluntary Campaign

Ending the 13th week of the 9th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, State totals have attained \$200,342.29, an increase of almost \$40,000 over the same week last year. It is lower than the 1974-75 Campaign by a slim \$2,267.65.

Alabama	\$ 3,282.17
Arizona	1,829.10
Arkansas	1,044.50
California	3,666.50
Colorado	3,272.10
Connecticut	661.12
District of Columbia	715.00
Florida	15,307.33
Georgia	23,883.88
Idaho	1,960.54
Illinois	4,574.81
Indiana	1,904.00
Iowa	729.50
Kansas	845.50
Kentucky	2,359.36
Louisiana	2,772.00
Maine	936.00
Maryland	6,055.53
Massachusetts-Rhode Island	3,486.25
Michigan	3,149.50
Minnesota	5,109.00
Mississippi	1,943.00
Missouri	1,344.25
Montana	679.33
Nebraska	3,195.00
Nevada	2,321.58
New Hampshire	1,685.48
New Jersey	1,660.25
New Mexico	789.84
New York	3,164.55
North Carolina	3,006.00
North Dakota	160.00
Ohio	14,498.05
Oklahoma	1,294.00
Oregon	1,130.75
Pennsylvania	13,509.74
South Carolina	647.50
South Dakota	1,342.00
Tennessee	6,909.62
Texas	41,274.56
Utah	220.00
Vermont	321.50
Virginia	4,396.00
Washington	1,553.00
West Virginia	1,397.00
Wisconsin	2,149.15
Wyoming	621.95
Philippines	245.00

East Central Completes Season

Five states shared in the March 12-13 Regional York Rite Conference at Louisville where the Grand Bodies of Kentucky served as general hosts. The Conference, originally scheduled January 29-30, was postponed because of heavy snows and blocked roads.

Norman L. Harper, Deputy General Grand High Priest, presided for the sessions, assisted by the Representative of the General Grand Master, Richard G. Deane. Participating were the heads of the three Grand Bodies - Gordon R. Merrick, G.G. High Priest, G.G. Chapter, R.A.M., International; Dr. Owen L. Shanteau, G.G. Master, G.G. Council, R. & S.M., International, and the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Willard M. Avery. Among those taking part in the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning sessions were Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment, G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation; Junior W. Vandall, G.G. King; John J. Watts, Dep. General Grand Master, R. & S.M.; Charles K. A. McGaughey, G.G. Secretary, G.G. Chapter; Donald H. Smith, Chairman, Knights Templar Educational Foundation; Grand Recorder Paul Rodenhauer.

As announced earlier, the next Regional Conference of the York Rite will be in Hot Springs, Arkansas, September 17-18.



Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii	199.00
Canal Zone No. 1, Acon, CZ	185.50
Porto Rico No. 1, San Juan	85.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska	50.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan	630.00
Hermann von Salza No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany	190.00

The 9th Voluntary Campaign closes April 30. Final reports of contributions must be received in Springfield before May 13.

THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREE MEETINGS

by

Morrison L. Cooke, P.G.C., Kentucky



Past Grand Commander Morrison L. Cooke again provided coverage of the February Allied Masonic Degree Meetings for the Knight Templar Magazine. These marked the opening of the week-long sessions and convocations associated with the birthday of Brother George Washington. Following the AMD meetings at the Washington Hotel, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and the Conference of Grand Secretaries opened at the Shoreham-Americana with attendant meetings of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association.

The 23rd meeting of the Philalethes Society opened the annual week-end of the Allied Masonic Bodies on February 18, 1977, at the Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. Dr. Eugene Hopp presided. The Invocation given by the Reverend Canon George Stracke. A panel discussion, with participation invited from the floor was featured. Dr. Hopp spoke on the History of the Society; Allen Roberts talked about the *Philalethes Magazine*; Allan Parsons reported on Membership; and James R. Case spoke to the future and what the Society could do to improve and benefit Freemasonry.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to John Black Vrooman, who retired as long-time editor of the magazine and was named Editor Emeritus. There were 227 present, the largest attendance ever.

Saturday morning began a full day of activities with the 45th Annual Convocation of the Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A., Stanley Matthews, Grand Chancellor, presiding. The Reverend Canon George Stracke presented a Holy Bible to the College. An honorarium of \$300 each was voted to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Royal Arch Research Assistance project, and the Knights of the

Assistant project, and the Knights of the York Cross of Honour Medical Foundation.

Robert L. Grubb was elected Grand Chancellor, and James D. Penley, Jr., from South Carolina, was appointed at the bottom of the Line. Fifty-seven new members were obligated.

The 44th Communication of Grand Master's Council was called to order by Sam Wise, Sr. Warden, in the absence of Carl J. Baeseman, Sovereign Master, due to illness. Thirty candidates were obligated by Sam Wise, in addition to four courtesy candidates from Edwin L. Wray Council, Muncie, Indiana. Sam Wise was elected Sovereign Master, Samuel H. K. Womack, Tyler. Baesemann was recommended to receive the Red Branch of Eri.

Following Grand Master's Council, the Grand Council, A.M.D., of the U.S.A. was opened in its 45th annual communication by Sovereign Grand Master Waldron C. Biggs. William Barlow presented a Canadian Maple Leaf Flag to the Grand Council on behalf of Burlington Council No. 70, Ontario, Canada. Charters were presented to five new Councils and two new Royal Ark Mariners Lodges. Distinguished guests introduced → → →

included the presiding officers of the Grand York Rite International Bodies: Willard M. Avery, Grand Master of Grand Encampment, K.T.; Owen L. Shanteau, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, R. & S.M.; Gordon R. Merrick, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M.

Ray Ellis, P.G.M. New York, was the banquet speaker at which a capacity crowd of 225 was present. Past Sovereign Grand Master Charles F. Adams introduced M.W. Brother Ellis.

J. Alex Adams was elected Sovereign Grand Master, and Sam Shoemaker, North Carolina, was appointed Grand Tyler. Charles F. Adams, P.S.G.M., was elected to a three-year term on the Board of General Purposes.

Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D., held its 44th annual communication with Wendell K. Walker in the East. Henry Emmerson was elected Sovereign Master and read his paper on "Thurlow Weed." Wylie B. Wendt was announced as an Emeritus member.

Walter M. McCracken, Past Excellent Chief and present Scribe, presided for the 10th annual meeting, Great Chief's Council No. 0. Twelve new members were obligated.

Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., was held following Great Chief's Council. This was the 11th meeting and Great Chief Flory Diehl presided. Two new Councils were instituted during the year. James M. Alder was elected Great Chief, Sam H. K. Womack, Jr., was appointed Grand Sentinel, and Morrison L. Cooke was appointed Excellent Chief of Great Chief's Council No. 0.

M.W. Harold V. B. Voorhis, Supreme Magus, Societas Rosicruciana, presided for the twenty-sixth time. The membership now stands at 602. A new College in Oklahoma was chartered with Joseph S. Lewis, VII^o, Ponca City, Oklahoma, installed as Chief Adept.

Fifty-seven candidates were initiated into the fun degrees of the Masonic Order of the Bath of the U.S.A., and Ye Ancient Order of Corks.

Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, held their Sunday morning breakfast, with Louis V. Sylvester, Grand Master General in charge. The attendance of 114 was the largest ever present at these yearly meetings.

The Society of Blue Friars met following the K.Y.C.H. breakfast, with Conrad Hahn, Grand Abbott, presiding. He announced the name of the newly-elected Friar, Charles Earl Green, Wilmington, Delaware. Green is Past Grand High Priest and Past Illustrious Grand Master of Delaware, and a 33^o Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J. He is Grand Historian Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

The week-end came to a close with the 45th Ingatherings of Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, and Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

Franklin Churchill presided in Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle. He was succeeded by C. Ray Scarborough, elected Preceptor for a two-year term.

Grand Preceptor James E. McDavid opened the Grand College. Legislation was introduced to open Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle to members of other Tabernacles who, by reason of removal from the jurisdiction, or otherwise were unable to attend their own Tabernacles, could transfer their membership to Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle.

Grand College voted to contribute this year's donation of \$1,000 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Alvin L. Crump was installed Grand Preceptor by Past Grand Preceptor Harold V. B. Voorhis; Bruce Hunt, P.G.P., was elected Trustee; G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.P., was appointed Grand Prelate; and Dr. Owen L. Shanteau was appointed Grand Outer Guard.



1977 WASHINGTON MEETINGS

Masonic Service Association

The 58th Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association, formed in 1919 for the "service of mankind through education and enlightenment,"



was held in the Shoreham-Americana Hotel, Washington, D.C., with Sir Knight Conrad Hahn, Executive-Secretary, (above) reporting. The information which follows is a brief review of the 1977 Annual Meeting.

The Diplomat Room in the Shoreham-Americana Hotel, Washington, D.C., was the scene of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association on February 21, 1977.

As required by the Association's by-laws, the first item of business was to elect a chairman of the Meeting.

M.W. Brother Alexander N. Chapman, Grand Master of Connecticut, placed in nomination the name of Ward M. Kirby, Grand Master of North Dakota. There being no further nominations, M.W. Brother Kirby was elected by acclamation, conducted to the podium by Brother Chapman, and installed "in short form" by Newell A. Lamb.

First he called for the Annual Report of the Executive Commissioners for 1976, which was read in excerpts by the Commission Chairman, M.W. Brother Newell A. Lamb.

Chairman Lamb then presented an amendment to the Association's constitution which had been introduced at the 57th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in 1976, but had to lie over until the next annual meeting in 1977.

The effect of this amendment was to change the terms of the Chairman and Executive Commissioners from one to

three years. The required 30 day's previous notice to all Grand Secretaries having been complied with, the delegates discussed the amendment and adopted it unanimously.

Reports of the Association's annual committees were received and adopted. The Memorial Service of the Necrology Committee was particularly impressive.

At the conclusion of the Report of the Executive Commissioners, Chairman Newell A. Lamb, P.G.M., Indiana, announced that he wished to retire from that office, having served on the Commission for 16 years, from 1961 to 1969 as Commissioner for the Great Lakes Division, and from 1969 to 1977 as Chairman. His wishes were reluctantly acceded to.

When the Meeting Chairman, M.W. Ward M. Kirby, called for nominations for Chairman of the Executive Commission, the name of Herbert A. Ronin, P.G.M. of Nebraska, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Commission and Commissioner for the Central Division, was proposed. There being no further nominations, Brother Ronin was declared unanimously elected Chairman of the Executive Commission for a three-year term.

In accordance with the provisions of the constitutional amendment adopted earlier in the day, Commissioners for the various geographical divisions were nominated and elected for the following terms: for the Western Division, incumbent Commissioner A. Harold Small, P.G.M. of Montana, was re-elected for a one-year term.

The incumbent Commissioners for the North Atlantic and Great Lakes Divisions, Waldron C. Biggs, P.G.M. of Vermont, and Robert A. Hockstad, P.G.M. of Michigan, were re-elected for two-year terms.

The South Atlantic Division again nominated Evans Crary, Jr., → → →

P.G.M. of Florida, and he was unanimously re-elected for a three-year term. The Central Division, having seen its Commissioner advanced to the Chairmanship of the Association, nominated a new Commissioner, M.W. Archibald Duncan, P.G.M. of Minnesota; he too was elected unanimously for a three-year term.

At the meeting of the Commissioners held immediately after the Annual Meeting on February 21, Commissioner Hockstad was chosen Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Crary was elected Secretary of the Executive Commission.

Maryland's Grand Master, the Reverend and Brother Roy H. Stetler, Jr., then closed the meeting with appropriate words of appreciation and gratitude to the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Conference of Grand Masters

Sir Knight William B. Stansbury, Jr., Towson, Maryland, is Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. In that capacity he relayed the following coverage of the annual meeting presented in abbreviated form. He is a Past Grand Master of Masons in Maryland who serves annually for all Conference arrangements.



The 1977 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, returning to Washington, D.C., after its Bicentennial visit to Philadelphia, opened unofficially Sunday, February 20, 1977, at the Shoreham-Americana Hotel with the Grand Masters Tea and Reception attended by more than 750 guests and their ladies – including Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Secretaries of almost all 60 Grand Jurisdictions of North America.

On Monday, February 21, the early bird 7:00 a.m. Deputy Grand Masters breakfast was held. Each Deputy Grand Master gave a thumbnail biography to

permit all to become acquainted with the men who will most likely serve as future Grand Masters.

The Shrine of North America was host Tuesday, February 22, at its annual Frank Land breakfast for Grand Masters and guests. This was followed by the opening of the Conference on the theme "The Mission of Free Masonry." The Order of DeMolay took part in an inspiring Color ceremony featuring the flags and National Anthems of the United States, Canada and Mexico. Charles V. Brewer, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, greeted the Conference as host, and John E. Moyers, Grand Master of Kentucky, made the Response. Acting on the recommendation in the report of Donald S. Smith, Grand Master of Maine, 1977 Conference Committee Chairman, the following were elected: Dr. Eric W. Nancekivell, Grand Master of Ontario, as Conference Chairman; Charles W. Edwards, Grand Master of Wyoming, as Vice Chairman; William B. Stansbury, Jr., Past Grand Master of Maryland, as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand Masters Conference; and Dr. Roy H. Stetler, Jr., Grand Master of Maryland, Chaplain. In addition to regular members there were present Grand Masters of Sister Jurisdictions – Italy, Germany, France, and the Grand Master of Japan, Shigeru Nishiyama, who gave the response.

The following papers were presented: "Civic Responsibilities of Masonry," Ralph D. Walker, Grand Master of Kansas; "Masonic Responsibility," Otis H. Godfrey, Jr., Grand Master of Minnesota; "Masonic Education," Arthur W. Galligher, Grand Master of South Dakota; "Masonic Etiquette and Courtesies," John W. Laningham, Grand Master of Virginia; "Membership Problems," E. R. Minchew, Grand Master of Louisiana; "Taxes," Roland E. Gleason, Grand Master of Oregon; "Report of Commission on Information for Recognition," Walter L. Smith, Past Grand Master of Mississippi. In addition, a paper was given on "Legislation Effecting Masons or Masonry," by Harvey R. → → →

Byrd, Grand Secretary of Texas, at a joint session held with the Grand Secretaries.

The Grand Masters Banquet on Tuesday evening was attended by approximately 800. Present were distinguished guests from overseas and a large representation of United States Senators and Representatives who were introduced along with the heads of the Scottish and York Rites.

After a musical interlude the Honorable William B. Saxbe, former United States Senator and Attorney General of the United States and former Ambassador to India, proved to be "a speaker of spell-binding qualities," reports P.G.M. Stansbury. "His sharp wit and great knowledge of governmental issues and ways in which they could be implemented or improved upon, tied in with the theme of pride in America, was tremendous."

The Conference adjourned at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 23. The 1978 Time and Place Committee was directed to report on the possibility of moving the Conference in alternate years outside Washington, and report back in February 1978. At the conclusion of the Conference the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, courtesy of Henry C. Clausen, Sovereign Grand Commander, hosted a luncheon at the House of the Temple for members of the Conference.

"All in all," says the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, "the consensus of opinion was that we had a fine Conference by reason of the excellence of speakers, the papers given, and the whole-hearted participation by the Grand Masters of 1977."

Conference of Grand Secretaries

Sir Knight Robert P. Beach, Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 12, Boston, served as "reporter" for the forty-ninth annual Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America. He is Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and Secretary-Treasurer of



the Conference. His condensation follows.

"Shop talk" constituted the major portion of the program at the forty-ninth annual Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America when 52 of the 60 active members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico responded to the roll call, together with 10 associate members, 6 members at large and honorary member Jess Minton, Grand Secretary of the American Canadian Grand Lodge of Germany.

Ranks of the Conference were broken during the year with the death of Harold F. Sipprell, Nova Scotia, and six former Grand Secretaries: Theodore M. Spencer, Saskatchewan; Einar W. Johnson, Minnesota; LaMoine Langston, New Mexico; Paul W. Grossenbach, Wisconsin; Juan Palacin-Mejias, Puerto Rico, and Clarence M. Groshell, Utah.

Four newly-elected or appointed Grand Secretaries who were at the Conference for the first time were welcomed by President William A. Whitcomb of Florida. They were Paul L. Burkhardt, North Dakota; Marven H. Clayton, Utah; Elwin E. Phillips, Oregon, and Robert M. Savage, Alabama. David M. Taylor, former Grand Secretary of British Columbia, who recently resumed the office, was unable to be present.

Robert B. Edwards, of San Francisco, California, was elected an honorary member of the Conference.

An agenda, prepared by a committee headed by Robert A. Hinshaw, Ohio, was presented. Topics for discussion were:

Fifty Year Awards - Courtesy Presentations; Economic Trends - Effect on Freemasonry; Freemasonry and Quality; Grand Lodge Distinguished Guests - How to Handle; Legislation Affecting Freemasonry; United States and Other Grand Secretaries - Improvement of Working Relationships; Grand Lodge Proceedings - Format and Cost Control; Grand Lodge Retirement Plans; Unauthorized Questionnaire Control.

A feature of the 1977 Conference was the presentation of the subject → → →

The Newsletter of the Chester County Club of Reading Consistory of the Shrine, and its editor, Donald F. Young, Exton, Chester County, Pennsylvania, received the George Washington Honor Medal of the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge in February.

The Newsletter, as reported by the *Reading Eagle*, is a monthly magazine sent to Scottish Rite Masons of Chester County and reflects the patriotic ideals of Freemasonry. The magazine emphasized American history of Revolutionary times in its Bicentennial issues.

Mr. Young is first vice president of the Chester Club and editor of the magazine since its founding. He received an award for editing the publication.

As part of the magazine's special emphasis of patriotism, it features a series about historical Colonial Free Masons.

Sir Knight Young, a member of Brandywine Commandery No. 88, said receiving the award was "overwhelming when you consider the number of competitors."

The news of the selection was relayed by Robert M. Blair, M.P.S., Secretary-Treasurer of the Chester County Chapter of *The Philaethes Society*.

... GRAND SECRETARIES

"Legislation Affecting Freemasonry" by Grand Secretary Harvey C. Byrd of Texas in joint session with the Conference of Grand Masters.

Speaker at the traditional Conference banquet was Lloyd S. Cochran, Past Grand Master of Masons in New York.

Wendell K. Walker, New York, was elevated to the presidency for 1977-78, with John A. Irvine, Canada (Ontario), first vice-president, and Royal D. Crowell, Nevada, second vice-president. Robert P. Beach, Massachusetts, was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Charles T. Jackson, Iowa, was re-elected assistant secretary-treasurer.

Hope Green, born blind with a cataract on her right eye ten months ago, is home recuperating from an operation which was funded in part by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green of Fremont, Ohio, who had already accumulated a number of high doctor bills because of Hope's blindness, and were faced with another huge medical bill because of the operation, learned of the Eye Foundation through friends at the welfare and health departments in Fremont. They applied for assistance from Fremont Commandery No. 56. A grant of almost \$1,000 was approved and the operation completed. Said Mrs. Green, "It was a big lift off our shoulders knowing someone is helping . . . No one knows how much we appreciate this help . . . It was really a blessing." In time Hope will be getting glasses and eventually contact lenses.

Your WILL and the EYE FOUNDATION

Gifts to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., can help you and others.

The popular conception is that only persons who have large accumulations of wealth have "estates" and that "estate planning" is something that only the elderly rich must do. In reality, everyone has an "estate." Estate planning is, therefore, something that starts at birth, continues through life and, depending on the plans of the owner, may end only generations after the owner has died.

Assistance and additional information as to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., can be received through:

G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director
509 South Sixth Street
P.O. Box 579
Springfield, Illinois 62705
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(Excerpt from the Gifts and Bequests Committee pamphlet, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Joseph S. Lewis, Chairman)

OPEN LETTER TO SKEPTICS

from

Past Commander Frederick Hyatt
St. John's Commandery No. 1, Rhode Island

Being a hard-nosed skeptic since World War II experiences with the Red Cross in Africa and Europe, I find it difficult to contribute with an open heart to the literally one hundred and one charities that continually have their hand out for donations. To compound my problem, I have never known anyone who has received help from these charities – I guess this is one of my blessings. Just think of the billions of dollars pumped into the Heart Fund and Cancer Fund yearly since the 30's and weigh the returns; I have, and the net result is – I am a SKEPTIC of the FIRST ORDER. So when I say, "A charitable organization just got to me," you better believe it's true.

On January 11, 1977, Paul A. Silipigni, a Providence, Rhode Island, boy of 9 at the time (10 years old now) was playing with a neighborhood friend, when the proverbial snowball fight started. Paul was accidentally struck in the left eye by a snowball that had ice embedded in the snow. The ice pierced his eye, and Paul was rushed to the Rhode Island Hospital where it was determined that he should be taken to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston. A Doctor Taylor R. Smith performed the surgery and saved Paul's vision.

During an emergency of this nature, no one thinks of anything except saving the boy's eye, and this is precisely the way all doctors and hospitals involved functioned. However, now the cruel facts are that Mr. Santo Silipigni, Paul's father, was unable to cope with the tremendous bills. He is a veteran from World War II on a disability pension, which has been thoroughly diluted by inflation. He is on welfare much to his embarrassment because he is unable to work. In the past he has been a chef, meat cutter, truck driver – just about anything to try to make a living. Last year he lost a 13 year old son to Leukemia, and the family has had other problems which they do not want publicized. If you still think you have problems, I would like to introduce you to Santo Silipigni.

James Hartman called me and asked if we could do anything for these people through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I called Sir Knight James C. Sirios, P.G.C. and Grand Recorder, in the Boston Grand Commandery office, and he broke all records in cooperation, both in getting the forms to us and in processing them through to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. main office in Springfield, Illinois.

All this time the "Ole Skeptic" just knew it was a fruitless waste of time, but even so it just had to be tried with our best shot. Then on February 12th it happened, the great news was received that a grant had been awarded for \$1,245.00 to cover the cost of the Infirmary, the anesthesia, and Doctor Smith.

After the shock wore off, I just had to write this message to you. What can I tell you – I am a believer – I have actually lived long enough to see a needy person helped by a charitable organization. Who knows, maybe, just maybe, you can teach an old dog new tricks.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Knighthood Conferred on 8 Brothers

Findlay Commandery No. 49, Ohio, has conferred the Order of the Temple on eight blood brothers of the Welch family: Marvin, Corel, Forrest, Joseph, Dale, Gian, Kevin and Arden. The stations for the class were filled by the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, R.E. William Coffman, Grand Commander.



Shown with the Welch brothers is Sir Knight Clarence Bell, E.C. of Findlay No. 49.

Ohio's Deputy Grand Commander W. Boyd Sibold, reporting on the conferral, writes, "The small crosses seen hanging on their uniforms is a project of our Grand Commander who has arranged that each newly-dubbed Knight is given his own cross by the Prelate during the work."

1976 Gainful Year in Tennessee

The Masonic Grand Bodies of Tennessee report that all Bodies had a net gain during 1976 — including both York, Scottish Rites and the Shrine. It is a gain "reflecting another chapter in the history of continued growth of Masonry in Tennessee since 1941," writes Grand Recorder John R. Stracener.

The Grand Lodge gained 320; Chapter 163; Council, 325 and Commandery 306. The 116th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee meets in Nashville Saturday, April 23, beginning at 9 a.m.

Checks for Memorial Association



Grand Master Willard M. Avery was among those at the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association meeting February 21 to present checks to the association for building maintenance — in this instance, the Knights Templar Memorial Chapel.

Grand Master Honored by Sojourners

Grand Master of Masons Wilbur D. Harden, Alabama, was the recipient February 18 of a Certificate of Honorary Membership from the City of Mobile, a ceremonial key to the city, and reception in the Albert J. Yount Chapter No. 511 of National Sojourners, Inc.

The presentation was made by Brother Arthur W. Roach, President of Yount Chapter.

Washington Masonic Stamp Club

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has recently issued two special Masonic covers: "Washington at Princeton," and a Washington Birthday cover for 1977. The birthday cover uses the special cancel authorized for the Club's use at Mount Vernon, Virginia. Both are 75 cents each or three for \$2.00. To order, send a large self-addressed stamped envelope to Dr. John N. Hoffman, 2501 Que Street, Washington, D.C. 20007.

Officers' Honor Guard for Wedding

The wedding of Barbara Jordan and Mark Humes was made a bit more memorable because of a Knight Templar Honor Guard composed of current and past officers of Monroe Commandery No. 12 and Cyrene Commandery No. 39 in Rochester, New York.



Barbara's father is Sir Knight Anthony Jordan of Monroe Commandery, shown in the picture escorting the bride down the aisle.

Commandery officers included in the Honor Guard were, from Monroe No. 12: Sir Knights Raymond Beardsley, Generalissimo; Louis Hattler, Warder; and Harold Gruschow, Senior Warden; and from Cyrene No. 39: John Sherman, Past Commander; Frederick Holderle, Past Commander; and Donald Evans, Commander.

Cottrell to Represent Grand Master

John B. Cottrell, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment, and an Active Member of DeMolay, has been invited by Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of DeMolay, George M. Saunders, to represent Grand Master Willard M. Avery at the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, in Dearborn, Michigan, April 17-20.

DeMolay Congress opens April 14. Supreme Council of DeMolay begins Sunday, the 17th.

Grand Master Avery, because of conflicting visitations, will be prevented from attendance.

Drill Corps Gift to Eye Foundation



Sir Knight C. William Smith (left), Past Commander and Recorder of Battle Creek Commandery No. 33, Michigan, receives a \$50 check for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from Sir Knights R. O. Ellenwood, James E. Alexander, Commander, and James D. Eldred, Secretary-Treasurer.

The check, according to Treasurer J. Henry Parsons, is a gift from the Commandery's Drill Corps.

Award to Job's Daughters, DeMolay



Salvation Army Captain Herbert Lodge, Divisional Youth Secretary in St. Louis, Missouri, presents DeMolay State Chairman George Corey and Job's Daughters Chairwoman Chris Kraus the DeWitt Award for "raising . . . or contributing One Thousand Dollars or more to the 'Tree of Lights' program sponsored by the Salvation Army of Metropolitan St. Louis. "The 1976 effort by these two Masonic youth organizations," according to Sir Knight Melvyn H. Scherzer of St. Louis, was "the most successful ever."

GRAND RECORDERS COME TO CHICAGO

Grand Recorders from Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin arrived in Chicago February 28 for a two-day visit to the Grand Encampment office. The seven Recorders, guests of the Grand Encampment, attended several meetings with Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer and Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Three wives, guests of their husbands, also enjoyed the Chicago visit.

Discussions ranged from individual problems of state Recorders to reporting of 9th Voluntary Campaign returns. The visitors toured the Chicago office and covered comptrolling and bookkeeping functions, explanation of the new IBM System 3 Model 12 computer installed in December, and *Knight Templar Magazine* printing equipment (MTST/MTSC

Composer-Recorder System), scheduling, and layout procedures. They met for discussions and the exchange of mutually-beneficial information with Supervisors Jan Hapgood, Joan Behrens, Violet Carlson, Assistant to the Grand Recorder Robert Bigley and other staff members.

Shown in the lower right hand corner, in the Grand Encampment Library, are: (left to right) Sir Knight and Mrs. Ralph R. Carleton, Nebraska; Grand Recorder and Mrs. Urban C. Blaisdell, North Dakota; Robert C. Guenther, Grand Recorder of Wisconsin; Charles K. A. McGaughey, Grand Recorder, Kentucky, General Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International; Howard T. Scull, Jr., Pennsylvania; Sir Knight and Mrs. Orville R. Bonnell, West Virginia; and Bowdre McDowell, Louisiana.



Preceding Monday meeting in the Conference Room.



Surrounding Grand Recorder Rodenhauer in his office.



Grand Recorders watch Ellen Sjoquist, Data Processing Systems Controller, operate new computer.



Tour of the Grand Encampment office and facilities ended with the Library.





Albert W. Gylden

Gylden, now in the second year of a two-year term as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, holds membership in the York Rite Bodies in Glenview, Illinois.

The festival is scheduled at 8:00 a.m. It will conclude before 6:00. The intention is to exemplify the Chapter and Council degrees as well as the Commandery Orders. Oracle Chapter No. 180, R.A.M., Austin Council No. 115, R. & S.M., and Austin Commandery No. 84 are the sponsoring bodies. Chapter Secretaries and Council and Commandery Recorders have been supplied with petitions and candidate certification forms.

The presiding officers for the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will be present.

Competent ritualists in the State have been recruited using the Medinah Crusaders, the Capitular Standard Club and the York Rite Sovereign College No. 15 as resources. The Registrar is Sir Knight Anton A. Schamber, P.C. Security is headed by Sir Knight Wayne Lillard, P.C., who also functions as Medinah's Chief Usher. Publicity is shared by Sir Knight William R. Dawkins, Grand Junior Warden, and Sir Knight W. V. "Scotty" Giffen, P.C., Director of the Medinah Crusaders and General Chairman.

"This may very well be the first York Rite Festival named in honor of a sitting Grand Master," says General Chairman Giffen. He adds: "All of this would not be possible without the support of Medinah Temple, its Divan and Board of Trustees. Charles M. Larson, Potentate, recognizes that you can't get members for the Shrine until you get them qualified by membership in one of the Rites."

Sir Knight David Linwood Esancy, P.G.C. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, has accepted appointment as Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership, following the sudden passing of Sir Knight Louis A. Beaudoin.



A young man of 39, Sir Knight Esancy is a writer/engineer and President of Industrial Data Services, Inc., of Boston. He resides in Rockland, Massachusetts. He received his education in the Boston Public Schools and Northeastern University where he studied electronics engineering. In civic areas he is a member of IEEE, a past member, Jaycees, and past president of Toastmasters.

Sir Knight Esancy is Past Commander and present Treasurer of Boston Commandery No. 2. He served the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as Grand Commander in 1974, and has chaired its Committees on Printing, and Inspection and Tactics. Most recently he served as Chairman of the Tellers Committee during the 53rd Triennial Conclave in Kansas City.

He is Past Master, Theodore Roosevelt Lodge, Quincy, Massachusetts; Past High Priest, St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston; Past Master, Boston Council, R. & S.M.; and member: Bay State Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Royal Order of Scotland; York Cross of Honour; York Rite College; and Knights Masons. He is Past Patron, Wollaston Chapter No. 156, O.E.S.; member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Boston (32°), and Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Special interests include Shriners Hospitals for crippled children; since 1975 he has been Chairman, Board of Governors, Shriners Burns Institute in Boston.

P.G.C. Esancy attended the Grand Encampment Membership Committee meeting in Chicago last January.

The Grand Commander's and Grand Master's Clubs are exclusive free-will and tax-deductible methods by which to aid the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, above and beyond the annual \$1.00 assessment to each Sir Knight. No Voluntary Campaign Credit — or assessment credit — is received for contribution to the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's Club.

Any individual, not only Sir Knights, is eligible to enroll in either Club, but enrollment is not available to organizations. Members of the Grand Commander's Club receive cards in numbered sequence from each Grand Commandery. After ten years or less of payments in increments of \$100, members receive a Grand Master's Club metal wallet card and personalized bronze desk plaque.

New Grand Commander's Club members include:

- District of Columbia, No. 1 — Paul S. Sutton
- Illinois, No. 3 — D. Allan Easley
- Maryland, No. 2 — Lt. Gen. Harold L. George
- Michigan, No. 3 — R. A. Frary
- Missouri, No. 3 — F. Gordon Robertson
- New Jersey, No. 3 — Wallace M. Gage
- New Jersey, No. 4 — Maurice I. Nielsen
- Texas, No. 6 — Ferrell P. Hall

The membership for Sir Knight Wallace M. Gage, P.G.C. of New Jersey, was taken out as "a tribute and gift" by Sir Knight Thurman C. Pace, current Grand Commander of New Jersey.

The Grand Master's Club has added two new names to its list, now topping the \$50,000 mark:

- No. 50 — Mrs. Roy Wilford Riegle
- No. 51 — Arthur E. Perkins

Voluntary Campaign materials are furnished by the Grand Recorder's office, Chicago. Information on all aspects of the Eye Foundation may be obtained from Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, 509 South Sixth Street, P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, since its institution in 1922, has granted loans in excess of \$28 million to thousands of students for their advanced education.



The Grand Encampment Standing **Donald H. Smith** Committee on the Educational Foundation, which oversees the practical workings of the Foundation, is appointed at each Triennial Conclave to serve during the following Triennium.

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith was appointed Chairman of the Committee on the Educational Foundation for the 54th Triennium, replacing Sir Knight Ralph B. Mitchell, Kansas, in that capacity.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Sir Knight Smith resides in Richmond, Kentucky, with his wife, Kathleen, and his two sons, Donald H., Jr., and Mark. He received an A.B. degree in history in 1966 from Eastern Kentucky State University, and an M.S. in criminal justice in 1972 from Eastern Kentucky University. He is currently Registrar at Eastern Kentucky University where he has been affiliated for more than eleven years.

Sir Knight Smith's Masonic accomplishments are many. He has served in all offices of Richmond Commandery No. 19, and in 1974 he was installed Grand Commander of Kentucky. He has also served as High Priest, Richmond Chapter No. 16, R.A.M.; Thrice Illustrious Master, Richmond Council No. 71, R. & S.M.; and is present Recorder and Senior Warden, Richmond Lodge No. 25, F. & A.M. He is a member, Golgotha Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P.; Lexington Consistory; Royal Order of Scotland; and Olieka Shrine.

He spoke at Louisville's March Conference on Michigan's funding of Ministers to the Holy Land and read an appreciative letter from his own Pastor, one of seven on the tour.

TEMPLARY IN CHRISTENDOM

by

Thomas R. Dalbey, P.C.

It has been the practice of Knights Templar since the inception of the Order to consider Easter Sunday the most memorable historic event, and an occasion for devout celebration. Templary claims a particular part in this recognition because of the unique place it had in the early history, the most trying years of the Christian Era.

The Knights Templar were an outgrowth of the Crusades of the middle ages, which began in 1096 A.D. The Crusades were a series of military expeditions to Syria and Palestine, the Holy Land. Such Crusades consisted of hordes of adventurous and devout Kings and Knights, as well as ecclesiasts, soldiers and simple peasants. Ostensibly these migrations were for religious purposes. The motive was to liberate or reclaim the Holy Land, the birth place of Jesus, from what was regarded as Infidel Turks. It had seemed irreverent and a sacrilege to the Christians that the places related to the birth and times of Jesus should be under the domination of non-Christian authority.

There were seven of these mass migrations, of what is referred to as the Crusades, but there had been many Pilgrimages to the Holy Land on a much smaller scale, since the fourth century, when the Christians replaced the Pagan Roman rule in Western Europe. These earlier Pilgrimages met with no serious difficulty for centuries, while the Holy Land was under Arab control; but when Arab control was replaced by the Moslem Turks, conditions in the Holy Land changed radically, placing Christian Pilgrimages in jeopardy.

As a consequence of this change of control, Pilgrims to the Holy Land suffered assault, robbery and loss of life by roaming bands of various nationalities,

who preyed upon them. News of these atrocities reached Europe and Christendom, and became the incentive for the Crusades.

At this particular period, Christianity meant the Roman Catholic Church; there were no other Christian sects. All other faiths and beliefs were Non-Christian and consequently Pagan, according to the prevailing illiberalism of the time.

On becoming aware of the accute condition and the abuses being meted out to the Christian Pilgrims to the Holy Land, Pope Urban II, in 1095, at Clermont, France, exhorted the people to begin the First Great Crusade. He called upon all factions to adjust their difference, the Knights and Feudal Barons to cease their warfare against each other and to succor the Christians who were living in the East.

When this human amalgamation got under way in the First Crusade, the number ran as high as 300,000 persons, without supplies, without equipment, direction or leadership. And on their long journey to the Holy Land many could not endure the hardships and died on the way, many died by accident, many were murdered and many returned home. There was no central authority to hold them together. They lost the enthusiasm which fired them in the beginning, and reverted to the hybrid society from which they sprang, with the original jealousy, selfishness, intolerance and segregation. Each person largely became answerable to himself. Others formed into groups and others into organizations for mutual protection and benefit.

Two of the most important of these organizations were the Order of St. John, better known as The Hospitalers and The Templars. These organizations were formed for different purposes

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and went their separate ways, but they finally determined it was to their mutual advantage to unite. When this combination was effected they brought together two dominant interests of the age, the monk and the soldier.

The Order of St. John, or Hospitalers, was formed by an association of monks whose objective it was to succor the poor and sick among the Pilgrims journeying to the East — a kind of miniature Red Cross. Later the Order admitted Knights as well as monks, and subsequently became a military Order. To indicate their dual role they wore a cross on their robes and a sword was suspended from their girdle.

They would fight when required, though devoting themselves principally to attending the sick and injured.

The other prominent Order was the Knights Templar, or "Poor Knights of Christ and the Temple of Solomon." Baldwin II, King of Jerusalem, gave a part of his royal palace to this Order of warrior monks. The palace was adjacent to the Mosque of Al-Aksa, the so-called Temple of Solomon. Because of this location they acquired the name Knights Templar — Knights of the Temple. The Order was formed for strict military purposes and not for therapeutic aid. Its founders were a Burgundian Knight named Hughes de Payens and Godeffroi de Saint-Omer, a Knight from France. From their earliest beginning they gave protection to the Pilgrims flocking to Jerusalem. They were later joined by six other Knights, and this number formed themselves into a "religious community." They took the solemn oath to the Patriarch of Jerusalem, in which they vowed they would guard the public roads and forsake worldly chivalry; their oath included the pledge to live in chastity, abstinence and poverty. They also undertook to prevent rogues, murders and adventurers from exploiting the Holy Land.

What did the Templars accomplish in this brief span of less than 200 years of history? In answering this we must first remember Europe and the world as it was then, in what is called the Medieval

Period, in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries, 400 years before America was discovered, 700 years before the Colonial Revolution. Man had not as yet, evolved to a very high state of civilization. Europe was but a barbarous country. The controlling proposition was that might made right. The strong ruled, and often by the most brutal fashion. Fortunately for the people of that day, as well as for our good fortune today, the Knights Templar was also a strong organization, strong in every department of human activity. Much of their strength was shown on moral grounds — fidelity to a high and noble cause.

Those early Knights used their strength and influence to advance the general welfare, especially the Christian ideal. In that respect, they may have been ahead of their time, that is, ahead of the thinking and desire of the other influential organizations, even the church and the state. It is said that even though the conduct of the Templars was not always compatible with the ideals they professed, they were always ready to fight to the last for the cause of Christ.

Another accomplishment of the Templars was their success in reversing the military invasion of Europe by the Islamic powers. They had already invaded and largely occupied Spain by way of the Mediterranean, and had reached the Pyrenees by land. The Templars, by superior military strategy, stemmed the tide of the invasion, repulsed the Moslem advance, and saved Europe for Christian civilization.

Probably the most durable of their many contributions was that they gave strength and influence to encourage and achieve virtue among the valorous and the strong. Many of the Knights had acquired much knowledge in the Eastern countries. They discovered that in the East there was to be found a culture of a higher order than in the cruder West. A number of the Knights dared to inquire into this knowledge which lay outside the restricted bounds of inquiry of the church. Many Templars were secretly initiated into the Mystery schools of → → →

the East, where the wisdom of the past, the wisdom of ancient Greece, and the wisdom of ancient Egypt was revealed to them.

The human mind wherever and whenever it is found is hungry for more light, for a more profound understanding of itself, and in time will break all barriers to acquire that light. The human soul will not for long be circumscribed. History records many instances when this light had been reduced to a mere flicker and by impressions revealed by physical perception seemed to be extinguished by the forces of darkness. Always at such a time has some courageous one or an organization of courageous ones recovered and relighted the torch to guide man in his quest to new and undiscovered heights. The Knights Templar appeared on the European scene at such a time as bearers of this light. Even though the light at this time may have been only a very dim ray, it initiated or encouraged a wave of comparable free-thinking through all Europe, that finally resulted in the Renaissance of the 14th century, and later the Reformation, and the great Protestant movement, with its reforms, was released and under way.

It would be perhaps presumptuous to say, or to leave with you the impression the Templars were the sole initiators of these revolutionary movements. They probably were not, but they were on the side of the forward march, both materially and with the advanced knowledge they had acquired in the East. And without their influence — their wealth and intelligence — it is only reasonable the whole Christian movement could have been delayed for centuries. Protestantism was born, the Catholic church went through a cleansing process, hence all Christendom was benefited. The limited bounds of study, of investigation and thinking (this was all under church control) that the church had imposed upon the populace, was finally broken. The mind was given more freedom, understanding replaced superstition, and hope — fear. The hopeful and inspiring teaching of the Master Jesus was

enlarged upon and its saving Grace made available to multitudes that had been denied its benefits.

The names of many of the ancient Knights Templar have been perpetuated through Commanderies being named in their honor: St. Bernard, St. Omer, DeMolay, Tancred, St. John, Godfrey de Bouillon. There is also Crusader, Hospitaller and Beauseant Commanderies.

Sir Knights, we have a very pressing but pleasant responsibility to keep the deeds of valor, courage and fidelity of these honored dead ever alive in our memories. Our great organization is a living tribute to their greatness and to the noble ideals they gave so much to preserve. We will probably never be called upon to make the sacrifices to preserve the Order they made voluntarily to establish. But nothing is surer, if we do not build we certainly will decline. There is no such thing in all nature as a perpetual status quo.

To affiliate with the Order is not the end, it is only a means. By affiliation we have accepted the challenge for service of the Cross. In affiliation we were dramatically reminded we all have a Cross to bear — a responsibility to life — that must be borne without wincing, without complaint, and it must be borne honorably.

The important front today, as has always been, and what released man from Medieval bondage, is the struggle for the mind of man. The Order of Knights Templar, founded as it is upon the Christian religion, and the practice of the Christian ideals, contains the basic truths and freedom of investigation and inquiry, equaled by none other. Our Ancient Knights were required to spend a considerable amount of their substance on the military field, and in military exploits for these ideals. We have opportunity to contribute our services in possibly a less hazardous direction, but one surely requiring great courage and fidelity.

We are still living in a world of fear, and through that fear, a world that still says "the strong will rule," but the Christian ideal and we → → →

Templar Named U.S.O. Director

Sir Knight Charles F. Gambill, Evanston Commandery No. 58, Illinois, was named to the Board of Directors of Chicago's U.S.O. which last year was visited by some 125,000 peacetime military.

Gambill, a graduate of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, saw active duty with the U.S. Army. He is currently President of Charles F. Gambill Investment Securities.

He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago, and is a member of St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

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defend that ideal, is founded upon faith. A faith that has the courage to say: "The meek shall inherit the earth." We are told to make no boastful display of material possessions, but instead to let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and in that way glorify our Heavenly Father. We are given the Blessed Assurance that the Almighty is a strong tower to all who put their trust in Him, and admonished that now and evermore He is our defense and consolation.

These masterpieces of humility, faith, hope and love are a challenge that has a higher purpose and a more noble meaning than to merely embellish the ritual; as Knights Templar, they should be our rule of conduct. We should take these wholesome gems out of the context of ritual, believe them and act upon them with all our heart, our mind and all our soul, as an example for those who follow. Then we may approach in dignity the examples of courage shown by our Ancient Sir Knights, and enliven in our memories the great contributions they gave to our generation.

The above was excerpted from the Easter address given by Sir Knight Thomas R. Dalbey, P.C. and Past Prelate of Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, Decatur, Illinois. It was relayed by Sir Knight Clem Nyberg, Chicago.

Grand Encampment

Roll Call of Honored Dead

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Henry B. Beard

Texas

Grand Commander — 1957

Born July 29, 1897

Died February 14, 1977

John W. Irons

Missouri

Grand Commander — 1976

Born June 5, 1920

Died February 16, 1977

Clyde D. McGranahan

West Virginia

Grand Commander — 1947

Born October 7, 1892

Died February 17, 1977

John Kellner, Jr.

Maryland

Grand Commander — 1957

Born January 15, 1890

Died February 18, 1977

John W. Laird, Grand Recorder Emeritus

Sir Knight John W. Laird, Grand Recorder Emeritus of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, died Monday, February 22 at 87.

A native of Philadelphia, Sir Knight Laird became assistant to the Grand Recorder of Pennsylvania in 1921, and served in that capacity until 1933 when he was made Acting Grand Recorder. In 1934 he became Grand Recorder by election. He retired in 1971 following 50 years of official service. He was elected M.P. Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S.M., Pennsylvania, 1948-49. Became Commander of Philadelphia Commandery in 1928. He was installed M.I. Grand Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine, 1948. A 33^o Scottish Rite Mason, memberships included: Lu Lu Shrine, Koran Grotto, Societas Rosicruciana, K.Y.C.H.; Past Preceptor, Triune Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P. Masonic services were conducted February 28; funeral service at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, February 28.

Beaver Valley Beauceant Installation



The annual installation of officers of Beaver Valley Assembly No. 173, S.O.O.B. in Pennsylvania, was made unique as Past President Mrs. Addison S. Anderson installed her daughter, Mrs. Rudolph A. Beyer III, as Worthy President. The new president's husband is Senior Warden of Beaver Valley Commandery No. 84.

Mrs. Beyer has chosen as her theme, "Friendship" and as her motto, "A Faithful Friend is the Medicine of Life."

Reverend Stracke, I.G.M. of New Mexico

Sir Knight and Reverend George A. Stracke, Las Vegas Commandery No. 2, New Mexico, soon to be installed as M.I. Grand Master of R. & S.M. in New Mexico, was honored with an appreciation reception by friends throughout the Episcopal Dioceses of the Rio Grande.

Ordained 30 years ago, Reverend Stracke served several years as vicar of St. Luke's in the Desert on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. He speaks some Navajo, as well as Spanish, English and Latin, and has frequently assisted at births, performed marriages and officiated at funerals in addition to regular services and parish visits which sometimes included helping to herd sheep. He has served under three bishops as secretary and has long been Diocese Canonist.

During the reception attended by some 100 friends and well-wishers, Sir Knight Stracke was presented with a CB radio, a monetary gift and flowers. His CB "handle" will be "Wooden Nickel" for the hundreds of such coins he has given during his long career.

Special Attraction, East Bay York Rite

Miles W. Thompson, president, East Bay York Rite Association, California, announces an Association Tour to Mazatlan "to enjoy Mexican hospitality at its best (and least expensive)."

The tour departs Tuesday, May 31, from San Francisco International Airport via Mexicana Airlines and returns June 7. Authentic Mexican Fiesta, special charter fishing rates, city tour, Bay Cruise, free group golf lessons "and much, much more."

Sir Knight Thompson says total cost is \$229 per person, all inclusive, double occupancy. Details available from the president, 2413 Prince Street, Berkeley, California 94705.

Templar First for D.C. Commandery



Sir Knight Donald G. Warner (left), Grand Commander of the District of Columbia, congratulates Sir Knight Frederick Graham Speidel (right) upon his installation as Grand Commander of North Carolina, March 8. Grand Commander Speidel is a member of Raleigh Commandery No. 4, North Carolina, but also holds dual membership in Washington Commandery No. 1, District of Columbia, his original home and where his relatives have been members. Grand Commander Warner is also a member of Washington No. 1; hence, this D.C. Constituent Commandery with some 425 members has two voting members as incumbent Grand Commanders at the same time.

Sir Knight Russell H. Stocksdale, President of Commercial Bank, Liberty, Missouri, presented Liberty Masonic Lodge with a scroll hand-made by the Indians of Guatemala. The scroll reads "1976 - We Helped to Construct the York Rite Temple for Guatemala," and is considered a collector's item; they were distributed to Chapters and Commanderies to raise funds to rebuild the York Rite Temple in Guatemala, destroyed by an earthquake February 4, 1976.

Attending the presentation were Dave Toomay, High Priest, Liberty Chapter No. 3; Richard L. Edwards, E.C. Liberty Commandery No. 6; the late John W. Irons, R.E. Grand Commander of Missouri; and Virgil L. Bailey, I.M. Liberty Council No. 50.

R.C.C. Instituting in Puerto Rico

A Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders in San Juan, Puerto Rico, was in process of institutional ceremonies as the current *Knight Templar Magazine* was printed. The official date was March 29. G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Master, Grand Encampment, and Grand Orator, United Grand Imperial Council, traveled to San Juan with Grand Recorder Paul Rodenhauer. Joseph L. Martinez was to be named first Sovereign of San Juan Conclave.

Other Red Cross of Constantine Conclaves to receive charters at the 106th Annual Assembly in Honolulu include: Benjamin Franklin, Gadsden, Alabama; Christian, Binghamton, New York; Ascension, Tyler, Texas.

Nevada Easter and Ascension Services

"In accordance with long-standing custom," Grand Commandery Frank E. Hart, Nevada, calls on Templars in his jurisdiction "in keeping with our role as dedicated soldiers of Christ," to meet together on Easter Morning, April 10, and on Ascension Day, to be observed by Nevada Templars Sunday, May 22.

Oregon Grand Commander Russell C. Roberts was feted by Lincoln Commandery No. 25, Newport, Oregon, on February 5, "in honor of his work and station as Grand Commander," reports Sir Knight Russell L. Gardner, Recorder.

Sir Knight Roberts, a resident of Waldport, will relinquish his office at the Annual Conclave of Oregon, April 11.

Notables attending the reception included Past Grand Commanders Owen Barton, Merle Frisbee, Douglas McWorkman, and Richard Meyers, Grand Senior Warden Gene Caswell, Grand Standard Bearer Walter Peters, and Elwood Price, Commander of Lincoln No. 25.

Mississippi University for Women

David L. Payne (DeMolay No. 8, Columbus), Director of the Library, Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, in the February issue requested back copies of the *Knight Templar Magazine* to complete his files at the library. A letter received March 2 says: "I have received thirty-two individual replies to this request. I would like to thank the Brother Knights for their interest and thoughtfulness."

\$40,000 Bequest to Eye Foundation

Sir Knight and Brigadier General Harry Russell Kutz, recently deceased, has bequeathed the sum of \$40,000 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. A fund to be known as "The Brigadier General Harry R. Kutz Fund" is being established by the Board of Trustees, according to Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell.

Kutz was active in York and Scottish Rites: Hampden Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Springfield, Massachusetts; Morning Star Chapter, R.A.M., Springfield; Springfield Council, R. & S.M.; Springfield Commandery No. 6; Scottish Rite Valley of Springfield; Noble of Melha Temple; member, Polk Council No. 11, R. & S.M., Florida. In 1971 he was awarded the Legion of Honor medal from National Sojourners, Inc.

The Grand Encampment Committee on Templar Jurisprudence has begun study on revisions to the Constitution, says Chairman, Herbert D. Sledd, Kentucky.

In his letter, Sir Knight Sledd writes: "All of you . . . have received a letter from the Most Eminent Grand Master designating this Committee as 'the special committee' to study and revise the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, as authorized and directed at the 1973 and 1976 Triennial Conclaves."

The revisions, expected to be completed in 1978, will be carried out by Charles F. Adams, P.G.C., Nebraska; M. C. Lewis, Jr., P.G.C. Arkansas; Warren H. Coolidge, P.G.C., North Carolina, and Louis Hengen, P.G.C., Mississippi, with the participation of the Chairman. The last updating was in 1967.

Chairman Sledd agrees with his fellow barristers that "this is a substantial task, but not insurmountable."

The Masonic Temple in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, was the site of a dinner honoring 65 York Rite Masons for their years of service to the Fraternity. The ceremonies were reported by W. C. Davis, Recorder, St. Bernard Commandery.

Sir Knight Otto Neustadt, Grand High Priest R.A.M., North Carolina, and Sir Knight Eddie P. Stiles, Grand Master of Grand Council of North Carolina, presented certificates to D. O. Bulluck, Sr., and C. R. Schuler for 50 years of service in the York Rite Bodies. Others eligible but not present were E. V. Brogden, Z. B. Bulluck, Sr., J. W. Council, O. T. Elliott, W. S. Johnson, J. C. Mayo, Sr., W. C. Proctor, Sr., and W. B. Middleton. Recognition for 25 years of continuous service was given to 55 other members.

Host for the ceremonies was Cryptic Council No. 26 with Illustrious Master M. H. Whitley presiding, and Lonnie L. Prigden as Marshal.

I SEE YOU TRAVELED SOME

Wherever you may chance to be —
Wherever you may roam,
Far away in foreign lands,
or just at home, sweet home;
It always gives you pleasure
It makes your heart strings hum
Just to hear the words of cheer —
"I see you traveled some."

When you get the brother's greeting,
and he takes you by the hand,
It thrills you with a feeling
That you cannot understand.
You feel that bond of brotherhood,
That tie that's sure to come
When you hear him say in a friendly way
"I see you traveled some."

And if you are a stranger,
In strange lands all alone,
If fate has left you stranded —
Dead broke and far from home,
It thrills you — makes you dumb,
When he says, with a grip of fellowship
"I see you traveled some."

And when your final summons comes,
to take a last long trip,
Adorned with lambskin apron white
and gems of fellowship;
The tiler at the golden gate
With square and rule and plumb
Will size up your pin, and say,
"Walk in — I see you traveled some."

Submitted by Sir Knight Herbert J. Dawson, R.D. 2, Boyertown, Pennsylvania 19512.

INDIANA SUPPLEMENT



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50 YEAR YORK RITE AWARDS PRESENTED AT LAFAYETTE



Fifty Year York Rite Awards were presented recently in the Masonic Temple at Lafayette to three of their honored Companions and Sir Knights. Each of the three York Rite Awards was presented to the recipients by the Presiding Grand Officer of each York Rite Grand Body.

Shown above are the recipients together with the presiding Grand Officer; front row, left to right: Wilbur Leslie Moore, who received the 50 Year Award from the Grand Chapter; Donald Labaree McClurg, who received the 50 Year Award from all three of the York Rite Grand Bodies; and Charles Owen Wiselogel, who received the 50 Year Award from the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery.

Back Row: David R. Poling, Right Eminent Grand Commander; William G. Howard, Grand High Priest; and Marion K. Crum, Illustrious Grand Master. Two additional Companions and Sir Knights were eligible to receive awards, but were not present to receive them. They will be presented at a later date.

SHELBYVILLE SIR KNIGHTS TRAVEL TO "GRAND OLE OPRY"

Twenty Sir Knights and their ladies of Baldwin Commandery No. 2 left Shelbyville via chartered bus on February 26 for Nashville, Tennessee, where they enjoyed a tour of the city and surrounding country.

Of special interest to members was a visit to "The Upper Room" and viewing the life-size wood carving of "The Last Supper."

On Saturday evening they attended the world famous country music show, "The Grand Ole Opry," which is the oldest continuing radio program in existence today. The group enjoyed more tours of Nashville on Sunday morning and returned home on Sunday evening.

A good time was enjoyed by all and prompted plans for more such trips as this, including talk of going to Washington, D.C., in 1978 for the annual Knights Templar Sunrise Easter Service.

GROUP 6 YORK RITE TO HOLD FESTIVAL AT CAMBRIDGE CITY

Group 6 of the York Rite Association will hold a Spring Festival on two successive Saturdays in April, both sessions at the Masonic Temple at Cambridge City, Indiana.

On Saturday, April 16, registration of candidates will start at 12:00 o'clock noon with the Mark Master being conferred at 1:00 p.m. by Middletown Chapter. Portland will confer the Past Master at 2:30 p.m. and the entire Group will assist in conferring the Most Excellent Master degree at 3:15 p.m. The Royal Arch degree will be given at 4:00 p.m. by King Solomon Chapter of Richmond with dinner scheduled for 6:00 p.m. The Royal Master will be given at 7:00 p.m. by Rushville, and Cambridge will confer the Select Master of 8:00 p.m. to conclude the day's activities.

On Saturday, April 23 registration will again be held at 12:00 o'clock noon with the Order of Red Cross scheduled at 1:00 p.m. by Muncie. Knightstown will confer the Order of Malta at 2:30 p.m. with Connersville giving the Order of Temple at 4:00 p.m. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday for the Sir Knights and will conclude the activities for the day.

**INDIANAPOLIS TO SPONSOR
24 HOUR YORK RITE CLASS**

A twenty-four hour York Rite Class, open to all Master Masons, will be held at the downtown Indianapolis Masonic Temple on Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4.

Dedicated to the United Brotherhood of the Scottish and York Rites of Freemasonry, the class will be dedicated to one of the founders of Freemasonry in Indianapolis, Nicholas Randall Ruckle, who was Master of Center Lodge in 1871 and of Pentalpha Lodge, in 1877, both of which are in Indianapolis. He was also High Priest of Keystone Chapter of Indianapolis in 1867 and served as Commander of Raper Commandery in 1872, 1875, and 1880. He became the first drill captain in 1871 and served as the Grand Commander of Indiana in 1875.

He was Thrice Potent Master of Adoniram Lodge of Perfection of the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite in 1884, 1887, 1890, and 1900 and served as their first trustee from 1873 to 1900 and served as Commander-in-Chief of Indiana Consistory in 1870 and 1885. He also served as Deputy for Indiana for the Scottish Rite from 1884 to 1900 and served as the Grand Master of Masons of Indiana in 1891.

Class registration is scheduled to commence Friday afternoon, June 3, with the Capitular degrees starting at 4:00 p.m. and continuing at

7:15 p.m. the same evening, with a dinner at 6:15 p.m. The Cryptic degrees will be conferred starting at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, June 4, followed by the three Orders of the Commandery, and concluding by 4:00 p.m. A luncheon will be served at 12:15 p.m. on Saturday.

A more complete time schedule and reservation forms will be published in the May issue of the *Knight Templar* Indiana Supplement. If further information is desired, contact Earl W. Hoage, Commander, or Wayne G. Williams, Recorder, both of Raper Commandery. Hoage's home address is 5854 Gateway Drive, Indianapolis 46254 and Williams' is 3901 Mistletoe Drive, Indianapolis 46227.

**ROBERT A. WOODS PRIORY
INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS**

John W. Schmitt of Greencastle was installed as the Eminent Prior of Robert A. Woods Priory No. 62, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, at its annual Conclave held at Bloomington in January.

Additional officers installed included: Earl R. Rogers, Madison, Deputy Prior; Ernest R. Roller, Vincennes, Warder; Raleigh R. Cagle, Bloomington, Registrar; Robert A. Rogers, Terre Haute, Prelate; Kenneth W. Wantland, Carmel, Orator; and Eugene V. Henry, Martinsville, Herald.

The following 15 candidates were inducted into the Priory: J. B. Riggsby, Jesse Lamar Johnson, William Harrison Gogorth, James Lyle Blair, Edward W. Cole, Fred J. Flath, Deward Edward Theobald, Paul Wickard Daugherty, Frank V. Talbot, Jr., Fred B. Corya, Jr., Arthur Seth Kowling, Edward Marine Reiber, Donald Gene Dale, James C. Bunnell, and Maynard Berlin Thompson.

A dinner for the Knights and their ladies, with Joseph G. Isham, outgoing Prior, presiding, concluded the day's activities.

HOOSIER MASONIC DATES

April 1-2, 1977	Grand Council Meeting, Nashville, Indiana
April 2, 1977	Group 8 Annual Cave Festival at Corydon
April 16, 1977	All Chapter degrees at Warsaw
April 16, 1977	Group 6 will confer Chapter & Council degrees at Cambridge City
April 19, 1977	All Council degrees at Goshen, 7:30 p.m.
April 23, 1977	All Commandery orders at Elkhart
April 23, 1977	Group 6 will confer the Commandery Orders at Cambridge City
April 29-30 & May 1	Open House at historic Schofield House at Madison
May 4, 5, & 6, 1977	Grand Chapter-Grand Commandery Meetings at Lafayette
June 25, 1977	Grand Master's Reception (Turner) at Franklin
July 9, 1977	Joint Reception for Grand High Priest (Base) and Grand Commander (Williams) at Evansville
July 23, 1977	Illus. Grand Master's Reception (Shaffer) at Ft. Wayne

MYTHICAL COMMANDERY NO MYTH

Bark River Commandery No. 1313 is one of the fastest growing in Michigan. You didn't know there were 1,313 Commanderies in Michigan? Actually, there aren't. There are 52, with 45 in the lower Peninsula and 7 in the Upper. But because of the distance between Upper and Lower Peninsula Commanderies, many privileges and benefits which accompany inter-Commandery visitations are lost to the Upper Peninsula.

Inspections of the seven Upper Peninsula Commanderies have traditionally been made by the Grand Captain General (the Generalissimo for the last 2 years) in one trip on successive nights. Several years ago, a number of "L.P." Sir Knights and their ladies began making the pilgrimage, at their own expense, with the Grand Captain General. The number of Sir Knights has increased each year, and in 1972 Past Grand Commander William R. Parker, then Captain General, had the idea of forming a mythical Commandery, to be known as Bark River No. 1313, made up of these dedicated Sir Knights who travel the Big Mac Bridge to the Upper Peninsula and assist by filling stations and spreading good will and friendship throughout the state. In 1973, Bark River No. 1313 was constituted through the efforts of Grand Captain General Richard M. Strauss, now R.E. Grand Commander of Michigan.

In 1976, under the direction of Sir Knight Arthur B. Trevithick, G.G., 32 couples made the pilgrimage. As the trip draws to a close each year, new Sir Knights and their ladies are initiated into Bark River No. 1313 with a brief, fun-type ceremony. According to Earl Gronda, P.C. of St. Bernard Commandery No. 16, the purpose of Bark River Commandery is "to promote Templar Masonry throughout Michigan."



Sir Knights who accompanied the Grand Generalissimo during last Pilgrimage. Seated in front (l-r): P. Fred Lesley, G.S.W.; Arthur Trevithick, G.G.; and Gilbert A. Rice, G.J.W.

Mr. G. Wilbur Bell
Executive Director
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 579
Springfield, Illinois 62705

Dear Mr. Bell:

The Presbyterian Hospital gratefully acknowledges the recent gift of \$25,000 from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. to the Hospital, for the kerato-prosthesis program at the Eye Institute, under the direction of Dr. Charles J. Campbell and Dr. Anthony Donn.

I want you to know that this fine gift was reported to the Board of Trustees at their meeting on January 19, 1977, and a resolution was adopted expressing the Board's sincere appreciation for this generous support.

We are deeply grateful for the Foundation's wonderful assistance.

Sincerely yours,
Thomas H. Choate, Chairman of the Board
The Presbyterian Hospital, New York City
at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center
622 West 168th Street
New York, New York 10032

WHAT THIS EASTER DAY MEANS TO ME

by
Sir Knight Joseph Matys

It means that on this particular day when Jesus arose in spirit He ignited a light in the thoughts of the people who were in contact with what was going on before and after the Crucifixion. He caused a concentration on the word "Love."

Love is the whole meaning of many parts. As a machine consists of many parts, all must be synchronized and engineered to function properly. It must from time to time be overhauled and serviced and adjusted to function properly. It must from time to time be completely restyled to keep up with the changes that forever take place in the Universe. There is no standing still. It has been that way from the Beginning, and only the Supreme Creator knows why. Everything changes from moment to moment. Things come in deep secret, exist and depart in the same fashion. We are like the machines that we create in that we must make adjustments from time to time, but these adjustments are much more than the mechanical material. They are mostly spiritual. This takes Love from the moment we are conceived and through the various cycles of our lives.

We must put into action our knowledge of Love and what it consists of: it consists of the Infinite Intelligence that guides us, and like the machine, it must have order as we see order in nature. Action creates reaction. Nothing is helter-skelter. Like the machine we create we could not accomplish the whole without planning the purpose of it

and then the proper care of it. All necessary provisions for that which has been created have been provided for by the Creator. All things take the necessary time cycle for their existence.

Another part is Thought. Thought consists of many seeds, or nuclei. We can begin with hate, criticism and other things that are worthless, easy to obtain and are rampant in our environment, like weeds which are grown almost without any effort. But we must plant the nuclei in our thoughts to plant the proper seeds, and care for them to full development of our imagination and experience. All this takes action to make every time and thought worthwhile. Life is made up of the present moment. The past moment is already a dream and the next moment is only a vision. But this present moment taken into proper consideration of all concerned will make every past a dream of a happy, creative accomplishment and the future a vision of hope built on the present considerate and justifiable action.

It is very easy to turn Love into hate. For instance, it takes much effort to build, say, a house, a car, an airplane, a ship, etc., but in a moment we can destroy them. Our system is composed of nerves much more quickly activated than electricity. We must consider that we must take good care and a lot of thought before acting on our thought which may affect us and others, causing sometimes irreparable damage. So let us on this Easter put love into action by forgiving and letting Love prevail in all its Glory.



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THE CHRISTIAN PROMISE

Do we believe this? We must do so if we believe our Bibles. Shall we just read over very quietly and thoughtfully one of our Lord's promises, reiterated so many times? If we had never read them before, we should open our eyes in bewilderment, for these promises are almost incredible. From the lips of any mere man they would be quite unbelievable. But it is the Lord of heaven and earth Who speaks; and He is speaking at the most solemn moment of His life. It is the eve of His death and passion. It is a farewell message. Now listen!

“Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do: because I go unto the Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, that will I do” (John xiv. 13, 14). Now, could any words be plainer or clearer than these? Could any promise be greater or grander? Has anyone else, anywhere, at any time, ever offered so much?

Author Unknown

[For easy reference, recently requested, the telephone number of the Grand Encampment Office, Chicago, is 312-427-5670. Telephone number of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Springfield, Illinois, is 217-523-3838.]