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## HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

Probably written about 1370, by an author now unknown, is the story of "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight" in the days of King Arthur. From a translation of what has been regarded the "best of the English Romances," we have excerpted this portion which illustrates the kind of Christmas celebration of that long-ago age.

*King Arthur was at Camelot upon a Christmas-tide with many a gallant lord and lovely lady, and all the noble brotherhood of the Round Table. There they held rich revels with gay talk and jest; one while they would ride forth to joust and tourney, and again back to the court to make carols, for there was a feast holden fifteen days with all the mirth that men could devise, song and glee, glorious to hear in the daytime, and dancing at night. Halls and chambers were crowded with noble guests, the bravest of knights and the loveliest of ladies, and Arthur himself was the comeliest king that ever held a court.*



Those were the days six centuries ago of King Arthur, legendary hero of the valiant "brotherhood of the Round Table," a time of hearty celebrating in an age somewhat different from our own.

Our committed purpose, as Knights of the Temple — as Christian Masons — is to observe the anniversary of our Saviour's birth with devotion and dedication — and with *Worship*. There might have been "the feast holden fifteen days with all the mirth that men could devise" — and there is nothing amiss with happiness and joy — but let us not forget in 1977 the true theme of our observance, the Christ-child Himself.

Let us rejoice in the old story, ever new, of the Nativity and, in spirit, join the shepherds on the hills as they looked upon a star and heard the glorious proclamation:

**Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.**

**For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**

*William M. Avery*

# Knight Templar



**Christmas:** Our December magazine cover shows a holiday picture of a starry-eyed youngster in 1933. It's a photograph of George C. Patton, Jr., accoutred in the Templar habiliments of his father, now Past Grand Commander of Massachusetts/Rhode Island and a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. George, Jr., son of Sir Knight and Mrs. George C. Patton, Sr., Stoneham, Massachusetts, today is General Manager of American Airlines for Baltimore-Washington International Airport and the incoming President of the Rotary Club of Baltimore.

The cover picture graphically reflects the feeling of Christmas 1977 just as it did 44 years ago.

P.C.R., Editor

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## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**Munich:** Recorder William S. Langton, Bavaria Commandery No. 3, West Germany, notes in a recent letter that the Commandery has been "22 years-plus in the Munich area." In a letter to the membership of the York Rite Bodies, Recorder Langton has a "frank talk, member to member." He says: "One thing that we really need is support for our newly formed committee - the M.T.A. Committee - M for Members; T for To; A for Attend."

**Goldwater-Rhodes:** The Scottsdale York Rite Bodies announce the Goldwater-Rhodes One Day Festival of the York Rite of Freemasonry in Arizona April 8, 1978, at El Zaribah Shrine Temple, Phoenix. Candidates will be the Hon. Barry M. Goldwater and the Hon. John J. Rhodes. Information available from Scottsdale York Rite Masons, P.O. Box 956, Scottsdale, Arizona 85252.

**Found:** Via Sir Knight Albert Jensen, Grand Recorder, and Douglas Edlich, Supplement Editor for Washington State, a report was received of a Knight Templar ring with the inscription "W. M. Stover," found in a Washington restroom. No such name appears on either the Washington or the national roster of Knights Templar. But if someone would like to identify and claim, he should write to Albert Jensen, P.O. Box 231, Nordland, Washington 98358.

**Bradley:** The Rev. Preston Bradley, Evanston Commandery No. 72, Illinois, has had a Hall in the Chicago Public Library named in his honor. The original mosaics and new furniture in the renovated Preston Bradley Hall of the Cultural Center at the Library are now open for public use.

**Behrens Honored:** The 28 page "Bellamy Award Edition" of the *Tiger Tribune*, a supplement to the *Princeton Times*, Princeton, West Virginia, included in complete form the *Knight Templar Magazine* feature by Joan Behrens which we had the opportunity to publish in June 1977 on the subject of Francis Bellamy who wrote the original Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Dr. Margarette S. Miller, Executive Director of the National Bellamy Award, Inc., in a letter sent to the Editor in October, enclosed a copy of the newspaper dedicated to Princeton High School, winner of the Francis Bellamy Award for 1977. It included the in-depth sketch of Francis Bellamy written by Joan Behrens. In the printing, credit was given the *Knight Templar Magazine*. Joan is Assistant Editor.

**November Conference:** November 12 marked the gathering at Albuquerque, New Mexico, of the Southwestern York Rite Conference of York Rite Masons from Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. Marvin J. Baker, Representative of General Grand Council, presided, assisted by Clarence K. Jones, General Grand Chapter, and Department Commander William P. Wilson, California.

Grand Officers attending included: Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Treasurer Harold S. Gorman, Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser, accompanied by assistant to the Grand Recorder, Robert W. Bigley.

The General Grand Bodies were represented by Gordon R. Merrick, Junior W. Vandall and Charles K.A. McGaughey - General Grand Chapter; and Dr. Owen L. Shanteau and Bruce H. Hunt - General Grand Council.

Next year's meeting tentatively has been scheduled at Sacramento, California, November 10 and 11.

## CROSS OF HONOR AWARDS—1977

*"The award shall be made only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member." So reads Section 237 1/2 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, with regard to the Knights Templar Cross of Honor.*

*Each year Sir Knights from across the country are honored by their own Grand and Subordinate Commanderies for continuing and faithful service to Templary. The 1977 Cross of Honor awards go to 51 Sir Knights from 45 Grand and one Subordinate Commandery. Grand Master Avery, in congratulating these exemplary Templars, says, "Without these dedicated Christian Knights so nobly committed to the purpose and conservation of Templary, our Order would not hold the position of respect we do in the world of Masonry today."*



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### Remarks of a Cross of Honor Recipient

*Sir Knight Ralph McCracken, Calvary Commandery No. 37, Danville, Pennsylvania, was one of the 51 recipients of the 1977 Knights Templar Cross of Honor. He explained in his acceptance remarks why the award was especially meaningful to him:*

"My father was a Knight Templar — a Past Commander, and a Recorder for many years. He was the secretary for the Danville Chapter for many years as well. He died unexpectedly at the age of 40 leaving my mother with three little boys, ages 10, 5 and 3, to raise. He left us very little money, and that was before the time of mothers' pensions, Social Security or anything like that, so we were poor.

"But there was a Knight Templar who owned a shoe store, and he regularly outfitted the boys with shoes. And every Christmas there was a big turkey and a food basket from the Knights Templar.

There was a Knight Templar who owned an electrical store, and every time he saw me he would call me in and give me a flashlight. Since he was absent-minded, I ended up with the largest collection of flashlights any ten year old ever had! As a ten year old boy, I thought that Knights Templar were all ten feet tall!

"A Knight Templar helped me get my first car — he loaned me the money (interest free). And although I am over sixty years old (a little!) there are men in Danville who know me only as 'Bruce McCracken's boy.'

"My father did not leave me any money, but he left me a legacy that was worth more than any amount of money. I think that an organization that permits a man to leave a legacy like that to his children is a great organization, and that is why I am always willing to do everything I can for Templar."

## OUR TEMPLAR HERITAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

by  
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Right Eminent Grand Captain General  
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*United States Templary has existed in one form or another for over 200 years. The first date of record for the conferring of the Order of the Temple in the North American continent is August 28, 1769, when Captain William Davis, a Past Master, received the honor. On December 11 of that same year Paul Revere was Knighted, and on May 14, 1770, General Joseph Warren received the Order of the Temple. Following is a capsule history of the last 200 years – the Templar years in America.*

During the early years of Templary in North America, no sovereign body was formed, and no homologous unit was achieved among the fewer than 500 known Knights throughout the colonies (and later the states). But in the 1790's after the Treaty of Paris was signed and the United States looked to the future and more friendly relations with Great Britain, Templar voices were being raised and the question of consolidation proposed.

The oldest "Encampment" for which records are extant was in Charleston, South Carolina, active in 1780 and perhaps earlier. Other Encampments were located along the Atlantic coast.

In 1797, almost 30 years after the Knighting of Paul Revere and Joseph Warren, Thomas Smith Webb, our Templar progenitor in the United States, identified a Grand Encampment in Philadelphia, an Encampment No. 1 in Philadelphia, one other Philadelphia Encampment, and others in Harrisburg, Carlisle, Stillwater and New York City. In 1800, Knights Templar of New London, Connecticut, participated in ceremonies of eulogy for General George Washington, and history records conferral of the Orders in the same year in Philadelphia and New York.

An Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross was organized in Boston in 1801. In 1802 an Encampment of Knights Templar was organized in Providence, Rhode Island. In succeeding years, new Encampments were formed in Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and other southern and northeastern states.

Knight Templary in the United States first became a supreme body in 1816. It was called the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Its first meeting in Philadelphia was unsuccessful. The delegates then met in New York on June 20 and 21, 1816, when representatives from "eight Councils and Encampments of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders" met to adopt a Constitution and to elect officers to serve until the next meeting in 1819. DeWitt Clinton (former U.S. Senator and at that time Mayor of New York) was elected General Grand Master and was given sovereign control of Templary.

According to Dr. Francis J. Scully, Chairman of the Committee on Templar History of the Grand Encampment in 1952, and the man who compiled the accepted History of our Order, this was a "Period of Organization." Between 1816 and 1832 the powers and authority of the Grand Encampment was → → →



recognized. There were, of course, a few Encampments who remained at first outside the General Grand Encampment, but as the new supreme body grew, these lessened and eventually sought and obtained membership in one sovereign body.

The Constitution adopted in 1816 called for a meeting of the General Grand Encampment every seven years. In 1819, however, the second Conclave assembled on September 16, and a resolution to amend the Constitution and change the time between meetings from seven to three years was introduced and laid aside until the next Conclave, set for September, 1826. At the third meeting in 1826 the Triennial Conclaves were established.

1832-1835 Scully calls the "Period of Anti-Masonic Activity." William Morgan disappeared soon after the publication of his *Exposition of Masonry* in 1826, and this disappearance — blamed on the Freemasons — constituted one of the major controversies of the day.

But other things were happening in the young country. The year was 1827. On July 4, only one year earlier, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, second and third presidents of the United States, had died on the 50th anniversary of America's birth. We had only recently finished our second war with Great Britain, and President Monroe, in his annual message to Congress in 1823, had declared that the Western Hemisphere was no longer open to colonization by European powers. His Doctrine — America for the Americans — helped place the United States alongside the European countries, and there began a far-reaching sense of nationalism — a developing pride in the young country which was daily exhibiting its right to be ranked with the old world.

No new Grand Encampments were formed between 1827 and 1843. For a long time following the Morgan affair, Freemasons were fearful of their lives should they attempt to attend Lodge or any Masonic meeting. In fact, a number of Grand Encampments lay dormant during this period.

At the fifth Conclave of the General Grand Encampment held November 29,

1832, only 14 Knights were present. However, in that same year, Andrew Jackson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was elected President, and the anti-Masonic party knew that it had failed. A later Grand Master, looking back over these tempestuous days, spoke for all of Masonry when he said, "the agony was over — the nation had repudiated anti-Masonry and had elected as President, Andrew Jackson, an acknowledged, outspoken, well-known Freemason."

From 1835 to 1856 Masonry in general and Templary in particular witnessed a "period of Expansion." The west opened up to settlers, and it was inevitable that it would also be opened to the influence of Masonry. By 1853, Templary had reached California — had spanned the entire continent. The supremacy of the General Grand Encampment was settled as the sole governing body of Knights Templar in the United States. By 1856 membership had increased to the startling figure of 4,710 souls, as opposed to 500 members 40 years earlier.

Then in 1856 came the "period of revision" and Grand Master William Blackstone Hubbard. Under Hubbard the Constitution was revised. This revision did not reject the original Constitution, says Scully — "All the main prerogatives and powers under which it had been acting were retained. The revision, while maintaining the authority and power of the officers, set forth more clearly their limits and application. There were other changes, though the ones most readily observed were the changes in the names of the Grand Bodies and their officers." The General Grand Encampment was now to be known as the Grand Encampment, the State Grand Encampments as Grand Commanderies, and subordinate Encampments as Commanderies.

From 1862 to 1874 was the "period of Civil Strife and Reconstruction." This time it was the Civil War pitting brother against brother, but the Craft was in less danger of dissolution than the republic.

1877, and the country had survived its family feud. Thomas Edison → → →



was busy in his workshop perfecting the electric light, and the scars across the nation were healing. A new period of growth took place from 1874 to 1916.

In 1916 at the Grand Encampment's centenary celebration, the "period of Maturity," as Scully calls it, began. And for the last 60 years Templary has achieved a place of respect along with the other major branches of Masonry in the world. It is especially important to note that this Christian Order has never succumbed to momentary deprecating influences but has continued to maintain its sovereign rank and status.

Of course, the Grand Encampment has had its peaks and valleys. From 1816 to 1877 membership increased steadily; in 1877 there was a momentary and slight decline. But this was immediately reversed and a steady rise continued unabated for 50 years. Membership took a considerable leap in the post World War I years, reaching its highest in 1927 when the membership totaled 453,836. It then declined during the Great Depression, tallying 219,368 in 1943. Again, the post World War II years brought a new impetus to the membership rolls which once again increased continuously until 1960 when 398,564 members were listed

on the annual returns. Since 1960, Templary has experienced a slow decrease, until, as of June 30, 1977, our numbers stood at slightly more than 360,000.

One of the great highlights in our recent history was the sesquicentennial of the Grand Encampment at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City during June of 1966. The former Secretary of the Army, former Secretary of Defense and former Governor of Michigan, Wilber M. Brucker, was M.E. Grand Master during this observance. It was attended by thousands of Templars from all parts of the country and beyond. The General Chairman for this 150th celebration was C. Byron Lear, Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

After 161 years, the Grand Encampment and those who have served as its Grand Master have created and perfected a tradition for the generations of Templar Sir Knights to come. Perhaps Masonry and Templary *will* continue because they *must* continue. Because as long as there are men who believe in the Trinity and who see and are willing to correct the problems in the world, Templary, and all of Freemasonry, will proceed.



## CHRISTMAS EVE

The door is on the latch tonight,  
The hearth-fire is aglow,  
I seem to hear soft passing feet —  
The Christchild in the snow.

My heart is open wide tonight  
For stranger, kith or kin;  
I would not bar a single door  
Where love might enter in.

*Author unknown*



## THE SCOTTISH RITE

by

Sir Knight H.C. Arbuckle, III

Masonic study often seems endless. In fact, the best a writer of Masonic history can do, at times, is to show by his work that more work in the field is needed.

Brother Charles S. Lobingier, from about 1925 to 1930, labored long and hard on a book entitled *The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*, which took the Rite from its beginning to 1800. Brother Lobingier was to have written a second volume, covering the period 1801 through 1930 but never did get it done. An abridged version of this book was published in 1931 under the title *The Supreme Council, 33°*, while the unexpurgated version came out in 1932.

Some years later Luther A. Smith, then Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, commissioned Brother Ray Baker Harris to write volume two of the history, taking in the period from 1801 to 1861. Unfortunately, Brother Harris died before completion of his book; fortunately, Brother James D. Carter was on hand to finish the work. Accordingly, 1964 saw the publication of *History of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., 1801-1861*. This huge book of 415 pages is well-written, finely done, and has an excellent index, an ideal tool for those interested in the history of the Scottish Rite. It is available from The Supreme Council, 33°, 1733 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20009, for \$5.00.

Brother Carter did such a good job preparing the above book for publication that he was commissioned to write the next volume in the series, *History of The Supreme Council, 33°, . . . 1861-1891*, which in my opinion is the most interesting. This tome, published in 1967, traces the history of the Supreme Council from the beginning of the Civil War through

the death of Albert Pike. It is "a dramatic account . . . recorded in stark reality and simplicity in an effort to portray the events in their naked truth." Being a true story, the facts are presented in well-and-carefully-documented form, accurately and in true context. It is a picture of one of the best and worst times in American history reflected through the Scottish Rite. And for \$6.00, it can't be beat.

The latest volume in the series was published in 1971. Brother Carter again did the honors, and this book is well-grounded in fact, finely written, and a pleasure to read. *History of the Supreme Council, 33°, . . . 1891-1921*, "traces the history of the Supreme Council . . . from the death of Sovereign Grand Commander Albert Pike . . . to the election of John H. Cowles to the office of Sovereign Grand Commander in 1921." As this period in the Scottish Rite's history was one "of tremendous growth in membership and economic expansion leading to the initiation of activities and programs with a magnitude never before undertaken by any Masonic organization," it is little wonder that this book is thrilling to read. It too can be ordered from The Supreme Council, 33°, for \$6.00.

There is a forth volume in the Harris-Carter series projected in the works, according to an article in *The New Age* of December 1972. However, as of this writing it is not yet out. I feel certain that it will be equal to the preceding volumes, for the scholarship that went into this series is beyond reproach. All the books are deeply researched, indexed, and easily readable.



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## THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

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by  
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*"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed . . . And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city . . . And Joseph also went up unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem with Mary . . . to be taxed . . . And so it was while they were there she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And lo an angel said: unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*

Thus begins the Christmas Story according to St. Luke. The story that has affected the lives and actions of more people than any event in human history.

Rome, a pagan nation, ruled the world. From Brittany to India the whole world was in bondage. All the world was to be taxed to fill the coffers of a tyrant. Caesar was great, was powerful and had control of all human endeavor. His centuries were everywhere to see that his control was maintained, a perfect police state.

Death or slavery was the quick reward of those who opposed him. Bread and the circus prevailed. He would plunder the wealth of those who opposed and bolster the fortunes of those he favored. He would tax the people to the limit and feed the rabble with bread and entertainment. Unrest was everywhere but no open disorder; the fear was too great of the mighty arm of Caesar.

The Child of Bethlehem had now grown to manhood, and from Galilee He was saying to his oppressed countrymen: "render unto Caesar the things which are

Caesar's and unto God the things that are GOD's." He showed them that their salvation lay in service to their God, and not servitude to the state. And those who followed His teachings ceased giving up their freedom for pottage.

The pages of history tell of many would-be Caesars who have enslaved nations whose people forgot the meaning of Christmas. Over the centuries a great many have died that others might walk upright in dignity as free men.

The pages of history also reveal that brave men threw off the yoke of old world despotism and set up in this new land a government founded on the theory that there is a God and from Him certain unalienable rights belong to each individual. This was called a revolution. It was a revolt against injustice, tyranny and slavery. The revolution of 1776 is as virile and alive today as in the beginning. No other nation on earth has fully adopted nor have had their rulers surrender the God-given rights we enjoy in our Country.

Ours is still the most radical nation on earth, as we still persist, and God help us to continue to persist, in the belief that man is endowed by his Creator, as a natural law, with the right to be free to live in the expectations that he can work out his own destiny.

As long as our Constitution stands, it protects this dream of our founding fathers. God grant that posterity will rejoice in the patriotism of those who live in our generation as we rejoice in the fidelity and love of liberty of those who lived in our beloved land before our time.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and not be entangled again with the yoke of bondage."



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## INTERNAL PUBLIC RELATIONS KIT

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by  
H. Edward May, P.G.C., Florida

In today's world, scarcely a working minute passes without our being bombarded with a sales pitch aimed at making us buy "Product X." Untold millions of dollars are spent annually by business firms on advertising, TV Commercials assail us "audio and visual-wise" each ten minutes of viewing time, encouraging us to accept the *outstanding values* of a multitude of items that we *must* have in order to have a full, complete, enjoyable *normal* life, i.e., to keep up with the Jones's. Newspapers, magazines, and radio are also used to titillate our appetites for those things Madison Avenue decrees we need

Public Relations plays a major role in our everyday life, both within and without our home. In fact, many people believe we could not exist in today's world if it were not for Public Relations programs – programs designed to create a desire for products to enrich our lives, designed to fulfill our every need whether it be real or imaginary.

Public Relations is defined as "all activities leading to the creation and maintenance of a *positive* public attitude." We all accept the slogan "It pays to advertise." All major businesses employ Public Relations firms to create, stimulate, re-create and perpetuate a desire to have, re-new, buy, maintain and re-purchase their products. Their firms in turn continually double and redouble their efforts to ensure that the public does in fact spend the maximum amount of dollars for their customers' products. "This is the name of the game!"

The title of this article and the intent is to direct your attention to an often-ignored facet of this "game" as it pertains to the internal Public Relation actions of the Constituent Commandery! We are all aware of the Grand Encampment's

Standing Committee on Public Relations through the publicity given to its actions in the *Knight Templar Magazine*. We know the films available from the Grand Recorder's office for loan to us. We know of the informational pamphlets, guidelines, and other materials gathered together, published, and made available to Sir Knights everywhere. Public Relations philosophy is employed in these endeavors even though many of us do not take advantage of all that is offered. Frankly, we tend to overlook this fact of life in our endeavors to build Templary.

What we lack at the local level is a Public Relations program both in concept and implementation which would ensure that positive results occur – results that will cause a strengthening of our Christian Order.

Many of us bemoan the annual losses by death, suspensions for NPD, and by demits. Naturally, we can do nothing about losses by death, but we can address ourselves to "licking" the other two problems. We can also address the problem of bringing many new members into the Order.

Let us consider that Christian Masonry "is a business" – our *product* being Christian fellowship and its attendant *advantages*. Then let's accept the challenge to initiate a local Public Relations program to create, stimulate, and retain a continuing need for our product. We want not only retention of our present "customers" but we want to increase our number of "customers" and ensure their "retention." We want to widen our appeal.

First, we ourselves must be convinced that our product is not only beneficial but also necessary. Hence, *EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON* → → →



## SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

Thus, once convinced, we can become more dynamic, motivated and accomplished salesmen. We will endeavor to know our product completely and be able to rebut, refute, compare with other "products," and give both the "hard sell" and the "soft sell." We will learn all of the different approaches and methods of convincing our potential customers that they just can't live without our "product" being an integral part of their everyday lives. We must go out into the fields and see that every customer's name in every block in town is put in our black book as a "solid account."

Our "sales managers" must derive a strong successful dynamic outline for their teams to follow. Sales meetings must be held on a regular basis — just as a sales manager for a car dealer does (much could be said here as to how to build, improve such a sales organization). Mottoes such as "Think — Think Positive — Think Templary" can be used to set the stage.

Realize and accept the *major truth* of "sales programs" — things just don't happen, they must be made to happen! Even Cadillac, a good solid product, continuously advertises, but if the Public Relations effort, costly as it is, did not bring in enough results to justify its expense, it would soon be dropped by management and/or stockholders. That this has not been considered is sufficient proof that Public Relations is considered truly worthwhile!

What then is an Internal Public Relations Program and how is it to work? — First we must define the program as *all* of those items and actions needed at the Constituent Commandery level which will result in a vibrant and ever-strengthening group of Knights Templar! Then we must continually (daily — not weekly, monthly or annually) strive to keep our program successfully thriving!

Let's explore why we have a problem with our product and then determine the method of overcoming all shortcomings that are so identified! There is *nothing*, absolutely *nothing*, wrong with our product! We are indeed fortunate in this

regard and we are also fortunate in having literally thousands upon thousands of "potential customers," and more customers are becoming available almost daily, although not in the numbers deserved! However, until we make a real dent in getting these customers now readily available safely locked into our fold, we need not address this area of concern!

What is wrong is that we really do not have an Internal Public Relations Program at the local level! We need to establish first off an awareness among the local Master Masons (as well as Scottish Rite Masons, and Shriners, together with all other Allied and Appendant Orders) that there is a product in town that should be in each of their households — that product being Christian Masonry. We should make them aware of its ingredients (i.e., Chapter, Council Degrees and Commandery Orders). We should also tell when and how to take the necessary dosage (spring, fall festivals, one-day classes, degree per night, etc.; the costs of same to include dues, fees, Eye Sponsorship, uniforms, etc.); and make known one prime fact — what the customer will receive upon obtaining this product that he cannot obtain from other products of similar nature.

Once you have the customer nailed down and he has made his initial purchase, treat him with respect and make every effort to keep him a happy and satisfied customer. He may very well help you sell more customers. Make him feel comfortable, at home, part of the team. Give him maximum satisfaction and minimum irritations, i.e., keep promised delivery dates (perform work promptly, effectively, efficiently, with minimum strain on customer; minimize wasting of time and maximize beauty of ritual work). Open promptly, minimize business and delete material and long discussions that result in long drawnout meetings; maximize fellowship, useful programs, projects and endeavors; terminate meetings promptly and early (open groups to newcomers completely so that they feel wanted and needed). Use the new members. Listen to complaints and respond.



Don't let a suspension for NPD occur. Find out really why a customer wants a demit. He must be dissatisfied, not with the product, but with management, stockholders, or relations with other customers. Surely, we must find out and take corrective action if he does not want to keep this "annual maintenance contract" current. Management at all levels (the appointive officers as well as elective) must ever be aware of and sensitive to the needs and feelings of each customer. Else the business will soon begin to fail even though the product is both solid and worthwhile as well as necessary.

I say to each of you that "management" in our instance includes the sideliners as well. Each of us must do our part to keep our product before the customer in such a way as to ensure its availability to customers yet unborn. It's an excellent product and one that is needed in the house of every Christian Mason. I charge each Knight Templar to take necessary action to ensure establishment of a continuing Internal Public Relations Program in his local Commandery — one that is positive in approach and action. The Public Relations concept is a proven one — one that truly works! Develop, nurture, improve, implement and sell. Positive thinking plus positive actions equal positive results!

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**"Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind. To cherish Peace and Goodwill, to be plenteous in Mercy, is to have the real Spirit of Christmas. If we think o'er these things, there will be born in us a Saviour and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of Hope to the World."**

*Calvin Coolidge*

Coolidge was not a Freemason, but he had high regard for the Fraternity. While Governor of Massachusetts he addressed the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. His wife was an Eastern Star and his son was a Mason.

## Boise, Idaho, Draws York Rite

The six-state Northwestern Regional Conference at Boise, October 29-30, was attended by 86 York Rite Masons. Joined by the ladies for a Saturday night dinner at the Boise Shrine Club, the number exceeded 130.

Vernon R. Parks, Pullman, Washington, Representative of the General Grand Master of Council, was in charge of the workshop, assisted by F. R. Erick Mulder, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Deputy General Grand High Priest, and Department Commander Merlin F. Purcell, Boise, who handled reservations, meeting and banquet arrangements in conjunction with a local committee.



(l-r) Department Commander Merlin F. Purcell; General Grand Master of General Grand Council Owen L. Shanteau; Vernon R. Parks, Regional Deputy General Grand Master; Alton Kauffman, Grand Master of Idaho Masons; Gordon R. Merrick, General Grand High Priest; Willard M. Avery, Grand Master of Grand Encampment, and F. R. Erick Mulder, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Deputy General Grand High Priest.

The "open" workshop extended from noon Saturday, the 28th, until 11:15 a.m., Sunday, the 29th, General Grand High Priest Merrick discussed the facilitating of Annual Sessions such as eliminating repetition of introductions and orderly planning of reports and procedure; Grand Master Avery's theme was on membership and comparison of figures among different sections of the nation and mentioned possible feasibility of combining York Rite publications. General Grand Master Shanteau spoke on public relations and possible advantages to be gained by one PR director for all York Rite.



# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## Avery At Springfield Christmas Fete

Grand Master Willard M. Avery will attend the December 15 Christmas Observance of District 6 Commanderies in Illinois, hosted by Elwood Commandery No. 6, D. Allan Easley, Eminent Commander. The observance and visitation will take place in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple in Springfield.

Accompanying Sir Knight Avery will be the Right Eminent Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment, Reverend H. Dwight McAlister, and Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell. The Grand Commander of Illinois, Sir Knight Robert E. McAllister, as well as several of his Grand Line Officers, will participate in the observance.

Sir Knight Avery, a resident of Knightstown, Indiana, is one of the first Grand Masters of Grand Encampment, from outside of Illinois, to visit Elwood Commandery.

## New Date for Germantown Anniversary

The advance date announced for next year's observance of the 75th Anniversary of Germantown Commandery No. 82, Philadelphia, has been changed from September 30 to a new date of November 18, 1978. Robert C. Froelich, Generalissimo, says it was necessary "due to circumstances beyond our control." He notes that tickets and program details will be distributed later.

## Money Tree

Calvary Commandery No. 3, Parkersburg, West Virginia, raised \$380 at their 1976 Christmas Observance where 80 Sir Knights and Ladies were in attendance.

Mode of collection: a bare "Money Tree" which was "decorated with green." The amount collected included five live sponsors, and a patron certificate in the amount of \$100 from the Ladies Auxiliary.

## Glendale Installation

Notification has been received that Glendale Assembly No. 45, Social Order of the Beauceant, will meet for the purpose of Installing 1978 Officers Monday, December 19. Glendale York Rite Bodies are located in Glendale, California.

## Mrs. Brucker Attends Northwood Lunch

Northwood Institute, with campuses in Michigan, Indiana and Texas, held its 1977 Distinguished Women Awards Luncheon November 3 at the Palmer House in Chicago. Attending the affair as a member of Northwood's National Women's Board was Clara H. Brucker, wife of the late Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, 1964-67. Mrs. Brucker, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, was honored as one of ten distinguished women in 1972, and is shown below with two 1977 recipients, Flavia Paulon of Asolo, Italy, and actress Celeste Holm.



Miss Paulon (left) was honored as a leader in promoting the civic and cultural accomplishments of Italian women and for her involvement in the development of Northwood's international education program in Europe. Miss Holm (center) has shared her professional talents with theatre workshop groups at Northwood of Texas, and was honored for her dedication to the advancement of theatre arts.



## Greetings From Kenneth C. Johnson

A letter from Grand Generalissimo Kenneth C. Johnson, Grand Encampment, reports continuing therapy progress at the North Little Rock VA Hospital, Arkansas. He has spent recent weekends at home where he continues his correspondence and his contacts with visitors. Special appreciation is expressed by both Sir Knight Johnson and Mrs. (Yvonne) Johnson for the holiday greetings and good wishes they are receiving.

## Falmouth Weekend

Some 400 Sir Knights attended the 172nd Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 14-16 in Falmouth, Massachusetts. North-eastern Department Commander Alton G. Billmeier, Denton, Maryland, attended as Grand Master Avery's representative.

The Saturday morning parade featured marching units from the National Guard and Coast Guard, an Air Force band and the Falmouth town honor guard. A Hawaiian luau was the Friday night banquet held at the headquarters hotel, the Sheraton Inn.

Sir Knight Arthur H. Fancy, who was installed Grand Commander earlier this year following the sudden death of John Earl Ewart March 30, will continue as Grand Commander.

## Fort Madison Golden Anniversary

The Order of Rainbow for Girls Assembly No. 30 in Fort Madison, Iowa, announced the celebration of their Golden Anniversary on November 5, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. Mindy Blair, Publicity Chairman, says a meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, 610 Eighth Street, in Fort Madison, and was open to the general public.

## Christmas — The Time for Giving

In September 1976, Sir Knight Robert B. Richardson of Helena became the first Montana Templar to join the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grand Commander's Club with his contribution of \$100. One year and \$900 later, Sir Knight Richardson has been received as Grand Master's Club member No. 71, and has been awarded a metallic wallet card and engraved "appreciation" desk plaque.

Tax-deductible contributions to gain enrollment in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grand Commander's and Grand Master's Clubs can be sent and information obtained from Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director, 509 South Sixth Street, P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Enrollment in either humanitarian Club is completely voluntary.

There is no Commandery "credit" for membership. It is a free will offering which offers no credit beyond the satisfaction of helping others through the two Clubs.

*Coming in January:* A complete listing of all Grand Commander's and Grand Master's Clubs members.

## Garage Door Art



There's no mistaking who lives at this residence. Sir Knight Elwood B. Noyes, Kittery, Maine, displays his Masonic membership on his garage door — from Blue Lodge through Shrine.



## COURAGE UNLIMITED

TO BE OF GOOD COURAGE is to live as God expects us to live. To live less courageously is to partake less of life than is offered to each and all of us from birth throughout a lifetime. Courage is of the heart, the intellect, and the will, and may be generated to the highest degree by even those who are normally constitutionally timid. Courage is a veritable storehouse of power. All one has to do is reach for it, grasp it and use it. As important to life itself as the equilibrium with which each of us is equipped — and just as invisible — COURAGE is a God-given “built-in” self-possession. It comes with us at birth. Some use it wisely and enormously while far too many timid souls never, throughout a lifetime, experience the thrill and the beauty of its real fulfillment.

I recently dined with an “exchange” student from China. After

waxing enthusiastically — conversationally — as is my wont to do at times — this young man said: “I can now see that after talking with you this morning, Mr. Dixon, in order for me to be like you what I REALLY need is MORE COURAGE!” I replied: “No, my good friend, you do not need MORE COURAGE because you are already possessed of all the courage you will ever be possessed of. All you need to do — as in my own case — is exercise the courage God has already given you

which is COMPLETE COURAGE, to be used wisely as the need arises.”

In true Oriental graciousness this brilliant young “exchange” student acknowledged being enriched more from the “thought” on courage than by the vitamins served at breakfast.

*James Lamb Dixon, Washington, D.C.  
Member, Los Angeles No. 9, California*

**I know not if the blessing sought  
Will come in just the way I thought,  
I leave my prayers with Him alone,  
Whose Will is wiser than my own.**

*Anonymous*

**Compliments of Jeane Dixon**

### “BLESSED ARE THEY . . .”

Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know that my ears today  
Must strain to catch the things they say.  
Blessed are they who seem to know  
That my eyes are dim and wits are slow.  
Blessed are they with a cheery smile  
Who stop to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who never say,  
“You’ve told that story twice today.”  
Blessed are they who know the ways  
To bring back memories of yesterdays.  
Blessed are they who make it known  
That I’m loved, respected, and not alone.  
Blessed are they who ease the days  
On my journey Home, in loving ways.





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## **"THE LITTLE GIANT'S NEWSLETTER"**

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*Jack Rusenko, editor of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad house publication, The Little Giant's Newsletter, has devoted a recent issue to a vignette of Ed Sims, Generalissimo of Chartiers Commandery No. 78. It tells of his Masonic participation and his interest in music, scouting, DeMolay and civic affairs. It is the story of an active Templar, a story the Knight Templar Magazine is proud to present.*

The Ringold Band, "Military Band Music for all Occasions," now in its 68th year of continuous operation, is the oldest community band in Western Pennsylvania. For 36 of those years, Ed Sims of the Labor Relations and Personnel Department, has been a member of the band, coincidentally the same number of years he has worked for the P&LE. He is Assistant Band Director and also Treasurer.

They have performed musical programs every Monday since Christmas at Mayview, Woodville and Dixmont State Hospitals, St. Anthony's Home for Exceptional Children in Oakmont, The Jewish Home for Aged in Homestead, School for Blind Children in Oakland, Vincentian Home for Chronically Ill in North Hills and the Eastern Star Home in West View to name a few.

They have paraded 22 times from Memorial Day to Labor Day in such widely separated areas as Avella, Homeville, Brentwood, McDonald and Troy Hill. Ed's youngest son Keith plays in the Ringold Band with his father.

Although the Ringold Band is Ed's main "spare time" interest, he also plays in the Syria Temple Shrine Band, the Allegheny County Community College Band, the West Hills Symphony Band and the Islam Grotto Band, of which he is President.

As a member of the American Federation of Musicians, he plays with several union bands doing park concerts and parades. Ed plays all of the brass and most of the reed and percussion instruments in the band but prefers the

euphonium or baritone horn and has appeared as euphonium soloist many times with various groups.

Ed devotes some of his "spare time" to his Masonic activities, too. He is Past Master of Crafton Lodge No. 653 and currently is serving as Most Excellent High Priest of Crafton Royal Arch Chapter No. 312 for the second time; Deputy Illustrious Master of Allegheny Council No. 38 Royal and Select Masters; and Generalissimo of Chartiers Commandery No. 78 Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh, The Gateway to the West Council No. 5, Knight Masons of the United States of America, and a member of the Advisory Council of Fidelity Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He was the recipient of the DeMolay Cross of Honor for outstanding and dedicated service in 1973.

Somewhere along the way there must have been some "spare time" left over. For over 25 years, Ed has served as a member of the Police Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Ingram and for many years was active with Boy Scout Troop No. 156 in Ingram.

For over 25 years, he assisted the Band Director at Montour High School and was active in the Montour Band Parents, serving as Treasurer for eight years. He traveled with the Montour Band to the World's Fair in New York, the Hemisfair in San Antonio, Texas, the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, Virginia, the Azalea Blossom Festival in Norfolk, Virginia, the Tulip → → →



## What's Going on at Lexington

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage, Lexington, Massachusetts, will present several December attractions for Masonic and other visitors including the film Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18, at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., "The Little Drummer Boy," traditional story of the orphaned drummer boy following the wise men as they seek the Christ Child.

## Travelbee to Mississippi

John Travelbee, former Director of Membership, Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay, Kansas City, submitted his resignation November 30 to the Kansas City central office in order to accept the post of Superintendent of the Masonic Home for Children in Meridian, Mississippi.

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## ... LITTLE GIANT'S NEWSLETTER

Blossom Festival in Holland, Michigan, and to Niagara Falls, Canada, and uses a week of his vacation every year to attend a band camp.

Eighteen years as Corresponding Secretary with the P&LE Railroad Athletic Association almost made him a permanent fixture.

Even with all of these "spare time" activities, Ed found time, with his wife, Mary Jane, to raise three children.

Ed and his family are closely tied in with the P&LE. His son, Scott, works in the Diesel Shop at McKees Rocks. His father was General Yardmaster at Pittsburgh and McKees Rocks until his death in 1959 and his grandfather was a Yard Conductor at Becks Run. His mother was a telephone operator on the P&LE. His brother worked in the Pittsburgh Baggage Room and at Pittsburgh Freight House.

Ed says he still has seven years to go before retirement and his "spare time" activities will continue as long as he is able to actively participate.

## Three Leaders, Three Workers



Whenever a York Rite Regional Conference is held, three leaders conduct the sessions and others handle the work of registering and dispensing information and materials. Above are General Grand Master of General Grand Council Shanteau, General Grand High Priest Merrick and Grand Master of Grand Encampment Avery, shown at Atlantic City for the fall York Rite Northeast Regional Conference. Below are the folks who served in the background to assure smooth operations — Mrs. Kenneth F. Reed, Mrs. Wallace M. Gage and Mrs. Thurman C. Pace, whose husbands were Grand Commanders, respectively, in 1974, 1973 and 1976. They worked with Roger W. Staples, General Grand Council, to host the Conference.

## Spirit of Christmas

Christmas holiday events offer a special opportunity for Commandery-sponsored activities to assist the 10th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. So suggests Charles S. McIntyre, Trustee for the Foundation and Voluntary Campaign Chairman.



## THE KING OF THE STUMP

by  
Sir Knight Norman G. Lincoln



During a long and distinguished career Thomas Corwin served the public as prosecuting attorney, Congressman, Governor, Cabinet Member and Ambassador. Yet he was best known for his silver tongue and loved to debate. Like his contemporary Daniel Webster, he was not afraid to espouse unpopular causes. And like the better-known Webster, the highest office in the land eluded him.

Thomas Corwin was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, on July 29, 1794. When he was four, his father moved the family to Warren County, Ohio. Tom's interest in politics was probably inherited from his father, Mathias, who served eleven terms in the Ohio House of Representatives and was twice named Speaker. Young Tom labored on the family farm attending school when he could. During the War of 1812 he gained his first nickname, "Wagon Boy," as a result of hauling supplies to the army.

In 1814 he went to work with his older brother Mathias Jr. at the County Clerk's office in Lebanon, Ohio. After reading law for three years at night, he was admitted to the Ohio Bar and in 1818 was appointed Prosecuting Attorney, a position he held for ten years. In 1822 he married Sarah Rogers and their union was blessed with one son and four daughters. In that same year he was first elected to the Ohio House of Representatives. He soon proved himself a master orator adept at satire. His stocky, swarthy dynamic figure became so well known on the campaign trail that he was called the "King of the Stump." He was re-elected three times to the Ohio House.

Aligning himself with Brother Andrew Jackson's opponents, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1830. For ten years he did little but file minority reports and hone his oratory while adding to his reputation in Washington and at home in Ohio. In 1840 the Ohio Whig Party Convention unanimously nominated him to run for Governor. It was a rollicking and riotous campaign sparked with parades, songs and invective on both sides. It was said that Corwin spoke to more than 700,000 people and greatly helped in the election of Whig Presidential candidate William Henry Harrison.

In the days before instant opinion polls and nationwide television, political bombast and exaggeration were more common. In one speech Corwin defended Harrison against "that spindleshanked pseudo-military brigadier, faring forth with trembling spear and oratorical thunder, leading his troops against an army of watermelons, to annihilate the hero of Tippecanoe." (The reference was to Representative Isaac E. McCrary of Michigan)

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His term as governor was frustrating to Corwin since the Democrats who controlled the Ohio Senate succeeded in blocking most of the legislation he proposed. Although he did not wish to run for re-election, he was again chosen his party's standard bearer in 1842, and while he waged a vigorous campaign he suffered his only political defeat losing by 1,872 votes.

Corwin was soon back in the political wars. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1844. Here he had many opportunities to indulge in his passion for oratory. Corwin had acquired a national reputation and was considered to be a leading candidate for the Whig nomination for President in 1848. However, he showed himself a statesman by putting principle ahead of expediency in his opposition to the Mexican War.

Well knowing his position to be unpopular, Corwin held the Senate in attentive silence on February 11, 1847, as he attacked the Mexican War as "a flagrant, desolating war of conquest against . . . a feeble race . . . a march of misery." Warning of the dangers of slavery, he continued, "Each chapter we write in Mexican blood may close the volume of our history as a free people."

"The Senator from Michigan says we will be 200 million in a few years and we want room. If I were a Mexican I would tell you, 'Have you not room in your own country to bury your dead men? If you come into mine, we will greet you with bloody hands and welcome you to hospitable graves.'

"Let us here in this temple dedicated to the union, perform a solemn illustration. Let us wash Mexican blood from our hands, and on these altars, in the presence of that image of the father of his country that looks down upon us, swear to preserve honorable peace with all the world, and eternal brotherhood with each other."

Zachary Taylor, popular hero of the War with Mexico, was elected President in 1848. Upon his death Millard Fillmore became President and in 1850 he appointed Thomas Corwin Secretary of the Treasury. In 1853, Corwin returned

to Lebanon to practice law. But he was not through with public service.

In 1858, the Republican Party persuaded him to run for Congress and he was again easily elected. He had long been an abolitionist and supported his friend Abraham Lincoln for President in 1860.

Lincoln appointed him Minister to Mexico in 1861. In this position he was able to prevent the Confederacy from obtaining Mexican aid. In 1864 he was forced to resign because of ill health and he died in Washington on December 18, 1865.

Sir Knight Thomas Corwin was raised in Lebanon Lodge No. 26 soon after it was chartered on January 3, 1815, and was elected the third Worshipful Master in 1819. According to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, he was also Worshipful Master in 1820, 1821, 1824, 1825 and 1843. He was appointed Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1821, elected Deputy Grand Master in 1823, Grand Orator again in 1825, Deputy Grand Master in 1827 and Grand Master in 1828. He was a member of Lebanon Chapter No. 5, R.A.M., and knighted in Mount Vernon Commandery No. 1, January 13, 1826. Corwin was the first Commander of Reed Commandery No. 6, Dayton, under dispensation in 1846.

Sir Knight Lincoln is Senior Warden of Middletown Commandery No. 71, and his mailing address is Box 284, New Paris, Ohio 45347.

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## Templar Honored with 33° Scottish Rite

William T. Bringham, Sr., Executive Vice President at Sigma Chi Headquarters, Evanston, was one who received the highest *Scottish Rite* honor at Pittsburgh in September. A member of Evanston Commandery No. 58, he serves on the Wills and Bequests Committee of Medinah Temple, Chicago, and is a former Village Trustee of Wilmette, Illinois. Sir Knight Bringham is a member of Red Cross of Constantine and was previously honored by his professional colleagues

He received the American Society of Association Executives Key Award in 1973.



## **PALESTINE**

by

**Gilbert H. Hill, P.C.**

**Coronal Commandery No. 36, Colorado**

From the golden age of the Jewish people, 1,000 BC under King David, to the Temple of Solomon, completed 50 years later (950 BC) by his son, there was not a time that followed which matched the prestige and power of the nation and its people.

Solomon's reign lasted only from 960 to 922 BC. Almost immediately following his passing, the country began to decline. Followers of Rehoboam, Solomon's son, could not agree with Jeroboam's supporters, who decried the stern rule of Solomon in his later years. There followed the division of the twelve tribes into two kingdoms: A majority formed the Kingdom of Israel in the north, with its capitol in Samaria, and Judah in the south, with Jerusalem for its capitol.

Caught between Assyria and Babylon, great powers of the time, it was impossible to please both. Sargon II of Assyria captured Samaria in 722 BC and 28,000 Israelites were deported. They became the "Ten lost Tribes of Israel." Judea was next attacked, but stood off the foe until Nebuchadnezzar captured the last stronghold, Jerusalem and the temple, and razed both to the ground. Deportation of the Jews into captivity resulted on a grand scale, where in Babylonia, they lived for 70 years. Slowly, they drifted into the life and customs of the pagan world around them. But for the prophets — Amos, Isaiah, and Jeremiah — Jewish culture, life habits, and religion, might have faded out entirely. These tireless trumpeteers continually reproached the people for accepting their fate.

When Babylon fell to the Persians in 539 BC, the Jews were allowed to return to their homeland. In time, the city of Jerusalem was rebuilt, and when a new temple was completed in 516 BC, the

Jewish nation revived and prospered under the leadership of Nehemiah and Ezra.

In the first century BC, after Rome had conquered Carthage, the Romans were then masters of the Mediterranean area, and extended their power and interest to Asia Minor and the Middle East. Pompey the Great captured Jerusalem in 63 BC and made Judah a part of the empire, giving it the name of Judaea, governed by the puppet king, Herod the Great.

The Romans ignored the religious convictions of the Jews, and insisted upon compulsory worship of the Emperor. It was inevitable that the new kingdom, although somewhat prosperous, began to sink into anarchy. The hope of a "Messiah," of the House of David, returning to free the country from foreign rule, led to many rebellions and strife.

When Jesus was crucified, AD 30, the Romans expected there would be an end to Jewish revolt and resistance — that Christ betrayed by his own following, would mean complete repudiation of what held the Jewish people together. The exact opposite was the case: The extraordinary event of the Resurrection spawned a new faith and Christianity, in 300 years, had become the official religion of the Roman Empire.

First, however, in 70 AD, Judaea was in a state of rebellion with the Holy City, Jerusalem, as the center of defiance. Titus, son of the Emperor Vespasian, captured the city and enslaved the inhabitants. They were dispersed throughout the Roman strongholds in Asia Minor. This was known as the first dispersion. When insurrections and revolt began again in AD 135, the entire city of Jerusalem was totally destroyed. A new → → →



## Associate Patron Certificate Awarded

Mrs. Robert H. Bibb, Worthy President, Muskogee Assembly No. 151, Social Order of the Beauceant in Oklahoma, made a special presentation of a \$50 Associate Patron's certificate to her husband, Sir Knight Robert H. Bibb, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, on behalf of Muskogee Assembly. The certificate was made possible through monetary contributions of Assembly members to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



The first Patron's certificate of \$100 was given by Muskogee Assembly in 1969, and the second was made in 1974. In accepting the Certificate Sir Knight Bibb stated he was "deeply appreciative of such recognition," and commended the Beauceant members for their efforts in the support of the Eye Foundation.

Others attending the presentation were Sir Knight F. M. Lumbard, Grand Secretary of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, Sir Knight W. T. Houston, Sir Knight Howard Crain and Miss Frances Noever.

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## ... PALESTINE

name, Aelia Capitolina, was assigned to the area of the Holy City, and no Jew was allowed to enter the place. Finally, a second dispersion took place, and the whole of Judaea was renamed *Palestine*.

Sir Knight Hill resides at 180 Lakeview Drive, P.O. Box 94, Camdentown, Missouri 65020.

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## Van Wert Masonic Reaffirmation

Sunday, November 6, members of Masonic bodies in Van Wert, Ohio, assembled in a Reaffirmation celebration to commemorate 125 years of Masonry in Van Wert. Ned E. Dull, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment and a Past Commander of Van Wert Commandery No. 54, was an active participant at the newly-purchased Masonic Temple headquarters.

Beginning on October 22, 1852, when Van Wert Lodge No. 218 was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Masonry has grown and become an integral part of the life of the city. Van Wert Chapter No. 71, R.A.M., was the second Masonic Body to be chartered October 20, 1856. Brother W. C. Gallagher was the first high priest of Van Wert Chapter, and exactly 100 years later his great-grandson, Sir Knight Sam Fitzsimmons, editor of the Ohio Supplement to the *Knights Templar Magazine* and Master of Ceremonies for the celebration, served in the same office.

Next came Van Wert Council No. 73, R. & S.M., chartered October 6, 1891; and Christian Masonry arrived with the chartering of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, Knights Templar, June 12, 1894. Since then other Masonic organizations, Scottish Rite, Shrine, womens and youth groups have been developed.

The building housing the Masonic Temple since 1932 was sold in 1972, and at that time it was decided to purchase the top two floors of that building for use by the various bodies. That purchase was completed last April.

The program for Reaffirmation Sunday said in part, "It is this Temple in which we today re-affirm our faith in the Masonic principles . . . A Temple steeped in the rich traditions of Freemasonry . . . A Temple hallowed by those who have gone on before, who laid the foundations upon which we, the living, have continued to build . . . A Temple in which those who will follow will have the opportunity to erect an edifice in their hearts and minds which will never crumble nor decay."



## IN HALLOWED MEMORY

**William Ewing Waste**  
California  
Grand Commander — 1951  
Born July 31, 1897  
Died October 14, 1977

**Roland Gale Kirby**  
West Virginia  
Grand Commander — 1962  
Born July 17, 1897  
Died October 17, 1977

**S. Lewis Smith**  
Kansas  
Grand Commander — 1956  
Born August 30, 1900  
Died October 24, 1977

**Clarence J. McClellan**  
Montana  
Grand Commander — 1951  
Born April 14, 1881  
Died November 2, 1977

**Lawrence Charles Petri**  
Georgia  
Grand Commander — 1946  
Born September 12, 1905  
Died November 5, 1977

### In Memory of S. Lewis Smith

An honor guard of 39 uniformed Knights Templar escorted Sir Knight S. Lewis Smith, Past Grand Commander of Kansas, to his final resting place October 27, with graveside services by York Lodge No. 57, A.F. & A.M., and Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 12, Wichita. Sir Knight Smith died October 24 at the age of 77.

He graduated from Kansas State University, and served in the Armed Services between 1941 and 1944, retiring as a Major. He was associated with the Coleman Company, Inc., as a design engineer.

Sir Knight Smith was Knighted in Mt. Olivet Commandery in 1931, served as Captain of the Drill team from 1940 to 1961, as judge for Grand Encampment Triennial Conclaves from 1964 to 1970, as a member of the Drill Committee, 1970 to 1973, and Chairman in 1974. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ardis Smith, and two children.

## Collection Nets \$1,052.70 for Pilgrimage

Announced at the Ohio Grand Conclave, October 7 and 8, was the news that the Grand Commandery of Ohio will participate in the forthcoming Holy Land Pilgrimage with the Grand Commanderies of Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan. Past Grand Commander William D. Coffman was named Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman for Ohio, and will coordinate efforts with Frank J. Krug, Grand Prelate and Chairman for Indiana; Past Grand Commander Donald H. Smith, Chairman for Kentucky; and Harry M. Smit, Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman for Michigan.

Following the announcement at the Ohio Grand Sessions, a Sir Knight in the audience asked permission to speak to the assembled body. The Sir Knight indicated that "this was such a magnificent step being taken by the Grand Commandery of Ohio, that if someone would be willing to pass a bucket through the audience, he would match, dollar for dollar, those contributions." A wastepaper basket was passed through the audience and \$526.35 collected. This amount was matched by the generous Ohio Knight.

The total of \$1,052.70, added to money contributed earlier, was in excess of the amount needed to send the first Ohio Pilgrim-Minister to the Holy Land.

The first "Holy Land Pilgrimage" took place in February of this year. Sir Knight Harry M. Smit, continuing Chairman for Michigan, and prime mover of the undertaking, spoke of the Pilgrimage earlier this year at the Kentucky Annual Conclave: "As God appears as three persons, so Knights Templar have the Educational Foundation to enrich the mind, the Eye Foundation to enrich the body, and Holy Land Pilgrimages to enrich the spirit." The second ten-day Pilgrimage is scheduled for February 16-26, 1978, with four Grand Jurisdictions currently participating. Sir Knight Smit invites inquiries from other Grand Commanderies seeking information or who are interested in participating in the Pilgrimage. His address is 13990 Merriman Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.





# TO HIM

A Salute to: **TEMPLAR MASONRY**  
and **RUTHVEN COMMANDERY**  
#2 K.T.

**TRACY WORD**  
Intendant General  
Division-Texas South-  
RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

TO HIM this song of love we raise, for

HIM our hearts are full of praise, renewed by his re-

(re)-deeming power, We ask for FAITH to meet this hour. In

CHRIST we have a saviour bold, who died for us in

days of old, yet lives again thru endless days, TO







HIM this song of love we raise. A-round a christion

altar - - - we kneel in UNITY - - - " so

may it be" that when we rise, we rise to serve for

thee ? our father may we learn to bear, the

cross thy son bids us to share, with ZEAL to follow

in his ways, TO HIM this song of love we raise!





# WISCONSIN SUPPLEMENT



**KARL A. CRANE, P.G.C., Editor**  
2915 Charles St., Racine, Wisconsin 53402

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF YOUR GRAND COMMANDER

Dear Fratres: At this most Holy and Blessed time of year, it is my sincere desire that all of you participate in the Christmas Observance which will be held in a Commandery near your home. If you cannot attend, then let this message bring greetings from me and the other Grand Officers, together with our wish for a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

"Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." These words written in the Gospel according to Saint Luke, record the most momentous announcement ever made to suffering mankind. The long-sought Messiah was here! The World could now rejoice! Yet the event was received with indifference except for a few credulous shepherds and a petty king who tried to protect his shaky throne by an act of slaughter of innocent children. Otherwise, the World ignored the boy who was the child of a simple country woman.

Thirty-three years later, a young wandering teacher was executed for sedition against the twin establishments of government and organized religion. Once again, the World scarcely noticed — after all, criminals were frequently executed, then buried and quickly forgotten — but this wandering teacher refused to be ordinary! He refused to stay dead, he burst the bands of death and triumphed over the grave. He made good His claim of Sonship to Almighty God, and in due time, ascended with transcendent majesty into Heaven, promising to act as an intercessor for all those who had trust in Him.

Nearly two thousand years have passed since these events occurred yet the humble Carpenter of Nazareth still stands available to all who put their trust in Him. We, as Knights of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple, have sworn allegiance to this same Jesus, as the great Captain of our Salvation. As faithful soldiers of the Cross, we are honor-bound to follow His great teachings and obey His orders. As this Christmas Season approaches, let us realize the great gift our Savior has given us, and rededicate ourselves to the goals and ideals He left for us, so that the Kingdom of God may come to Earth in truth, and the reign of the Blessed Immanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Captain of our Salvation, may truly become universal and eternal.

May the Blessing of Almighty God, the love of Jesus Christ our Savior, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and yours this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year.

Courteously yours,  
S.K. JOSEPH W. HORTON, G.C.

NOTE: First 1978 Inspection — January 7, 1978 — Superior Commandery No. 25,  
KT, home Commandery of our Grand Commander — Try to get there!



## CHRISTMAS 1977

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 2:18 R.S.V.)

And so it was — the birth of a baby boy. A star shone brightly. Finally, all the people in the world and for all ages have come to know of the gift that was bestowed on them by the Father. The Son of God, the Son of man came down to the level of all mortal men at the wish of God to provide living proof of immortality, and to proclaim the message of God almighty — to show folks like you and me what life was all about.

It has been two centuries since that blessed and wonderful occurrence took place. The story today is the same as it was in Bethlehem. There have been no variations. God is still God. The message he transmitted through his Son still lives. It is as vibrant and compelling today as it was at the birth of that blessed and holy little baby. And man generally has not changed that much either. We are prone to miss the import of that divine message today as were men of past ages. We, I am sure, will do so in the future. The mystery of that birth shall always provide mortal man with doubts and questions because he cannot rationally answer those questions which the "doubting Thomas's" like to raise. They have never come upon that little word — FAITH. Therein lies our major stumbling block, as always.

As we again observe the miracle of Christmas we can quietly close our eyes to the mortal world and in prayer and meditation ask for divine strength to build our faith in God the Father, God in the Son and God in the Holy Spirit. If we can have faith here, we can perform miracles. We can overcome evil, despair, unhappiness and all forces about us that are sad and devious. Then we can serve our fellow man with vigor and in love for one another. We can do this as children of God and as Christians and as soldiers of the cross.

As the rest of the mad, disoriented world goes about its tumultuous celebration of the material things, we now can properly set our sights on those goals that are worthy of endeavor. One of the ways we as Templars can serve with honor is to support the Grand Encampment Eye Foundation. If the shepherds who lived at the first Christmas were blind they could not have seen that bright star. If those wise men had been blind they would not have been able to find the Babe in a manger. So it is today — to be able to participate fully in our society we must see. Some folks cannot afford to pay for the necessary medical assistance to enable them to save their sight. That is where you and I come in. As we support the Voluntary Campaign for the Eye Foundation, it can assist those unfortunate people to save their sight. There cannot be a better way to commemorate the Christmas miracle. The campaign runs from December 1, 1977, to April 30, 1978. Be a part of it through your contribution.

Now may the Grand Officers extend to all Templars and their families their wish for a blessed and prayerful Christmas season.

God Bless Us All.

Kermit Thompson, Grand Prelate





## KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ I am interested in securing the following books by Bro. Harold V. B. Voorhis, 33<sup>o</sup>: (1) *The Royal Order of Scotland*, and (2) *Thumb-nail Sketches on Medieval Knighthood*. New or second hand. *J.O. Heineman, Odinsgate 21, Oslo 2, Norway.*

□ I am ten years old and I have been saving matchbooks, and would like to have matchbooks from different states. My father belongs to the Knights Templar in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. *Robert V. Scheib, Jr., 735 30th St., N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402*

□ I am a Sir Knight of Lancaster Commandery No. 2 in Lancaster, Ohio. I am and have been for about 30 years, a collector of military artifacts from all branches of the U.S. service. I collect just about anything, but primarily brass, ribbons, medals, wings, patches, and rating badges.

If there are any veterans who might have anything of this nature they don't want any more, I would be pleased to have them and honored to add their items to my collection. *John C. Rogers, 1250 Wetsell Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio 43130*

□ I am interested in obtaining back issues of *Miscellanea*, *Collectanea*, *Nocolore*, Proceedings of the Missouri Lodge of Research and back issues of *The Royal Arch Mason*. Of the latter I need only the following: Vol. I - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12 and Index; Vol. II - 1-7,11,12 and Index; and Vol. III - 1,2,6 and 9.

Any assistance that a Sir Knight can give me will be most appreciated. *S. Brent Morris, 5449 Ring Dove Lane, Columbia, Maryland 21044*

□ My paternal Great Grandfather, James C. Jones, was married to Martha Moseley, Charlotte County, Virginia, 1841. The record of this wedding identifies bride's father as Lemuel Moseley, and Surety on (Marriage) Bond as B. N. Barnes.

In a history of Christian County, Kentucky, published in 1884, covering marriage of William Tandy to "... Miss Tommie C., daughter of James C. and Martha R. (Mosley) Jones, of Christian County, Kentucky ... Mrs. Tandy's grandfather, Lemuel Moseley, was a soldier in the War of 1812."

Bureau of Archives has furnished me Xerox copies of record showing that Lemuel Moseley (note that Kentucky record drops one of the e's in Moseley name) was Private in Capt. Chisley Daniel's Company of Infantry, 6th Regiment, Virginia Militia from 30 September to 30 November 1813, during the War of 1812.

Will be most grateful for any information any Sir Knight may be able to furnish me anent the Jones or Moseley of Charlotte County, Virginia. *Milton C. Jones, P. O. Box 7279, Houston, Texas 77008*

□ I am looking for a Knight Templar sword with the name of Frederick Miller on it. If anyone knows the whereabouts of it please advise. *Harold J. McGovern, 6 Coolidge Road, Milford, Massachusetts 01757*

□ I would like to obtain genealogy information on Emil C. Uber, who was a member of Humboldt Park Commandery No. 79 in Chicago until his death May 31, 1930. Any information about the Uber name will be appreciated. *Bill Uber, 46 Kralj Drive, Watsonville, California 95076*



## GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION – FROM THE CENTRAL OFFICE

Some you will have recognized as telephone voices when you call, others you may know by correspondence, some perhaps personally, but there are several who have never had the opportunity to make your acquaintance. They, and all of us, join in thanking you for the pleasure of serving you, as Templars or as readers of our publication, and in expressing to you best wishes for a holiday season of happiness and a Christmas of great joy.

Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder



Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes  
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,  
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;  
And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad;  
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,  
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,  
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time.

(from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*)



### A Song for the Templar Christmas

When o'er the earth, the Christmas bells  
Are ringing sweet and clear,  
'Tis then, Most Eminent Sir Knight,  
We wish thee joy and cheer;  
May health and happiness be thine,  
May safety hedge thy way,  
Each wise desire be gratified  
Throughout life's passing day!



We ask for Thee — divinest gift —  
The blessing from above,  
To crown thy life with lasting peace;  
To fill thy heart with love.  
Assembled Knights, come, drink the toast  
To him who leads where we  
May follow, as true Templars march,  
To glorious victory!

Assembled Knights, at Christmas time  
Your message give to earth;  
Good will to men — the angels sang  
To celebrate Christ's birth.  
With words and deeds of kindness, may  
Our days shine as the sun —  
A merry Christmas, Brethren, friends,  
"God bless us every one!"

December 25, 1897

G.H.R.

*(Daughter of Past Deputy Grand  
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