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*"We shall not fail . . ."*

## OUR MESSAGE: OUR VISION

In September 1961, the late Past Grand Master Paul Miller Moore called a special conference in Chicago, at which I was privileged to attend as a Department Commander, to discuss the need for a clear statement of Templar objectives and official policy and for an *"active promotional program which would be continued in succeeding administrations."*

That meeting resulted in the official Grand Encampment publication of *The Set of the Sails*, signed by Grand Master Moore of Pennsylvania; by Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master (just a few months after retiring from the office of Secretary of the Army), Michigan; by John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Generalissimo, who played a major role in distilling and refining the transcript, Iowa; and by Grand Captain General G. Wilbur Bell, Illinois, now Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

As we reach a date some 15 months removed from our 54th Triennial Conclave in Indianapolis, let's study a few excerpts to see whether we are continuing in the concepts contained in the official communication:

*"The characteristic purpose and the motivating dynamic of a Knight Templar, and of this Order, is a vigorous defense (or support) of the Christian religion, and a concern for the needs of others."*

*"The four principal programs of Grand Encampment of an onreaching nature – religious, educational, and patriotic or civic – should also be programs of every Commandery for the benefit of the community in which it is an integral part."*

*"We are reminded in Holy Writ that one does not light a candle and place it under a bushel. The flame of Templary burns in almost every community. Let it be placed on the stand of public information where it will give light to all. We are judged not nearly so much by what we say as by what we do."*

*The Set of the Sails* stated that a clear understanding of the essential character of a Knight Templar reveals him as a Christian Mason, dedicated to a vigorous defense of the Christian religion – interested in the welfare of his fellow-man.

*"This is our message: This is our mission. Christ is our Master, and we shall not fail – anywhere."*



*Richard M. Avery*

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**MAY:** The 54th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is spotlighted in May. Sir Knight Robert E. Price, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Triennial Committee, previews the week-long schedule of activities for August, 1979; and our back cover recalls another Grand Master — Leonidas P. Newby — who was also a Hoosier Templar and a resident of Knightstown, Indiana, as is our present Grand Master Willard M. Avery. Coverage of the Brucker Hall dedication, a capsule history of the Royal Order of Scotland (which celebrates its 100th Anniversary in the United States this year), and a posthumous tribute to Past Deputy Grand Master John B. Cottrell are presented for your spring enjoyment.

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## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**LaCrosse:** We are reminded by Walter F. Valtz, LaCrosse Commandery No. 9, Wisconsin, that the Holy Orthodox Catholic Apostolic Eastern Church "holds fast to the original manner of determining the date for Holy Pascha . . ." The Holy Orthodox Church celebrated Easter, the Queen of Feasts, on Sunday, April 30. Sir Knight Valtz refers to our *Knight Templar Magazine* in which is noted only the celebration on the date prescribed by the Latin Church.

**347 Life Sponsors:** The March Bulletin for Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 in California declares "Everything's great in '78." And it seems to be true, especially in the area of Life Sponsorships to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Eminent Commander Palmer E. Grindheim commends the Sir Knights of his Commandery for the 347 Life Sponsorships they have purchased adding, "we have vowed to let our light shine and drive away the darkness of despair."

**Scull:** The class of 51 candidates at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in February was addressed by Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder Howard T. Scull. He filled the roll which had been accepted earlier by the late John B. Cottrell, Jr., Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

**Haggard:** Newest member of the Society of Blue Friars, organized to recognize outstanding Masonic authors, is Sir Knight Forrest D. Haggard, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21, Kansas City, Kansas. Haggard was also recently named a "Fellow" in the Philalethes Society, which is "an international society for Freemasons who seek more light and Freemasons who have light to impart."

The Society of Blue Friars admits one new member each year; Philalethes "Fellows" are limited to 40.

**Iowa Recorder Retires:** Iowa Grand Commander Robert M. Bates announced in his March 29 Grand Commandery Bulletin that Sir Knight Marion L. Miller, P.G.C., has resigned as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery effective April 1. The newly-appointed Grand Recorder is Past Grand Commander Albert R. Masters, P.O. Box 456, Newton, Iowa 50208. The appointment is made two months prior to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Iowa.

On behalf of all Iowa Templars, Grand Commander Bates says, "Sir Knight Marion has served his office beyond the call of duty and with great integrity. To Sir Knight Marion we all express our deep affection and gratitude for a job well done."

**March Correction:** Thanks to Sir Knight Robert D. Brinker, member of Washington Commandery No. 1, D.C., two corrections are indicated for the March *Knight Templar Magazine* feature on "Arlington National Cemetery." According to Sir Knight Brinker, currently a resident of Cranbury, New Jersey, "By terms of his will of 1855, George Washington Parke Custis at the time of his death, October 10, 1857, left to his only child, Mary Ann Randolph (Custis) Lee, wife of Robert E. Lee, a life interest in Arlington, its contents, and its adjacent properties." So far, so good; however, in the article, Mrs. Lee's name appears as "Mrs. Washington Custis Lee," which is indeed incorrect. To avoid confusion, George Washington Custis Lee was the son of Mrs. Robert E. (Mary Ann Randolph Custis) Lee, who was daughter of George Washington Parke Custis.

Secondly, Brinker points out that at the time of his resignation from the Union Army, Robert E. Lee was a "Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry," and not a lieutenant as implied.

## INDIANAPOLIS PREVIEW

by

Sir Knight Robert E. Price

Deputy Grand Commander of Indiana

Chairman, Grand Encampment Committee on Triennial Conclave

The 1979 Triennial Conclave Corporation is pleased to report progress to date on the 54th Triennial to take place in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 11-16, 1979, with the Hyatt-Regency planned as headquarters hotel. All Committees have been set and chairmen named, with the sole exception of the Committee on Public Relations. This latter position is expected to be filled within the month.

Officers of the 1979 Triennial Conclave Corporation are:

Robert E. Price . . . . . President  
Herbert A. Newman . . . Vice-President  
Richard D. Unger . . . . . Secretary  
Harold R. Hoolihan . . . . . Treasurer

The General Co-Chairmen of the Triennial Conclave are Sir Knights Richard Bixby and Glenn W. Foster, Past Commanders of Raper Commandery No. 1, Indianapolis. Committee Chairmen include:

Herbert A. Newman . . Drill Committee  
David J. Miller . . . . .  
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Richard D. Unger . . . . . Registration  
K. Edwin Applegate . . Legal and Related  
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Neil C. King, Jr. . . . Scottish Rite Liaison  
Richard B. Alexander . . Shrine Liaison  
Jeffrey K. Saunders . . DeMolay Liaison

The Grand Encampment Triennial Committee consists of Robert E. Price, Merlin R. Grundy, Grand Generalissimo of Kansas, who served as Chairman of the 53rd Triennial Conclave Committee, and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser.

The preliminary program schedule begins with Saturday Drill Team Competition which will fill morning and afternoon on August 11 in the Indiana Convention Center. The Drill Team of Detroit Commandery No. 1 will present an Exhibition Drill in the evening, to be followed by entertainment and Drill Awards.

Sunday, August 12, Divine Services will begin at 10:30 a.m., also in the Convention Center. Sunday night the Grand Master's Reception will be held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel Ballroom from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will convene for business on Monday morning, August 13. A 9:00 a.m. reception of Grand Officers and distinguished guests will precede the business sessions which are open to voting members and all Sir Knights.

Tuesday the Grand Encampment will again spend morning and afternoon in closed session, with the evening of the 14th set aside for entertainment. Wednesday will conclude the sessions and will feature the Grand Master's Banquet, currently set for 7:00 p.m. in the "500 Ballroom" of the Convention Center.

At present, a special sightseeing tour is planned for Sunday afternoon, August 12, at 2:00 p.m.; and on Monday, August 13, a Ladies Luncheon and Entertainment will be held either at the Scottish Rite or Murat Shrine Club. Additional sightseeing tours are being → → →

The Scottish Rite, Valley of Terre Haute, Indiana, will commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Charter of the Chapter of Rose Croix with the issuance of the third in a series of four medallions. It will resemble the Lodge and Council coins of last year, and will be antique silvered over solid bronze showing the double-headed eagle on the front with the Chapter emblem and dates on the reverse.

Anyone interested in collecting Masonic coins may purchase this item for \$5, which includes all mailing costs, from Sir Knight Earle O. Prater, Secretary of the Scottish Rite, at 727 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana 47807. The Consistory Anniversary medallion will be coined this fall, making a unique matched set of four.

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scheduled for both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, from 9:00 a.m.

The open installation at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 16, will complete the work of the 54th Triennial Conclave. (Opening ceremonies and Installation are open to all Sir Knights, families and friends.)

Reservations will be cleared through the Convention Bureau of Indianapolis, and as soon as lodging and other costs are known they will be published.

Indianapolis is the perfect site for a Triennial Conclave. It is known as the "crossroads" city of America. It is a city of museums and attractions for young and old, and it is waiting to welcome the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Price is a member of Connersville Commandery No. 6, and is Membership Chairman for the Grand Commandery of Indiana. He is a member of St. Basil Conclave, R.C.C.; a Past Preceptor, Genessaret Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P.; a member, Indiana Priory, K.Y.C.H.; and an Active DeMolay Legion of Honor. His mailing address is P.O. Box 225, Connersville, Indiana 47331.

"The adage 'Now is as good a time as any' reflects perfectly the philosophy of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grand Commander's and Grand Master's Clubs," according to Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell. "For example," he says, "if you missed membership in time for 1977 income tax, now is as good a time as any to send in your *tax-deductible* contribution for 1978. Why wait till the last minute?" Contributions to both Clubs provide needed funds for ongoing research; or donations may be ear-marked for a Permanent Endowment Fund.

An initial payment of \$100 enrolls the individual in the Grand Commander's Club. Contributions are promptly acknowledged and a wallet card, signifying intention to continue yearly (or more frequent) contributions toward a \$1,000 total, is forwarded to each member. When \$1,000 is donated in this manner, or when a one-time contribution of \$1,000 is made, the individual is presented membership confirmation in the Grand Master's Club with a metal wallet card and personalized bronze desk plaque.

Newest Grand Commander's Club members are:

- Georgia No. 2 — Thomas W. Jester
- Ohio No. 4 — Richard M. Holz
- New Jersey No. 5 — Albert J. Terhune
- Missouri No. 5 — H. Erwin Vahrenhorst
- Missouri No. 6 — In Memory of  
Estelle B. Vahrenhorst
- Texas No. 10 — Herman O. Cooper
- Texas No. 11 — Horace M. Boyd

and May's Grand Master's Club includes

- No. 89 — In Memory of George C. Moreland  
by Mrs. Moreland

Contributions are free-will offerings and provide no Commandery credit. Membership is open to any individual; groups are excluded. To join one of these Clubs, information is available through G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 509 South Sixth Street, P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

"Now is as good a time as any."

## WILBER M. BRUCKER HALL DEDICATION

In 1975 on a rainy afternoon in March, the cornerstone to the planned Wilber M. Brucker Hall was laid at Fort Myer, Virginia (1). The Hall, which houses the U.S. Army Band and Chorus, was built as "a fitting



memorial" to Wilber M. Brucker, former Secretary of the Army and Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Brucker Hall was completed this year, and on a similar rainy afternoon on Easter Eve, 1978, ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held and the building dedicated. The pictures above describe three years of work finally ended.

In 1977 (2) Mrs. Clara Brucker, joined Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler (left), P.G.C., District of Columbia, who acted as liaison between the Grand Encampment and the Army, and Colonel Eugene W. Allen, Leader and Commander of the Army Band, to check progress of the building. Less than a year later, Wilber M. Brucker Hall, named at the suggestion of

General and Sir Knight Bruce C. Clarke, was opened (5). More than 500 persons, many of them Masons, attended the event.

The building contains one major and one minor music studio, a music library storing over a million pieces of printed music, administrative offices, and a display area showing Band archive material. Suspended from the foyer ceiling are metal sculptures depicting six band instruments (3); and along one of the rear walls is an expansive mural (4) showing the heritage of the United States Army Band and the "common ties to the musicians of the Revolutionary period." It also portrays the founder of the Band, General and Sir Knight John J. Pershing.

One glass-enclosed display contains memorabilia from the Band's → → →

beginnings in 1922 (6), and another is a biographical tribute from the life of Wilber M. Brucker, including the original United States Army Flag. Under Secretary Brucker's guidance, the chorus became an authorized unit in the U.S. Army, and, in 1956, largely due to Sir Knight Brucker's influence, the official Army song – "As the Army Goes Rolling Along" – was adopted.

The Dedicatory Address for the ceremonies was presented by The Honorable Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., current Secretary of the Army, who spoke of Secretary Brucker's many contributions in service to God and country. The Dedicatory Prayer was given by The Reverend Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, Chaplain of the United States Senate, and former Pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, of which Sir Knight Brucker was a member.

Afterwards, Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker was assisted in cutting the red, white and blue ribbon to signify the opening of the Hall (7). The unveiling of the portrait of the former Secretary of the Army (8) was performed by her son, Wilber M. Brucker, Jr.; the portrait, immediately placed in the foyer, will greet visitors as they enter.

Following the ceremonies, Mrs. Brucker, her family and Army officials met guests in a two-hour long reception line. Mrs. Brucker and Wilber Brucker, Jr., (immediate right) are shown (9) greeting Grand Encampment representatives (at left) Department Commander and Mrs. Alton G. Billmeier, and (right) Department Commander Hugh E. Hossle.

According to one spokesman, the U.S. Army Band will be contained under one roof, for the first time in over 20 years. A future event – planned for the 100th Anniversary of the Band on January 22, 2022 – is the opening of the cornerstone placed in 1975. It contains a time capsule which is "a salute to the Bandsman of the 20th century" and which contains a history of the Band, photographs, recording albums, memorabilia, and musical compositions created by the former Leaders and Commanding Officers.

## TV Broadcast of Holy Land Pilgrimage

The story of the Holy Land Pilgrimage sponsored by the Knights Templar of Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio, was shown in a half-hour television broadcast on Channel WTVS in Detroit, Michigan, February 1. The airing occurred two weeks prior to the embarkation of the second group of eleven Pilgrim-Ministers on a ten-day tour of Israel and surrounding areas.

The program, narrated by Brother Eugene Avram, 33°, a newscaster for WXYZ-TV, ABC, presented Sir Knight C. Baird Penzien, R.E. Grand Commander of Michigan, Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley, Grand Captain General of Michigan, and Sir Knight Harry M. Smit, Chairman of the Board of the Holy Land Pilgrimage, Inc. A basic description and history of Freemasonry and specifically Knight Templary was featured, along with an explanation of the Knights Templar Eye and Educational Foundations.

The Reverend Dwight Wendell Murphy of Calvary United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, provided a slide-narration of his experiences with the first group of Pilgrim-Ministers during the 1977 trip. He also commented on "the great value the Pilgrimage made" in his life as a Christian.

The ¾ inch tape of the show has been purchased and is available for closed circuit TV viewing or for adaptation for display on other TV stations. For information on obtaining the TV tape and on the Holy Land Pilgrimage itself, interested parties may write to Sir Knight Smit at 13990 Merriman Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

## Young Awarded Second Honor Medal

On March 1, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge awarded the George Washington Honor Medal to Sir Knight Donald F. Young, president of Chester County (Pennsylvania) Scottish Rite Masons, as editor of the Chester County *Newsletter*. This is the second consecutive year that the award has gone to Sir Knight Young, a member of Brandywine Commandery No. 88 in Westchester.



## A FURTHER DISCOURSE

by

Sir Knight John B. Arbuckle, Jr., P.C.  
Greenbrier Commandery No. 15, Lewisburg, West Virginia

I have finished reading "Templars or Members" by Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt in the November, 1977, issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I always enjoy the frequent contributions by Sir Knight Wendt, but I felt that some few words of comment are necessary for the benefit of the Sir Knights who regularly read our magazine.

Sir Knight Wendt makes reference to the organization of the Knights of Malta in 1048 and of the Knights Templar in 1118. These dates are well established in history; however, their organization at these dates may be confusing to many Sir Knights regarding the founding of our organization of Knights Templar as a concordant Masonic body.

*THE POCKET HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY* by Pick and Knight records that traces of the Templar Rite are found in the British Isles from the middle 1760's onward. In 1778 there is a written record that Thomas Dunckerley authorized the Royal Arch Chapter of Friendship to make Knights Templar and by 1780 there was a Supreme Grand Royal Encampment at Bristol.

*FREEMASON'S GUIDE AND COMPENDIUM* by Bernard E. Jones states that authentic Masonic history has proven the three Craft degrees to be the oldest. Many of the concordant degrees and orders came to Britain from France or elsewhere on the Continent, but it is well known and established that speculative Masonry was introduced to France and the Continent from the British Isles.

There has been much speculation about the antiquity of Masonry. The late Bro. Lionel Vibert in *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, Vol. 85, informs us that the first written account of Masonry appeared in the Fabric Rolls of York which gave us

the Orders of 1352. These Orders speak of the lodge and refer to the ancient customs of the Craft. Some Masonic scholars would date Masonry some 100 to 200 years prior to these Orders, but there is no written documentation.

The Old Charges, of which there are now 125 copies known and classified, are the next written Masonic records. The two oldest are the Regius MS., believed to have been written about 1390, and the Cooke MS., about 1410.

The oldest recorded lodge minute is that of the now extinct Lodge at Atcheson's Haven, Scotland. The lodge was said to have been founded some time after 1526 and has a minute still preserved dated 1598. A minute of Edinburgh No. 1, Scotland, dated 31 July, 1599, tells us that this lodge had speculative members as of this date. This same Lodge has the first recorded initiation of a speculative Mason in 1634. Most of the early craft history deals with our operative ancestors until the late 1600's when the transition from operative to speculative began to take place; but even the strictest Masonic scholars will concede that our speculative fraternity dates to the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717.

Many Sir Knights are aware that our Chivalric Orders did not exist in 1048; but, on the other hand, a Sir Knight could attach an erroneous interpretation to Sir Knight Wendt's remarks. Using this same interpretation, one might mistakenly conclude that Craft Masonry dates to the building of King Solomon's Temple, c. 957 B.C.

All too often some writers are wont to put the cart before the horse. Each Sir Knight was first made an ancient craft Mason and owes his heritage → → →

## Eifel Lodge Commemorative Coin

In celebration of its 20th Anniversary, Eifel Lodge No. 855, A.F. & A.M., under the American-Canadian Grosse Landesloge of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, has struck a commemorative coin which is being made available to all Masons and Templars at a cost of \$6.00/DM 15, each. "The price quoted," says Grand Secretary David W. Campbell, "is very reasonable and based on a large initial order placed by the Lodge. However, the coin will be limited, as only 1,000 will be minted." He adds, "Despite a fluctuating exchange rate, we have established a firm dollar value as indicated."

Orders including payment may be sent to Brother Campbell and addressed to either: PSC Box 1644, APO New York 09123; or Rohlerstrasse 29, D 5521 Motsch/Bitburg.

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to the stonemason guilds of England. I have read many accounts by Masonic writers who have tried to date the existence of concordant bodies prior to the existence of the craft lodges; but I have never seen any of them produce any written evidence to corroborate such a statement.

As Knights Templar we belong to an organization that is rich in history and traceable to the middle 1700's. But most important, we as Masons belong to an organization that continues to stress friendship, morality, brotherly love, the almighty importance of truth, and the life everlasting offered to all through the Great Captain of Our Salvation. The Sir Knights who formed our esoteric work borrowed the names of the orders and perhaps some of the ritual of those who participated in the Crusades to vividly imprint these great truths upon the mind of each Knight Templar.

Sir Knight Arbuckle's mailing address is P.O. Box 107, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901

## Santa Monica Fund-Raising

"In an effort to swell the coffers of their respective philanthropies," says Eminent Commander Curtis E. Christensen, Santa Monica Bay Commandery No. 61 and Royal Arch Chapter No. 97 have combined efforts to make available to the Masonic membership license plate frames with the legend "A MEMBER OF/THE YORK RITE" (also available for Scottish Rite) for \$5 per pair plus 50 cents postage and handling. The proceeds will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Royal Arch Research Assistance.

Santa Monica Chapter is also offering for sale a booklet entitled, *Masonry - A Bulwark of Loyalty and Patriotism*. This 40 page tribute to the Masons who helped forge our nation is available for \$1.25 postpaid, and proceeds will be used to benefit R.A.R.A. and the Order of DeMolay.

Finally, Chapter No. 97 has available antiqued bronze coins struck on the occasion of its 70th anniversary in 1977. Obverse of the coin marks the event; reverse depicts the York Rite emblems. They are available for \$2.50 postpaid. There are also five pure silver (.999) coins, edge numbered 6 through 10, that may be obtained for \$16 postpaid. Any and all of the above may be secured by forwarding name, address, item desired, quantity and remittance to Theodore R. Lehman, Secretary-Recorder, Post Office Box 49, Santa Monica, California 90406.

## High Twelve International in Baton Rouge

The 1978 High Twelve International Convention is planned for June 26-28, 1978, at the Chateau Capitol Hotel in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with registration to begin at 9:30 a.m. on June 24 and official opening session at 9:00 p.m. on June 26. Further information on the convention and reservations may be secured by writing Robert F. Clynch, 7065 Annabelle Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806.

## THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND

by  
Brother Jean O. Heineman of Nordfors  
Rosicrucian Knight of the Royal Order of Scotland  
(Grand Lodge, Edinburgh)

*On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland in the United States of America, I have been asked to compile a few notes on the history of the Royal Order. Readers expecting a full history of the Order will be disappointed, as this obviously is an impossible task in so short a space. I will confine myself to a few significant headlines of its dramatic "circumambulations."*



The title "Order of the Heredom of Kilwinning in South Britain" first appeared in London, England, sometime after November 27, 1725, when the Grand Lodge of England (Craft) recognized the tri-gradial system (implicit in the ritual of the Royal Order), but prior to 1741, according to the earliest known documentary evidence. Supposing that the emergence of the Order took place in the early 1730's, it lived for no more than twenty years. Between November 1753 and April 1754 the Order of the Heredom of Kilwinning in England suddenly ceased to exist forever, for reasons unknown, leaving no trace of its existence. Considering that the original "Royal Order" in the London area consisted of one Grand Lodge with a Grand Chapter and two subordinate Chapters (apparently from time immemorial) plus two subsequent Chapters (1743 and 1744), this incredible desintegration remains a mystery. Logically and "legally" the history of the Order should end in 1753. And it is interesting to note that prior to 1754 there is no trace of such a Body in Scotland.

With the qualification of "immemorial" (here meaning extended beyond the reach of memory or record) the birthplace of the Order is London, England. Immediately, then, there arise the following questions: (a) why did our Brethren in the early part of the 18th century find

it necessary to constitute an independent Masonic Order of so-called High Degrees, in fact the oldest in the world?; and (b) of what descent is the true original ritual of the Order? The answer to (a) is that there was a strong reaction and a protest against the de-Christianising of Craft Masonry in England instituted by Anderson in 1723. The answer to (b) is that the ritual is a genuine English ritual, not imported from France, and never had any sort of connection with Scotland. Unlike other rituals it has remained in its original purity to this day.

Let us now turn to the most fortunate event in the whole history of the Royal Order, which took place in London three years before the "Order of the Heredom of Kilwinning in South Britain" disappeared. William Mitchell, a Scotsman and Freemason from The Hague, Holland, visited London in July 1750, seeking a Warrant for what he obviously believed must be the legendary Scottish Governing Body of Rose Croix Masonry. The French Rose Croix was only worked on Continental Europe and was the highest attainable degree of that period. But, not being a member of the Order at London, Mitchell had first to be advanced and promoted into the two degrees of H.R.D.M. (Royal Heredom) and R.S.Y.C.S. Simultaneously, he was appointed Provincial Grand Master in the "Seven → → →

United Provinces" (now The Netherlands) with authority to erect a Provincial Grand Lodge there. According to a Patent of July 22, 1750, the Grand Chapter at The Hague was empowered to act as Grand Lodge only within the territorial limits of The Netherlands. Mitchell thought that he was receiving a Rose Croix Patent; however the Rose Croix degree did not reach the British Isles before 1800. And the thrilling venture goes on. Mitchell failed to establish his Provincial Grand Lodge at The Hague and it is doubtful whether it ever worked in Holland. But, for the good fortune of the Order, he carried with him his Patent and all appendant documents that he had received in London, and they are today the earliest known historical records of the Royal Order and, as such, of inestimable value to us. No doubt, Mitchell must have received a copy of the ritual as well. In the so-called Mitchell's London documents of 1750 there is an entry pertaining to the erection of a Grand Chapter at Norfolk, Virginia, U.S.A., as early as October 12, 1752, by the Grand Lodge "in South Britain." Did it ever function, or was it, like Mitchell's Grand Chapter, stillborn? Nothing is known of it.

Miraculously, the Order emerged in Scotland for its future prosperity. By 1753 Mitchell and his set of London documents were in Edinburgh, and he started recruiting for the Order, though he had no authority to act as such outside the territorial limits of The Netherlands. Mitchell is described as "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Seven United Provinces and Provincial Grand Master from London Kilwinning over all Europe Britain excepted." Eventually the Edinburgh Chapter was erected "quite illegally" early in 1764 and elevated itself into The Grand Lodge of the Order on July 4, 1767. Mitchell left his precious London documents in the custody of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (Craft). Thanks to the Mitchell Patent and to the disappearance of the original Order in England, the Royal Order of Scotland was born. After Scotland acquired control of the Order, it appended an older English ritual, and the so-called Scottish

legends were being introduced as part of the history of the Order.

Nineteen years later, for the first time in its short history, the Edinburgh Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland granted a Charter to French petitioners, on false premises. Having troubles with the "Grand Orient de France" at Paris, the petitioners also turned to Scotland for a Warrant for their Rose Croix Chapter at Rouen, France, mistakenly thinking (again) that Edinburgh was the Governing Rose Croix Body. The Patent erecting a Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter at Rouen, France, is dated May 1, 1786. During the next 23 years no less than 25 subordinate Chapters were erected in France, of which twelve were never confirmed by the Grand Lodge in Edinburgh. Not only were the French mistaking the actual facts but even Edinburgh was not aware of the misunderstanding. However, a true English ritual of the Heredom of Kilwinning, with some Scottish revisions, had actually been introduced in France — with the French Knights believing that they were working an "official" Rose Croix Degree. All the French Chapters have long since ceased to work, but by chance the original manuscript, including the true ritual of the Du Choix Chapter of Paris, France, survived.

In 1819 the Order became completely dormant for the second time and, for the second time, the Order owed its existence to a single man: Houston Rigg Brown. In 1839, after a lapse of 20 years, the membership at Edinburgh was reduced to two persons; the Provincial Grand Lodge of France and all but two of the Chapters abroad (at Brest and Douai in France) had vanished, and Houston Rigg Brown had no ritual. He began writing from memory what is now called the "Revised Version" of 1843. What he did not know was that the true ritual had been taken care of in France. Thanks to this "French Version" we came to know what the original ritual was like. By-passing the ordinary Rules of the Order, Houston Rigg Brown single-handedly advanced and promoted twelve Brethren at a meeting on November 11, 1839. He was elected Deputy Grand Master and Governor ad

vitam, and he appointed a Deputy Governor and a Grand Secretary. Long before any subordinate Chapters were ever erected in Scotland or England, the Edinburgh Grand Lodge of the Royal Order ("illegally" resuscitated in 1839) issued Charters to Holland (1843), India (1845), France (1847), and Norway and Sweden (1852). The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sweden and Norway became extinct in 1853 after the death of King Oscar I. Copies of the 1843 ritual in English, French and Swedish are still in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Sweden at Stockholm. The first Chapters in the British Isles were established in 1859 (Glasgow, Scotland) and in 1872 (London, England).

The first Provincial Grand Lodge in Canada (Ontario and Quebec) was chartered on July 5, 1875, just preceding the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland in the United States of America. In the mid-1870's, John Whyte Melville was both Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for Scotland and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland. He and Albert Pike, who was Supreme Grand Commander of the Supreme Council (Scottish Rite) of the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A., enjoyed cordial relations. In 1876 it was agreed that the Royal Order of Scotland should be established in the U.S.A. with Albert Pike as Provincial Grand Master. Unfortunately, Albert Pike was not a member of the Order.

The Grand Lodge turned to a member of the Order who lived in the U.S.A. — George Stodart Blackie, a Doctor of Medicine of Nashville, Tennessee. In July, 1876, he was empowered to advance and promote "by himself alone" Brother the Honourable Albert Pike to membership in the Order with the Characteristic of "Vigour." On December 5, 1876, he reported favorably to the Grand Lodge along with a Petition from Albert Pike to be appointed Provincial Grand Master. And on October 4, 1877, a Charter was issued setting up a Provincial Grand Lodge "for the whole" of the United States of America.

Albert Pike was appointed its first Provincial Grand Master with power to advance and promote "not less than Nine and not more than Twelve Brethren, being Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons." The first meeting of the new Provincial Grand Lodge was held on May 4, 1878, when Albert Pike advanced and promoted ten Brethren and appointed twelve Charter Members. This historical meeting took place "in the rooms of the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, No. 602 D Street, in the City of Washington, on Saturday, May 4, 1878, at two of the clock, P.M." exactly 100 years ago. A limit of membership of 150, with a margin of 25, was established, to be equally divided between the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite, with the prerequisite that candidates be Royal Arch Companions and members of the Scottish Rite.

On April 2, 1891, Albert Pike passed away and Josiah H. Drummond presided over the 14th Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. Drummond remained Grand Master through 1902. In spite of the efforts made by the Grand Lodge in Edinburgh to subdivide the United States into a number of Provincial Grand Lodges, as is the case in Canada, the American Knights have declined this request and have kept to the one Provincial Grand Lodge "for the whole" of the U.S.A. "from the fact that members of the Royal Order are also permanent members of both (Supreme) Councils." The relationship with the Supreme Councils of the 33<sup>o</sup> has remained very close. In the U.S.A. the Royal Order of Scotland meets in alternate years to coincide with the meetings of the Supreme Councils within the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions.

It is of historical interest to recall that in April 1855 the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order and the Supreme Council for Scotland entered a Concordat: "That in future no one shall be initiated into the 18th Degree or Rose Croix in Scotland under warrant of this Supreme Council unless he be a Knight of the Royal Order of Scotland, and all Knights → → →

of the said Royal Order, who are Royal Arch Masons, shall be admissible into the Degree of Rose Croix only (along with the Inferior Degrees) . . ." This Concordat was declared to be at an end in 1896. The latest edition of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge requires that Candidates shall be Master Masons for five years, though many Provincial Grand Lodges do add more restrictive qualifications. But one immutable requirement is that Candidates be professing Christians.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States has enjoyed a continuous growth through the decades. Following Albert Pike and Josiah H. Drummond, the Provincial Grand Mastership has been held by: James Daniel Richardson (Tennessee), 1903-14; Leon Martin Abbott (Massachusetts), 1914-17; George Mayhew Moulton (Illinois), 1917-19; George Edgar Corson (D.C.), 1919-27; Samuel Poyntz Cochran (Texas), 1927-32; James Henry Brice (New York), 1932-53; and presently Marvin Edward Fowler (D.C.) the ninth Provincial Grand Master, elected in 1953.

The Royal Order of Scotland is certainly unique in the sense that it is the oldest of the so-called High Degrees, that it is exclusively English in origin and conception, that it is working the only old ritual that has come down to us in its original form, that it tends to prove the Christian origin of the Craft, and that it exemplifies an amazingly strong overseas expansion. The list of Provincial Grand Lodges and subordinate Chapters erected throughout the Masonic world to this day is impressive. The latest Charters issued went to: Kent (1974), Holland (1974), Tasmania (1976), and Pretoria (1976). The most recent charter was issued (1978) to the Philippines.

Brother and Sir Knight Heineman joined the Craft March 24, 1959, in Le Libre Examen Lodge No. 217 under Grand Loge de France Constitution. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason, March 19, 1969, in Perseverance Chapter No. 27, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in France. He is also a member, Grand Prieure des Gaules (Commandery equivalent). He is a Masonic researcher and writer and has contributed articles to a number of other Masonic publications. His mailing address is: Jean O. Heineman, Nordfors, Odinsgate 21, Oslo 2, Norway.

## R.O.S. Centennial Pilgrimage

Marvin E. Fowler, Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Royal Order of Scotland in the United States of America, announces plans for a pilgrimage to London and Edinburgh, June 29 to July 8, 1978, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the United States. As a special feature of the trip, members have been



invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Royal Order of Scotland, at Freemasons Hall in Edinburgh.

The tour will begin in London where St. Paul's Cathedral, the British Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace will be among the sight-seeing attractions. On July 4 the tour will travel via railway to York, and on the following day, June 5, the group will arrive in Edinburgh. There, pilgrims will visit the University of Edinburgh, Canongate Kilwinning Lodge Hall, the oldest Lodge Hall room in the world in continuous use, and much more. On Friday, July 7, the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order will convene.

Departure Thursday, June 29, will be from Dulles Airport at Washington, D.C., and cost for the tour from point of departure ranges from \$996 to \$1,076, depending on hotel requested. Information including detailed itinerary may be obtained through Grand Master Fowler, 1904 White Oaks Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.

Sir Knight Fowler reports that reservations are limited and will be accepted on a "first come, first served basis."



## EASTER '78

Despite a downpour of rain and cool temperatures, 373 Knights Templar from across the United States met to partake in the annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the Amphitheatre in Arlington National Cemetery. Many family members and friends accompanied the Sir Knights, but guests generally remained under cover along the Amphitheatre's corridor.



Beginning at 5:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Hotel Washington, Sir Knights and others gathered to await transportation to Arlington where those in uniform lined up at the west gate overlooking Fort Myer. At approximately 7:00 the United States Marine Band appeared on the parade route to accompany the processional march.



Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Chairman, Easter Sunrise Committee,

read the Scripture Lesson, followed by Most Eminent Grand Master Willard M. Avery who presented the Easter Greeting. Reverend and Sir Knight H. Dwight McAlister, Grand Prelate, offered the sermon entitled "From Darkness to Light," and prayers and benediction were given by Chaplains from the Naval District of Washington, Military District of Washington, and the United States Air Force. The United States Army Chorus and Marine Band performed Easter selections, highlighted by the singing of The Lord's Prayer.



The traditional Cross of Lilies, donated by Clarence J. Shaffer in memory of his father, Sir Knight George C. Shaffer, was placed before the Tomb of the Unknowns by Grand Master Avery in the name of Knights Templar of the United States. (Sir Knight Shaffer, a Washington, D.C., florist, donated the Cross of Lilies used at the first Arlington Service sponsored by the Grand Encampment in 1931, and continued to do so until the time of his death.)

Nation wide radio broadcast of the service was provided by the Mutual Broadcasting System. The Memorial Service was sponsored by The Armed Services Chaplains Committee and The Military District of Washington in cooperation with the Grand Encampment.

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## ASCENSION DAY

That day the Christian world recalls Jesus' departure from earth. Ascension Day occurs on the 40th day after Easter, which is the Thursday following the fifth Sunday after Easter. Celebrated May 4, 1978.

## Sixty Year Member Honored



The Woodlawn York Rite Bodies of Birmingham, Alabama, will name their Spring Festival Class the "Judson V. Stuart Class" in honor of Sir Knight Judson V. Stuart who, on June 14, 1978, will have been an active York Rite Mason for sixty years.

A native of Morganton, Georgia, Sir Knight Stuart was born January 15, 1889. While still a very young man, he moved to Birmingham and went to work for the Southern Railroad where he was employed for 55 years.

He was initiated in Woodlawn Fraternal Lodge No. 525, F. & A.M., March 21, 1918, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, May 16, 1918. He received the York Rite Degrees and Orders June 14, 1918. During 1924-25, he served as Worshipful Master of Woodlawn Fraternal Lodge and was Excellent High Priest of Woodlawn Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; in 1938 he served as Illustrious Master of Woodlawn Council of Royal & Select Masters and Eminent Commander of Woodlawn Commandery No. 31.

At age 89, Sir Knight Stuart rarely misses a meeting of his Lodge and he is still active in York Rite affairs. He is also a member of Alabama Priory No. 31, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

## RCC Southwestern Regional Assembly

Harold H. Penhale, Long Beach, Intendant General for the Division of California Southern of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, relays preliminary information on the scheduled 1978 Southwestern Regional Assembly October 13-15 at the new Marriott Hotel in Fashion Island, Newport Beach, California.

All Orders will be conferred at the Assembly, and a College of Viceroys and Senate of Sovereigns convened.

"Further details on the Assembly will be forthcoming," says Knight Companion Penhale; "we hope that all concerned will mark their calendars now and plan to be with us in October." He also notes, "1978 marks Saint Croix Conclave's Golden Anniversary," and offers an invitation for all to attend the celebration.

## Artifacts Gift to Grand Encampment

The Grand Encampment Library has received a gift of Commandery badges and ribbons dated 1874-76, most of which were used during the 19th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at New Orleans, Louisiana. Also relayed was an original copy of General Order No. 11, issued by the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, which provided information "for the guidance of Sir Knights on the occasion of the parade to take place on Friday, December 4, 1874."

The donor of the artifacts is Mrs. Frederick J. Wiest, Minersville, Pennsylvania. Brother J. Darrell Smith, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, who relayed the items, noted that the donor's "Great Grandfather was in attendance at the 1874 Conclave," and that they were being relayed to the Grand Encampment for their "historical value."



## Wisconsin Templar Praised

Sir Knight A. DeVere Harnett, Past Commander of Racine Commandery No. 7, Wisconsin, and 1969 recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, was the subject of a recent Racine *Journal Times* editorial. The "We Salute . . ." series pays tribute to outstanding people in business and civic leaders, and Sir Knight Harnett qualifies in both categories.

At 85 years of age, Harnett is president-treasurer of the DeVere Company, a business he began and has run continuously since the 1920's. He is also a community volunteer and has for years been associated with the South-eastern Wisconsin Health Services Agency, Inc., Racine County Health Systems Committee, and the Racine Tuberculosis and Health Association of which he was president.

Since 1965, Sir Knight Harnett has been president of the Knight Templar Foundation of Wisconsin; he has personally sponsored, via the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, corrective surgery for a number of children with eye problems; and he has served in many Masonic and Shrine leadership roles over the years.

## Father and Son both 50 Year Brothers

Sir Knight L. C. Montgomery and his son, Sir Knight A. D. Montgomery, both have the distinction of holding 50-year awards in Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and Shrine. Father L. C. Montgomery was Knighted on October 12, 1920, and his son was knighted the following year, on September 21. Sir Knight A. D. Montgomery also served as Eminent Commander of Lubbock No. 60 in 1931.

Shannon J. Keltz, K.Y.C.H. and Recorder of the Commandery, suggests "this is a record that would be hard to match."

## Masonic Research

"Freemasonry Among Prisoners of War" is the subject of a study being undertaken by D. H. Lewis, Lyceum Lodge of Research No. 8682 in South Africa. The study has already culminated in a paper on Freemasonry among prisoners in the 18th and early 19th centuries, and Lewis is planning to expand his research into the second half of the 19th and the 20th century. Those having information on the topic may write to Brother Lewis at P.O. Box 31127, Braamfontein, 2017, South Africa.

## Northville Memorial Class



Northville Commandery No. 39, Michigan, dedicated the month of February to the memory of their recently deceased Right Eminent Generalissimo Camille Stebbens, highlighting the month with a class of candidates named in his honor. Pictured above are the new Sir Knights who received the Order of the Temple as members of the Camille Stebbens Class. From left are Sir Knights Donald F. Theiss; Donald Howard; Bethel S. Heugel, Eminent Commander of Northville Commandery; Gladwin Miller; Henry W. Jackson; and Miguel Sodomeyer.

According to Commander Heugel, 19 candidates have been knighted this year at Northville, and "many of them were personal friends and associates of our beloved Sir Knight Camille."

## Fire Damage at Joliet Masonic Temple

Seven separate fires set by vandals early Friday morning, March 10, at the Masonic Temple in Joliet, Illinois, caused damage and loss estimated at more than \$150,000. The fires went undiscovered for several hours until about 9:30 Friday morning when a maintenance man entered the building. Extensive damage was done to the entire second floor and parts of the basement. Smoke damage was apparent throughout the structure, and extensive damage occurred to the second floor Commandery rooms where 300-year old swords and scabbards were "reduced to globs of metal."

Among the items lost in the fire were all the Commandery equipment, uniforms and costumes. All records for Mount Joliet Lodge — some dating back to the 1920's — were destroyed.

With the help of many concerned men, women and other nearby Masonic Temples, the clean-up job began immediately. Worshipful Master John Potocki of Mount Joliet Lodge, said "offers of help came pouring in since the vandalism and fire damage were reported. We have had offers of help and for use of facilities from Morris, Minooka, Plainfield and Elwood." Women from Bethany White Shrine and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Commandery worked trying to salvage glassware and furniture.



Before

Yet despite the fires and damage, the annual inspection of Joliet Commandery No. 4, scheduled to be held in the Temple on the following Saturday, March 18, was not cancelled. The inspection proper and conferral of the Order of the Temple were held at a Joliet high school, with items for both being borrowed from other state Commanderies. In the evening, some 300 Sir Knights, ladies and



After: By the following weekend volunteers had cleaned up portions of the Temple so that the planned Inspection Dinner could be served. guests returned to the Joliet Temple where, thanks to continuous clean-up work, dinner was served. Under the direction of Illinois Deputy Grand Commander Gary D. Hermann (a member of Joliet No. 4), who was instrumental in the contracting and repair arrangements, a new ceiling was constructed and the entire kitchen rebuilt with new appliances — all in the space of one week.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Illinois attended the inspection and dinner, including Grand Commander Robert McAllister and Deputy Grand Commander Hermann.

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## Spotlight: Arizona

Two distinguished Arizona Templars were honored last month — Thomas E. Tizard, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Arizona, was installed Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star with an Honor Guard of ten Sir Knights. The Grand Matron also was installed with an Honor Guard of ten different Knights, making 20 in uniform.

In addition, Arizona Grand Recorder Estel W. Brooks was appointed chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee for the Eastern Star Grand Chapter. Brooks was also installed Dean of the DeMolay Legion of Honor in Arizona.

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## KEEPING THE SPRINGS OF MASONRY FLOWING

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by  
The late Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr.  
Past Deputy Grand Master

*The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America suffered a severe loss – personally for many, officially for all – when John B. Cottrell, Jr., died November 30, 1977. His vibrant contributions to Templary were many; he fervently believed and forthrightly believed in the supremacy of the Order of the Temple in the York Rite of Freemasonry and he devoted his adult years to the Templar cause. The article which follows was prepared by Sir Knight Cottrell a month before his death.*

Most of us are familiar with a great story once used by Dr. Peter Marshall, former Chaplain of the United States Senate.

The story takes place in a little town at the foothill of a mountain. It was a town with almost every advantage. It had a good climate, its people were healthy and happy, one of its great assets was the abundance of clear, fresh, clean water flowing down from the high mountain springs.

This almost Utopian village did have one problem, however. Its town council faced the problem of rising costs just as does your town and mine, today.

In an effort to cut costs, the council noticed that an old man was carried on the payroll as “Keeper of the Springs.” It seemed obvious to the council that the springs were a gift of nature and didn’t need a keeper. Besides, no one knew just what the old man did. It seemed that he merely wandered through the mountains. Without any further investigation, the council eliminated the job and dropped him from the payroll.

For a while the council congratulated itself on the savings. The action seemed to be prudent for water continued to flow as before. Obviously, the old man had not been needed.

But gradually the water supply slowed to a trickle. What water did flow was vile and dirty. Disaster struck the community.

At first the council tried to blame nature. “The springs are drying up,” explained one. “We didn’t have enough snow up in the mountains,” said another. Slowly the truth began to dawn on them. To their frustration the council learned that their pure clear water was the result of the quiet, dedicated work of the “Keeper of the Springs.” The old man who wandered about the mountains stooping along the way to clear the moss, the algae, the sticks and leaves from the springs. His loving care kept the water clear as it flowed down in an ever increasing stream to provide for the needs of the village.

We, who have dedicated so much of our adult lives to Freemasonry, may well have been neglecting the challenge to be “Keepers of the Springs” for the young people who should be getting leadership and example from us. If we had been doing our jobs properly, the many tiny springs of Masonic philosophy would be flowing down the mountains in a vigorous current – providing inspiration and fuller lives to men throughout the world and carrying to the youth of the world the knowledge of the availability of a fuller realization of man’s purpose and of the Masonic design for life.

If we do not keep the springs of Masonry properly, the youth waiting down below will have no more than a stagnant trickle from which to drink. They have a right to expect → → →

us to do our jobs and to provide them with an abundance of clear water and we have an obligation to so provide.

Perhaps we as Knights Companions and the recipients of so many Masonic Honors, have been too busy admiring the breathtaking view from our lofty vantage point, high on the peaks of Masonry. Perhaps we have spent too much time telling each other how nice it is to be here or how much we have accomplished. Perhaps we have had too much enjoyment wandering along the trails and have become too busy or self-centered to take time to stoop down occasionally to clear a spring. Perhaps we have thought that we have served enough and someone further down the hill should do the work, clear the stream that we just haven't bothered to do it lately.

Being a leader or having been a leader is not enough! We must constantly demonstrate by our example and activities our true devotion to the whole Masonic Philosophy.

In that much quoted poem, "The Bridge Builder," an elderly man in the summit of his life stops to build a bridge across a chasm. Because of his age, he is asked why he has stopped to build it, since he will never pass this way again. He answers that there is a youth travelling behind him. "I am building the bridge for him."

Well it is a fine poem, wonderful sentiment, but it is as outdated as 23 skidoo. The road that we older folks traveled is just not being used by the coming generation. The bridges built by loving parents are unused by their children. The biggest reason why this is true is that in many cases, the young people of today are farther down the road than the bridge builders. They cannot be guided by your experiences because so many basic conditions have changed.

Our childhood was not the childhood of today. When I was a boy we talked in terms of miles per hour. Today they talk of miles per second and after that, who knows? The youngster of today has already faced the possibility of Atomic wars and possible total destruction. He knows of communism and realizes that

more than one third of the world lives under it. He has faced the race question and has solved it quite easily, though all around him the upheavals created by his elders cause him perplexities. He lives in a welfare society that he knows to be the very opposite of his elder's teachings. He wants to work fewer hours than his parents and make more money for it. And it looks like he will do it. Sexual matters are common knowledge to him and frankly, I think he tends to make less fuss over it than did my generation. He is more mature than I was at his age. His vocabulary is different from mine. A cotton gin, to him, sounds like a new drink and a spinning wheel must be some new hot-rod. Surely he expects more from his home, his school and from his church than I did.

Yes, the youth of today speaks a different language, or at least we are not speaking the same language, and I am afraid that insofar as Masonry is concerned we are not speaking any language at all to these young people. We are expecting the youth of today, in this frantic and fearful world, to react to Masonry just as we did in our youth.

We are expecting young men in Camden, Philadelphia, or Newark, or any large city to come to us, uninvited, just as we did in the small community where the lodge was the center of every activity and the leaders of the community were so often seen entering the Lodge Hall.

We wonder why young men don't knock on the doors of Masonry. We want to welcome them, but when they do not come, we fail to realize that they may not even know that we are there. Yes, we want to gain a favorable impression for the Fraternity, yet we are unwilling or unmotivated to do anything to create an impression in their busy minds. We trust that, eventually, they will put two and two together and realize that they must ask to become a Mason. Is it possible that there are many young men waiting to drink from the spring of Masonry and that we are not willing to let them know that we want them? Who is the Keeper of the Springs?

If we are sincerely interested in taking

## G.E. Officers Meet in Washington

Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25, prior to Easter Service, Grand Master Willard M. Avery and Grand Line officers, including new Grand Captain General William P. Wilson, Grand Generalissimo Ned E. Dull, Deputy Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson, Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer, met for discussion relative to the remainder of the current triennium.

Following the meeting it was announced that Deputy Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson would replace Grand Recorder Rodenhauer as the Grand Master's representative to the Iowa Annual Conclave in Amana, June 15-17.

In addition, the production of a new Templar film has been proposed and approved. Though it will take some time to complete, the new 16 mm sound film will be available for Commandery use, and for Masonic and public groups.

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was also planned to take place July 22-23, in Springfield, Illinois.

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the first steps toward solving our problem, and we do have a problem, then we must be willing to meet them on more common terms.

Let's face the truth. We have all spent enough time admiring the view from our Olympian Heights. We cannot depend on someone or some unknown process to do the job that we should be doing ourselves. A job that we can do, perhaps, better than one less experienced.

If we would all do the work of the Keeper of the Springs I know that we will be able to look into the valley and see the inspiring sight of young men drinking in the brotherhood and aspiration and fullness of life from the stream of Freemasonry which we have kept clean, appealing and available.

Mrs. John B. Cottrell, Jr., widow of the Past Deputy Grand Master, lives at 240 Crum Creek Road, Media, Pennsylvania 19063.

## Missouri Job's Daughters Gathers

Columbia was the setting for the annual Grand Bethel Mini-Session of Missouri Job's Daughters, held March 4 and 5. Grand Bethel Honored Queen Miss Georgia Peak presided over the activities which included a Saturday afternoon business session followed by a banquet which was attended by approximately 800 Job's Daughters and their chaperones.



Saturday night entertainment included a performance by the Shrine clowns and a Job's Daughters production of the "Gong Show."

Assisting the Grand Bethel Honored Queen were Miss Jyll Harbison, Grand Bethel Senior Princess, and Miss Elaine Bahr, Grand Bethel Junior Princess. Also in attendance were Mrs. Marie Nadler, Grand Bethel Guardian, and Mr. Paul West, Grand Bethel Associate Guardian.

## Emessay Notes

Stewart M. L. Pollard, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, has distributed the "premier" edition of *Emessay Notes*, the Newsletter of the Association. To be published periodically, the Newsletter is designed "to promote a smoother flow of communication between M.S.A., Grand Lodges, and other Masonic bodies." Among noteworthy items in the first edition is the announcement of a new Editorial Advisory Committee for the M.S.A. *Short Talk Bulletin* consisting of Alphonse Cerza, Chairman (Illinois); Charles Glassmire, P.G.M., Maine; and J. Fairbairn Smith, Michigan.

## 16th WEEK — STEADILY GROWING

For the week ending March 24, 1978, the total in the 10th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation remains a record high — \$273,146.07. This is an increase of almost \$36,000 over last year's campaign to date. A reminder: April 30 is the final day for contributions from Constituent Commanderies to be received by State Chairmen; Grand Commandery reports must be in Springfield no later than May 12.

Alabama . . . . .	\$ 1,361.88
Arizona . . . . .	1,890.80
Arkansas . . . . .	1,205.00
California . . . . .	13,606.13
Colorado . . . . .	1,800.80
Connecticut . . . . .	1,419.00
District of Columbia . . . . .	2,679.00
Florida . . . . .	6,721.50
Georgia . . . . .	16,870.12
Idaho . . . . .	2,571.16
Illinois . . . . .	4,948.45
Indiana . . . . .	3,676.08
Iowa . . . . .	405.25
Kansas . . . . .	1,332.00
Kentucky . . . . .	1,927.86
Louisiana . . . . .	4,513.65
Maine . . . . .	2,744.70
Maryland . . . . .	5,352.50
Mass.-R.I. . . . .	630.00
Michigan . . . . .	8,911.85
Minnesota . . . . .	5,540.40
Mississippi . . . . .	1,768.28
Missouri . . . . .	6,965.08
Montana . . . . .	4,708.00
Nebraska . . . . .	3,070.00
Nevada . . . . .	3,477.71
New Hampshire . . . . .	864.50
New Jersey . . . . .	3,504.65
New Mexico . . . . .	1,064.90
New York . . . . .	8,390.77
North Carolina . . . . .	4,272.14
North Dakota . . . . .	1,245.25
Ohio . . . . .	15,936.45
Oklahoma . . . . .	1,302.00
Oregon . . . . .	2,820.90
Pennsylvania . . . . .	13,973.07
South Carolina . . . . .	969.03
South Dakota . . . . .	6,228.15
Tennessee . . . . .	11,548.44
Texas . . . . .	73,647.92
Utah . . . . .	795.15
Vermont . . . . .	943.80
Virginia . . . . .	7,717.40
Washington . . . . .	1,202.76
West Virginia . . . . .	1,448.92
Wisconsin . . . . .	977.55
Wyoming . . . . .	1,429.77
Philippines . . . . .	155.00
St. John's No. 1, Delaware . . . . .	21.00
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii . . . . .	60.00
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks . . . . .	100.00

Anchorage No. 2, Alaska . . . . .	100.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan . . . . .	40.00
Bavaria No. 3, Munich, Germany . . . . .	390.00
Hermann von Salza No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany . . . . .	180.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany . . . . .	210.00
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Harry J. Miller, U.D. Bitburg, Germany . . . . .	1,200.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	109.35

### Revised Colorado Conclave Dates

Jesse E. Van Cleave, Grand Recorder of Colorado, informed the Grand Master that meeting dates of the Colorado Grand York Rite Bodies have been changed as follows: Grand Chapter will meet September 6, 1978; Grand Council will meet September 7; and the 103rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Colorado will be in session September 8. At that time, Grand Commander Charles E. Wisherd, Jr., will complete his term.

### Idaho DeMolay

Announced in *The Gem DeMolay*, "published occasionally by Frank J. Kester, Executive Officer in Idaho of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay," are plans for the first 1978 Leadership Conference set for July 3-9 in Seabeck, Washington.

Sir Knight Kester encourages attendance among Idaho DeMolay, especially Junior Councilors from the eleven Idaho Chapters. Registration fee is \$95.

A second Leadership Conference is scheduled later this year in LaHonda, California.

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## A CHALLENGE AND AN INDICTMENT

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by

Sir Knight Wendell Hobbs, Past Commander  
Chester Commandery No. 66, Chester Pennsylvania

There have been some membership problems in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Pennsylvania (and elsewhere) for 15 years or more. What are the reasons? What are the remedies? They are many faceted and I have given much thought to the problem. The opinions expressed are my own and you may or may not agree with them. They are, however, based upon the reaction of many Master Masons I have talked with and the results I personally have had.

I have been successful over the years in a program that I will outline in four parts.

1. **Membership.** This involves, primarily, four things: Meeting a prospective member, salesmanship, enthusiasm, and personal contact in the prospect's home. The last three must be stressed. The easiest to approach are relatives, close friends and acquaintances. Beyond these the most important point of contact with prospective members is in your Blue Lodge. It is a prerequisite that you regularly attend your Blue Lodge and get to know your Masonic Brothers. Never sit in the same place in the banquet hall, always try to be near a Mason you are not too well acquainted with, and, if possible, have another York Rite Mason with you. Don't come on like a bulldozer. Use as much tact and subtlety in your approach as possible. Wear a distinctive "York Rite" insignia on your lapel, a tie clasp, or a ring. After a proper introduction and some small talk mention "York Rite" Masonry and ask if those to whom you are talking are members of Chapter, Council, or Commandery. Then bring all your sales ability into the conversation — with sincere enthusiasm. Do not talk too long or bore the prospects with details. Try to set a specific date and time to have a meeting in their home. You will be

surprised at the reaction when they find you are willing to take your own time to present the "York Rite" story. Be on time. Not a minute early or two minutes late. The lady of the house need not leave, for you will not divulge any secrets, and you may influence the wife, especially when you talk about the Ladies Auxiliary of the Commandery of Knights Templar. Take with you some literature you may have at home, the *Knight Templar Magazine*, the *Royal Arch Mason*, or any other explanatory writings. Know your subject well to be able to answer satisfactorily the prospect's questions about the advantages of continuing his Masonic education the "York Rite" way. Also bring with you the Petitions of the "York Rite" Bodies. I have found this method successful in about 33% of the Masons who will allow me to talk to them individually. Cards or letters are of little value. It is personal contact that will win them over. We have approximately 10 Master Masons to each Knight Templar in my state, so that the prospects are 10 fold. I'm sure ratios are similar in other areas.

"York Rite" nights are exceptionally helpful. Get a speaker of known ability on "York Rite" Masonry, and invite all "York Rite" Bodies in your area to participate in the event. After the meeting, when you go to the banquet hall, do not sit with your own group. Mix with the other Master Masons as much as possible and use the same approach as outlined before. Never go to a Blue Lodge Meeting without petitions in your pocket. Always "Be Prepared" as the Boy Scouts say.

"York Rite" Festivals are productive, but require much work and considerable cooperation of all the York Rite Bodies and are somewhat expensive, → → →

which some Commanderies cannot afford.

In my own opinion the first method outlined will work the best. The others will work well if properly produced and well-advertised in advance.

2. **Attendance.** This is a most pressing problem with no pat answer. Sometimes it may be the location of the Lodge or meeting place itself. It may be in a section of the city or town where there is a possibility of physical danger or damage or theft of your automobile. However, I do not consider this the main reason for falling attendance. We are in competition with many forms of entertainment – television, sports, motion pictures, Church programs, school programs, etc.

In the average Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Commandery of Knights Templar nearly all the Meetings or Conclaves are taken up with Degrees or Orders. *This will not* bring out members. Of course the Degree Team will be there, a few of the faithful, and some friends of the candidates. It would be desirable to have two Classes a year in each Body, if possible. This, in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons or the Commandery of Knights Templar, will consume six months of a ten-month year. One month is taken for election of Officers, leaving only three months for any kind of special programs. In the Commandery we hold our unique Christmas Observance, which in itself is a most impressive Service and is well attended. That leaves only two months. Something special must be planned and strongly advertised in Commandery notices months in advance. In order to compete with other forms of entertainment we must produce something better.

The Generalissimo should have his program for the year completed well in advance of his year as Commander. He should keep in close touch with the Most Excellent High Priest of the local Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, so as not to conflict with the progress of the candidates.

There are many avenues open to the Commander for his special nights, motion

pictures or slides on subjects of interest to all Masons who may be invited into the Asylum after closing. You may have a prominent Knight Templar or Master Mason speak on any subject he may be especially familiar with. One of the most interesting stories I was ever privileged to hear was on the life of Jacques DeMolay, Knight Templar martyr, a man who accepted death rather than betray his friends. Prospects for the open nights are many; use your imagination!

Another phase of attendance pertains to the subject of helping one another. I cannot forget what another Master Mason said to me when I asked him to do me a favor that was somewhat out of his way and an inconvenience to him. I offered my apology, and his answer was "I do not deem it a hardship to go out of my way to help a Brother."

Many times, as Division Commander, I drove my car into the parking lot of the Asylum and counted 20 or more cars and said to myself, "well this Conclave will be well attended," but much to my surprise, upon entering I found 20 or so Knights at the Conclave. One Car – One Man. What a waste. If each man had contacted one or two Sir Knights, who possibly were unable to drive or needed encouragement to attend, the attendance could easily have doubled.

3. **Challenge.** Solutions to the problems of membership and attendance cannot be complemented unless we are willing to go to work and expend the necessary energy to do them. The day of "Let George Do It" is long past. We must stand up and go to work if we want our great Order to survive.

We must present ourselves before others in the best possible light. We have the best to offer in Freemasonry. Why do we hide our "Light under a bushel," so to speak. We should be on top of the mountain, letting the Light of "York Rite" Masonry – especially Templary shine like a beacon for all to see. We should be drawing Masons to us, and we can only do it by speaking out, being witnesses, and with missionary zeal try to draw all Christians to our Valiant Order. We are the only basic Masonic body that



espouses a particular religion. The Christian Order cannot afford to sit still and allow our Order to fall.

4. **Indictment.** Methods and instruction on the positive side of increasing membership and attendance in our Order have been suggested, but there is one other matter I would like to bring to your attention. I have given much thought to why Christian Masons are often times not attracted to our Order. I was surprised on at least three occasions when soliciting a prospective member, and each gave much the same reason for not signing a petition. Their answer: "I know a number of Knights Templar, and they do not impress me as Christian men in any way." I had no suitable answer for them, but it caused me to take stock of our Order.

Having been a Division Commander, I visited many Constituent Commanderies, and attended many Receptions and Grand Conclaves, and I saw much that was not becoming to a Christian Sir Knight. In the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Christians at Thessalonica (5:21,22) he said "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil." Believe me when I say that we are under observation by Christian Masons who are not Knights Templar. We must at all times watch our conduct before others.

Do you not remember the words given in the Charge to the Commandery at public Installation. "The Officers will recollect that those moral and religious duties and precepts which they from time to time so forcibly impress upon the minds of others, should by no means be neglected in themselves, and the most effectual way to insure success is to let precept and example go hand in hand.

I would, therefore, exhort one and all to look well to the East, to the West, to the North, and to the South, and see that the entering avenues are strictly guarded, and that you permit no one to pass the threshold of your Asylum but the worthy children of humility, and at the same time that you suffer no one to walk among you disorderly without admonition or reproof.

Practice in your daily living the

Christian principles taught by our Order. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Let your aim be to exemplify in your lives the teachings of the Great Captain of our Salvation, to whom we have pledged our allegiance, under whose banner we have enlisted, and for whom we wage warfare against the evil one for the uplift of our fellowman.

While such is the conduct of its officers and members, you may rest assured that this Valiant and Magnanimous Order will forever flourish like the green bay tree.

And conversely, when such is not the conduct of its officers and members, you may rest assured that this Valiant and Magnanimous Order will not forever flourish like the green bay tree.

Be aware, Sir Knights, that we are the beacons to draw other Masons to our Christian Order. Remember it is your duty to present *at all times* a Christian life. Not long ago I was talking to a Sir Knight, who happens to be a Minister and a Past Commander. In effect he said, "We want to carry and walk under the Banner of the Cross, but so many of our number are not willing to live up to the Christian virtues we are taught within the Order."

If we do not honor the Great Captain of our Salvation, He will not honor and bless us and increase our Order. I believe the secret of the growth of our Order rests in how we live our lives before others.

On the back of Commandery notices there is often a "Membership Committee" listed, usually the Chairman, and three or four others. But bear in mind that *all* Knights Templar are members of the "Membership Committee."

If each Commandery would set a goal of 12 new members, we would reverse the trend of losses and show a gain. Twelve members! How easy that would be if we each put a little more effort and enthusiasm in our approach to invite our Brothers to become a part of this Great Christian Order.

Sir Knight Hobbs is former Division Commander, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and resides at 1007 Galbreath Avenue, Boothwyn, Pennsylvania 19061.

Grand Encampment  
Roll Call of Honored Dead

**IN HALLOWED MEMORY**

**Sam G. Horner**  
South Dakota  
Grand Commander — 1944  
Born January 3, 1891  
Died January 6, 1978

**Henry F. Collins**  
South Carolina  
Grand Commander — 1961  
Born March 7, 1898  
Died March 5, 1978

**Waldo F. Von Holdt**  
Colorado  
Grand Commander — 1962  
Born March 26, 1893  
Died March 9, 1978

**J. Ralph Walker**  
Colorado  
Grand Commander — 1970  
Born December 4, 1915  
Died March 23, 1978



**Strandquist New Potentate**

Newly-elected Potentate for Chicago's Medinah Temple is Sir Knight Lawrence W. Strandquist, a member of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 in Chicago. An executive with Illinois Bell Telephone, Strandquist is also active in the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Plans in 1978 include ground-breaking ceremonies for a new Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children to be built adjacent to the present Chicago Hospital. The new building will house advanced research facilities.



**Knapp Outstanding Kansas Mason**

On March 10, 1978, during the annual communication of Kansas Masons in Topeka, the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Kansas presented Sir Knight Glenn L. Knapp the Distinguished Service Award as Outstanding Kansas Mason for the year 1977. Sir Knight Knapp lost his right arm while serving in the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps attached to the 4th Marine Division in the South Pacific. For the past several years he has rendered aid and assistance to newly-made amputees and their families. Four years ago he took it upon himself to make this service available to all amputees throughout the state of Kansas.



To further promote this service a booklet entitled Operation "Kan" was written. This program is now sponsored by the Masons of Kansas and is available to all who are in need of it.

Sir Knight Glenn, who has been assisted by his wife, Joanna, lives in Leavenworth, Kansas, and is a retired mail carrier. He is a member of Easton Lodge No. 45; Easton Chapter No. 274, O.E.S., of Easton, Kansas; Scottish Rite Valley of Lawrence, Kansas; Leavenworth Chapter No. 2, R.A.M.; Leavenworth Council No. 1, R. & S.M.; Leavenworth Commandery No. 1 K.T.; and High Twelve Club No. 5, also in Leavenworth.

For more information on Operation "Kan," Brother Knapp may be contacted through the Grand Lodge of Kansas, P.O. Box 1217, Topeka, Kansas 66601.

**Success**

Success is being big of heart  
and clean and broad of mind;  
It's being faithful to your friends  
and to the stranger, kind.

## An Open Letter to the Newly Knighted Member

Dear Sir Knight:

You have been recently Knighted, and congratulations are certainly in order. We hope that you will become a regular and active member. We are particularly interested in the motives that induced you to become a member of our great fraternity.

If you found nothing inspirational in the conferral of the Orders, then we, as members of your Commandery, have failed both you and the basic tenets of our organization.

However, let us think positively, and trust that your motivation was inspired by the search for truth. Hopefully, you were further inspired by the first-class rendition of the Orders, and you discovered that the flame of enthusiasm burns within the breasts of your fellow Knights.

If you feel as we do, that each Sir Knight is entitled to as near perfect ritual as is humanly possible, we ask you to consider your future role as a Knight.

Any organization needs effective leadership. If you are able to learn ritual, and have a flair for dramatization, we trust that you will make your desires known and become actively involved. A spot can certainly be found for you in our Orders Teams, and this can lead to the growth of your Commandery, increase your interest and result in the spread of enthusiasm among your fellow Knights.

It takes but the spark of interest among a few, to be fanned into the flame of contagious enthusiasm among the members of your Commandery. When that happy condition exists, you will find that the former sideliners will be willing to pitch in and help, regardless of the task to be done.

Just think! If complacency could be changed into enthusiastic participation by the entire membership, then your Commandery could be an effective force in Templary, and we would be well on the way towards attaining the status of No. 1 in our state.

## "Largest Blue Lodge Event"



Distinguished guests in attendance at the 40th Anniversary Masonic All States Night, held March 1 in St. Petersburg, Florida, included (l-r) M.E. Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Encampment; M.W. Grand Master William C. Mitchell, Grand Lodge of Florida; R.W. Senior Grand Warden Franklin C. Smith, Grand Lodge; and V.E. Deputy Grand Commander of Florida Templars, Stephen L. Van Norden.

Florida's All State Night is billed as "the largest Blue Lodge event held anywhere"; this year an attendance figure of more than 6,000 was recorded.

## Shrine Headquarters to Move

The Imperial Council, A.A.O.N.M.S., will move to Tampa, Florida, "probably within a year" according to Shrine spokesmen. The corporate offices will be vacated at 323 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

The Imperial Council is buying 6.5 acres of land to build a 50,000-square-foot building for the 965,000-member new headquarters. The office, with a \$42.5 million budget, oversees the activities of 181 Shrine Temples in North America, Panama, Mexico and Canada and operates 21 hospitals, 18 specializing in orthopedics and three in burns.

We invite you to join us in this endeavor. With your help we can achieve some really worthwhile goals.

Courteously yours,  
The Officers and Members  
of YOUR Commandery

Relayed by Sir Knight Herbert W. Sumner, Past Commander and Recorder of Melita Commandery No. 13, Butler, New Jersey, and New Jersey Supplement Editor for the Knight Templar Magazine.

# SOUTH DAKOTA SUPPLEMENT



WALTER H. RECKLING, Editor  
Box 425, Winner, South Dakota 57580



W. M. Richardson

Sir Knight W. M. Richardson, a member of Mobridge Commandery No. 27 of Mobridge, South Dakota, has received a plaque from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Eye Foundation for his generous contribution of \$5,000.00.

The presentation was made at the South Dakota York Rite Conference which was held in Pierre, South Dakota, on February 18 by Florin Hemminger, State Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign Chairman.

## A Look Into the Past

The picture on the facing page is of Dakota Commandery No. 1 taken in the Deadwood Masonic Temple 1901. Third Floor.

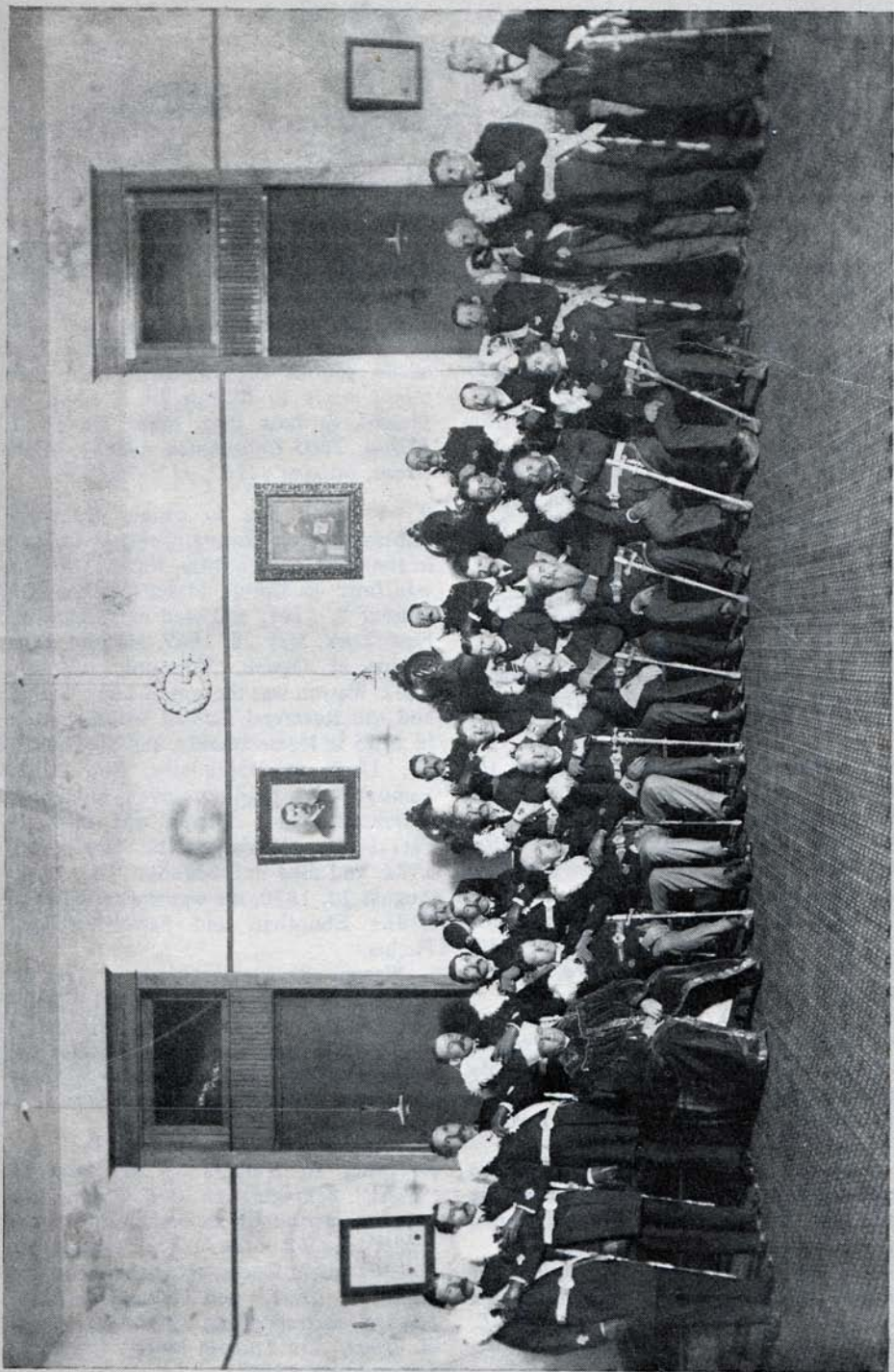
Seated: (left to right) E. E. Clough, Prelate; William A. Dickinson, S. Warden; Albert W. Coe, Treasurer; G. C. Kelley; George V. Ayres; D. M. Gillette; A. J. Bowman; Theorus R. Stoner, Sentinel.

Standing, long row: (left to right) Dr. Dickinson; William Bartlett; John Staples, J. Warden; T. E. Burns, Sw. Bearer; Unknown; W. A. Johns; Charles B. Coolidge; George Fickle; George Reaves, Recorder; W. D. Longwood, Warder; J. Henry Schnitzel, Std. Bearer; Louis P. Klinger; Otto P. Grantz; Albe Holmes; James E. Cooper; Willie Potter.

Standing in rear: (left to right) Steward Thompson; S. T. Turner, Generalissimo; Eugene F. Irwin, Commander; John Esterbrooks, Captain General.

In the background on the wall to the left is the Charter. The picture to the left of the G is of Samuel T. Roy, first Grand Commander of Dakota territory 1884. Original in Lead. The picture to the right of the Letter G is George V. Ayres, first Grand Master of Dakota State 1889. To the far right is the Eastern Star Charter. The letter G is the same that is in use today. Deadwood Lodge No. 7.

Our special thanks to R. S. Fraser for sharing this picture and information with us.





## KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Recently I was given Volume Two of the *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* by Albert G. Mackey, 33<sup>o</sup>, and Charles T. McClenachan, 33<sup>o</sup>. It was printed in 1920 and I should imagine that there is a companion Volume One that was published along with it on that date.

I would like very much to hear from anyone who may have that particular Volume One and will offer it for sale. I will answer every letter I receive, just as I have answered all of the mail I have received in the past on other Masonic items.

God bless you on the excellent magazine you publish each month; I feel I am truly blessed to be able to be a part of this wonderful organization, the Knights Templar. *Robert Mutz, 720 Tradewinds Drive, North Palm Beach, Florida 33408*

□ I have been receiving copies of the *Knight Templar Magazine* which I find very useful and enlightening.

Thank you very much for this helpful service to me. The articles have increased my knowledge of Templary. *Juan C. Nabong, Jr., Past Eminent Commander, Far East Commandery No. 1, K.T., 149-H J. Ruiz, San Juan, Metro Manila, Philippines*

□ I am Captain General this year in Freeport Commandery No. 7, Illinois. My great grandfather was a Commander in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. When I was a child, we had his sword at home.

One day my mother let the sword be used for a school play. This was when we lived in the Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, area. The sword was never returned.

I'd appreciate anyone helping me locate this sword. Great Grandfather's name was Samuel K. Boyd. *Robert L. Powell, 1013 South Chicago, Freeport, Illinois 61032*

□ I am a member of Trinity Commandery No. 62, Knights Templar, Indianapolis, Indiana. I collect sterling silver souvenir teaspoons and most especially Masonic spoons. If any readers have single spoons or collections that they might want to dispose of, I would be pleased to hear from them. *Dennis D. Wilson, 1005 Churchman Avenue, Beech Grove, Indiana 46107, 317-783-7161*

□ I would like to obtain genealogy information on Warren Webster, Colonel in the New York militia, War of 1812; he was born in Upton, Massachusetts, September 2, 1781, and died in Stockholm, New York, May 28, 1867. Married Anna Phelps at Orwell, Vermont, July 25, 1802. Warren was the son of Lucy Warren and the Reverend Samuel Webster, born in 1755 in Massachusetts, and died March 27, 1820, in Middleburg, New York. Samuel was a Baptist minister in Orwell, Vermont. Anna Phelps was born in Pittsfields, Massachusetts, March 16, 1783, and died in Stockholm, New York, August 20, 1870; she was the daughter of Elder Ebnathan and Sarah Smallage Phelps.

Warren Webster claimed to be an offshoot of the Noah and Daniel Webster families. How did he connect with these? Any information on the above names will be appreciated. *Floyd Nelson, 218 North Broadway, Herington, Kansas 67449.*

□ As I have been informed, there are no other Sir Knights by the name of "Iffert" belonging to our Order. The name is uncommon at least in the North-western section of the U.S.A. However, Sir Knights might know of someone by the name of "Iffert," and I would be interested in corresponding with them. *Walter H. Iffert, 556 Lincoln Street, Hazelton, Pennsylvania 18201*

□ Ogdensburg, New York, Commandery No. 54 is attempting to locate uniforms for four of its rather "substantial" officers. We need one chapeau size 7 3/8, two size 7 1/2, and one size 7 5/8. We also need four coats size 48, three belts size 40, one belt size 44, and four swords. As much of our other equipment is badly worn or outdated we would also be interested in a limited number of chapeaux ranging from 7 1/8 to 7 3/8, coats ranging from 42 to 46, belts ranging from 36 to 40, shoulder boards for counsel officers, and of course swords. Anyone wishing to sell or donate such uniform parts and equipment please write. *Sir Knight Peter R. Terriah, P.O. Box 175, Madrid, New York 13660*

□ I am writing a book on the descendants of Abraham and Christina Diehl who moved from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1804. I would appreciate any information on their children: Philip Diehl, who married Margaret Blose in 1814; Mary Diehl who married Jacob Widock in 1807; and Christina Diehl who married Jacob Saylor in 1807. Thank you *S. Flory Diehl, 11505 Carroll Court, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870*  
P.S. I have been Commander of three Commanderies, two in Maryland and one in D.C. and at last count had secured over 130 new members for my Commanderies. *SFD*

□ My employer receives your magazine, the *Knight Templar*. I look forward to reading it each time it comes in the office. Although there have been some very good articles printed, I wish to say "Thank you" for a most wonderful March issue. The articles "The Cross" and "Arlington National Cemetery," along with "From Darkness to Light" were very good reading. *Kathy Jiminez, 1236 East 1st street, No. 11, Long Beach, California 90802*

**Editor's Note:** As a reminder, the *Knight Templar Magazine* is available to non-members on a subscription basis of \$5.00 for five years, or \$1.25 for one year.

□ I am Junior Warden of Williamson Lodge No. 307, a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, Rajah Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Reading Royal Arch Chapter No. 152, Creigh Council No. 16, and DeMolay Commandery No. 9, all meeting in the Reading, Pennsylvania, area. Since early 1977, I have been collecting Masonic coins from different bodies throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

Many of the coins were published for sale in the *Knight Templar Magazine* as well as some others. I currently have 24 coins in my collection, and if there are any Knights who wish to contribute a coin to my collection, I would be most appreciative. Thanks so much. *Irving E. Bressler, 2215 Bressler Court, Whitfield, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610*

□ I am collecting Law Enforcement badges and stars, both contemporary and antique, for Police, Sheriff, Marshall, Constable, etc; local, state or federal. I would genuinely appreciate hearing from any Sir Knight having such items. I would be pleased and honored to add your badge to my collection. Please send a description and your asking price. I will reply to all communications. Thank you. I always enjoy the *Knight Templar Magazine* and look forward to each new issue. Keep up the good work. *Robert F. Koste, K.T., 32°, P.O. Box 999, Yucca Valley, California 92284*

□ I have in my possession a Knight Templar sword, scabbard and leather case — all in excellent shape. The name engraved is: George Morningstar. Perhaps one who has inherited his Masonic belongings might be interested in acquiring this sword, also.

Anyone may submit a bid, and I will answer all bids. *Margaret M. LePelley, 7195 Wyandotte Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238.*

□ Wanted: Knight Templar Sword with scabbard and belt, also leather cover if available. *Charles Hughes, P.O. Box 247, Clay City, Kentucky 40312*

## ECHO OF THE PAST

*Leonidas P. Newby, M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment from April 1922 until July 1925, was a Hoosier Templar, as is Grand Master Willard M. Avery who will preside at the 54th Triennial Conclave of the Order in August 1979. Sir Knight Newby's home was Knightstown, Indiana; Grand Master Avery's home is Knightstown, Indiana. Fifty-four years later, Templar history repeats itself. The following is an excerpt from the report of Grand Master Leonidas P. Newby presented at the 36th Triennial Conclave, Wednesday, July 29, 1925, at Seattle, Washington:*

"The Order of Knights Templar came into existence . . . not only to mark an era in the history of the world, but to enunciate certain principles that are as immutable as the Rock of Ages.

"The Order of the Temple has not and does not carry on a warfare upon any of God's people to compel them to, by physical force, or otherwise to accept or adopt any of the principles of our Order or to compel them to worship God in any way except according to their individual conscience and it has never done anything that causes it to fear that some discordant cry out of the musty past will be heard to mar its record or cast a cloud upon the purity of its motives.

"The members of our Order may take pleasure in the contemplation of the Glorious Past, but we cannot live upon memories. It is not to the past but to the future our lives must be dedicated.

"We must encourage by our actions, the hope in the coming generations to dream fond dreams of justice enthroned, righteousness triumphant, belief in an everliving God, faith in a crucified and risen Saviour and a final realization of the Brotherhood of Man."

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## SOUTH DAKOTA

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