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LIGHT IS THE TASK

A glance at the almanac tells us that March 11 this year marks the anniversary of the snow storm we have come to know as the Great Blizzard of '88. However, after the severe weather experienced this past winter through most of the northern tier of the United States and Canada, the Great Blizzard of 91 years ago probably seems to have been over-rated. We have had a full share of wintry blasts, but we can take heart in the knowledge that winter weather means spring cannot be far behind; that seasonal event occurs March 20.

Approximately four weeks after the Vernal Equinox, Templars everywhere — abroad or at home, on the scene at Arlington or in individual houses of worship — will unite as one to observe the April 15 dawning of Easter, the 1979 date to celebrate the resurrection of the Captain of our Salvation. Many of us will be on hand to share the Easter Morning Service in the Arlington Amphitheatre, Virginia, across the Potomac from our nation's capital. It will mark the 49th year of Templar participation.

Knights from almost every section of the country make special efforts to be present. Attended usually by more than 6,000 Christian celebrants from the Washington area — whether Templars or not — the worshippers are augmented by a usual compliment of five to six hundred uniformed members of the Order, plus friends and families, for an impressive service of Easter music by the United States Marine Band and the Army Chorus. Featured is the message by the R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, the Reverend H. Dwight McAlister.

We cannot give sufficient credit in the Easter Weekend arrangements to Chairman Marvin E. Fowler, assisted by George M. Fulmer, Past Grand Commander of the District of Columbia; Colonel William E. Barkman, Parade Marshal, assisted by Past Grand Commander Edward J. Warwick, Maryland; to William P. Jacobs and to Andres E. Moynelo, Past Grand Commander of the District, and each of the more than 20 Templars who contribute to the success of these annual observances — proof that the labor is lighter when shared by many.

We invite you to be present for Easter in Washington. If you cannot attend, we know you will join, in company with Knights Templar and many others, in celebrating Easter in your own particular area of the nation. Wherever dispersed around the globe, it will be a unified Knight Templar and Christian observance.

We take pride in our Order's cohesiveness of purpose. When we consider its far-flung membership and the bonds which unify it, we can agree with Homer:

"Light is the task when many share the toil."



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The Magazine for York Rite Masons

MARCH: St. Bernard is our special theme for the month. His Templar connection is excellently related in this issue by assistant editor Joan Behrens. Our variety of other offerings contains presentations by such distinguished Masons as Theodore Summers, Michigan; Dr. Harold Blake Walker, *Chicago Tribune* columnist; R. E. Peppy Blount, Texas, and his story of "The Beautiful Blonde"; Norman G. Lincoln, Ohio; David D. Kusisto, California — and more, including timely news of Easter Weekend at Washington. We hope you enjoy the selections and the Masonic news the March issue features.

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EDITOR'S JOURNAL

Brownlee: Among the Eye Foundation's new Grand Master's Club members for March is the listing for "Mrs. James F. Brownlee, in memory of her husband." Mrs. Brownlee's late husband was a Past Grand Commander of Mississippi.

What makes Mrs. Brownlee's case unique is that she has been legally blind all her life. According to P.G.C. T. Olin Gore, "She had a congenital eye disease from childhood, and many thousands of dollars were spent by her parents in early years to relieve this condition, but to no avail."

Mrs. Brownlee's \$1,000 contribution will be used to help fight the continuing battle against eye disease and blindness.

Mailings: The 54th Triennial Conclave Committee distributed in February, through the office of the Grand Encampment in Chicago, a complete schedule of Conclave information to each voting member of the Grand Encampment (approximately 1,200), with two copies going to each Constituent Recorder and six to each Grand Recorder for their records. The schedule lists dates and meeting details for the Triennial Conclave in Indianapolis, August 11-16.

Note from Ireland: Sir Knight J. David F. McKee, County Dublin, Ireland, wrote to acknowledge December publication of his article "The Council of Knight Masons" and added the information that Right Excellent Sir Knight James McC. Allen, who was Grand Scribe of the Grand Council of Knight Masons in Ireland (equivalent to Grand Secretary in the Craft), will be installed this month as Great Chief, "the ultimate authority in Knight Masonry."

Stambaugh: Aside from his duties as Grand Captain General of Pennsylvania, Burnell C. Stambaugh also keeps himself busy as State Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation 11th Voluntary Campaign. In that capacity he has been responsible for collecting \$1,663.00 by "tapping" an often overlooked source — sojourning Sir Knights. He writes, "I consider the effort taken to send letters to the Sojourning Templars to have been very much worthwhile." We agree.

Joslyn: New Hampshire's York Rite Festival honoring Past Grand Commander and The Reverend Howard T. Joslyn has been scheduled for March 17. Plans call for a 9 a.m. starting hour with 10 p.m. as the closing time. Sir Knight Joslyn is widely known for his work as Trustee and Assistant Director for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Conclave Notice: At the February meeting of the Committee Advisory to the Grand Master, held in Chicago, Herbert D. Sledd, Chairman of Grand Encampment Jurisprudence, reminded the Committee that May 13 (officially May 14 because the 13th falls on a Sunday) is the final day to receive Proposals or Resolutions to be considered at the 54th Triennial Conclave in Indianapolis. Thirty days later, the Grand Recorder is required to distribute the Conclave Call, containing all such Resolutions from voting members of the Grand Encampment.

U.D.: Deputy Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson was on hand December 16 at the institution of West Memphis Commandery — the first in Arkansas in 25 years.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN FRIGID CHICAGO

The Committee Advisory to the Grand Master met February 3 and 4 in Chicago for its pre-Triennial Conclave review, reports and projections. It was preceded Friday, the 2nd, by a meeting of Grand Encampment Officers with Arch M. Dullnig, P.G.C., Texas, Chairman for the Grand Encampment Committee on Finance, for a day

long discussion of the 1979-82 tentative budget, which initially had been drafted by the Grand Recorder after months of correspondence. The Chairman has distributed the tentative budget to members of his Committee. Other points relative to the Triennial Conclave were also discussed.

The Friday meeting included: Grand Master Avery, Deputy Grand Master Johnson, Grand Generalissimo Dull, Grand Captain General Wilson, Past Grand Masters Crofts and Bell, Grand Treasurer Gorman, Grand Recorder Rodenhauer and Finance Chairman Dullnig. In addition to the Grand Officers and Sir Knight Dullnig, those present for the weekend Advisory Committee included Department Commanders Billmeier, Register, Applegate, Robbins, Hossle, Thornley and, in a dual capacity, William P. Wilson. Committee Chairmen in attendance were: Sledd (Jurisprudence), Brenner (Religious Activities), Smith (Educational Foundation), DeMond (Ritualistic Matters), Esancy (Membership), Moynelo (Patriotic and Civic) and the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, The Reverend H. Dwight McAlister. The Grand Prelate, at the request of the Grand Master, afforded the members with a Sunday morning meditation February 4 as the meeting began.

The Grand Recorder was joined at the Advisory Meeting by Robert W. Bigley, Office Manager, and Assistant to the Grand Recorder, and by Jan A. Hapgood, Comptroller and Educational Foundation Assistant to the Grand Encampment.

Among the items discussed were the following: The Department Commanders will serve as Triennial Conclave officers at Indianapolis; the Indianapolis Triennial Conclave Committee plans to forward an advance schedule of hotel rates and program details to the Grand Encampment office in Chicago for distribution to all voting members of the Grand Encampment — to Grand Recorders, Constituent →→



Preliminary Officers meeting was held February 2.



With the Advisory Committee at Chicago's Palmer House.

and Subordinate Recorders; Easter Sunrise Service radio broadcast (Chairman Moynelo suggested that Templars and Friends call cities and towns where mutual broadcasting stations are located to express interest in the taped re-broadcast at a convenient hour); a complete review of the tentative budget by Deputy Grand Master Johnson; announcement by Chairman Sledd that a re-numbering report on the Constitution would be made at the 54th Triennial Conclave, and a reminder that all proposed legislation was required to be received in the office of the Grand Recorder by the morning of May 14; a request by Chairman Smith for the Committee on Educational Foundation to be present for an important discussion at the Triennial Conclave, plus reports and membership suggestions from other chairmen and a review of regional activities by the



Johnson, Sledd, Bell

Department Commanders. Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., distributed samples of materials available from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, with a letter reporting on current phases of activities in the Springfield office.

A special activity February 3 was the first viewing of the newly-completed film, produced by Sir Knight J. Ira Laird, Jr., "Soldiers of the Cross." This color-sound quarter-hour presentation currently has more than 100 advance bookings.

250th Birthday Anniversary

John R. Allen, Stamp Club Committee to celebrate George Washington's 250th Birthday Anniversary, tells what each Mason can do to assist in a special project to recognize Brother Washington:

"With one brief letter written in the next few days, you can help determine whether a set of U.S. Postage Stamps will be issued to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of George Washington's birth.

"Many previous postage stamps have pictured the face and shoulders (bust) of George Washington; some have shown him as a soldier. *None* have depicted 'George Washington, The Man' in his various roles in life — as a Surveyor, Husband, Family Man, Landowner, Church Steward, Freemason, President, etc.

"With your support, a set of postage stamps might be issued *humanizing* George Washington for the first time by depicting him as a man of varied interests. To reach this goal, letters are needed from the 50 United States and as many

countries as possible. Simply write a brief letter to Postmaster General urging him to issue a 250th Anniversary set of stamps humanizing Washington, The Man.

"Although the 250th Anniversary is not until February 22, 1982, sufficient support must be evident throughout the world NOW. *Please write a letter within the next few days!* Afterwards, pass this on . . . Urge your friends and affiliated organizations to send such a letter also."

Sir Knight Allen recommends letters be addressed to: Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, Administration Group, Room 5700, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C. 20260; and a copy sent to Mr. William F. Bolger, Postmaster General of the United States, 475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260. For more information, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Stamp Club Committee to Celebrate the 250th Birthday — George Washington, The Man, P.O. Box 26135, Richmond, Virginia 23260.

THE ABBOT OF CLAIRVAUX

by

J. E. Behrens, Assistant Editor

He was, said one writer, "a fragile vessel for a precious treasure." He spurned sleep as a wasteful occupation of time and the simplest comfort as an unimportant temptation. By the time he was 25 he was head of one of the most austere monastic orders in the Roman Church, and at the time of his death he had been directly responsible for founding 68 "daughter" abbeys covering the known world, and had been a dominant influence in the official recognition of the Knights of the Order of the Temple. When people spoke of him, they referred to him as "a man of God" — not with the diluted sense that phrase has come to hold in the 20th century, but as a prophet, healer and miracle worker. In the 12th century, as friend of popes, kings, knights and laity, he was known simply as Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux. Twenty years after his death, the Roman Church canonized him St. Bernard.

Bernard's year of birth is given as 1090, one generation after William had conquered the Anglo-Saxons; and it is believed that he was born at Fontaines-Dijon in France. He was born of noble stock, one of seven children, and destined prior to his birth to a religious life. For it was a common practice in the Middle Ages to promise a son to the Church, and this Bernard's mother, Aleth, and father, Tescelin le Sorel, did with all humbleness. But shortly before his birth, Bernard's mother was troubled by a dream in which she visioned that she carried in her womb not a child but "a white dog-pup." Recounting her dream to a monk, she was told that her unborn child would live to be "a faithful watchdog of the Church

and a saving healer of the wounds of men." The prediction held true.

Europe in the 11th and 12th centuries was dominated by the Roman Church. In every aspect the Church was the central and stabilizing force, and the Pope, supreme head. Monasteries were the centers of learning, and, as such, ecclesiastics and nobility (in whose purses rested the support of the monasteries) had sole access to education.

In about 1098, Tescelin took his family to Chatillon-sur-Seine, then a famous scholastic center, so that the children could be taught by the Canons Secular of St. Vorles. William of St. Thierry, himself an abbot and later St. Bernard's friend and biographer, said of the youth's character: "In worldly affairs he was a mere child, loving to be alone, shunning publicity, remarkably thoughtful, obedient and submissive to his parents; kind and gracious to all-comers, ingenuous and quiet at home, seldom out of doors, modest beyond belief; never caring to talk much, but his heart given to God that so he might preserve his childhood's purity." At age 20 he began his novitiate at the Abbey of Citeaux, founded only ten years earlier.

Citeaux, home of the Cistercian Order, was recognized as one of the most ascetic of the Benedictine Abbeys. There, self-denial was taken to its extreme. Of course, it was for this reason Bernard chose Citeaux. It was for this same reason that others, after having a brief taste of the excessive poverty there, left for the less harsh cenobitic life, such as that practiced at the Abbey of Cluny. So shunned was Citeaux that → → →

when Bernard arrived, the Order was on the verge of extinction. Friends tried to dissuade him from his purpose, but Bernard would not be moved. In fact, when he reached the gates of the Abbey near the end of March, 1112, he brought with him his own "brotherhood," including an uncle and five brothers (his father would later join him). So persuasive was Bernard in arguing the cause that some 29 men left their worldly occupations to follow him.

Thus Bernard's reputation was born. He was a persuasive talker, it is said; mothers would lock up their sons, and wives, their husbands, when Bernard approached, for "to hear was to follow." For the next three years, Bernard remained as a brother at Citeaux, and it was due to him that the Cistercian Order survived.

More and more the seigneurs or Lords of the area gave gifts of money and land to the Abbey for the expansion of the Order. Hugh, Count of Champagne (later a Knight of the Temple), was a friend and much influenced by Bernard. Hugh provided the land at Clairvaux which was to become so well known; it is also believed that the Count had much to do with Bernard's departure from Citeaux and, in 1115, his journey to Clairvaux as abbot-elect. (One interesting note on this is that at the time of his removal to Clairvaux, Bernard was not yet advanced to the priesthood.)

It was difficult at first, but the youthful Abbot, giving himself and his "sons" up to the beneficence of God, believed that their few cares would be provided for. Their numbers grew, and by 1136 Clairvaux had to be relocated to accommodate the increasing number of postulants. By Bernard's death in 1153, after merely 38 years, the Abbey of Clairvaux had founded 68 daughter monasteries.

In such a brief outline of St. Bernard's life, one must focus on the more important events. That Bernard was wise, loved

of most all with whom he came in contact, and possessed of a goodness little matched among his fellows, was apparent in all his dealings and comes down to us in his biographies. However, three events stand out by which the life of the Saint may be defined; these will be examined chronologically: 1) the Council of Troyes (1128) at which the Church formally recognized the ancient Knights Templar; 2) the papal schism of 1130; and 3) the 2nd Crusade.

The Council of Troyes

During his life, Bernard was concerned primarily with the state of the Church and its practitioners; especially was he concerned with the propagation of Christianity throughout the pagan world. He was also a staunch opponent of the "worldly knighthood" of the age. Thus, when Hugh de Payens and his comrades distinguished themselves as "soldiers for Christ" on the deserts of Palestine, Bernard enthusiastically approved. Here was the answer to several problems.

First, it should be said that Bernard did not oppose armed warfare as such. What he opposed was the person who engaged in war to fatten his own purse or for his own glory. Worse still was the churchman who condoned or engaged in war for these reasons. One instance may be cited: A certain Stephen de Garlande was a deacon of the Church; at the same time he had come to gain such power in the military that he was next only to the king in command. Bernard argued that the man was guilty of pluralism, "so highly exalted by ecclesiastical honours as to be inferior not even to bishops, and so loaded with military honours as to take precedence of dukes." But a military *brotherhood* would do away with such pluralism.

It is well known that in 1113 (some 14 years after the 1st Crusade was undertaken), Hugh de Payens, Geoffrey de St. Omer and seven other Knights set off for

the Holy Land. Their purpose was recognized as a divine one — they would safeguard the roads and generally “police” the holy places and the pilgrims’ route to them. Baldwin II, then King of the Latin kingdom of Palestine, appreciating their service, granted them a house on Mount Mōriah near the Temple of Solomon. They were thenceforth called the Poor Knights of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon. What distinguished Hugh and his knights was that their allegiance was to no earthly king. They thus immediately established their independence. Their “allegiance” was a religious one. As Watkin Williams, a modern biographer of St. Bernard, states, here was established “a regular armed force not mercenary, yet entirely independent of all external control so far as any religious order rightly could be.”

From the beginning these knights professed themselves as religious, taking, as did the monastic orders, the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience under the Patriarch of Jerusalem (the Patriarch, at that time Gormund, being the direct representative of the Pope and next in rank only to him). It may be noted that Hugh had been granted the title of “Grand Master of the Temple,” not by Gormund, but by the secular King Baldwin in 1125. But Hugh also wanted papal recognition.

In 1128 Hugh and five companions left Jerusalem and came to France where the Council of Troyes convened. It was here that they gained formal recognition, and the acceptance of the small band as a religious order. A secondary purpose of the trip was to gain new recruits and material support for the Order’s growth.

St. Bernard welcomed Hugh de Payens with open arms and praised the work and devotion of the Templars. One of the handful of extant treatises written by the Saint was entitled *In Praise of the New Warfare*. It was addressed to Hugh but was intended as “an exhortation to the

whole Order.” It stands today as something of an apology — as Williams says, “Good reasons had to be offered as to why it was right for the Church to give sanction of a religious Order to an organization ostensibly militant.” Bernard answered this in his treatise by calling the Templars “a service of men armed against spiritual wickedness in high places.” For the Templar did not fight for his own glory; he brandished his sword for the glory of God.

Bernard also had hopes that the Order, the new chivalry, would attract those who “might otherwise turn from God.” In this regard, he was less successful — the Order instead attracted the rich nobles and their sons.

The Council of Troyes was attended by Church leaders and nobility, for it was, in reality, both groups that had to approve of the Templars: While it was up to the Church to formally recognize the Poor Knights of the Temple outside Palestine, it was the laity who would provide money and men.

After papal approval was given, the *Rule of the Order* was officially drawn up. It was an edited version of the regulations already prepared by Hugh de Payens, but Bernard’s revisions and corrections, his “signature” as it were, provided unique approval and tied the future saint forever with the foundation of the Order in the eyes of the Church. The *Rule* contained 72 articles: 1-8 dealt with religious duties of the knights; 9-20, with daily routine; and the remainder, with total obedience to the Grand Master’s will, miscellaneous matters such as care for sick and aged knights, and the problem of relations with the excommunicate.

It was also decided about this time, says another writer, “to make provisions for the endowment of the Order, that it might have footholds in Europe for recruiting stations.” Thereafter, the vow of poverty applied only to *personal* property. In fact, postulants, upon → → →

admission, were expected to bring with them a dowry. No one was admitted who was not free from debt.

Between Bernard and Hugh the idea of "Christ's army" became a popular one. Men flocked to join, and the Order's treasury grew. The first "daughter" house of the Order in Europe was established at Payens, a village near Troyes. After the Council adjourned, Hugh travelled through France and England and returned to Jerusalem in 1129.

The Papal Schism of 1130

Ever since the 3rd century, the history of the Roman papacy has included "anti-popes," ecclesiastics elected by a Church faction whose election was later declared uncanonical and illegitimate. The names of some 35 anti-popes can be found in the list. The schisms which resulted did much to hinder the growth of the Church.

When Pope Honorius II died in 1130, two individuals claimed the right to occupy the Apostolic See. These were Gregory, who claimed the right by virtue of having been named successor by Honorius before his death, and who eventually was recognized as Innocent II; and Peter Leonis, a Roman by birth and a Cluniac monk. Peter was described by Bernard and others as an ambitious, avaricious man and was eventually to gain infamy as an anti-pope.

Following Honorius' death, the electors met to decide the question. Gregory, Cardinal Deacon of Sant' Angelo, was named by the majority. Peter Leonis was "elected" by the remaining minority then proceeded to storm the basilica of St. Peter, and "took possession of it by violence, making booty of such treasures as would serve his purpose . . . and destroying the rest." For eight years Peter, as "Pope Anacletus," controlled Rome, drawing what support he could from neighboring nobility. Innocent II was barred from Rome.

Bernard, ever outspoken, wrote, "It is not by reason of his good life or of his virtues that [Peter Leonis] attained his dignity, or that he holds it; he usurped it by force, by fire, by bribery." It was Bernard — first at the Council of Etampes and afterward travelling throughout Europe as the true Pope's champion — who gradually won support for Innocent. Under Bernard's influence and desire to restore unity, the Council unanimously recognized Innocent as Supreme Pontiff, though he was not invested in Rome, but in France.

Anacletus died in 1138, and another anti-pope held power for two months. But Victor IV soon "delivered himself to the mercy of St. Bernard," and on May 29, 1138, Innocent was rightfully seated.

As is noted, Bernard was respected as a "holy man," a speaker of truth. Says Williams, "The language of the Abbot of Clairvaux was not measured by any other standard than that of truth . . ."; he was "the absolute image of the contemporary ideal of goodness."

The 2nd Crusade

Bernard's reputation for eloquence resulted from both his written and spoken words. His extant works consist of about 330 sermons, some 500 known letters and 13 treatises. But no more forcefully was this reputation evidenced than in his sermons in defense of the 2nd Crusade. When Edessa, held as part of Baldwin's Latin Kingdom in Palestine, fell in 1144, the Pope decreed that a second Crusade should be undertaken to regain the city. Stating that other problems close to home demanded his attention, Pope Eugenius III enjoined Bernard to "preach" the new Crusade in his behalf.

On Easter Sunday, 1146, a great gathering of people, noble and common, met at Vezelay to hear Bernard preach his first sermon on the 2nd Crusade. There he read the papal bull promising "total absolution to all who would take the

cross" and free the Holy Land. One of the crowd, hearing Bernard, said "his frail and scarcely living body [hid] his vigorous spirit." By supporting the Crusade, Bernard hoped not only for Christian freedom in the Holy Land, but he prayed that a Holy War would unify the empire.

By Christmas the first army, led by the German King Conrad III, set out; he was soon followed by King Louis VII of France. Bernard's sermons were so effective that a contingent of women, including Eleanor of Aquitaine, Louis' wife, also "took up the cross" and followed the warriors to Jerusalem.

But as we know today, the second crusade was a disastrous failure. Some said that if Bernard had personally led the armies, the outcome would have been different. (Bernard had been asked to do so, but he declined.) Some blamed the jealousy among the Latin princes in Jerusalem; others point to the lack of organization and to the conduct of the German and French armies as they marched to the war site. Whatever the reason, it failed; and Bernard was deeply saddened. Following the return of Louis in 1149, intimates reported a continual decline in Bernard's health.

When Bernard was still young, it is reported that he restored speech to a nobleman who had had a stroke and who was about to die. Bernard restored his speech not to save his life, but so that the man might confess his sins and receive the sacraments. Instances of his healing the ill are scattered among the writings of contemporary witnesses. He himself spoke of divine dreams during which he conversed with God. He was a man whose influence and reputation as a conciliator was known over Europe. His "genius for friendship" was legendary. On his deathbed in the spring of 1153, he was called and went to arbitrate a civil disturbance.

Knights Templar Pocket Patch

New from the Third Division, C.T.A., in Ohio, a tri-color cloth pocket patch showing the Knight Templar emblem and motto, is being sold to members of the Order. The patches, in red, black and yellow on a white background, are three inches by three and one half inches, and are offered at \$3.25 each, postpaid. To purchase, write Cincinnati Commandery No. 3, in care of Sir Knight Arthur Holmes, 5460 Starcrest Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238.



Rare Book Acquisition

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage, Lexington, Massachusetts, has acquired a rare volume of poems written by 18th century Scots poet, Brother Robert Burns. The book is of special Masonic interest because it contains the poem "The Farewell" written by Burns to his Brothers of St. James Lodge, Tarbolton, Scotland. According to a spokesman for the Museum, the book is one of "only 612" printed. It is being added to the Masonic rare book collection of the Library. Dr. Clement M. Silvestro, Museum and Library Director, describes the book as "in excellent condition and a major acquisition."

One historian writes, "[Bernard] was renowned for more miracles than was any saint, the written record of whose life has come down to us." On January 18, 1174, only 20 years after his death, Pope Alexander III issued the Bull of Canonization proclaiming this "man of God," St. Bernard.

YE OLDE TABLE LODGE

by

Sir Knight Harvie A. Davis, Sr.

Lewiston Commandery No. 6, Lewiston, Maine

This bit of Masonic record was, says Sir Knight Davis, inspired by the writings of Right Worshipful Frank C. Crandall as recorded in the Massachusetts Grand Lodge Library. In defining a Table Lodge he states, "The purpose of a Table Lodge has always been to provide, in the festivities of the banquet, enjoyment and instruction. The instruction is designed to lighten the mind, and touch the heart, and engage the will of man. It is a summary of Masonic doctrine, the dependency of man on God, the dignity of man as a co-worker with God, and the blessedness of human fellowship."

Recognizing the vast significance of this outstanding opinion, Sir Knight Davis records here the coordination of this philosophy and the Table Lodge ritual in humble verse. According to Sir Knight Davis, "Words appear more quickly learned and retained in the mind, through such media, the better to make them available and transmittable to others. I trust, that by this writing, the Masonic doctrine will gain broader meaning and added permanency."

Brethren, take notice, 'tis a Table Lodge to which you're called,
If you're not too well acquainted — get to see one — be enthralled.
The purpose of this meeting is to teach, and eat, and sing;
Teaching lights the mind and builds true love in everything.
Now teaching is instruction to engage the will of man,
'Tis a good Masonic doctrine that's the keystone of this plan;
Man must have God, for dignity in man will then remain —
The blessedness of human fellowship is what we gain.

The banquet hall is tiled, the Master greets the Craft, take note,
The history of the Table Lodge, then, from the chair, is spoke.
The Wardens each will then arise to alternate the toasts,
And Seven is the number that the Table Lodge can Boast.

The first is to the President of these United States,
The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, with its Master, highly rates.
Worshipful Master of our Lodge is one we then salute;
Fourth comes our Wardens, with tribute for their offices to boot.
Fifth to our Armed Force Brethren and our flag around this sphere,
Then to our Officers, and others, such as all of those here;
Initiates, Candidates, Brothers, Visitors and all,
Then there comes the seventh, and the last, I do recall.
It is to Masons all, wherever spread throughout this massive globe,
May God take care of thee and thine, may Peace be thy abode.

Sir Knight Davis holds dual membership in Mt. Tabor Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts, and Wyckoff Lodge, New Jersey; his mailing address is P.O. Box 247, Allendale, New Jersey 07401.

Loosen your tie, and roll up your sleeves . . .

A TEMPLAR "ACTIVITIES NIGHT"

by

Sir Knight Theodore Summers
Peninsular Commandery No. 8, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Is your Commandery distressed when faced with a "Dark Night?" What does your Commandery do when "the Candidate is called out of town? Or, perhaps, what does your Commandery do in that case when Sir Knight Faithful Joe, the best or maybe the only real ritualist in your Commandery, has the flu? Does your Commandery suffer a bit from that usual "let-down" which is often noticed the few weeks which follow the Annual Inspection?

Does your Commandery ever list on its Trestle Board "Rehearsal for Officers Only" and overlook the side-line members who are just itching to get into the swim and help do things? Does Sir Knight Pete run into Sir Knight Bill at the local watering place and ask: "Is the Commandery doing anything this month?" And does Sir Knight Bill reply: "Nope. I guess the new E.C. has kind of lost his touch. Things sure aren't like they used to be. We have another Dark Night this week."

Probably the best way to lose enthusiastic members and to discourage new petitions is to turn out the lights and lock the door. Dark Nights should never be tolerated — the Commandery has too much work to do.

Dark Nights can be made of immense value to the organization and can profitably become a chance to get those long-postponed odd jobs out of the way, as well as to provide an opportunity to get those newly-created Sir Knights involved and active.

Why not, for a different approach, call that "Dark Night" an "Activities Night?"

With a little imagination and organizing effort an "Activities Night" can accomplish much.

For instance: Here's a very definite time to get that Regalia Committee together to check and inspect the regalia and costumes. Is that "Pure white robe of the Penitent" really "pure white?" Or has it somehow become a dingy tattle-tale grey? Just how many helmets do we have in the lockers that are usable? How long has it been since that Regalia Committee has had a definite appointed time to get together to take care of those jobs? Here's Activity Number One on "Activities Night."

Or, when has the Membership Committee found time during working hours to get around a table and plan new strategy, to discuss the names of possible likely petitioners who really might only be waiting for an invitation to take the Chivalric Degrees? With an "Activities Night," there is no way for that stalled and inactive Membership Committee to alibi out of meeting and working. Here is that appointed time to meet and function and yet not interfere with daily occupations, nor to risk interrupting a Knighting to assemble on a regular meeting night.

How long has it been since the Music Committee really got their heads together to arrange a program for the Installation with the Organist, or to revive that quartet the Commandery once boasted? Does some Sir Knight Musician want to bring to the attention of his Music Committee and the Membership Committee the possibility of getting a petition into the hands of that new Master → → →

Mason who sings tenor in the Church Choir? He's new; he's enthusiastic for Masonry; he's good material; and he can sing! Who would be a better addition to our membership rolls?

Does the Ritual need polishing up? Could we use a little more practice on more inflection in the various parts? Have the Hermits been too long in the desert to wax a meaningful welcome to that "pilgrim travelling from afar?" Maybe just a bit more drama in their work is needed, and on an "Activities Night" the Hermits can get a chance to get off by themselves in an out-of-the-way corner and rehearse those lines which can be so impressive to the candidate. Informal practice helps and counts!

And perhaps the name of that new young dramatic teacher at the local high school, a new teacher perhaps in the area, but holding Masonic membership in his hometown, could find a niche in our Commandery. If his name is given to the Membership Committee during one of these "Activities Nights," he might be interested in joining — especially if a couple of hermits gave him an invitation, as well as the invitation he should receive from the Membership Committee. Or it may be that the new drama teacher himself could be invited to take one of the parts as soon as he is initiated.

(Commander to Captain General, about this time in the evening: "Tell those men out there in the dining room trying Barbershop Harmony to cut out the singing until the tables are scrubbed off!")

Floor work? Let's get the floor work polished up before the Annual Inspection, too. And the time spent on Floor Work is never wasted as the Annual Conclave is not too far in the future. If the Captain General is not an ex-serviceman with some training in commanding, here on "Activities Night" is a chance for him to practice commanding troops informally, all in good fun. (Maybe one of the

men in the drill team has a friend at the Legion Post, or a friend who is a Blue Lodge Mason, who has had experience as a drill instructor. Here's the propitious time to entice him into signing that petition with visions of a real place for him with the drill team. And here's the opportunity for the entire drill team to let him know he is welcome as they assist the Membership Committee in approaching him. The Membership Committee has the petition blank, but the drill team men do the follow-up work to get that signature.

Who in the Commandery can fix that broken seat in the balcony? Repair the electric projector? Where is that member Sir Knight, that camera fan, who can repair or duplicate some of the slides that have become damaged or lost? On such an informal "Activities Night," the slides can be inspected, counted and put in order for the work, whereas on a formal night meeting there is no time for such details.

Bring in that Sir Knight Carpenter with his tools and get those doors on the regalia cabinets shut again. That Sir Knight in the dry cleaning business can show how to remove the wax from the triangle cover. Somebody ought to re-wax the kitchen floor. Don't forget to phone Sir Knight Alfred, the tailor, to bring some needles, threads and zippers to sew up that rip in the triangle cloth, sew some buttons on the uniforms here and there — even perhaps to show some Knights that the uniform can be comfortable again by just letting out the waist measurement an inch or two.

Sir Knight Dave, the appliance salesman, would like to bring up a new vacuum cleaner to go over the seat cushions. Let him know that next week will be "Activities Night" and here's a chance for him to demonstrate his wares.

And so on with all those odd jobs, and the opportunities for extra informal rehearsals and extra brain-storming. You see there is much neglected work to be

done on Dark Nights, and more than just the officers are anxious to be of service. "He who can best work and best agree" has a vital and real place in the Commandery. Any member, psychologically, is flattered to be asked to grab a rope and pull an oar, to participate and to get better acquainted with his fratres.

And when the evening of activity is over, the coats still off, the neckties still loosened, and the sleeves still rolled up, comes the real profit of the program of "Activities Night" — for now comes the call to sit around the table with a cup of coffee and fresh donuts (informal dress, you'll notice, and informal manners) and chew the rag, get acquainted with the new members and re-acquainted with the older members, and talk about the old days and what the coming term will accomplish. Just that pleasant relaxation and good fellowship that comes after a good evening's work, so often, and after those odd jobs have been taken care of.

But the lasting profit also comes at this time, because it is in the informal conversations that a consensus toward all our charities and projects is developed. Not by formal speeches and orations do we become enthusiastic about the Eye Foundation, the Educational Foundation, the Holy Land Pilgrimages, but by that contagious devotion of our brothers' conversation and his arm around our shoulder. That's when we really become excited and thrilled by what the Commandery is trying to do.

Yes, let's make the Dark Night into an "Activities Night" with pleasure and profit. Who has time for "Dark Nights" in these days of so many Commandery projects?

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The trouble with opportunity is that it always comes disguised as hard work.

Advance Note to Grand Commanders

Grand Commanders who will be in office as of August 11-16, the period of the 54th Triennial Conclave, are reminded that a presentation of state as well as foreign flags will be a feature of the opening Triennial ceremonies the morning of August 13. Each Grand Commander, or his designated Grand line officer, is requested to accompany the flag of his jurisdiction through the line at the opening session. Information in more detail will be forwarded from the office of the Grand Encampment later.

Proclamation by Harrisburg Mayor

Sir Knight Paul E. Doutrich, Jr., Mayor of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and a member of Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, has proclaimed December 1, 1978, through April 30, 1979, as the period set aside for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation 11th Annual Voluntary Campaign in that city. As part of the proclamation, Mayor Doutrich urged "all citizens to participate in this humanitarian cause."



Honorable Mayor Paul E. Doutrich, Jr., second from left, issues Voluntary Campaign Proclamation in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. On hand are Sir Knight Burnell C. Stambaugh, E.G.C.G. of Pennsylvania and State Chairman for the Campaign (left), and Sir Knights Irvin S. Bennett, E.G.S.B., Past Commander, and J. Franklyn Runkle, Jr., current Commander of Pilgrim Commandery.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Distinguished Class Knighted in Oregon



Oregon Commandery No. 1, Portland, conferred the Orders of Knighthood on a class of six distinguished Oregon Masons on November 16. From left to right in the accompanying picture are: R.W. Robert A. Matzka, D.D.G.M. for District No. 40, Grand Lodge of Oregon; M.W. Alfred B. Holmes, Past Grand Master of Masons in Oregon; Sir Knight Clyde A. Putnam, Eminent Commander of Oregon No. 1; M.W. John J. Murchison, Past Grand Master; R.W. John F. Erwin, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge; and E.C. William F. Savage, High Priest of Portland Chapter No. 3, R.A.M. Also Knighted, but not shown, was Worshipful Brother Walter J. Miesen, Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Lodge No. 22 Celebrates 200 Years

Lodge No. 22 of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, will celebrate the 200th anniversary of its warranting on October 4, 1979. The Lodge was originally warranted October 4, 1779, at Fort Augusta, located at the present site of Sunbury.

The event is being marked by a commemorative coin, available to interested collectors for \$3.50, postpaid. Checks may be made payable to "79 Association, Lodge No. 22," and sent with orders to John I. Kebach, 214 Washington Ave., Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801.

Holyrood Commandery Medallion

As they approach their 100th Anniversary as a Constituent Commandery of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, the members of Holyrood Commandery No. 32, Cleveland, Ohio, have prepared a limited number of commemorative medallions, available to all interested brethren. The 100-year anniversary medals, designed and made by Sir Knight Robert R. Miller, Cleveland, are of beryllium-nickel, 1/8" x 1 1/2" in diameter. Cost is \$5.00 each. Checks may be made payable to Paul A. Dylun, Past Commander of Holyrood, and sent to him at 3402 Bader Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

Good News from Mississippi Rainbows

A check in the amount of \$2,031.00, representing the efforts of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Mississippi last year, was presented to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, via Grand Commander R. Marshall Shields, by state Worthy Grand Advisor, Miss Brenda Tanner.



Miss Tanner chose the Eye Foundation as one of her charitable projects last year. She is shown above with Grand Commander Shields receiving an "Award of Appreciation" from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Springfield, Illinois.

No. 1 in Chapter, Council



Serving with Grand Master of Grand Encampment Willard M. Avery, the above two brethren complete the picture of York Rite leadership: At left is new General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International - Junior W. Vandall; at right is his counterpart in the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International - General Grand Master John H. Watts.

Tennessee Plans Ahead

In a January 18 letter to the Sir Knights of Tennessee, Sir Knight C. Everett Blanton, Jr., Grand Instructor-Inspector, listed the dates for the Grand Commander's inspections in 1979. The dates run from September 11 to October 30. One of the reasons for the early publication schedule, says Blanton, is "to provide sufficient time to arrange personal schedules, as well as prepare Commanderies properly for inspection."

In 1978, Tennessee Commanderies showed a net gain of "only 153, compared with a gain of 224 in 1977." Grand Commander James A. Buford and Sir Knight Blanton are at the forefront of a push to have Tennessee "work harder this year" to have more candidates. "More candidates means more work," says Sir Knight Blanton, "and more work means better preparation for inspections."

Thomas and King to Receive 33°

The Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, announced two additional members will join the 33° Scottish Rite Class scheduled to be held in Chicago this coming September. Fifty-year Brother Lowell Thomas, well-known radio and TV newscaster, and Sir Knight Wayne King, Evans-ton Commandery No. 58, Illinois, the "Waltz King," will be participants in this year's class to receive the Scottish Rite's highest honor.

Philadelphia Story



"Jennifer now has total sight in her eye," reports Sir Knight William Clark, Frankford Commandery No. 92 in Philadelphia, following the youngster's operation to remove a cyst from her left eyeball. The operation was necessary to prevent the loss of sight in that eye and was financed by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Jennifer is shown above in the arms of Sir Knight Lawrence E. Bickum (second from right), surrounded by her parents and two sisters, and Frankford Commander Jack Eidebotham. Sir Knight Clark writes, "Frankford Commandery, Knights Templar, its officers and members, are proud to have been a part of little Jennifer's life. We wish her continued health and the blessings of Almighty God."

Eighteen Added to K.T.E.F. Clubs

"The word has gotten around," says Knights Templar Eye Foundation Director G. Wilbur Bell, "and the result is more benefactors for our Eye Foundation Clubs." Seven new names for the Grand Commander's Club and eleven for the Grand Master's set March 1979 apart as the month with the largest number of new Club members since the inception of the Club plan in May, 1976.

Benefactors who have donated \$1,000 to the work of the Foundation include:

- No. 131 — James F. Sinks
- No. 132 — Hubert W. Kleasen
- No. 133 — Wade E. Burleson
for Mrs. Ione W. Burleson
- No. 134 — Waldron C. Biggs
- No. 135 — H. B. Massey
- No. 136 — H. Mark Reese
- No. 137 — E. Glenn Skinner
- No. 138 — In Memory of James F. Brownlee,
by his wife, Dorothy
- No. 139 — George Monroe Hain
- No. 140 — Emil C. J. Iseli
- No. 141 — Harold W. Uhrbrock

New Grand Commander's Club members, with initial contributions of \$100 or more, are:

- Mississippi No. 2 — Dr. E. B. Robinson
- Oklahoma No. 2 — Rev. Charles H. Warner
- Massachusetts No. 4 — Peter Paul Galanti
- Michigan No. 6 — Fred R. Middleton
- Missouri No. 8 — In Memory of Efmer B.
Ragain, by his son-in-law,
Lester M. Smith
- California No. 10 — Walter E. Bell
- Saudi Arabia No. 1 — Morgan D. Simpson

Individuals may join those listed at any time. Membership is available to anyone (no groups). For the Grand Commander's Club, an initial donation of \$100 is made and similar payments are made in minimum yearly increments until \$1,000 is reached. A numbered wallet card is presented by the Eye Foundation indicating membership state and number.

When a single donation of \$1,000 is made, or when Grand Commander's Club donations reach the \$1,000 mark,

\$5 Per Member and Going Strong

The first contribution for the 11th Voluntary Campaign from Bethlehem Commandery No. 90, Bethlehem, already insures a special Eye Foundation plaque for this Pennsylvania Commandery. A \$1,100 check was presented December 9 at a Lancaster reception by Sir Knight E. Julius Westhassel, Eye Foundation Chairman for the Northeast Section of Pennsylvania. The early return puts Bethlehem Commandery over the \$5 per member quota suggested by the Grand Encampment and, according to Sir Knight Westhassel, "Bethlehem will more than likely double this amount before the 11th Voluntary Campaign is over."



From left, E. Julius Westhassel presents check to Pennsylvania's Grand Recorder Howard T. Scull, as Grand Commander William C. Graham and Eye Foundation State Chairman Burnell C. Stambaugh, E.G.C.G., look on.

Bethlehem Commandery ended last year's 10th Voluntary Campaign with a healthy per capita of \$13.20 per member.

membership is achieved in the Grand Master's Club. At this time, a metal wallet card and personalized desk plaque are awarded.

Club membership is not counted for Commandery benefit during the Voluntary Campaign, nor does it provide any exemption or credit. For more information, write to G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, at 509 South Sixth Street, P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

THE CASE FOR HONESTY

by

Dr. Harold Blake Walker
Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston

Sir Knight Harold Blake Walker, a retired clergyman, was for many years a pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Evanston, Illinois. But his talents have also extended to the written word: The most recent addition to his list of credits is his new book, Days Demanding Courage (Rand McNally), a collection of the best of his weekly columns from the Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine. For more than a quarter century Sir Knight Walker has provided moral enlightenment for millions of readers through his weekly inspirational column in the Chicago Tribune and, of course, through the Knight Templar Magazine.



Many years ago my father bought two cases of eggs, one for our family and one for a neighbor. It was in the days when it was customary to buy eggs by the case and then immerse them in a jelly-like substance which kept them fresh for several months. The two cases of eggs were purchased from nearby farmers who were friends of my father.

Each of the two farmers had only one case of eggs to sell, and one of them charged more than the other. When my father came home with the eggs, I suggested we ought to keep the less expensive eggs for ourselves and charge the neighbor for the higher-priced eggs. My father looked at me sharply and said, "We are going to add the prices of the two cases of eggs and divide the result by two so that we and our neighbor will pay the same price. Our neighbors trust us to be fair and honest in our dealings."

That episode has remained with me as a priceless memory through all the years since. It was a lesson in honesty and fair dealing that suggests the foundation for the trust that undergirds both business and society. Apart from such honesty, trust is undermined and human

relationships become infested with suspicion and mistrust.

Unhappily, our times have witnessed a faltering of old fashioned standards of honesty and integrity. Pilfering and shop-lifting add billions to the cost of living for the millions who have to pay for the dishonesty of the cheaters. Bid-rigging of contracts for public works adds to the taxes all of us must pay. Bribery enriches the few at the expense of the many.

In the relaxed ethical climate of the present, Dan Miller can say that "Few executives can afford the luxury of conscience," and add that "A business that defined right and wrong in terms that would satisfy a well-developed contemporary conscience could not survive. When the directors and managers enter the boardroom to deliberate policy, they park their private consciences outside."

It is no wonder that Karl Menninger asks, "Whatever Became of Sin?" If private conscience has nothing to do with business policies, right and wrong are determined, not by basic ethical standards, but rather in terms of profit or loss. Sin is whatever involves → → →

loss; right is whatever develops profits. If Menninger is right, the ethical foundations of society have been seriously undermined.

The Founding Fathers were aware of the importance of honesty and virtue as primary ingredients of a free society. Thomas Jefferson observed that without an aristocracy of "talent and virtue" the nation could not survive the strains of freedom. George Washington said, "I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to sustain what I consider the most envious of all titles, the character of an honest man." John Adams, perhaps the most Puritan of the Founding Fathers, insisted that honesty is the source of strength vital for the nation.

It should be clear that the stability of society is threatened when the absence of honor destroys our confidence in one another. We may think our small dishonesties are insignificant, but multiplied by the small dishonesties of others, they become like

*"The little rift within the lute,
That, slowly widening, makes the music mute."*

The little rift of mistrust wrought by small dishonesties widens into a lack of confidence in business, government, and in the institutions of society.

Shakespeare may have been right when he wrote, "Ay, Sir: to be honest, as the world goes, is to be one man picked out of ten thousand." Nevertheless, the one honest man or woman in ten thousand is a plus for the social fabric. Each one more adds something to the ethical glue that keeps society together. Each one of us is either plus or minus, adding to or subtracting from the trust and confidence that are essential for the common welfare.

The choice is ours, yours and mine, to be or not to be sources of ethical strength in a time when confidence and trust are at low tide.

Sir Knight Walker lives at 425 Grove Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

Georgia Commandery Sponsors Eye Surgery

Twenty month old Lydia Ann Waters recently underwent surgery to correct esotropia, crossed eyes, at the Tift General Hospital in Tifton, Georgia. The operation, postponed twice due to ear infections, successfully corrected the eye problem which, according to her doctor, was "getting worse as time went on." The sponsoring Commandery was Gethsemane No. 20, located in Fitzgerald, Georgia. Sir Knights Ira Aldridge and Rufus Johnson, P.G.C., both Past Commanders of Gethsemane, handled the paperwork which led to financial assistance from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Lydia's father, the Reverend Autry Waters, is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Ambrose, Georgia. He writes, "We just took Lydia for her six-month post-operative checkup and the doctor says she appears to be completely corrected. We cannot express our gratitude adequately for all that you did for us; had it not been for the funds available through the Foundation we could not have had the necessary surgery performed and Lydia would still be trying to see through badly crossed eyes."

The story of the Foundation's work was carried in the local newspaper and contained the following quote from the Reverend Waters: "We feel there are a lot of children that go without the needed attention in similar situations because they do not know that these people are eagerly awaiting to be of service . . . It is our privilege to have shared this experience that others may seek and obtain help through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."

*A stranger may give bread, but a
welcome comes only from the lips
of friendship.*

THE BEAUTIFUL BLONDE

by

Sir Knight R. E. Peppy Blount
Longview Commandery No. 86, Texas

The events in this story happened to take place in Texas. They might have occurred in Indiana or Oregon – anywhere a Commandery of Knights Templar, working in behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, help a person to regain or retain the miracle of sight.

She was a precious little girl with long blonde curls below her shoulders, fluffy clean and combed to perfection, beautiful blue eyes and a long, ankle-length pink and white dress giving the appearance of a big, beautiful doll. This was Mother's Day and obviously the little girl had been meticulously groomed for Sunday School and church. She was a perfect subject for a Norman Rockwell painting standing there in front of the candy display at the little store.

An ominous and foreboding black cloud that filled the sky suddenly opened up deluging the area with torrents of rain driven by the high winds of the thunder shower. I wasn't about to walk back to my car and get soaked, so I aimlessly looked around the store killing time until the shower subsided.

The mother of the beautiful little girl had to be the young lady whom I judged to be in her late 20's, behind the cash register – attractive but noticeably sensitive with an eye impairment that prevented her from looking at you with both eyes and which caused her embarrassment. A young man, whom I took to be the father and husband, was standing out of the way against the far wall watching the customers and the little girl. This being a drive-in that had been held up and robbed several times in the past, I had the feeling this father was "riding shotgun" for the working mother on his day off.

"What a beautiful dress," I remarked to the little girl, "and such beautiful blue eyes!

"I'll bet you've been to church and Sunday School this morning?"

"Yes, sir," came the shy reply and she then started examining the pennies in her hand to see if she had enough money for the candy she wanted.

At this time the father, whom I had never seen before, stepped forward and said, "Aren't you Peppy Blount?"

"I sure am," I replied.

"You're the man who filled out the papers to get my daughter's eyes operated on a couple of years ago," he continued, "and this is the first time I've ever seen you to say thank you!"

I was astonished and more than pleasantly surprised as I looked more closely into the big beautiful blue eyes of the precious little girl that neither revealed nor gave any clue that anything had ever been wrong.

"Her eyes were just like mine," responded the attractive mother, over-hearing our conversation, and still sensitive about her own eyes, "and the embarrassment and snide remarks I've endured from insensitive and thoughtless individuals – both children and adults – through the years, I dreaded for her."

"We didn't want charity, but we couldn't afford the operation then," she continued, "and we were afraid → → →

that she might not have a good doctor — but she had the finest doctor and hospital we've ever seen — and we want to thank you again."

"Don't thank me" I replied, "thank the Masons of Texas — particularly the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children and the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children and Burns Institutes of North America. They're all responsible."

And then I seized the opportunity to advertise the labor of love in which our Masonic brethren work daily to alleviate the pain, suffering, and physical disabilities of those little ones who can't help themselves — I've always found this to be the best, and most acceptable, manner to sell our fraternity, emphasizing membership in the Blue Lodge as the basis for all Masonic philanthropy.

I then tried to explain the miracle of Masonry whereby our fraternity has prospered and been sustained while being subjected to the same social conflicts, political disasters and evil influences that have destroyed other fraternal organizations as well as nations. Masonry is the living expression of those basic principles of honor, justice, equality, charity, and love which must exist and be maintained among men if any semblance of freedom and liberty are to remain among us. Those principles are not "man made" but derive their origin from a divine God.

Masonry, from time immemorial, has drawn good men to its banner who knew this truth and by their practice of the Craft have been leaders in continuing the spirit of those principles in the affairs of men. The miracle of our success lies in the breast of every member who is moved by a passion for the better way of life. As a result, Masonry has spread over the earth to exert a powerful, unified influence among men of all nations. So long as that passion lives and dominates the thoughts and deeds of Masons, our usefulness and our destiny are secure.

European Shrine Club

Sir Knight Louis C. Conine, USN (Ret.), President of Germany's European Shrine Club, invites interested collectors to obtain the Club's Anniversary Medallion "to commemorate 25 years of dedication and devotion to Shrinedom and . . . crippled children."



The medallion has been struck in silver (limited to 1,000 serial numbered; \$15 each) and bronze alloy (4,000 unnumbered; \$5 each), 34 mm in diameter and 2 mm thick. Sir Knight Conine, who is also Eminent Commander of Bavaria Commandery No. 3, Munich, says, "All profits from the sale of these coins will go to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. To order, send cost plus \$.50 postage and handling to Mr. Elmer George, ESC, Recorder, Mozartstrasse 15, D-6901 Eppelheim, West Germany."



The thunder shower, with the wind and rain having washed the trees and grass, had now passed on, leaving the outside bathed in sunshine and giving the appearance of new life. As I got in my car, I could still see that precious little girl with the now beautiful, normal blue eyes, and I thought of the "new life" the Masonic fraternity had given her — and the pride I felt in being a part of it.

Sir Knight Blount, when he is not seeing to the work of the Eye Foundation, is an attorney-at-law in Longview. His mailing address is P.O. Box 1227, Longview, Texas 75601.

THE STORY OF A SONG

by

Sir Knight Norman G. Lincoln
Middletown Commandery No. 71, Ohio

The young clerk in the Boston jewelry store was bored. He could scarcely wait to get to a piano to play the notes of a tune which kept buzzing through his head. Perhaps one of the fellows in the Barbershop Quartet would think of some words. Maybe he would have a hit best-seller like that new song they were rehearsing, "Kentucky Babe." After all, it was 1897, and everybody was buying sheet music for big hits like Paul Dresser's "On the Banks of the Wabash."

However, the young clerk would get nowhere as a song writer in Boston; so Harry W. Armstrong, not yet 20 years old, moved to New York City, the home of Tin Pan Alley. It was easy for him to get a job playing the piano in the honky-tonks and restaurants of Union Square. Here the song pluggers would come to boast of their latest creation.

Here he met a brash young lyricist about his own age who showed him some verses which struck Harry's fancy. Soon he had whipped the music into shape, and he and his friend, Jimmy, began to seek a publisher. It was a sentimental song about a volunteer going off to war against Spain. To their amazement, Witmark agreed to publish "Goodbye, Eyes of Blue." It was successful, and Witmark offered Harry a job as a staff pianist. It meant taking a loss in salary since he would only make \$18 a week, but he accepted in order to be associated with the outstanding publisher of popular songs.

Harry and Jimmy collaborated on another song, "I Like Your Way." Several years later Jimmy wrote the song which became forever identified with him.

Ernest R. Ball provided the music to "Will you Love me in December as you Do in May?" and James Walker entered politics to become mayor of New York.

Meanwhile, Harry met Richard H. Gerard and showed him the tune he had been carrying around for some time. Gerard liked it and wrote some words, but they just didn't seem right. Maybe it was the name of the girl. "Sweet Rosalie" failed to inspire publishers, and the song did not sell.

One day Gerard saw a poster advertising the final concert of Adelina Patti. Born in Madrid in 1843, she was one of the most famous coloratura sopranos of all time. Here was the name he had been searching for. The lyrics were changed:

*"Sweet Adeline, my Adeline,
At night dear heart for you I pine."*

Witmark liked it and published it in 1903 with the modest claim, "one of the most charming ballads ever written."

Nobody bought the song. They bought Paul Dresser's "My Gal Sal" and Eddie Leonard's "Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider" and Harry von Tilzer's "Bird in a Gilded Cage" and Victor Herbert's "Toyland"; but "Sweet Adeline" gathered dust. One day Harry Ernest, manager of the Quaker City Four, came in looking for a Barbershop song. He liked the "echo" style of "Sweet Adeline." Soon the crowds at Hammerstein's Victoria were applauding.

It became the classic Barbershop offering. Back in Boston, John "Honey" Fitzgerald adopted it as his campaign song. In 1929, Jerome Kern → → →

7th Week Totals – 11th Annual Voluntary Campaign

For the week ending January 19, 1979, the Grand Commandery figures for contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation's 11th Annual Voluntary Campaign have reached \$182,668.79 – almost \$40,000 greater than the corresponding week one year ago! The state break-down is as follows:

Alabama	\$	879.00	New Jersey		914.00
Arizona		4,068.11	New Mexico		985.40
Arkansas		510.00	New York		3,564.00
California		2,802.00	North Carolina		1,826.45
Colorado		921.98	North Dakota		1,678.50
Connecticut		196.00	Ohio		5,967.04
District of Columbia		1,351.96	Oklahoma		725.00
Florida		2,758.50	Oregon		900.00
Georgia		4,294.22	Pennsylvania		7,792.30
Idaho		1,108.00	South Carolina		729.00
Illinois		2,199.22	South Dakota		427.39
Indiana		2,004.00	Tennessee		2,756.00
Iowa		134.00	Texas		80,792.00
Kansas		472.50	Utah		1,510.50
Kentucky		935.30	Vermont		177.00
Louisiana		950.00	Virginia		2,497.43
Maine		1,954.66	Washington		290.00
Maryland		1,755.00	West Virginia		1,174.48
Mass.—R.I.		1,587.00	Wisconsin		150.00
Michigan		19,841.78	Wyoming		215.00
Minnesota		3,169.75	St. Johns No. 1,		
Mississippi		1,030.00	Wilmington, Delaware		20.00
Missouri		1,335.50	Anchorage No. 2, Alaska		40.00
Montana		6,643.00	Heidelberg No. 2, Germany		150.00
Nebraska		310.00	Harry J. Miller, U.D.		
Nevada		564.82	Bitburg, Germany		710.00
New Hampshire		116.00	Miscellaneous		2,785.00

... STORY OF A SONG

used it as the title of a Broadway show starring Helen Morgan. The young man from Somerville, Massachusetts, had achieved his ambition with one of the best loved songs of all time.

On February 20, 1922, song writer and Brother Harry Armstrong was raised in Montgomery Lodge No. 68 in New York City.

He died in 1951.

Sir Knight Lincoln, who lives at 107½ North Barron Street, Eaton, Ohio 45320, is a line officer in Ohio's Middletown Commandery No. 71.

Supplement Editors

A meeting of Supplement Editors for the *Knight Templar Magazine*, those in charge of the two-pages devoted to each Grand Commandery, tentatively has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, August 12, during the 54th Triennial Conclave at Indianapolis. The Grand Recorder and Assistant Editor Joan Behrens will be present to offer recommendations and to exchange information with Supplement Editors and representatives.

OUR ATHENIAN HERITAGE

by

Sir Knight David V. Kusisto

Centennial Commandery No. 74, Montebello, California

One thing Masonic scholars agree upon is that our exact origin and early history are unknown. Do our beginnings date back to the talented operative masons who built such masterpieces as the church at Cologne? Or does the speculative Craft emerge independent of operative masons? The issue probably won't be decided, and it doesn't seem to get at the essence of Freemasonry anyway.

In my less than two years' enjoyment of the fraternity, it is apparent that the importance of Masonry is in the practice of it. Our actions in the arena of everyday routines (i.e., to practice what we preach) is the real value of being a Mason. This is the Masonic way, a heritage rich in charity and personal freedom.

I recently returned from the place where such free thinking originated — Athens, Greece. To walk the ruins of the Parthenon atop the Acropolis is a very profound experience. To relive the Greek city-states' victories over the Persians at places like Thermopylae, Salamis and Marathon some 500 years before the birth of Christ stirs the senses. To review the achievements of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle and Euclid (and his contribution to the Craft via his geometric ingeniousness) in Pericles' Athens makes one cherish democracy more.

The Athenians may not have been in the Craft, we don't know. But their overwhelming desire for personal dignity and free will (freedom over one's own



The Parthenon: Spectacle of Ancient Greek Masonry

destiny) is the very cornerstone of our heritage. They had to fight hard and courageously for their beliefs, thus setting an example for us all. They created democracy and thus were the forerunners of our great American government which, not by accident, is the one government that best exemplifies our Masonic ideals.

The Athenians were the first to demonstrate the principle that is at the core of the American way: Governmental freedom (free enterprise with responsibilities) directly leads to personal inner freedom that makes possible hope, satisfaction and achievement. Man requires such personal stability before he can treat fellowman as we Masons should — with faith, hope and charity.

So very long ago; such a glorious time for classical Athens. As the evening lights on the Acropolis fill the air with the spectacular sight of the Parthenon, they mirror the paramount symbol of freedom in all its glory. A link from antiquity to our country; to our Craft? I believe so.

Knighthood on April 15, 1978, Sir Knight Kusisto is one of the newer members of the Order of Knights Templar; "Our Athenian Heritage" is his first contribution to the Grand Encampment's publication. He lives at 7947 Conklin Street, Downey, California 90242.

KALAMAZOO PAST COMMANDERS CONFER

Peninsular Commandery No. 8, Kalamazoo, ended 1978 with what Michigan Grand Recorder Harold G. Copp calls, "a landmark event." On December 16 a corps of ten Past Commanders of Peninsular Commandery filled the officers' stations for the conferral of the Order of the Temple. But what made the conferral unusual was that each of the ten participating Past Commanders was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason; and the candidate for the occasion, John D. Gregg, was also a 33° Mason. Grand Recorder Copp states,



Order of the Temple Team, Peninsular Commandery No. 8: (front row, left to right) Benjamin W. Wise, P.C., P.G.C., 33°; Orlo F. Swoap, P.C., 33°, K.Y.C.H.; Arthur B. Trevithick, R.E.G.C.; John D. Gregg, 33° (candidate); Owen Marquette, E.C.; Rea V. Bates, P.C., 33°, K.Y.C.H.; Kenneth M. Allen, P.C., 33°. (Back row) Vern W. Hays, P.C., 33°; William R. Schultz, P.C., 33°; Ben L. Steelman, P.C., 33°; Claud C. Wheeler, P.C., 33°; Luther R. Spencer, P.C., 33°; and John G. Polzin, P.C., 33°.

"Peninsular Commandery is believed to be the only Commandery in the Grand Encampment to boast ten 33° Masons among its 27 living Past Commanders; furthermore, each is a Past Master of Rose Croix, A.A.S.R., and all but one have served as Worshipful Master of his Blue Lodge.

Owen C. Marquette, E.C., opened the conferral which was attended by the Grand Commander of Michigan, Arthur B. Trevithick, and his officers. Following the ceremony, the Sir Knights joined their ladies for a banquet prepared and served by the Order of Rainbow for Girls. A short program was held at which an introduction was made of the 33° Past Commanders.

Illinois Commanderies Assist in Corner-Stone Ceremonies

Beauseant Commandery No. 86, Carbondale, and Patton Commandery No. 69, Mt. Vernon, assisted in the November 12 corner-stone laying ceremonies of the new Masonic Temple in DuQuoin, Illinois.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois, Vance C. Van Tassell, headed the list of dignitaries including other Grand Officers and members of area Lodges. The DuQuoin Temple is the newest Masonic edifice to be raised in the state.



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Grand Encampment

Roll Call of Honored Dead

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

John I. Williams

Colorado

Grand Commander – 1971

Born May 15, 1900

Died January 10, 1979

Arthur A. Raymond

Missouri

Grand Commander – 1957

Born August 29, 1893

Died January 11, 1979

Robert G. Braband

South Dakota

Grand Commander – 1979

Born October 28, 1926

Died January 19, 1979

A. Kenneth Stevenson

Pennsylvania

Grand Commander – 1973

Born December 1, 1921

Died January 27, 1979

Russell C. Walker

Idaho

Grand Commander – 1979

Born April 21, 1921

Died February 3, 1979

Harry Bennetts

Montana

Grand Commander – 1955

Born November 10, 1894

Died February 7, 1979

Easter Morning Templar Breakfast

The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will again sponsor its Easter Morning Breakfast at 9:15 a.m., following the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery, April 15, 1979.

This year the breakfast will be held at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motel, U.S. No. 1; I & I-95, Arlington, Virginia.

Tickets at \$5.75 per person may be secured from Sir Knight Ernest C. Barker, P.G.C., The State House, Apt. No. 624; 2122 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. (Order tickets early.)

Easter Weekend 1979 begins on Saturday, April 14, with a reception to honor Grand Master Willard M. Avery at the Washington Hotel, Fifteenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Shuttle buses will be provided between the Marriott Twin Bridges Motor Hotel and the Washington Hotel beginning at 1:30 p.m. for this Reception.

Promptly at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 15, Easter Services will begin in the Amphitheatre of Arlington National Cemetery. Buses will leave the Hotel Washington and the Marriott Twin Bridges at 5:45 a.m. to transport those attending the event. Sir Knight Fowler, Chairman of the Committee on Easter Sunrise Service, suggests that those who have engaged private buses for any reason should have their bus transport their personal group to and from Arlington. Those attending may obtain passes to permit buses or automobiles to enter Arlington Cemetery for the service. Sir Knights in uniform will be taken to the place of assembly outside the west gate of the cemetery, and ladies and non-marchers will be taken directly to the amphitheatre. At 6:50 a.m. the parade of uniformed Templars will march to the amphitheatre to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers" played by the U.S. Marine Band.

Grand Prelate H. Dwight McAlister, will deliver the Easter address, and the service will conclude with the ceremony of laying the traditional cross of lilies at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

For Knights and their families who are unable to attend in person, the service will be broadcast by the Mutual Broadcasting Company, Inc., and offered to 780 affiliated stations across the country. The Committee urges Sir Knights to request local Mutual stations to carry the Easter Service program.

EYE SURGERY HELPS FOREIGN STUDENT

Miss Pari Mahram, age 27, is an Iranian student who, thanks to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., can complete her education in the United States. Miss Mahram underwent a corneal transplant in one eye, and, according to Sir Knight Samuel H. Verner, Past Commander of Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, Pennsylvania, "she will probably need to have a second operation on her other eye." The following letter, received in May, relays her thanks, and shows that despite her infirmity her educational plans will continue unabated.

Dear Sir,

I am an Iranian student in the Indiana State College of Pennsylvania. I appreciate your help that makes it possible for me to continue my study for getting Masters Degree here.

My eyes were getting too weak during last year, and this kept me away from my education. By seeing the doctor, I found out that my eyes needed an operation. Without Knights Templar help I couldn't afford it, and I don't have my family here. Mr. Samuel H. Verner, your agent in Pittsburgh, has helped me in all the conditions and has been concerned with the whole problem. Now I have had an operation on one of my eyes and have got it right gradually. I got the best service in the Eye and Ear Hospital. Especially the doctor has done his best for me. I appreciate all the people and definitely Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., that gives me that chance to make my future as I wanted.

Sincerely,
Pari Mahram

Illinois Knight Joins IMMC Board

Sir Knight Robert Stuart, Chairman of the Board of National Can Corporation, has been named a trustee of Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, announced Warren N. Barr, Sr., president of the Board.

A member of Evanston Commandery No. 58, K.T., and St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Chicago, Stuart is a past president of the Chicago Crime Commission and the Chicago Rotary Club. Other civic involvement includes posts with Chicago Goodwill Industries, the Greater Chicago Command of the Salvation Army, National Minority Purchasing Council and the Urban League.

Stuart is the son of Robert S. Solinsky who was Honorary Chairman of National Can Corporation and also an IMMC trustee until his death last year.

Detroit Templar Conducts Sousa

The Detroit Concert Band under the direction of Dr. and Sir Knight Leonard B. Smith, member of Detroit Commandery No. 1 since 1939, opened its 33rd Summer Festival Series last June with "Music America Loves Best." During 33 years of city-sponsored concerts, the Detroit Concert Band has played to more than 5 million people, and has played in excess of 20,670 compositions drawn from Broadway, classical and pop music.

In 1976, the Band began production of its "Sousa American Bicentennial Collection." To date, six LP albums (including 65 marches) have been released worldwide. At completion, the collection will contain all 126 known Sousa marches. Information on records may be obtained by writing Detroit Concert Band, Inc., 20962 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236.

ST. BERNARD PREACHES THE SECOND CRUSADE



St. Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, urging Crusaders on to make a second attempt to win the Holy Land. He was one of the most eminent churchmen of the Middle Ages. In 1128, through his influence, the Order of Knights Templar was confirmed by the Council of Troyes; and he is said to have had a hand in the composition of the Rules which afterwards governed the Order. In exhorting the Knights he said: "Illustrious knights, generous defenders of the Cross, remember the example of your fathers who conquered Jerusalem, and whose names are inscribed in heaven; abandon, then, the things which perish to gather eternal palms, and conquer a kingdom which has no end."

Masonic Geometry

A point has no dimension:
It's as broad as it is long.
A line needs no extension,
Its measure to prolong.

There is but one right angle,
To view the world's intent:
For 'neath the surface tangle,
There are circles of dissent.

All around the compass points
There are parallels and planes:
Segments tied with multijoints,
Mixed-up arcs and crooked lanes.

Trust to be upon the level!
To be both fair and square.
Be an expert with the bevel!
For you need it everywhere.

*Gilbert H. Hill, P.C.
Coronal-Ascalon Commandery No. 31
Denver, Colorado*



The KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Often I have read in the *Knight Templar Magazine* that Sir Knights are interested in collecting various items — pennies, plates, buttons, etc. I would suggest that a Masonic Exchange be initiated as a clearing house where all requests could be forwarded.

If any of the Sir Knights would be interested, I would start one by exchanging pennies, Syria Temple souvenirs, or any other items, possibly through an exchange of listings.

It may be a way of enlarging collections and/or disposing of items not wanted.

Would be interested in hearing from other Sir Knights who have similar desires. *Glenn L. Roller, P.C., 109 W. Hoke Street, Spring Grove, Pennsylvania 17362*

□ Would like to acquire a complete set (or any part thereof) of Triennial Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar — 1856 to 1967. I have in my possession Proceedings from 1970, 1973 and 1976. Please write: *William H. Thornley, Jr., P.G.C., Colorado, Northwestern Department Commander, 2885 South Vine Street, Denver, Colorado 80210.*

□ I am trying to gather a complete set of Missouri Lodge of Research transactions. The following volumes are the ones I need: I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, XII, XIII, XIX, and XXX. Any Brother having copies he would like to dispose of reasonably, please write. *H. C. Arbuckle, III, P.O. Box 3026, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404*

□ I would like to buy or obtain information where I can buy a yellow gold ring with a Masonic square and compass, preferably on a blue stone but will accept a black one; with the Knight Templar emblem on one side of the ring, and on the other side, the Shrine emblem. I will pay a reasonable amount for either a new or used ring. Anyone with any information please write. *John H. Barnett, 7111 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois 62035.*

□ After reading "Knight Voices," I am hoping you can help me with my family tree. I am looking for information about the family of David Hardie of St. Andrews, Scotland. He was killed in France during WWI at age 28. He was part of the Cameron Highlanders. I have a picture of him with a Masonic apron and banner inscribed with Lodge Millothian. His father's name was Charles, and he had a brother Willie. I would be interested in any information about his descendants. *Mrs. William J. Kary, Route 1, Box 111 P, Olathe, Kansas 66061*

□ I have noticed many people are looking for help on their family histories through "Knight Voices." I have been doing family searching and family histories for 25 years. Will be happy to do all I can to help. The area I search is Albany, Schenectady, and Saratoga County, New York. I have written to the people who asked for help in the past. Have a rather extensive historical library, and I can generally find mention of most families. *Donald D. Hand, P.O. Box 4334, Schenectady, New York 12304*

□ I do not collect covers as such, but receive from time to time philatelic souvenirs. I have four — postmarked June 13, 1977, Charleston, South Carolina, issued by Louisiana Lodge No. 102, honoring the 200th anniversary of the arrival in America of Marquis de Lafayette, June 13, 1777. I will be happy to send one or more of this issue to any Brother upon receipt of a No. 10 stamped and self-addressed envelope. *Ronald E. Heaton, 728 Haws Avenue, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401*

□ I am a Past Master and have a Master Mason ring with a gavel on side. It is a yellow gold with a small diamond.

I have large fingers so if any one is interested it could be made smaller. Appraised at \$600; would like \$400 for same.

I belong to Launsbury Lodge No. 751 Barrington, Illinois. This year makes me a 50 year member of the Masonic Order. *Gust Fredin, 210 North Raymond Avenue, Barrington, Illinois 60010*

□ Will sell sword with scabbard, ebony handle. Marking: In Hoc Signo Vinces with name — — — — —. Call or write. A reasonable offer accepted. *A. S. Aharonian, 38 Wellington Street, New Britain, Connecticut 06053, 203-229-1892*

□ I am a student of Masonry and would like to locate and acquire Masonic literature. I enjoy reading and studying anything to do with Freemasonry. If any Sir Knights or Brethren have any books that they would like to dispose of, I would be thrilled to receive them. I can't pay a big price for books, but will answer any letters received. Also, if anyone wishes to, they may ship books postage collect and/or I will pay shipping. They would be cherished and would be available to any Masonic student. *James Mallard, Dyersburg Commandery No. 18, 814 Parkview Street, Dyersburg, Tennessee 38024*

□ I collect Masonic watch fobs and jewels. Anyone who has any for sale, please write, forwarding description and black and white photo. I will then make a fair offer. *Adrian H. Krieg, 119 Maplevalle Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525*

□ Genealogy — Great grandfather died in 6th Virginia Voluntary Cavalry 1863 at Ashland, Virginia, in defense of Richmond; Charles Amarius Cooper Wade also wrote letters to great grandmother while working for the Coastal Survey in Washington in 1851. His birth date and place of marriage to Sue Rebecca Mary Frances Lemmon, July 19, 1849, not shown in National Archives. Does anyone know how to find records of Coastal Survey? *Amory H. Waite, 3248 Valencia Road, Venice, Florida 33595*

□ If there are any Sir Knights that have old tie clasps that they no longer want laying in a drawer, I would be happy to receive them.

I am undertaking a collection and need help in getting started.

I am a member of Chicago Heights Commandery No. 78, Illinois S.F.C. *Lloyd Atterson, U.S. Army, 1010 Dixie Highway, Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411*

□ I am trying to locate the sword belonging to my father, Sir Knight Rex Rudicel of Raper Commandery in Indianapolis, Indiana. Believe the sword was lost prior to 1960. Any information or leads would be appreciated. *Mrs. Berdine Proctor, 103 Turquoise Street, Bisbee, Arizona 85603.*

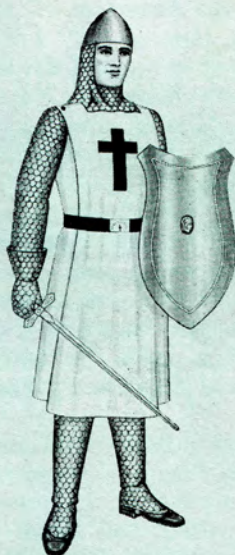
□ I collect circus posters and give talks to groups on circuses and the history of the circus. I would like to obtain any circus posters, especially Shrine circus posters. Am retired on a fixed income, but could repay postage fees. Please write. *Arwin K. Walbridge, 440 Garland Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001*

"AN EXHORTATION TO THE WHOLE ORDER"

One of the many treatises written by St. Bernard, the *Knight Templar Magazine* theme for March, was intended for the Templar leader, Hugh de Payens, but was in truth an exhortation to the whole order. Bernard called Templars "a service of men armed against spiritual wickedness in high places."

St. Bernard, canonized in 1174, once wrote to Grand Master de Payens:

"You are sufficient securely and faithfully to guard the heavenly charge entrusted to you, provided that in no degree do you ever presume upon your own prudence or bravery, but rely only upon the help of God."



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