Brother Theodore Roosevelt
The "Rough Rider"
There's a proverb that tells us this is the one day which is significant and meaningful. "In its brief course lies all the realities and verities of existence . . . yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow only a vision — but, today, well-lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."

There is a world of wisdom in that quotation. Think about it, then act upon it. It doesn't matter what we accomplished yesterday, a year ago, or even back in 1118 A.D. when the Order was formed. It doesn't matter what we expect to do tomorrow, a month or a decade from now. Today is important, today is made for the "splendor of action"; and it's "today, well-lived," that will make the dream of tomorrow come true.

It's quite true that this is the only day which really matters — if we want Templary to progress tomorrow. As Grand Master, an office I guarantee will never be taken lightly, I mean to make the most of this day and every day. I mean to work unceasingly to promote the Christian Order of Knighthood and the York Rite Bodies in every possible way. I expect the same kind of thinking and the same kind of action from all officers of the Order, and I look for the same brand of unified support among all Templars everywhere.

I believe that every genuine leader — whether it's Brother Teddy Roosevelt, or Einstein, Galileo, Brother George Washington, George Bernard Shaw or whoever — has had one basic understanding in common: Today in its brief span contains all the realities of existence; today is the day that truly counts.

By this time you have received information, direct or indirect, of the 54th Triennial Conclave sessions, the new officers, the new per capita, the more liberalized Knights Templar Educational Foundation and Eye Foundation, the decision of the voters to continue 12 issues of the Knight Templar Magazine and other details. More will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, let's continue to do our respective jobs — even better — today and every day. We have a proud heritage.

And remember the proverb, "Look well, therefore, to this day."
OCTOBER: Brother Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President, was born October 27, 1858, and died at the untimely age of 60 on January 6, 1919. The Library of Congress cover reproduction shows him as a “Rough Rider” in the 1898 storming of San Juan Hill. The capsule story of that period in his life is told by Joan Behrens. In this issue is P.G.M. Jerry Rasor’s keynoter at the 54th Triennial Conclave. Also featured is Ed Bloomquist, new Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership. There are other timely features, plus vignettes of the new Department Commanders for 1979-82.

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Material for the Grand Commanders’ two page Supplements is to be directed to the respective Supplement Editors. Address corrections from members are to be sent to the local Recorders.

Oracle: The Grand Recorder is pleased to receive a note from Mrs. Donald G. Knowlton, Fullerton, Oracle of Whittier Assembly, Social Order of the Beacant in California. Mrs. Knowlton orders two additional Needlepoint Kits, and closes on this complimentary note: “I must add a note of appreciation for the excellent magazine, the Knight Templar. Of all periodicals of Masonry received in this house, the Knight Templar is most appreciated and cherished. Never discarded, for the articles are always topical, useful and interesting, and in many cases inspiring. We are proud to be associated with this Order. May it go on forever.”

Preliminary: Mailings from the Grand Encampment office, on behalf of the 12th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, will be in the mail shortly, or have been already received, for all Constituent and Subordinate Recorders, Grand Commanders and individual Grand Commandery Chairmen — as well as packets of information to each Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Department Commanders.

The mailing is preliminary to the official opening of the Campaign, which begins December 1 of 1979 and concludes April 30, 1980. General Chairman Charles S. McIntyre, Jr., again has been appointed by Grand Master Johnson to head the 12th Voluntary Campaign.

Universal: “All that is honorable, enobling, right and uplifting is included in the lessons of the Symbolic Degrees. These same lessons can be accepted by all men of every country and every conceivable doctrine.”


Christmas: The Committee on Religious Activities, headed by Gordon J. Brenner, has prepared a suitable Christmas Toast to Grand Master Johnson. The Toast and Response are transmitted “with the request that” Templars extend an invitation to all Sir Knights to “join in the sentiments thus conveyed at some convenient hour, on or near the birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day, December 25 in the Year of Grace 1979.” Grand Recorders may secure copies, for their own Grand Commandery inserts, at seven cents each — in quantities under 100, or five cents each — in quantities of 100 or more, from the Grand Encampment office, Chicago.

Shrine Chaplain: Sir Knight Edward A. Puff, 33°, a member of Dayton Commandery No. 68, and an honorary member of Reed Commandery, Dayton, Ohio, was appointed Imperial Chaplain of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America at the 105th Convention of the Shrine at Minneapolis. He serves under Imperial Potentate and Sir Knight Charles J. Claypool of Dayton for the year 1979-80. The Reverend Puff has served his church, Memorial United Church of Christ, for 37 years in Dayton and recently celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his ordination from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.
The first official business of the 54th Triennial Conclave at Indianapolis began August 9 with a meeting of the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and concluded with a briefing session and dinner by the Grand Master for the elected and appointed Grand Officers and Committee Chairmen Thursday afternoon and evening, August 16. The following Conclave actions were taken by the voting members (Past Grand Commanders and Dais Officers) at the formal session beginning August 13 in the following order:

Section 237.6, of the Statutes, was amended by adding a new heading and section, NATIONAL AWARD —
(a) A national award shall be given by the Grand Encampment at each Triennial Conclave
(b) It shall be awarded to a person, not necessarily a Knight Templar, who has made an outstanding contribution to our country through civic, professional, military, scientific, religious, etc., endeavor
(c) Nominations for the award may be made by any Commandery or Sir Knight
(d) Nominations are to be made to the Grand Master who may either refer the nominations to a special committee or have the Grand Encampment Line Officers choose the recipient. The Grand Encampment Line Officers or the Special Committee may in their discretion determine the criteria for the award.

Section 12 of the Constitution was amended to read: "Funds of the Grand Encampment shall be disbursed only on Warrants on the Grand Treasurer, signed by the Grand Master, or in his absence or disability by the Deputy Grand Master, and attested by the Grand Recorder. In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Grand Recorder, Warrants signed by the Grand Master may be attested by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance. Provided further, that in the event only of an emergency or the inability of the Grand Master to sign, then in that further event only, the Funds of the Grand Encampment shall be disbursed only on Warrants on the Grand Treasurer, signed by any two of the following: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Recorder, Chairman of the Committee on Finance. No Warrant shall be issued unless the Grand Encampment shall have made an appropriation to cover it save that in cases of emergency or necessity. Warrants approved in writing by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance may be issued on the General Fund to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000)."

Section 32 of the Constitution was amended to permit retention of rank by R.E. Grand Treasurers and R.E. Grand Recorders. The Sections affected are Section 55, Constitution; Statutes 235, 242, 247, 248, 249, 258, 261 — generally dealing with the size and description of such jewels.

A motion to amend Section 41(i) and 62(c) was approved which extended permission to use ceremonial robes in the Asylum for the conferring of the Order of the Temple and for the opening and closing of a Commandery, with design and material approved by the respective Grand Commandery.

Approval was voted for the Official Ritual of the Grand Encampment to be printed in "clear English" with the exception of the "obligation → → →"
and means of recognition, which shall be designated by printing the first letter of each word.”

Section 113½ of the Statutes was amended to add a new subsection (c) calling for a “Holy Land Committee” — with “general oversight of the practical working of sending ordained Christian ministers, gratis, on Pilgrimages to the Holy Land . . .”

Permission was granted (Section 43, Constitution) for a Grand Commandery, by its laws, to provide for the appointment by its Grand Commander of administrative officers for “the performance of such administrative duties as may be prescribed by its laws.”

An addendum will be prepared, combining all changes since the issue of the 1967 Constitution, and printed for distribution until a new Constitution has been prepared by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The budget for the operation of the Grand Encampment services, including continuation of the present monthly issue of the Knight Templar Magazine, was adopted. The per capita increase approved by the voters was 50 cents annually, 20 cents of which was designated as an exigency for inflation.

Celebrating 160 Years

Saturday, October 20, Philadelphia St. John’s Corinthian Commandery No. 4, Pennsylvania, will celebrate 160 years of “service as a Christian organization.” Past Commander and Recorder Willis S. Herrmann, in an historical address to be presented at the banquet, notes that St. John’s Commandery (whose history is now incorporated with Philadelphia and Corinthian Commanderies) is “the oldest Commandery in continuous existence in the U.S.” and is known as “the mother of Commanderies” having helped to form more than ten other Pennsylvania Commanderies as well as the Grand Commandery of New Jersey.

Originally chartered as St. John’s Encampment in June 1819, its Past Commanders have included Samuel Badger and Samuel Perkins, later Right Worshipful Grand Masters of Pennsylvania; R. Sterling Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania; and Sir Knight Simon Cameron, who later became Secretary of War in Lincoln’s Cabinet.

Tracing the membership figures over the years, Herrmann says St. John’s Commandery “flourished in the years prior to the First World War, but during the war years only slight gains were achieved. In the decade following, the influx of new members was overwhelming. Unfortunately, the Great Depression and Second World War had its adverse affects. The patriotism, pride and morality we were raised with, the belief in Jesus Christ and the love of God was considered passe. Apathy was prevalent. Philadelphia Commandery No. 2, Corinthian No. 53, and St. John’s, all struggling to survive, consolidated on May 1, 1963.”

The availability of 54th Triennial souvenirs and mementoes will be announced in the November Knight Templar Magazine.

Mid-Summer Ingathering, A.M.D.

The Annual Harold V. B. Voorhis Mid-Summer Ingathering of the Councils of Allied Masonic Degrees of New Jersey was held Saturday, July 28, in Palmyra. Distinguished guests included William D. Shuff, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, New Jersey; Herbert N. North, Jr., Grand Master, Grand Council; S.K. Herbert W. Matthews, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery; Marvin E. Fowler, Provincial Grand Master, Royal Order of Scotland; and Edgar N. Pepper, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
When the *Maine* was sunk in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898, Theodore Roosevelt was Assistant Secretary of the Navy, appointed to the position by President McKinley. On April 19, Congress granted the President power "to end the [Spanish] hostilities in Cuba." Spain declared war on the U.S. on April 24, and the next day, the U.S. returned the action.

The Spanish-American War officially lasted from April 25 to July 15, when Santiago surrendered. On August 12 an armistice was signed. It was one of the briefest campaigns in the history of warfare, but it was notable for two reasons: First, the War with Spain was very popular in the U.S. Since the 1870's American sympathy had been with the Cubans and against Spanish rule on this largest of the West Indies' islands. For perhaps the first time since the Civil War, Northerners and Southerners alike agreed on a common enemy and stood side-by-side again on the same battlefield. Second, despite its brevity, one group of soldiers — a volunteer unit — would be depicted ever after as the epitome of American fighting men. This group, officially known as the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry, was publicly proclaimed the "Rough Riders."

At the outbreak of the war, Congress authorized the raising of "three cavalry regiments from among the wild riders and riflemen of the Rockies and the Great Plains." Roosevelt himself was offered command of one of the units, but he declined because of his lack of military experience. Instead, he suggested that Dr. Leonard Wood, former White House surgeon and an experienced soldier (a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient for his efforts against Geronimo) be appointed Colonel, and that he, Roosevelt, be named Lieutenant Colonel. In years to follow, both officers would be Masonic brothers: Roosevelt would be raised in Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, New York, in 1901, after election to the vice-presidency; Wood would become a Master Mason in Anglo Saxon Lodge No. 137, Brooklyn, and later a Knight Templar in Englewood Commandery No. 59, Chicago.

Contemporary observers of the 1898 conflict have repeatedly commented on the "national unpreparedness" of the U.S. for war. But as soon as the word went out for volunteers to "rescue" Cuba from her oppressors, the response was immediate. Speaking of the raising of the "Rough Riders" unit, Roosevelt said "the difficulty in organizing was not selecting, but in rejecting men." Originally the soldiers in the 1st Volunteer Cavalry were to come exclusively from the West — New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. Eventually, however, the "Rough Riders" would include the strangest collection of humanity ever to share the same rations. In the majority were cowboys, ex-sheriffs, full-blooded Indians and miners from the West, but the East was represented by bankers, stock-brokers, college blue-bloods and millionaires. They ranged in age from 17 to 69.

The regiment mustered at San Antonio, Texas, where Wood and Roosevelt undertook the task of disciplining men and beasts to
the rigors of military life. Of the horses purchased for the unit, more than half were unbroken, but this was of little consequence to the men, most of whom were “born” in the saddle. For weeks the cavalry drilled, thinking that they would storm the enemy on horseback beside the regulars. However, as it ultimately came to pass, the “cavalry” units which did reach Cuba were never used mounted, but fought on foot with the regular army infantry. The few horses that did make it to the islands were used by the officers, including Roosevelt.

But even though the 1st Volunteers took Cuba on foot, they were distinct from the regulars; their uniform consisted of dark grey slouch hat, dusty brown blouse, or blue flannel shirt, brown trousers, leggings and boots, with a handkerchief tied about the neck.

From San Antonio, Roosevelt and Wood took their men to Tampa, Florida, assigned as the embarkation point. They remained there with all the other troops for two weeks awaiting supplies, transportation and orders, and generally waiting for the confusion to subside.

Also preparing for movement from Tampa were a collection of newspaper correspondents and photographers who would accompany the troops into battle and send back to the U.S. public some of the most remarkable war documentation to date. Among the better known were writers Richard Harding Davis and Stephen Crane (whose Red Badge of Courage, written in 1895 is still considered a classic of the psychology of man and war). Seventy-seven year old Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was also on hand supervising the hospital work; Miss Barton would herself land on Cuba during the fighting and personally administer to the wounded.

Of the three “cowboy” outfits of volunteers authorized by Congress, only the Rough Riders would see action on

Cuba. Eight of the twelve troops raised, with 70 men in each troop, were selected, though the horses, except those for top officers, were left behind. Roosevelt later wrote, “They sent us dismounted, but we should be glad to go on all fours rather than not go at all.” (The drawing on the cover depicts Roosevelt leading a mounted troop into battle. While he was on horseback, the Rough Riders themselves fought on foot.)

Finally, on June 13, they left Port Tampa, and for the next six days sailed to Cuba, landing at Daiquiri on the 22nd. Each man carried three days’ field rations and a hundred rounds of ammunition. General and Brother William R. Shafter commanded the 5th Corps, the Army of Invasion, and the Rough Riders, with the 1st and 10th Regulars formed the 2nd Brigade, Cavalry Division. Second in command under Shafter was Sir Knight and Major General Joseph Wheeler, 69-year old Confederate veteran of the Civil War.

At the first encounter with the Spanish at Las Guasimas, the American force consisted of 964 men. The Rough Riders lost eight men killed and 34 wounded, compared to a total of 16 dead and 52 wounded for the three full regiments. Supplies were always short, but in the midst of the jungle battle the men were often forced to dine on hard tack and water. As an officer, Roosevelt could have indulged in a few more luxuries in the area of food and bedding, but it was his feeling that leaders must earn the respect of their men and show themselves to be as hard as the troops. He said, “With all volunteer troops ... in time of trial, the best work can be got out of the men only if the officers endure the same hardships and face the same risks.”

At 4 a.m. on July 1, 1898, the entrenched troops were called to reveille. One by one the units moved into position at the base of San Juan and Kettle Hills. Roosevelt, seated atop his mount, moved
among his men urging them forward. He moved the men on at such a pace that the rear line was soon crowding the one in front. Roosevelt rode to the head of the regiment to discover the delay. He found the 9th Cavalry, a unit of black Indian fighters, "prone on the grass, with their white officers standing and shouting to them encouragingly." Roosevelt approached the captain, stated that his Rough Riders had been "ordered to support the regulars in the attack on the hills," and suggested rushing them. The captain said that he had been told to keep his men where they were and was awaiting further orders.

Since the Colonel of the 9th was nowhere to be found, Roosevelt declared himself as ranking officer and gave the order to charge. When the Captain did not immediately comply, the Lieutenant Colonel ordered him to clear his men from the path to let the Rough Riders through. The 1st volunteers charged through the front line, following Roosevelt. Troops from all around, including the 9th, joined in. An eyewitness to the charge wrote, "It was a glorious, almost incredible sight... It was magnificent. Probably it is against all the rules of modern warfare to attack so strong a position without the aid of strong artillery." Another witness also described the scene. Stephen Crane wrote: "There is many a good American who would give an arm to get the thrill of patriotic insanity that coursed through us... Yes, they were going up the hill, up the hill. It was the best moment of anybody's life. An officer said to me afterward: 'If we had been in that position and the enemy had come at us, we would have piled them up so high the last man could not have climbed over'."

By 4 o'clock that afternoon, the American forces were situated just outside Santiago; of the 400 men Roosevelt had led into action, 86 had been killed or wounded.

On July 3, under flag of truce, General Shafer asked for surrender of the Spanish forces. The Spanish general refused. By the 8th, no advance had been made, but news came of Wood's promotion to Brigadier General and Roosevelt's to full Colonel. The last shot was fired July 11. Spanish General Toral signed the surrender agreement on the 15th, and American troops occupied Santiago soon after. General Wood served as military Governor of Santiago following the surrender. With the signing of the Treaty of Paris, December 10, 1898, Spain "relinquished sovereignty in Cuba, ceded to the United States, Porto Rico, Guam, one of the Ladrone Islands and, for the payment of $20,000,000, the Philippines."

Ultimately, the figure for killed and wounded from Roosevelt's Rough Riders would exceed one third of the total men selected for the unit. They had been engaged in a battle lasting less than 60 days and were together as a regiment for four months, disbanding on September 15. Their pay for the duration was $13 a month per man — a total of $52, plus allowances for clothes and rations.

Back in April when Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt told his superior of his plans regarding Cuba, Secretary Long wrote: "My Assistant Secretary, Roosevelt, has determined upon resigning, in order to go into the Army and take part in the war. He has been of great use; a man of unbounded energy and force, and thoroughly honest — which is the main thing. He has lost his head to this unutterable folly of deserting the post where he is of the most service and running off to ride a horse and, probably, brush mosquitoes from his neck... And yet how absurd all this will sound, if by some turn of fortune he should accomplish some great things and strike a very high mark." Secretary Long added a later postscript: "Roosevelt was right, and we, his friends, wrong. His going into the Army led straight to the presidency."
A special meeting of Joseph of Arimathea Tabernacle No. IV, Muskogee, was held July 28, 1979, when Oklahoma Past Grand Commander Richard E. Newhouse was honored as reportedly "the oldest living member of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests." The meeting was held at Trade Winds Restaurant in Tulsa, with all members and their ladies joining Sir Knight Newhouse and his lady, Ethel (right), for the dinner.

"In addition to being a charter member and Past Preceptor of Joseph of Arimathea Tabernacle, "says Oklahoma Grand Recorder F. M. Lumbard, "Sir Knight Newhouse has a distinguished record of service to the fraternity in the state. Besides being a Past Grand Commander, he is a Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, Knight Grand Cross, K.Y.C.H., a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and holds numerous other Masonic honors." A cake decorated with the Knight Templar Priest emblem was a feature at the dinner.

Christmas Carols at the Royal Masonic Hospital, London

The Royal Masonic Hospital in London, has commissioned a recording of Christmas Carols, sung by the "Cantores Medecini" for its 1979 fund-raising campaign. Robert R. Clemons, Lubbock, Texas, writes that the recording was "produced at cost by a major recording studio, for sale to the Craft in either record or cassette tape for $5.00 plus postage."

According to Clemons, the only way the recordings can be sold internationally without excessive postage and with "maximum protection against breakage" is by the box. Postage on a package of 1 to 15 records is $20.00; for a larger package of up to 35 discs, postage is $25.00. A package of 1 to 20 cassettes costs $15.00; up to 50 cassettes is $20.00. He suggests that "interested Brothers should consolidate their orders - by Lodge, Commandery or within a local area, and mail them with payment to: The Royal Masonic Hospital Association of Friends, Ravenscourt Park, London W6 0TN, England."

The recording "has received critical acclaim as outstanding artistic achievement," Clemons writes. "Please order early to allow time in the mail to be sure of delivery before Christmas. It is an excellent value for the money, in addition to providing support for the Hospital of the Grand Lodge of England."
COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WILL PAY OFF

by

E. Bloomquist

Chairman, Grand Encampment Committee on Membership

The 1979-82 Chairman of Membership is Ed T. Bloomquist, P.G.C., Texas. His membership endeavors in Texas are recognized throughout the Grand Encampment, and his Campaign fund-raising activities for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation have placed his Grand Commandery in first place in recent years. He is joined in the present triennium’s membership plans by J. B. McGuirt, P.G.C., South Carolina, and T. Olin Gore, Jr., P.G.C., Mississippi.

When Most Eminent Grand Master Kenneth Johnson asked me to serve as the Membership Chairman for the Grand Encampment, my first inclination was to say “no” — chiefly because of constant involvement in membership efforts, festivals, public relations and related activities in the Grand Commandery of Texas.

However, it is extremely difficult to say “no” to a wonderful and dedicated leader such as Ken. Then, when he told me I would be working with Right Eminent T. Olin Gore and J. B. McGuirt, there was absolutely no way I could turn down the assignment! These two outstanding Templars are recognized far beyond their own states for their dedication to all branches of the Masonic family, especially in the field of Membership.

Neither the Grand Master, the Grand Encampment, the Editor nor the readers want the Knight Templar Magazine to be filled with nothing but membership messages every month. However, Sir Knights Gore, McGuirt and I, with the cooperation of the Grand Recorder, do wish to submit membership materials or ideas from time to time which might prove helpful. We certainly don’t want to do anything to dampen readership, but we will look forward to opportunities to submit helpful items for recruiting assistance.

It is impossible for a Membership Program for Knights Templar to work without FULL cooperation among Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commanderies. Any Masonic Membership Committee must be composed of men who are interested in all branches of Masonry and are dedicated and willing to WORK. There are many heartaches in membership, but there is also much happiness and pride with a job well done. The person who wrote the Charge in the Past Master’s Degree must have been a terrific worker in Membership when he said, “Never in future life accept any Masonic office unless you make up your mind to qualify yourself to fill that office perfectly and creditably and merit the honors the brethren have conferred upon you.”

A Templar Membership Committee to be successful must start at the top by having the complete support of the Grand Officers of all York Rite Bodies in the State — the Grand Lodge, → → →
Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. It is the responsibility of the Grand Officers of each Grand Commandery to work wholeheartedly for this unity to come about, and this doesn’t just happen — you have to work at it. Our unity program in Texas is just great in all branches of Masonry because we really work at it.

It is the duty of every Officer of every Commandery in every State to appoint dedicated Masons to their Membership Committees and then sit down with the Officers of their Blue Lodges, their Chapters and Councils and see how they can best work together. They need to also work with the Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, the Beauchant, Rainbow and DeMolay. All Masonry must support each other in every way if we are to be successful.

Now, Sir Knights, we know that the things that work in some Commanderies will not work in others, but there are two things that we have in Templary that will work everywhere and they are the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and our Education Program — if they are handled correctly. Both are tools of membership.

During these next three years we hope to be able to bring you ideas that have worked in all parts of our great country and keep you fully informed as to our progress. In the very near future a letter will go to all Grand Recorders and Line Officers of all Grand Commanderies with a return, self-addressed card asking for names and addresses of their Membership Committees. With the information we receive in contacting these Committees, we hope to keep every Sir Knight aware about Membership as consistently as possible through our Knight Templar Magazine.

If your Commandery is not using all the services furnished by our Grand Recorder’s Office, your Commandery is really missing a chance to grow. If your Recorder is not sending the Grand Recorder’s Office all change of addresses, deaths, suspensions and membership increases, then some of your members are being deprived of the Knight Templar Magazine.

E. Bloomquist, Chairman of Membership, asks that suggestions for membership be forwarded to him at P.O. Box 296, Waco, Texas 76703.
As Department Commanders for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, the seven men featured below will serve during the 1979-82 triennium as representatives of Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson and the Grand Encampment. Each will preside over the annual Regional Conference in his Department and report to the Most Eminent Grand Master on the condition of the Order in the respective jurisdictions.

William D. Geesey, Department Commander for the Northeastern Department, will serve the Grand Commanderies of Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont, and the Subordinate Commanderies in Delaware.

He is a life-long resident of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy and, from 1937 to 1940, an undergraduate through the Extension School of Pennsylvania State College. Employed with Hendrick Manufacturing Co. for 33 years, he is currently Supervisor of the Estimating Department. Geesey is a 50-year member of the First United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Betty, have four children.

Raised a Master Mason in Carbondale Lodge No. 249, 1944, and Knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 14, 1949, he has served as presiding officer of all York Rite Bodies and served as Grand Commander of Pennsylvania in 1970. He is presently Chairman of the Educational Foundation in Pennsylvania. Also member, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Royal Order of Scotland, and holds the 32° in the Scottish Rite, 1969.

In addition to his business career, Sir Knight Geesey has been a professional musician for 34 years; in that time he has played trumpet with the Scranton Philharmonic and Wayne County Symphony.

John B. Maxey, is the new Department Commander of the Southeastern Department, including the Grand Commanderies of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Born at Calvin, Louisiana, Sir Knight Maxey received a B.S. Degree in Business Administration from Northwestern State College at Natchitoches. He taught for two years prior to entering the Navy in 1941. Following service, he moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where he and his wife, Bert, reside and where he is presently Supervisor of the Accounting Section, South Carolina Tax Commission.

Masonically, he was Raised in Columbia Lodge No. 326, A.F.M., serving as Worshipful Master in 1955. He is past presiding officer of Columbia Chapter No. 5 and Union Council No. 5. In 1976 he was elected Grand Commander of South Carolina. Sir Knight Maxey is Secretary-Recorder of the Columbia Scottish Rite Bodies, coronetted a 33°, Inspector General Honorary, in 1975.

Other membership includes Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, Knight Masons, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Eastern Star and Shrine.

Sir Knight Maxey is a member of the St. Mark United Methodist Church where he teaches an adult Sunday School Class.

Morrison L. Cooke was appointed Department Commander of the East Central Department.
including the Grand Commanderies of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia.

He is a graduate of the University of Louisville holding degrees in the field of psychology. During WWII he joined the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and later the U.S. Navy Reserve. Since then, in addition to private practice, he has served as Psychologist for the Kentucky Department for Human Resources. He and his wife, Lois, reside in Louisville; they have two children.

A Senior Lay Reader, Christ Church Cathedral in the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, Sir Knight Cooke is also Chairman of the Cathedral Lay Readers Guild and former Deputy to the Diocesan Convention. He is a member, Kentucky Psychological Association and founder, Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency.

A 25-year member of Lodge and all York Rite Bodies, Sir Knight Cooke was elected Grand Commander of Kentucky in 1973. He is former Kentucky Supplement Editor for the Knight Templar Magazine. Other Masonic membership includes the Scottish Rite Bodies of Louisville in which he holds the 32° and K.C.C.H.; Red Cross of Constantine, A.A.O.N.M.S., Royal Order of Scotland, K.Y.C.H., H.R.A.K.T.P., and Philalethes.

The new Department Commander for the North Central Department is Armun D. Jones, Mandan, North Dakota. The Grand Commanderies of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin form this Department.

A native of Ionia, Kansas, Sir Knight Jones has been employed for the past 29 years in the field of general building construction and is currently construction superintendent. During WWII he served in the U.S. Air Force in the North Africa, Sardinia and Italy Campaigns. He and his wife, Rita, are members of the Methodist Church of Mandan.

In 1967 Sir Knight Jones was Raised in Mandan Lodge No. 8, which he served as Worshipful Master and where he presently is Secretary. In the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, he is a District Deputy Grand Lecturer. Also in 1967, he completed the York Rite Degrees and Orders. He is past presiding officer of Missouri Chapter No. 1, Twin City Council No. 7, and Tancred Commandery No. 1, all of Mandan. He progressed through the Grand Line of North Dakota, elected Grand Commander in 1978.

Sir Knight Jones holds the 32° in the Valley of Bismarck-Mandan, A.A.S.R.; he is a member of El Zagal Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Fargo; Queen Esther Chapter No. 9, Order of Eastern Star; White Shrine of Jerusalem; K.Y.C.H.; and is a charter member of the Sovereign York Rite College of North Dakota, presently serving as Secretary.

Merlin R. Grundy is the new Department Commander for the South Central Department which includes the Grand Commanderies of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, currently a registered professional engineer employed as sales engineer for a Kansas firm. He is a past Chairman of Kansas City Chapter No. 57, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and Past President, Shawnee Mission Rotary.

Masonically, he was Raised in Old Mission Lodge No. 153, Prairie Village,
serving as Worshipful Master in 1955. He is Past High Priest of Wyandotte Chapter No. 6; Past Illustrious Master of Wyandotte Council No. 6, and Past Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21, all in Kansas City. He currently serves as Treasurer of each body named.

Sir Knight Grundy was elected Grand Commander of Kansas Templars this year. He was Coronetted an Inspector General Honorary of the 33° in 1969, and appendant Masonic membership includes: H.R.A.K.T.P.; St. Justin Conclave, R.C.C.; Abdallah Temple Shrine; Royal Order of Scotland; and K.Y.C.H.

He and his wife, Marion, are the parents of four children.

William H. Thornley, Jr., was re-appointed Department Commander of the Northwestern Department serving the Grand Commanderies of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

A registered professional engineer, Sir Knight Thornley is Executive Vice President of F.M. Fox & Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers and Geologists in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. He is a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and member of numerous engineering societies. He is a veteran of WWII, having served with the 90th Infantry Division in Europe where he was wounded and decorated for gallantry in action four times. A member of Christ Church, Episcopal.

Raised a Master Mason in King Solomon’s Lodge No. 346, F. & A.M., Connellsville, Pennsylvania, he is member and past presiding officer of Colorado Chapter No. 29, Denver Council No. 1, and (then) Denver Commandery No. 25. In 1976 he was elected Grand Commander of Colorado Templars. In the Grand Chapter of Colorado he served as Grand High Priest in 1966 and is currently Grand Steward of Colorado’s Grand Council.


He and his wife, Jane, reside in Denver and have three children.

As Department Commander of the Southwestern Department, Jay R. Newman will be the Grand Master’s representative for the jurisdictions of Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah.

Sir Knight Newman and his wife, Ella, reside in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he has been employed with the D & RGW Railroad since 1942. For many years he has been active with Boy Scouts of America, serving as Scoutmaster, Explorer Advisor, Neighborhood Commissioner, and as Chairman of the “Boy Scout Report to the Governor Program” co-hosted by Argenta Lodge No. 3 and the Grand Lodge of Utah 1967-1970.

Raised in Argenta Lodge in 1957, Sir Knight Newman received the York Rite Degrees and Orders in 1957. He is serving in 1979 as Grand Master of the First Veil of the Grand Chapter of Utah, and in 1972 was elected Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council. He was Grand Commander of Utah in 1975.

In the Scottish Rite, Newman holds the 32°, S.J.; he is a member of El Kalah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; H.R.A.K.T.P.; K.Y.C.H.; Royal Order of Scotland; and Knight Masons. In 1979 Newman serves as Chairman of the Western Conference of Grand York Rite Bodies.
Regional York Rite Conferences

At this writing, the first York Rite Regional Conference of the triennium was held successfully September 8 and 9 at Shawnee, Oklahoma, Merlin R. Grundy, Department Commander.

The remaining schedule, with minor adjustments, has been announced as follows:


Grand Bethel Names Honored Queen

Miss Sara Ann Fowner, Nottingham, Pennsylvania, was named Grand Bethel Honored Queen of the Mary Etta Wright Grand Bethel of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the 24th annual Grand Sessions, held at Elizabethtown College in June. The seventeen-year old Grand Bethel Queen is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fowner; she is a senior at Solanco High School and has been a member of Job’s Daughters of Bethel No. 14, Quarryville, for four years. She is, writes Past Grand Guardian Mrs. Doris Tressler, “a past Honored Queen and the first member from Quarryville to be named to the Grand Bethel high office.”

Trustees of Permanent Fund

Harrison C. Hartline, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, senior member of the trustees of the Permanent Fund for the Grand Encampment, reported for the trustees at the 54th Triennial Conclave in Indianapolis. His term expires in 1982.

Elected to complete the unexpired term of Past Grand Generalissimo C. Byron Lear, resigned, was Allan S. Mason, P.G.C., California. He was elected to serve until 1985.

Newly-elected trustee for a period of nine years was James M. Willson, Jr., P.G.C., Texas.

The Permanent Fund consists of the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer, ex-officio, and three other members of Grand Encampment, one to be elected at each Triennial Conclave to serve nine years.

LP Selections — Old and New

As a result of inquiries from several sources, information is repeated on the “Sousa American Bicentennial Collection” of seven LP recordings featuring 65 of John Philip Sousa’s 136 known march compositions, performed by the Detroit Concert Band under the direction of Sir Knight Leonard B. Smith. Costs of specific records in the set, as well as ordering details, may be obtained through the Detroit Concert Band, Inc., 20962 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236.

The Band has also announced a new release of the first in a series of 36 stereo albums to be known as “Gems of the Concert Band” — an anthology of concert band music in America including more than 400 pieces of music representing over 200 composers.
Raper No. 1 Visits Birmingham

July 6 and 7, 1979, Raper Commandery No. 1, Indianapolis, Indiana, traveled to Birmingham, to exemplify the long form Order of Malta for Alabama Knights Templar. The trip was planned two years ago by then Grand Commander of Alabama Sir Knight Milton L. Fegenbush, and his son, Douglas, a Sir Knight of Raper Commandery. The trip was made at the expense of the Indiana Sir Knights.

Conferral team from Raper Commandery No. 1 poses with Alabama Grand Commander Arthur C. Harding, P.G.C.’s Fegenbush and Hoyt McClendon, and other distinguished guests.

P.G.C. Fegenbush was Exemplar for the event which took place in Birmingham’s Metro York Rite Temple, home of Cyrene Commandery No. 10.

Sometimes it Happens

The Knight Templar Magazine recommends that correspondence regarding purchases of mementoes and similar materials offered in the Knight Templar Magazine be directed to the individuals who announce their availability rather than to the magazine itself. Masonic announcements of this type are accepted as authentic, but occasionally delays are experienced.

Temple No. 4 Hosts Reception

Temple Commandery No. 4, Des Moines, Iowa, held a reception and dinner honoring Sir Knights Marion D. Wilson, Grand Commander, Chris M. Jensen, Grand Treasurer, and Donald J. McLain, Grand Sword Bearer, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa, on Sunday, September 16, 1979, at Webster Inn, West Des Moines, Iowa. Eminent Commander Rolland F. Davis, welcomed the distinguished guests, all of whom are members of Temple Commandery No. 4.

Collectors’ Cachet from Quakertown

Constituted July 25, 1872, Quakertown Lodge No. 512, F. & A.M. has enjoyed more than 100 years of fraternal activity in Pennsylvania. Sir Knight Harry C. Adams, Worshipful Master, invites orders for a limited number of centennial cachets commemorating the Lodge’s 100th Anniversary. The cachets are signed by W.M. Adams and will be mailed upon receipt of $1.00 each plus self-addressed stamped envelope to Secretary, Quakertown Lodge No. 512, F. & A.M., Quakertown, Pennsylvania 18951.

Report from Maine

Richard L. Rhoda, Monument Lodge No. 96, Maine, has written the Masonic Service Association, with a copy to the Knight Templar that “Representative Olympia Snow, Maine, is the widow of Brother Peter Snow who was a member of Tranquil Lodge No. 29, Auburn, Maine. This must certainly be a rarity among our past Members of Congress.” This was sent as a result of the “Masons in Government” listing last July.
THE YORK RITE IN FREEMASONRY

The question is very often asked, "What is the difference between the York Rite and the Scottish Rite in Freemasonry?" Every Freemason should be conscious of the correct answer to that question.

Briefly, the York Rite is the original Rite of Freemasonry in America. It was brought to America by the early English colonists who settled in New England — New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia — and most of the southern colonies. It comprises Masonic teachings exemplified in the Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies.

In the early days there was but one organization in the York Rite, namely, the Lodge, and it was the Lodge which taught practically all the lessons now taught in the other York Rite Bodies. These Bodies came into being as offspring of the Lodges about the year 1780. York Rite Freemasonry flourished for about 50 years in the American colonies before Scottish Rite Masonry was heard of in America.

To receive the full teaching of the Lodge as exemplified by the York Rite, it is essential that a Mason be a member of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery: and unless he takes those steps, there are many things in Lodge teaching which he will never understand.

Scottish Rite Freemasonry is European Continental Freemasonry and had its first inception in Germany and France. It came to this country directly from those countries about the year 1800. Like the Bodies of the York Rite which are based on the Lodge, the Scottish Rite is based upon and exemplified in the teachings of the European Continental Lodges.

Therefore, he who receives the degrees of the Scottish Rite receives a very complete and universal grasp on the teachings of European continental Freemasonry. If in conjunction with that he has received all the degrees of the York Rite Bodies, he is equipped with a most profound grasp of the beauties of Masonic philosophy.

Naturally, every American Freemason should arrange to complete both the York and Scottish Rites. Such an accomplishment will broaden his sympathies, expand his knowledge, make him tolerant to all men, and give him the full equipment of Freemasonry to meet the problems of life.

The preceding statement is presented for Craft consideration and study by Sir Knight Clem Nyberg, a 62-year Mason and Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago. He lives at 2717 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois 60647.

Corporation Report, Elections and Gift

In accordance with requirements of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., a Maryland Corporation, the 54th Triennial Conclave officially was called-off Tuesday afternoon, August 14, at Indianapolis for the "Triennial and Annual Meeting of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation" by the presiding officer, Grand Master Avery, as president of the corporation.

A report was presented by the Executive Director, Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, and two trustees for nine-year terms were elected to office — Alvin L. Crump, Past Department Commander, and Edmund F. Ball, Past Grand Treasurer.

Before the session was called on, the Grand Commandery of Texas presented the Foundation with an additional contribution of $10,000. The presentation was made by Grand Commander James D. Berry.
"WE NEVER DID IT THAT WAY BEFORE"

by
Jerry C. Rasor, P.G.M., Ohio

Monday morning, August 13, 1979, Past Grand Master of Ohio Masons Sir Knight Jerry C. Rasor gave the Keynote Address at the Public Opening of the 54th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Portions of his speech are reprinted in this issue.

It is a rare treat for me to address the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. I have spoken all over the country to all sorts of Masonic groups and bodies, but this is something that I have been looking forward to for some time.

I want to talk briefly about some things that I feel are important to Freemasonry in general and in particular to all Christian Masons who call themselves Sir Knights. That’s quite a title to bear, isn’t it? It’s quite a challenge and it’s quite a responsibility to walk and talk and act as a Freemason. Last year when I was Grand Master of the Masons in Ohio I placed the accent on public relations. I felt that it was long overdue that Freemasonry should get its light out from under the bushel, should let people know who we are and why we are and what we’re doing and not be reticent or hesitant about the fact that we are members of the world’s greatest and oldest and largest fraternity. Everywhere I went I said now come on, let’s tell the world at large who we are and what we’re doing.

I think the key to our success, Sir Knights and Ladies, is enthusiasm. We’ve got to get with it. We’ve got to get excited about this thing that we have in our hands — this great fraternal organization. And we’ve got to exude that enthusiasm and spread it around to all those who know us and with whom we come in contact.

Now, I’ve been watching television since I’ve been here in Indianapolis, the short time I’ve been able to watch it. I always watch the news. And I watched the news last evening on one of the channels here in Indianapolis. I saw all sorts of nasty things that were happening. I saw some good things about the Indiana State Fair, and they had chosen the queen. But you know what I did not see? And I’m sure it’s not the fault of any of us. I did not see one item on the television news about the fact that this Triennial Conclave was taking place in this great capital city of Indiana. And it should be there because this is an important event.

And you know something that I’ve discovered in working with fraternal groups of all kinds? There isn’t enough enthusiasm and willingness to work hard for the things in which we believe. If we are not willing to work hard to upgrade this fraternity and in so doing upgrade the moral fiber of this nation, then we’re all in trouble.

You know, Henry Ford once wrote a little article called “Enthusiasm.” Here’s what this great inventor, great industrialist, great Mason, and great American had to say: You can do anything if you have enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hope rise to the stars. Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eye, the swing in your gait, the grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of your will, and your energy to do what? To → →
execute your ideals.

Enthusiasts are fighters. Sir Knights are Christian fighters. They have staying qualities. Enthusiasm is at the bottom of all progress. And here is the key line: With it there is accomplishment. Without it there are only alibies.

I don’t want to make any alibies for any of the things that I do relative to the promotion of this fraternity. We have tried to bring an enthusiastic approach to the problems that beset us, and Lord knows we do have problems. We can’t overlook them; they’re there. And what are we going to do about them?

Let’s be innovative and inventive and imaginative and willing to try new things to solve old problems. That’s the only way we’re going to achieve our goals of making this a stronger and more viable fraternity.

I’ve discovered in working groups, too, there are a lot of words in our vocabulary that we ought to strike out. But there are some that are awfully important. I challenge you. What are the six most important words in our language? I have them. “I admit I made a mistake.” And the five most important are probably these: “You did a good job.” Try that one. Or how about the four most important words. “What is your opinion?” Or the three most important are simply these: “If you please.” And the two most important words are simply, “Thank you.” The least important word in the English Language and the one I hear more often than any other is “I.”

And I pray to God each day, Sir Knights and Ladies, that the last seven words of this fraternity will never be “We never did it that way before.”

You’ve heard that one a few times, haven’t you? You know, when I was Grand Master, I wanted to do new things; I wanted to be innovative and imaginative and inventive. And people said to me: Jerry, you’ll not get away with it because we’ve never done that before. Well, I was determined that we would do it. And I tried to attack the problems with that old enthusiasm. And you know what enthusiasm is; it’s faith. Faith in yourself, faith in this fraternity, and the fact that it will continue for hundreds of years if we are willing to work for it. Faith in our Almighty God who makes all this possible. That’s what I mean when I say enthusiasm and faith are going to carry us through. We’ve got to persevere. We have got to hang in there and stick with the things in which we believe.

I have been reading in all the Masonic publications that our roles are dropping off. We’re losing members, and we’ve been doing so year after year, particularly in the northern States. But we must find ways to stem the tide and to welcome the young people into our various fraternal organizations. The Ladies are also a key to our success. We are a family group. I hope you understand that. Not only a family unit of mother, father, and children, and grandparents and aunts and uncles, but this fraternity itself is a family unit. I tried to stress that last year in Ohio, and for the first time in the history of our State we had an open installation of the Grand Officers in Ohio. And when I wanted to do it, I wanted the ladies there to see it. I said to some of the Past Grand Masters, “what do you think of the idea of inviting guests to witness this age-old ceremony for the first time in our history?” And one old boy looked me right in the eye and said: Jerry, we’ve never done it that way before.

But we did it. It was extremely successful. And I see faces in the audience who were there. Over 3,000 people filled the big hall, The Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cleveland, to witness it. Ladies were there, friends were there, and the All-Youth Choir, young people from all over the State, sang for the opening, and they got a standing ovation. These are the kinds of things we must do to welcome
the young people into the fold.
We need a combination of the young and the old. I like to think of the young as the silver and the old folks as the gold that have been around for a long time. You join those two together and you get a metal that will last. A combination of experience and youth makes a viable fraternal organization on any level.

The thing that troubles me more than anything else is to walk into a room and see a lot of gray heads and realize you have a vast wealth of experience, but if I don’t see any young people, I know we’re in trouble. We must for our survival find these good young people and welcome them into our organization.

Let me tell you this story about a Lodge in Columbus, Ohio; it’s a true story. A young friend of mine joined the Lodge. He would do anything to participate. He would carry a spear, do whatever is necessary. After going to meeting after meeting, he said to one of the Past Masters one night, “I would like to learn a lecture or a charge or isn’t there something I can learn.” The old boy looked him right in the eye and said: “Young man, when we think you’re ready, we’ll let you know.” Do you know he has never returned. And I can’t get him to go back. I have pleaded; I have cajoled. He will not return to that Lodge. He was turned off when he should have been turned on. If I had been that Past Master, I would have said what is it you want to learn; be my guest, learn anything you want, but participate. Come back and enjoy this organization. Instead of that, he’s gone. We have too many of those. They come, and they drift away because we are not willing to give them something tangible to do.

Too many of us are just followers. We need leaders, leaders of men at the pinnacle of each of these fraternal organizations.

Sir Knights and Ladies, we’ve got to take a page from the book of one of our fellow fraternal groups and learn from it. The Odd Fellows. Fifty years ago the Odd Fellows were the most prolific organization in Ohio. Huge, beautiful temples with the big pillars. Membership rolls in the hundreds.

An article appeared in a newspaper in Dayton, Ohio. Our future could depend on learning from their experience: The interview was with the Grand Master. And he said: “I don’t think the Odd Fellows are going to die.” He said, “I believe, I like to believe we have reached the low point and things will be getting better. Six or seven years ago only four or five people attended our Lodge meetings. Today we might even get eight and sometimes as many as eleven or twelve. I don’t see the end of the Odd Fellows.” And listen to this line: “What we need now is young blood. In the past the older members kind of discouraged the younger ones. We can’t do that any more.”

At least they learned, perhaps too late, that the youth of this nation are the life blood of every organization, and that includes Freemasonry. We cannot fall into that trap. We’ve got to shed this mantle of ultra secrecy which has clouded our image for so these many years. No longer can we be the old boys who meet upstairs above the grocery store and pull the blinds and nobody knows what’s going on. That doesn’t appeal to young people.

I’ll tell you what appeals to young people. A vital organization doing things for people with people. And the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is an example of a positive approach to a problem. The Shriners and their crippled children and burns hospitals is a positive approach to a problem.

Last year in Ohio we said, what are the Masons doing as a Grand Lodge to help people? We decided we had our Masonic Home, that was for Masons. And I decided that another thing we ought to do that we had never done  → →
before was help people. And so we tried to sponsor an Olympics for retarded children. We have never volunteered this kind of thing before but we did it. And do you know what happened? The Masons of Ohio took hold of that thing and made the largest single contribution to the Retarded Olympics ever made in the history of the Retarded Olympics in the State of Ohio. And this year they gave even more, and they want it to be a continuing thing. And eventually the Masons of Ohio, praise God, could sponsor the whole thing and hundreds of retarded children and their families would say, "The Masons did this for us."

Now Dwight McAlister, the Grand Prelate, is a preacher and he knows what Masonry is all about, and he loves it and is a part of it. But there are too many preachers who are preaching anti-Masonic sermons in Christian churches. How can we stop that sort of thing? They should be told the true story of Freemasonry and not the story that we’re some little secret organization trying to do something that is against the will of the church.

Do you know what Webster says about Freemasonry? Even Webster is on the wrong track. He says Freemasonry is a secret society. We are not a secret society; we are a society with a few secrets of recognition. That’s all we are.

We have a lot to offer on a positive plane, so let’s tell the world about it. Let’s get these young people with us because we are offering them a conscience, and Lord knows they want a conscience of some sort. I don’t think they are getting it in the schools today. I’m not so sure they are getting it in all of our churches. But, by golly, a conscience is a core of building guidelines or truths, a self-discipline, and a deeper conscience. And I know that the young ladies in Job’s Daughters are receiving it. And the young men are getting it in DeMolay, and the young ladies in the Order of the Rainbow are receiving it there. That’s what we have to offer.

General Douglas MacArthur, a great Mason, said, "I don’t want to be remembered as a military tactician. I want to be remembered as a Mason who knelt at the bedside with my son on the nights that I could be at home with him and we bowed out heads together and said 'Our Father, Who art in Heaven'."

You know, age is a state of mind. I know some gray-haired men who are younger than I. Some men never seem to grow old; they are acting in thought, always ready to adopt new ideas. They are never charged with fogyism. Satisfied yet never dissatisfied, they are settled yet never unsettled. They always enjoy the best of what is, and they are the first to find the best of what will be. That’s the kind of man we’re looking for to lead our organizations.

What we need is an open hand. The closed fist cannot receive, and it cannot give. But an open hand can both give and receive.

I hope that the young people of this country join with us in using some four-letter words. Words like "Lord" and "soul" and "love" and "work" and "hope" and "good" and "free" and "life."

I thank God for Freemasonry and what it has meant in my life. My father was Master of my little Lodge and looked forward to raising me during his year in the East. He died in the East and never achieved that goal. He was a common man, a truck driver; but he was an uncommon man. One day I said, "Dad why are you always reading that little black book? What is that?" He said, "Son, I’m going through the chairs in my Lodge, and I must learn some of the work, and it’s in this book." And he read it and he read it and he read it. And I thought if it’s good enough for him, if I ever reach the place in my life when I can join, I will join. And because of his interest and his love, I became Grand
Master of the Masons of Ohio, and he would have been proud.

I would like to close with this little phrase. Bill Carpenter, who is the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, said to me one day, “Jerry, I was listening to a record from Lerner and Lowe’s My Fair Lady, and the name of the song was ‘Show Me.’” He said, “What could you do with that?” Well, Sir Knights and Ladies, if you believe in the Christian precepts taught by this great organization, show me. If you believe the teachings in that Holy Book that is open on the altar of every meeting of every one of our organizations, show me. If you’re willing to stand up as Christian knights and fight for what you believe is right, and bring a missionary zeal to the problems that beset us, show me. If you believe that a hundred years from today other Sir Knights and other ladies will be here assuring the continuity of this organization by what you do today, you will show me.

Sir Knight Rasor is a member of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Columbus, Ohio. His address is Commercial Point, Ohio 43116

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**DRILL TEAM COMPETITION RESULTS**

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“Part of the Solution”

“As the saying goes, ‘if you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem’; this is true,” notes Eye Foundation President M.E. Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson, “in all areas of concern.” The Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the individuals who help support it through the Grand Commander’s and Grand Master’s Clubs are part of the solution to blindness and related eye disease.

Both clubs are open to any individual (not only Sir Knights). A minimum initial contribution of $100 and the pledge to repeat donations in minimum yearly increments of $100 until a $1,000 total is reached, is all that is needed for admission into the Grand Commander’s Club. Membership is then noted with a wallet card indicating state and number, as for the following:

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Alberta Mae Rourke
by D. Lyvern Rourke

Grand Master’s Club members, either through single tax-deductible donations or upon completion of Grand Commander’s Club membership, have contributed $1,000 to help fight the problem of blindness. This month, new Grand Master’s Club members include:

No. 163 — Nils A. A. Godick (HI)
No. 164 — W. H. Chasteen (TX)
No. 165 — In Memory of Oscar Dooley
   by Mrs. Constance Dooley (GA)
No. 166 — Mrs. Wayne C. Conklin (WV)
No. 167 — A. E. Schmidt (TX)

Membership in this Club is acknowledged by a personalized bronze desk plaque and metal wallet card.

Contributions are free-will offerings and provide no Commandery credit. To join either Club, 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.
Drill Team Judges (1) gathered early at the Indiana Convention Center in preparation for all-day Drill Competition for the 54th Triennial Conclave, August 11, 1979. Twenty-three Class A and B teams from 11 states competed. Securing 1st Place in Class B for the second year in a row was the team from Greenfield No. 39, Indiana (2); William O. Heiden, Captain, received the award (3) from Grand Master Avery that evening. In Class A, Knightstown No. 9, Indiana (4), won 1st Place led by Cpt. Steven J. Barton (5).

In the evening, Detroit Commandery No. 1 Drill Team (6) presented an Exhibition of marching prowess. The Team’s participation is a Triennial feature.

Following the Exhibition Drill, special presentations were made by the Grand Encampment, including Certificates of Merit to 12 representatives from DeMolay, Job’s Daughters and Rainbow Girls youth groups (7). A plaque was also given to Detroit’s Exhibition Drill Team.

Adding to the night’s entertainment were the Templar Band from Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4, and “Festival Limited,” a variety show troupe.
to devotion by Reverend Marvin L. Isley, and in the benediction by Reverend Olin E. Lehman, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International. Featured were the Shrine Chanters of Murat Temple, Walter Shaw, Director.

Sunday PM - Reception

Willard M. Avery, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and his wife, Margaret (11), the Grand Officers and Department Commanders and their spouses (12) personally welcomed Triennial guests, voting delegates and family members totaling some 2,000 in a three-hour reception line at the Hyatt-Regency.

Also in the line were Deputy Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson and wife, Yvonne (13), and Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder, with wife, Hazel (14).

The String Ensemble of the Scottish Rite Symphony (15), was directed by Sir Knight Robert Schultz, 33°.
Monday — Public Opening

An Honor Guard designed an "Arch of Steel" to welcome Grand Master Willard M. Avery (16) on Monday, August 13, at the Public Opening of the 54th Triennial Conclave. After presentation of flags from coordinate jurisdictions, the Grand Master admitted several distinguished guests to the stage for remarks.

Mrs. Arthur G. Coots, Supreme President, Social Order of the Beauceant, brought greetings from the 18,500 members of 202 chartered Beauceant Assemblies, and noted that memorials presented to the K.T. Eye Foundation from the Beauceant alone this year totaled more than $33,300.00. Mrs. Agnes McLeod, as Supreme Worthy Advisor, Supreme Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, presented a $3,000 check to Sir Knight Avery for the Eye Foundation; and Kim Fulcher, Past Honored Queen, Bethel No. 9, D.C., Miss International Job's Daughter, spoke on behalf of the International Order, Job's Daughters. Afterward, Indianapolis Mayor and Sir Knight

William H. Hudnut, III (17), greeted the Grand Encampment gathering.

The keynote address was given by Sir Knight Jerry C. Rasor, Past Grand Master of Ohio and member of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Columbus (18). Members and guests recessed at 10:45 a.m., and at 11:00 the business sessions of the 54th Triennial Conclave convened.

A noon lunch honoring Mrs. Margaret Avery was held for the ladies at the Murat Shrine Club (19). Featured speaker was media personality Virginia Graham.

PLAN AHEAD

Sir Knight M. C. Lewis, P.G.C. (Arkansas), Chairman of the Committee on the Triennial Conclave, Announces that the 55th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment is scheduled to take place August 14-19, 1982, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
The Moslem, or Mohammedan, views a pilgrimage to Mecca as the most important demand on his religion. The Christian of the 10th century viewed a pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Jerusalem, Bethlehem, etc.) as mandatory to his religion. Clashes between Christian and Moslem became more frequent and more serious as years passed. Christian pilgrims in the 11th century were treated to increasing atrocities at the hands of the infidels. In order to guarantee at least some protection to some groups of pilgrims, a small group of knights, calling themselves the “Soldiers of the Temple of Solomon,” banded together. This group of knights was to produce that branch which came to be known as the Knights Templar. Another group within the Catholic Church had banded together for more peaceful ends, and had for their goal the operation of hospitals and relief stations. They too received sanction of the Church, and were first called the Order of the Hospitals of Saint John of Jerusalem. When first constituted, they embraced vows of poverty, obedience and chastity.

Both Orders were to play key roles in the many battles along the eastern Mediterranean coast during the prime period of the Crusades, from 1098 to 1270. They remained strongly independent, not only of each other, but of all leaders of all countries involved in the many battles against the Moslems. They seldom gave fealty to a European ruler, strong or weak, and were governed solely by their Grand Masters. The latter ran the gamut of strong, honest, valiant leaders and astute politicians, to the depths of ignominy, vanity, ineptness and autocratic independence. In short, they were human.

Other Orders were also formed during the Crusades, among which were those of Saint Stephen, the Order of Teutonic Knights, and the Order of Christ. The reader is referred to the pamphlet entitled “Highlights of Templar History,” a publication of the Grand Encampment, for further reference.

**CYPRUS**

When we discuss this island, the name immediately introduces a classic chicken-and-egg problem. The name of the island is quite similar to the Latin word for copper. It is not clear whether the metal was named for the island on which it was discovered in significant quantity, or whether the island was named for the metal that made it famous. No attempt has been made by this author to solve this dilemma, but it is worthy of note that copper played an important role in the history of Cyprus. Copper is the major component of bronze, and bronze tools and weapons were superior to all others until steel was perfected.

Cyprus offers us a striking example of the capability of a small area and group of people to precipitate events of significance far beyond their limited confines. Current occupants of the island number around 700,000 with the overwhelming majority, about 75%, being Greeks and nearly all of the remainder being Turks. The Greeks trace their heritage back almost three thousand years, while the Turks can claim only relatively recent origin, during the closing years of the Crusades.

Between 1400 and 1200 B.C., Mycenaean Greek traders and settlers from the surrounding islands and from Peloponnesus settled on Cyprus, bringing with them new tools and culture,
including the potter's wheel and a unique pottery. They also fashioned tools and weapons from the copper discovered on the island. This period marked the beginning of the Cypriot culture which has prevailed to present time. This culture has endured incursions of Phoenicians, Assyrians, Egyptians, Persians and Turks and maintained an almost unbelievable integrity. The one great change which people allowed to take place was its religion.

Primarily because of its isolationism, the island came under Assyrian rule under Sargon II in 709 B.C. The corruption of the Assyrian administration resulted in its overthrow by the Egyptians in 612 B.C. Though also short-lived, only 70 years, the commerce between the two sites influenced both, with Egyptian sculpture becoming popular in Cyprus and Cypriot goods in heavy demand by the Egyptians.

Egypt itself fell to Persia in 525 B.C. Shortly afterwards, a number of Cypriot city-state rulers allied themselves with the Persian king, Darius, an alliance that was beneficial to both. The major city-state kingdom to be produced, and to flourish for over 100 years, was that of Salamis, on the long Famagusta peninsula, now a dead city largely buried by the earthquakes of 15 B.C. and A.D. 332.

In 333 B.C., Alexander the Great defeated the Persians. For the Cypriots' assistance against the Persians, Alexander granted the island virtual independence. Where earlier conquerors had exploited the Cypriots and their relatively scarce commodities, Alexander looked upon them as allies. Among other major administrative changes effected by Alexander, he used the mints on Cyprus to strike his famous gold coins. Conqueror though he was, Alexander's propensity for government was classic in its failure. Inasmuch as he had not prepared a successor prior to his death, the extensive territory which he had conquered fell into diverse hands almost overnight following his death at an early age.

The Egyptians once more gained political control of the island in 294 B.C., under Ptolemy I, pharaoh. This period marked the establishment of Jewish settlements. The next 200 or so years were marked by religious quarrels of polytheism Egyptian style, polytheism Greek style, and monotheism Jewish style.

The far-reaching Roman Empire annexed the island in 58 B.C. as collateral for loans made to Egypt. In its condition at that time, the island was of little significance to the Caesars until the reign of Augustus. He caused the building of public works, such as roads, bridges and aqueducts. The island flourished again by exporting corn, wine, oil and copper.

It is significant that Cyprus was one of the first heavily populated areas outside the Holy Land proper to accept Christianity. Cyprus is one of the important areas covered in the Acts of the Apostles. With persecution of the Christians in Palestine, a natural place for them to seek refuge was Cyprus. The Apostle Paul, together with Mark and the missionary Joseph, better known as Barnabas, made Cyprus an important stopping place for conversion and encouragement to the Christians already in residence. One tradition has it that Mark buried Barnabas near the site of Salamis. This event was to have great significance in later years, as we shall see.

Constantine the Great is widely known as the first Roman Emperor who embraced Christianity. Instead of using Rome as his capital, he established his rule at the city then known as Byzantium, and now known as Istanbul. With the reign of Constantine, Cyprus came under the influence of Constantinople.

Sir Knight Roland J. Maddox, the author of THE ISLANDS OF TEMPLAR MASONRY, resides at 1009 Royal Oaks Drive, Dickinson, Texas 77539. His research feature will be continued next month.
I want to thank you for putting a notice in the Knight Templar Magazine. I sold my books and also received a letter from a cousin whom I have not seen in forty years. I want to thank all the Knights who have written me about the book I had for sale, but only one could buy them and that was Sir Knight Frank P. McGowan in California. William Von Eiff, 58-44 189th Street, Fresh Meadows, New York 11365.

I have in my possession a commemorative medallion that some Sir Knight might want. One side carries the legend: "Armory Seventh Regt. N.Y.S.N.G." and "Cornerstone Laid Oct. 13, 1877"; on the reverse appear the words "Pro Opere Aut Bello" and "By the M.W. Grand Lodge F.A.M., New York." Please contact me if interested. James F. Northrup Box 586, Mason Lake Drive, Grapeview, Washington 98546.

So far I have helped a brother collecting calling cards, one collecting police patches, and another seeking help with a tie clasp collection— all through "Knight Voices."

I collect Regalia from WW II (both sides): Military Survival Kits, and matchbooks from anywhere in the world, as well as autographed books. If any fellow Knight could help along these lines I would like to hear from him.

Not many of us have a chance to help a brother in real need, so helping with collections is the next best thing. Dick Ellis, 316 Morrison Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27608.

Will sell Knight Templar sword and scabbard which belonged to my grandfather who became a Knight in the late 1800's or early 1900's. Miss A. E. Merwin, 2402 Chesapeake Avenue, Hampton, Virginia 23661.

As Senior Steward of Maj. Gen. John Sullivan Lodge No. 2 of Epping, New Hampshire, I am gathering material for a complete history (including pictures) of the Lodge. Briefly, we began in 1807 at the home of Joseph Mills in Deerfield, N.H.; moving to Lee, N.H. in 1817 and then to Epping in late 1868. While in Lee, Lodge was held in a building owned or operated by J. F. Hazen and used as a store. The upstairs was rented to the Lodge. In 1884 a fire destroyed the building.

I am interested in finding a descendant of Mr. J. F. Hazen and would also like to secure a picture of the building owned by him which was used as the Lodge site. Our present temple was built in 1885 by Brother John S. Ladd (a very distant cousin) who became Master in 1889 and 1890. In April 1977 we celebrated our 170th birthday.

Any information or leads would be greatly appreciated. Paul Ladd, 90 Front Street, Box 508, Exeter, New Hampshire 03833.

Would like to buy 14K or 18K gold Masonic jewelry, pins, watch fobs or whatever. Interested in Scottish Rite emblems, pins, or rings. G. K. McCandless, 32°, P.O. Box 51301, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250.
I have in my possession a K.T. sword that came probably from the New England section. I bought it from an antique dealer who buys items from the Boston area.

The sword has on one side “Hugh de Rogers Commandery K.T.”; on the other side is “George G. Tyler, made by Bent & Bush, Boston.”

I would be happy to exchange for one with no lettering on it, or perhaps someone in Sir Knight Tyler’s family might recognize it. Stacy McLean, 215 North Main Street, McColl, South Carolina 29570

Have for sale 16S, 19J pocket watch of Dudley Watch Co., Lancaster, Pennsylvania. All plates in Masonic Designs. Movement No. 1103 with 14 K Solid White Gold case No. 988408. Dr. E. Clark Prey, 576 North Lake Drive, Watertown, South Dakota 57201

Your “Knight Voices” page is a wonderful medium to place items and information into the hands of those who are interested and have special wants, and I’m sure you have made many Sir Knights pleased with the results.

I have a small collection of calling cards of the 1885 era — cards featuring Sir Knights and pictured with many colorful designs and insignia. I would be happy to trade to any collector Sir Knight who might be interested in them. (I say trade but would also sell and even give.) Lorenzo C. Judge, East Main Street, Middleboro, Maine 02346

I have my step-father’s sword, scabbard, carrying case, belt, chapeau and hat size 6 7/8, coat size 28, collar, gloves, Morals and Dogma, and a leather carrying case. Would sell package for $100.00 plus postage. Please write or call. Reverend Bill Weeks, 205 North Pearl, Comanche, Texas 76442 (915-356-3377)

DeMolay Golf Tournament

The 20th Annual International ‘DeMolay’ Golf Tournament was held during the week of August 13, concurrent with the 54th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. According to Gregory N. Jordan, Executive Secretary for the Indiana DeMolay Foundation, Inc., “this was the first year the Golf Tournament was sponsored by the three International York Rite Bodies.” General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council officials, and representatives of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery of Indiana are pictured above.

Film Feedback

Dear Sir Knight Rodenhauer:

I wish to thank you for the excellent service you gave us in mailing us the film “Soldiers of the Cross.” This was shown to over 100 people at Orion Lodge, in Kingsville, Ohio. The Lodge Educational Officers of the 25th Masonic District and a Past Commander of Columbian Commandery was the Guest Speaker and host.

Four men requested petitions for Masonry, and we have several prospects for Commandery. This was an excellent film and well received.

Thank you for your cooperation in making our meeting a success.

Paul V. Smith, Recorder
Columbian Commandery No. 52
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DISCIPLE AND DISCIPLINE
by
General Bruce C. Clarke

The words disciple and discipline originated respectively from the Latin words *discipulus* meaning a pupil and *disciplina* which means training.

The normal response to the word *disciple* is usually that of the twelve Disciples of Christ. As His pupils, they received the necessary "discipline" or "training" in religious philosophy and thought, moral concepts, self-control and the relationship between man and God. However, while the word *disciple* usually initiates only one response, the word *discipline* can easily conjure up a multitude of perceptions. For instance, a judge may interpret discipline as meaning the improvement of behavior through the wise use of judicial system, while a college professor perceives discipline as meaning a field of study and training in a subject area such as English, history or political history.

It has been said that the primary job of a unit commander in battle is to keep the confusion from becoming disorganized. Discipline is a factor in preventing this from happening. However, discipline need not be based upon fear of punishment, but upon patriotism, unit esprit, pride, morale and motivation.

In the military, as in athletics, we "coach" or train our troops in order that they may acquire specific skills, habits, techniques or procedures which will enable them to twin over their opponents. A military leader knows the significance of the terms "disciple" and discipline" and he is capable of projecting his leadership to insure that his troops are a disciplined, well-trained and proud unit.

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