IN THE ARMY OF GOD

It is meet and right that our thoughts in February should turn to our first President of the United States—a man who truly lived for a cause. Brother George Washington, distinguished representative of a distinguished fraternity, exhibited devotion to the Craft and has given a lasting example to us as fellow Masons. Deservedly, the month of February, which marks his birthdate, occupies a very special place in our own hearts and in the "hearts of his countrymen."

The first Master Mason to become President needs no accolades from us. His fame is beyond any embellishments we can provide. You and I can be proud that such a man of destiny once trod the same paths of ritual we tread today, that his Masonic experience was fraternally the same as we practice—and by the thirteen other Master Masons who became Presidents.

Those other Masonic antecedents who led our country in the past include these Master Masons: President Monroe, who felt that "National Honor is National Property"; Andrew Jackson, whose career included two terms as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee; Brother James T. Polk, the first "dark horse" to attain the Presidency; James Buchanan, Pennsylvania’s bachelor President, whose unsuccessful aim was to prevent an open rupture between North and South; Andrew Johnson, perhaps the most misunderstood of all, who became the "unimpeachable Templar."

Then followed James A. Garfield, an exemplary Templar shot down in a Washington railway station; William McKinley, another Knight Templar to become a martyred President; Theodore Roosevelt, who said—"I ask of each Mason...that he shall remember there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen"; William Howard Taft, only President to become also a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; Warren G. Harding, 28th President, and his "return to normalcy"; Franklin Delano Roosevelt, only President of the United States to be elected to four terms; Harry S. Truman—Templar, Shriner, 33rd Scottish Rite Mason, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; Gerald R. Ford, Michigan football star, World War II veteran, who became Vice President in 1973 and President in 1974.

No one man was perfect. Each, however, served his country to the best of his abilities and each, through his Masonic commitments, lived for a cause in the Army of God. I ask that we do likewise.
FEBRUARY: The February magazine each year, by association, belongs to George Washington, the diplomatic but decisive Master Mason to become the first President of our nation in 1789. We think Brother Washington would endorse, on Masonic principles at least, the sentiment expressed by Theodore Summers of Kalamazoo, whose constructive article appears on page 11. There is a selective variety of other pertinent materials which, although admittedly somewhat prejudiced, we believe you will enjoy.

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

Credit: One of the attributes of a successful church service — such as conducted by Grand High Prelate Robert F. Ivey and Dr. Harold A. Dunkelberger last year at the Regional Red Cross of Constantine Assembly at Buck Hill Falls — is music. For the last several years, Mrs. Robert Smink, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, has been in charge of the Williamsport Conclave quartet presentations and music for the services themselves. All who were privileged to be present have been impressed with her talented contributions at these annual services.

Wrong Identification: Armun D. Jones, P.G.C., North Dakota, was identified in the December magazine as “Northwestern” Department Commander. It should have been, of course, “North Central.” We trust no one was unduly concerned. However, just to show we persisted in the error of our ways, we identified him as the “Northwest” Department Commander in a second news item on page 16 of the December issue. Again — we’re sorry!

Supplement Choice: As a point of information to Templars who have moved from their original jurisdictions and wish to receive Supplement editions and news of their home Grand Commanderies, the Grand Encampment now makes it possible for each Templar to receive the Knight Templar Magazine Supplement of his choice, regardless of residence. One copy only is available. To secure your one choice of the Supplement, see your local Recorder — or, if necessary, write directly to the office of the Grand Recorder in Chicago. Please allow several months for the changeover.

Rhodesia: The Rhodesian Masonic Review for September received late last month — courtesy of John M. Cunningham, of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club — carries as its “centerpiece” the full illustration of the Knight Templar placemat listing the 14 Masons who became Presidents of the United States. The placemats, available from the Grand Encampment office at $15.00 only in lots of 500, carry insignia of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights Templar Educational Foundation.

Crosses: The United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, located at the same address as the Grand Encampment, has available a small quantity of “Symbols of Faith,” booklets illustrating a variety of Crosses in Christianity. These are offered at 50 cents each, postage paid. Write Grand Recorder, United Grand Imperial Council, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Petitions: Membership Chairman Ed Bloomquist was happy to hear the reaction of Carl Fisher, Holland, New York, who tells us he presented a showing of the Grand Encampment film, “Soldiers of the Cross” and gained four petitions for the York Rite!

Father and Son: Stanley Maxwell, Jr., son of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council; 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction — was to be Raised in Berea Lodge No. 382, Ohio, on January 30, according to Sir Knight William R. Pringle.
YOU CAN COME HOME AGAIN

by

Sir Knight Ernest J. Connelly
Bethlehem Commandery No. 29, Greenville, North Carolina

“To live forever in the hearts of our friends is to never die.” These words were spoken over the radio a few years ago by a great entertainer from the “Grand Old Opry” in Nashville, Tennessee. What is this great longing that calls to the human soul to return homeward when it seems that the meridian of our existence has just been reached? What is this mysterious force that calls the wanderer to return to the place of his birth, or possibly to the home where he spent his childhood? The call is not clairion clear but the call is real, for you have heard it and I have heard it. We may speak of far away places in sunny climes where a well-deserved retirement awaits, or we may dream of golden sunset years filled with balmy weather in sub-tropical latitudes, gentle surf breaking on a distant beach, or a peaceful sanctuary far from the noisy city traffic and winter’s ice and snow. But for all these and as many more as the dreamer plans, he still cannot divest himself of the magnetic pull of his memory. Still it tugs at his inner being until it becomes unbearable. His final decision is difficult to make. For those who are able to return homeward there is great anticipation and joy and the hope of fulfilling the heart’s desire. While we wonder over this particular dilemma we might use as a corollary the birds of the air, the fish of the sea and the animals of the woods.

Migratory birds fly straight and true to their summer homes just prior to winter’s challenge. After basking in the warm sun for the winter months, they retrace with unerring accuracy the flight path they followed just ahead of winter.

The great elephant wanders throughout the dark equatorial forest searching for food and water, and ultimately returns to his birthplace to finish his earthly span. No matter how far afield he roams, he returns to his birthplace without the benefit of road signs. He finds “...the exact spot alone.”

The rivers of eastern North America abound with millions of herring fish each spring annually struggling upstream to deposit their eggs and die. What is this amazing guidance system that directs them to a life of brevity? The great Pacific salmon struggles up the Columbia River to a similar fate.

The Priblof Ik seals of the Pacific swim to their island home with deadly accuracy and give birth to their young. Their passage north has lead through watery regions yet unseen by the eyes of man. After giving birth to the young they again disappear into the South Pacific when the young are strong enough to make the journey.

The whale is another giant creature who finds the warm waters of the Baja below Southern California ideal for mating and bearing young. Their productivity brings forth issue well protected by the warm water as a necessary measure in sustaining life for this leviathan. How does the great whale find its way to this spot from such great distances?

One of nature’s most beautiful sights is the annual return of the swallows to San Juan Capistrano March 19. People wait and watch for this event which never fails. Why do the swallows return here? Is it the warm latitude? Is it the...
spiritual air of the place which seems to be ethereal in nature?

Blackbirds by the millions fly to Scotland Neck, North Carolina, to find a place to nest. Where do they come from? What is the strange wavelength transmitting to them the message they must obey?

We wonder where our steps will lead us through our daily lives, and as we advance into the protection of advancing years we are prone to become complacent concerning our bearings.

Let us then concentrate on our past lives since being initiated into the Masonic Fraternity, and concentrate on where we are going from here. An excellent beginning could be a return to the Mother Lodge whose reorientation can be found on or about the Sacred Altar. Concentrate on its magnificence and recall how the younger man was once conducted to its west side by one whose strong hands were then trusted. Recall in deep concentration how the forces of humility flooded your soul as you were invested with the sacred words then provided for a better lifetime ahead. Think and remember how this one singular moment provided the stimulus which will not permit the human mind to forget the highest moral obligation for which this design was intended.

Where then is the “spot” to be found? Is it the altar? It could be wherever your heart leads. It is not down a woodland path or beside a placid lake or atop a mountain peak; but wherever it leads, take time to dedicate the rest of your life to the moral good so necessary in today’s world. Remember always in whom you placed your trust, for this is a reversible principle: the Supreme Architect also places His trust in you. Your continuing obligation then is to remember to love and obey Him, and to seek Him first with all your heart the rest of your life.

Then at last from the description so vividly imprinted on your immortal soul there will be no particular need to wander through life searching for something the restless soul has endlessly sought, for you carried this spirit within you all the time.

So let the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, and the fish of the sea continue to follow the laws of nature back to the place from whence they came; we shall follow the laws of God, and His Holy Spirit shall return His elect to the side of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

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Two P.C.’s Elected Worshipful Masters

A joint installation of Racine Lodge No. 18 and Belle City Lodge No. 92, both located in Racine, Wisconsin, was held December 17 in the Racine Masonic Temple. The two Worshipful Masters installed were, respectively, Milton F. Gregory and William A. Glass, each of whom has served as Eminent Commander of Racine Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar; High Priest of Orient Chapter No. 12, Royal Arch Masons; and Thrice Illustrious Master of Racine Council No. 5, Royal and Select Masters.

From left: Worshipful Master Gregory, K.T.C.H.; Wisconsin Grand Master of Masons; George R. Hughey, and Worshipful Master Glass.

The evening was highlighted as George R. Hughey, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, and Karl A. Crane, Grand Tyler, officiated as installing officers.
DETOUR COMMANDERY NO. 1

by
Ned E. Dull, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment

Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Van Wert, Ohio, was a December guest of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Detroit, Michigan. In his remarks, which follow, he saluted the Commandery’s long record of achievement in Drill Corps “pilgrimages” and reviewed some of the highlights of the Commandery’s history.

At the 54th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment just completed this past August in Indianapolis, a special plaque was prepared for the Detroit Drill Team. It reads:

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar U.S.A. – Certificate of Appreciation for more than a century of Triennial Conclave participation, extending from Four Platoons to Sixteen; Detroit Commandery No. 1 Drill Corps is hereby recognized for Drill Corps excellence and exemplification of Templar Tradition and Dedication – at the 54th Triennial Conclave.

That plaque, appropriately engrossed, represents far more than a simple expression of appreciation. It recognizes the great history of a distinguished Commandery and its long-term leadership, as well as its deservedly famous Drill Corps.

I don’t know how many of you have read, or how many of you are really familiar with your own story – A Century of Templar Service which was compiled by Sir Knight Harold A. Tireman, edited by Sir Knight Adolph G. Studer, and published 28 years ago – but I can say this: If you have NOT studied that fine and interesting volume, and are not fully acquainted with the complete background of Detroit Commandery No. 1, I suggest that you check your story without further delay.

It’s bound to give you and Templars in other Commanderies as well, a sense of genuine pride in Templar accomplishments – also a poignant feeling of nostalgia for those halcyon days of more than a century and a quarter ago.

As the present Deputy Grand Master, let me assure you – as if you did not already know! – that the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America is mighty proud of you, your Drill Corps, and of your illustrious history dating back to 1851.

In one sense of the word, there’s a phase of your background which is somehow just a bit distressing, because it illustrates how great a role we played in those early days in the history of our nation compared to the somewhat reluctant role we, as a Grand Encampment at least, seem to concern ourselves with and involve ourselves in today.

I found your very first pilgrimage as a Commandery especially interesting. You served as an escort on that occasion for the President of the United States, Sir Knight Andrew Johnson in 1866. The President had a distinguished party with him – including Honorable W. H. Seward, who served as Secretary of
State from 1861 to 1869. It was during his term that the purchase of Alaska took place in 1867. Also, he was the man who, unfortunately, six years later was a candidate on the national Anti-Masonic political party ticket.

Another in that Presidential group in 1866 was Admiral Farragut. We all recognize him as probably the outstanding naval officer of the entire Civil War, but I learned something more about him. He was a Vice Admiral in 1866 but, in the same year, the rank of Admiral was created for him. It is interesting, as a side-light, that Admiral Farragut was adopted by Commander Porter, apparently not a Mason, in 1808, was educated in Washington, D.C. and in Pennsylvania - then, almost unbelievably, was a midshipman at the age of nine and a half and, equally amazing, was placed in command of a prize ship at 12. He died four years after his visit to Detroit with the Presidential party and was buried with Masonic Honors by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Sir Knight Andrew Johnson also was accompanied on his visit by General U. S. Grant. Grant, later President of course, was not a Mason, although all his relatives seemed to be members of the craft. He was, however, extremely friendly to the Fraternity and expressed himself in such terms frequently during his life.

It was a distinguished group whom the Templars of Detroit Commandery No. 1 met in September of 1866. You escorted them from the Michigan Central Railroad Depot to the Biddle House. The next day, you turned out - 50 strong - augmented by 34 Templars from Pontiac, Iona, Grand Rapids, Marshall, Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor, and Adrian Commanderies, all in full Templar uniform, to escort the party back to the depot for a continuation of the trip to Chicago.

The official Committee of Citizens of Detroit, in charge of the reception for President and Sir Knight Johnson, requested the full group of Knights Templar to accompany the Presidential party to Chicago and participate in ceremonies for the unveiling of the monument to Stephen A. Douglas.

In Chicago you were joined by other members of the Order. A grand total of 1,000 Sir Knights escorted the President and the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge officers of Illinois to lay the cornerstone of the Douglas Memorial. This brought about the first official "pilgrimage" of Detroit Commandery No. 1. There were many thereafter - and you, who are members, know as well as I the impact your Detroit pilgrimages had upon other Grand Commanderies of the Grand Encampment.

It was this first pilgrimage to Chicago which led to the organization of the drill corps, which was to bring fame to Detroit Commandery No. 1. They realized the necessity of an improvement in drill activities - drill activity which was to reap a harvest of glory and honor wherever the corps visited in the years which followed.

You had four platoons at Triennial Conclaves in Baltimore in 1871, Cleveland in 1877, Chicago in 1880 - then through intervening appearances until Chicago again in 1910. In this entire period of 40 years, the Drill Corps missed only three Triennials.

Eight platoons appeared at Denver in 1913, Philadelphia in 1919, New Orleans in 1922 and Seattle in 1925. The Corps missed only the 1916 Triennial in Los Angeles. Then came the 16 platoon exhibitions - starting in Detroit in 1928 and concluding with Indianapolis in 1979. In this span, the Drill Corps missed only three participations - 1934, 1943 and 1946.

You have an enviable record as a Commandery, as a Drill Corps, I honestly believe that a resurgence in Drill Team participation is increasing - and the credit stems primarily from your example.
“True Christmas Spirit”

Sir Knight Joe R. Harris, P.G.C. and Chairman of the Virginia Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee, announced a “very successful” Christmas Service by Arlington Commandery No. 29, Arlington, Virginia, on December 25. He writes, “It has been the custom at the traditional Christmas Service, for those Sir Knights desiring to become Life Sponsors of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to place their applications on the Triangle. Several other Sir Knights already possessing one or more life sponsorships deposited additional applications.

“This year I was pleasantly surprised to find that 52 Life Sponsorships had been purchased plus a contribution of $20 for a total of $1,580.00 — an amount sufficient to provide medical attention for someone desperately in need of help to save their sight.”

Sir Knight Harris termed it “A wonderful expression of true Christmas Spirit.”

1979 Regional Conference, Utah

Among the principals pictured by G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., at the 1979 Southwestern York Rite Conference were: Kenneth C. Johnson, Grand Master; Jay R. Newman, Department Commander; Charles K. A. McGaughey, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., and the General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, John H. Watts.
"Continuous Existence" . . . Since 1802

Sir Knight Harold A. Budreau, Recorder Emeritus of Boston Commandery No. 2, Massachusetts, takes the Knight Templar Magazine to task last month for an October news item commemorating the 160th Anniversary of Philadelphia St. John's Corinthian Commandery No. 4 in Pennsylvania, which included a quote from the current Recorder of that body—viz., St. John's Commandery... is "the oldest Commandery in continuous existence in the U.S."

Though congratulating Pennsylvania Templars on the longevity of this Commandery, Sir Knight Budreau states he read the article "with amazement" and quickly offered his following correction for the record:

"The oldest Commandery in continuous existence is Boston Commandery No. 2 of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. [We] celebrated our 175th Anniversary on March 12, 1977, and the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was our special guest on that occasion.

"The records of Boston Commandery No. 2 are complete from March 1802 to date, and our Commandery has met continuously from that date to the present time." In fact, he adds, while he was Recorder of Boston Commandery at the time of their 150th Anniversary (1952), he and Herman C. McStay, Ph.D., "corresponded... with all known Knights Templar organizations in England, Scotland and Ireland, in an endeavor to locate [one] older than ours, but we found that records were not complete, and no record could be found of any Templar organization in continuous existence for a longer period of time. We also carefully checked all K.T. organizations in this country, but while some evidence indicated earlier institution, none were in continuous existence..."
THE CASE OF THE VANISHING KNIGHT

by

Sir Knight Theodore Summers

Peninsular Commandery No. 8, Kalamazoo, Michigan

It was a beautiful conferral of the Order of the Temple — all parts were well-delivered; the asylum was properly prepared and ready; the hermits read their lessons with no stumbling; the Candidate had real tears in his eyes when he became the Pilgrim Penitent. It was an emotional presentation of the Sword as the Commander explained the excellent qualities of the hilt, the blade and the point.

At the conclusion of the conferral of the Order, the Candidate was called on for his comments and he mumbled the usual nothings as he signed the roster of membership. We all patted ourselves on the back and complimented each other about how our work had improved.

But the Candidate didn’t come back. Or, if he did come back for a meeting or two, why did he so soon become just another inactive member?

Could it be that the Candidate wasn’t “set on fire?” Could it be there was something important missing in his initiation? What might be the real problem? Why this quick let-down response to the introduction to Templarism?

First, let’s consider the candidate’s viewpoint to see if we can find some or at least part of the reason he didn’t “catch fire.”

Did the Candidate come to the asylum alone, or was he brought by his sponsor? Who met him at the door and made him feel really welcome? Was he introduced to the officers and the Knights before he was hustled into the Chamber of Reflection?

Second, before the new brother went into the Chamber, was he briefed as to what to expect? Did we tell him why he was in the Chamber, and was there some historical significance to his “lonely vigil” there? Did he understand the reason he was first a Pilgrim, and later would be a Warrior, and still later a Penitent? — all this before he finally could be admitted into that group “whose deeds of charity and hospitality have spread their fame both far and wide?” Did someone tell the brother that he would also be called upon to tell his reactions to the work so he wouldn’t be caught entirely unprepared for the remarks?

After the Commandery was closed, who took him by the arm to see that he was given a chair at the table among his new friends, and not a chair at the end of the table? Did some Sir Knight pour his coffee for him and see that his plate was replenished?

If not his sponsor, was some Knight appointed to call for the Candidate at his home, drive him to the Temple, and furnish transportation home again? Or did we just let the Candidate slip away into the night?

Let’s see if we can change a few of these negative factors in the making of the new Knight:

Let’s not hustle the Candidate into the Chamber with such alacrity that he has had no opportunity to shake hands with the officers who will accompany him on his journey. As the officers and members offer their hands to the Candidate, be sure they speak their names and positions as well. Don’t just ignore, or even stare at the Candidate as he passes by.
One of our older members who has also worried about the “vanishing Knight” made another excellent suggestion: Sir Knight W. proposed that before the Candidate is brought into the room, probably while the Commandery is waiting for him to “perform the required ablation,” that one of the friends of the Candidate take the time to give the Candidate’s name plainly so all can memorize it, tell who the candidate is, where he was born, where he went to school or college, where the man works, what he does, where he lives. Tell who is his wife, how old the children are, how many at home, where the family attends church. Does the man have a hobby? What is his standing in the town? What has been his Masonic history? Has the man passed the chairs? Did he ever work on a Committee in some of the other bodies? Has he gone through the Scottish Rite? Does he understand that as a Knight Templar he is also qualified for the Shrine?

And, particularly, is the man aware of the Commandery charities and activities? Who in the room will take it upon himself to see that the new Knight is properly indoctrinated about these charities and activities? Does the new Knight know that there is also a place in our program for his wife?

If we do these things, when the work is over and refreshments are on the table, the other members of the Commandery are in a position to enter into a real conversation with the newcomer. With these comments and facts on the personal and professional life of the new Knight, every member ought to be able to strike up a conversation with the candidate, finding a common interest to talk about, and opening himself as a real new friend. Not a forced relationship, but a friendship based on similarity of background, history, or occupations.

As a specific case: One recent candidate was a teacher at a school where one of the older members had formerly been the superintendent for more than 14 years. What a common interest these two would have had, had the older member been informed that new Sir Knight L. was currently teaching at Sir Knight W.’s former charge!

Sir Knight “New” also plays the trombone. How many members now play, or have played, horns, flutes, drums or other band instruments? We just never grow out of our high school band days, but no one other than the organist knew that Mr. New Knight is the band teacher in his school. Music is always a common bond among men.

Another member, it was later found, lives in the same apartment complex as that new Knight, and hadn’t met him. A neighbor! Neighbors who are so busy earning a living that they had never met in the complex. Think what interests those two had in common. But when the new Knight found his hat and silently slipped away that night, neither knew they lived at the same address.

In a previous article, it was suggested that more emphasis be placed on selecting and inviting those men we wanted to petition our Commandery. In this article, we are suggesting that more emphasis be placed on making friends, companions, and frateres of the men who come to us of “their own free will and accord” and who, once “fired up” with the spirit of Templarism, can and will become enthusiastic, working, and life-long active members.

Let’s see that the new candidate is informed of what the Commandery is, what it does, and his place in it. Let’s see that the new man gets acquainted with the other members. He is not completely made a Knight until he knows of our charities, our Eye Foundation, our Educational Fund, our Holy Land Pilgrimages. He must know about our Conclaves, our drills, our informal pot-luck suppers. His wife should be brought into the activities with him, and
At the Fair

Mrs. Lloyd M. Wilson, President, Gary Assembly No. 126, Social Order of the Beauceant, sent the following picture depicting members of Gary Assembly and Gary Commandery No. 57 at Lake County Fairgrounds, during Indiana State Fair Week last year.

Gary Commandery sponsored a booth featuring "steamed corn on the cob" at the Fair, and Mrs. Wilson writes, "We sold corn at 50 cents per ear and cleared over nineteen hundred dollars!"

Several weeks earlier, Gary Assembly hosted their Annual Picnic for members of Gary Commandery and their families. This event was also held at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

he should be on a first-name basis with the other members.

But also the older members should have the opportunity to get on a first-name basis with our new friend. Our wives should see that his wife is also counted among us when plans are made for our various activities and programs. Let's form and strengthen that Bond of Friendship.

These things can only help that problem of the Vanishing Knight.

Sir Knight Summers, organist for Peninsular Commandery No. 8 in Kalamazoo, lives at 1514 West Lovell Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.

Masonic License Plates

Reading Commandery No. 42, Pennsylvania, announces the continued availability of a personalized Knight Templar automobile plate. The plate, made of heavy duty plastic, is full-sized and consists of a white background edged in gold. Any combination of the "handsomely-crafted" reproduction of the K.T. emblem and up to three initials is available. This year emblems for Lodge (square and compass), 32° Scottish Rite, Shrine and Eastern Star are also available and may be substituted for the K.T. emblem. Also available is a plate using any three of the above emblems but without any initials. Cost is $8.50 which includes mailing. Check or money order may be made payable to John L. Winkelman and mailed to K.T. License Plate, c/o John L. Winkelman, 513 North Fourth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania 19601. Please state combination of a) emblem and up to three initials, or b) three emblems. Sir Knight Winkelman closes, "Profits from the sale of this item are contributed to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign."

A Soft Answer Turneth Away Wrath

A soft answer confines the anger to its source. This alone is a great gain. And, when met with kindliness rather than further provocation, the person displaying anger frequently will respond in kind. It isn't always easy, but it's contagious.
"PREPARING FOR THE NEW DECADE"

Washington, D.C., will once again be the setting for the annual meetings of the Conferences of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries in North America, as well as the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association. Headquarters will be the Shoreham-Americana Hotel, and following is the agenda for those meetings.

| Sunday, February 17 | 11:00 a.m. | Registration |
|                      |            |              |
|                      | 5:00 p.m.  | Grand Master’s Conference |
|                      |            | (Tea and Reception) |

| Monday, February 18 | 7:00 a.m. | Deputy Grand Masters’ Breakfast |
|                     | 10:00 a.m. | George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association |
|                     | 12:00 noon | Luncheon – courtesy G.W.M.N.M.A. |
|                     | 2:00 p.m.  | Annual Meeting, Masonic Service Association |
|                     | 7:00 p.m.  | Grand Secretaries’ Dinner |

| Tuesday, February 19 | 7:00 a.m. | Frank S. Land Shrine Breakfast |
|                      | 8:30 a.m. | Grand Masters’ Conference |
|                      | 9:00 a.m. | Grand Secretaries’ Conference |
|                      | 12:30 p.m. | Grand Secretaries’ Luncheon |
|                      | 1:45 p.m. | Grand Masters’ Conference Resumed |
|                      | 2:00 p.m. | Grand Secretaries’ Conference Resumed |
|                      | 3:00 p.m. | Grand Masters’ Conference
|                      |          | Four “Breakout meetings” |
|                      | 7:15 p.m. | Grand Masters’ Banquet |

| Wednesday, February 20 | 8:30 a.m. | Grand Masters’ Conference Resumed |
|                        | 9:00 a.m. | Grand Secretaries’ Conference Resumed |
|                        | 1:00 p.m. | Grand Masters’ Conference Adjournment |
|                        | 1:15 p.m. | Men’s Luncheon at House of the Temple, Supreme Council, 33°, A. & A.S.R. |

Ladies Events

| Monday, February 18 | 9:00 a.m. | Tour of Mt. Vernon and George Washington Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia |
|                     | 12:00 noon | Luncheon – George Washington Memorial |

| Tuesday, February 19 | 9:30 a.m. | Tour of Washington Cathedral and Kennedy Center (Charge) |
|                      | 1:15 p.m. | Luncheon – Shoreham Hotel (Charge) |

| Wednesday, February 20 | 7:30 a.m. | VIP Tour of White House
|                        |          | (Wives of Grand Masters, no charge) |
GEORGE WASHINGTON AND RELIGION

by

Sir Knight H. C. Arbuckle, III

I like to read book catalogues, whether they be from publishers, private presses, or dealers. In fact, book catalogues make mighty interesting reading matter, for you never know what you may find listed therein.

For example, I was reading the Southern Methodist University Press catalogue the other day and saw a book entitled *George Washington and Religion*, by Paul F. Boller, Jr., listed. Since my definition of a “Masonic book” is quite flexible, this book qualified excellently because Washington was a Mason.

*George Washington and Religion* is the first full-scale critical investigation of Washington’s attitudes towards religion in general and Christianity in particular. Dr. Bollart, a scholar with impressive credentials, wrote this book in 1963 after putting quite a bit of work into it. That this work was a product of love and care goes without saying after one reads the book.

In the author’s “Preface,” Bollart says that “Perhaps nothing about Washington has been so thoroughly clouded by myth, legend, misunderstanding, and misrepresentation as his religious outlook.” He then says that he has “attempted to separate the myths from the facts and to make a systematic analysis of Washington’s religion in all its ramifications on the basis of what may be regarded as trustworthy records: his behaviour as a churchman, his attitude towards the place of organized religion in society, his position with regard to Christianity, his religious philosophy as it emerges from his private writings.” He took most (if not all) of his materials for research from Washington’s own writings, including both his public and private correspondence, and from statements recorded by Washington’s own contemporaries who were considered authorities in the matter of religion. In all, Bollart has done a thoroughly commendable job.

The book is divided into six chapters, entitled “Washington and the Pietists,” “Washington as a Churchman,” “Religion and the Social Order,” “Washington and Christianity,” “Washington’s Religious Opinions,” and finally “Washington and Religious Liberty.” From Chapter I, where Washington is considered in his role as an Anglican vestryman, through Chapter VI, where the question of Washington’s Christianity is put, Bollart goes into great detail, although he does not sacrifice readability for scholarship, nor vice-versa. An appendix to the book contains “Letters and Addresses by Washington to Religious Organizations,” both as President of the United States and a private citizen. A section of footnotes, a selected bibliography of “Washingtoniana” well worth study in itself, and an excellent index round out the volume.

*George Washington and Religion* can be ordered from Southern Methodist University Press, Dallas, Texas 75275, for $5.95, postpaid.

Certainly, Washington was a religious man. However, the question of Washington’s Christianity is discussed in detail, and the question is answered satisfactorily. You say, “Well, was Washington a Christian?” Read the book and find out.

Sir Knight Arbuckle’s mailing address is P.O. Box 3026, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.
Mankato Toasts Two K.T.C.H. Awardees

On Tuesday, November 20, 140 Sir Knights and ladies joined to give recognition to Sir Knights Harvey E. Holtz and Joseph E. Ewalt, both members of Mankato Commandery No. 4, Minnesota, for having received “the highest honor which can be given a Sir Knight” – the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. Mankato is the only Minnesota Commandery to boast two K.T.C.H. recipients among its members.


In addition to local members, the Grand York Rite Bodies of Minnesota were represented by S.K. Elmer Hoskins, Grand Commander; S.K. Russell K. Amling, Grand Senior Warden; S.K. Adolph R. Kopischke, P.G.C. and Grand Treasurer; S.K. Donald B. Purrington, Grand Recorder; and S.K. Raymond C. Spooore, Grand Sentinel – from the Grand Commandery of Minnesota. Also attending: Ex. Comp. Dr. Wesley H. Rethwill, Sr., Past Grand High Priest, and Kenneth Hougarde, Grand Sentinel, Grand Chapter; R. Ill. Comp. Glenn Guildner, Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic Masons; and Herbert Mocol, Mayor of Mankato.

Albuquerque Knight Masons Elect

Enchantment Council No. 21, Knight Masons of Albuquerque, New Mexico, elected officers for 1979-80: Front (1-r) – Jim White, Senior Knight; Albert Elwell, Excellent Chief; Sidney Miller, Junior Knight; Wilfred Rinahart, Senior Warden. Back – Earl Kamm, Junior Warden; Ben Richman, Sentinel; David Wheeler, Priest; E. N. Robinson, P.E.C., Director of Ceremonies; Ralph Schulz, Scribe-Treasurer.

Montana Highlighted in Life Sponsor Drive

Four Commanderies within the Grand Commandery of Montana have achieved 100% Life Sponsor membership in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, as acknowledged by Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., in correspondence dated December 11, 1979.

Samuel J. Chapman, Grand Recorder of Montana, notified Sir Knight Bell of the attainment, and Certificates of Recognition were sent to the members of Virginia City Commandery No. 1, Palestine Commandery No. 18 (Harlowton), Bethany Commandery No. 19 (Choteau), and Golden West Commandery No. 24 (Shelby). This will be the second Certificate for Golden West No. 24 which has maintained 100% sponsorship since 1978.

With a total Constituent Commandery count of 21, Montana ranks high percentage-wise among Grand Commanderies for Life Sponsorships.
Arizona Chapter No. 1, 1880 – 1980

Arizona Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, the “premier” York Rite Body in Arizona, celebrates its Centennial in 1980, says Sir Knight Leon C. Aldrich, Centennial Executive, and offers for sale five commemorative mementos including (pictured from left) 16 oz. stein @ $7.50; 6½ inch diameter ashtray @ $6.50; 8 oz. mug @ $5.00; 10 inch diameter plate @ $20.00; and 12 oz. glass @ $7.50 per set of 6.

Sir Knight Aldrich announces that orders may be placed by sending check or money order payable to RAM-CENTENNIAL, P.O. Box 11993, Phoenix, Arizona 85061. He adds, “Please specify item and quantity; please add $1.50 for postage and handling; and please allow six to eight weeks for delivery. All net proceeds will be donated to the Royal Arch Research Assistance, a charitable endeavor of the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International.

St. John’s Welcomes Grand Master

St. John’s Commandery No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware, hosted a dinner to honor Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment Kenneth C. Johnson during his visit there January 10. The dinner, open to York and Scottish Rite Brethren, followed the regular Conclave of St. John’s Commandery at Wilmington.

French Alliance Cachet Issued

A previously unannounced First Day Cover of the French Alliance 13 cent stamp issued May 4, 1978, in York, Pennsylvania, is available from Louisiana Lodge No. 102, F. & A.M., writes philatelist and Sir Knight John R. Allen. The Cover stamp depicts “a Porcelain statue of King Louis XVI presenting a copy of the Treaty of Alliance to Benjamin Franklin, who later became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.” The Treaty of Alliance with France was ratified by the Continental Congress on May 4, 1778, and signed by Franklin and two other U.S. Diplomats. Brother Franklin is also pictured on the cachet, characterized by actor and Brother Drew Klomann who has in the past portrayed Franklin for the U.S. Postal Service.

The cachet is autographed by the late Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana, M.W. Arthur M. Retif. Brother Retif was Knighted November 18, 1944, by Ivanhoe Commandery No. 19, New Orleans, and died November 28, 1979.

Orders may be placed by sending $1.00 for each cachet plus a stamped, self-addressed return envelope (or $1.25 each without return envelope) to: John R. Allen, FDC Chairman, Louisiana Lodge No. 102. F. & A.M., P.O. Box 26135, Richmond, Virginia 23260. Sir Knight Allen advises: “Please allow three to six weeks for delivery.”
6th Week Totals Exceed $100,000

For the week ending January 11, 1980, figures for the 12th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation total $114,474.31 — compared to $135,622.56 achieved during the same week of the 10th Campaign.

Alabama .................................. $175.00
Arizona .................................... 1,247.00
Arkansas .................................... 332.50
California .................................. 1,089.00
Colorado .................................... 418.00
Connecticut .................................. 368.00
District of Columbia ......................... 1,210.00
Florida ...................................... 5,263.00
Georgia ...................................... 6,930.00
Idaho ........................................ 435.00
Illinois ...................................... 2,111.30
Indiana ...................................... 960.00
Iowa .......................................... 295.00
Kansas ....................................... 520.00
Kentucky ..................................... 1,641.50
Louisiana ..................................... 1,429.70
Maine .......................................... 849.50
Maryland ..................................... 990.00
Michigan ...................................... 3,234.00
Minnesota .................................... 2,293.00
Mississippi ................................... 763.00
Missouri ...................................... 2,103.25
Montana ....................................... 9,664.75
Nebraska ..................................... 175.00
Nevada ....................................... 979.95
New Hampshire ............................. 275.00
New Jersey .................................... 778.35
New Mexico ................................... 310.47
New York ..................................... 3,390.90
North Carolina ............................. 1,604.75
North Dakota ................................ 240.00
Ohio .......................................... 2,183.07
Okahoma ...................................... 736.00
Oregon ........................................ 967.00
Pennsylvania ................................ 5,340.50
South Carolina ............................. 695.00
South Dakota ................................ 967.00
Tennessee ..................................... 2,935.50
Texas ......................................... 39,100.38
Utah .......................................... 1,200.00
Vermont ...................................... 170.00
Virginia ...................................... 2,342.00
Washington ................................... 160.00
West Virginia ................................ 265.00
Wisconsin ...................................... 2,071.94
Wyoming ...................................... 260.00
Philippines ................................... 98.00
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii ....................... 74.00
Canal Zone No. 1, Ancon, CA ............... 30.00
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks, AK .............. 115.00
Anchorage No. 2, AK ....................... 250.00
Herrman von Salz No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany 152.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany ............... 150.00
Harry J. Miller No. 5, Bitburg, Germany ... 380.00

Ten New Names to Grand Master’s List

Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., is “proud to publicize” the names of the newest members of the Eye Foundation’s Grand Master’s and Grand Commander’s Clubs, and “to make known their generosity in fighting the battle against blindness and eye disease.” And this month the list is long — ten new $1,000 contributors, and three new $100 contributors are added to the lists.

Seven of the newest Grand Master’s Club members listed below contributed single donations of $1,000 to the Eye Foundation, and three (No.’s 178, 184 and 186) are “graduates” from the Grand Commander’s Club:

No. 178 — Mrs. Gladys Heusser-Pointer (IL)
No. 179 — Mr. Andrew C. Gramling, Jr. (SC)
No. 180 — Sir Knight and Mrs. Norman H. Rothrock, in memory of grand-daughter, Hallie N. Rothrock
No. 181 — John G. Wright (TX)
No. 182 — Lester M. Smith (MO)
No. 183 — Paul E. Drinnon (AL)
No. 184 — Sam B. Jeffrey (TX)
No. 185 — Curtis S. Bailey (CA)
No. 186 — Rev. Charles H. Warner (OK)
No. 187 — Z. T. Torian (TX)

Joining the Grand Commander’s Club are three individuals who have forwarded $100 checks as a first “installment” on membership, and a pledge to repeat the “payment” in minimum annual increments of $100 until $1,000 is reached. Of course, members may “complete” Grand Commander’s Club membership at any time — they needn’t wait the full ten years. New members include:

Minnesota No. 4 — Kenneth P. Hill
Ohio No. 8 — Charles B. Moody
Texas No. 14 — Joel Bayo Hopper

Membership is open to any individual, but not groups. The free-will donations do not provide Commandery credit and are not a substitute for annual assessment. For more information write: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Or call 217-523-3838.
Continuing with last month's review of Sir Knights who serve as Chairmen of Standing Committees of the Grand Encampment, the Knight Templar Magazine now presents the Masonic biographies of those Templars who head the Special Committees of this Order. The Standing Committees (named by the Constitution) and Special Committees (instituted by custom) work hand-in-hand with the officers of the Grand Encampment to insure smooth and orderly operation for all members.

George W. Davidson has served as Chairman of the Committee on DeMolay since 1973 when he was appointed to the post by then Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegel. The Grand Encampment special committee which he heads promotes active relations among Knights Templar and the International Order of DeMolay.

Sir Knight Davidson was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1923. He attended the University of Louisville, Kentucky, and The Ohio State University. For 30 years he has been associated with F.N. Davidson Jewelers.

In religious and civic areas, he is a lifetime member of the First Lutheran Church of Bellefontaine; director of the Logan County Chapter, American Red Cross; and a former District Committee-man for the Boy Scouts of America. He is a LTC retired, United States Army Reserve.

Masonically, he was Raised in Bellefontaine Lodge No. 209, F. & A.M., in 1944. He is Past Commander of Bellefontaine Commandery No. 61; a Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honour; and served as Sovereign of Holy Grail Conclave, R.C.C., and Preceptor, Prince of Peace Tabernacle No. X, H.R.A.K.T.P. Member of the Valley of Dayton, and coroneted a 33° in the Scottish Rite in 1967.

Davidson is a life-long member of the Order of DeMolay, having joined Frank W. Kiefer Chapter in Springfield as a boy, subsequently serving on the Advisory Councils of four Chapters, and presently serving as Governor of the 18th District in Ohio. He is a recipient of the Chevalier and the Active Legion of Honor Degrees.

Donald W. Anderson was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters of the Grand Encampment during the 54th Triennial Conclave in Indianapolis. This special committee examines the reports and returns of Commanderies working under dispensation from the Grand Master or the Grand Encampment, follows the progress of their work, and advises whether full charter should be granted.

Born in Orwell, Ohio, Anderson is a Past President of Middlefield Board of Trade and Middlefield Chamber of Commerce. For 30 years he was a distributor of petroleum products in Middlefield. He has also devoted much time to Boy Scouts of America, currently serving as Cubmaster and Scoutmaster of Troop 94.

Sir Knight Anderson was Raised in Symbol Lodge No. 452, New Lyme, Ohio, in 1939, and served as Worshipful Master 1945-46. He presided over Chardon Chapter No. 106,
Painesville Council No. 104, and Eagle Commandery No. 29, in Painesville, and in 1978 was elected Grand Commander of Ohio. He was awarded the 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., in 1972. Appendant membership includes Red Cross of Constantine, Shrine and K.Y.C.H. He is a recipient of the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor and is Past Worthy Patron, Clover Chapter No. 201, Eastern Star.

Frederick G. Speidel, Raleigh, was appointed new Chairman of the Committee on Templar History, replacing Sir Knight E. Leslie Webb, Tennessee, in that post. The Committee on Templar History is a special committee appointed to maintain and examine the records and archives of the Order of the Knights of the Temple who, since the times of the Crusades, have existed as a Christian fraternity.

For the past 18 years, Sir Knight Speidel has been employed as an independent representative selling electrical production machinery to electrical manufacturers. He was born in Washington, D.C., and is a graduate of the public schools there; he also attended George Washington University and Columbia Technical Institute in D.C., and The Oregon Institute of Technology, Portland. In WWII he served in Europe and received a direct commission for combat service; also commanded a partisan infantry regiment in Korea in 1952. He is retired with the rank of Major in the Reserves.

An active community leader, Speidel has served as an instructor for Boy Scout Adult Leaders Training; he is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and is a Deacon and Ruling Elder.

Masonically, Sir Knight Speidel was Raised in Gate City Lodge No. 694, A.F. & A.M., and later served as Worshipful Master of Raleigh Lodge No. 500 in 1965. He is past presiding officer of all York Rite Bodies in Raleigh, and is a member of the Committees on History and Publications for each Grand York Rite Body in North Carolina. In 1977 he was elected Grand Commander of North Carolina. Appendant membership: Red Cross of Constantine, Shrine, National Sojourners, and Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Sir Knight Speidel is himself a Masonic author. He wrote and published North Carolina Masons in the American Revolution in 1976, and, in 1979, The York Rite of Freemasonry, A History and Handbook. A major project of the current Committee is a revision and update of Francis Scully's History of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A.

George C. Patton, Jr., Stoneham, Massachusetts, is the new Chairman of the Committee on the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award, replacing Edgar H. Clark, Michigan, who headed the Committee 1970-79. The purpose of the K.T.C.H. Committee of the Grand Encampment is to coordinate the presentation of the coveted Knights Templar Award among the Grand and Subordinate jurisdictions.

Born in Brooklyn, Patton attended Pace Institute of Accounting and Finance, and for 44 years was employed with Brinks, Inc.; he retired in 1968 as Regional Manager. In the area of community service, he was Chairman of the United Fund in Stoneham, and President, Fellisland Council, Boy Scouts of America, from which he received the Silver Beaver Award, Scouting's highest honor.

Sir Knight Patton was Raised in and is Past Worshipful Master of Plymouth Lodge No. 1004, F. & A.M., Brooklyn.
and past presiding officer of all York Rite Bodies, including Clinton Commandery No. 14, Brooklyn (dual member of Hugh de Payens No. 20, Melrose, Massachusetts). In 1966 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In the Scottish Rite, he holds the 32nd Degree, N.M.J.; and appendant Masonic membership includes Aleppo Temple, Shrine, in Boston, and Massachusetts Priory No. 52, K.Y.C.H.

Joe R. Harris has served as Chairman of the Committee on the George Washington Memorial Committee — to oversee and maintain the upkeep of the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia — since 1970.

A Knight Templar for 33 years, Harris' Masonic accomplishments include positions as Past Commander, Arlington Commandery No. 29, and Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Virginia. He has served the Grand Encampment in the past as a member on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Committee, and in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Educational Foundation Committees. He is current Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine, Division of Virginia; is Past Sovereign, St. Polycarp Conclave, R.C.C.; and Past Preceptor, Gethsemane Tabernacle No. 11, H.R.A.K.T.P.

Sir Knight Harris is a veteran of World War I. His education included courses in Naval architecture, Marine engineering and shipbuilding; he is now retired as a Naval architect.

As a member of the Virginia Knights Templar Eye Foundation Appreciation Club, Sir Knight Harris holds (as of June 1979) 28 Eye Foundation Life Sponsorships.

George M. Fulmer, retired engineering executive from Lusby, Maryland, was appointed Chairman of the Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Committee. He replaces Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler who served as Chairman for 12 years. The Committee is appointed at each Triennial to plan the annual Easter Service held at Arlington National Cemetery. This Service is attended by thousands of individuals from across the nation and represents one of the most important dates in the Templar calendar.

Born in Duquesne, Pennsylvania, Fulmer is a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology where he majored in aeronautical engineering. During WWII, he worked in Crucible Steel's plant, Midland, Pennsylvania, and at their parts works facility, Pittsburgh Engineering Department. He transferred to Washington, D.C., in 1939, and for 25 years was a member of the Fred S. Gichner Iron Works where he held the position of Vice President and General Manager.

Masonically, he was Raised in Glasgow Lodge No. 485, Midland (now Shippingport), Pennsylvania. A member of Eureka Chapter No. 167, Rochester; Adoniram Council No. 2, Washington, D.C., and Washington Commandery No. 1, D.C., which he served as Commander in 1955. Elected Grand Commander of the District of Columbia in 1970. Membership includes Scottish Rite, Shrine, and Masonic Veterans, D.C. He holds the DeMolay Active Legion of Honor, and currently serves as Grand Registrar of the Grand College of America, H.R.A.K.T.P.

K. Edwin Applegate has been appointed Chairman of the newest Grand Encampment Committee — → → →
the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee — instituted at the 54th Triennial Conclave last August. This new committee will "have the general oversight of the practical working of sending ordained Christian ministers, gratis, on Pilgrimages to the Holy Land, for their spiritual enrichment, enthusiasm, and refreshed dedication."

No stranger to the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Applegate served the preceding triennium as Department Commander of the East Central Department. He is member of both York and Scottish Rites, Knighted in 1953; Past Commander and Present Trustee, Bloomington Commandery No. 63; and elected Grand Commander of Indiana in 1969. He was coronated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary, 330, N.M.J., in 1973, and is a member of Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine and Royal Order of Scotland.

Sir Knight Applegate was born in Cicero, Indiana, and is a graduate of Indiana University, holding B.S., LLB and Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees from that institution. He is a Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees, First United Methodist Church.

From 1950-58, he served as United States Commissioner, Southern District of Indiana; Deputy Prosecutor, Monroe County, 1958-59; Municipal Judge, Bloomington, 1960-63; Representative, State Legislature, 1965-66; and from 1967-70 held a presidential appointment as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana.

About Our Cover

Appearing on the cover of the February 1980 issue of Knight Templar is a reduction of a print entitled "George Washington as a Freemason" — produced by Sir Knight Benneville H. Clark, P.C., Gethsemane-DeMolay Commandery No. 7, Newtonville, Massachusetts.

It is one of two prints (the second is entitled "First Three Degrees," illustrated on p. 17 of the December 1979 magazine), offered for sale to brethren.

Each print measures 11 x 14 inches and costs $5.00 (cost for set of two prints is $10.00) — please add $0.75 for postage and handling per order. For each print sold, Sir Knight Clark "personally donates $1.50 to the Eye Foundation" with credit going to his Commandery for the 12th Voluntary Campaign. In recent communication, Sir Knight Clark writes, "It was a pleasure to have Richard S. Sleeper (Mass.- R.I. Voluntary Campaign Chairman) in our attendance on Christmas Day [and] to present him a check for $364.00 on orders received up till December 24."

Orders may be sent to Sir Knight Benneville H. Clark, P.O. Box 193, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts 02181.

Beauceant Leader in Florida

Mrs. Paul E. Case, Supreme Worthy President, Social Order of the Beauceant, made her official visit to Ocala Assembly No. 249, Ocala, Florida, last month and during her sojourn was invited to install the newly-elected officers of that body, January 8. Mrs. Case resides in Reading, Massachusetts, and her term of office as Supreme Worthy President will expire this September.

Ed. Note: Sincere apologies for our inability to include many news items and articles submitted this month. It was lack of space — not lack of merit.
RECORDED MASONIC MUSIC

by
Brother Jean O. Heineman
Research Lodge Minerva No. 27 (Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Finland)


About 15 years ago Suomi Lodge No. 1 supervised the issue of a record (Decca SDLP 9007) of the Masonic Ritual Music of Bro. Jean Sibelius, but this original version consisted of only nine items. Later on, Sibelius added three more, including his patriotic “Finlandia.” It has since been accepted that Sibelius’s Musique Religieuse comprised 12 pieces as they appear in the printed notes with an English text published by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York in 1935 and revised in 1950. Nevertheless, it must be pointed out that however patriotic it might be, “Finlandia” is not Masonic Music and forms no part of the ritual. The new record (Stereo SLLP 3) represents the complete Masonic ritual music as played during the lodge meetings and forming an integral part of the workings of the three Craft degrees. In this connection, it should be remembered that the rituals used in Finland are translations into Finnish of the rituals of the Grand Lodge of New York. The only innovation introduced in Finland is the Masonic ritual music of Brother Jean Sibelius. The sequence of the items in this record is listed below together with the corresponding degrees of which they form part.

STEREO SLLP 3 – MUSIQUE RELIGIEUSE

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Opus 113
8 ‘Funeral Music’ (organ)
9 ‘Onward, ye Brethren!’
   Text by Viktor Rydberg
10 ‘The lofty Heav’n and widespread earth’
   Text by Simo Korpela
11 ‘How fair our Earth’
   Text by A. Simelius

Opus 5 – No. 1
12 ‘Impromptu’ (Organ)
   Played very often at the end of lodge meetings when collecting the Alms.

Opus 111 – No. 1
13 ‘Intrada’ (Organ)
   Often played when the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master or the Substitute Grand Master visit a lodge.

The male choir is composed of a double quartet, the organ is played by Brother Tauno Aikaa and the solo singer is Brother Matti Piipponen who is an appreciated opera singer. They are presented on the back cover, together with an introduction to the 13 pieces in Finnish, Swedish, English and German. Each record is supplied with a nine-page leaflet giving the wording of the songs in Swedish, English and German. The English words are by Bro. Marchall Kernohan.

Musique Religieuse, Opus 113, is a suite for solo voices, chorus and organ, completed on the eve of Twelfth-Night 1927. By that time Sibelius had all his large works behind him. As late as 1946 he added two pieces to his suite: ‘Praise Thy Holy Name on High” and “Ode to Fraternity,” which are the last compositions published by the master.

“Impromptu,” Opus 5 – No. 1, is part of the piano suite “Six Impromptus” composed by Sibelius in 1893. The arrangement for organ is made by Brother Tauno Aikaa, one of the finest organists in Finland.

“Intrada,” Opus 111 – No. 1, was composed in 1925 and, together with his familiar “Mourning Music,” it is the only work that Sibelius originally wrote for organ.

Each “STEREO SLLP 3” record is supplied with a leaflet giving the wording of the songs in three languages at a cost of Finnish Marks 50 within Scandinavia and Finnish Marks 55 elsewhere (by surface mail) inclusive of package and postal charges. Payments should be made by means of a Banker’s draft in Finnish Marks drawn on a Finnish Bank and issued to the order of Mr. Olli V. Alho. All orders accompanied by Banker’s draft should be mailed to Mr. Olli V. Alho (who himself sings the second bass in the double quartet), Kotonityntie 13, 00650 Helsinki 65, Finland.

Sir Knight Heineman is a Masonic researcher and writer and has contributed articles to a number of Masonic publications in four languages. His mailing address is Nordfors, Odinsgate 21, Oslo 2, Norway.

Later this year a special background feature on the life of Brother Sibelius will be presented by Brother Heineman in these pages.

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Masonry's influence...

THE EARLY YEARS IN AMERICA

by

Sir Knight Edwin B. Rawlins
Colorado Commandery No. 4, Austin, Texas

Hervey Allen, author of The Forest and the Fort, and several other novels set in early America, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1889, and died December 28, 1949. Though not himself a Freemason, he is, says historian Denslow, "one of the few writers of historical novels to give credit for the part Freemasonry played in our Revolutionary period." In 1944, Allen wrote, "Several members of the fraternity have written in asking if I hold membership. I do not and never have. My father and grandfather and a great many other relatives have been Masons for many generations back, but for various reasons I have never joined. My interest in the theme of Masonry in American life is purely historical, and I think that my not being a member is at this time perhaps a help in my stressing the theme, as I can do so without any suspicion of being a special pleader from the inside. There is no doubt that for some reason or other American historians have overlooked one of the prime and deep-running influences in American life."

I have just finished reading a beautifully written historical novel, The Fort and the Fortress by Hervey Allen, and was agreeably surprised to find the author giving credit to the Masonic Lodges during the stormy and terrible times of the early-day settlers pushing their way west of the Allegheny Mountains about the 1750's. With little or no civil law in force, and the British and Colonial armies tied up in mortal combat with the savages, the settlers found that might prevailed over right, and only those who had strength and arms to defend their families and property could exist on the frontier.

The armies were under-manned and thinly spread, the roads few and rugged — mostly a trail cut through the tall trees and heavy brush. This was quite advantageous to the Indians and renegades who wished to ambush the slow-travelling wagon trains and troop convoys. Only those towns under the protection of a fort could survive, and this protection did not provide much, if any, safety from the camp followers and evil doers. Taking the author at face value in his research, we find the businessmen and leaders of the various frontier posts to be of the Masonic Order, and men of the highest moral character. These men, desirous of bringing law and order, found themselves drawn together, and, trusting few outside the Lodge, they laid plans to establish a semblance of order where none prevailed.

We find the story of a prosperous and city-safe man who, with no recompense whatsoever, left his business and home to travel the wilderness when he received a call from the distant brethren. They wanted him to come and help, as they strove to organize and hold themselves together in readiness for the day when a Lodge could somehow be brought to existence in the dark and bloody reaches of the new land. It is wonderful to know that it was the Masons who realized that, through the teaching of their Order, not only would the existing

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members be strengthened in their efforts to improve the forts and far-flung villages, but they would have a much-needed place for the better class of young men who might express a desire to become Masons.

The young men were surprised to learn, after becoming Masons, that the members of the frontier posts, army officers and enlisted men, were the ones they had previously respected and admired. These men who, despite the hardships and rough life of the frontier, still adhered to their decency and moral living, were the men the new Masons found teaching and leading in the Lodge.

With absolutely no civil officers or magistrates to protect them from the riff-raff and scum of the frontier, these Masons bound themselves together anew, and brought into literal practice the vows of their fraternity. They met in their homes and places of business to discuss the existing conditions — no one else was much concerned, or seemed to care. There was such lawlessness on the part of some traders, that the decent citizens found themselves fighting both the savages and the whiskey/gun-running renegades.

It is small wonder that we read in the Masonic history that, a few years later, George Washington placed in positions of responsibility and trust men he knew to be of great moral character and loyalty to their country. These men, according to our readings, were in large part members of the Masonic Order.

Let us take courage and solace in this day of world and domestic strife, that it was the Masons who were the honest and upright citizens; it was the Masons who trusted each other and strove together to bring law and order to their country.

When we are prone to look on the dark side of our present Lodge records of attendance and interest, or scan the Grand Lodge report of losses due to deaths, demits, etc., let us take heart that, despite these and other vexing problems, we find today’s Masons as in the Colonial times. Certainly there are many things we are concerned with in our Lodges, and there are problems to be met; but there are also things we may be proud of.

In this day, there is much talk of world troubles and domestic problems. The news media fairly scream headlines of trouble throughout the universe. How pleasant it is for the Lodge members to come together on meeting night and engage for a while in a work so high in principle and of such a lofty scale that they are enabled to lay aside the cares of the day and the worries of the night. For the businessman harassed with minute details of his office, and for those who through advanced age no longer care to participate in sports or in fields and streams, how pleasant to find a relaxing and comforting atmosphere in the presence of their Masonic brethren and the witnessing of the ritual.

Certainly the vexing conditions of international and local scope are with us the next morning after meeting night, but how wonderful to gather in peace and harmony for a few hours each week . . . to hear sincere and dedicated men, as they strive to enlighten and teach the finer way of life to the new members and candidates. Where else can a group of men gather and dwell in the realms of their beliefs and principles, and shut out the noise of the street and the screams of the radio and television, and the sometimes lurid lines of the newspaper.

We are not like the ostrich, burying our head in the sand as danger approaches; but rather, we need a few minute’s respite to reappraise our values and affirm our beliefs in God and Man.

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Launch Second Half Century

From left, W. Doyle Martin, E.C., Chattanooga Commandery No. 32; Rayford J. McLaurin, P.C.; John Stracener, Grand Recorder of Tennessee; and Theodore L. Rose, P.C.

On November 16, 1979, Chattanooga Commandery No. 32, Tennessee, commemorated its 50th Anniversary. Eminent Commander W. Doyle Martin hosted the banquet which was prepared and served by Mission Ridge Chapter of the Eastern Star. Past Commander Rayford J. McLaurin served as Master of Ceremonies; and P.C. Theodore L. Rose gave a short history of the Commandery. Featured speaker was John Stracener, Grand Recorder of Tennessee.

R.E. Grand Commander James A. Buford helped officiate at the cutting of the Commandery’s birthday cake.

Sestercicentennial Report

Sir Knight John Allen, Chairman of Louisiana Lodge Philatelic Committee and Chairman of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club’s “Committee to Celebrate George Washington’s 250th Birthday,” reports numerous letters have been received — almost 1,200 to date from every state and as far abroad as Lebanon — recommending that the Postal Service issue a set of commemorative stamps for the occasion. This special stamp set would honor the human side of our first president.

His Committee is pleased with the response to their appeal (see June 1979 cover feature, “The First ‘Truly Masonic’ U.S. Postage Stamp?”); but Sir Knight Allen emphasizes that more letters from individuals are needed to keep the momentum high. He writes, “If you have not as yet written to request this commemorative issue, please do so at once. If you have written already, please persuade a friend or neighbor to write also, the letter should be addressed to: Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Administration Group, Room 5700, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C. 20260.”

For information, write Allen at P.O. Box 26135, Richmond, Virginia 23260.

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Grand Master Sam E. Hilburn, Grand Lodge of Texas, was the featured speaker and R. W. Lee Lockwood, Senior Past Grand Master, was Master of Ceremonies for the Silver Anniversary Program of James H. Lockwood Lodge No. 1343 at Waco, Texas, December 19. Worshipful Master for the quarter-century observance was George Westover.

Past Grand Master Lockwood served as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge which was named in honor of Brother Lockwood’s father, James H. Lockwood, “himself an eminent and outstanding Mason.”

The program shows that Grand Master Hilburn highlighted mention that “Brother Lee Lockwood, while serving as Worshipful Master of James H. Lockwood Lodge No. 1343 was also Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Orient of Texas.”

Joseph W. Hale, Associate Justice, Court of Appeals, Texas, had presented the January 25, 1955, memorial address at the initial meeting of James H. Lockwood Lodge.
The Island of Templar Masonry . . .

THE ISLAND OF CRETE

by
Sir Knight Roland J. Maddox
Texas Lodge of Research

It is singular that the explosion that shook the Mediterranean in 1470 B.C. — and presumably destroyed the civilization of Atlantis — caused a major reshaping of the geography of the island of Crete and was responsible for the loss of nearly every site that could come even close to being called a harbor. Where the previous islanders had been noted for their adventurous spirit, the lack of suitable harbor facilities caused the surviving natives, and later immigrants, to become strongly provincial and insular, even fiercely so. Though many outsiders were to inhabit the island in subsequent years, this quality was to remain deeply ingrained in the people.

Few significant events took place on the island throughout the next 1500 years, or until the time of significant Roman occupation in 67 B.C. About a hundred years later, the apostle Paul appears to have landed at a small port on the south side of Crete while on his way to Rome as a prisoner. The appointment by Paul of Titus as Bishop of Gortyna resulted in Christianity becoming a significant religion on the island.

The division of the Roman Empire into the western and eastern sectors resulted in Crete’s being taken by the Byzantines or Eastern group. Christianity prospered until the appearance of the Arabs in the 7th century; they were in firm control of the island until 961. The Byzantine general, Nikiphoros Phokas, was responsible for deposing the Arabs. This general was to become one of the great Byzantine emperors and a patron of Christian monasteries.

During the Fourth Crusade, that of 1203, Byzantium fell to the Turks, and Crete was sold through several transactions to the Venetians. In the meantime, the city-state of Genoa had made inroads in settling the island, and with the natives, resisted the reign of the Venetians. The latter appeared to dominate the island, named it Candia, and set to work to organize, fortify and adorn it. Crete is the island referred to in the Order of Malta as Candia.

The name Candia was derived from what appears to have been an Arabic word, Khandah, an early dialect word meaning “sweet.” The present-day city of Khania, or Candia, on the northwestern side of the island, is near the only site on the island which possesses a sizeable port. Elderly islanders, however, still call the present city of Iraklion, named after the Greek god Heracles, Candia. So the word has several connotations, and can refer to both a city and the island itself.

During the years that span the bulk of the Crusades, from 1204 to 1669, the island was under strong Venetian rule, but their strictness declined significantly after the fall of Constantinople in 1453. Crete became a refuge for artists, scholars, and clergy from the mainland. This group put increasing pressure on the Venetians for self-rule. Many cities indeed succeeded.

Because of its lack of harbors and its poor strategic location relative to Cyprus and Rhodes, the island of Crete was of little significance to the Crusades. Both Templars and the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem made a brief stop on the
island between 1523 and 1530. Their principal place of occupancy appeared to be near Iraklion and the site of the ancient city of Knossos.

In 1648, what was probably the longest siege of all time was begun by the Turks. This was to span a period of 22 years, during which at least one Pope-inspired expedition, or "side Crusade," was conducted. Pope Clement IX prompted Louis XIV to send a force to relieve the island. The attempt was unsuccessful. In 1669 the island was forced to capitulate, and the Turks allowed those who wished to leave, to do so.

The Turks appeared to have taken the island solely for the purpose of preventing its being under Christian control. They did little to improve the quality of life there for over 200 years. Most of the islanders who remained outwardly embraced Islam out of a simple need for survival; but practice of the Orthodox faith continued, without major interruption from the Moslems.

Since 1821 the island has been governed variously by Greece, Egypt, Turkey again, Britain and lastly Greece. During the World Wars, relations were strained between Greece and Turkey, with repercussions hitting the island. British troops retreated to Crete after being driven from the mainland by Germany. Several places on the island were hard hit, but in its typical stubborn, patriotic fashion, the natives achieved an honorable victory, again joining with Greece.

COMING NEXT: MALTA

Correspondence may be sent to Sir Knight Maddox at 1009 Royal Oaks Dr., Dickinson, Texas 77539.

Digenis Akritas Commandery Constituted No. 1 in Athens

Some 200 guests, including distinguished Masons in Greece, Germany and Italy, attended November 24 ceremonies in Athens when Digenis Akritas Commandery received its charter as No. 1 in Athens, and two others — Dionysius Areopagites and Constantine Paleologos — were presented dispensations to operate. Sir Knight Ryoji Beutner, P.C., Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Germany, installed the officers of the three Commanderies at the public ceremony, assisted by Sir Knights Francis Butterfield, P.G.C., Idaho (Installing Grand Prelate); Rod Fletcher, P.G.C., Idaho (Installing Grand Recorder); and William Kaloudis, P.C., Heidelberg Commandery No. 2 (Installing Marshal).

New officers of Digenis Akritas No. 1 include Demos Thanos, E.C.; Dimitris Liakopoulos, G.; and John Souvaliotis, C.G. Officers of the new Commanderies U.D., also in Athens, include: For Dionysius Areopagites — Stathis Liakopoulos, E.C.; George Vassiliou, G.; and Simone Loret, C.G. For Constantine Paleologos — Stephanos Paipetis, E.C.; Romelos Vamvakopoulos, G.; and George Valkas, C.G.

I would like to buy a Dudley Masonic watch. If someone has one to sell, please write or call me, giving a description and price. Leonard B. Fleming, 5804 Bucknell Terrace, College Park, Maryland 20740, (301) 345-5804

My father, Walter Lemon, passed away a few years ago and I would like to sell his ring. It is in excellent condition. He was a 50-year member of his local Commandery. Mrs. Norma L. Puckett, 105 Danville Rd., Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

For sale: Masonry Defined by Lippincott-Johnston, copyright 1924-25-26, 402 pages; History of Freemasonry by Mitchell, Volume 1, 720 pages; History of Masonry, Volume 2; History Mrs. Aldworth, the distinguished and only Lady Freemason, by J. W. S. Mitchell, M.D., 719 pages. Also Knight Templar sword, scabbard, carrying case. Excellent condition. Best offer accepted. R. D. Harris, Box 72, Mansfield, Missouri 65704

I am a Knight interested in purchasing a Masonic ring, with a diamond of one carat or more of excellent quality. J. H. Tanner, Timberlake Rt. 1, Box 88, Dixie, Georgia 31629

While going through some old letters of my folks, I found a postcard addressed to them with the following message: "PFC Walter Fillebrown was a guest today of the Wilmington, Delaware USO Sunday Breakfast Committee. We were delighted to serve him. Mrs. J. Rupert, Auxiliary Knight Templer." The postmark is July 30, 1944.

I was stationed a short time at Dover AFB. Every time I could wangle a 3-day pass, I would hitch-hike into Wilmington. As I remember, the USO was a friendly place, someone to talk to, and always a cup of coffee with a bite to eat. They would always find a place for us to sleep, no matter the hour. I didn’t have much money, so a great place to get away.

Thanks to those people, especially the Auxiliary Ladies. This is 36 years late but nevertheless still much appreciated by a then young country boy, a long way from home. I never realized there were such groups as these Ladies. Would appreciate any information on the USO in Wilmington, if anyone can remember. Walter W. Fillebrown, Jr., Portland Commandery No. 2, 44 Woodmoor Road, South Portland, Maine 04106

From my Masonic library I have approximately one-hundred books for sale on various subjects, including histories, monitors from different states, several different sets of encyclopedia, and numerous other works by well-known Masonic authors. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for list of titles and prices, or telephone John F. Wolf, P. O. Box 927, Crossroads, New Mexico 88114 Telephone: (505) 675-2480
When I joined Kensington Commandery No. 54, stationed in Jenkintown, PA, I decided I would be very active. Over the years I have been active in the Eye Foundation, Educational Foundation, and membership campaigns. Last year I ran a Knights Templar Festival.

This year I have a project in mind for increasing membership. As part of this project I would like to know how many Commanderies in the United States have Brass Bands or Marching Bands. If you have such information available I would appreciate hearing from you.

In this area our ranks have been thinning. Perhaps with some new ideas and enthusiasm we can increase our membership. William E. Girard, P.C. and Treasurer, 715 Fairfield Road, Glenside, Pennsylvania 19038

Editor's Note: Although no statistics on this subject are available in the Grand Recorder's office, perhaps those Commanderies having Marching or Brass Bands would contact Sir Knight Girard.

I belong to Southern Pines Commandery No. 16, Southern Pines, North Carolina, and am trying to build a collection of chapter "Pennies." I would like to hear from any Sir Knight or Recorder that would let me have one of his chapter's pennies. I will be happy to pay for them. Robert H. Paul, 1102 Hardin Road, Lumberton, North Carolina 28358

For Sale — Sword, leather carrying case and belts. Homer Bowers, Rt. 3, Box 518, Lake Placid, Florida 33852, (813-465-5192)

I am interested in a Michigan Past Commander's Chapeau size 7 1/8 in good condition. I would also like a 40 short or lightweight P.C. coat. I would be glad to pay a reasonable price if in good condition. Harold Conners, 2008 18th Street, Menominee, Michigan 49858.

I was recently asked by a Companion and Masonic Brother in Zwolle, the Netherlands, if I could find him some catalogs or listings of Masonic items that might be for sale from the Grand Lodge Museums or Libraries. I would like to hear from anyone who may have information about such a listing or catalog so that I may pass along the information to Zwolls, The Netherlands. Robert E. Mutz, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Florida, 720 Tradewinds Drive, North Palm Beach, Florida 33408

Santa Monica Thanks

Sir Knight Richard S. Hassell, Santa Monica Bay Commandery No. 61, California, requested insertion of the following letter in the Knight Templar Magazine:

Sir Knights:

We are most grateful for the response and interest shown in our recently published "York Rite" calendar. It has been well received beyond our expectations in just about every state and we sincerely thank you for your patronage. Since we plan to publish the calendar annually, we are grateful looking forward to serving you in the future.

A limited number of 1980 calendars are still available at $2.00 post-paid. As far as we know, it is the first "York Rite" calendar of its type and possibly may be of interest to collectors.

Sir Knights, once again our sincere thanks, and we wish to extend to each and every one of you our best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Calendars may be ordered by writing to Sir Knight Hassell at 911 - 2nd Street, Santa Monica, California 90403.
THE INAUGURAL PRAYER
OF BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE MAKE OUR EARNEST PRAYER THAT THOU WILT KEEP THE UNITED STATES IN THY HOLY PROTECTION, THAT THOU WILT INCLINE THE HEARTS OF THE CITIZENS TO CULTIVATE A SPIRIT OF OBEDIENCE, AND TO ENTERTAIN A BROTHERLY AFFECTION AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, AS FELLOW CITIZENS. MAY WE BE PLEASED TO DO JUSTICE, TO LOVE MERCY, AND TO CONDUCT OURSELVES IN CHARITY, HUMILITY, AND GENTLE TEMPER OF MIND, WHICH WERE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DIVINE AUTHOR OF OUR BLESSED RELIGION, AND WITHOUT WHOSE HUMBLE EXAMPLE WE CAN NEVER HOPE TO BE A HAPPY NATION. GRANT US OUR SUPPLICATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN.