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## AGE IS A STATE OF MIND

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A national magazine of some prominence last month tells of a reporter travelling by train through fields of yellow corn in northern China. Turning to his Chinese scientist guide, he asked when this import from America was first brought to China. The reply – “Four hundred years.” Said the reporter, “Oh, then it’s been here a long time.” The scientist said – “No.”

It serves to make us stop and think: Four hundred years, about twice the age of the United States, quite a bit longer than we have had recognized speculative lodges of Freemasons in the world! And, to the Chinese scientist, it was “not a long time at all.”



Age is relative – including that of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. And it would be a mighty sad situation if we ever began to “feel our age.” Templary through the ages has provided the battlefield vitality which has rallied and renewed our Order since 1118 A.D. Templary has been the vigorous force which makes it to many the elite of York Rite Masonry. Its Christian character gives it a deep and meaningful purpose. And now, at this stage in our history and the history of our nation, this is not the time to feel faint, weary or decrepit.

Let us not “show” our age. We have strength, we have force, we have persistence. We are young in our thinking, young in our endeavors, and we’re going to keep it that way. We have a wealth of wisdom behind us. Now, let’s show that wisdom with Templar action.

Forget the “lip service” to Templary and remember that we are not engaged in a past-time for children. We are an army of valiant Knights in the service of our Saviour, the service of our nation, and in the service of all mankind. Templar membership in itself exemplifies service.

There is an old toast which goes something like this:

*Count your days with smiles, not tears;  
Count your age with friends, not years.*

Age is relative. Let’s truly act our age and work with diligence for the good of our Order. Remember: You have nearly 360,000 Templar friends marching with you, side by side! You are not alone.

*Renee Johnson*

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The Magazine for York Rite Masons

**APRIL:** Favorable things happen in April. Spring returns to the northern climes and baseball takes the sports headlines. That's a joy in itself, but there's more: The Safety Pin was patented in 1849, year of the famous Gold Rush; Congress authorized "In God we Trust" on U.S. coins in 1854; Louisiana was purchased in 1867. And, transcending all, our Easter Services are observed this month. By the way, Easter comes later next year - April 19, to be exact. We have tried to make this month representative for April readers. We trust you will enjoy the features.

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## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**Indiana:** A discerning story on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, complete with photographs, appeared in *The Indiana Freemason* for February, particularly appropriate for the 12th Annual Voluntary Campaign. The article quotes an expressive "thank you" from one who has benefited by the program: "I had never seen the rain falling or leaves blowing. Now I can see that and it's wonderful."

**Stars and Stripes:** Dr. and Sir Knight Leonard B. Smith, of the Detroit Concert Band, has been lauded by the *Knight Templar Magazine* on frequent occasions. We were pleased to find a commercial publication, "Friends," an automobile magazine, has saluted Dr. Smith in its March issue. It cites Meredith Willson, composer of the *March of the 76 Trombones*, as saying: "They (the DCB) are among the best I've ever heard ... an excellent band ... yes, splendid."

**Pending:** In a forthcoming issue will be an article by Sir Knight Sheridan Ostrander, Director of the Masonic Relations Department, Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago. It will sketch the background of the center and will bring us up to "70 years later." Currently, the Illinois Masonic Medical Center has launched a 25 million dollar campaign to help further provide for the approximately 18,000 inpatients and 25,000 emergency cases treated each year. Outpatient visits total more than 75,000 annually, requiring more than 300 physicians working with approximately 120 young doctors taking post-graduate training, plus more than 2,000 employees.

**Ascension Service:** Past Grand Commander David Aiken, Secretary of the Templar Knights Commanders' Association, Metropolitan District of New York, sends a reminder urging attendance of Brothers and Sir Knights at the annual Ascension Day Service and Parade set for May 4. The Parade will progress from the Eternal Light Monument in Madison Square Park at 24th Street at 3:45 p.m., with Service at the historic Marble Collegiate Church on Fifth Avenue and 29th Street at 4:00. Aiken says, "We hope to fill that sanctuary and get the promised television coverage."

**Long Search:** For years we have sampled and examined dozens of binders for filing copies of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. The major necessity was to secure a file which was attractive, sturdy, affordable — and "shippable." There have been frequent reader requests for such files. A source now has been secured. The details are on page 31 of your current magazine for those interested. The soft-coated snap-up and collapsible file is 8½ x 2½ x 6 inches — for copies of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, General Orders, and items of similar size.

**Mills:** Last month's correspondence included a number of requests for information on James R. Mills' book, *The Gospel According to Pontius Pilate*, reviewed in the March *Knight Templar*. Brother Mills is a California State Senator as well as writer and historian. The book is available through Fleming H. Revell Co., 184 Central Avenue, Oldtappan, New Jersey 07675, and, as of March 17, it is in print and costs \$6.95 plus postage.



## HISTORY OF THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

*For fifty years, Knights Templar have gathered each Easter morning at the West Gate of Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, adjacent to Fort Myer and "just across the Potomac from the Nation's Capital." Scores of citizens – led by the striking procession of white- and black-plumed "Soldiers of Christ" – fill the open-air Amphitheatre in the heart of Arlington Cemetery to join in a public celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to pay tribute to this country's honored dead.*

The first Knight Templar Easter Sunrise Service of official record in Washington, D.C., took place April 8, 1928, on the grounds of Walter Reed Army Hospital. It was arranged by Colonel and Sir Knight A. C. Oliver and Brightwood Commandery No. 6, D.C. (now extinct). In 1929 and 1930 the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia was invited to participate in the service at Walter Reed; but it was not until 1931 that the sponsorship of the event was taken over by the Grand Commandery of the District.

1931 was a Triennial year and the first Grand Encampment mention of an Easter Sunrise Service in that part of the country is made in the 1931 Triennial Proceedings. Sir Knight Eugene E. Thompson (P.G.C., D.C.) spoke of the service conducted by the Grand Commandery of D.C., stating that the President and Mrs. Hoover, the Secretaries of War, Navy and Labor, and the Grand Master of the District of Columbia were present with an attendance of over 10,000. Thompson says this was the "first service of its kind" because the



Easter 1928: Templars gather on the grounds of Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

location had been changed that year to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia in order to accommodate more people than the Walter Reed Hospital grounds could hold. At this 1931 service a broadcast "sent over three separate systems" was arranged. According to Thompson, the Government had "renewed its permission to hold a like service next Easter," and he proceeded, on behalf of the Grand Commandery of D.C., to invite the Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Encampment to attend in 1932. Grand Master William Sharp acknowledged the invitation, but seems to have made no further mention of the service.

Under the topic "Worthwhile Events" in the 1934 Proceedings, Grand Master Weidner makes brief mention of the 1931 service, noting "an audience estimated as high as 12,000 was in attendance as well as Commanderies from Virginia, West Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland and the District of Columbia." Also in these Proceedings, under Acting Grand Master Agnew's report, reference is made to Easter 1934. He says, "I attended the Easter Sunrise → → →



Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery . . . held under the auspices of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia . . . Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, many members of Congress, and high ranking officials of the National Government were present."

Only passing mention of the Easter Services appeared in the 1937 Proceedings, but with the 1940 book, the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service has taken on all but national recognition. It is in the 1940 Proceedings that Grand Master Norris recommended "that the Grand Encampment sponsor this service and contribute to its maintenance . . . [since] it is scarcely fair that a single Grand Commandery should bear the entire expense of this service, which is broadcast over a national network."

Norris and others seem to have been so impressed with the results of the Easter Service, that for the first time the Grand Encampment included a triennium appropriation of \$1,500 (\$500 per year) for the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington, Virginia, in the 1940-43 Budget.

The first Report of a Committee on the Easter Sunrise Service, chaired by P.G.C. Eugene E. Thompson, appeared in the 1943 Proceedings. It detailed the Services from 1940 to 1943, and gave further information on the history of the observance:

*The thought which prompted the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia to start the Services was based upon a resolution proposed by their Religious Services Committee on May 12, 1930, . . . in which they requested the authority of the Grand Commandery of [D.C.] to arrange and conduct such religious services as they may deem appropriate. The Committee carefully considered the idea of a Service on Easter Day at sunrise; they being impressed with the wonderful Easter Sunrise Services held in California and, with the thought of the California services in mind, they*

*set about to find a location that would be in keeping with and suitable for the holding of such a service. . . .*

After this preliminary decision had been made, conferences with Templar representatives, the Secretary of War, and the Quartermaster General of the United States Army ensued, and as a result, "a permit was issued by the Quartermaster General of the Army, he having supervision and control of all Military Cemeteries, to the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia for holding on Easter Sunday morning, April 5, [1931], in the Amphitheatre in Arlington National Cemetery, of an Easter Sunrise Memorial Service in memory of the Masons who gave their lives in the service of their country, and in particular those who were buried in Arlington National Cemetery."

The service was prepared and conducted under the sponsorship of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, and it was repeated annually. In 1936 the Grand Commandery of Virginia was invited by the District to join in the sponsorship; this was a logical move since Arlington Cemetery is located in Virginia. The joint responsibility continued from 1936 to 1940.

The 1941 service was the first to be sponsored by the Grand Encampment and was conducted by the Chairman of the Committee on Easter Sunrise Service (P.G.C. Thompson), assisted by the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, The Reverend ZeBarney T. Phillips. Grand Master Harry Gilmore Pollard delivered a message of greeting, and the music was supplied by the U.S. Marine Band, which also escorted the Knights from the West Gate to the Amphitheatre.

The report continued, "At the conclusion of the service a large Cross of Lilies, donated by Sir Knight George C. Shaffer . . . was removed from the amphitheatre and was then placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by the



Honorable [Brother] Henry A. Wallace, Vice-President of the United States, in the name of Knights Templar everywhere. During this latter ceremony, the Marine Band played 'Lead Kindly Light,' following which the sounding of 'Taps' concluded the ceremonies. . . . There were 468 Knights present in uniform. . . . and approximately ten thousand persons seated and standing" in the amphitheatre and also thousands who could not enter the Cemetery grounds. A conservative estimate of those in attendance at the amphitheatre and entering the Cemetery grounds, and those who could not get into the grounds would be thirty thousand persons." And a nation-wide hook-up by the NBC and CBS Radio stations broadcast the service.

Chairman Thompson especially praised the Sir Knights of the District of Columbia in his first report. He wrote: "The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, in addition to having 289 of its Knights present, rendered very helpful service in other ways. In particular they provided hospitality by arranging a breakfast for the Knights at the Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C., immediately following the service, which was attended by over 450 Knights and guests . . ." Thus another annual tradition was begun.

In the 1943 Proceedings, Grand Master Pollard confirms the Grand Encampment commitment to sponsor future services. He wrote in his allocution, "When at the Triennial in 1940, on the recommendation of Grand Master Norris, the Grand Encampment voted to sponsor the Easter Sunrise Service . . . , I little realized the impressiveness of the ceremony and its worth to Templary. . . . This year, the placing of the Cross of Lilies on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier by . . . General Pershing, was the most touching of any ceremony I ever witnessed."

Also noted in 1943 is the following statement: "When the Grand Commanderies of Virginia and the District of

Columbia asked the Grand Encampment to take over and sponsor the Easter Sunrise Services . . . the request was not made so much for the purpose of defraying the expense of conducting the services, but rather that the Grand Encampment itself, speaking for Knights Templar throughout the country, and our foreign subordinates, might give public expression, with a loud voice, to our belief in the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. Broadcast, as the Service is, we, in effect, proclaim to the country early on Easter morning that 'Our Lord is risen from the dead.' "

War restrictions during the 1943-46 triennium prevented extensive travel, but the Committee Report for those years noted that the Services "continued to attract capacity crowds." In 1944, for example, attendance was estimated at over 20,000. A broadcast of this 1944 service "was furnished the office of War Information for short wave broadcast overseas."

The 1945 Easter Service on April 1, was marked by the attendance of Vice President and Sir Knight Harry S. Truman. Truman also attended the District of Columbia Easter Breakfast that year. Less than two weeks from that Easter, President Roosevelt would be dead, and Truman would assume office as the 33rd President of the United States.

No new events took place at the 1947, 1948 or 1949 services, except that radio coverage time was reduced to 30 minutes "for commercial reasons."

The 1955 Service was the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington. The crowd once again overflowed the Amphitheatre, with the largest gathering of Sir Knights in uniform in the entire 25 years.

Finally, at the 1958 Conclave, Grand Master DeLamater recommended that the "Grand Encampment go on record establishing the Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service as a → → →



permanent service, thus not having to vote on it each Triennium.”

At the 30th annual Service, April 17, 1960, more uniformed Sir Knights than ever before were on hand, due in part to a “special pilgrimage of the Grand Commandery of Michigan accompanied by Detroit Commandery No. 1 Drill Team which gave an exhibition drill on the Monument Grounds on Easter Eve. During this 1958-61 triennium a sound-film was produced and made available by the Grand Recorder. The film was presented by Detroit Commandery No. 1 and became a portion of the current Knights Templar Eye Foundation film, “Release from Darkness.”

Remarks of the Easter Sunrise Committee in the 1967 Proceedings included the fact that for the first time in 1965 and 1967, the Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Michigan (home Commandery of then Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker), “arranged to confer the Order of the Temple at the Statler Hilton Hotel” in Washington. Among the candidates in 1965 was General Lyman W. Lemnitzer, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe.

In 1967, 851 uniformed Sir Knights and 50 members of the Order of DeMolay were led by the U.S. Marine Band from the West Gate to the Amphitheatre. The number of Sir Knights in uniform set yet another record, and for the first time members of DeMolay were given a place in the procession. Also in 1967, Detroit Commandery No. 1 conferred the Order of the Temple upon 12 candidates. The Exemplar for the Order was General Bruce C. Clarke – currently the Honorary Chairman of the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Committee.

Over the next ten years, the number of Sir Knights in attendance generally increased. In 1973 there were 775, and the Amphitheatre continued to be filled to capacity.

## Amphitheatre Awaits



Northern view – The Memorial Amphitheatre at Arlington National Cemetery is the annual gathering place for thousands of people on Easter morning. Here, for 50 years, Knights Templar have held an Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, followed by the traditional placing of a cross of lilies at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

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In 1976, nearly 1,000 Sir Knights attended in uniform.

Today the Easter Memorial Service is sponsored by the Armed Services Chaplains Committee and the Military District of Washington in cooperation with the Grand Encampment which is primarily responsible for arranging and conducting the service each year. Chaplains from the Army, Navy and Air Force have participated in past services, and the Marine Band and Army Chorus continue to provide musical talent.

P.G.C. Marvin E. Fowler, who completed a ten-year tenure as Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Service Committee, followed a line of distinguished Chairmen. At his recommendation, the current Chairman is George M. Fulmer, also a Past Grand Commander of the District.

This year's coverage is expected to be carried by the Mutual Broadcasting Company and to its affiliates.

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## “ALWAYS NEW”

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by

The Reverend Dr. George F. Ivey, Grand Prelate  
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.



*A Minister of the United Methodist Church since 1938, The Reverend George F. Ivey currently serves the First United Methodist Church of Ft. Smith, Arkansas. He was Raised in Joppa Lodge No. 362, Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1947, and is a 25-year member of both York and Scottish Rites. Dr. Ivey will present the Easter Message below at the Knights Templar Sunrise Memorial Service, Sunday morning, April 6, 1980.*

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*John 20:11-14 – But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.*

No event in the history of Christian Faith has had an impact equal to the first Easter morning. What happened that day has so influenced the followers of Jesus of Nazareth as to be the unifying force to this day.

Whatever the morning of the resurrection may have actually been, it will be believed to be the most beautiful sunrise of all time. Silent Saturday had left the little band of harassed disciples almost totally distraught. The experience of being together in the upper room was one with many elements.

Jesus had told his followers on many occasions that he would be going where they could not follow but that they would see him again. In the happening of those three days before the first Easter, all hope had been doused and memories of new life were greatly clouded.

The eyes of Jerusalem had seen base emotions and raw fear enacted in an unforgettable manner. The justice they saw exhibited was that of cruelty and pain. Each person involved saw through his own eyes a vantage point of inhumanity which seemed impossible to erase.

The Roman occupational forces had seen the whole thing as just another grim fact of being conquerors. A dying man on a cross was another possible trouble maker to them. Probably with the exception of one Centurion present, it was an assigned detail they had performed in an impersonal way.

“And sitting down they watched him there” (on the cross). There was no thought in their minds that this Jesus would ever appear again to outlast the mighty forces of their world empire. Just another of the members of this little outpost had been put out of the way by their most cruel method of → → →



execution. To them "That was that." It was of no great consequence that one who came doing good was dead. He would not need a robe any longer so they gambled for it.

Against the backdrop of agony and misery the little community of Jesus' Disciples went through the night of the crucifixion and the silent distress of what appeared to them the end of the teacher from Nazareth. It is hard to tell from here if defeat was their total experience. We can only speculate on the subject of their prayer in the upper room.

St. John records in a gospel that the two silent pallbearers of the body of Jesus were two men who are not generally associated with Jesus as constant followers — Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. A casual observer in Jerusalem after the death of Jesus would have wondered what all the fuss was about. No pitch battle was fought; no witnesses came forward to declare the innocence of this vagabond preacher whose life and ministry seemed snuffed out forever.

It would be groundless to state today that any anticipation by this hapless group of devoted people existed regarding the continuing ministry they had come to love. It appeared all had been concluded with the sealing of the tomb which held the body of their leader.

Those who loved and believed in Jesus did not go to bed on Saturday night expecting to arise to a glorious Easter the next morning, not even the most devout women of the group who came early to the cemetery to pay respect to the body of the one they loved. The fact of an open and empty tomb left them even more distraught. John's Gospel further relates that when Mary, who first arrived at the tomb, saw it to be open and Jesus' body gone, she ran back to Simon Peter with the news, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have put Him." (John 20:2) No divine intervention was

expected or even considered.

When Peter and the other Disciple, whom we believe to have been John, responded to Mary's announcement, they came running to the tomb in total frustration. John could not face the fact of a vacant tomb, so he stopped at the entrance. Peter went on boldly into the tomb feeling Jesus had to be there. It was here his hopes had been buried. The thought of emptiness seemed to cause him to throw all caution aside.

The sight of cast off grave clothes did not immediately signal victory. John states, "Then the disciples went back home." To these people, any note of triumph was yet to be sounded.

In the stillness of that early morning, the notable sound heard at the tomb was only the soft crying of a person seeking to find the remains of one who had done so much for her. When Mary looked into the tomb for her first time, she was met with a question from the two in the tomb called "Angels." They asked, "Woman, why are you weeping?" On a day hereafter to be celebrated by the world's greatest music, the first one at the tomb was weeping. Even the appearance of Angels did not dissuade her attention from her grief.

Through Mary's weeping her tears dimmed recognition of Jesus who asked the same questions as had the Angels. His voice that had so many times brought her comfort was not recognized.

"They have taken my Lord out of the tomb" was Mary's response in pathos. Looking to the person she thought to be a gardener for any ray of hope, she responded with, "If you took Him away, tell me where you have put Him and I will go and get Him."

It was when Jesus called Mary's name that Easter really began. This was His personal way of applying His new life to His followers. There is no more tender event anywhere recorded than when Mary recognized her Lord. All despair and



futility were quickly dispelled and the story of resurrection began in earnest. Mary went and told the Disciples she has seen the Lord and what He told her. Embodied in this short episode is the essence of inspiration which rapidly began healing the remorseful broken hearts. Their message has changed very little through the succeeding years.

It was late on the evening of the first Easter before the risen Christ appeared to the Disciples who were gathered behind locked doors. This fact defied all the precedence of God's revelations. It declared a fact which had only been a hope in the past. The dead had been raised to life. All who saw Him were surprised.

Some of the Disciples, Thomas for one, were not present in the room when the risen Lord appeared. When he heard about it he did not become a doubter. He only reflected the feeling they all had the last time He was with them.

Spring is an appropriate time to recall life after death. Nature does not let the hope of a new life die during the long winter months. At the proper time, even the most delicate little buds are able to break the hard crusts of earth and reveal that they are alive again.

God always has a way of giving hope. The people called Christians are more careful to remember Easter as a time to worship than any other. It is with good cause. Life, which came from God and which is so inclusive, cannot be discarded as meaningless. Everything within most of us cries out that there is more than one side of the grave.

The constant trust of the followers of the Christ of God is that He who came through the valley of death can still lead to the newness of life again. We were not created for the grave, though that is to be the experience of us all. To us, only our Lord has come back from the grave to bring us news of life again. That has been enough reminder now for many centuries

to make us aware that there is more. Life lived today has even more meaning when put into focus as part of the eternal.

The lily will be in most prominent places today because "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Its pureness and grandeur speak eloquently of a new life coming out of the earth to again live and reflect the touch of the Creator.

Under God, let there ever be hope that even out of the darkest of nights and the direst of experiences, there will come victory and light again. The doleness of gloom and the gloat of the tyrant shall not always be heard in the world. God remains at the helm of all time and His desire is to give life and all it symbolizes. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Amen.

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### New Representatives Appointed

Pursuant to notice of the passing of R.E. Grand Generalissimo William P. Wilson on February 17, Kenneth C. Johnson, M.E. Grand Master, has appointed the following Grand Encampment officers to serve as official representatives during 1980:

Armun D. Jones, North Central Department Commander, represented the Grand Master at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of North Dakota (March 29) and will serve as representative for Nebraska on April 10. William H. Thornley, Jr., Northwestern Department Commander, will be official representative to the Grand Conclaves of Oregon (April 13-14) and Montana (June 4-6).

Newly-appointed Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, P.G.C., D.C., is assigned to the Annual Conclaves of Minnesota (June 13-14) and South Dakota (September 7-9).



## DeLamater Memorial Service

A Memorial Service has been planned for Saturday, April 5, at 11:00 a.m., at the gravesite of Sir Knight and General Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, in Arlington National Cemetery. Sir Knights and friends have been invited to join Grand Encampment Officers for the service, marking the 100th anniversary of Sir Knight DeLamater's birth.

## Texan Completes 50 Years in York Rite

Eighty-two year old Sir Knight George R. Brown, co-founder of Brown & Root Construction, Houston, Texas, was honored recently by Ruthven Commandery No. 2 in that city, when he was awarded his 50-year Templar membership pin and certificate. Brown, who received his 50-year Chapter and Council awards a few years ago, was Knighted February 28, 1930.

Aubrey Martindale, P.G.C., relayed the career background of Sir Knight Brown who came to Houston with his brother in the middle of the Depression. Together they "went to work building roads and buildings." During World War II they operated the Brown Shipyards where Navy ships were built, outside Houston. "More recently," says Martindale, "the Brown Foundation had much to do with the erection of the Neuro-sensory Clinic in the Texas Medical Center. This is where the outstanding ophthalmologists of the Baylor College of Medicine do their operations. And a number of the patients there are sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."

Sir Knight Brown still "goes to his office almost every day. He is in good health, but suffers himself from poor vision. . . ." Sir Knight Martindale remarks "I knew Sir Knight George back in my police days; he was always in the lead in all worthy causes."

## Southeastern York Rite Conference



York Rite triumvirate — from left, General Grand Master, General Grand Council, Jack Watts; Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Kenneth C. Johnson; and General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, Junior Vandall.

The Southeastern York Rite Conference, presided over by the three leaders pictured above, convened January 18-19 in Nashville, Tennessee. Members of Murfreesboro Commandery No. 10 presented the colors, and the invocation was given by Tennessee Grand Secretary-Recorder John R. Stracener. The Companions and Sir Knights were welcomed to the state by W. Ben Anderson, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter; Max Shafer, Grand Master, Grand Council; and James A. Buford, Grand Commander, Knights Templar.

## Worshipful Master also York Rite Officer

Joseph B. Brearley, Westerly, Rhode Island, is "truly an active Mason" says Scott Hirst, who received the Templar Orders last May in Narragansett Commandery No. 27, Westerly. To prove his point, he writes that Brearley was elected Worshipful Master of Franklin Lodge No. 20, F. & A.M., Westerly, on January 19 — at the same time he holds the offices of Captain of the Host in Chapter; Steward in Council; and Generalissimo in Narragansett Commandery. Sir Knight Brearley is also Grand Senior Steward of Rhode Island's Grand Royal Arch Chapter and a past recipient of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.



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## A MEMBERSHIP ALTERNATIVE

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by

Sir Knight Karl J. Krayser

Dallas Commandery No. 6, Dallas, Texas

The current state of Masonic membership and activities has received much attention in our literature in recent years. The thrust of such attention suggests an unhealthy future for our institution unless major changes are undertaken to resolve the membership drought and decreasing attendance at Masonic functions. Many of these commentaries include suggestions which cast severe shadows on the basic nature, tenets, and assumptions on which Freemasonry rests as well as misconceptions that, if used as a basis to make changes, could worsen a situation that I will argue is totally resolvable within present policies and frameworks. This article will deal with two of the most pervasive misconceptions found in commentaries of this type.

(1) *Freemasonry does not need more members, but rather, needs more Masons.* Masonic membership statistics are difficult to deny. It is true that, in many Masonic jurisdictions, we are not initiating enough new members to replace those who are suspended or lost to death. Many argue that Freemasonry is in severe trouble because we are not balancing our membership rolls and have suggested invitational membership systems, recruitment drives, and have stopped just short of advocating looser standards in an effort to bolster our membership picture.

Such suggestions, if carried out into practice, may threaten the future of Freemasonry more rapidly than if the current situation were left alone. While I will suggest below that we have correctable means at our current disposal,

one critical distinction should be made: there is a difference between a member and a Mason. This distinction becomes important in that it influences the kind of approaches we take and decisions we make in adding to our number.

A member is simply a constituent: a part of a whole that may be measured quantitatively. If our goal is to recruit more members, our first criteria is to add parts that will increase the whole. By adding new members (parts), therefore, the body of men that may carry the label "Mason" will increase and our fraternity (the whole) will grow. Conversely, a Mason is much more than a quantitative part of a whole. A Mason is a man with certain distinguishable qualitative attributes. If our goal is to attract more Masons, our first criteria is *not* the numbers that we can add to increase the whole, but rather, the kind of quality that we can add to improve the quality of the whole. By adding new Masons (qualities), therefore, the body of men labeled "Masons" will not increase quantitatively, but will still grow qualitatively in that the fraternity will have selected men for initiation possessing those attributes which allow growth. In short, quantitative increases are only *one* type of growth that can be performed Masonically. Qualitative increases, by attracting men with Masonic-like attributes (one cannot achieve strictly Masonic attributes without initiation), is clearly another way of achieving growth in our fraternity.

Some may interpret the above discussion as a call for increased → → →



selectivity in our assessment of petitioners. My response is that such an interpretation is not necessarily true. The kind of approach that we take toward solving Masonic membership problems depends entirely on whether our goal is for the fraternity to grow quantitatively or qualitatively. If we feel compelled to fill the gap that is growing between "new" and "departed" names on our rolls (and I will argue that we can adequately fill this gap without embarking on major Masonic policy changes), the gap should be filled qualitatively and not quantitatively.

(2) *The quality of a Mason cannot be measured by the extent to which he is involved in the activities of his Masonic Body, but rather, to the extent to which he practices Masonic principles in his daily life.* An often-asked question in Masonic circles is "How good of a Mason is Bill Smith?" The answer inevitably is based on the degree to which Bill Smith attends and participates in Masonic functions. Such an evaluation, in my opinion, places an emphasis on a less important dimension of one's obligation of being a Mason.

Masonic obligations require basically two things: (1) an individual commitment toward one's mental, emotional, and spiritual fulfillment and (2) a commitment of benevolence toward his Masonic brethren. I will argue that evaluating a Mason on his attendance and activity concerned with Masonic functions meets neither of these criteria. Indeed, an individual could be a regular attendant at Masonic functions without either improving himself mentally, emotionally, and spiritually or without acting benevolently toward his brethren. On the other hand, it is entirely possible that a Mason could fulfill both criteria with the most sporadic of activity.

Ideally, of course, in order to take full advantage of his Masonic member-

ship, a Mason should perform both parts of his obligation and attend as regularly as possible. The point is that attending Masonic functions does not determine how good of a Mason a man is. To the contrary, what makes a man a good Mason is determined by the way that he takes those principles taught in the various rites and puts them to practice in his daily surroundings. Unless these principles are performed, the impact of our teachings has been minimal for a Mason.

What implications does this discussion about individual Masonic quality have for our membership problems? The idea is simple and is one that we can implement without fancy programs and extensive policy changes. What we need to do, primarily, is to exhibit Masonry through our own daily activities. Our best membership drive may very well be accomplished by simply being *Masons* outside of our lodge meetings.

It is suggested in the charge of the Past Master Degree that one's best recommendation should be that he is a Mason. While one *possesses* Masonic attributes upon initiation, exhibiting those attributes is an entirely different matter. If we pay special attention to monitor our activities by Masonic principles, hence exhibiting Masonic attributes through our personal characteristics and behavior, those individuals admirable of our traits will surely be attentive and desirous of our comradeship. For it is by being a Mason, and by no other means, that determines whether a man has Masonic attributes. Any Mason, regardless of when he last attended a lodge, can be a force to attract others to our Order, providing that he is *exhibiting* those characteristics emblematic of the Masonic teachings received in the degrees. In this way, the uninitiated can see the good effects of Masonry. Recruitment drives cannot sell Masonry better than an individual selling



## 60th Anniversary for Joppa Lodge

Joppa Lodge No. 666, F. & A.M., in Akron, Ohio, is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 1980, writes Worshipful Master James L. Shaw. To commemorate the event, a Masonic coin has been struck and is offered for sale to members of the Craft for \$2.50 each by mail.



The limited-edition, antique bronze coins are available by writing to: Joppa Commemorative Coin, 103 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308, with check made payable to Joppa Lodge No. 666.

Sir Knight Shaw notes — "proceeds from this coin will go to the Ohio Masonic Home Endowment Fund."

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it each day by living his Masonic principles.

In summary, a hunt for new members may increase the numbers on our rolls, but such an effort will not add to the world's perceptions of what Freemasonry is nor improve the plight of Masonry in general. Quantitative gains will not be accompanied by qualitative growth. Rather, we as Masons should seek to improve our own behavior and others' perceptions of us by acting as Masons under Masonic principles and tenets. Our own qualitative improvement will yield qualitative growth, a more important factor than quantitative improvement, assuring a brighter future for our Order.

Sir Knight Krayer's mailing address is the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Department of Communication, 780 Van Vleet Oval, Room 331, Norman, Oklahoma 73019

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## New Grand Captain General Announced

A revised General Order from Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson has been issued naming Marvin E. Fowler as the new Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment. Changes in the Grand Encampment line were caused by the death on February 16 of the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, William P. Wilson, California.



Ned E. Dull remains as Deputy Grand Master; Donald H. Smith moves to the office of Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

Named to the Grand Encampment office of Right Eminent Grand Captain General has been Sir Knight Fowler, P.G.C., District of Columbia, Secretary-Treasurer of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Other Grand Encampment elected officers are Past Grand Masters John L. Crofts, Sr., G. Wilbur Bell, Roy Wilford Riegle, Willard M. Avery — with Harold S. Gorman as Right Eminent Grand Treasurer and Paul C. Rodenhauer, Right Eminent Grand Recorder.

## Frankford Lodge Anniversary Plate

On December 14, 1979, Frankford Lodge No. 292, F. & A.M., Frankford, Philadelphia, celebrated its 125th Anniversary. Sir Knight James Hamilton, Frankford Commandery No. 92, announces a limited number of commemorative dinner plates, 10 inches in diameter with blue Lodge logo and anniversary data imprinted, is offered for sale at a cost of \$5.00 each postpaid. Orders may be sent to Sir Knight Hamilton, 4411 Convent Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19114.



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# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

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## Flag Presentation



Karla Rene Johnson, Honored Queen, Bethel No. 60, International Order of Job's Daughters in Hamilton, Ohio, and members of her court present a United States flag to Brother Marvin Petit, President of the Masonic Temple Company. The flag, certified by Congressman Thomas Kindness, has flown over the nation's Capitol and "will be used on very special occasions." From left — Shelly Lando, Senior Princess; Karla Johnson; Marvin Petit; and Tammy Bullock, Junior Princess.

## Giving and Receiving



Past Commander Edmund J. Outhouse, left, receives a Knights Templar Eye Foundation check in the amount of \$6,330.19 from Commander Thomas F. Howland, Sir Galahad-Natick Commandery No. 33, Massachusetts. Its destination — the 12th Annual Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

## Oregon's Oldest O.E.S. Chapter

In March of this year, Oregon's oldest Eastern Star Chapter reached the 100 year mark. Alpha Chapter No. 1, Ashland, Oregon, was instituted March 13, 1880 — ten years before the Grand Chapter of Oregon was formed — and the centennial celebration was held in Ashland the weekend of March 1.

An Eastern Star postal cover, in color with descriptive filler, carrying the 15 cent flag stamp, has been prepared by the Chapter's historical committee to commemorate Alpha Chapter's one hundred years. The cover is offered for 50 cents each, plus a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope, by writing to Alpha Chapter No. 1, P.O. Box 446, Ashland, Oregon 97520.

## Johnson Lauds DeMolay-Templar Day

The events at Clarksburg, West Virginia, which were highlighted in the March *Knight Templar Magazine*, have been hailed by Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson as "one of the finest, most impressive events of its kind he had ever witnessed."

Grand Commander Ophir E. Vellenoweth, who is also DeMolay Executive Officer for West Virginia, presided over the complete ceremonies, conferring the work on 20 DeMolays and extending a welcome to the Masonic leaders who attended, including the M.W. Grand Master of Masons, Harry R. Hesse, and the Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay, C. C. Faulkner.

The Grand Master reports that 53 Companions were Knighted March 8 in addition to the other ceremonies and activities. Several hundred attended the evening's banquet.



## 1880 Cornerstone Laying Re-enacted

Freemasons of the State of New York announce that they will restage the 1880 foundation-stone laying ceremony for the base of the ancient Egyptian Obelisk located in Central Park, New York City, on Sunday, October 5, 1980. Ernest Leonardi, Chairman of the Obelisk Centennial Committee, indicates that details for the event are being coordinated with New York City officials.

The story of "New York's Silent Sentinel" (prepared from material supplied by Sir Knight Ralph W. Lichty, P.C., Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 23, New York), appeared in the July 1978 *Knight Templar Magazine*. It outlined the discovery of Masonic symbols found on the base of the obelisk by Brother and Naval Lieutenant Commander Henry H. Gorringe. Brother Gorringe, a member of Anglo Saxon Lodge No. 137, Brooklyn, superintended the move of the obelisk from Egypt after it was presented as a gift to the United States in the late 19th century.

## "Clear English" Rituals

Orders are now being accepted *only from Grand Recorders* for "Clear English" Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, prepared following passage of a resolution at the 54th Triennial Conclave last year. The new Official Ritual is printed "in clear English, except the obligations and means of recognition," and is available from the office of the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604, at a cost of \$5.00 each. (A \$3.00 credit toward the cost of a new Ritual will be given for each coded Ritual returned to the Grand Recorder.)

## Grand Masters in Washington



Harold D. Elliott, II (far left), Sovereign Grand Master, Allied Masonic Degrees, introduces leaders of national Templar Bodies from Canada and the United States, February 16, 1980, during the A.M.D. Meetings in Washington, D.C. Shown at right, Kenneth C. Johnson, M.E. Grand Master, Grand Encampment; center, Gerald O. Smith, Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

## Third Generation Rainbow

Deborah L. Spinney, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Massachusetts Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, will preside over the 55th Annual Grand Assembly Session on April 11 and 12 at the Civic Center, Springfield, Massachusetts. Deborah is the third generation of her family to have served as Worthy Advisor of her local Assembly, Reading No. 29.



Miss Spinney is the daughter of Sir Knight William A. Spinney, Jr., and granddaughter of Sir Knight Ralph T. Horn of Reading Commandery No. 50 in Reading. Her mother, Mrs. Lorraine H. Spinney, and her grandmother, Mrs. Jennette W. Horn, are officers in Reading Assembly No. 117, Order of the Beauceant.



## In Memoriam

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar lost a valiant and magnanimous Templar in the death of William Porter Wilson, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Woodland, California. His death occurred February 16, the day he was prepared to journey to Washington, D.C., for a meeting of Grand Encampment officers and to witness the Conference of Grand Masters and related meetings.



Sir Knight Wilson was appointed by Grand Master Willard M. Avery to serve as Department Commander during the 1976-79 triennium. After the death of Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., November 30, 1977, he was also appointed to the office of Right Eminent Grand Captain General. He completed the term and was a successful candidate for the office of Grand Generalissimo at the 54th Triennial Conclave, August 11-16, 1979.

It was Past Grand Master Avery who represented the Grand Encampment and attended funeral services at the First Christian Church, Woodland, at 2 p.m., February 19. Interment was at Monument Hill, Memorial Park Cemetery.

Surviving are his Masonic helpmate, Gladys; two sons, William and Richard; a daughter, Barbara Sue; a brother, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren.

### Eye Foundation Staff Member Dies

Mrs. Jean A. Cooper, the first employee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation when it was moved from Rhinebeck, New York, to Springfield, Illinois, in 1973, died Wednesday morning, March 5. She had served as secretary to Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M.

## Grand Encampment Roll Call of Honored Dead IN HALLOWED MEMORY

### Charles E. Jones

Texas  
Grand Captain General — 1976  
Born March 16, 1913  
Died January 17, 1980

### Jed F. Woolley, Jr.

Utah  
Grand Commander — 1967  
Born November 1, 1886  
Died February 5, 1980

### William P. Wilson

California  
Grand Commander — 1970  
Grand Generalissimo,  
Grand Encampment — 1979-80  
Born September 3, 1906  
Died February 16, 1980

### James H. Mathis

South Carolina  
Grand Commander — 1969  
Born October 1, 1923  
Died February 29, 1980

### Raymond Vasco Love

Montana  
Grand Commander — 1957  
Born March 5, 1892  
Died March 2, 1980

### Chester H. Lauck

The March issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* carried a background sketch of Sir Knight Chester A. Lauck, the "Lum" of "Lum and Abner" of early radio days. Chester H. Lauck died February 22, after the March magazine was in circulation.

The background was prepared by Sir Knight Joseph S. Lewis, Ponca City, Oklahoma, a close friend of the entertainer who had planned to speak at the Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council June 5-8, in Little Rock, Arkansas.



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## COURAGE TO COPE

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by

Dr. Harold Blake Walker  
Evanston Commandery No. 58



There is virtue in being able to take the smaller crises of life with a twinkle, but it takes unusual courage to endure the large crises with confident hope. We can cope with small disappointments and hardships, but it is no easy matter to face a major loss, a job washed out by the energy crisis, the failure of a business enterprise, or a colossal budget deficit caused by inflation.

In the midst of our present ills, my mind goes back to the depression of the Thirties. It was a time of anguish for many, a time of pain and loss. Suicide was commonplace as men faced the loss of all they had struggled to attain. Proud men and women who had carried their own loads and more found themselves living on public relief. Fear and anxiety stalked the land.

In those dark days of the Thirties, however, there were many who refused to give up. They made the best of the worst and they seemed to know,

*"Two things stand like stone —  
Kindness in another's trouble,  
Courage in our own."*

With Yankee ingenuity they found new ways to make a living. They were not too proud to dirty their hands. They turned their backyards into vegetable gardens, sold their automobiles and took to walking. They made their hobbies pay off and their old clothes last beyond their

time. But they came through with their heads erect and their courage intact.

The debacle of the Thirties is not likely to be repeated, but even a moderate recession will touch the lives of many. Economic slowdowns are not ultimately measured by statistics, but in terms of people who suffer losses of one sort or another. It is people who are hurt and who feel the blows of misfortune; and the meaning of recession is determined by the capacity of men and women to cope with it.

Under the stress of inflation and recession, all of us will have to adjust our life-styles and learn to do with less. Like St. Paul, "we know how to abound," for we have known years of unprecedented prosperity. It may be that now we shall have to learn "how to suffer loss" without losing faith in life and in the institutions we have trusted in the past.

In the recent past we "Never had it so good," at least in terms of material things. In many ways our economy of affluent plenty was not good for us. Waste and extravagance were the hallmarks of our prosperity. Even in our affluence we lived beyond our means and old-fashioned thrift seemed dated. The old virtues of industry and integrity seemed less and less important and religious faith appeared superfluous when we were doing so well for ourselves.

Our prosperity undermined the virtues and the faith that might have sustained us in a time of hardship. When we rely on the outward props of prosperity and the props are kicked away we are left with nothing interior to hold us → → →



steady. We are left with little but resentment and bitterness. We hurl invectives against the government, or business, or labor, or whatever is handy.

Our ills, however, are more deeply rooted than such invectives suggest. They stem from the dissipation of our moral and spiritual capital. We have blundered into an age of unbelief nourished on the deceptions of contemporary life. We do not believe the advertisements we see on TV. We do not believe what government officials tell us. We do not believe the news media. A credibility gap pervades our society and makes us skeptics.

It is not surprising that our skepticism has spilled over to pollute our spiritual life and leave us without a sustaining faith in God. The values and ideals of the nation's Christian heritage, once anchored in God, have shipped their moorings. We have become castaways in a turbulent sea.

Quite possibly our time of trouble will inspire a renewal of faith in God and in the old virtues that alone can sustain our life together. History suggests that crises have a way of sending men and women in search of solid ground on which to stand. If that happens in our time we will carry on with courage and hope through days of hardship quietly confident that our institutions and our lives are "under God." Under God, and in his strength, we will find courage to cope.

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### Cape Cod Commandery Instituted

Friday, May 23, will be the official date of institution for Cape Cod Commandery No. 54, the newest constituent Templar body under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Grand Commander Robert W. Menard invites all Sir Knights to attend the event in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

### Fessenden Receives Long Service Medal

Sir Knight Henry F. Fessenden, a member of Pilgrim Commandery No. 9, Lowell, Massachusetts, currently living in Johnsonville, South Carolina, was awarded the 40-Year Thomas Smith Webb Long Service Medal in a special ceremony arranged via Massachusetts-Rhode Island P.G.C. and Grand Recorder James C. Sirios, and South Carolina Grand Recorder Robert F. Secrest.

On February 2, 1980, Charles C. Adams, Grand Commander of South Carolina, Charles E. Jernigan, Grand Senior Warden, and F. Bacot Rogers, Commander of Florence Commandery No. 10 (South Carolina), visited Sir Knight Fessenden at his home and presented him the Medal on behalf of Pilgrim Commandery. (Johnsonville is in the jurisdiction of Florence Commandery where Sir Knights Adams, Jernigan and Rogers hold membership.)



From left — Charles C. Adams, R.E.G.C., South Carolina; Sir Knight Henry F. Fessenden; Charles E. Jernigan, G.S.W.; and F. Bacot Rogers, E.C., Florence Commandery No. 10.

Sir Knight Fessenden, a retired insurance man and banker from Lowell, was 90 years old on January 17.

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Know then thyself, presume not God to scan;  
The proper study of mankind is man.

Alexander Pope



## GRAND MASTERS, GRAND SECRETARIES

### Conference of Grand Masters of Masons



*Sir Knight William B. Stansbury, Jr., Past Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, and Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the*

*Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, reports the following "Resume of Highlights" of the 1980 annual meeting.*

The 1980 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America returned to Washington, D.C., on February 17-20, 1980, in the Shoreham Hotel. The theme was "Preparing for the New Decade" which the Keynote Speaker, M.W. Edgar N. Pepler, G.M. of New Jersey, made use of in an address marking the opening of the Conference.

The Officers of the Conference for 1980 are: William M. Koenig, Grand Master of Maryland, Chairman; Warren D. Lichty, Jr., Grand Master of Nebraska, Vice Chairman; and David L. Batchelder, G.M. of New Hampshire, Conference Committee Chairman. The Reverend Arthur M. Melanson, Grand Master of Massachusetts, served as Chaplain; the Address of Welcome was given by Perry A. Lester, G.M. of the District of Columbia; and the Response by William N. Love, Grand Master of Alberta, Canada.

Sister Jurisdictions represented included Germany, France, Belgium, Spain, England, Italy, China, Australia (New South Wales) and Brazil.

The topics covered were: *The District Deputy Grand Masters System* by Joseph E. Trate, G.M., Pennsylvania; *Masons at Sight* by Perry A. Lester, G.M., District of Columbia; and *Advancement of*

*Candidates through the Degrees* by Norman R. Buecker, G.M., Illinois.

Discussion groups were conducted on the following subjects — *How to Wake Up Masons and Improve our Image, Participation and Effectiveness* Leslie L. Farmer, G.M., Tennessee, Leader; *Masonry and the Younger Generation*, Robert E. Bass, G.M., Oklahoma, Leader; *Masonry's Response to Today's New Morality*, Gerald M. Skogley, G.M., North Dakota, Leader; and *Retention of Interest in Blue Lodge by Members and by Blue Lodge and Grand Lodge Officers upon Completion of Terms in Office*, Norval R. Richards, G.M., Ontario, Leader.

The Tuesday evening Annual Banquet was held with 700-800 in attendance and featured a humorous address by Brother W. S. "Stan" Finch, member of William G. Hill Lodge No. 218, Raleigh, North Carolina, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

At its conclusion, most of those present at the Conference visited the House of the Temple as luncheon guests of Henry C. Clausen, Sovereign Grand Commander, Scottish Rite, S.J.

The 1981 Conference will meet on February 15-18, 1981, at Orlando, Florida, and will return in February, 1982, to Washington, D.C., when the 250th Birthday of Brother George Washington will be celebrated.

### Conference of Grand Secretaries



*Robert P. Beach, P.S.G.W., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in his capacity as Secretary-Treasurer of the*

*Conference of Grand* → → →



*Secretaries in North America, relayed coverage of the 1980 Conference held February 17-20 in the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.*

Informative discussions on a variety of pertinent topics constituted the major portion of the program at the 52nd annual Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America.

Fifty of the sixty active members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico answered the roll call, together with nine associate members, seven members at large and three of the four honorary members. The Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, Harvey R. Hansen, Minnesota, was pleased to report that no deaths had been reported among our Conference membership during the past year.

Four newly elected or appointed Grand Secretaries attending their first Conference were welcomed by President Royal D. Crowell of Nevada. They included Robert E. Davies, Canada, in the Province of Ontario; Thomas W. Jackson, Pennsylvania; Camden C. Farrell, West Virginia; and Ray A. Noah, Wyoming.

Two new Grand Secretaries, Charles Lorimer, British Columbia, and John E. Shaver, Oklahoma, were unable to be present.

A special guest of the Conference, Sir James W. Stubbs, K.C.V.O., Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, was elected to Honorary Membership.

Under the leadership of John R. Stracener, Tennessee, the agenda was presented. Subjects for discussion included: *Is There No Help?*; *A Banner With the Strange Device*; *Freemasonry, A Brotherhood or a Fraternity?*; *The IRS - What About It?*; and *Uniform Transfer of Membership*.

Dean C. Settle, Colorado, was elevated to the presidency for 1980-81, with Joe C. McClanahan, Kentucky, first vice-president, and Robert A. Hinshaw, Ohio, second vice-president. Robert P. Beach, Massachusetts, was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Albert O. Arnold, Jr., Kansas, was elected assistant secretary-treasurer.

The 53rd annual Conference will be held at the Sheraton Twin Towers Hotel, Orlando, Florida, February 17-18, 1981.

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### Courageous Candidate

From Marvin Henrickson, P C., Bethel Commandery No. 36, Elgin, and President of the Illinois Knight Templar Home in Paxton, comes the story of a 75-year old Brother who recently joined the York Rite.

Brother Robert Reinert, a stroke victim, is paralyzed on his right side. After extensive therapy he was still unable to write with his right hand and, according to Henrickson, "had no desire to learn to write with his left." He became a resident of the Illinois Knight Templar Home in 1975 and for five years his signature has been "X."

In his desire for additional Masonic light, his friends helped him "X" a petition to obtain the Royal Arch Degrees from Ford Chapter No. 113. More recently he rolled himself in his wheelchair to a station wagon which took him to a Festival in Danville where he received the first two Orders from Athelstan Commandery No. 45. On April 3, at the age of 75, Brother Reinert is expected to receive the Order of the Temple as conferred by a cast of Past Commanders of Mount Olivet Commandery No. 38.

Sir Knight Henrickson adds, "A climax to the story is that Brother Reinert signed his Commandery petitions in his own hand. He now writes his own letters and is still growing in Masonry when others are retiring."



## PRE-BIRTHDAY WASHINGTON MEETINGS

### Allied Masonic Degrees



*Morrison L. Cooke, Grand Encampment East Central Department Commander, was on hand in February for the annual Allied*

*Masonic Degree Meetings, and reports herein the highlights of those gatherings.*

The largest group ever attending the A.M.D. meetings in Washington, D.C. — 398 — was recorded for the 1980 sessions, held February 15-17 at the Hotel Washington, D.C.

The weekend commenced Friday evening with the 26th meeting of the Philaethes Society, conducted by the president, Dwight L. Smith, F.P.S. A Table Lodge was held by a group called the Goose and Gridiron, fashioned after the original Goose and Gridiron Club in London, where Freemasonry is said to have begun. It was well done and well-received, with several short but inspiring lectures afterward.

Smith announced that the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge had presented its annual medal to the Society for the articles published by it during our country's bi-centennial celebration. The Certificate of Literature for 1980 was presented to Dr. Charles S. Guthrie, Bowling Green, Kentucky, a professor at Western Kentucky University.

Ronald E. Heaton, F.P.S., resigned as Treasurer and John M. Hilliard, F.P.S., New York, was elected his successor. Brother Smith also made official his appointment of Dr. Brent Morris, F.P.S., as Assistant Secretary. It was learned later that Franklin "Andy" Anderson,

Maryland, who had been in ill health since suffering a stroke last December, had died. This made Dr. Morris the Executive Secretary in name as well as function. Keith Arrington, Iowa, was elected a Fellow.

Saturday morning the 49th annual convocation of Grand College of Rites was opened by the Grand Chancellor, James R. Case, K.T.C.H. A gain of 54 for the year brought the membership to 1,019 plus 15 honorary members. Added to this will be the 86 new candidates obligated — a record number. A donation of \$100 was made to both the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights of the York Cross of Honour Medical Research.

Donald S. Smith, Maine, was installed Grand Chancellor for 1980, and James R. Shaw, Ontario, Canada, Grand Seneschal.

Grand Master's Council, A.M.D., followed with William E. Yeager, Jr., Sovereign Master, presiding over the 47th annual communication. Yeager announced that during the year he appointed Murrell Miller, Mt. Wolf, Pennsylvania, as Tyler to replace Robert Daume, Pennsylvania, who had died. Eighteen candidates, plus four courtesy candidates for Edwin L. Wray Council, Muncie, Indiana, were obligated. Edward R. Saunders, Maryland, was elected Sovereign Master and he appointed Jerry Marsengill, Iowa, as Tyler.

Prior to the opening of Grand Council, A.M.D., the degree of Knight of Constantinople was exemplified by Triple Tau Council, New Jersey, in a most exemplary manner.

Harold D. Elliott, II, Sovereign Grand Master, called to order the → → →



48th annual communication of Grand Council. Membership now stands at 3,511 including 261 new members. There were 13 new councils instituted and 17 constituted during the year. A memorial tribute was given for those who had died during the year.

Following the banquet, at which Past Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey, M.W. Brother Thomas H. Dougherty, was the speaker, the meeting resumed. The Sovereign Grand Master called upon Dr. William G. Peacher who introduced M.W. Brother George Chan, Taipie, Taiwan, Grand Master of Masons of the Republic of China. Then, with the help of Dr. Peacher, Clarence Jones (G.M., Nevada), Norman Pepler (G.M., New Jersey), and Barber Shelton (G.M., Kentucky), Brother Elliott made M.W. Brother Chan an A.M.D. Mason at Sight.

Elliott announced the election as Honorary Senior Grand Wardens of James R. Case, Connecticut; Charles K.A. McGaughey, Kentucky; C. Clark Julius, Pennsylvania; and Stanley Wakefield, New York. The Grand Marshal, C. Wallace Jackson, then introduced the Grand Officers of national Grand Bodies present: Kenneth C. Johnson, M.E. Grand Master, Knights Templar; John H. Watts, M.P. General Grand Master, Cryptic Masons; A. J. Lewis, R.E. General Grand King, Royal Arch Masons; Thomas L. Francis, V.E. Deputy Grand Master General, K.Y.C.H.; Marvin E. Fowler, Provincial Grand Master, Royal Order of Scotland; and Gerald O. Smith, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.



Harold V. B. Voorhis (below right), Past Grand Everything, installed the officers for the coming year. G. Wilbur Bell (left), M.E.P.G.M., Grand Encampment, was elected Sovereign Grand Master and appointed Ray Scarborough as Grand Tyler. Waldron C. Biggs, P.S.G.M., was elected to the Board of General Purposes for a three-year term. Robert L. Grubb, Grand Secretary, then called upon Morrison L. Cooke, P.S.M., who presented to Harold Elliott the Past Sovereign Grand Master's jewel which had belonged to the late, beloved Wylie B. Wendt. Wendt had appointed Elliott in the Line when he was Sovereign Grand Master.

Earlier in the afternoon the 47th annual communication of Installed Master's Council was convened by James H. Home, Sovereign Master. The degree of Installed Master was conferred, according to the new ritual, upon 26 candidates.

This was followed by the Council of Nine Muses 47th annual communication, with Dr. William G. Peacher, Sovereign Master, presiding. Dr. Peacher presented a paper on Freemasonry in Mainland China. Charles F. Adams, Senior Warden, who was supposed to give the paper, is seriously ill and was unable to attend. In view of his illness, James R. Case was advanced to Sovereign Master and will present a paper in 1981.

Great Chief's Council, Knight Masons, then held its 14th annual meeting, presided over by Russell B. Tandy, Excellent Chief.

Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. ensued, with Great Chief C. Wallace Jackson, in the Chair. Marvin E. Fowler was installed Great Chief, and several new appointments were made due to deaths - Henry G. Law, Director of Ceremonies; Otis V. Jones, Priest; Edward H. Fowler, Steward; and George D. Stevens, Sentinel. Herbert M. Weber, Silver Spring, Maryland, was also installed Excellent Chief.



Saturday ended with a record 98 neophytes enjoying the fun degrees of the Masonic Order of the Bath and Ye Antient Order of Corks.

There were 136 attending the annual Sunday morning breakfast of Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Marvin Isley, Grand Master General, introduced the officers of Convent General, and those with 1, 2, 3 and 4 Quadrants.

This was followed by the Society of Blue Friars 47th annual consistory, with Dwight L. Smith, Grand Abbott, presiding. He presented the newly-selected Blue Friar, Dr. George Henry Timothy French, who migrated to the United States from Argentina in 1953 and recently retired as Professor of History at the University of Houston, Texas. His paper dealt with the life of Fabian Onsari who visited these meetings in Washington in 1953, where he was invited to become a Blue Friar. Onsari helped organize the Grand Lodge of Argentina and served as M.W. Grand Master for 14 years. In 1940 he organized the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Argentina and was Sovereign Grand Commander.

The annual sessions concluded with the 48th ingathering of Grand Preceptor's

Tabernacle, and Grand College, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, respectively. Paul O. Gooder, California, was re-elected Preceptor.

Thomas A. Booth, Massachusetts, presided over Grand College; 89 new members were created during the year for a net gain of 17, and total current membership of 1,920. There were 104 Knights Priests present, representing 40 Tabernacles. Canon George A. Stracke, New Mexico, was designated an Honorary Past Grand Preceptor by Grand Preceptor Booth, on the recommendation of Past Grand Preceptor Carl Greisen, Arkansas. And after Knight Priest Morrison L. Cooke, Kentucky, presented the jewel of Past Grand Preceptor Wylie B. Wendt, K.G.C., to Grand College, Past Grand Preceptor C. Wallace Jackson, K.G.C., moved that it be presented to Canon Stracke, and that he also be made a Knight Grand Cross. The College contributed \$1,000 to the George Washington Memorial Association this year.

New officers installed were Stanley W. Wakefield, New York, as Most Eminent Grand Preceptor, and Clarence C. Jones, Nevada, as Outer Guard. Past Grand Preceptor G. Wilbur Bell was elected Trustee.

### Masonic Service Association



*Executive-Secretary Stewart M. L. Pollard, contributes the news release below covering the 1980 meeting of the Masonic Service*

*Association in Washington, D.C.*

The 61st Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association was held in conjunction with Masonic Week activities at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., February 18, 1980.

After a welcome by the Grand Master

of the District of Columbia, M.W. Brother Perry A. Lester, and the Invocation by M.W. Brother Roy A. Stetler (P.G.M., Maryland), M.W. Brother Warren D. Licht, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting.

The report of the Executive Commission of the Association was presented by M.W. Brother Herbert A. Ronin, Chairman of the Executive Commission. Highlights of his report included notice that the Grand Lodge of Washington had joined the Masonic Service Association during the year; that the → → →



number of subscribers to *The Short Talk Bulletin* had doubled for the second consecutive year; that two catastrophes during the year had necessitated appeals for relief. More than \$80,000 was channeled through the Masonic Service Association for the relief of distressed Masons in Mississippi as a result of the spring floods. The Dominican Republic Disaster Relief Fund appeal has resulted in more than \$26,000 thus far.

The retirement of Worshipful Brother Daniel P. Knode, Jr., Chief Field Agent, was announced, with a tribute to his many years of devoted service. M.W. Brother Thomas R. Dougherty (P.G.M., New Jersey) was appointed to succeed Brother Knode as Chief Field Agent, effective April 1, 1980.

The report of the Education and Publications Committee was presented by M.W. Brother Charles O. Riddle (G.M., Indiana), recommending the continuation of the current programs of *Short Talk Bulletins*, Digests, surveys, information sheets, information service and clearing house activities.

Additional reports by the Committees on the Hospital Visitation Program, Membership, and Finance were given. Executive Secretary-Treasurer Stewart M.L. Pollard gave a summary for the U.S.A. and Foreign Relief Committees.

For the first time in many years, the Association suffered no losses through death; and in place of the traditional Memorial Service there was a special Thanksgiving Service presented by Brother and The Reverend William C. Edmunds, former Chief Field Agent.

As M.W. Brother Ronin had announced that he would not stand for re-election as Chairman of the Executive Commission, M.W. Brother Robert A. Hockstad (P.G.M., Michigan) was unanimously elected to that post.

M.W. Brother James E. Moseley, Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, was elected to the Executive Commission, representing the South Atlantic Division. M.W. Brother Archibald Duncan (P.G.M., Minnesota) was re-elected to represent the Central Division. To fill the vacancy created by Brother Hockstad's election as Chairman, M.W. Brother Carl W. Skoog (P.G.M., Wisconsin) was elected to represent the Great Lakes Division.

M.W. Brother William Koenig (G.M., Maryland) nominated M.W. Brother Ronin to be Chairman Emeritus. He was elected unanimously and given a standing ovation for his 16 years of service on the Executive Commission.

More than \$87,000 was contributed during the Annual Meeting for use in the M.S.A. Hospital Visitation Program.

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#### Four Eye Foundation Commendations Awarded

Colorado, Georgia and Tennessee have been recognized for outstanding efforts on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation recently. Georgetown Commandery No. 4, Colorado (celebrating its centennial this year) was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., for having attained 100% Life Sponsorship in the Templar philanthropy. In like manner, Bethlehem Commandery No. 30, Thomasville, Georgia, has achieved 100% Life Sponsorship, and a Certificate is scheduled for presentation by Georgia Grand Recorder James E. Moseley.

Lookout Commandery No. 14, Chattanooga, and Millington Commandery No. 39, Tennessee, have also reached the 100% mark. Tennessee Grand Commander James A. Buford will make a special presentation of the respective Certificates to Alonzo F. Cole, E.C., Lookout Commandery, and Roy C. Murdock, E.C., Millington Commandery, at the April 16 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee.



## Voluntary Campaign — State Totals

Fifteen weeks into the 12th Voluntary Campaign finds Eye Foundation State contributions up by more than \$18,000 over the same period last year. Total to date — \$311,981.49.

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| Alabama                                   | \$ 1,204.76 |
| Arizona                                   | 2,514.00    |
| Arkansas                                  | 1,050.00    |
| California                                | 10,936.76   |
| Colorado                                  | 1,861.80    |
| Connecticut                               | 1,162.50    |
| District of Columbia                      | 2,936.50    |
| Florida                                   | 8,647.00    |
| Georgia                                   | 13,907.54   |
| Idaho                                     | 2,256.42    |
| Illinois                                  | 5,211.30    |
| Indiana                                   | 2,037.00    |
| Iowa                                      | 1,371.50    |
| Kansas                                    | 1,325.38    |
| Kentucky                                  | 2,073.57    |
| Louisiana                                 | 2,720.96    |
| Maine                                     | 2,457.80    |
| Maryland                                  | 4,763.23    |
| Massachusetts-Rhode Island                | 10,646.19   |
| Michigan                                  | 9,661.00    |
| Minnesota                                 | 2,873.00    |
| Mississippi                               | 1,286.00    |
| Missouri                                  | 3,315.75    |
| Montana                                   | 10,019.75   |
| Nebraska                                  | 260.00      |
| Nevada                                    | 26,976.03   |
| New Hampshire                             | 2,322.00    |
| New Jersey                                | 4,019.45    |
| New Mexico                                | 1,420.47    |
| New York                                  | 5,122.90    |
| North Carolina                            | 3,229.75    |
| North Dakota                              | 598.50      |
| Ohio                                      | 7,632.35    |
| Oklahoma                                  | 1,653.72    |
| Oregon                                    | 3,686.66    |
| Pennsylvania                              | 14,146.10   |
| South Carolina                            | 1,836.00    |
| South Dakota                              | 1,226.00    |
| Tennessee                                 | 8,994.00    |
| Texas                                     | 104,109.09  |
| Utah                                      | 2,837.87    |
| Vermont                                   | 710.28      |
| Virginia                                  | 5,882.50    |
| Washington                                | 419.50      |
| West Virginia                             | 1,734.17    |
| Wisconsin                                 | 4,418.94    |
| Wyoming                                   | 811.50      |
| Philippines                               | 98.00       |
| St. John's No. 1,<br>Wilmington, Delaware | 140.00      |
| Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii                    | 109.00      |
| Panama Canal No. 1,<br>Republic of Panama | 80.00       |
| Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks                   | 115.00      |
| Porto Rico No. 1, San Juan                | 60.00       |
| Anchorage No. 2, Alaska                   | 250.00      |

## North Dakota Added to Eye Club

A new jurisdiction is represented this month in the Grand Commander's Club of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation: Sir Knight H. Allen Ohrt, Fargo, forwarded his \$100 check to be named the No. 1 member in North Dakota. Joining him in the Grand Commander's Club is Sir Knight Richard C. Nordberg, Hatfield, Pennsylvania, who was acknowledged as No. 6 in his state. Both Sir Knights Nordberg and Ohrt have sent initial \$100 donations to the Eye Foundation and, through their Grand Commander's Club membership, have pledged to make minimum annual contributions of \$100 for the next nine years. This money, along with that collected through the Grand Master's Club, is used to underwrite eye surgery and research into the prevention and correction of blindness and related eye disease.

The newest \$1,000 contributors — members of the Grand Master's Club — include:

- No. 190 — Eugene O. Raisch (MA)
- No. 191 — Irving L. Heller (WI)
- No. 192 — Mrs. Bebe Faust Mann (AL)
- No. 193 — William G. Doyel (MO)
- No. 194 — Alvin L. Crump (IL)

Membership in Eye Foundation Clubs is open to individuals only (no groups), and is promptly acknowledged by Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M. Monies contributed are tax-deductible, but no credit is given to individual Commanderies. To join, please write or call the Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705 (217-523-3838).

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- Hermann von Salza No. 1,  
Frankfurt, Germany . . . . . 272.00
  - Heidelberg No. 2, Germany . . . 150.00
  - Harry J. Miller No. 5,  
Bitburg, Germany . . . . . 600.00



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## **MALTA THROUGH THE AGES**

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by  
**Sir Knight Roland J. Maddox**  
Texas Lodge of Research

At the time the Order of Saint John assumed occupation of Malta in 1530, the island was in a sad state of repair. Few fortifications were worthy of the name, provisions were almost non-existent, and large quantities of grain had to be imported from Sicily.

The native Maltese islanders weren't consulted in any of the negotiations. So they could not help but be openly disagreeable, and even hostile, to the newcomers. Upon l'Isle Adam's assurance that the Order would uphold the rights and privileges of the Maltese, the Order was reluctantly allowed freedom of movement. By a skillful stroke, Adam gained early control of the University of Mdina, which had previously collected the customs, managed the harbor and guarded the coasts. The Order set up its own courts of law, and the Maltese were simply not strong enough to contest the peaceful takeover.

It was Adam's continuing desire to view Malta only as transitory until a better base could be obtained to launch a counter-offensive against Rhodes. This attitude was to continue until his death in 1534. Consequently, during their first several years of occupancy, little was done to rebuild or strengthen the island's fortifications. Capable leaders were at work, however, though not in the forefront of politics. In 1541 the Order brought the military engineer Antonio Ferromolino to the island to advise them on how best to refortify it. This accomplished little because too many of the older knights still entertained hopes of reconquering Rhodes. This attitude

nearly cost them the island. In 1551 a Turkish fleet landed a force of about 10,000 men. Brisk and severe skirmishes took place, with the Turks inflicting at least a strong dent in the Order's forces. The Turks finally realized that they were not strong enough to maintain control of the island, and decided instead to attack Gozo, the small island to the north. Little resistance was offered, and nearly all of the natives, about 5000, were removed and enslaved. Next came Tripoli. This fortress was likewise inadequately defended, and after offering only token resistance, surrendered to the Turks.

This put a rather different color to the complexion of the Order's strategy. A commission was constituted to develop the island for maximum defense. In the course of these plans Charles offered another location, that of Mahdia, north of Tripoli, to the Order. Although many among the Order did not like Malta, and knew it to be a barren, impoverished island, it was still better than anything else available. The quiet, but decisive leadership of Valette began to guide the Order, and he was elected Grand Master in 1557. This man of vision was destined to be one of the Order's greatest leaders.

In the next several years following, the island was fortified along sound military lines, virtually unaided by any of the powers on Continental Europe, where things had become unbelievably complex in alliances, intrigues, wars and counter wars. The Order was placed in an almost impossible situation politically because the French were prepared to cooperate with the Turks in order to gain an



advantage over Spain. In return, the Turks wanted Malta to be given to them as payment, because their impression was that the Order belonged to France.

In the early 1560's skirmishes were fought in and around the Maltese Islands and the coast of Africa. By 1565 the Emperor Suleiman decided that Malta had to be taken if the Ottoman empire was to advance. One of the great sieges of all time was begun on May 18, and was to span five bloody months. This siege has been analyzed by military historians, and from almost any viewpoint the Turks should have won. It is interesting to note that one reason they didn't is that Suleiman (the Magnificent) was vain enough not to allow any of his admirals or generals enough power to become a threat to his own beautiful self. So, in the final analysis, the Order prevailed due to superior leadership. Long promised reinforcements from Sicily finally put into the Grand Harbor in September, and the back of the Turk was broken.

This was to be the major turning point for the Turks. Following this major setback, their defeat at the Battle of Lepanto six years later cost them the Mediterranean.

Malta and the Order were left to prosper for over two hundred years. The Knights spent lavishly for fortifications, new towns, villas, and lived well. The Maltese could not but prosper. All this sprang from the Order's victory in 1565.

In one of the great ironies of history, as strong and as prosperous as the Order became, it fell the victim of politics and political intrigue. With no more effort than the stroke of a pen the Order was virtually written out of existence by Napoleon in 1798.

The tracing of the Order of Saint John and the Order of the Temple has been conducted by Masonic scholars in an attempt to establish links of continuity from their demise as military orders to present-day appendant Masonic Orders.

The writer will not endeavor to comment on the positions voiced, pro or con, regarding such continuity.

Nearly a carbon copy of the Great Siege of 1565 was to take place nearly four hundred years later. In the early years of World War II, when the island was in the possession of Great Britain Mussolini declared war one day and bombed Malta the next. The island had no air defense system, but one was hastily improvised. Three planes were rebuilt from parts of four seaplanes left by the British cruiser. With typical British humor they christened the planes Faith, Hope and Charity.

The siege of Malta from 1940 to 1942 was, like the Great Siege of 1565, a case study of tactical errors. The island should have fallen to the Luftwaffe and invasion by the Germans, but it didn't. In November 1942 with Montgomery pressuring North Africa, and the German supply lines overextended eastward, the siege of Malta was suddenly lifted. Over 14,000 tons of bombs had been dropped, 24,000 buildings destroyed or damaged, 1,500 civilians killed, and nearly 600 aircraft destroyed. In addition, two aircraft carriers, five cruisers, a fleet of destroyers, submarines and small craft were lost in pushing convoys through the Mediterranean.

The Axis powers, like the Turks 400 years before them, failed to capture Malta.

The KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE wishes to thank Sir Knight Roland J. Maddox for his continuing series on "The Islands of Templar Masonry." Sir Knight Maddox is a member of the Texas Lodge of Research and a Past Commander of San Felipe de Austin Commandery No. 1, in Galveston, Texas.

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## KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Would like to buy an *old* 12-, 14-, or 18-carat yellow gold or combination white and yellow gold Shrine ring. Am also interested in an old gold Knight Templar ring. Please include price and description in reply to: *C. Horner, Jr., 118 Hagen Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15906*

□ I belong to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, Greensboro, N.C. I am very interested in buying or receiving information on any Masonic, Eastern Star, or Shrine souvenirs, coins, badges, mugs, plates, books, etc., or anything using their symbols or ideas.

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Any information sent on any subject matter will be deeply appreciated. *Dr. Harry F. Robinson, Secretary Eagle No. 19, A.F. & A.M., P.O. Box 519, Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278, 919-732-3952*

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□ Except for the January 1977 and January 1979 numbers, I have all issues of the *Knight Templar Magazine* for 1977 through 1979, which I will be happy to donate to any Sir Knight who will pay the postage for mailing same. *Frederick B. Barss, 10857 Race Track Road, Sonora, California 95370*

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□ I am a Past Commander of St. John's Commandery No. 11, Windham Connecticut. As I do not expect to attend my future Commandery sessions, I would like to offer for sale my Past Commander accouterments, as follows: Coat size 42, Chapeau size 7 5/8, fatigue cap size 7 5/8, belt, sword, and carrying case.

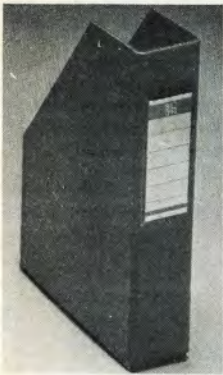
I would consider a reasonable bid on one or all. *Mr. Eugene C. Winch, 353 Santa Cruz Street, Nokomis, Florida 33555*

□ In my possession I have a ring setting that has the scimitar, cross and crown, and a printed emblem - the Maltese cross (In Hoc Signo Vincis) with place for stone. It is gold with enamel work; jeweler's cost estimated \$300.00. This ring belonged to my grandfather and was resized for my own father. Anyone interested in purchasing this setting, please contact me. *Mrs. Edwina P. Brandelle, 161 North Babcock Drive, Palatine, Illinois 60067.*



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The new files, if desired, are available from the Grand Recorder, Suite 1700, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

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□ I am a collector of any kind of Masonic car/window stickers, pins, buckles, etc. I would appreciate any assistance regarding how and where I can obtain same. *P. CH. Lagoussis, 34 Erlesmere Gardens, Ealing, London W13 9TY.*

□ The Scottish Rite Valley of Terre Haute, Indiana, issued a series of four Anniversary coins last year. Somehow I missed the first in this series — the Lodge issue. If some reader has one to sell, please write.

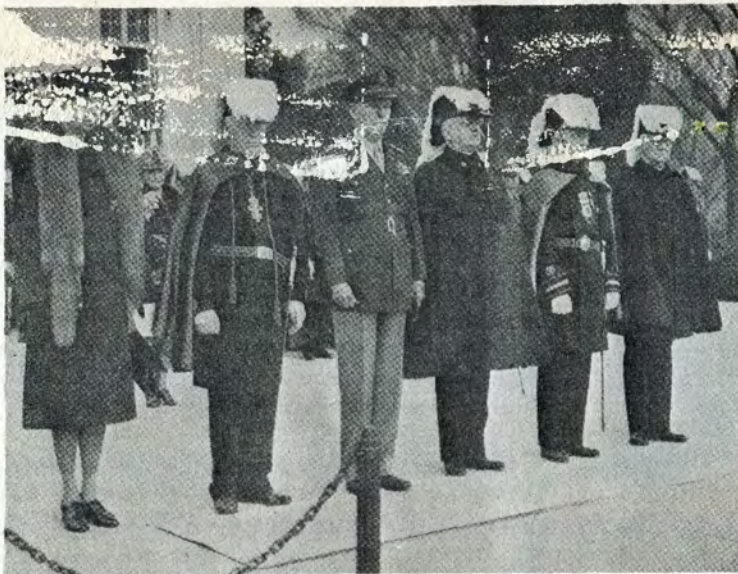
I also have two extra coins from the 100th Anniversary of Palestine Commandery No. 33, Springfield, Ohio; also American Revolution Bicentennial and 150th Anniversary of Concord Royal Arch Chapter, Framingham, Massachusetts. *Paul M. Williams Rt. 2, Box 55, New Providence, Pennsylvania 17560.*

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□ I am a Knight interested in purchasing a copy of *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*. Will pay a reasonable price. *Glenn L. Knapp, 2747 Frances, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048*





## PRAYER FOR VICTORY

Almighty God:

May those who have given their lives in the service of this nation rest in Thy care.

May those who are wounded in body find spiritual comfort under Thy guidance in the knowledge that through their sacrifice a great cause has been served.

May those who offer their lives in support of that cause by land, and sea and air, find strength in Thy divine guidance.

May those of us who serve this nation in its great purpose to secure freedom for all peoples be sustained by Thy blessing.

Give us strength, O Lord, that we may be pure in heart and in purpose to the end that there may be peace on earth and goodwill among men.

May we be mindful this Easter morning "still stands thine ancient sacrifice, an humble and a contrite heart." Amen.

*spoken by Brother George C. Marshall, (then) Chief of Staff, U.S. Army  
at the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service  
Arlington Cemetery, 1944*