

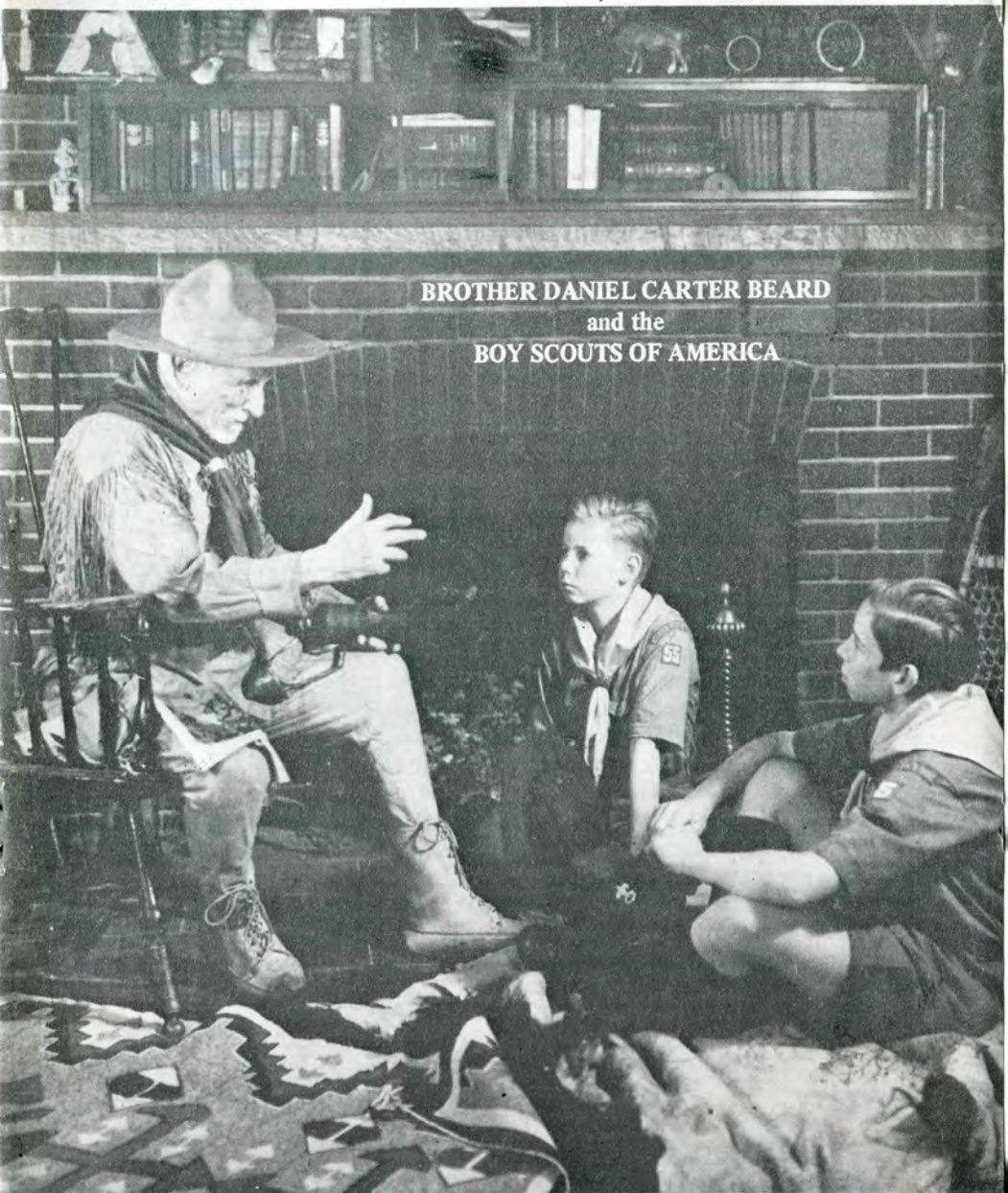


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BROTHER DANIEL CARTER BEARD  
and the  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## OLD MEN WILL DREAM DREAMS

The Greeks had a word (or words) for it. "Trust the individual" was *The Greek Way* according to author Edith Hamilton's account of ancient history in her scholarly book. As we near the start of our own 205th year of Independence, we look to the individual young men to see visions of continuing advancement for Christian Masonry, and we look to the individual older men, who "dream dreams," to lead, encourage and assist those young individuals to attain our goal.

No one needs to be told that we are in an era of international uncertainty. Today, of all times, we need the young men to strive for solutions to the world's problems. We need the vigor of the young and the guidance of the old. And, in both groups, we must "trust the individual." Above all, we should understand and appreciate the enduring spirit of continuity which connects the past with the present. Our history as a nation is a mere two centuries old; some have flourished for hundreds of years.

It is no illusion that decay begins from within. As Masons, as a nation, we must not take our position for granted. The country as well as the fraternity will flourish only when its members and its citizens are "great and good." If that is not so, we will surely fall. We must continue our efforts unceasingly to establish the continuity of Templary and the continuance of our national leadership in world affairs.

I look upon this as a period to re-dedicate ourselves honestly and completely to the principles which made our Order great in the past — and to a resurgence of those same principles today and each day in the future. We have the background; let's capitalize on that record.

A special committee of the Grand Encampment is that of the Patriotic and Civic Activities headed by Andres F. Moynelo, Past Grand Commander of the District of Columbia. His efforts in promoting patriotism and civic participation are particularly appropriate at this season of the year. We owe him a vote of thanks for his continuing work as chairman, and I extend the same expression of appreciation to the committee. Their offerings are available from the Grand Recorder's office, Chicago.

Back in 1898, just before the outbreak of the Boer War, a noted war correspondent of the times made the statement: "Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result."

We ask the young men to be likewise exhilarated and to carry out their visions for the future. Each one of us needs to support and subscribe to those visions. Upon their progress depends our Order.



*Reginald Johnson*

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The Magazine for York Rite Masons

**JUNE:** Daniel Carter Beard, author, illustrator, and a founder of the Boy Scouts of America, provides the source for our June cover illustration and the feature article on page 5 by Assistant Editor Joan Behrens. There are additional articles of special interest, and a variety of news items covering all facets of Masonry, from Symbolic Lodge to Scottish Rite and Templary. As we note in each issue, pages 16 and 17 are devoted completely to "Highlights and Sidelights from the Family of Masonry."

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## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**Moreland:** Mrs. George C. Moreland, widow of the late George C. Moreland, 1968 Grand Commander of the District of Columbia, in addition to many other fraternal offices, writes to point out that Sir Knight Moreland made the 16 mm film, with sound, "of the Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington on April 10, 1955." It was made at the direction of the late Grand Master, Walter A. DeLamater. She also notes that 1955 had "the largest gathering of Sir Knights in uniform in the entire 25 years" — and that the film, through repeated showings, was outworn, although she still has the original Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service film on hand.

**In Demand:** Sir Knight T. E. Hubbard, publisher of the *Bellefontaine Examiner*, Bellefontaine, Ohio, has requested (and received) permission to reprint The Reverend Harold Blake Walker's article, "Courage To Cope," which appeared in the April 1980 *Knight Templar Magazine*. Hubbard comments that the article "carries a message that goes beyond Masonry, and one which our last two generations should read."

**Early Plans:** The Iowa Triennial Corporation has sent notices to all members of General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council calling attention to the Triennial Conclave of the two bodies September 6-10, 1981, in Cedar Rapids. The Royal Order of Scotland will meet the Saturday preceding the Triennial. The Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, will hold its annual meeting in Cedar Rapids following the Triennial Conclave. It's more than a year removed, but *Tempus Fugit*.

**Card Carrying:** Sir Knight George W. Hartley, Chef de Gare V215, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, writes from Jacksonville Beach, Florida, to emphasize that 70,000 American Legionnaires who have performed service to the Legion, their community, state and nation, are leaders in the project of distributing cards stating "I Am A Card Carrying American." He hopes that any receiving this card will sign it "and carry it proudly." It's a project of the First World War 40/8 organization.

**Down Under:** Sir Knight John M. Cunningham, Washington, D.C., was kind enough to pass along a *Knight Templar Magazine* tribute from Grand Secretary P. J. Oliver, O.B.E., E.D., J.P., Deputy Grand Master for New Zealand. He wrote: "Among the many items generously sent are some belonging to the Knight Templar. One of the staff is an avid member. . . . He has been greatly excited at what he has read so far and comments that Templarism in the U.S.A. appears to be on a scale never dreamed of by its founders."

**Missing Picture:** Even the Editor was surprised to learn that Grand Master Johnson's picture was missing from page 2 of the May *Knight Templar* — especially after having seen the picture in an earlier copy of the issue which was sent to Chicago "hot off the presses" from Indiana. The printer's explanation: a new plate had to be made for the second day's printing, and the picture "slipped off." About one-third of the Sir Knights — including the Grand Master — received May magazines with a gaping hole on page 2.

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## UNCLE DAN AND THE AMERICAN BOY

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by

J. E. Behrens, Assistant Editor

Today, the name of Daniel Carter Beard stirs few memories. But in 1932 when 1200 St. Louis schoolchildren were asked to name the greatest men then living, Beard was one of the top ten listed. He is remembered primarily as a principal founder of the Boy Scouts of America: for 30 years, from 1910 till his death in 1941, he served as National Scout Commissioner, and he was listed alongside Calvin Coolidge as an Honorary Vice-President of the Boy Scouts' National Council and Executive Board. Clad in buckskins and bandana, he lived the role of America's last folk hero, America's last pioneer. It was a role he assumed even to his death, because he believed it was vitally important for children to remember the spirit and character of pioneer America — to draw from that era the courage, honesty and simple idealism of a people who knew at first-hand what it was *not* to have freedom. Yet despite his portrayal as the American rustic, Daniel Beard was a learned man: He was an artist (among the best-known American illustrators at the turn of the century), writer, editor, reformer, conservationist, and Mason, and he influenced generations of children and adults with his simple philosophy of individual self-reliance.

Dan Beard was born June 21, 1850, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He joined the Society of Friends as an adult but enjoyed recounting the story of his grandparents' conversion to the Swedenborgian New Church by Appleaseed Johnny Chapman, one of America's first pioneer heroes. His father, James, was a well-known 19th Century American artist who taught his

children respect for religion and education and instilled a deep pride in country, but he strongly advised against their taking up art as a career because of its financial uncertainties. Despite his warnings, three sons, including Daniel, eventually became artists in their own right.

The family moved to Covington, Kentucky, when Dan was eleven. A school friend recalled him as "a queer genius — different from the rest. . . . [He was] always the boy [he preached] — square, generous, *humane* and truthful, and better yet, 'pure!' " As a child he loved the outdoors and was often found exploring the nearby woods or entertaining himself with some home-made device. He was an educated Tom Sawyer who never lost his fascination with nature, nor ignored the importance of booklearning.

The same year they moved to Kentucky, the War Between the States broke. Dan's father and two older brothers were commissioned Union officers, and another brother drew battlefield sketches for *Harper's Weekly*, but Dan was confined to the schoolroom. The war ended in 1865, but for the latter half of this decade James Beard was forced to leave his family in order to support them. He went to New York to set up a studio, and sent money home to his wife and younger children. It is interesting that during his teen years Daniel's father was absent more often than not. Dan himself makes only passing reference to this fact in his autobiography, but one wonders whether that absence did not influence his eventual moral obsession of teaching American boys. Regardless, → → →

the Beard children were impressed with unalterable tenets for right-living. Dan wrote it was "instilled into me that the world did *not* owe me a living, but that I owed the world a useful life, and that no one had a right to live on this earth who was not of use to his fellow man."

At age 19 he graduated as a civil engineer from Worrall's Academy, and for five years he was employed as a surveyor and map maker — a job that held little financial reward and less sense of personal achievement. More and more he turned to nature, his boyhood companion. He took pleasure in drawing forest creatures, birds and fish, and began sending them to his brother Frank, who had continued his association with Harper Brothers. One day Frank showed one of Dan's drawings to his editor who purchased it for \$50 and published it in the magazine. This was more than enough for Dan to abandon his surveyor's tools.

Dan was 28 when he arrived in New York to seek employment and to study drawing. This period was undoubtedly the turning point in his life. His written observations during this time are filled with the overwhelming sadness of the city. It was almost as if the city were an antagonist in a naturalistic play. Of the city's children, he declared, they "displayed a remarkable lack of manual dexterity, mental alertness, and physical conditioning." He foresaw in these children the beginnings of "individual decay." But his concern with youth was not to take concrete form for several years.

He began as a freelance commercial artist, illustrating store catalogs and designing merchandise and labels. He sold illustrations to *Life*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Youth's Companion*, and perhaps the best known children's magazine of the period, *St. Nicholas*.

It was during Dan's association with *St. Nicholas* that his interest turned more to the younger audience. He was nature studies' illustrator and also wrote some

"how-to" articles. One of his best known appeared in the January 1880 issue. It was entitled "Snow-Ball Warfare" and detailed the "etiquette" of a fair snow fight, including directions for the building of forts, how to make and store "ammunition," and the rules for fighting. Another article, "Kite Time," illustrated in words and pictures how to build a kite and make it fly. His intent was to provide an orderly set of rules for any childhood pastime especially necessary for children confined to the city.

Though Dan loved the outdoors and its freedom, he went to New York because it was the leading center of the arts in 19th-century America. And it was in New York that Daniel Beard took the first three Degrees of Freemasonry.

The exact date of Daniel Beard's admission to the Masonic fraternity is not known, but he was Raised in Mariners' Lodge No. 67 in New York City. Whatever the date of his Degrees, it seems that Beard was constantly in the company of Masonic Brothers, and it would not be amiss to suggest that his concern for honesty, "square" dealing, and setting a good example for the young were what attracted him to the Craft.

Beard's first book was compiled in 1882 from the *St. Nicholas* articles. It was entitled *The American Boy's Handy Book: What to Do and How to Do It*. This "text-book" became one of the most popular pieces of children's literature, and in 1908 it was listed as one of the ten most popular books on the shelves of the New York Public Library.

It was in 1889 that Beard was sought out by another famous Mason, Samuel Clemens, who decided that Beard should be the illustrator for *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. Clemens was delighted with the results — Beard had completed some 260 drawings in less than three months — and contemporary critics wrote that the book was being purchased not only for Twain's excellent

story, but for Beard's drawings as well.

In 1894, Beard married Beatrice Jackson, and for the next four years he taught part-time at the School of Applied Design in New York, doing freelance drawings when he could.

Since coming to New York, Beard had become more and more vocal in the area of politics and reform. Though he described himself as a "Radical American," he was, in truth, an idealist, trying to recall the pioneer state of mind to a country that had apparently "grown out" of that phase of development. In 1905, as editor of *Recreation*, he appealed to the younger readers to assist in wildlife and ecological reform. As a means to this end, Beard established "The Sons of Daniel Boone," a club for boys under 21. Its purpose was two-fold: "to improve the state of youth," especially in the urban environment; and "to inform them about early America."

"The Sons of Daniel Boone" quickly became a national organization. Local bodies were called forts, and any boy might become a member. Those over 21 could be elected to honorary membership, and adults could serve only as advisors. The officers consisted of a President, named Daniel Boone; Secretary — Davy Crockett; Treasurer — Kit Carson; and Recorder — Simon Kenton.

Young boys flocked to join, and Dan Beard began his correspondence with the youth of America. He became "Uncle Dan" — the omniscient pioneer who knew all, had seen all, and who could advise on any matter pertaining to camping, wildlife, trailing, and behavior. The Sons of Daniel Boone and, later, the Boy Pioneers, were natural forerunners of the Boy Scouts of America, but that organization would not be established for another five years.

Less than six months after the program's formation, Beard was told that the magazine could no longer afford to keep him as editor. He stayed until May

1906 without salary but finally moved to *Woman's Home Companion* where he continued his monthly column.

Beard's boys' club was growing daily, and in 1907 the editor of *Woman's Home Companion* suggested that Dan approach President Theodore Roosevelt to interest him in making "The Sons of Daniel Boone" a national movement. In no time Roosevelt — himself an avid outdoorsman and pioneer, and a Brother Mason — was drawn into the charm of the new group. He would be proud to be identified with it, he said, and recommended that Admiral Dewey and Army Chief of Staff Major General J. C. Bell be approached as well. What developed, in addition to the support of these three leading Americans, was the "Top Notch Awards" for outstanding achievement. The "Roosevelt Top Notch" was awarded for deeds of heroism and daring; the "Bell Top Notch" for woodcraft, mountain climbing and trailing; the "Dewey Top Notch" for life-saving in water; and the "Cody Top Notch" (approved by Brother Buffalo Bill), for pioneering skills. But the most impressive "Top Notch" was named for Beard's friend, Mark Twain. This was awarded for "moral courage," and one of the criteria for winning was "to stand by a friend." The rule stated:

Perhaps the greatest test of moral heroism is championing an unpopular cause or person when they are unjustly threatened.

Taking for instance the part of a persecuted negro in the South, a Jew in Russia, or Chinaman in California, or standing up for justice for a queerly dressed country lad among well-dressed city boys. . . .

Dan Beard left *Woman's Home Companion* in 1909 and resumed Uncle Dan's column in *Pictorial Review*. He was forced to undertake a legal battle against *Woman's Home Companion* to gain control of "The Sons of Daniel Boone" which he had founded and organized. He was unsuccessful, but he nonetheless continued his crusade for → → →

America's boys by instituting a new group — the Boy Pioneers. Many "Sons of Daniel Boone" went over to the new group in loyalty to "Uncle Dan."

The break with a youth group to which Daniel Beard had devoted so much energy was, of course, disheartening to the artist, but that break came at a very propitious time. Just as Beard was laying the groundwork for the Boy Pioneers, another boys' club, the Boy Scouts, was being introduced into this country.

Robert Baden-Powell organized the Boy Scouts (and Girl Guides) in England in 1908. In two years, news of the success of the movement had spread across the sea, and it was only a matter of time before plans were set for an American counterpart.

In June 1910, Edward L. Wertheim, director of the Educational Department of the West Side YMCA in New York City, invited 60-year-old Beard and the heads of other American youth groups to attend a meeting to establish an independent Boy Scout program in America. As had occurred in England, it was to be a coalition of existing boys' programs, aimed at shaping body and mind.

Beard, appointed to the original 35-member National Council, personally designed the Boy Scout uniform and was the prime influence in adopting the American Eagle for the B.S.A. emblem.

From the beginning, it was determined that Boy Scouts of America would teach devotion to God, country and family. It had no formal connection with any church, but was approved by all major sects. The membership was drawn primarily from middle-class America, and Scoutmasters were drawn from every occupation.

Beard served 30 years on the Executive Board and, between 1914 and 1941, wrote a monthly column in the Scout journal, *Boy's Life*. In his lifetime he wrote 23 books, more than 125 articles, and corresponded with thousands of

youngsters. He was known as "the most venerated and honored man in Scouting."

When America entered World War I, Dan Beard went to enlist. He was 67 and "a devout Quaker," but he was also a devout patriot who felt that the military was in need of good leaders. He was rejected, but he went on to work with young boys, advising them on patriotic activities. During the War, the Boy Scouts raised more than \$400,000,000 in five Liberty Bond Loan Drives and sold \$43,000,000 worth of War Savings Stamps.

Beard died ten days before his 90th birthday, June 11, 1941. At the time of his death he was a member of Cornucopia Lodge No. 563 in Flushing, New York. He was awarded the Golden Eagle Award by B.S.A., and was honored by having Mt. Beard, next to Mt. McKinley in the Alaska Range, named for him.

The finest eulogy to Daniel Beard's life can be found in two quotes taken from Beard's plan for his "Boy Pioneers." The first, from the constitution of that group, is a description of the complete man; it could be a description of Beard himself:

**A manly fellow is better than a scholar, a manly fellow is better than a polished gentleman, BUT a manly fellow who is also a scholar and a gentleman is BETTER THAN BOTH.**

The second, from the writings of Brother Davy Crockett, was the motto of the "Boy Pioneers" and an echo of Daniel Carter Beard's positive work for the youth of America:

**I leave this rule for others when I'm dead,  
Be always sure you're right, then go ahead.**



With thanks to the Dept. of History, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, for the loan of BEARD, BOYS AND BUCKSKINS: DANIEL CARTER BEARD AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE AMERICAN PIONEER TRADITION, by Dr. Allan Richard Whitmore; Ph.D. Dissertation, 1970. (Cover photo courtesy National Office, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 61030, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas 75261.)



## 12TH CAMPAIGN A RECORD!

The tally as of the close of the 23rd week in the 12th Annual Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign is \$561,502.74. This figure already exceeds last year's Campaign contributions by \$4,000 – with one week to go. The July *Knight Templar Magazine* will report on the total contributions and list the award winning Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies.

Alabama . . . . .	\$3,833.76	Oklahoma . . . . .	2,263.82
Arizona . . . . .	8,747.90	Oregon . . . . .	7,562.60
Arkansas . . . . .	6,176.65	Pennsylvania . . . . .	46,010.95
California . . . . .	14,833.33	South Carolina . . . . .	5,241.99
Colorado . . . . .	8,485.01	South Dakota . . . . .	1,639.00
Connecticut . . . . .	4,911.40	Tennessee . . . . .	32,059.52
District of Columbia . . . . .	6,702.50	Texas . . . . .	112,643.98
Florida . . . . .	21,276.80	Utah . . . . .	3,167.31
Georgia . . . . .	28,806.04	Vermont . . . . .	1,907.60
Idaho . . . . .	4,330.79	Virginia . . . . .	9,069.99
Illinois . . . . .	11,239.30	Washington . . . . .	786.22
Indiana . . . . .	3,502.00	West Virginia . . . . .	2,646.37
Iowa . . . . .	7,198.57	Wisconsin . . . . .	4,799.94
Kansas . . . . .	1,827.35	Wyoming . . . . .	1,330.20
Kentucky . . . . .	16,385.90	Philippines . . . . .	98.00
Louisiana . . . . .	5,597.96	St. John's No. 1,	
Maine . . . . .	3,801.03	Wilmington, Delaware . . . . .	140.00
Maryland . . . . .	9,718.88	Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii . . . . .	154.00
Massachusetts-Rhode Island . . . . .	21,796.32	Canal Zone No. 1,	
Michigan . . . . .	16,503.96	Ancon, Central America . . . . .	80.00
Minnesota . . . . .	4,511.00	Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks . . . . .	187.00
Mississippi . . . . .	2,239.07	Porto Rico No. 1,	
Missouri . . . . .	6,806.13	San Juan . . . . .	60.00
Montana . . . . .	17,139.99	Anchorage No. 2, Alaska . . . . .	250.00
Nebraska . . . . .	875.00	Bavaria No. 3,	
Nevada . . . . .	29,455.39	Munich, Germany . . . . .	236.00
New Hampshire . . . . .	3,674.55	Hermann von Salza No. 1,	
New Jersey . . . . .	5,726.75	Frankfurt, Germany . . . . .	372.00
New Mexico . . . . .	2,065.38	Heidelberg No. 2, Germany . . . . .	650.00
New York . . . . .	10,388.23	St. Andrew's No. 2,	
North Carolina . . . . .	6,903.93	Dover, Delaware . . . . .	40.00
North Dakota . . . . .	1,031.50	Harry J. Miller No. 5,	
Ohio . . . . .	30,243.88	Bitburg, Germany . . . . .	1,470.00

### Newlyweds Go To Altar Twice in One Day

At 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, Sir Knight James L. Straughn, Generalissimo of Miami Commandery No. 13, Florida, stood before the altar of matrimony and exchanged marriage vows with the former Rosemary Sears. At 8:00 p.m., Sir Knight and Mrs. Straughn stood before another Altar to repeat the vows of office as Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron of West Miami Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. At right, newlyweds are shown marching between lines of a Templar Honor Guard formed by members of Miami Commandery. In addition to Templar and Eastern Star involvement, Sir Knight Straughn is a Past Master of West Miami Lodge No. 302.





The "Knight Templar Hooked Rug" pictured is the creation of Sir Knight Kenneth B. Gray, Grand Generalissimo of Connecticut. Sir Knight Gray designed the enlarged cross and crown emblem and offers it for sale to hooked-rug hobbyists. Says Gray, "The hand-made drawing, approximately 30" x 30" is available on quadrille paper ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " squares) and comes with directions for easy transfer to canvas rug backing and includes yarn requirements." The price of each kit (which does not include canvas or yarn) is \$12.50, postage paid. Checks may be sent to Kenneth B. Gray, 82 Rentell Road, Hamden, Connecticut 06514.

Ralph C. Rackliff, Jr., long-time editor of the Maine Supplement to the *Knight Templar Magazine*, forwarded a different "Maine Supplement" to the office of the Grand Recorder this month. Under the editorship of Sir Knight Rackliff, an eight-page magazine was published with the April 27, 1980, *Maine Sunday Telegram*. The magazine supplement, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Maine, highlights the history of Maine's Grand Lodge, York and Scottish Rites, Shrine, Amaranth, Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay, including pictures of current Grand Officers for each body.

A message from Most Worshipful Roger P. Snelling, Grand Master of Maine, introduces the Masonic Fraternity to the readers of the *Sunday Telegram*, which has a circulation of some 110,000. Also discussed are the Scottish Rite Museum of Our National Heritage, Shriners' Hospitals and Burns Institutes, and the individual educational funds and charities sponsored by each body, including the Knights Templar Educational and Eye Foundations. Editor Rackliff describes the supplement, which will become a permanent part of the Grand Encampment's Historical collection, as "a splendid example of unity" among the Masons in Maine.

### Tribute to A. Edward Maumenee, M.D.

A testimonial dinner honoring Dr. A. Edward Maumenee, Director of The Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute of The Johns Hopkins Hospital and University, Baltimore, Maryland, was held April 30, 1980, at the Baltimore Convention Center. Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and Edmund F. Ball, Past Grand Treasurer of Grand Encampment, were among the guests who paid tribute to Dr. Maumenee, a world-renowned specialist in ocular disease and an Ophthalmologist-Advisor of the Eye Foundation. Though "stepping down" as Director of the Institute, Dr. Maumenee, Professor Emeritus, will continue his teaching and surgical duties at Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Maumenee is one of the original group of Ophthalmologist-Advisors named to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; his association with the Templar philanthropy began in 1956.

## **YORK RITE TEMPLE BUILDERS OF GUATEMALA**

by  
Sir Knight Thomas Rigas

In these days of political unrest in Central America, it is great to know that our York Rite companions in Guatemala refuse to be seduced by fears of such uncertainties. The York Rite Temple Builders of Guatemala are vigorously pushing ahead to achieve their long-sought goal of their own Temple. The challenge is great for this small, dedicated group of York Rite Masons, but so is their determination and confidence.

On November 15, 1979, the *Asociacion Masonica del Rito York de Guatemala* was formed. This is an independent association with its own identity in which the property and all the construction funds will be held. The association was formed by the following Guatemala Masonic Bodies: Union Lodge No. 1; Archemides Lodge No. 31; Guatemala R.A.M. Chapter No. 1; Luz Altense R.A.M. Chapter No. 2; Guatemala City Council No. 1, R. & S.M.; Guatemala Commandery No. 1, K.T.; and Guatemala Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

The founding Bodies will be represented in the association by the three principal officers of each Body making up the association. All of these Bodies will occupy the proposed Temple upon completion of the project. (All of the Bodies work in English, except Archemides Lodge No. 31 which works in German in the Schroeder Rite, and Luz Altense R.A.M. Chapter No. 2 which works in Spanish.)

On February 25, 1980, the President of the Republic signed a special decree giving the Association legal status. On April 24, 1980, the Association held its first official general assembly.

Many obstacles over the years, including the devastating earthquake of February 1976 have left the York Rite Bodies in Guatemala without a permanent meeting place. Often meetings were held in the homes of various members of the Fraternity. Presently these Bodies temporarily work in a small warehouse which was converted into a private cinema.

Despite all of the many difficult circumstances they have had to endure, the York Rite Bodies have managed to hang-on and have continued working without missing a single session. Their determination to survive has to be admired and is clearly in evidence now as they plan with great hope and enthusiasm the first phase of construction for their new York Rite Temple.

A small, but conveniently located site was recently acquired by donation and is situated at the intersection of 7th Street and 4th Avenue in the desirable Zone 10 sector of Guatemala City, just three short blocks from the new U.S. Embassy. Construction plans have been completed and, at this writing, groundbreaking ceremonies were scheduled to take place May 11, 1980, political uncertainties notwithstanding.

Funds are in hand to start the first phase of construction and, hopefully, with the continued financial assistance of companions in Guatemala and elsewhere in the world, additional funds will be raised to assure completion of this most worthy project.

Today, more than ever, the York Rite Bodies of Guatemala face the harsh reality of the rugged path → → →

## 6th Masonic Tour of Egypt

The 6th Annual Masonic Tour of Egypt, under the direction of Sir Knight Ralph W. Lichty, P.C., Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 23, New York City, will take place October 7-21, 1980. Those interested in information and/or reservations may write to Sir Knight Lichty at 430 West 24th Street, Apt. 1-B, New York City, New York 10011.

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ahead — the need not only to survive in a world of unrest and political uncertainty, but also, the challenge of making this beloved Fraternity a visible symbol of freedom and universal harmony.

Thus, the successful completion of the York Rite Temple in Guatemala will not only serve to house the Fraternity, but most importantly, will instill the pride, unity and spirit of brotherly love and understanding that is desperately needed to see our worthy Companions through this most difficult time in the survival of the entire York Rite institution in Guatemala.

Companions in the U.S.A. and elsewhere in the world can be of great help at this most important time for York Rite Masonry in Guatemala — not only with financial assistance to complete this worthy and needed construction project but, more importantly, with moral support and encouragement in the true spirit of brotherly love and understanding for our worthy and courageous Companions.

(Mailing address for the York Rite Temple Builders of Guatemala is: Guatemala Commandery No. 1, K.T., P.O. Box 1668, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Central America.)

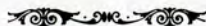
Sir Knight Rigas, a member of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago, lives at 2600 West Farwell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611. He is a frequent traveler to Latin America and has recently visited Guatemala.

## Sledd Named Outstanding Citizen

Sir Knight Herbert D. Sledd, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, was honored as Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Optimist Club of Lexington, Kentucky. He is the 1980 recipient of The Optimist Cup, awarded for "conscientious, constructive and imaginative leadership in the community."



A partner in the law firm of Brown, Sledd and McCann, Sir Knight Sledd has served as President of the Kentucky State Bar Association, and most recently as Secretary of the American Bar Association House of Delegates. He is a Past Grand Commander of Kentucky, holds the 33°, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, and is a member of Knight Templar Priests, Red Cross of Constantine and Royal Order of Scotland. Sir Knight Sledd has served the Grand Encampment as Chairman of Templar Jurisprudence for 14 years.



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## Knighted By His Son



Sir Knight James H. Richards (left) had the personal honor of being Knighted by his son, Eminent Commander James H. Richards, II, during a March 29 conferral of the Order of the Temple by Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Commander Richards is concurrently serving as M.E. High Priest of East Hill Royal Arch Chapter No. 268.

## Virginia Visitation

Arlington Commandery No. 29, Virginia, welcomed Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson to its April 4 meeting attended by more than 60 Sir Knights, including the current Grand Commanders of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, Past Southeastern Department Commander Charles L. Harrison, and other Grand Line Officers from the three jurisdictions. The visitation was the first by a Grand Master in the 33-year history of Arlington Commandery.



Shown above (from left) are Arlington Eminent Commander Richard A. Long; Roland Kiser, Recorder, who was elected an Honorary Past Commander; Grand Master Johnson; and Floyd North, Past Commander of Battlecreek Commandery No. 33, Michigan, and Columbia No. 2, D.C. — also elected to Honorary Membership in Arlington No. 29.

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## Grand Master Hughey Convalescing

George R. Hughey, Grand Master of Wisconsin, was hospitalized February 20 in the Special Care Unit of Madison General Hospital for the treatment of Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a disorder which attacks the body's nerves and muscles. Hughey was in attendance at the 1980 Grand Master's Conference in Washington, D.C., and returned home early when symptoms of muscle weakness appeared.

A Past Grand Commander of Wisconsin Templars, Grand Master and Sir Knight Hughey is currently undergoing rehabilitation therapy to restore normal motion to joints and to increase muscle strength and coordination. At last notification, he was still confined to Madison General. According to one source, he has received more than 400 cards wishing him a speedy recovery.

## Kline Receives Double Honor

At the Annual Inspection of Beaumont Commandery No. 9, Decatur, Illinois, Harry L. Kline received his service award pin and card "in recognition of his faithful and continuous service as a Sir Knight for fifty years."

Sir Knight Kline is the oldest living Past Commander, having served in 1942. He has been Treasurer, Trustee, Grand Representative and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. He received his fifty-year Chapter card and pin, a similar award from Decatur Council No. 16, from Zohak Grotto, Guiding Light Chapter, O.E.S., Macon Lodge No. 8, and Scottish Rite Valley of Springfield.

In March, Harry L. Kline, Life Member, was awarded an Emblem from the Salvation Army of Decatur for "Exemplary Service to the Salvation Army." His participation with the Salvation Army began in the 1920's. It still continues.

## Grand Master's Club Passes 200 Mark

Charles S. McIntyre, Jr., P.G.C., Michigan, Chairman of the Annual Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign and a Trustee of the Foundation, organized the Grand Commander's and Grand Master's Clubs in May, 1976. Four years later, Sir Knight McIntyre's plan has achieved more than a modicum of success; today there are 207 names on the Grand Master's list (which he heads as No. 1), and another 130 are currently members of the Grand Commander's Club. Together, these "special benefactors" have supplied funds for long-term research studies in the correction of blindness, and for the immediate surgical needs of those already afflicted with eye disease and dysfunction.

An initial contribution of \$100 gains membership in the Grand Commander's Club. Members of this group pledge to continue annual \$100 (or more) contributions, until \$1,000 has been donated. Membership in the Grand Commander's Club is acknowledged with a metal wallet card indicating state and contributor number.

The Grand Master's Club includes all \$1,000 contributors — graduates from the Grand Commander's Club or those who have made single donations of \$1,000. These benefactors receive a metal wallet card and personalized bronze desk plaque.

New Grand Commander's Club members this month are:

Connecticut No. 3 — Frederick H. Lorenson  
New York No. 7 — Paul A. Shackelford, Jr.  
New York No. 8 — Meredith E. Ewbank  
Pennsylvania No. 8 — Carl J. Herter

and to the Grand Master's Club are added:

No. 198 — Thomas E. Weir, M.D. (MD)  
No. 199 — Mrs. Rosalind G. DeLamater (NY)  
No. 200 — Burnell C. Stambaugh (PA)  
No. 201 — Harry A. Lorenz (MN)  
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No. 204 — Edward J. Warwick (MD)  
No. 205 — Col. Harold W. Uhrbrock (NC)  
No. 206 — Max H. Fischer (MA)  
No. 207 — E. Leo Piper (IA)

## Florida York Rite Adds 109

The Third York Rite District in Florida sponsored a One-Day Class at the York Rite Masonic Temple in Clearwater, Saturday, March 22. The class, named in honor of Most Worshipful Franklin C. Smith, Grand Master Mason in Florida, numbered 109 candidates from all over the state, including the Divan of Amara Shrine Temple in Lake Worth, Florida. William L. Scholz, Potentate of Amara Shrine, acted as Exemplar.

Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard, Past Commander of Springtime Commandery No. 40, Clearwater, reports that "the Temple was filled to capacity" with many current and Past Grand Line Officers of the York Rite Bodies on hand to observe and participate in the conferrals.

Sir Knight and M.W. Grand Master Smith, K.Y.C.H., was assisted by J. Fred Wilson, M.E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Florida, and Walter H. Winchester, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International, in the conferral of the Royal Arch Degree. Following lunch, Brother Winchester presided over the Select Masters Degree with Grand Master Smith reading the charge. The highlight of the day, as noted by P.C. Gerhard, came when Grand Master Smith Knighted each of the 109 candidates, and Sir Knight William F. Haythorn, R.E. Grand Commander of Florida, welcomed each newly-created Knight into the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple.

Sir Knight McIntyre invites any individual to join the "special benefactors" listed at left, by contacting G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Membership is not open to groups and does not provide Commandery credit. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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## THEY HELP MAKE OUR COUNTRY STRONG

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by  
Sir Knight H. C. Arbuckle, III

Henry C. Clausen, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., has done it again. A new book has come from his able and facile pen, telling the story of America's public schools.

Dedicated "To all those public schoolteachers who see the noble vision of our children blooming into enlightened, loyal and moral citizens of the United States," Brother Clausen's latest book is divided into six basic parts: Starting in the 17th century, Brother Clausen states ". . . free public education originated in Colonial America." He tells how settlers brought their ideas of education with them, albeit mainly confined to the three R's, and attempted, through that education, to develop and better their children's chances in the New World.

Church and State were a problem in the 18th century, and education had to overcome the stifling effect of the Church before it could progress. As Brother Clausen says, "They had thrown off, to a significant degree, the stifling and dogmatic control of church education . . . ready to face the challenge of a Revolution schooled in human values and dedicated to the defense of freedom."

He shows how "Education Shall Be Ever Encouraged" in his next chapter when he tells of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, wherein proceeds from the sale of public lands were set aside for educational needs.

The American public schools come to reality in the chapter entitled "From Ideal Concept to Practical Reality" as Brother Clausen traces the history of the

public schools from 1800 to 1850, a period of Westward expansion. He quotes Brother DeWitt Clinton who said, "The first duty of government, and the surest evidence of good government, is the encouragement of education." It was about this time that the famous Texan, Brother Sam Houston, said, "The benefits of education are essential to the preservation of a free government" — a superb bit of Masonic philosophy.

"Seventy Years of Progress" takes the public schools from the Civil War through the War to End All Wars, and brings the story up to 1920. In the final chapter, Brother Clausen brings us to the present day, emphasizing that America's future is tied to the work done by the laborers in the vineyard of the public schools.

Many frontier communities had no building to house a public school except the ground floor of a Masonic Lodge; and in many places the history of the public school dovetails with that of Freemasonry.

Masons interested in public schools should obtain a copy of this lavishly-illustrated and excellent 78-page book which carries quotations from outstanding educators and public servants, Masons and profane alike.

I have not forgotten to give the title of the book but have withheld it until now, for a purpose. The title of the book tells the story itself — *Why Public Schools?* It is available from The Supreme Council, 33°, 1733 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, for the mere sum of \$5.00, postpaid.

Sir Knight Arbuckle's mailing address is P.O. Box 3026, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.

# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## Cooke and Cooke

Morrison L. Cooke, East Central Department Commander of Grand Encampment, Raised his son, Doug, to the degree of Master Mason in Willis Stewart Lodge No. 244, Louisville, Kentucky, on March 28, 1980. Cooke notes that his son represents "the third generation of members in Willis Stewart Lodge" and says that he looks forward to the time — in the not-so-distant future — when he can dub his son a Knight Templar.

## Hueytown Lodge is K.T.E.F. Patron



Brother C. B. Jones (left), Worshipful Master, accepts a Patron Certificate for and on behalf of Hueytown Lodge No. 843, F. & A.M., Hueytown, Alabama, for its contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Presenting the certificate is Sir Knight Jesse L. Sharp of Bessemer Commandery No. 35.

Sir Knight Sharp, a diligent worker for the Eye Foundation and himself a Patron, has raised more than \$1,500 in contributions from the sale of Masonic Coins, Masonic Car Tags, Belt Buckles, etc., over the last three years. Both Sir Knight Sharp and Worshipful Master and Sir Knight Jones, are Life Sponsors of the Eye Foundation.

## Commander Wartenberg and Daughters



The Wartenberg family ranks high in Michigan Masonry: This year Sir Knight John D. Wartenberg took office as Eminent Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 16, Saginaw, Michigan, and his two daughters, Sherri (left) and Stephanie, are Honored Queen and Senior Princess, respectively, of Bethel No. 13, International Order of Job's Daughters in Saginaw.

## Medina Rummage Sale a Success

The Ladies Auxiliary of Medina Commandery No. 84, Ohio, sponsored a Rummage Sale as their 1980 project to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Auxiliary President Mrs. Micky Clark reports that more than \$250.00 was raised by the Ladies of Medina during the sale.

## \$1,000 From Maine High Priesthood

A \$1,000 contribution for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was received May 15 from the Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Maine. The check was relayed via Sir Knight Bruce S. Tornquist (St. Alban Commandery No. 8, Portland), Treasurer in Maine.



## United in "Knight Templar Wedding"



The marriage of Sir Knight Elmer Ales of Lake Erie Commandery No. 20 and his Lady, Jean Reed, on Saturday, March 29, at Trinity United Church of Christ, Buffalo, New York, was described as "truly a Knight Templar wedding": The officiating Clergyman and Pastor of the Church, Reverend Don C. Markham, is Commander of Lake Erie No. 20 and also Associate Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of New York. The best man was Sir Knight Franklin Schwartzott, Past Commander of Lake Erie; and an Honor Guard of six Sir Knights from several New York Commanderies formed the arch of steel.

## General Grand Treasurer, Cryptic Masons

Sir Knight Royce E. Curlis, Past Commander of Sault Ste. Marie Commandery No. 45, Michigan, and 1979-80 Grand Herald of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, was installed General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International, this year in Washington, D.C. He is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Michigan and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

## Farewell to Arkansas Editor

After eleven years as Editor of the Arkansas Supplement to the *Knight Templar Magazine*, Sir Knight M. C. Lewis, Jr., Hot Springs, will end his tenure this month. Sir Knight Lewis (Past Grand Master of Masons and Past Grand Commander of Arkansas, with membership in appendant Masonic bodies too numerous to list) was one of the original State Editors, holding that position since 1969 when all-member mailing of *Knight Templar* began, and when the first State Supplements appeared.

Though he relinquishes his editorial duties, Sir Knight Lewis says he will continue his association with the Grand Encampment, as Chairman of the Committee on the 55th Triennial Conclave, set for August 14-19, 1982, in Hot Springs.

The new Arkansas Editor is Sir Knight Tom Dooley of Jacksonville. Sir Knight Dooley, a member of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 1, is also Recorder of Scimitar Shrine Temple in Little Rock and Editor for that body's monthly magazine.

## Fullerton Chapter Celebrates 75 Years

Fullerton Royal Arch Chapter No. 90, Fullerton, California, is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year, according to Excellent Companion Eugene L. Piantoni, K.Y.C.H. and Chapter Secretary. "A special anniversary coin has been struck," writes Sir Knight Piantoni, "and we invite interested coin collectors to order this commemorative item." The coin is available at a cost of \$3.00 each, including postage, and may be ordered by contacting Sir Knight Piantoni, 1010 North Amanda Lane, La Habra, California 90631.

## DEMOLAY 1980

William C. Chasey, Sr., Allentown, Pennsylvania, was elected Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay at the conclusion of the 60th Annual Session of the International Supreme Council in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 16, 1980. He succeeds C. C. Faulkner, Jr., Indiana.

A 50-year Senior DeMolay, Sir Knight Chasey served as DeMolay Executive Officer in New Jersey from 1964 to 1979. He was Raised in Fraternal Lodge No. 139, F. & A.M., New Jersey, in 1945, and has served the Grand Lodge of New Jersey as Grand Chaplain. He is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, member of Delta-Damascus Commandery No. 5, and holds the Grand Cross of Color of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Chasey is also recipient of the Daniel Coxe Medal for service to humanity from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and the Bronze Medal of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.



Fred R. Brooks, Executive Officer in New Jersey, presents color portrait to Grand Master Chasey (right) on behalf of the DeMolays in New Jersey during Supreme Council Sessions. More than 50 Jerseyans traveled to Indianapolis to be with Sir Knight Chasey for his installation.



### DeMolay Week in Michigan

On March 16, 1980, the beginning of DeMolay Week, members of Ypsilanti Chapter of DeMolay in Michigan visited the First Baptist Church of Ypsilanti with their Master Councilor, Chapter Sweetheart and seven uniformed Knights Templar from area Commanderies.



Pictured above are (front row, from left) Billy Martin, Doug Randall, Mary Martin, Master Councilor Bill Mida, and Randy Tincher. Back row - Sir Knights Herb Schock, Walter James, James Peters, Robert Stone, Jack Travillian, Vincent Goodnuff, and Frank Turgill, representing Commanderies in Ypsilanti, Monroe and Ann Arbor.

### "Think Big and Build"

A bronze medallion is being offered by the 1980 Masters of the Second Nassau District, to benefit the Masonic Home Building Fund of the Grand Lodge of New York, A. & F.M. Wendell K. Walker, Grand Secretary, says that individual medallions will be sold for \$5.00 plus \$.50 handling, with the entire \$5.00 going to the Building Fund, credited to the 1980 Second Nassau Masters. Also, other Lodges are invited to participate in the sale of the medallion and at the same time help earn money for their own building fund. According to Walker, "A Lodge may buy 20 or more medallions at \$4.00 each, to be sold at \$5.00 - the extra dollar to be contributed to the building fund of the participating lodge."

Individual orders may be sent to Lodge Sales, 71 W. 23 St., New York, New York 10010; Lodge orders of 20 or more should be sent to Adam Kunz, 145 Myer Ave., Hicksville, New York 11801.

## RENEWAL OF HOPE AMONG KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

by

Sir Knight Dr. Daniel H. Stahmer

Palestine Commandery No. 20, Green Bay, Wisconsin

In the opening story of his book *Endless Line of Splendor*, Dr. Halford E. Luccock pictures a Bishop of an earlier generation watching the little steamboat, "The Maid of the Mist," pushing valiantly upstream against the strong downward swirl of the Niagara River just below the Falls. "The Bishop's imagination took fire," Dr. Luccock wrote, "and he cried out, 'thank God for something that moves up!'"

The history of Christianity — and of Knights Templar and all Masons within that larger framework — is filled with daring hope and the urge to "move up." This modern period is no exception. Look at the Christian Order of Knighthood, the awakening York Rite bodies, and the scores of Masons in areas of change and turmoil.

But, impressive as is the valiant endeavor, many Christians and Masons are convinced that civilization itself is in peril. They point to the interminable cold war with its hate and excessive drains on spiritual and material resources, the spread of atheistic materialism among people who have despaired of Christian idealism as a means of coping with ancient ills, the conflicts among United States citizens, and the waning influence of the Church and Masons. "Against the frightful *downward pull*, what," they ask, "can *move up*?"

The very fact that this and like questions are being asked persistently points up the *need for widespread renewal of hope among Sir Knights and all Masons*. We Masons and Sir Knights are rather strong on organization, and we

have the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Philanthropic, Religious and Membership Committees and other humanitarian Agencies well-equipped and primed to meet every kind of human need. BUT to "move up," an organization needs the power and push of *renewed hope* and courage.

Christ, the Living Savior of all Knights Templar, will enable us to experience the *renewal of hope* for the living of these difficult days. Today we need to hearken to His message of Hope: "If you have faith no bigger even than a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there!', and it will move; nothing will prove impossible to you." (Matthew 17:20)

This, indeed, is the *message of hope* for all Knights Templar and Masons: Christ is seeking us. We do not need to search for Him. He is the shepherd; we are the sheep. We need to let Christ find us. In conscience, in ideals, in opportunities for service, in crusades that call for heroic daring and endeavor to minister to human need all about us, CHRIST IS AFTER US!

We are never beyond the power of Christ. His reserves are endless.

And Christ gives to every Sir Knight and Mason who seeks it the strength, energy and power to *keep going*. You can move any mountain of crisis that life gives you, and make the Valley of Affliction a Gateway to Opportunity.

Nineteen hundred years have come and gone since Jesus Christ revealed the *Christlike God of Love*, and yet what a grip He has upon the

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heartstrings of Knights Templar. As the Eternal Christ rose triumphant over the bitter pain of the Cross and the darkness of the tomb, we have the *hope* and assurance that enables us to look behind the things of earth that pass away and to find our joy and peace in God's infinite love. Each year we hold the festival of Easter in gratitude for the *everlasting hopes* that rise within the human heart, and for the Christian Gospel which has brought life and immortality to light.

When we pause to consider the problems which face our community, our nation, and our world, we often feel inadequate to the responsibility which should be ours. Our apparent inability to cope with some needs and demands makes us fearful to undertake any action at all.

Perhaps we need to consider a question which we CAN answer and which, if answered properly, can make a tremendous difference in our lives: When Will I Stop Being a Spectator Christian Knight Templar and Become a Participating Christian Knight Templar? When we have progressed to the point where we can answer such a question with a positive "Now, with Christ's help," we will have taken the initial step in finding an answer to the first question.

Today the challenge to action continues to ring out. "BE YE DOERS!" Knights Templar and Masons must respond to Christ's call to meet the challenge of the times, regardless of the sacrifice involved.

Mebane Ramsy tells of a group of visitors being conducted through Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. An eleven-year-old lad and his seven-year-old sister accompanied them. At the deepest point in the cave the lights were extinguished. So penetrating and oppressive was the darkness that the little girl began to cry. Quickly the brother placed his arm around her shoulders and reassuringly said, "Don't cry. There's a man here who

knows how to switch ON the lights."

This is the *Good News* and *message of hope* of the Christian faith — that *always in the dark nights of the human soul, there is a Risen Christ who knows how to turn on the lights*. The resurrected Christ lights a spark within the human soul, and we go forward feeling the "spray of the future in our faces," and knowing Christ will be in the tomorrows. This is our confidence and hope as Knights Templar and Masons.

So how big are you this day? Big enough to strengthen our Order of Knighthood? Big enough to strengthen your country in the midst of great crises? If so, you are more than equal to the demands of our times.

The Reverend Daniel H. Stahmer lives at 830 W. 4th St., Appleton, Wisconsin 54911.



### Oregon York Rite Assembles in Coos Bay

The Grand York Rite Bodies in the State of Oregon met April 10-14 to conduct combined Annual Sessions, including the 94th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, presided over by Sir Knight James O. Moore, then Grand Commander. The Northwestern Department Commander for the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., attended as the official representative of Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson.

During the five-day sessions, held at the Masonic Temple in Coos Bay, extended media coverage was provided by the local daily newspaper, *The World*, and by local radio and TV. On the final day of Grand Commandery sessions, Sir Knights Thornley and Gene Caswell, incoming Grand Commander, appeared on a 15-minute TV interview and together outlined the background of Masonic Knights Templar and the two Templar philanthropies — the Eye and Educational Foundations.

## AVERY ALLYN—RECREANT KNIGHT

by  
James R. Case, K.T.C.H.

When it became known among the Masons in Batavia, New York, that William Morgan (of doubtful precedents) was party to the printing of an *exposé*



of the ritual of the lodge, some of the brethren hustled him out of town. He disappeared so completely and mysteriously that what actually became of him has never been ascertained. During the excitement which followed there arose unfounded accusations of kidnapping and murder. There were many desertions from the fraternity, and several exposés were published. The one most in demand carried the name of Avery Allyn on the title page. The ritual was printed in the clear, the floor work was explained in detail and the signs and grips were illustrated, as were certain dramatic points in the work. On a fore page was a certificate of membership of Avery Allyn in the encampment of Knights Templar at New Haven, Connecticut, dated January 16, 1827, which was authentic.

Many satellite degrees were "exposed" with more or less revelation of their content. The statement that he had been "most active" in the "higher orders" is not substantiated. Several pages were devoted to the Phi Beta Kappa society, although this "secret" society had just made all their "secrets" public. There were many discrepancies in the Phi Beta Kappa story which challenged the interest of an historian of the Society, Dr. William T. Hastings, at Brown University. He satisfied himself that Allyn was not a

member of Phi Beta Kappa, as his name did not appear on the membership list; nor was he a graduate from any college where a chapter of the honorary scholastic society existed. Dr. Hastings concluded that Allyn was an impostor as far as Phi Beta Kappa was concerned, but was determined to make positive identification of the author of the exposure.

Avery Allyn's Masonic record was clear enough. It was found that he had been made a Mason in Rising Sun Lodge at Washington, Connecticut, in 1820 serving at least one term as Warden. He had been arched in Fidelity Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in the same town two years later. His name is among the first aspirants recorded in the Encampment of Knights Templar at New Haven. He was named in the charter of Clinton Encampment at Washington and attended several meetings of that short-lived body in 1827-28.

In the preface to his book is an apology for his apostasy. He stated that by omission in prayer the "Savior was voted from the Society"; the intemperate conduct of some of the brethren at refreshment or table lodge disgusted him; upon reconsideration, he felt that the penalties of several of the degrees, if taken literally and actually imposed, were un-Christian in spirit and abhorrent, although "bound in pledge of soul and body to maintain and support all edicts, laws and regulations." He was finally persuaded upon hearing, or overhearing, an account of the sequel to the disappearance of William Morgan and the flight of his abductors. This took place at a meeting of Templars in New York → → →

City, a tale quite possibly well-embroidered for the listeners. Not until a year after the event did he make an affidavit of what he then recalled and believed about the alleged revelations, although made by hearsay and at third-hand.

It is also apparent that he had some differences, personal or political, and had developed a degree of antipathy towards the leading man of the town, one who became the Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut. Not beyond the realm of possibility was the expectation that he could make some money from an exposure. By now the whole anti-Masonic movement had become a political matter through foment by opportunists and opponents of the national administration, and Avery Allyn got caught in the maelstrom.

The search for positive identification of our Avery Allyn focused on a native of Groton, Connecticut, a quarryman or "stone-cutter" (an operative Mason) who located in the Marbledale district of Washington. After consideration of all the data available from public and private sources, it was concluded that he was the one christened Benajah Avery Allyn, who dropped the use of his first name. He enlisted for a tour of duty with state troops during the War of 1812 and, for 13 days service in readiness for harbor defense at New London, was granted a warrant for bounty lands in Nebraska, which he sold in 1855.

In 1830, having made contact with a publisher for his book, and quite obviously teamed up with an anonymous co-author or redactor, he decided to go on a lecture circuit. His first appearance was in Boston, where, as elsewhere, he met with a mixed reception in his exhibition and demonstration. The "itinerant stone-cutter" became an "itinerant agitator." Hecklers interrupted his burlesque exemplification of the degrees; clouds of snuff drifted down from overhead onto the

stage; more than once he was the target of rotten eggs, and reaction to his appearance resulted in tumult in nearly every instance. Harmony never seemed to attend the performance of this "mountebank." Once he was jailed "for his own protection," prolonged until protested, and terminating with his promise to leave town.

As the intensity of the anti-Masonic frenzy waned after the defeat of the Anti-Masonic political party in 1833, and the re-election of President Andrew Jackson (Past Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee) Avery Allyn found his revelations and lectures no longer marketable. Aside from the impolite reception and inadequate remuneration for his lecturing, it appears that returns from the sale of his book and almanacs went more to the benefit of the printer than to the author. Both were pirated and he could not protect his copyright, which he may have sold anyway, along with the plates for his book. Several later editions by printers in different cities appeared, some even omitting credit to him for any part of the text. Having renounced and denounced the fraternity and being thoroughly disillusioned, as far as can now be ascertained, he retired to the quiet life of a farmer in then remote Goshen, Connecticut, where he and several of his family are buried in the Morris Street cemetery.

Defeated and chagrined, he had sunken into relative obscurity, or at least was not prominent in town or church affairs. An obituary notice in the Litchfield "Enquirer" for June 4, 1873, merely announced his death at the age of 79 years. Avery Allyn's career was characterized, in words which the reader may interpret as he pleases, by an enigmatic entry which was found in the diary of a son-in-law, — "He died as he had lived."

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## NOW THERE'S AN IDEA!

by

Sir Knight Theodore Summers

Peninsular Commandery No. 8, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Perhaps our worries about a static or declining membership might be somewhat dissipated and even more men might be "knocking at our door," if we took time to consider ways to make more use of our Temples.

Our two, and only two, methods of advertising or encouraging new petitions are the Masonic Friendship we exhibit, and the imposing sight of the Masonic Temple on Main Street. Those who come to us "searching for light" must come because of a favorable impression of the Fraternity — but we must do something ourselves to give the outsider a "favorable impression."

We have maintained that such matters as fellowship, relief, charity, and hospitality are points which attract new members and keep old members on our rolls; but these attributes of Masonry and Templarism are "hidden virtues." Our philosophy is largely based on the Chapter injunction of "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand is doing," and "When thou doest good to thy neighbor, do it in secret."

Maybe we might look at ways to make more use of our Temples to promote Masonry in our communities. And with the ever-rising costs of heating and lighting, there might also be a more practical and fruitful program available to us than "turning out the lights and turning down the heat." We can spread the overhead costs by more use of our facilities.

No, we do not need to hold Bingo parties every Saturday night, nor are we yet to the point where we must install bars and pinball machines in our Temples.

But with our Lodge Rooms always available for those activities which have a Masonic tone, and the other rooms in the Temple which might well be used for more social and civic affairs, a little forethought and planning could make the Masonic Temple again an active center, a beehive, in the community. A little brainstorming and more planning will overcome that inertia which has settled on the beautiful Temple and turn that monument again into a real, vital part of our social and cultural lives.

Recently there occurred a funeral of a life-long Mason — a Mason for more than 60 years; a Mason who had presided in the East in all the York Rite Bodies, and had also presided in a Scottish Rite Chapter of Rose Croix. He had been honored with the 33<sup>o</sup> degree, and he deserved every honor bestowed on him.

The funeral service, well-handled and efficiently managed, was held in an undertaker's establishment. There could be no complaint nor criticism about the service rendered by the mortician. But the funeral parlor was too small for the number of Masons and townspeople who came to pay their Last Respects.

Question: Why didn't we think of having the funeral in our Lodge Room? There we had welcomed the Brother 60 years before into our Fraternity; there we had instructed him in the Mysteries of the Craft; there he learned about the symbolism of the Apron, the Glove, and the Sprig of Acacia. What more fitting place could be found in which to say goodbye to our Brother than in the Temple and the Lodge Room he loved and → → →

which had been so important in his life for all those years?

But aside from the sentimental reasons for conducting the Last Rites in the Lodge Room or in the Templar Asylum, there are the more practical points.

In the Temple, there would have been room enough so all mourners could have gathered around our altar "to seek the Lord's Blessing" in a circle of family, Masonic Brothers, and friends. Here, in a Lodge of Sorrow, no friend would have had to be shunted off into a side room where he would have had to hear the service over an inter-com system; no friend would have had to wonder just what was taking place when he heard the Apron was being laid on the casket, the Glove was being exhibited, or the Sprig of Acacia was being turned.

When funeral Grand Honors were given, all Brothers would have appeared as a solid ring with joined hands, attesting their faith in the Supreme Architect, and in the Life to Come, and in their hope to "clasp his hand again" in that "House not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens." "Those whom love and virtue unite, death can never sever."

But in a lighter vein, what better place than the Temple Parlors for a Mason to celebrate his Golden Wedding Anniversary? Here, with adequate facilities for many guests, both Masons and friends might gather to enjoy the happy occasion and to wish the Groom and his Bride continued happiness. Space to move and to circulate, kitchen facilities for refreshments, dressing rooms for the comfort of the friends — all contribute to the joy of the event.

Or, why not use the Temple Parlors for the wedding itself, if the wedding is not to be held in a church? Or, at least, hold the wedding reception in the Temple Parlors? Again we might quote the old saying: "There is no substitute for space." Cloak rooms, kitchen, tables all help to make this another joyous and

comfortable celebration (and to open the eyes of young couples and their friends to some of the advantages of Masonry).

Do we overlook congratulating our DeMolays and Rainbow Girls on their graduation from High School? This is certainly an important event in the lives of our teen-age sons and daughters, who soon will be eligible for Masonic affiliation. Not only are we using the Temple in this case for another happy occasion, but we are demonstrating to the young men and young women and to all their friends some of the advantages of Masonic friendships and Brotherly interests.

Why not a party or a reception for the newly-elected City Aldermen who hold membership in our Fraternity? Not a political event as such, of course, but a chance for members and friends to share in another friendly relationship, and to widen our acquaintances.

And when a son returns from Service after a protracted tour of duty, Mother and Dad here in the Temple Parlors can welcome the son's former school friends and their friends, introduce his new bride, and even photograph the smiles.

Now and then there might be a meeting of a committee to plan a civic function, a charity drive, or a relief program. Not a political meeting in any way, but the temple facilities could be made available to the planners, and in a subtle way the world could be shown that Masons are civic-minded and progressively charitable.

Many other small gatherings and activities could be welcomed to use or rent these Parlor facilities: Red Cross Blood Clinics, Shriners' Crippled Children Clinics, discussion groups involved in street safety, or school programs. The Parlors could be utilized or rented occasionally for lectures, dancing school programs, or piano recitals for students of a music teacher holding membership in the Eastern Star, or in the White Shrine; or perhaps an organ demonstration —



many, many opportunities are there for the fuller utilization of our buildings. At the same time, such use develops better public relations and builds closer friendships. The Temple might even benefit from a bit of revenue now and then.

Or, on another tack, perhaps we could use the Temple dining rooms for family breakfasts on Sunday mornings – not necessarily putting on the breakfast to raise funds, but just to provide a chance for Brothers, their families, and families of their friends to get better acquainted. (Perhaps we might recapture some of the old-time, small-town neighborliness where the postmaster, and the banker, and the doctor, the dentist, the preacher, the butcher and the baker were all on a first name basis.)

Such an event might also be just the right occasion for members of the Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery or Scottish Rite to invite that potential candidate and show him and his family that the spirit of Love and Friendship does carry over from the Lodge Room to every moment of life. (No, we don't solicit members, but there is nothing wrong in sharing good fellowship over pancakes and coffee on a cold winter morning, "with profit to ourselves and honor to the Craft.")

Has one of our Brothers recently travelled in a foreign land where there is a current crisis? Or, is there a professor at the local college who has studied recent national or foreign movements and who could be invited to give a talk and explain to us and our friends about the recent turn of events in the world – mostly to highlight an evening of sociability?

One Michigan Lodge is remembered for the "round-up" it used to hold annually for the Masons belonging to other lodges but who were working currently in that city. There are probably many Masons who have moved into our own towns but who hold membership in other Blue Lodges or Commanderies. We

could round-up these mavericks and Brothers "from afar," and put our own brand on them temporarily. Who knows? Maybe after the second or third good supper some of these men might be vulnerable to an invitation to take the Chivalric Orders in our own Commandery, without giving up memberships in their home Lodges. Associate or duplicate memberships are profitable for the "stranger at the gates," and for our own groups.

(If in your work or profession, you do happen to get acquainted with a Mason holding membership in an out-of-town lodge, why not put his name in a box specifically provided by the membership committee so the Brother can be called on and invited to take part in some of our activities and work?)

The Temple is not to be a replacement for the Church as the religious focus in the life of the community, but the Temple should always be a large part of our collective family lives. Here we can meet our old friends and make new friendships. Here we can truly exhibit to our non-Masonic friends some of the advantages of "coming into the Light" – advantages and rewards of Brotherly Love and Friendship.

So as we said above, a little brainstorming, a little imagination, well-mixed with a ready handshake and a smile might just boost that sagging membership and make those soaring heating and lighting bills less painful – the secret lies in distributing the overhead costs over a wider program; and the profit to the Fraternity lies in making new friends and improving our Public Image.

Sir Knight Summers lives at 1514 West Lovell Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.



Never seem more learned than the people you are with. Wear your learning like a pocket watch and keep it hidden. Do not take it out and count the hours, but give the time when you are asked.

from Lord Chesterfield's *Letters to His Son*

## Charles F. Adams, K.G.C. — 1902-1980

Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska (1967) and Past Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine (1978-79), died April 17, 1980, in Aurora, Nebraska.

Born December 30, 1902, in Hooper, Nebraska, Adams attended the University of Nebraska College of Law and received the degree of J.D. in 1927. He was a Past President of the Nebraska Bar Association, and during his professional career he was Hamilton County Attorney for nine years and Aurora City Attorney for twenty years.

Sir Knight Adams was Raised in Aurora Lodge No. 68 in 1940 and was elected Grand Master of Nebraska in 1954. He served as General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International from 1963 to 1980, and President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, 1979-80.

Funeral services were held at the Federated (Presbyterian-United Church of Christ) Church in Aurora. Interment was in Aurora Cemetery with Aurora Lodge No. 68, A.F. & A.M., officiating. Sir Knight Adams is survived by his widow, Trudie, two daughters, Sally and Ruth, and a son, The Reverend James Adams.

## Past Sovereign R. Hayes Robertson

The Vice-President of Illinois Masonic Medical Center's Board of Directors, Sir Knight R. Hayes Robertson, passed away on May 14, 1980, at age 75. Robertson was a member of Evanston Commandery No. 58 and Past Sovereign of St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Chicago. He also held membership in Scottish Rite, Chicago's Medinah Temple and El Jaala Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.

### Grand Encampment

### Roll Call of Honored Dead

## IN HALLOWED MEMORY

#### Charles F. Adams

Nebraska

Grand Commander 1967

Born December 30, 1902

Died April 17, 1980

#### George D. Bell

South Carolina

Grand Commander — 1960

Born February 2, 1895

Died April 20, 1980

#### James N. Deeter

Pennsylvania

Grand Commander — 1954

Born March 13, 1898

Died May 10, 1980



*Every year the Father calleth  
Some loved ones to endless rest;*

*And our hearts,*

*though filled with anguish,  
Can but cry, "He knoweth best."*

## Henry R. Ens — 50-Year Templar

Sir Knight Henry R. Ens, 50-year member of Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, and a Past Commander of Newton Commandery No. 9, Kansas, died April 15 at age 77. Services were conducted at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, of which Sir Knight Ens was a member, and Masonic graveside services were sponsored by Newton Lodge No. 142, A.F. & A.M. Ens was also a member of the Scottish Rite bodies of Wichita, and Newton Chapter No. 5, Order of the Eastern Star.

## CHIEF SHEPHERD EXPRESSES HIS THANKS

*Sir Knight James Stathakios, Chief Shepherd of the Pilgrim Ministers who embarked on the 4th Holy Land Pilgrimage this past February, offers "heartfelt thanks to all the Sir Knights whose support and generosity" made the most recent Pilgrimage possible:*

"I visited *The Holy Land* where biblical history dates from day one . . . the birthplace of the Savior; the Church of the Holy Sepulcher; the Mount of Transfiguration; the most sacred city of the world – Jerusalem; the awe-inspiring areas where the three great monotheistic religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam – had their beginning; the oldest known city of the world – Jericho; places of sadness, and of joy and of miracles . . . the miraculous reviving and unbelievable resuscitation of the fallow land, which today blooms and produces wonders of the earth.

"The Pilgrim-Ministers have promised to continue contacts with one another, and we plan a reunion. We all agreed that this Pilgrimage was a once-in-a-lifetime type of trip.

"I consider myself fortunate to be selected as one of the ten clergymen who visited and prayed at the sites of our Lord's earthly life. As Pastor I touch many lives through my ministry. However, this time the Holy Land, the glorious State of Israel and the Knights Templar have touched my life. The Pilgrimage was most interesting and very inspiring.

"I personally, and my ministry, will forever be enriched by this experience. Thank you, Sir Knights, for my spiritual enrichment and edification."

Reverend Father James Stathakios, Pastor  
Saints Constantine and Helen Church, Detroit, Michigan



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### Illinois Masonic Medical Center Dignitaries



Participants at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center Annual Meeting on May 6 included (left to right): Trustees Alvin L. Crump, 33°; James D. Green, 33°; Dr. Ronald P. Paul; Honorary Trustee G. Wilbur Bell, 33°, Past Grand Master, Grand Encampment; Trustee Thomas F. Seay, 33°; IMMC Board President Warren N. Bari, Sr., 33°; and Thomas C. Roberts, 33°.

### Minnesota Head Start

The Grand Commander of Minnesota, Elmer Hoskins, indicates that a "Grand Encampment Triennial Committee" from Minnesota's Grand Commandery has been named and is setting up plans for travel to and participation at the 55th Triennial Conclave in Hot Springs, Arkansas, August 14-19, 1982. Serving on the Committee with Grand Commander Hoskins are Past Grand Commander Monroe P. Kelly and Donald B. Purrington, Minnesota Grand Recorder. Sir Knight Hoskins will devote more time to Triennial plans after June 13-14 – dates of Minnesota's 1980 Annual Conclave.

## Report on New Commandery in Dusseldorf

In his official report on the March 1 institution of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin Commandery, U.D. — the newest Subordinate Commandery in West Germany — Sir Knight Ryoji Beutner writes that “a secure and reliable basis for Templary” has now been established in Dusseldorf. Beutner, Past Commander of Heidelberg Commandery No. 2 and the Grand Master’s official representative in Europe, indicated that representatives from Commanderies throughout Germany and Holland were on hand to witness the presentation of the Dispensation and installation of charter officers, including Gunter Clausen, Eminent Commander; Rolf Hauptmanns, Captain General; and Hermann Gummels, Treasurer/Recorder. Assisting Sir Knight Beutner in the ceremonies were Gary Kollo, P.C., Hermann von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt; Gunter Kerres, P.C., Walther Graf von Spelten No. 4, Nurnberg; and Dave Campbell, P.C., Harry J. Miller No. 5, Bitburg,



At top, officers and members of new Commandery, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, U.D., Dusseldorf; beneath, E.C. Gunter Clausen surrounded by (from left) Sir Knights Beutner, Campbell, Kollo, Snider and Kerres.

Sir Knight Beutner reports that the new Commandery — the seventh in Germany — exhibits a “sincere enthusiasm and devotion” to Templary. He writes, “They have already purchased most of the paraphernalia and equipment necessary for their work, and they are eager to get going in competition — and in good friendship — with the existing Commandery in Northern Germany, Simon von Utrecht No. 6, in Hamburg.”

## Masonic Study Unit Election

The Masonic Study Unit — devoted to research and study in the area of Masonic Philately — announced the results of its annual election for 1980-81 officers, including Leonard W. Kemp, President, and Robert C. Krueger, Vice-President. Sir Knight Richard M. Needham, Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery No. 2, Ohio, will serve as Secretary-Treasurer, and Walter J. Kirby, Little Rock, Arkansas, was re-appointed editor of the *Philatelic Freemason*, the unit’s newsletter. The two Directors of the Masonic Study Unit — Sir Knight John M. Cunningham, Washington, D.C., and Earl E. Dixon, Seal Beach, California — were also re-appointed.

Sir Knight and Secretary Needham invites applications for membership and notes that members need not belong to the American Topical Association or to the Masonic Fraternity; the only requirement is “a desire to know more about Masonic Philately.” The annual dues of \$5 (\$8 for those living in areas other than the U.S.A., Canada and Mexico), includes a subscription to the newsletter. Information may be obtained by writing: Richard M. Needham, 708 North Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

## PORTRAIT OF AN AMERICAN ARTIST

Brother Daniel Carter Beard, co-founder of the Boy Scouts of America and subject of this month's cover feature (page 5), was a published author and artist soon after he arrived in New York City. But even after his work began to appear in national periodicals he continued his art studies. As a member of the Art Students League of New York he met such greats as Frederick Remington, the artist of the American West, and Ernest Thompson Seton, himself a boys' counselor and organizer.

Beard lived by very simple precepts. He believed in truth as an absolute and not as something that could be molded to accommodate each strata of society. Dr. Allan Whitmore, who wrote his Ph.D. dissertation on Daniel Beard and "the preservation of the American pioneer tradition," described Beard's dream to teach modern youth the importance of individuality and self-sufficiency. He said for Beard there was a "connection between art and the moral improvement of society," and it was therefore necessary to acknowledge "the moral and social responsibility of the artist." For example, no matter what Beard was consigned to draw, he refused to submit any work before assuring himself of its historical accuracy. This was true from anything from animals to Indian costumes to the mail and armor worn by the Knights of the Round Table. Once he angrily criticized an editor who re-touched several of

his drawings, creating (under the best moral motives, no doubt), an udderless cow and a Huck Finn with shoes. More than once his drawings resulted in editorial or public disapproval — and once his art was blacklisted.

It is known that Daniel Beard was chosen by Mark Twain to be the illustrator for several books and a number of his short stories. By far the most famous, or infamous, were his illustrations for *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. The accompanying drawing of "The King" is Beard's rendition of King Arthur, which appeared in the first edition of Twain's book.



According to Beard, he used as models for Twain's "satirical account of Medieval life" many contemporary public figures. In addition, many readers interpreted his "caricatures" of Medieval church and state as political comment on current conditions — especially as a statement in favor of

"single-tax" legislation. Says Whitmore, "The satirical sting of the text and the illustrations inspired cries of outrage from the religious, social, economic and political establishment of the United States and England who induced major publishers to blacklist Beard's work."

Only a few of Beard's drawings were reprinted in later editions of *Connecticut Yankee*, but Twain was so impressed he subsequently commissioned Brother Beard to illustrate *The Prince and the Pauper* and *Tom Sawyer Abroad*.



## KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Can anyone help me find the father of my great-grandfather, Darius Redferen Weems, who was born 1811 in Georgia, married to Ritha Sewell, 1837, in Forsyth County. Darius died in 1862 at his plantation on the line of Forsyth and Cherokee Counties. Ritha died 1872 in Atlanta, GA., at the home of a daughter married to a Holbrook. Their children were Julia H. (m. W. L. C. Holbrook), Oliver J. (m. Carolyn Holbrook), Martha C. (m. M. A. L. Holbrook, Benjamin (?) and Nancy (?). Melville Cox Weems, my grandfather, married Lucinda Wayne and lived in DeKalb County, GA., near Doraville. They had nine children, one of which was my father, William Henry Anthony Weems. This family with a brother Oliver moved to Texas in 1881, settled near Greenville. My grandmother's father was William Wayne (m. Lucinda Chamblee) who lived in Cherokee County, GA. Would anyone know anything about the Wayne family and who William's father was? I will be grateful for just a clue; will reimburse anybody for help. *Hallie Weems (Mrs. Ray) Neighbors, 4058 Modlin Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107*

□ I have for sale a Knight Templar chapeau size 7½ in case, like new; black serge coat size 38 and pants 34 x 30½, also like new; sword and belt. Price \$100 plus shipping costs. *T. L. O'Heren, 896 Spanish Moss Drive, Casselberry, Florida 32707*

□ I would like to buy a sword, scabbard and carrying case in good condition. *Kenneth O. Grinnen, 344 Lewis Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio 43130, or phone 614-653-5241.*

□ I would appreciate any information regarding a Knight Templar sword in my possession. It has an ivory handle and much detailed workmanship. On the blade appear the words: Armstrong Regalia Co., Detroit, Mich. Original owner's name was Mendel J. Bialy. Would also like to have an idea of its worth, etc. *Frederick A. Eggleton, 29696 City Center Drive No. 1, Warren, Michigan 48093*

□ I have been unsuccessful in my search for a copy of the print of the "Masonic Lord's Prayer" which appeared as the cover of the April 1977 *Knight Templar Magazine*. As originally published, copies were available through Mr. James Miller in Dallas, Texas; however, my letter to him was returned, marked "addressee unknown." If someone has information on how I might obtain one of these prints, I would greatly appreciate hearing from them. *Walker Wood, P.O. Box 1355, Corinth, Mississippi 38834*

□ I have been a Knight Templar for sixty years and still enjoy collecting old-time boys books as a hobby. I would like to hear from Sir Knights who have Alger, Henty, Castlemon, Ellis, Optic, Rover Boys, Frank Merriwell, Tom Swift and other such books available. Also looking for Zane Grey titles. *Herb L. Risteen, P.O. Box 161, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913*

□ I would like to buy a Shriner's ring, yellow gold, for my brother who is a member of Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, California. Does anyone out there have a Shriner's ring they are not using? *Mary Byars, 2090 West Sierra, Fresno, California 93711*

□ I would like to buy a Masonic Pocket Watch. I am particularly looking for a triangular-shaped watch produced by Waltham Watch Company, but will consider any pocket watch. Anyone having a watch to sell, please send price and description. *John R. Lifsey, 461 Grayton Place, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301*

□ Patrick McKean, Sr., and his wife, Mary, of Guilford, Connecticut, had three sons, James (b. 1742, m. Philena Patience), Patrick, Jr. (b. 1749, m. Rachel Bradley), and Barnabas (b. 1754, m. Mable Hall); and one daughter, Honor McKean (m. James Hall). The family is included in the early 19th century book, *Families of Old New Haven*. Patrick, Jr., and Barnabas visited McKean relatives in Massachusetts shortly before or after the Revolutionary War. All three sons migrated and owned land, after the War, in Madison, Norfolk, New Haven, Litchfield, Bethlehem, Southington, Middleton, Kent and Harwinton.

Also in family records are John McKean and wife Nancy of Harwinton, where son Gates Bradley was born 9-16-1800, and son James Beard was born in 1802 in Guilford. Noyes E. McKean also included in records. Also Reverend Silas McKean of Massachusetts and Vermont married Sarah Parmalee in Guilford.

Looking for any descendants who can furnish authentic information concerning James, Patrick, Jr., Barnabas and John McKean. *John Trubacek, Jr., No. 896, MKSAC Life Support, P.O. Box 3296, KKMC, APO New York 09615*

□ I have a grave site for four graves for sale in Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. This site is in the Masonic Section, spaces 2-3-5-6. I will sell for a sacrifice as my husband died in Memphis and is interred here. Call me at 901-682-1422, or write for details. *Mrs. William T. Dumas, 4165 Barfield Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38117*

□ The Metro East York Rite Club in Southern Illinois has need of any usable Chapter, Council or Commandery paraphernalia to be stored at the Ainad Shrine Temple in East St. Louis, Illinois. It will be used at the Annual York Rite Festival held there each fall. Anyone knowing of such material please contact: *Scott Munroe, President, 2710 Salu Street, Alton, Illinois 62002 (618-465-6518); or John N. Doerr, Secretary, 339 Logan Street, Bethalto, Illinois 62010 (618-377-8597)*

□ I have for sale my late husband's uniform, cape included; chapeau size 7 $\frac{1}{4}$  and cap, pants, suit case, coat and sword. Will sell for \$200. Also a watch fob - 32° - with platinum engraved eagle on top and gold, blue lodge. Cost \$75; will sell for \$50. *Julia Ringer, Lake Road West, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004*

□ I am a member of Shamokin Commandery No. 77, Shamokin, Pennsylvania. My hobby is collecting Boy Scout memorabilia. I am particularly interested in *Order of the Arrow* patches from the 30's, 40's and 50's era. Also interested in obtaining old chenille and felt patches from Western Pennsylvania, but would welcome ones from any part of the United States that Brother Knights might have.

I also collect Air Scout and Explorer memorabilia and need the Ace and Ranger Medals that go with those programs. I will answer all letters in regard to any scout articles. I have been a member of the Boy Scout movement for almost 30 years and have been collecting scout articles for about 15 years. *Nelson E. Clements, 108 Vermont Lane, Levittown, Pennsylvania 19054*

□ Would like to buy a copy of *The Masonic Ritualist* by Albert G. Mackey, and I am hoping that someone has a copy they wish to sell. *Bernard Longbotham, Jr., P.O. Box 377, Snyder, Texas 79549*

## TODAY'S MASONIC YOUTH



Theodore J. Nicholas, elected International Master Councilor at the 13th International DeMolay Congress, April 12, 1980, is pictured above presenting the address at the DeMolay Congress Banquet. Ted, age 19, is nearing the end of his term as Jurisdictional Master Councilor of Southern California and is a freshman at Pasadena City College, majoring in Business Administration. He was elected to receive the degree of Chevalier at the 1980 ISC session.