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APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES

This is an appropriate month to thank Past Grand Commander George M. Fulmer, District of Columbia, who diligently serves the Grand Encampment as Chairman of the Annual Easter Sunrise Service. Barring unusual postal delay in delivering your *Knight Templar Magazine*, you should still have time to arrange attendance at the 51st Annual Service April 19 at Arlington National Cemetery. I sincerely hope you can be present.

Sir Knight George, in addition to his necessarily detailed Easter arrangements and responsibilities, serves as Registrar for the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, an invitational and restricted York Rite Order. In that capacity, he applies his considerable talents to matters which also are of Templar interest and concern.

The Arlington Amphitheatre Service, which the Mutual Broadcasting Company and its affiliates plan to offer on radio, is sponsored by the Armed Services Chaplains Committee and the Military District of Washington in cooperation with your Grand Encampment. George Fulmer and the key members of his committee basically are responsible for making complete Easter arrangements and for conducting that Service each year.

Another due special credit is Col. William E. Barkman, also a Past Grand Commander of Templars in the District of Columbia. He has long served with special distinction as Parade Marshal each Easter. We have all learned to rely upon him as a model of military proficiency and as the source for specific and precise instructions in all parade and processional matters related to the Service. I salute Col. Barkman and the many others on the committee, too numerous to list with full justice, who serve in this truly impressive Service and related weekend activities. If you need last minute assistance for your attendance at that Easter Service, I'm sure Sir Knight Fulmer will cooperate to the best of his ability. His address: P.O. Box 94-B, Rousby Hall Road, Lusby, Maryland 20657.

As Grand Master, I look forward to seeing you, if you find it possible, at Washington. Hundreds of uniformed Knights, joined by friends and families, and the many worshippers from the Washington area who come to this hallowed Shrine each Easter – will unite with the Chaplains Committee, the famed U.S. Marine Band and the Army Chorus to hail the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday Morning.



Reginald Johnson

Knight Templar

"The Magazine for York Rite Masons — and Others, too."

APRIL: The Festival of Easter is our theme this month, illustrated by the stained glass window from the Templar Chapel at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The Easter message of Dr. George F. Ivey, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, is contained in our April issue. Among other articles are items on the 1981 Conference of Grand Masters and Conference of Grand Secretaries, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association meetings in Orlando, Florida, also Morrison Cooke's review of the Allied Masonic Degrees at Washington, D.C., and a special feature on Indiana's General Lew Wallace.

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EASTER SUNRISE COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

George M. Fulmer, Chairman

Arrangements are complete for the 51st Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service to be held this year *on the Plaza east of the Amphitheatre and the Tomb of the Unknowns* at Arlington National Cemetery. This new site was selected because the Amphitheatre is undergoing major renovation for the next two years.

Buses will leave the Hotel Washington and Marriott Twin Bridges Motor Hotel at 5:45 a.m. for the ride to Arlington Cemetery. (Commandery groups which have engaged buses for the trip to Washington should have these buses transport them to Arlington.) Military personnel will direct the buses first to the West Gate of the Cemetery (near Fort Myer) to discharge the Sir Knights and then to the service site to discharge the ladies and non-marchers. Bus pick-up will be at this same point after completion of the service.

Sir Knights will line up at 6:50 a.m. at the West Gate, and the parade, under direction of Parade Marshal William E. Barkman, P.G.C., will begin promptly at 7:00 a.m. The line of march will pass the graves of the late Grand Masters Wilber Brucker and Walter DeLamater, and will be somewhat longer this year because of the new service site.

The Easter address will be delivered by The Reverend Dr. George F. Ivey, Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment; music for the service will be furnished by the U.S. Marine Band and the U.S. Army Chorus.

Following the service, Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson will lay the Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

The service will be broadcast by the Mutual Broadcasting System and offered to its 780 affiliated stations in the United States. The Committee recommends that those unable to attend the service in person request their local Mutual affiliate to carry the Knights Templar Easter program.

The Easter Sunrise Memorial Service is held under the sponsorship of the Armed Services Chaplains Committee and the Military District of Washington in cooperation with the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., who have the responsibility for arranging and conducting this civic memorial event.

After the service, the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will sponsor a breakfast (9:00 a.m.) in the ballroom of the Marriott Twin Bridges Motor Hotel. Tickets are \$6.25 each and may be obtained from the Breakfast Committee Chairman Ernest C. Barker, 2122 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Apt. 624, Washington, D.C. 20008.

Hotel Reservations at the Hotel Washington, Hyatt Regency or Marriott Twin Bridges can be arranged by the Grand Encampment Committee, if requested. Special rates are available at the hotels if attendees identify themselves as Knights Templar or members of a Knights Templar party.

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION

A reception to honor Most Eminent Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson and the Grand Encampment officers will be held Saturday, April 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Hotel Washington, 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., in Washington, D.C. All Sir Knights and their ladies are invited.

DIRECT AND TO THE POINT

The following is one example of the informational letters distributed by the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership to the officers and members who attend one or more of the seven Regional York Rite Conferences held each year. Ed T. Bloomquist, P.G.C., Texas, chairs the committee, which also includes J. B. McGuirt, P.G.C., South Carolina, where York Rite gains have existed for a half century, and T. Olin Gore, Jr., P.G.C., Mississippi. The letter itself is a reflection of the integrity and value in which York Rite Masons are held.

My Dear Friend:

If our York Rite Membership Program is to be successful, more of our Members are going to have to become involved in the affairs of our Chapters, Councils and Commanderies and YOU as a leader will have to show the way.

The first step in a successful Membership Program is to *keep the members you have*. I am very happy to report that those Chapters, Councils and Commanderies all over this great Country of ours who are really using these or similar letters in the correct way are experiencing great results both as to *new members* and *keeping the ones they have*.

No man wants to be *suspended for non-payment of dues*. However, in this day and time, many of our members, due to sickness, old age or small income, are just unable to pay their dues. *When this occurs their dues should be remitted*.

Now we have tried the *investigating committee approach* for years without much success. This was due partly because the wrong men served on these Committees and also because many men are embarrassed by admitting that they cannot pay their dues. Most of the dues reminders that are sent out when a member has not paid his dues are cold and in some cases downright insulting. Remember, when a member is suspended because of his inability to pay dues *you not only lose the member, but in most cases, you lose an entire family for years*

to come because his sons and grandsons will always remember that when their dad or grandfather could not pay his dues, he was turned out. When a member pays his dues for many years and then suddenly stops paying, the Secretary or Recorder should know that something is wrong.

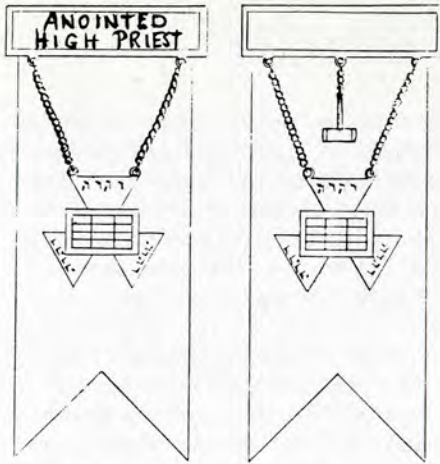
If two months have passed and a member has failed to pay, the Secretary or Recorder should send the member *Letter No. 1* which reminds him that he is a very valuable member and that he has probably forgotten to send in his dues; however, if he is unable to pay his dues we still want him as a member, and if he will just write across the letter that he cannot pay at this time, then remit his dues. If he fails to reply, then two months before he is to be suspended send him *Letter No. 2* saying his dues have been remitted and send him his card. *Very few men will take advantage of any Masonic body by not paying if they are able to do so*.

When a Subordinate Masonic Body remits a Member's dues for the above-mentioned reasons which have been certified by the Secretary or Recorder, then the Grand Body should remit the per capita of this Member because if he is suspended, no one gets anything.

If YOU really get involved others will follow - try it - you'll like it.

Your Friend,
Eddie Bloomquist
Chairman of Membership

High Priest Jewels



Sir Knight George H. Ostrander, Calvary Commandery No. 13, East Providence, and M.E. President of the "Rhode Island Convention of Anointed High Priests," forwarded sketches of two High Priest jewels which "may be worn at all Royal Arch Convocations and Chapter-related functions." Sir Knight Ostrander, who distributes the jewels for the Rhode Island Convention, is making them available to "eligible Companions whose Chapters cannot afford the high cost of Past High Priest jewels."

The Anointed High Priest jewel (left) is priced at \$10 each; High Priest or Past High Priest (plain polished bar) is \$12 each. Either jewel has bright red ribbon background and locking pin and is mounted on a leatherette holder which slips into the jacket pocket. Also included is a plastic carrying case. Approximate size (including ribbon) is 1 7/8 x 4 1/4 inches.

Sir Knight Ostrander writes, "I will mail a jewel or jewels on request. Send no payment; a bill will be mailed with each order. The customer may then send a check or return the jewel." Orders may be sent to George H. Ostrander, Burnt Hill Road, Hope, Rhode Island 02831.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club:

Arkansas No. 7 — Axel L. Larson
Maryland No. 7 — George E. DeLawter
Illinois No. 11 — R. W. Boyle

Grand Master's Club:

No. 274 — Dennis L. Dillard (TX)
No. 275 — Lewis R. Cheaney (KY)
No. 276 — William Schoene, Jr. (NJ)
No. 277 — C. A. Bingham (MO)
No. 278 — Warren M. Brown (KS)
No. 279 — Rev. Howard T. Joslyn (NH)
No. 280 — Harvey O. McCarty (IL)
No. 281 — John R. Vredembregt (WI)
No. 282 — Joseph C. Billingsley (GA)

How to Join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to begin membership in the Grand Commander's Club. With the initial contribution, the member pledges to make additional annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once Grand Commander's Club contributions total \$1,000 (or upon receipt of a single \$1,000 contribution), the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club.

For information, please contact: G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705. (Phone: 217-523-3838)



Red Cross Regional Assembly

John G. Eshleman, K.C.C., Intendant General for the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, has announced arrangements for the 1981 Northeastern Conference at Buck Hill Inn, located in the Pennsylvania Poconos. The Assembly in 1981 will take place October 30, 31 and November 1.

EASTER CELEBRATION WITH A PURPOSE

by

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

On Sunday morning, April 19, 1981, The Reverend Dr. George F. Ivey will offer his Easter message to the hundreds of Sir Knights, family members and friends gathered for the 51st Annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. As in years past, the service will begin at 7:30 a.m., following the parade of uniformed Templars from the West Gate to the Amphitheatre, and will conclude with the traditional placing of a Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknowns.



And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; see the place where they laid Him."

Mark 16:6-7 (RSV)

The celebration of Easter has no parallel for kindling hope. The basic ingredient of life is a reason to hope. All of our todays thrive on what we have gleaned out of life and experience to make us look forward. When hope has been eradicated, then all meaning is lost.

No event of history has captured and inspired us as has the Resurrection which occurred outside Jerusalem on the first Easter morning. This event did not happen in an environment which was conducive to hope. It took place amidst the very ravages of gloom and despair. The observers and participants of the occasion were people who had lost everything.

Mary, one of the witnesses of the first Easter, summed up the prevalent feeling of her contemporaries when she said, "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him." There was nothing in visible evidence to support the fact that this was the

birthday of hope for untold millions for centuries to come.

The quest of a few people who had been followers of Jesus of Nazareth that day was to simply come and visit His grave. It was a grave which had enclosed all their dreams of life as it could really be lived. It was not a time to spiritualize or even try to gather a glimmer for any anticipation. The best person they had ever known was buried there, and a stone was rolled over His grave. It had all happened. Jesus had lived and "spoken as never a person had spoken." He was killed by a cruel world and was buried in the grave they were visiting.

Whatever spark of celebration we might see now of the occasion could not be seen from the vantage point of Jesus' followers then. The things which make for a celebration were non-existent. Not even His promise to rise again was recalled. The preponderance of evidence against the continuance of so → → →

great a life was so overwhelming that only despair was their lot. When He actually was before them in person, "some doubted." From the place where the body of Jesus was laid there were probably bodies still visible hanging on crosses. Death had always been final. That there was no recourse from its grip was the most certain fact known. Any semblance of hope to be derived from this setting would have to come from more than moral man for this was the end as viewed by mortals. Another good man had died, and He was dead.

Conjecture could lead us to speculate many ways as to what was in the minds and hearts of this hapless little band of Jesus' disciples. They had believed Him to be the delivering Messiah. Our concept of Easter celebration was not the actual experience of the people as the two women made their way to the tomb that day.

Not even the voice of Jesus was adequate to awaken a celebration when He first spoke to Mary. Nothing is so still and listless as a place and a condition void of hope. The calling of Mary's name got her attention but left her frightened. In retrospect from where we stand, we look at the tender scene of Jesus making Himself known to Mary and want to burst forth into praises. To Mary and her fellow-travellers there was still the specter of meeting anger and hatred all around them as well as the might of the Roman Empire. The recollection of what the prophets had said, or even the words of Jesus, did not take away this reality.

All people have seen good seemingly defeated as had all the disciples who saw their Lord murdered on a cross. Hope was to prevail over our fears. Celebration could only be in an atmosphere where forgiveness was the most prominent attribute. Any other attitude could have clouded and obscured the celebration of the Resurrection. "Father, forgive them . . ." were the words of Jesus from the

cross; and they carried the note of triumph.

The tomb could not contain a power great enough to quench what Jesus taught. You cannot bury that and leave it buried. Love lived by and existing in a person like Jesus can never be subject to natural laws of defeat. The stone not rolled away from that tomb would have been the greater miracle. If the energy generated by the life and message of Jesus had left Him buried, then there would be nothing greater than death. Instead, He came to bring life.

Angels did not sing an announcement of the Resurrection as they had His birth. The "young man in the tomb" calmly said, "He is not here, He has risen." Today, men of good-will are to respond with singing throughout the world this Easter. The greatest emphasis will be made in singing. Every choir of every Christian persuasion will be assembled to attempt a proper response in celebration.

The Resurrection speaks to us out of the hope for a new beginning. New life is the theme of all our aspirations. If we are left in the throes of results from our sins, the closed tomb is a somber reminder that there is no hope. The enemies of our lives as defined by the wrongs we commit bury us daily in passions of hate, greed, malice and neglect. "Giving a cup of water" in the spirit of hope and love may be the way out for us and the way to the bright new day of celebration of the new beginning.

What the world had lost in the death of Jesus it regained at His Resurrection. His perpetual forgiveness provides for us the eternal hope that there is a new beginning.

Celebration is not vital unless it is shared with others. "Go tell His disciple and Peter," is still the theme for jubilation. Aliveness with the risen Lord is where the power lies for His followers.

The fact of a risen presence is always the cherished means of the people who

13th Annual Campaign

At the end of the 14th week of the 1980-81 Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, a record \$378,818.06 has been collected among participating Grand and Subordinate Commanderies. As of March 6, Texas ranks No. 1; Nevada holds a comfortable second place; and Colorado currently is No. 3.

Alabama	\$ 1,549.20	Oregon	2,214.16
Arizona	3,902.45	Pennsylvania	14,044.70
Arkansas	1,106.65	South Carolina	3,164.65
California	3,709.00	South Dakota	448.00
Colorado	29,049.83	Tennessee	9,353.75
Connecticut	689.40	Texas	116,779.17
District of Columbia	2,805.00	Utah	2,118.65
Florida	12,039.75	Vermont	273.44
Georgia	8,576.66	Virginia	5,727.00
Idaho	1,991.32	Washington	1,856.10
Illinois	8,792.00	West Virginia	2,032.00
Indiana	1,952.65	Wisconsin	2,057.00
Iowa	1,455.10	Wyoming	425.00
Kansas	1,302.50	Hilo, U.D., Hilo, Hawaii	30.00
Kentucky	4,616.54	St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, DE	101.00
Louisiana	2,354.00	Honolulu No. 1, Honolulu, HI	40.00
Maine	2,875.16	Panama Canal No. 1, Balboa, Republic of Panama	1,910.00
Maryland	5,005.25	Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks, AK	36.00
Massachusetts-Rhode Island	4,553.50	Porto Rico No. 1, San Juan, PR	225.00
Michigan	18,399.25	Bavaria No. 3, Munich, Germany	50.00
Minnesota	7,776.00	Hermann von Salza No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany	400.00
Mississippi	1,246.42	Heidelberg No. 2, Heidelberg, Germany	175.00
Missouri	2,611.52	St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, DE	20.00
Montana	9,907.70	Harry J. Miller No. 5, Bitburg, Germany	280.00
Nebraska	765.50	General Fund	3,543.38
Nevada	52,403.18		
New Hampshire	902.00		
New Jersey	1,588.32		
New Mexico	1,307.00		
New York	4,127.30		
North Carolina	2,329.00		
North Dakota	928.05		
Ohio	5,913.06		
Oklahoma	2,983.80		

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follow Him to face life and death. His continuing promise, "Lo, I am with you always," is the constant by which all hope is restored. In a world where too few really care, it is of paramount importance to remember we are never alone.

Cause for celebration is everywhere. Spring will soon have on the new blossom denoting that fruit is not far behind. Both

are greeted in this great fete of Easter celebration — the beauty of the flower and the food of the fruit. We can never be the same as a people or as individuals each time we celebrate the new beginning in the new year of the Resurrection of our Lord. Amen.

The Reverend Dr. Ivey, a Minister of the United Methodist Church since 1938, currently resides in Dothan, Alabama.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT MEETING AT ORLANDO

Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson conducted a February meeting of Grand Encampment Officers at Orlando, Florida, in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters in North America, the Conference of Grand Secretaries, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association.

Pictured at right is Marvin E. Fowler, Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment, in his capacity of Executive Secretary of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, who accepted contributions for its maintenance. A \$2,000 contribution from the Grand Encampment for the upkeep of the Knight Templar Chapel was presented by Grand Master Johnson. Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, current head of the United Grand Imperial Council, tendered a check for \$500 toward the maintenance of the Constantinian Memorial.

Those attending the Conferences, as well as the meeting of Grand Encampment officers, are also pictured above right. Lower photo shows the Grand Master and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer at the officers' meeting at the Sheraton Twin Towers.

Past Grand Master Willard M. Avery, Counsel of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, took the opportunity at the officers' meeting to present to Grand Master Johnson (President of K.T.E.F.) and Sir Knight Bell, P.G.M., Executive-Director, the second of two checks from the estate of the late Clinton Hinshaw, Indiana. The second check, in the amount of \$173,373.80, will be added to an earlier payment of \$500,000.00 received from the Hinshaw estate.

Following the sessions at Orlando, the majority of the officers of Grand Encampment travelled to Washington to attend Masonic Week from February 20 to 22. Included on the schedule was a Friday meeting of the International York Rite Council with John Harris Watts, General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, presiding.



Standing: Smith, G.G.; Dull, D.G.M.
Seated: Avery, P.G.M.; Grand Master Johnson; P.G.M.s Crofts and Bell.



Sir Knight Avery hands over bequest check for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to the Grand Master and Executive-Director G. Wilbur Bell.



COVER UP

by

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



Some time ago my wife and I inherited a small end-table. The height was right and the lines were excellent. Unfortunately, it was dark and colorless. Its gloomy appearance offended my wife's taste. Finally we bought a can of paint and varnish remover and went to work scrubbing and scraping off the dark and offensive finish on the table. Sandpaper and steel wool vigorously applied brought us in the end to the walnut wood that had been covered by paint and varnish.

When the end-table had been thoroughly waxed it turned out to be a thing of beauty. Admiring our work, we wondered why anyone would have covered the lovely natural wood with paint, hiding the texture and grain of the walnut. Like the small girl, urged by her mother to be like a mannerly neighbor girl, the little table seemed to be saying, "I want to be me."

My meditations on the refinished table led me to wonder why we so often cover up our natural decency and idealism with layers of conformist paint and varnish. The high school student with great ability and a high IQ put his finger on a common disposition when he explained his poor marks by saying, "I don't want the gang to think I am a brain." He preferred to conform to the standards of the group rather than to be himself at his best. He covered up his abilities to avoid appearing to be different.

The concept of the team in business,

politics or government has overtones of conformism, often covering up the ideals and values of the individual with the spirit of the team. Nobody wants to be out of step with the game plan of the team even though the game plan may violate the individual integrity of those who participate in it. We go along not wanting to appear disruptive.

A bank executive expressed a common dilemma when he said, "If the president of the bank came to me and said, 'Jim, we're in trouble over our handling of Mr. X's estate, but this is the story we are going to tell,' I would feel I had to go along even though I knew the story wasn't true." Obviously, being part of a team imposes a strain on personal integrity. We become participants, however reluctantly, in a cover-up, not only of the truth but also of our own best instincts.

It takes real courage and a high degree of religious faith to stand against the tides of non-moral group thinking and to insist, "I want to be me." It is possible, nevertheless, for one man or woman with integrity and courage to set the standards of the group. Usually there are others on the team who are uncomfortable about unethical policies and who are willing to follow the lead of one courageous enough to protest.

Curiously, there are some people who pretend to be better than they are and more, I suspect, who pretend to be worse than they really are. Youngsters in a group often give the impression that they are dare-devils bent on mischief when in reality they are far better than → → →

Olive Lodge No. 557, F. & A.M., Tionesta, Pennsylvania, will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on June 6, 1981. To commemorate the event, a limited number of antique bronze coins, 1 9/16" diameter with reeded edge have been struck. On the obverse side appear the Masonic working tools; the reverse carries a shield with "100th Anniversary," the dates 1881-1981, Lodge name, number and location.

Sir Knight Richard R. Kaputa, Chairman, announces that coins are available for \$3.50 each, postpaid (checks made payable to Olive Lodge Commemorative Coin). Requests for information and orders may be sent to Richard R. Kaputa, P.O. Box 431, Tionesta, Pennsylvania 16353.

. . . COVER UP

they seem. They are ashamed to wear their idealistic banner before the gang so they cover up their real selves.

It is suggestive to notice in interviews with college students that many of them are uncomfortable in an atmosphere of sexual freedom. Inwardly they want to be themselves at their best; outwardly they wish to appear worldly-wise, no more restrained than their contemporaries on the campus. They cover up their idealism and their concepts of what ought to be with an elaborate varnish of worldliness.

Our nation today is in need of men, women and young people willing to stand up and say, "I want to be me." When enough of us refuse to cover up our ideals and paint over our aspirations there will be a change in the moral climate of the nation. We will discover there are multitudes of others eager to reaffirm their own essential decency and to reclaim the ethical dignity of the nation.

The Reverend and Sir Knight Walker resides at 425 Grove Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

Pass It On is described by its editor, Sir Knight Nicholas Christodoulou, Jr., as "a collection of Tennessee keepsakes by Eastern Star members, their families and friends; consisting of original writings of poetry, prose, essays, articles, short stories, etc." The 698-page soft-cover book was the "brainchild" of Worthy Grand Matron Martha Miller, and its contents include contributions "from people of all walks of life," across the U.S. and as far away as Japan and the Philippines.

The book is sold at \$11.50 per copy (\$10.00 plus \$1.50 postage and handling), and checks may be made payable to: O.E.S. "Pass It On." The book is ordered through Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Lodge Building, 100 Seventh Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203. Proceeds from the sale of *Pass It On* go to finance the Christian Scholarship Program of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, O.E.S.

1981 York Rite Calendar

Orders are still being filled for 1981 York Rite Calendars available through the "Old 97 Club," the social arm of Santa Monica Bay Chapter No. 97, R.A.M., California. The pocket calendars are sold at \$2.00 each postpaid, and may be ordered from "Old 97 Club," P.O. Box 49, Santa Monica, California 90406.

Sir Knight Leo P. Jolls

News of the passing of Sir Knight Leo P. Jolls, late of Austin Commandery No. 84, Glenview, Illinois, was relayed to the editor last month, following publication of his article "What Happens to Us After Death?" Sir Knight Jolls, a Masonic researcher and occasional contributor to the *Knight Templar Magazine*, died February 23, 1980.

KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

by
Sir Knight Charles W. Hays
Ohio Priory No. 18, K.Y.C.H.

For many Master Masons the York Cross of Honour is a vague organization often referred to when distinguished Masons are introduced at meetings of their Lodge. Most assume the Order to be for the good of Masonry, based upon their knowledge of its roster. Some of the mist that shrouds its existence and purpose may be dispelled by this article.

The York Rite is a series of degrees, from that of Entered Apprentice through the Order of the Temple, which teach "a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." The York Cross of Honour, for which a Master Mason in good standing is eligible for invitation to membership, after serving a term as presiding officer of each of the four York Rite bodies, is not a degree. This is because it contains only a means of recognition and not more light in Masonry or an obligation.

It should be emphasized that membership is not automatic, but by invitation and a unanimous, favorable ballot. The roster of the Order includes many men who have presided over one or more of the Grand Bodies. Every Knight of the York Cross of Honour (K.Y.C.H.) must maintain an active membership in all four York Rite bodies.

The governing body of the K.Y.C.H. is the Convent General. Its scope is world wide. The Prior and all Past Priors of Pries, subordinate to the Convent General, are voting members. It meets annually at the call of the Grand Master General, who is its administrative officer.

Many Pries have state-wide jurisdiction and function under a charter

issued by Convent General. While they function in the Masonic field, they are not a part of the Masonic edifice. However, every member of a Priory is a Past Master of a Blue Lodge, a Past High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Past Illustrious Master of a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and a Past Commander of a Commandery of Knights Templar. The presiding officer of a Priory is known as "Eminent Prior." Many regional K.Y.C.H. clubs also exist. Membership in these, of course, requires Priory affiliation. Their principal functions center on the welfare of the Order in their region and on promoting social gatherings, which include the wives.

Except for a very few who continue as officers in one of the Grand Masonic bodies, Master Masons who complete their service as presiding officer in each of the four York Rite bodies find themselves at an impasse similar to that of retired people. The accolade of Knighthood in the York Cross of Honour provides the refreshment and strength necessary for them to grasp opportunities for further Masonic service. Each newly-created Knight is informed that he has received the accolade in recognition of his Masonic achievements, and it is expected that he will continue laboring for the York Rite until he draws his last breath.

An outstanding charitable effort, on behalf of all mankind, is made by the York Cross of Honour in the support of medical research in the area of leukemia.

Leaders of this Order discern a pressing need for strong coordination of the York Rite. The following → → →

narrative by the late Herbert T. Leyland, Past Grand Master General of Convent General, will serve to illustrate:

"The old weaver was weary near the close of day. The shuttle moved slower and slower and stopped. The old weaver slept. Like Abou ben Adhem of old, he had a wonderful dream. He was a Master Weaver at the loom of time. He had labored long years at threading and re-threading the warp of finest texture and beautiful colors. There was the bright blue yarn from the Lodges, the brilliant red yarn from the Chapters, royal purple yarn from the Councils, and raven black and purest white yarns from the Commanderies. But no yarn of such quality had come to serve as the woof. Then, as if in answer to his hopes, it came. Its quality was the finest. It was spun from pure gold by a new Order – the York Cross of Honour. Hands trembling with excitement, the Master Weaver loaded the shuttle and started it darting to and fro across the threads of the warp weaving them into a colorful fabric. Soon the pattern appeared – one which no one had ever beheld before. On the gorgeous background of color appeared at intervals golden figures – the square and compasses, the keystone, the broken triangle, the cross and the crown. The pattern was to be forever known as the York Rite."

In their progress down the avenue of years, it is left for dedicated Knights to press the old weaver's dream to a successful conclusion by fabricating a York Rite of Freemasonry of abiding strength and beauty: one to benefit the entire Craft.

Sir Knight Hays, a Past Commander of Hamilton Commandery No. 41, Ohio, lives at 4851 Van Cleves Place, Fairfield, Ohio 45014.

Minnesota Fund-Raising Project

A different form of fund-raising for the 13th Annual Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign has been devised by the State Chairman for Minnesota, Russell K. Amling, who is also Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery.

He requested and received a U.S. flag flown over the U.S. Capitol Building on January 20, the day of the inauguration of President Reagan and, as it developed, the day the hostages were released from Iran.

Amling now offers the flag to the highest bidder – minimum \$300 – with all proceeds going to the 13th Annual Voluntary Campaign. Bids (not cash) may be sent to Russell K. Amling, 11 Skyline Drive, Mankato, Minnesota 56001, not later than April 30.

Sir Knight Amling, in promoting the Voluntary Campaign, also uses a reproduction of a Foundation poster in his Masonic Temple, which, he says, "has been used for many events open to the public . . . the American Red Cross four times a year for blood donations. It is also a voting place, and the local Lion's Club has an annual spaghetti dinner there, serving more than 1,000 persons."

Norfolk Chapter's 175th Anniversary

On May 2, 1981, Norfolk United Royal Arch Chapter No. 1 will celebrate its 175th year of active York Rite Masonry with a dinner meeting and program at the Masonic Temple, 7001 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., and the program will commence at 7:30 in the auditorium. Guest speaker for the evening will be Joseph Barnes, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest.

Norfolk United Royal Arch Chapter was organized April 1, 1805, and chartered on May 8, 1808.

THE EASTER FAITH

by

The Reverend Carroll H. Prouty

Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of Nebraska

Former Grand High Prelate, U.G.I.C., Red Cross of Constantine

Many modern Christians seem to be of the opinion that the Easter Faith had its beginnings during the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. The facts prove otherwise. When Jesus died, his associates were still without hope. Sad, they laid His wounded body in an ordinary tomb. "We will bury His anointed body in customary fashion, then go on from here as best we can."

To them He had been a captivating personality; a highly impressive teacher; of the nature of old-time prophet and more; an achiever of remarkable deeds. But now He was dead. Not even the strange missing of the actual body from the tomb seemed to alter their dismal opinions.

The new and inspiring conviction arose from a sensing of His living presence. To them, in a way they did not really understand, He became alive again. They became aware that He who had died was alive again, and this tremendous conviction, born of human experience, inspired them to firmly believe that, "because He lives, we too shall live. He saves us in this life, and unto life beyond."

On the road to Emmaus; in the Upper Room; beside the lake; wherever they assembled, He met them, and they felt His living presence. They were no longer sad, but believing. New hope and expectation sustained them.

And when Saul of Tarsus, a persecuting Rabbi, was accosted on the Damascus Road by this vocal, demanding presence, he was literally transformed in mind and spirit, becoming a chief exponent of the

conviction that the individual who adopts belief in this living Lord, the saving Son of God, can experience new life during earthly days and reason to hope in the days beyond.

Hence, the Easter Faith was born, not of reason or of teaching, but in human experience. And it is the continuing persuasion of Christian believers that this experience and conviction is available to those of every generation. Indeed, in addition to the highly satisfying aspects of Christian living, it has been the chief stimulus and resource of Christian faith.

It sent Paul declaring, "I am persuaded . . ."; it led John to declare that the darkness could never overcome the light; it sustained the faithful in the catacombs and the arena; it led John Wesley to testify, "my heart was strangely warmed"; and it has sent missionaries to the ends of the earth. It has caused Easter to become a faith-bearing stimulus for all true believers.

Because Jesus, dead and buried, arose and became a living spiritual empowerment in the lives of those who believe in Him, the Easter Faith has become a beacon to hopeful reality.

All Masonic and Masonic-related individuals, as believers in Divinity and the revealing insights of Holy Scripture, have reason to share this stimulating experience and expectation. "Because He lives, I too shall live!"

Relayed from the MASONIC NEWS,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

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HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Completes Half Century of Membership

When Sir Knight Thomas Morgan Nesbitt recalls 1944, he remembers it as the year he served as Master of Welcome Lodge No. 255, Lemoore, California, and also as a period when his and other California Lodges were often called upon to confer the first three degrees on servicemen shipping out for active duty. Last year, Sir Knight Nesbitt, now a resident of Columbus, Ohio, was honored by Welcome Lodge when he returned to California to receive his 50-year membership pin. This year, he will again make the journey to California to receive another 50-year pin — this one from Martha Washington Chapter No. 13, Order of the Eastern Star in Visalia.

Sir Knight Nesbitt, who celebrated his 79th birthday on March 6, is also a long-time member of Visalia Chapter No. 44 and Visalia Commandery No. 26.



New Masonic Tour to Egypt

A Masonic Tour of Egypt, hosted by Sir Knight Ralph W. Lichty, P.C., Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 23, New York City, will take place October 24 to November 3, 1981. Those interested in information and/or reservations may write to Sir Knight Lichty at 430 West 24th Street, 1-B, New York City, New York 10011.

This is the 7th Annual Masonic Tour of Egypt supervised by Lichty who was the originator of last year's 100th Anniversary Parade celebrating the laying of the cornerstone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, New York.

Grandfather Presides

Harold H. Lundberg, a Templar grandfather, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Illinois, initiated three grandsons into Wilmette Lodge No. 931 in March. Serving as Senior Warden for the occasion was Alvin L. Crump, Recorder of St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, R.E. Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Imperial Council, and Past R.E. Department Commander for the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Lundberg's three grandsons are Peter Harold Lundberg, Robert Jack Lundberg and Michael Paul Joza.

Bicentennial Paperweights

As the *Knight Templar Magazine* for April goes to press, the Grand Recorder's office at Chicago has mailed within a two-week period more than 200 Bicentennial Paperweights to readers. These "collector's" items, mentioned in the March issue, were first distributed during the 200th Anniversary of the United States in 1976. The unexpected quantity of requests has depleted the supply to a bare minimum. More than 12,000 were made available during the bicentennial year.

Dayton York Rite Reunion

The York Rite Bodies of Dayton, Ohio, including Reed Commandery No. 6 and Dayton Commandery No. 68, sponsored the 45th Annual York Rite Reunion, March 2-7, 1981, at the Dayton Masonic Temple. The degrees and Orders were conferred on five consecutive evenings and Saturday afternoon, March 7. Concluding the Reunion, Most Eminent Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson was guest speaker at the Saturday banquet.

Presiding in Pontiac



Sir Knight Robert G. Miller, Pontiac, Michigan, poses with his two daughters, Patricia (at right) and Janet, for a family portrait of three local leaders. In 1980 Sir Knight Robert served as Worshipful Master of Pontiac Lodge No. 21, F. & A.M. and Commander of Pontiac Commandery No. 2, while Patricia was Honored Queen and Janet was Senior Princess of Bethel No. 25, Job's Daughters in Clarkston, Michigan. Presently, Patricia is a Past Honored Queen, Janet has been elevated to the rank of Honored Queen, and Sir Knight Miller is Past Master and finishing out his year as Commander.

New "Cup" Supplies on Hand

Ed Bloomquist, P.G.C., Texas, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership, has secured a new supplier of "Fifth Libation cups" for the Order of the Temple and makes them available as a Knight Templar service to Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies. Postpaid shipment will be made at \$1.75 each for five or more. (Orders for smaller quantities are not encouraged because of shipping costs.) Send checks to Ed T. Bloomquist, P.O. Box 296, Waco, Texas 76703.

Installed Master By His Brothers

On December 13, 1980, R. Gary Beaver was installed Worshipful Master of Noblesville Masonic Lodge No. 57, Indiana. "This alone," writes Past Master Marshall H. Graves, K.Y.C.H., "is a great honor. However, Gary has more of which to be proud. He is the third brother of his family to serve as Master of this Lodge."



Shown above are Allyn M. Beaver, P.M. (1974), who served as Installing Master; Jon Michael Beaver, P.M. (1980), Installing Marshal; and R. Gary Beaver, serving as Master in 1981. Brothers Allyn and Jon Michael are also members of Noblesville Commandery No. 61.

Fall River's "Mr. York Rite"

Brethren in Fall River, Massachusetts, nominate Charles E. Katsanos as "Mr. York Rite" in the community. He is concurrently presiding officer of all three York Rite Bodies — Commander of Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25, Illustrious Master of Council, High Priest of his Chapter. Additionally, he is Senior Warden of Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge, and District Deputy Grand Secretary. His friend, David R. Price, Captain General, Sutton Commandery, New Bedford, explains how he can devote his time to the Craft: "He is a bachelor."

Death of Canada's Grand Chancellor

Sir Knight Charles E. Wells, G.C.T., Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada for 35 years and an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A., passed away March 2, 1981, in Toronto, at the age of 82. Raised in St. George's Lodge No. 367, G.R.C., in 1925, M.E. Knight Wells was also a 50-year member of Shekinah Chapter No. 138, R.A.M., and former Grand Treasurer and Grand Director of Ceremonies.

He was consecrated in Geoffrey De. Ste. Aldemar Priory in 1930, presiding Preceptor in 1940; elected Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Great Priory in 1945 and Honorary Past Grand Master of Canada in 1961. In 1956, he was appointed Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment, U.S.A. Sir Knight Wells was active in the Red Cross of Constantine in Canada, serving as Grand Treasurer since 1964, and being honored with the Knight Grand Cross of Constantine in 1965.

Paul O. Gooder, Grand Recorder

The Grand Secretary-Grand Recorder of California York Rite, Paul O. Gooder, died March 3, 1981, in Long Beach, following hospitalization for a stroke. He was born in Orient, South Dakota, in 1917, was a Registered Professional Electrical Engineer, and had worked 33½ years for Union Oil Company, California.

Sir Knight Gooder was Raised in Long Beach Lodge No. 327, later affiliating with Manchester Lodge No. 585; also a member of Southern California Research Lodge. He was past presiding officer of each Long Beach York Rite Body was elected Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of California, 1976; and was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason. Appendant membership: K.Y.C.H., Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, H.R.A.K.T.P., Philaethes.

Grand Encampment

Roll Call of Honored Dead

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

William Frank Sessions, Sr.
Utah
Grand Commander — 1966
Born March 28, 1906
Died January 5, 1981

Renzo Gaia
Washington
Grand Commander — 1958
Born March 16, 1894
Died January 30, 1981

Andrew R. Sims
Montana
Grand Commander — 1963
Born February 11, 1897
Died February 14, 1981

Lovell E. Spurgeon
California
Grand Commander — 1968
Born November 2, 1911
Died February 17, 1981

George Fountain Dyer, Sr.
Arizona
Grand Commander — 1955
Born November 1, 1901
Died February 27, 1981

Deaths not previously reported to the Grand Encampment Office:

J. Laverne Dickey
Kansas
Grand Commander — 1960
Born March 3, 1912
Died January 28, 1980

William U. Remensperger
California
Grand Commander — 1960
Born July 21, 1902
Died March 20, 1980

Keith M. Wilcox
Kansas
Grand Commander — 1971
Born May 31, 1922
Died June 29, 1980

Earl S. Wright
Vermont
Grand Commander — 1940
Born August 9, 1885
Died October 31, 1980

BROTHER LEW WALLACE

by

J. E. Behrens, Assistant Editor

Reading the biography of Lewis Wallace is like reading a history of the United States during the years of his life, 1827 to 1905. He lived through a period that included two major wars, the



assassination of three presidents, the settlement of America's West, and the invention of the electric light and the moving picture. What distinguishes Wallace is that he actively helped shape that history as a soldier, statesman, diplomat, author and Mason.

Most people who recognize the name of Lew Wallace know him as the author of the historical romance *Ben-Hur, A Tale of the Christ*, which has been labeled "one of the best selling novels in American publishing history." But by the time *Ben-Hur* was published in 1880, Wallace was already a well-known figure.

He was born April 10, 1827, in Brookville, Indiana, to Colonel David Wallace and Esther French Test. The family moved to Covington in 1832 when David became Lieutenant Governor of Indiana. In 1837, David was elected to a single term as Governor, and young Lew was introduced to the genteel society of Hoosier politics.

Lew was characterized as a "bad boy" and a "truant" in his early school years, yet as a teenager he became a member of the Union Literary Society and, at 16, had completed his first novel, *The Marat-Arms: A Tale of the Tenth Century*, whose protagonist was a hero of the First

Crusade. At age 18, he began the study of law under his father's tutelage.

When Congress declared war between Mexico and the U.S. in May 1846, Wallace, just turned 19, rented a building in town and undertook the recruitment of a company of volunteers. In three days, the First Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, was formed with Lew elected Second Lieutenant. They were ordered to Mexico, but during this year neither Wallace nor his men saw any action.

Upon his return to Covington, he petitioned Fountain Lodge No. 60 and, like his father before him, was admitted to the Craft. He received his degrees on December 15 and 30, 1850, and January 15, 1851. Also in 1851, Wallace was elected Prosecuting Attorney of the First Congressional District, and this was a stepping-stone to his election as State Senator at the age of 29.

To say that Lew Wallace "foresaw" the dissolution of the Union which occurred in 1861 is merely to number him among a great many statesmen, both northern and southern, of that day. But unlike his fellow politicians, Wallace acted on his precognition. As early as 1856, he organized a voluntary infantry company at Crawfordsville. They drilled twice a week and quickly caught the romantic spirit of their leader. When the Civil War became a reality, Wallace's "Zouaves" were among the first to offer their services.

Not surprisingly, when Indiana's Adjutant General resigned because of southern sympathies, Wallace was appointed to the post. At a huge meeting in the Indianapolis Masonic → → →

Hall, Wallace relayed President Lincoln's call for volunteers. Four days after the call, Indiana was the first state to fill its quota — twice over. Wallace then resigned as Adjutant General to become Colonel of the Eleventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. By October, he was promoted to Brigadier General and in 1862 was granted a commission as Major General, the youngest man to achieve this highest military rank.

Brother Wallace turned out to be a colorful, if somewhat brash and outspoken, young officer. A questionable delay in providing reinforcements at the Battle of Shiloh resulted in Grant labeling him a coward and Wallace's subsequent removal from field duty. Wallace argued that he never received Grant's order to march, and Grant seemingly ignored the fact that when Wallace did arrive he repulsed the enemy and "played a decisive role in the recovery" the next day.

Major General Wallace returned to Indiana to recruit more troops, but at every opportunity he spoke out in his own defense and continually sought a return to the field. He was somewhat vindicated when his quick action prevented the siege of Cincinnati and, later, the nation's Capital. Despite Wallace's belief that he was treated unfairly, he chose to remain at his military post throughout the war.

Wallace must have had a number of supporters in Washington, for he was named to the court-martial that tried the conspirators in the Lincoln assassination, and later he was appointed President of the Commission (court-martial) which tried Henry Wirz, Confederate Superintendent of Andersonville Military Prison. When the Wirz Trial was over, November 1865, Wallace resigned from the U.S. Army, only to accept commission as a Major General in the army of Mexican reformer Benito Juarez, and for the next year, Wallace devoted his efforts to the Mexican cause.

In the fall of 1878, Wallace was offered the post of Governor of New Mexico Territory at a salary of \$2,600 a year. He accepted, in part, because this land held for him the same romantic attraction as old Mexico. The idea of bringing law and order to an area of the country just opening up to settlement also appealed to him. Not only was the territory threatened with Apache uprisings, but open corruption in the existing government authorities and threats of an internal civil war made it less than ideal for new settlers. When Wallace appeared in New Mexico, he assumed immediate control and attempted to impose some form of justice.

One of the more interesting episodes of Wallace's life during his term as Governor involved an acquaintanceship with William H. Bonney, alias "Billy the Kid." Wallace granted the "Kid" immunity from prosecution for past crimes when he testified against a group of local murderers. Of course, that immunity did not apply to subsequent crimes, and when he was sentenced to death for murders committed later, he appealed to Governor Wallace for clemency. Wallace did not hesitate signing the death warrant, but before it could be delivered, Billy escaped.

On February 9, 1880, Wallace performed one of his final duties as Governor — driving the last spike of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. When President and Brother James A. Garfield took office that year, he re-appointed Wallace Governor, but by this time Brother Wallace was almost finished with a project that had occupied his spare time for the past seven years.

Lew Wallace began his adventure with *Ben-Hur* in 1873. At first he envisioned its sale to Harpers as an illustrated brochure, then as a serial in the *Monthly*. Of course, his story, written in two volumes which span eight years in the title character's life, developed into a

much larger work than originally planned. Harpers published *Ben-Hur* in November 1880. It sold for \$1.50 and Wallace received 10% in royalties. Judging from the initial sales (fewer than 3,000 copies were sold seven months after publication), the story caused little popular interest. But slowly that interest grew. Sales increased steadily for the next seven years, and by 1887, some 4,500 copies a month were being bought. That proved just the beginning.

It is interesting to draw from Lew Wallace's own comments on this novel. At first, he declared that he "was not influenced by religious sentiment" in his decision to tell the story of the birth of Christianity. Instead, he indicated that he chose the theme because it was the subject of "the most popular book ever published" up to that time. In subsequent interviews, however, Wallace said that during the writing of *Ben-Hur* he was consumed with "a conviction amounting to absolute belief in God and the divinity of Christ."

The most elaborate edition of *Ben-Hur* was the so-called "Garfield," published in 1891 — it was a two-volume set with more than 1,000 marginal drawings and 20 "full-page photogravures," bound in silk and gold and priced at \$30.

Wallace's novel never did receive much critical acclaim, but there was no longer any doubt of its popular success. And plans were being made to reach yet a new audience. 1899 saw the stage premier of *Ben-Hur*. The three-and-a-half hour play held audiences fascinated, and patrons left the theatre recalling especially the on-stage chariot race, each chariot pulled by four real Arabian horses on a treadmill rigged for the purpose. Once again the critics were hard when they judged the artistic merit of Wallace's novel adapted to a new medium. But the public ignored the critics.

The run of the play *Ben-Hur* was phenomenal: 6,000 performances in 21

years, usually to SRO crowds. In 1912, *Ben-Hur* was playing "simultaneously on three continents." Even evangelist Billy Sunday applauded the play, and Brother William Jennings Bryan said of it, "I have enjoyed *Ben-Hur* as the greatest play on the stage when measured by its religious tone and moral effect."

Wallace published one more novel, *The Prince of India*, and one play, *Commodus*. He began an autobiography in 1897 but finished only two volumes before his death, February 14, 1905.

Lew Wallace may not be considered America's foremost 19th century writer, but unlike many contemporaries, his success was enjoyed during his lifetime. He had the privilege of hearing the applause.

By the turn of the century, Lew Wallace had settled into a life of a man of letters, most of his time spent reading, writing and conversing with his wife of 53 years. There is much primary material left in Wallace's collection but none highlights the writer's dream as this quote from a letter dated 1885. Wallace wrote:

I want to write, and to think of nothing else. I want to bury myself in a den of books. I want to saturate myself with the wherewiths of which they tell, and breathe their atmosphere until I am of it. . . . a man of the world of writing — one with a pen which shall stop men to listen to it, whether they want to or not. It has come to pass that writing is activity which makes a noise like the galloping of many horses. There are pens that give the sound of locomotives, and, hearing them in the distance, society waits for them impatiently. Such a pen is what I want."

Photo of General Wallace courtesy Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis. A special IHS exhibit, "Beyond Ben-Hur," will open to the public on April 9, 1981, and will run for four months.

THE 1981 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Grand Commander P. Fred Lesley, Michigan, has written to relay reports on the Fifth Annual Holy Land Pilgrimage for Minister guests of the Grand Commanderies of Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Wisconsin. The on-the-scene account comes from the Rev. Robert H. Boyte, Central Woodward Christian Church, Troy, Michigan.

The 1981 Holy Land Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Knights Templar, sent thirteen ministers and one Sir Knight, the Eminent Grand Senior Warden of Indiana, to Israel for a ten-day tour, beginning February 10. The ministers represented Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin and included Lutherans, Presbyterians, Anglicans and Southern Baptists. One minister was a district superintendent in the United Methodist Church and another was a major in the Salvation Army.

The group spent six nights in Jerusalem, two nights in a kibbutz north of the Sea of Galilee, and one night in Tel Aviv. The Israeli guide had an appreciation for the Christian places on the tour, quoted both Old Testament and New

Testament references, and shared his great knowledge of the area's ancient history. The tour included the familiar Christian places such as the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Bethany, Jericho, Bethlehem and Capernaum. Also included were important non-Biblical sights such as Massada and Qumran and places of contemporary importance such as Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial. Some of the ministers noted that Holy Communion observed at the Garden Tomb was the most impressive moment of the ten days.

The ministers returned with a renewed appreciation for the land in which their faith was born and with deep gratitude for the Knights Templar whose generosity and vision made the trip possible.

PILGRIM MINISTERS

MICHIGAN

Rev. Loren Milton Scribner First Presbyterian Church of Sturgis
Rev. Charles Alexander Herrick First Presbyterian Church of Mason
Rev. Robert H. Boyte Central Woodward Christian Church, Troy
Rev. David M. Strand St. Phillip's Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti
Rev. James W. Wiberg Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood

INDIANA

S.K. Ronald D. Simpson, Grand Senior Warden Grand Commandery, Indiana
Rev. Walter A. Harman, III Knox Presbyterian Church, Vincennes
Rev. Harold Eugene Armstrong First Christian Church, Columbus
Rev. Robert E. Anderson St. Johns Episcopal Church, Bedford
Rev. Major Charles Richard Moffitt Salvation Army, Evansville

KENTUCKY

Rev. Dr. John Paul Sheperd Dst. Sup. Louisville Conf., United Methodist Church
Rev. Ernest Gresham Sacra Woodland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington
Rev. Charles Keith Rogers First Baptist Church, Loyall

WISCONSIN

Rev. Richard Klabunde Our Savior Lutheran Church, A.L.C., Marinette

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS

by
William B. Stansbury, Jr.
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America met at the Sheraton Twin Towers in Orlando, Florida, on February 15-18, 1981. The theme of the Conference was "Freemasonry's Responsibility to Society" as suggested by Brother J. B. McGuirt, G.M., South Carolina. The Grand Masters on the 1981 Conference Committee included Ray Pearson, Chairman, Tennessee; Edward A. Clarke, British Columbia; Lynn P. Blicht, Florida; Robert H. Osborne, Michigan; E. Stansil Aldridge, North Carolina; Wilson B. Haney, Oklahoma; J. B. McGuirt, South Carolina; Russell R. Selbo, Wisconsin; and William B. Stansbury, Jr., P.G.M., Maryland.



The 1981 Conference Chairman was Charles T. Jackson, G.M. of Iowa, and Vice-Chairman was Welland S. Horn, G.M. of Vermont. The Chaplain was E. Stansil Aldridge, G.M., North Carolina; Welcome was given by Lynn P. Blicht, G.M. of Florida, and the Response by John F. Erwin, G.M. of Oregon.

A Keynote Address was given by Robert H. Miller, G.M. of Indiana. William B. Stansbury, Jr., P.G.M., Maryland, was re-elected Secretary of the Conference.

Papers presented included: *Physical Qualifications for Membership* by Dr. Bruce R. Widger, G.M., New York; *Statewide Concurrent Jurisdiction* by Dr. J. Edward Blinn, G.M., Missouri; and *Grand Representatives* by John C. Schleter, G.M., District of Columbia. A

Report of Commission on Information for Recognition was made by Eric W. Nancekivell, P.G.M. of Canada, Province of Ontario.

Four topics were covered by Discussion Groups: *The New Mason*, Wilson B. Haney, G.M., Oklahoma, Leader, and David B. Craig, Jr., G.M., Delaware, Reporter; *Leadership*, LeRoy S. Axland, G.M., Utah, Leader, and Jack D. Rehberg, G.M., Montana, Reporter; *Publicity and Public Relations*, H. Douglas Lemons, G.M., California, Leader, with Harold W. Harris, G.M., Manitoba, Reporter; and *Dual Membership*, by Samuel K. Dickinson, Jr., G.M., Minnesota, Leader, and F. Warren Starns, G.M., Kansas, Reporter.

The Host State furnished the entertainment, orchestra and an excellent speaker in the person of Brother Mark C. Hollis, Past Grand Orator of Florida. About 850 were in attendance. During the week the Grand Masters and others were luncheon guests of Brother Henry C. Clausen, P.G.M. of California and Sov. G.C., A. & A.S.R. Southern Jurisdiction, and — at the Frank Land-DeMolay Breakfast — Brother F. T. H'Doubler, Jr., Imperial Potentate, Shrine of North America, who presented an exceptionally good Masonic film for use by all of the Grand Lodges.

As was previously decided the site of the 1982 Conference will be Washington, D.C., February 21-24, 1982. This meeting will focus on the celebration of the 250th Birthday of George Washington.

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CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES

by
Robert P. Beach
Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference

The fifty-third annual Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America was devoted primarily to informative discussions on a variety of administrative subjects.



Fifty-four of the sixty active members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico responded to the roll call, together with ten associate members, nine members-at-large and four of the five honorary members.

One Grand Secretary, Stanley R. Uppercue of Maryland, was called by death during the year, along with seven former Grand Secretaries: Charles A. Harris, North Carolina; Joseph A. E. Ivey, Arizona; James B. Kilvington, Delaware; Charles S. McGinness, Kansas; Harry D. Proudfoot, Oregon; Daniel T. Simmons, Washington; and Earl D. Webster, Maine. The deaths of two former associate members of the Conference were also recognized: Thomas S. Roy, Grand Masters' Conference, and Frederick F. Schondau, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Seven newly-elected or appointed Grand Secretaries attending their first Conference were welcomed by President Dean C. Settle of Colorado: J. E. Reesor Bingham, Manitoba; Tom Eggleston, Iowa; Robert A. Klinger, California; Armen B. Loosarian, Maryland; Keith McKinnon, Prince Edward Island; Ralph

S. Nealy, Vermont; and Lyle H. Paisley, Illinois. The new Grand Secretary of Puerto Rico, Raimundo Cruz Bercedonis, was unable to be present.

Joe C. McClanahan, Kentucky, First Vice-President, who retired from the office of Grand Secretary as of March 1, 1981, was elected an Honorary Past President of the Conference.

An informative agenda, prepared by a committee headed by Edward L. Bennett, Washington, included the following subjects for discussion: Life Membership, Concordant Bodies, Grand Lodge Expenses, especially Grand Masters, Masonic Charities, and Masonic Homes.

Speaker at the traditional banquet was Herman E. Roser, Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico.

Robert A. Hinshaw, Ohio, succeeded to the presidency for 1981-82, with Edward L. Bennett, Washington, First Vice-President, and H. Dwight McAlister, South Carolina, Second Vice-President. Robert P. Beach, Massachusetts, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer, and Albert O. Arnold, Jr., Kansas, was re-elected Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

The Conference will return to Washington, D.C., for the fifty-fourth annual session during the week of February 22, 1982.

Sir Knight Beach, P.S.G.W. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, is also Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 12, Boston. His mailing address is 186 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

He who cannot forgive others,
breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

by
Stewart M. L. Pollard
Executive Secretary



The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association was called to order at Orlando, Monday, February 16, by Robert A. Hockstad, P.G.M., Michigan, Chairman of the Executive Commission. After Invocation by William C. Edmunds, former M.S.A. Chief Field Agent, and upon motion of Byron Jenkins, G.M., Nebraska, John C. Schleiter, G.M. of the District of Columbia, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Meeting.

Chairman Hockstad presented the Annual Report of the Executive Commission which highlighted the accomplishments of M.S.A. during 1980 as well as its service to the Craft. He also described the growth of the Hospital Visitation Program and paid tribute to the Field Agents and their corps of Masonic volunteers.

The Education and Publications Committee, Chaired by Edgar L. Miller, G.M., Ohio, made several recommendations including updating of the M.S.A. film library and the appointment of a liaison coordination in each member jurisdiction. The Committee on Hospital Visitation, Robert N. Osborne, G.M., Michigan, Chairman, reported on several proposals to expand the Hospital Visitation Program and to increase awareness of its benevolent work. At the close of the Hospital Visitation Committee Report, the Executive Secretary of M.S.A. introduced three of the Field Agents who attended the Annual Meeting — Paul S. Murphy, Field Agent in Washington, D.C.; Clifford T. Sheehan, Bay Pines,

Florida, Field Agent, and Granville Youngs, who coordinates the Hospital Visitation Program in Florida.

A Necrology Committee Report was given by Herman Roser, G.M., New Mexico. It noted the loss of four Field Agents, four former Field Agents and six Grand Lodge officers of member Jurisdictions who passed away in 1980. Thomas R. Dougherty, Director of Hospital Visitation, offered a Memorial Prayer.

The Grand Master of Ohio, M.W. Robert H. Miller, served as Chairman of the Finance Committee. His report included a recommendation to study methods of simplifying the dues structure of the Association. The Committee commended the headquarters staff for operating within income without reducing service in these inflationary times. They recommended no dues increase.

The Foreign Relief Committee, Chaired by G.M. Juan L. Matos Cintron, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Relief Committee, with M.W. F. Warren Starnes of Kansas as Chairman, noted that no requests for relief had been received in 1980.

The report of the Membership Committee showed that only eight U.S. jurisdictions are not members of M.S.A. and again extended a cordial invitation for them to consider participation. M.W. Stansil E. Aldridge, G.M., North Carolina, was named Chairman of the 1981 Membership Committee.

Sir Knight Pollard is a member of Washington Commandery No. 1, D.C., and his mailing address is 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES MEETINGS

by
Morrison L. Cooke, P.S.M.
East Central Department Commander

Dwight Smith, Indiana, presided over the 2nd Annual Assembly and Feast of the Philaethes Society, opening the annual A.M.D. weekend in Washington on Friday, February 20, at the Washington Hotel. A capacity crowd of 116 filled the ballroom of the Hotel; Allen Roberts, Virginia, was the main speaker.



Formal sessions began Saturday morning with Donald S. Smith, Maine, Grand Chancellor, calling to order the 50th Annual Convocation of the Grand College of Rites. Fifty-one new members were obligated, and Harold D. Elliott, II, New Jersey, was installed Grand Chancellor. Charles R. Glassmire, Maine, was appointed Seneschal.

This was followed by the 48th Annual Communication of Grand Master's Council, A.M.D., presided over by Edward R. Saunders, Sovereign Master. There were 15 new members plus 4 courtesy candidates obligated. Robert Osborn, Wisconsin, was installed Sovereign Master, and Dr. J. Brent Morris, Maryland, was appointed Tyler.

Most Venerable G. Wilbur Bell, Illinois, Sovereign Grand Master, opened the 49th Annual Communication of the Grand Council, A.M.D. There were 11 new Councils chartered during the year, and 15 new ones instituted, making a total of 176 Councils — a gain of 16. There was a net gain of 229 members for the year. Gerald O. Smith, P.G.M., Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, was elected an Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden.

After lunch the 48th Communication of Installed Master's Councils was convened with C. Wallace Jackson, P.S.G.M., presiding. James H. Horne, P.S.M., installed the 32 candidates, who are reigning or Past Masters of A.M.D. Councils.

The Council of Nine Muses was then called to order by James H. Case, in the absence of the late Charles F. Adams. Bruce Hunt extolled the virtues of M.V. Brother Adams, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, who was due to preside at this communication. James D. Penley, Jr., South Carolina, was selected as the new Muse, replacing Adams. James H. Case presented a paper on the History of the Nine Muses.

Great Chief's Council No. "0," Knight Masons, held its 15th annual meeting with Herbert M. Weber, Excellent Chief, presiding. Past Excellent Chief S. Flory Diehl obligated the candidates.

Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., then met with Marvin E. Fowler, Great Chief, in the East. The honorarium for the Registrar was increased to \$500. Grand Council recorded an increase of 247 during the year. Richard Stephenson, Indiana, was elected Great Chief, and Tracy Walker, Illinois, was appointed Grand Seneschal. Russell T. Falshaw of Canada was appointed Excellent Chief of Great Chief's Council.

Following the banquet at which Ned E. Dull, R.E. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was the speaker, the Grand Council, A.M.D., resumed its labors. William G. Peacher, California, was elected Sovereign Grand Master, and William E. Yeager is the newly-appointed Grand Tyler.

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The fun degrees of Order of the Bath and Order of the Cork were the last order of the business for the day. Ninety-four candidates were received in each Order in "dew" and ancient form.

Sunday morning began with the annual breakfast of Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, presided over by William Grady "Red" Cotton, from Mississippi, who had advanced to Grand Master General upon the death of Tom Francis last December. Past Grand Master General Marvin Isley gave a prayer in memory of Knight Francis. There were 130 present for the breakfast. Knight Cotton presented a check for \$100 each to Marvin Fowler for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and Reese Harrison, Texas, Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay, for that Order.

Dwight Smith, Grand Abbot, convened the 50th annual Consistory of the Society of Blue Friars. He presented the new Blue Friar for 1981, Bruce H. Hunt, of Kirksville, Missouri. Hunt is no stranger to Masonic circles; he is not only Grand Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Missouri, where he is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, but he is General Grand Recorder of General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International. He also publishes the *Masonic Review*, under the auspices of the Missouri Lodge of Research. Brother Hunt's interesting and informative paper was about the late President Harry S. Truman, a Past Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, and the paper was entitled: "Mason from Missouri."

Due to the illness of the late Paul O. Gooder, Preceptor, Ray Scarborough presided at the 49th Ingathering of Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, K.T.P. The Reverend Canon George A. Stracke, Grand Prelate, anointed a newly-elected candidate from California. William G. Peacher, California, was elected Preceptor and installed by Canon Stracke.

The weekend came to a close with the 49th Ingathering of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Stanley W. Wakefield, New York, Grand Preceptor, presided. The College reported a loss of one during the year. There were 35 tabernacles represented, and 101 present. The newly-elected Grand Preceptor is Charles Leo Harrison, Virginia, and Fred G. Speidel, North Carolina, was appointed Outer Guard. The Reverend Canon George Stracke, H.P.G.P., was appointed Grand Prelate. Bruce Hunt was re-elected a Trustee for a three-year term. Harold Van Buren Voorhis, the "patriarch" of these meetings, installed the officers.

Next year the meetings will be held again in the Hotel Washington, beginning on February 19, 1982. All the bodies were saddened to learn of the death during the past year of Rayburn Miller, retired manager of the Washington Hotel, who had taken such good care of all of us and provided many courtesies and kindnesses far and above the call of duty.

Sir Knight Cooke, a member of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, is a Past Grand Commander of Kentucky; he resides at 2538 Saratoga Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40205.

Wisconsin Hall of Famers

Brothers Bart Starr and Ray Nitschke, both former members of the Green Bay Packers National Football team and Masons of Washington Lodge No. 21, were elected to the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame this year. Brother Starr spent 16 years in the NFL and now coaches the Packers. Sir Knight Nitschke, member of Palestine Commandery No. 20, Green Bay, played 15 years for the Packers before retiring.

THE LATIN KINGDOM OF JERUSALEM

by
F. R. Hall, Staff Associate

The founder of the First Crusade, Pope Urban II, never lived to see the realization of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem; he died on July 29, 1099, a fortnight after the Crusaders captured the Holy City. Everyone desired Bishop Adhemar of Le Puy to be the spiritual leader of the new kingdom, but he too had died. Thus, the business of choosing candidates for the throne had to be done without a Patriarch or spiritual head. There were four candidates: Raymond of Toulouse, Godfrey of Bouillon, Robert of Flanders, and Robert of Normandy. Raymond's friendliness with Emperor Alexius, his insistence on being the military leader of the Crusade, and his suspicions toward Peter Bartholomew and the validity of the Holy Lance made him unpopular. Robert of Flanders and Robert of Normandy desired to go back to Europe. Godfrey remained, but as he did not want to be labeled king, called himself instead "Advocatus Sancti Sepulchri," meaning "dedicated defender of the Holy Sepulchre." Godfrey, a pious man, believed that the Church of Christ should be sole ruler of Jerusalem.

The political situation became entangled soon after Godfrey's election. Arnulf of Rohes was chosen Patriarch, though the election was uncanonical. Arnulf also forced Orthodox Christians to Latinize, thus widening the spiritual breach between East and West.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian army headed by al-Afdal advanced north of Ascalon but they fled, taken by surprise by the Crusaders. The victory assured the possession of Jerusalem. However, Ascalon itself was not taken due to the squabbles of the Crusaders' leaders. The Moslems in

Ascalon wished only to surrender to Raymond of Toulouse, the only leader who spared those he could at the massacre of Jerusalem. Godfrey, jealous of Raymond and desiring possession of Ascalon for himself, refused the terms.

At this time, Daimbert, Archbishop of Pisa and appointed by Pope Urban shortly before his death as new legate to take the place of Adhemar, pillaged the countryside as his troops advanced East from Italy. Bohemond, anxious to consolidate Antioch, joined Daimbert in attacking Lattakieh, the Byzantine port just south of Antioch. Raymond, whose sympathies sided with Byzantium, forced Daimbert and Bohemond to stop their siege. Raymond then stayed in Lattakieh while Bohemond and Daimbert headed for Jerusalem. Baldwin left Edessa and traveled toward the Holy City as well. All desired to be successors to Godfrey who was old and unwell. Meanwhile Tancred succeeded in capturing Galilee, strengthening and enlarging the Latin Kingdom.

When Daimbert and Bohemond finally reached Jerusalem, the Patriarch Arnulf was deposed and Daimbert replaced as new legate since he derived his appointment from Pope Urban. It was also agreed that Bohemond become Prince of Antioch, and Tancred, Prince of Galilee.

As symbolic leader of Jerusalem, Godfrey impressed the Moslems as a great but modest soldier. He established cordial relations with the Moslem cities of Arsuf, Ascalon, Caesura, and Acre. However, Daimbert's ambitions marred Godfrey's good intentions; he demanded secular power over Jerusalem and Jaffa. In the midst of such troubles, Godfrey fell ill

and died on July 18, and he was buried in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In his will he made Daimbert the new spiritual ruler, and his cousin, Warner of Gray, military leader of the Crusading armies.

Upon Godfrey's death, dissension arose. Warner asked Baldwin, Godfrey's brother, to be the leader of Jerusalem; and Tancred and Daimbert asked Bohemond if he would take Godfrey's place.

Bohemond was soon out of the race, however. Before leaving for the Turkish territory of Melitene, he had chosen a Latin, Bernard of Valence, as new Patriarch of Antioch, expelling John IV, a Greek who was suspected by Bohemond of strong Byzantine sympathies. Bohemond thus caused the first serious schism between the Greek and Latin Churches. After assuring his power in Antioch, Bohemond set out for Melitene, but was captured and taken prisoner by the Turks.

With Bohemond made prisoner and Daimbert thereby weakened, Baldwin's right to the kingship of Jerusalem went uncontested. On Christmas Day, 1100, Baldwin was crowned by Patriarch Daimbert as King. Thus, in a little over four years, the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem was established.

AFTERMATH: 1100 – 1145

Added to the Latin States of Jerusalem, Antioch, and Edessa was the county of Tripoli in 1109. However, if these states were to survive, it was necessary to ensure a thriving economy. Thus, trade was established with the Moslems of Damascus as well as with the Italian cities of Genoa and Pisa, the latter power establishing trading centers in the major Latin cities.

Since the existence of the Latin States was ensured only by constant warfare, the birth of the Military-Religious Orders of the Hospital of St. John the Evangelist and the Knights Templar took place in 1118. Although these orders owed allegiance solely to the Pope, King Baldwin gave them his full support. Monks by

principle and soldiers by necessity, the orders became a valuable asset to Jerusalem. By 1140 the great castle of Bethgibelin was built. Maintained by the Hospitallers, the castle helped curb Moslem attacks from the south on Jerusalem.

Where cultural assimilation by the soldiers of the First Crusade took place, political security for the Latin States became certain. Frankish-Moslem alliances against more dangerous Moslem threats would ensure a measure of stability. An alliance with Byzantium against the Turks would also be necessary if Christianity was to survive in the East. And when squabbles among the Latin leaders were forgotten in the face of the Moslem threat, the Latin campaigns succeeded.

Often, however, a broad cultural, political and religious understanding was not attempted or even desired by the Franks. This proved disastrous not only for the Franks themselves but for Christianity as a whole. Bohemond, for example, after being released from prison in 1103, persuaded Pope Paschal to preach a Holy War against Byzantium, which became official Church policy. Quarrels for the next forty years among the rulers of the Latin States also proved their undoing.

In 1127 the great ruler Zengi began his conquest of Syria, and by 1144 he turned his powerful army on the State of Edessa. With the Count of Edessa and the Prince of Antioch quarreling, the Count of Tripoli uninterested in events far from his county, and the Kingdom of Jerusalem under rule of Queen Melisende and her 13-year-old son Baldwin III, Edessa was easy prey. After a four-week siege, Edessa fell to the Turks.

The Latin Kingdom was crumbling. The Latin East had no other recourse than to appeal to Pope Eugenius III for fresh military aid. On December 1, 1145, the Second Crusade was proclaimed.

next – The Second Crusade



KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



- Seeking information on a Knight Templar sword I have that may be of great historical value. I acquired it some years ago from a Vanderveer widow, and as near as I can determine it is at least 160 years old. I am informed that it was on the *Constitution* when it was used as a training ship during the Civil War and that the sword was once owned by Capt. Thomas D. Vanderveer, a charter member of a Stony Brook Lodge, Long Island, NY. The sword is 37 inches long with a blade length of 27¼ inches. The blade is acid etched with Masonic symbols and the scabbard is hand engraved with the symbols of Masonry, especially Templar Masonry. *George F. Woodruff, 318 East Lakeview Avenue, Eustis, Florida 32726 (904-357-7579)*
- For sale: Ring, Masonic and Shrine Mounting, 32°, 10K with brilliant cut diamond, 50/100 carat. This ring, which belongs to my husband, has never been worn and is a size 9½. Appraised at \$2,450; will sell for \$1,350. Please contact if interested. *Mrs. Eldon Ice, 8719 Wildland Drive, South Charleston, Ohio 45368 (513-568-9571)*
- Will sell for half price or best offer, a Royal Arch emblem Past Master's ring given to my father in the 1930's by brothers of the Blue Lodge in South San Francisco, California. It has a diamond, set in a Masonic emblem in white gold, on 14 Karat yellow gold mounting, weighing over one-third of an ounce, and recently appraised at \$950.00. *R. E. Peterson, 1180 Heather Lane, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137. (312-627-9384)*
- Apollo Commandery No. 12, Albert Lea, Minnesota, has switched to the short coat, and we have about 30 long coats to sell. These are single-breasted, sizes from 38 to 44, with standing collar. \$10.00 each fob; discount for quantity purchase. *J. G. Moden, Recorder, 305 Sheridan, Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007.*
- Just to remind all Sir Knights and Masonic brethren that I still sell/swap Masonic philatelic covers for covers I may need, and/or fraternal commemorative coins, or chapter pennies I may need. *Alan R. P. Golding, Chemong Road, RR 1, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6X2*
- I am writing in reference to the December *Knight Templar Magazine* news item on a new recording of Masonic music including works by Giroust, Mozart, Beethoven, Himmel and Taskin. I am a great lover of Beethoven's music and would be pleased if some proof of his Masonic membership could be found among the readers.
- Keep up the good work. I continue to look forward to each copy of *Knight Templar*, as I have for the almost 20 years in which I have been a Sir Knight. Thanks a lot for a most informative magazine. *Robert Yates, 5541 Aurora Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455*
- This past Christmas, my wife gave me a pendant which has the Maltese Cross and crown pierced by a cross and two swords. I don't know what it is called and would appreciate hearing from anyone who could shed some light on the piece and its meaning. *Everett Jones, 49 Lakeview Street, Meriden, Connecticut 06450*

□ Help! Park Place Commandery No. 106 Drill Team needs Texas regulation swords. If you have such a sword and would like to donate it or if you would sell it, please write or call. Please describe the condition of the sword so that the amount of replating, etc., may be assessed. A Texas sword has a large star on the hilt with the letters TEXAS in the points of the star. *K. B. Fischer, 15403 St. Cloud, Houston, Texas 77062 (713-486-9340)*

□ William (Bill) Glenn, a red-headed Irish immigrant and my great-granddad, in the early 1830's married Rachel Haney (or Laney) in or near Spartanburg, South Carolina. Rachel's father disowned her. The Glenns moved to Georgia and later to Alabama, and I am told they never communicated with her family again. Can anyone tell me where I might contact some descendant of Rachel's — brother, sister or cousin or anyone that has heard this story. *H. V. Glenn, Route No. 3, Box 47, Crossville, Alabama 35962*

□ In the September issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* I requested help on several lines of my genealogy. I would like to take this time to thank each good brother and sister who took time to help me. It is this type of thoughtfulness and brotherly love that makes the Masonic fraternities the greatest in the history of mankind. God bless each and every one of you. *Louis Early Stephenson, Box 120, Shiloh, North Carolina 27974*

□ I am seeking information on a John William Campbell married 1825 to Sarah Bertha Smith at Adams County, Ohio. A family story says a young boy was lost, never to be found, on the docks when the earliest ancestors arrived in America. They were of Scots-Irish origin. John moved on to Rushville, Indiana, in 1830. If anyone knows of John or any Scots-Irish Campbells, I would like to hear from you. *Lois Kary, 9278 West 91st Place, Westminster, Colorado 80020*

□ I wish to sell my deceased husband's uniforms that are in new condition, full dress and fatigue. He was 6 ft. tall at 196 lbs. The chapeau is a custom-made imported velour (very comfortable) with a very full plume. *R. E. Veilegaard, 12081 Callado Road, Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, California 92128*

□ One of my great-greats emigrated from Ireland to Beaufort County, North Carolina, prior to 1795. His name was Brady, Christian name unknown. The family legend says he abjured the Catholic faith and became a Freemason. He sailed to Britain to take the degrees, taking his son, Richard Hiram Brady, with him. (Richard was born 1795.) Have a photo of apron, made of silk on lamb-skin backing, all in colors. Need Christian name of immigrant. Can anyone help? *William E. Eldridge, 832 Hillside Avenue, Liberty, Missouri 64068*

□ I have been a Knight Templar for sixty years, having been knighted in 1921 in Tancred Commandery, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. One of my present hobbies is book collecting, and I would like to hear from Sir Knights who have oldtime boys books, also Zane Grey books, available for sale or trade. *Herb L. Risteen, P.O. Box 161, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913*

□ For sale: Commandery watch fob and DeMolay woman's ring. Wanted: Commandery ring. Send SASE for descriptions. *John G. Kilore, 3303 Parkside Terrace, Fairfax, Virginia 22031*

□ Attempting to update Humberd family history and would appreciate hearing from any Humberd. Will be glad to answer any letters I receive. Information indicates some Humberds moved from Tennessee to Missouri sometime between 1840-1870. *Lester Humberd, 2296 Springdale Circle, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30315*

HE DIED, NOT JUST FOR ME

From the foot of the cross I saw Him there
My Savior looking down,
His eyes had such a distant look
Beneath the thorny crown.
They said to me: Could it be you
Who nailed me to this tree?
They made me pause in puzzled gaze,
I thought, O, Lord, not me.

I looked around and saw the crowd,
My eyes with tears were blurred;
I wondered, O, what agony,
Yet He uttered not a word.
His pain was great with heavy heart,
For me He gave His all —
Upon the Cross on Calvary
He died, lest I should fall.

He died, not just for me alone;
You see, He died for all;
For heavy hangs the sins of man,
Upon His grace they fall.
This Man of God, so human, yet
He came to bear our grief;
He took upon Himself our sins;
He brings to all relief.

Relief from all our earthly woes;
Indeed, He knows us well;
And if we love and worship Him,
With Him we e'er will dwell.

*George E. DeLawter
Beauceant Commandery No. 8
Baltimore, Maryland*