



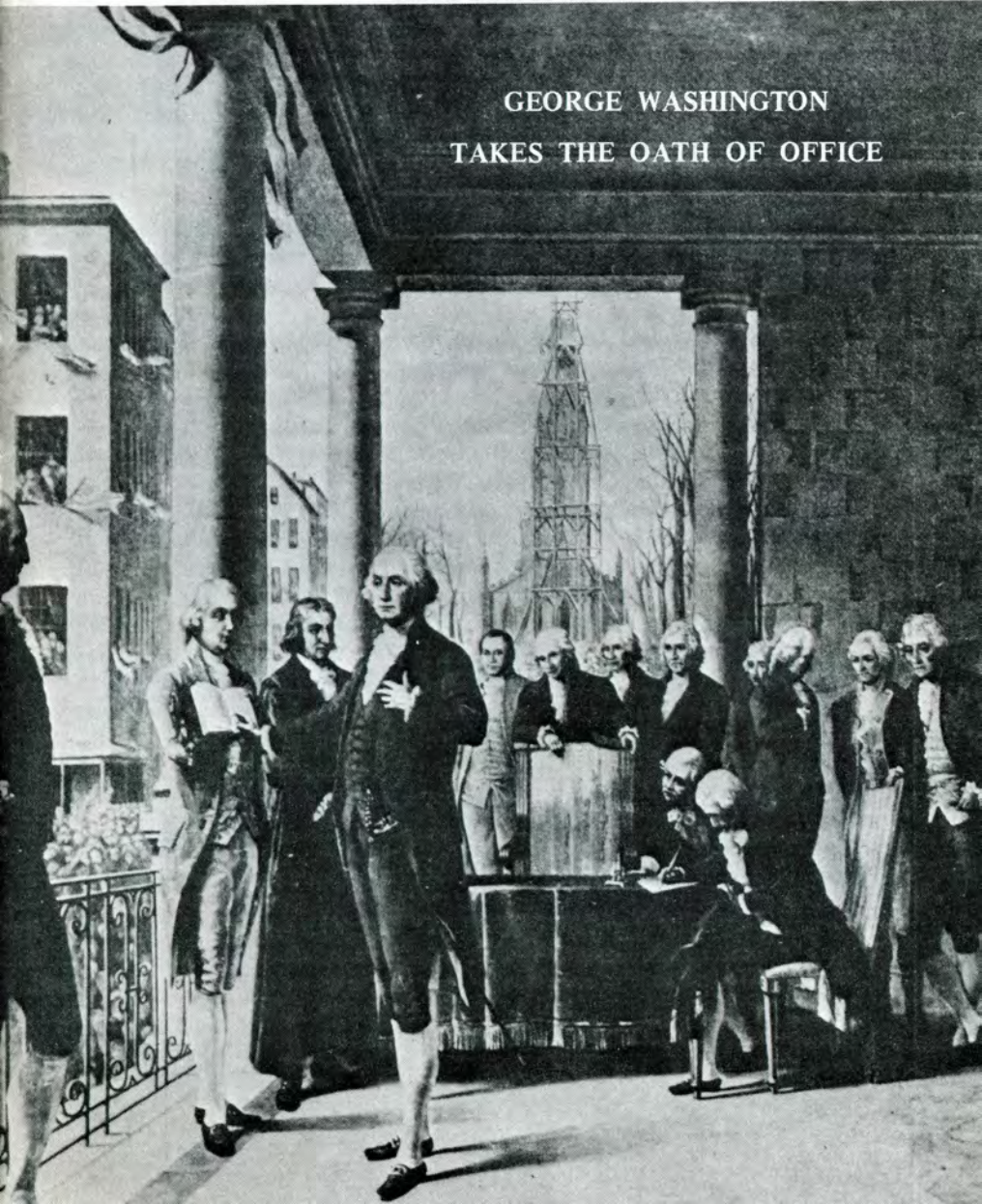
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TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE





## **MASONIC WEEK ACTIVITIES**

This is the month when the Conference of Grand Masters in North America takes place at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., February 21-24, in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Secretaries, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association, preceded by the sessions of the Allied Masonic Degrees, February 19-21, and related Masonic Week meetings at Hotel Washington.

The assemblies of Grand Masters and other fraternal leaders give us all the opportunity as Knights Templar and representatives of the Grand Encampment to keep abreast of Masonic progress and development, to participate, observe and learn about the trends of Masonry and Appendant Orders throughout North America and far beyond. It is an educational experience for our Order and for other presiding officers and participants who place Masonry on the plane established by Brother George Washington, born 250 years ago.

Bernard Fay in his 1935 "Revolution and Freemasonry," emphasizes that General Washington played a dominant role in the Fraternity throughout the Revolutionary War and, of course, in later years as well. Fay says:

*"... Washington had favored the creation of many military lodges and personally participated in their activities. In that army ... we know authentically of the existence of eleven lodges and we feel certain that many others functioned. ... The illustrious one was the 'American Union Lodge Number One,' in which Washington celebrated the Feast of Saint John the Baptist during the summer of 1779, the feast of Saint John the Evangelist the following winter, and again in 1780 and 1782 the Feast of Saint John the Baptist; the latter year he appeared at the celebration of the Feast of John the Evangelist held by the King Solomon Lodge at Poughkeepsie; but the most striking ... in which he took part was the great procession of December 27, 1778, at Philadelphia ... (which the English had evacuated) ... His sword at his side, in full Masonic attire, and adorned with all the jewels and insignia of the Brotherhood, Washington marched at the head of a solemn procession of 300 brethren ... This was the greatest Masonic parade that had ever been seen in the New World."*

A few detractors, even today, try to minimize Brother Washington's role as an active Freemason. The record speaks for itself, and, this month especially, it is truly "meet, right and fitting" for all to celebrate the 250th anniversary of President George Washington. He set the mold for those who followed after.



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

**FEBRUARY:** On April 30, 1789, George Washington took the oath of office as first President of the United States of America. This month's cover depicts our premier statesman, hand on Bible, speaking the oath on the balcony of a building on Wall Street in New York City which was then serving as Federal Capitol. Along with a variety of Washington birthday salutes, this issue features articles by Sir Knights Ted Summers, Jimmy Bovender and Thomas Rigas, plus Masonic news from far and wide. P.C.R.

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## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**Amendments:** According to Section 85 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, "... a written copy of the motion ... to revise, amend or altar [the Constitution and Statutes] shall be filed with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment at least Three Months before the day on which the Triennial Conclave is to be held at which such motion is to be considered, and copy thereof shall be inserted in the Notice of Conclave and presented by the Grand Recorder to the Grand Encampment for consideration ...". Deadline for receipt of amendments to the Constitution and Statutes is May 14, 1982. Notice of Conclave will be issued June 14. Triennial Conclave dates are August 14-19. (Please eliminate "whereases.")

**Xmas?:** If it seems sacrilegious to use "Xmas" to represent the birthday of Jesus, a prominent writer (*Smithsonian*, December 1981) offers a completely different viewpoint. He points out that "X" represents "Chi," first letter of the name of Christ in ancient Greek, and that "XP" (Chi-Rho) — as seen on vestments and altars — is a message that "Xmas" is a sign of reverence. Those who discourage the practice are "misguided."

**When Is a Birthday Not a Birthday?:** As long as the federally-legislated holiday for George Washington's Birthday on the third Monday in February remains in effect, the American people will be unable to celebrate the event on Washington's birthdate — February 22. The third Monday in February will fall anywhere between the 15th and the 21st of the month — never on the 22nd.

**Renaissance II:** At press time, the York Rite Festival of Western Pennsylvania had indications that 150 Masons would be inducted into the York Rite Friday and Saturday, January 29-30, at the Oakland Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Right Worshipful Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson was scheduled to be the guest of honor and the speaker at the final banquet, Saturday, January 30. It's the second major "Renaissance" at Pittsburgh in recent years and has created statewide interest. The committee is headed by Charles A. Garnes and Lawrence R. Breletic.

**East Central:** Department Commander Morrison L. Cooke states that he "jumped ahead" a full year when he announced the dates for the East Central Regional Conference in March at the Galt House, Louisville. In turning the calendar sheets, he moved to 1983, rather than '82. The Conference will be held, as he hopes everyone understood, Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14, 1982. He is planning for a large turnout of York Rite members, including Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson.

**Ben Hur Knightings:** As reported by Joseph S. Lewis, Ponca City, Oklahoma, ten new members were Knighted in his Commandery — Ben Hur No. 14 — on December 22. He comments "the unusual part of the event was that all of the new Knights are under 30 years of age. One is Master of his Lodge and several others are Lodge officers." On hand for the conferral were Oklahoma Grand Commander Donald J. Cink and Deputy Grand Commander John C. Shanklin.



## **ON THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF OUR FIRST PRESIDENT**

When the last piece of granite was cemented into place in 1973, it had taken just over 50 years to complete the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

Masons throughout the United States can take great pride in the Memorial which honors our first President and Freemasonry's commitment to liberty and love of country.

Standing 333 feet high on Shooters Hill, the Memorial overlooks the nation's capital while just a mile away is the Potomac River. The 36 acres covering the site of the Memorial were well-known to Brother George Washington.

On February 22, 1982, the 71st annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association will come to order in the auditorium as Grand Masters and representatives of the Grand Lodges across the country gather to continue Freemasonry's dedication to the "life and work of the great Mason, the master-builder of our nation — George Washington."

Each year, more than 100,000 visitors are impressed by the Memorial's immense proportions, architectural elegance and unsurpassed dignity. The 17'3" bronze statue of George Washington in



Masonic regalia in Memorial Hall, a gift of the Order of DeMolay, is nothing less than inspiring.

Here at the Memorial one gains a special feeling about George Washington, the man and Mason. On display are his famous Masonic trowel used in laying the Cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol in 1793, his family Bible, and

the clock that his physician stopped at the moment of his death.

From the George Washington museum and the library with its outstanding collection of books and documents to the replica Lodge Room, the Memorial should be "the pride of all Freemasons," states the Association President, Stanley F. Maxwell, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts. The museum was the gift of the Scottish Rite Masons in the U.S., while the library was provided by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grotto Archives Room, the Royal Arch Room, the Cryptic Room, the Knights Templar Room, the Observation Floor, and the Shrine Rooms bring together in one national location our Masonic bodies. Plans have just been approved for a new addition to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon Room.

The Memorial is an extraordinary → → →



**Bronze statue of George Washington, sculpted by Brother Bryant Baker.**



accomplishment. Beginning as a dream in 1910, the cornerstone was laid in 1923 as 25,000 people gathered for the occasion. Then in 1932, the bicentennial year of Washington's birth, the building was formally dedicated.

Adding up what was required in construction, it would have taken 1,900 freight cars to move the 74,491 tons of materials including over 10,000 tons of New Hampshire granite, 1¼ million feet of lumber for the forms, and 25 tons of nails.

Of special importance to the life of the Memorial is the Alexandria-Washington Lodge which holds its meetings in the building. George Washington was this Lodge's first Worshipful Master.

Continuing support for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial comes from several sources. There are donations from individuals, contributions from Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies such as the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, a small portion of initiation fees from new Masons, legacies, and the proceeds from a modest endowment. Each year, many Masons in the United States become Life Members by contributing to the Memorial.

At the time construction began, the members of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association set forth their purpose. Speaking of the Memorial, they said, "Erected of enduring materials, our Temple will stand through the ages." Today's Masons are continuing to carry out this goal.

Plan to visit the George Washington Masonic National Memorial during Easter weekend, April 9-11, 1982.

## Washington Masonic Memorial PSA

Early in January the George Washington Masonic National Memorial distributed a 30-second public service announcement film to 400 television stations throughout the nation. Made possible through a grant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the public service announcement or "spot" was released in conjunction with events marking Washington's 250th Birthday celebration and, says Memorial President Stanley F. Maxwell, "serves to remind Americans of the qualities of life that made George Washington one of the country's greatest leaders."



George Washington came to the state capitol in Providence, Rhode Island, as part of the filming for the G.W.M.N.M. 30-second television PSA.

## Grand Master Speaks at Lions Club

Kenneth C. Johnson, M.E. Grand Master of Grand Encampment, was speaker at a January 7 meeting of the North Little Rock, Arkansas, Lions Club where he commented on the history of the Masonic movement and worthy causes Masons support. A report of his talk was printed in the *Arkansas Democrat* newspaper which counts among its early publishers Brother Albert Pike.



## **GEORGE WASHINGTON—WHY NOT A KNIGHT TEMPLAR?**

by  
H. Edward May, Lt. Col., USAF, Rtd.  
Past Grand Commander of Florida

Several years ago I was privileged to attend the dedication ceremonies of the Alabama Medal of Honor Acre of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. On the evening prior to the ceremonies, I attended a religious service in the Chapel on the Foundation's grounds, which was conducted by a Lay Leader of an Episcopal Church in Mobile, Alabama. His message dwelt upon the Valley Forge sufferings and the actions of George Washington during that hard winter. In his talk, I was somewhat surprised to hear the speaker state that the Founding Father of our country was Episcopalian, that 35 of his Major Generals were Episcopalian, and that many of his officers and men were of that denomination.

As I listened to his message, I mentally crossed out the word "Episcopalian" and substituted the word "Mason," thereby immediately changing his subject to one that I had heard many times presented by learned Brethren of the Craft in their discussions of Brother George Washington.

It seemed to me quite fitting and proper that our revered Brother is held in such high esteem by so many different groups other than the Masonic Fraternity. This is justly so because of his many contributions as a founding leader of a fledgling nation's struggle to gain and then keep its independence. He has certainly been an excellent example of leadership for more than 200 years to all of the different groups of Americans which have taken pride in the accomplishments of this singular outstanding man for many assorted and yet truly valid reasons!

I am convinced that George Washington fulfilled a destiny that was an integral part of God's plan for the continuing advancement of mankind. There are many examples in the events of his life which substantiate this belief. His ability as a young surveyor is one — his miraculous escapes from injury and death while in military service, also as a young man, is another. Surely God's mantle was on his shoulders as he was prepared for greater service to both his God and country. But for the moment, let us dwell upon his Christian Masonic qualities.

Having left the religious service that evening to traverse the historic grounds of the Foundation, I soon found myself in front of the 9½ foot bronze statue of George Washington kneeling at prayer. In the shadow of the statue is that area set aside for the Medal of Honor Grove which has been dedicated to those valiant patriots who sacrificed so much to preserve the heritage of freedom which Brother Washington was foremost in obtaining for the generations which have since followed him. As I stood there the thought struck me that it was quite sad that we, as Knights Templar, could not also state with justifiable pride that our Brother and Patriot had been a member of our organization. Certainly, Masons since the founding of this great republic have bragged about the Masonic membership of the Father of our Country. How fitting it would be if this man who was not ashamed to bend his knee and acknowledge his obedience to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, had been a Sir Knight. At no point in his → → →



life was he ashamed to admit that without the support of his God he would have been completely unable to perform the duties laid upon him by a nation of people with their dreams of freedom for themselves, their families, and future generations.

The question came to mind as to why Washington was not a Knight Templar — a member of the York Rite — for indeed the York Rite did exist in the new Colonies during the period. History gives us ample proof of this fact. Certainly this Christian Gentleman who, leading his country as its first president, also found time to serve his Brethren as Master of his Lodge — this Christian Mason should have been a Knight Templar. My research has led me to believe that the York Rite, at that time, did not solicit membership, but rather had the potential member seek the York Rite just as Blue Lodge Masonry in these United States still continues to do. I am confident that had the question been put to him — the invitation offered — he would have availed himself of the opportunity, not only to become a member of the York Rite as it existed in those days but also to take an active part in furthering the purposes of the York Rite, particularly Templary. I believe that had the question been put to him today, we too, along with our Blue Lodge Brethren, the members of the Episcopal Church, the Armed Forces and others could look back with pride upon the fact that one of “our own” filled the shoes of the individual selected by the Supreme Architect to lead this country out of the oppressive clutches of the “Old Country” and into the “New Promised Land” of which oppressed men of all the world had dreamed for generations untold.

Having shared these thoughts with you, I find myself wishing to “tweak your imagination” by asking you to ponder the fact that by not inviting this great man to become a part of our Christian Order we did miss a glorious opportunity to give a

further heritage to the Knights Templar, to this country and to the Masonic Fraternity. His membership would be a fitting example upon which to pattern ourselves as we go about the business of serving Christian Masonry. And by pondering these thoughts, the question naturally follows: How many other Brethren in the past 200 years, the leaders, the “qualified” Christian Masons, have not been placed upon our rolls due to the inaction, the lack of thought or the missed invitation to avail themselves of this phase of Masonry by those of us who are already members of this Christian Order?

In the present day there is much wringing of hands, moaning and groaning, wailing and gnashing of teeth about the lack of leadership, the lack of participation, the lack of dedication, the lack of support and example, the lack of new members and the lack of proficient members. Amidst all of these complaints and dire warnings about the bleak future of Christian Masonry, should we not take stock and look around us in search of the Christian soldier, the Christian Knight? Should we not seek out the “recruit,” if you will, who can be brought into our Order by active and sincere solicitation so that we might ensure the future of our great Order?

Surely, each of us has been requested to secure at least one petition to replace us before we leave this world to enter into the Land promised us by our Blessed Redeemer, the reward that awaits the valiant Knight when his work has ended. Surely, if we could obtain energetic motivation among our present membership we should indeed enter upon a “Crusade for Membership” for our Order. It would be a crusade directed toward obtaining upon our rolls those members of the Craft who possess special qualities of leadership, dedication and the desire to serve mankind as a Christian Mason. Certainly, if we would band together into a united team effort to meet the needs of



our Craft in this area, our ranks would swell with hundreds of those Brethren.

Each Knight Templar exerts an influence on all with whom he comes in contact. This influence can be used to "recruit." The principle of the ever-widening "ripple effect" of such influence could serve as the basis for enlisting the leaders of our Communities at all levels to fill the ever-increasing vacancies in our ranks. George Washington was a unique individual — there will probably never be any carbon copies of him in the future, but we can undoubtedly find potential replacements for our Order who try to walk in Washington's footsteps. This means attracting men who are Christian gentlemen with high moral character and standards, highly motivated with a strong desire to both serve and lead Templary in the same manner George Washington would have had he been a member.

As we enter the time frame of the birthday of this great man I believe we must pause and reflect upon the loss to our Order of the services of this great individual. We should profit by the knowledge that the loss of this one individual to our Order might be redeemed by our active endeavors to correct a similar situation in the present day so that 200 years hence Sir Knights can say with pride that the Knights Templar of our day were neither hesitant nor reluctant to diligently seek the members required to ensure the preservation of Templary for future generations.

We must band together to ensure that we must not lose one member who would not only swell our rolls, but who would also serve us well and provide us with the leadership we require. Then, as we enter "that place not made with hands" we will be fully deserving of the accolade from our Savior, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

Sir Knight May, a past National President of National Sojourners, Inc., lives at Route 1, Box 185-C, Mobile, Alabama 36005.

## Tri-State Festival Planned

A Tri-State Festival sponsored by the Grand Commanderies of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut will be held in the Asylum of Bethlehem-Crusader Commandery No. 53, 262 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York, on February 27. New York P.G.C. David Aiken notes that the program will proceed with the Order of Red Cross, conferred by St. John's Commandery No. 9, Elizabeth, New Jersey, at 9:30 a.m.; the Order of Malta, conferred by Washington Commandery No. 1, Hartford, Connecticut, at 11:00 a.m.; and the Order of the Temple, by Bethlehem-Crusader No. 53, at 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be prepared by White Plains Temple, Joan of Arc Triangle, and a Festival Dinner will commence at 6:00 p.m. at the White Plains Temple (advance registration is required).

"All interested Sir Knights are invited and urged to attend," says Sir Knight Aiken. The number of Sir Knights who will attend, the name of the Commandery and number of candidates anticipated may be sent to: Lionel S. Justo, 158 Parkview Avenue, Bronxville, New York 10705. Number of dinner reservations required should also be included.

## Pennsylvania's "Roy Wilford Riegler Class"

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania will dedicate the "Roy Wilford Riegler Class" in honor of the M.E. Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment, a former Pennsylvanian now residing in Emporia, Kansas. The Orders of the Red Cross and Malta will be conferred in the Lodge Room, Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown on April 24, and the Order of the Temple will be conferred May 1 at the Williamsport Masonic Temple. Sir Knight Riegler, whose 86th birthday occurs on April 27, 1982, will confer the Order of the Temple.



## Havre York Rite Festival

The York Rite Bodies of Havre, Montana, staged a two-day Festival on October 16 and 17 when seventeen candidates were initiated into the Havre, Chinook and Glasgow York Rite. Assisting in the degree presentations were a number of distinguished Masons, members of the York Rite College of Degree Workers in the State of Montana, including Clarence E. Anderson, M.E. Grand High Priest; Charles F. Tesch, R.E. Grand Scribe, R.A.M.; Lawrence F. Jenni, P.G.H.P.; Francis Dewing and Jay C. McColly, Past High Priests of Hiram Chapter No. 15, Lewistown; Lloyd T. Eide, P.H.P., Glasgow Chapter No. 17; Waldo Wetterling, Secretary of Glasgow Chapter; George W. Pamenter, Secretary of the York Rite Bodies in Great Falls; Hugh H. Willson, Past Grand Master, R. & S.M., Montana; Harold M. Leighland, Past Grand Commander, Knights Templar; and Floyd P. Jenni, Past Grand Master of Montana Masons.

Of the seventeen candidates, five travelled from Glasgow, four from Scobey, three from Hinsdale, one each from Saco and Chinook, and three were residents of Havre. Ten of that group later "crossed the Burning Sands" at the Glasgow Shrine Ceremonial November 7.

## Travel Plans to 55th Triennial Conclave

Crown Travel Coordinators, Inc., Pasadena, California, has been designated as official travel agency for the Grand Encampment's 55th Triennial Conclave to be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, August 14-19, 1982. The Crown "travel specialists" have been negotiating with several airlines to provide economy fares for delegates, drill team members, wives and friends from at least one city in most states to Little Rock, Arkansas, with special transportation to Hot Springs and return.

"Due to many changes taking place almost daily in airline fares," says Jean F. Reed, Operations Manager, "actual fares are not yet confirmed. However, when confirmed, the fares will be the lowest available from the cities involved." For further information, calls may be made to Ms. Reed at one of the following numbers: 800-423-4326 (not valid from California, Hawaii or Alaska); 213-796-9131; or 213-681-4834. Additional information forthcoming from Crown Travel will be included in later issues of the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

## Masonic First Day Cover Set

On February 22, 1982, the U.S. Postal Service will issue a 20 cent commemorative postage stamp at Mount Vernon honoring the 250th Birthday of George Washington. In connection with this issue, a set of five (5) Masonic First Day Covers is being sponsored jointly by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and Louisiana Lodge No. 102, F. & A.M., New Orleans. Sir Knight John R. Allen, Richmond, Virginia, indicates that there will be a cacheted (design-imprinted) envelope for each organization with two for the Masonic National Memorial.

The sets of five Masonic cacheted envelopes postmarked "First Day of Issue" will be available for \$9.50 per set from J. R. Allen, P.O. Box 26135, Richmond, Virginia 23260. Profits from sales will go to the Masonic charity or building fund of the respective organizations.

According to Sir Knight Allen, orders will be filled beginning March 1982 while supplies last. A limited number of sets will also be available with a special pictorial postmark which has been requested for use at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on February 22, 1982.



## **THE ROUGH ASHLAR**

by

**Sir Knight Jimmy L. Bovender, Sr.**

**Malta Commandery No. 19, Monroe, North Carolina**

Masonry has always been considered a secret organization, but one must first look at the human aspect of secrets and then draw a parallel between Masonry and Masons.

Man, since time began, has thrived on secrets: knowing something that no one else knows or striving to learn something before someone else does. This has been one of the hidden forces that has driven man to better and greater achievements. This was the force that Solomon, with his infinite wisdom, used to inspire the temple builders so that harmony would prevail throughout the erection of his divine edifice. It was this same force that caused the death of the master builder before the Temple's completion. This promise of a secret to be revealed, and the actual revelation to man, has driven him to live by this kind of relationship.

This relationship, for a Mason, translates into brotherly love, a union of sharing secrets passed on by our forefathers. These are not only Masonic secrets, but personal trusts that normally would not be shared with others. Man's deepest concern is his credibility, which he endangers every time he shares his personal secrets with others. It is this sharing and understanding within the Fraternity of Masons that sets it apart and makes it an organization dedicated to charity and founded on brotherly love.

We, as Masons, are brought from darkness into light, and, from the very onset of our Masonic career, we are molded and shaped. As we progress, we fail to see that we are shaped by those that preceded us in Masonry. As we have

grown older in Masonry, we have assumed the role of leaders. The Craft now looks at these people who have exhibited skills of leadership, and places full trust in their direction.

However, an internal factor that concerns me greatly is this same force being used (subconsciously) by those who have obtained greatness in our Fraternity; those who have worn and now wear the purple of our Fraternity; those who have achieved a place of importance and power — from the Blue Lodge through the higher degrees, including the Shrine.

Psychologists have proven that people who think they hold secrets over others hold a great deal of power and control. This is a "subconscious" feeling of control that is exhibited by those in our circle. It is time that all of us — and I reiterate ALL — evaluate ourselves, observe the positions which we hold, and understand how that position affects those in our Fraternity. Never look down your nose at your equal; remove your feelings from your sleeve. Never forget that that human being within our circle is as good as you are.

We must never lose sight of the Rough Ashlar as illustrated in the First Degree Lecture: "A stone as taken from the quarries in its rude and natural state." The Perfect Ashlar — "that state of perfection, at which we hope to arrive, by a virtuous education, our own endeavors, and the blessings of God."

Each and everyone of us was a Rough Ashlar when we entered Masonry. We were rude and imperfect — by nature. But we were taught that this → → →



state was temporary, and that through a virtuous education, our own endeavors, and the blessing of God, we would arrive at that state of perfection.

But did we? Are we now? Will we ever arrive? You, and you alone, can answer that question. I believe there are those among us that are entirely blinded by "the light." They have lost sight of "their" rough ashlar and the attempt to perfect it. They forget to try their own ashlar by the Masonic working tools. They become too quick to criticize others and the imperfections of others rather than to adjust their own imperfections.

You may have worked hard to learn, to achieve, and even sacrificed to obtain greatness in this Fraternity; however, you probably did no more than what another person could have done if he had had the opportunity. But, you must never forget that just maybe he didn't have the same opportunity that you had. You must never lower yourself to thinking that you're better because you know more, for that other person may make a wiser decision than you.

Wise men have phrased it in many different ways throughout history — "Put your mind in gear before you put your mouth in motion." "Those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw rocks." "He who is without sin throws the first stone," etc.

The most cruel instrument that man possesses is his tongue. A statement once made can never be retracted. You may apologize, but the statement will never be removed from the person's mind to whom it was directed. You may have feelings that things people do are not in accord with your thinking, but always remember that they may feel the same about you and may show greater ability to restrain their thoughts. Always look at your hand when you "symbolically" point your finger at others. There will always be three fingers pointing at yourself.

Those most disappointing to the Craft are classified as snobs, impersonal individuals and know-it-alls, whose main concern is to improve their own personal position.

We are too quick to think that just because we're Mr. So-and-so, Past So-and-so, or Right Worshipful So-and-so, etc., that we are automatically considered a wise man. Of course, this may not always be the case in reality.

Before we become critical of others, we must first pick up our square, plumb, and level and try our own rough ashlar. We all must continue to work with the implements God gave us to build that Spiritual Building, for we must truly realize that our ashlar will never be perfect and that we all need to look inward at our personal secrets and realize that our Fraternity is based on moral secrets which, when properly mixed Fraternally and personally, bring ourselves up to the level of the Craft and realize: The greatest secret of all is that of human understanding.

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### Recognition to Ukiah Commandery

An Award of Appreciation to Ukiah Commandery No. 33, Lucerne, California, acknowledging its achievement of raising contributions in excess of \$5.00 per member during the 13th Annual Voluntary Campaign, was forwarded to Recorder Roy A. LeBaron from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation recently. The award, made "in recognition of Templar Spirit and Christian Giving," was signed by Campaign Chairman Charles S. McIntyre, Jr., Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., and Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson.



## **WHO, ME? WELL, WHY NOT?**

by

**Sir Knight Ted Summers**

**Peninsular Commandery No. 8, Kalamazoo, Michigan**

Did you ever find yourself running out of excuses when the Eminent Commander or the Director of Work asks you to take part in the floor work? That's a horrible predicament to be in because maybe, just perhaps, you have secretly or subconsciously really wanted to have a part in the work of the Commandery, or the Lodge, or other York or Scottish Rite Bodies. But you've told yourself many, many times, "I just couldn't get up in front of the other Brothers and speak," or "I just don't have the talent." But you really haven't convinced yourself one bit!

Look, Hiram, wouldn't you just like to try a part once? Why not? Remember the many times while driving your car on a monotonous trip, you have caught yourself rehearsing the Apron Presentation speech, or trying to recall just how the Marshal explained the Ceremonial Banners to the candidate in the Order of Malta? The "wool-gathering" did make the miles go by a bit faster. Don't we all, at some time or other, imagine ourselves making an appearance before a crowd explaining just how taxes should be lowered, or the schools should be run — or even what we might do were we sitting in the Commander's Chair?

We all daydream now and then about doing something far removed from our usual tasks of "earning a living," and often we do hit upon a new idea in a field not our own. One not involved in the problem itself or in that particular profession can often see a solution where another is too close to the problem — like the old story of not being able to see the forest because of the trees. Hiram, you

might be just the one to bring a new touch, a new inflection to the station.

But when the Commander asks us, either on the night of Installation or a month or two before the Annual Inspection to consider a speaking part, we "turn chicken" and use some of those old wheezes to defend ourselves and our old timidities to keep from plunging into a new situation. Maybe we are trying to hang onto that "security blanket of comfort" by just remaining a sideliners. Maybe those butterflies in the stomach when we are approached are something we really need to overcome — or shouldn't have let intrude in the first place.

What are some of your favorite excuses?

"I'M TOO BUSY." And along with that excuse, you plead "ulcers." If you are "too busy" that's just the more reason why you should look for some recreation far removed from your daily toil. Be assured that when you are working on the floor, your mind doesn't have room or time to worry about Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, taxes, or where the funds to meet the next payroll are coming from. For a workaholic, nothing overcomes bleeding ulcers, or the conditions which induce ulcers, like throwing oneself into a part in the degrees.

The second most useless excuse for avoiding a part is: "I'M TOO OLD."

Too old, you say? Hiram, you're just the man who should try your hand at conducting the candidate. You've seen many, many conferrals and you know how the candidate feels, what his questions are, and you can → → →



explain that the future enjoyment in our Brotherhood is his for the asking and a little effort.

Too old? Nonsense! If that is the best excuse you can give, you are just the right age. You are no longer under the stress of finding your place in the business world and your children are pretty well grown up and on their own. So you can easily spare the time for a little study of the script, a practice session now and then, and an evening for the exemplification of the ritual.

Here's another: "I'M TOO YOUNG" or "I HAVEN'T BELONGED LONG ENOUGH."

Great. You'll bring us a new talent, a new enthusiasm, and through your willingness to serve, you'll easily get acquainted with the other brothers and quickly become one of us. When your work is seen by the members you might be pointed in the direction of one of the minor chairs.

Don't try to use those old excuses of "I'm too old" or "I'm too young" or "I haven't belonged long enough" because you are not convincing to yourself or anyone else. Be thankful you are in such physical and financial condition that you are personally considered and selected for that particular part.

Excuse Number 3: "LET GEORGE DO IT."

There's a real problem for any Lodge, Commandery, or Consistory. George has been doing it since time immemorial. George is a good ritualist; in fact, he's almost too good. He has gone through the chairs, and can fill practically any station. Sometimes George has always been so good at the work, that the Commandery or the Chapter has come to rely on George too much. If George is out of town, or sick, often the work must be postponed because George never has had an understudy. Too often George is so good at the work that others feel they will be adversely compared with him.

But George isn't going to live forever, and you're just the man to be groomed to take his place. If George is that good at the work, he would be an excellent teacher, and he'll really enjoy helping you polish your part.

When George confers the work, you will notice, he has developed a style of his own — he doesn't sing-song the words, as he has gone over and over the ritual until it is really a part of him. He has found just the right pauses, inflections, and gestures to make his delivery a tingling impact on the "weary pilgrim." So take advantage of George's tutelage while you may. Perhaps someday, some Brother will say "The best two men we ever had as Marshal, Prior, or Sword Bearer were George and Hiram" (that's you!).

"I CAN'T MEMORIZE": That's one of the poorest excuses one can think of — the part should not be "memorized book perfect" anyway, but should carry almost a conversational manner of delivery. And when one has so "lived through the part" one just naturally finds the words rolling out — somehow the very same words in the ritual book — but the words will have that personal touch and tone found when one friend and Brother talks to another. The aim should be not to sound just like a phonograph, speaking only words, but to deliver the words with meaning, with friendship and brotherly love.

"I'M SCARED TO GET UP IN FRONT OF A CROWD": Stage fright? Best therapy for that is to "get up in front of a crowd," and when one "lives the part" one forgets about the crowd on the sidelines, and the stomach butterflies just fly away.

Did you ever notice how some ill-at-ease speakers try to hug themselves while talking? Arms folded, or hands nervously feeling in the coat pockets, or grabbing the back of a chair? Self-induced stage fright. This phobia is easily overcome with practice, especially when in costume and make-up, and others in the team are



on the floor with you. Destroying this fear is something like hesitating to plunge into your swimming pool – but once in, we find the water's fine.

Getting up in front of friends has a carry-over value, too, for the times when one of necessity must stand in front of strangers. But sometimes, though, it is actually more easy to stand up and speak in front of strangers than in one's own family or group – and if that is your type, you are just the man to take part in the work when the Commandery visits a sister Temple in another city, or at the District All-Degree Day, or at the Scottish Rite Reunions.

Here's another lame excuse almost every Commander has heard: "GOSH, COMMANDER, BUT I'M THINKING OF SPENDING THE WINTER IN FLORIDA OR CALIFORNIA."

What better equipment to take along on the winter vacation in the South or California than the experience and ability to step into a part when you visit a Commandery in the vacation city? It is a sure way to get acquainted and accepted among your new friends there.

Or, for those brothers who live in the warm climes and sometimes spend their summer vacations in the Northland, the advantage to the visitor there is even better as an introduction, in addition to his membership card, to the Brothers in a strange jurisdiction.

By chance, the Commander might want to appoint two men to take the same part so one character will always be available to help in the work. That scheme, too, has a special advantage for the hesitant Knight. Psychologists say the best way to learn a skill or to memorize a part is to teach the skill or part to another person. So two brothers working together on their lines have a helpful situation of give-and-take to the advantage of both. One can hear the other man recite his lines, make suggestions and constructive criticism and then turn

about the roles of teacher and pupil.

So when the Commander hears a possible character give one of the familiar excuses, he should reinstitute the draft procedure and simply grab the man for the part. As a special inducement if the Knight still hesitates, the Commander can "bend the rules of his Commandery" and order the hesitator to deposit an extra ten or twenty dollars into the Hospitaler's Fund, the Eye Foundation, or the Fund for the Holy Land Pilgrimage. But seriously, one never really understands the part until he gives it from the station on the floor, for it is then that he finds the weak excuses he has always given are hollow, tired, and worn out.

So when the Commander selects you to take a part in the work, speak up, be flattered and pleased to be called on. See how you'll secretly smile to yourself when you reply, "WHO? ME? SURE, WHY NOT?"

Sir Knight Summers lives at 1512 West Lovell Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.



### Governor Pardee

An anonymous note from San Francisco arrived recently regarding the re-opening and re-dedication of the California State Capitol building, January 4-10, 1982. Enclosed material sketched the contribution of former Governor George Pardee during the San Francisco earthquake and fire in April 1906. A museum room in the Capitol recreates Pardee's office as it was during his 1903-1907 term.

Brother and Dr. Pardee was a Past Master of Oakland Lodge No. 88 and a member of Oakland Chapter No. 36, R.A.M. He received his M.D. from the University of Leipzig in 1885; his practice was confined to diseases of the eye and ear.



# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## \$23,500 Eye Research Grant to NU

Supported by a \$23,500 grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Dr. E. Lee Stock and his colleagues at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, will attempt to find the cause of vernal keratoconjunctivitis, an eye disease which causes severe photosensitivity and, in its most serious form, corneal ulceration and loss of vision.



Dr. Robin Powell (left), Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, NU Medical School, is shown with Sir Knight Alvin L. Crump, R.E. Past Department Commander and Eye Foundation Trustee, on December 11, as he presents the grant check to Dr. Stock, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and project director.

## "Gems" Series, Concert Band Music

Dr. and Sir Knight Leonard B. Smith, member of Detroit Commandery No. 1 and Director of the Detroit Concert Band is featured maestro, composer and cor-net soloist on the newest album in the "Gems of the Concert Band" series, a projected 36-album collection of "the greatest masterpieces of band music." Albums in the series are recorded in the Detroit Masonic Temple and are available via Detroit Concert Band, Inc., 20962 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236.

## South Central Conference Set

The 1982 South Central Department Conference for leaders in the Templar jurisdictions of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, is scheduled for September 11-12 at the Hilton Inn in Little Rock, Arkansas. This meeting will be the first following the 55th Triennial Conclave (August 14-19 in Hot Springs), at which time Sir Knight Kenneth C. Johnson will attend as Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment. It will immediately follow the long-time Southwestern Association meeting.

## Okinawa Masonic Lodge Dedication

A Dedication Ceremony for the Okinawa Masonic Hall, Japan, was conducted October 31, 1981, by the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of The Philippines and brethren of the M.W. Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Japan. Distinguished guests from both Grand Lodges, including Simeon Rene Lacson, M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of The Philippines, attended the public "key presentation" ceremony and dedication. Following the dedication, a banquet was held at the Okinawa Hilton.

## "George Washington: American Superhero"

The Museum of Our National Heritage, Lexington, Massachusetts, will observe the 250th Anniversary of George Washington's birth with a major exhibit entitled "George Washington: American Superhero" to continue through October 31, 1982. The exhibit examines the life of the first president and "explores the phenomenon of the exaltation of Washington as one of the greatest heroes of the American people."



## Arlington Christmas Collection

According to Joe R. Harris, P.G.C. and member of Arlington Commandery No. 29, Virginia, it has become a tradition for the Sir Knights of his Commandery to deposit contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation on the altar during the Christmas Observance service. "In 1979," says Harris, "we raised \$1,580; in 1980 it was \$2,160; and the total amount of checks deposited this year was \$2,460. In one day we reached our goal of \$5.00 or more per member."

The 1981 Christmas collection consisted of 79 Life Sponsorships, one Associate Patron Certificate and \$40 in contributions. Of particular note is the number of total Life Sponsorships purchased by the Sir Knights of Arlington No. 29: The 375 members possess close to 1,000 Life Sponsorships.

## Trinity Drill Team Benefits

Jerry W. Warman, E.C., Trinity Commandery No. 62, Indianapolis, Indiana, sends thanks to the *Knight Templar Magazine* and its readers for supporting their project to raise funds for Trinity's Drill Team. He writes, "So far we have been able to raise more than \$100 from the sale of our Templar insignia wall thermometer. That may sound like a lot of money until you look at the cost of equipping a Sir Knight."

The item is still available (no batteries required) at the following costs: \$26.95 each (postpaid); five or more \$22.00 each (postpaid); ten or more \$20.00 each (postpaid). Checks may be made payable to Trinity Commandery Drill Team and forwarded to Jerry W. Warman, 7822 S. Oak Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227.

## O.E.S. Quilt Pattern

A newspaper account reports that Hazel Wheeler, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 63, Glen Burnie, Maryland, using a 1923 quilt book, has drafted a pattern for the Eastern Star which "has deep meaning for her and her friends."

It can be secured by writing to Hazel Wheeler, 8320A Ches Mar Ct., Severn, Maryland 21144. She asks those interested to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for her reply.

## Charity Ball — February 6

Allen Drill Corps of Allen Commandery No. 20, Pennsylvania, announces plans for its annual "Sounds for Sight" Charity Ball, February 6, 1982. The event will be held at the Americus Hotel Grand Ballroom in Allentown, with hot buffet served at 7:00 p.m. and dancing from 9:00 to midnight. The public is invited; a donation of \$12.50 per person is requested. Sir Knight Lee R. Achey, Chairman, may be contacted at 215-435-5050 for information and tickets.

## 1982 Masonic Tour to Egypt

Sir Knight Ralph W. Lichty, P.C., Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 23, New York City, has scheduled his 8th Masonic Tour to Egypt for May 11-18. Points of interest will include the Pyramids, Sphinx, Cairo Museum, Memphis, Saqqarra, Luxor, Karnak, Aswan, St. Barbara's Church, Abu Sarga Church and Ben Ezra Synagogue in Old Cairo. For information, Sir Knight Lichty's address is 430 West 24th Street, 1-B, New York, New York 10011.



## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION – NEW CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

### Grand Commander's Club:

Arizona No. 4 – James B. Rolle, III  
Georgia No. 4 – James H. Shanley  
Utah No. 4 – Bennie L. Williams  
Kansas No. 5 – Dr. Robert C. Polson  
North Carolina No. 9 – Ralph P. Presley  
Massachusetts No. 10 – Ralph E. Mersereau  
Indiana No. 11 – Kenneth A. Balzer  
Indiana No. 12 – Mrs. Dorothy M. Balzer  
Pennsylvania No. 12 – Edward J. Westhassel  
Pennsylvania No. 13 – Harry A. Escher

California No. 21 – Victor N. Legerton  
California No. 22 – Robert L. Halstead  
California No. 23 – Donald E. Van Liew  
California No. 24 – William E. Boell  
California No. 25 – O. K. Stampley, Jr.  
Texas No. 27 – Wallace B. Noll  
Texas No. 28 – George H. Sharp, Sr.  
Texas No. 29 – Richard M. Hosler  
Texas No. 30 – Dr. Alice McPherson

### Grand Master's Club:

No. 331 – In Memory of Malcolm C. Davenport (GA)	No. 337 – Maurice I. Nielsen (NJ)
No. 332 – Herbert V. Disney (NJ)	No. 338 – Donald S. Hopson (AL)
No. 333 – John Ben Carson (TN)	No. 339 – Charles W. Glade, R.E.G.C. (NJ)
No. 334 – Howard E. Rolan (CA)	No. 340 – Arch M. Dullnig (TX)
No. 335 – William W. O'Malley (MI)	No. 341 – David L. McIntyre (MI)
No. 336 – "A Concerned Pennsylvania Templar"	No. 342 – Robert H. Myers (ID)
	No. 343 – Bernice Belcher (AL)

*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 annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once Grand Commander's Club contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club.

Membership is open to individuals only, and there is no Commandery credit for Club participation. For information, please contact G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705. (217-523-3838)

### Piedmont Knights March Again

"Having survived the heat of the Nokesville, Virginia, parade last summer," says S. Flory Diehl, E.C., Piedmont Commandery No. 26, Haymarket, "we vowed the next parade would be different. And it was!" On December 5, Sir Knights of the "Tri-jurisdictional area" met with Piedmont Commandery to march in the Annual Manassas Christmas parade – one of the largest in Northern Virginia, involving nearly 200 units.

With a temperature of 40° and wind gusting to 30 mph, a dozen Sir Knights formed up, escorted by Sir Knight Selma Corder's 1924 Model T. Sir Knight Diehl reports that sword drills were held periodically along the line of march, "much to the delight of the crowd and, we hope, the TV audience." Apparently the judges approved, for the marching Sir Knights won a Third Place Special Award.

Along with Commander Diehl and P.C. Corder were Edward R. Saunders, Jr., E.G.C.G., P.C. Chalmers R. Custer, and Douglas L. Jordan from Piedmont. Representing Arlington No. 29 were E.C. Donald Moore, A.C. Martin K. Brooks, and John Wigglesworth; from Washington No. 1, D.C.: Walter Kitt, Bill Grass and P.G.C. Marion Warner; and from York No. 16, Camp Springs, Maryland, Phil Tilson.



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## AND THE BANDS PLAYED ON

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by

Sir Knight Thomas Rigas

St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago, Illinois

Music of Masonic content or inspiration has played an important role in American Masonic tradition from colonial times to the present and has always lent special meaning and enrichment to Craft activities, as well as to the minds and motions of the assembled Brethren.

In early America, a collection entitled *Masonick Musick* consisted of hundreds of songs, anthems, dirges, prologues and epilogues which were set to music. A partial list of the more popular composers and publishers of that early era includes:

**Brother John M. Dunham** of Boston, who in 1802 published *The Local Companion and Masonic Register* (a compilation of songs and dirges).

**Brother A. Tucker**, who published (circa 1813) a collection of Masonic inspired tunes entitled *The Masonic Minstrel*.

**Brother Luke Eastman**, who in 1818 published *Masonick Melodies* (a variety of "Masonick songs and musick").

**Brother Thomas Power** of Boston (Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts), who in 1844 compiled numerous songs suitable for Lodge, Chapter, and Encampment entitled *Masonic Melodies* and published by Oliver Ditson, also of Boston.

When band music was ushered into the American tradition, it stood high among the nation's best-loved entertainments and also brought special excitement to Masonic activities.

About the time of the American Revolution, "Drummers and Fifers" provided music for everyday military events, while "Bands of Musick" were

something of a luxury and played for ceremonial occasions, such as parades, reviews, or for the evening's entertainment for the regiment.

When the American Continental Army was disbanded in 1783, it was replaced by state militia groups, many of which had bands associated with them. Being a time of peace these bands flourished, since militias had time to devote to ceremonial functions; they also served civic functions by playing concert engagements, providing music for dances, and marching in town parades. By this time, the idea of all-brass bands had caught on in America.

Bands were at the height of popularity in the early 1860's and many served in the American Civil War. When armies were encamped, brass bands played daily for guard mount ceremonies and dress parades, while in the evenings they played "serenades" for the men and officers. The American Civil War inspired over 10,000 songs. Original melodies usually came from the North; and some of the best were written by George Frederick Root, who is credited with having produced more war songs than any other single person.

In 1859, Root settled in Chicago and joined his brother's firm of Root & Cady, music publishers and merchants. The firm of Root & Cady came with the War of 1859 and went with the great Chicago Fire of 1871, but the founding of their firm was a momentous event in Chicago musical history.

To the Masonic Fraternity, especially, their complete and well-stocked inventory of sheet music was of genuine → → →



interest, as it included many Masonic songs and tunes. A few of the musical renditions of Masonic content or inspiration which were available in their shop at 95 Clark Street opposite Chicago's Court House included:

"Masonic Quick Step" by John Church, Jr. Dedicated to the Masonic Fraternity, as performed by Menter's Band. Copyright 1859 by John Church, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio.

"We Meet on the Level" by Chauncey M. Cady, a partner of the Root & Cady firm. Copyright 1859.

"The Masonic March" by George Stevens. Copyright 1865.

"Fraternity March" by Julius Eichberg. Dedicated to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Gate of the Temple Lodge of F. & A.M. Composed for Mason & Hamlin's cabinet organ. Copyright 1866 by Mason & Hamlin.

*Songs of the Free Masons* by George F. Root. Consisted of three parts: "The Mason's Home," "The Mason's Holiday," "The Mason's Dirge." Copyright 1866.

"Templar March" by A. J. Vaas. Composed and dedicated to Sir Knights of the Apollo Commandery No. 1, K.T. of Chicago, Illinois. As performed by the Great Western Light Guard Band. Copyright filed 1867.

"Masonic Welcome March" by A. Hoffman. Copyright 1868 by Compton & Doan of St. Louis, Missouri.

"Milwaukee Knights Templar Quick Step" by Charles Bach. Composed and dedicated to A. V. H. Carpenter, Esq., Eminent Commander of Wisconsin Commandery No. 1, K.T. Copyright 1868 by Charles Bach.

Root & Cady appeared to have been a profitable and smooth-working partnership that turned out some of the North's most spirited war tunes. The growth of this business after the Civil War commenced was something remarkable. The name of Root & Cady went all over the land on war songs and in their little

musical monthly entitled *The Song Messenger of the Northwest*.

The original house of Root & Cady was forced out of business when it was caught without adequate fire insurance after the great Chicago Fire of October 1871. A few years subsequently, a new firm was organized and afterward incorporated as The Root & Sons' Music Co. Also, the Cincinnati firm of John Church acquired Root & Cady's catalogue, plates, and copyright and established a branch in Chicago called George F. Root and Sons. In that era in Chicago, songs and music of Masonic content or inspiration were available from these new music firms and many others that were to follow.

The period after the Civil War saw a boom in band activity, and band music attracted people of all types as bands were organized everywhere by municipal groups, manufacturing companies, colleges, and fraternal groups, including many Commanderies of Knights Templar.

This was the era before radio, phonograph and television, so bands had little competition in the field of popular musical entertainment. Bands found many opportunities to play concerts and provide music for dances and other social activities, and the outdoor band concert became an American institution. In the years to follow, three Freemasons became important American bandleaders and, as accomplished bandleaders and as showmen adept at pleasing the public, brought band concerts to new heights of popularity in America. These talented Freemasons were Brother Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore (1829-1892), Sir Knight John Philip Sousa (1854-1932), and Brother Arthur Willard Pryor (1870-1942).

### **Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore**

For all practical purposes, the age of the private or professional band began in 1873 when Irish-born Brother Gilmore assumed leadership of the band of the 22nd Regiment New York State Militia,



which became known as the Gilmore Band, and which he quickly transformed into the best in America. Brother Gilmore was already well known at the time as the organizer and director of the mammoth National Peace Jubilee of 1869 celebrating the end of the Civil War (with a band of 1,000 and a chorus of 10,000)



and the supermammoth World Peace Jubilee of 1872 celebrating among other events the end of the Franco-Prussian War (with a band of 2,000 and a chorus of 20,000). He was not only an extremely fine musician but an exceptional businessman and organizer. Under the pseudonym of "Louis Lambert," he wrote "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again." Gilmore was a member of Essex Lodge, Salem, Massachusetts.

In subsequent years, Brother Gilmore established a tradition of performance and repertoire that totally eclipsed all previous efforts, and, through his untiring work, he spread this standard to other American bands. At his death, Brother Gilmore's reputation and influence were at their zenith.

One of the bandleaders who followed Gilmore's career with the keenest interest was Sir Knight John Philip Sousa, who greatly admired Brother Gilmore and whose band he praised on many occasions.

### John Philip Sousa



"I wanted to make a music for the people, a music to be grasped at once."

— In those few simple words, Sir Knight John Philip Sousa spoke not only for himself but for the

band musicians of all times in expressing

the special appeal of band music.

In 1880, Sir Knight Sousa accepted the leadership of the United States Marine Band and made it the best of America's military bands.

In 1892, he entered the private-band field with his own band which played its first concert in September 1892 with the opening number dedicated to the memory of Brother Patrick Gilmore, the senior bandleader who had died two days earlier. (That opening number was a Gilmore composition, arranged by Sousa, entitled, ironically, "The Voice of a Departing Soul.") The torch had been passed from Brother Gilmore to the younger and greater man.

Sir Knight Sousa went on to become one of the most accomplished conductors of his day, promoting his own music all over the world.

Most of Sousa's music manuscripts today are in the Library of Congress, with a large collection also contained in the University of Illinois Library. They reflect the work of a genius and have profound meaning. It is Americana at its very best. As a proud patriot, Sir Knight Sousa told the story of his beloved America in a manner unparalleled in musical history. His band traveled well over a million miles, making four tours of Europe and one tour around the world.

Sir Knight Sousa was truly a symbol of a confident and proud era in American history. The "March King," as he became known, was a composer, conductor, arranger, patriot, military officer, diplomat, sportsman, and above all, salesman of Americanism.

As a composer, he left the world a treasury of stirring melodies and happy memories. Of special interest to the Masonic fraternity are three of the known Sousa compositions inspired by his Masonic associations.

"The Crusader March" was written in 1888. History does not reveal the identity of his "Crusader," although → → →



it is known that Sousa was Knighted in the Order of Knights Templar a few years before the march was written and, of course, that the Knights Templar ritual is symbolic of the Crusades.

Sousa composed "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine March" in 1923. It is interesting to note that in the last years of the Sousa Band, about half of its members were Shriners. This brilliant march was dedicated to Almas Shrine Temple in Washington, D.C., and the Imperial Council A.A.O.N.M.S. which held its session there in June 1923. At that session, Sir Knight Sousa reportedly conducted fifty Shrine bands (some 6,200 Shriners) which assembled as one massive unit in Griffith Stadium and played this and other Sousa music.

"The Thunderer" was written in 1889 and dedicated to Columbia Commandery No. 2, Washington, D.C., where Sousa was Knighted in 1886. It was composed on the occasion of the 24th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in October 1889.

At the turn of the century, Sir Knight Sousa was the most widely known musician in the world. In his day, marches were the vogue, and if there had been a "hit parade," most of Sousa's marches would have led the list for years on end.

When Sousa formed his own band in 1892, one player whom several musicians recommended for the trombone section was Brother Arthur Willard Pryor.

### Arthur Willard Pryor

Pryor began his musical career in 1889 as a performer on the slide trombone. He came to Brother Patrick Gilmore's notice, and in 1890 he was offered a position in the Gilmore Band; however, illness forced Pryor to decline. In 1892, Sir Knight



John Philip Sousa hired him as his trombone soloist, and from 1895 until he left to form his own band in 1903, Brother Pryor was assistant conductor for the Sousa Band. By 1903, Pryor was one of the most popular soloists of the Sousa Band. His reputation had become international and his compositions (mostly marches and cakewalks) were performed by bands everywhere as he was acclaimed the greatest trombone virtuoso in the world. In his eleven years with Sir Knight Sousa's Band, Brother Pryor had risen from obscurity to fame.

Unlike Sousa, who would have little to do with "canned music," Pryor was quick to take advantage of the newly-developing recording industry; he made some 1,000 acoustic records before 1930. He also engaged in a series of commercial radio broadcasts and composed about 300 musical works, including marches, operettas, ragtime, cakewalk tunes, and novelties. Records cut by the Pryor Band far outnumbered those of any other American concert band.

*Later this year, the Knight Templar Magazine will feature Sir Knight Rigas's report of music during the 21st Triennial Conclave, held in Chicago in 1880.*

With special thanks to Sir Knight and Dr. Leonard B. Smith (Detroit Commandery No. 1, Michigan), Conductor of the Detroit Concert Band, and Brother Paul E. Bierley (Whitehall Lodge No. 761, Columbus, Ohio), author of JOHN PHILIP SOUSA, AMERICAN PHENOMENON, for photographs, comments and assistance.

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**Music is the only language  
in which you cannot say  
a mean or sarcastic thing.**

*John Erskine*



## WASHINGTON—BY IRVING

by

Sir Knight H. C. Arbuckle, III  
Corpus Christi Commandery No. 57, Texas

In 1855, just four years before his death, Washington Irving published his multi-volume work entitled *Life of George Washington*.



That landmark biography has been republished in a new single-volume edition by Sleepy Hollow Restorations of Tarrytown, New York.

The cutting and pruning of Irving's tome was done by Mr. Jess Stein, a Random House vice-president with more than forty years of editorial experience. The special introduction to this particular edition was contributed by Mr. Richard B. Morris, Columbia University's Gouverneur Morris Professor Emeritus of History, a splendid historian and writer.

Together Stein and Morris have turned out a beautiful book. Instead of blank paper for endpapers, there are maps: New York and New England, the Highlands, Boston and vicinity, the Atlantic Seaboard, and the South.

In addition to the maps, there are 30 illustrations, from Bunker Hill through most of the principal actors in Washington's lifetime and especially the Revolution. And, of course, there is a picture of Washington Irving, too.

Irving set out to write a biography of George Washington. Ere he finished his task, he had filled five volumes and gone far beyond his original idea. In the "Introduction," Richard B. Morris says that "Irving did not write this biography in the narrow sense in which the term is generally construed. It would be more

correct to entitle his . . . work 'George Washington and the World He Lived In.' " In fact, this is the case. The background on Washington and his world are first taken into consideration, then the life and times of Washington, then the Revolution with events leading up to it, the fighting, and the peace afterwards.

If there be a flaw in this book, it is that "Irving felt a compulsion to tell the whole story and to introduce all the leading actors rather than to keep the focus on the general." To me, this makes the book all the better, for the story of Washington's life is the story of this country, the fight for independence, the setting up of government, and so forth. Indeed, how can one separate Washington from America's early days?

The book is attractively bound in dark blue with gold stamping. A facsimile of Washington's signature is on the front board and Irving's is on the back. The whole is wrapped in a very attractive dust jacket, illustrated with a reproduction of a portrait of Washington on the front. A reproduction of a watercolor entitled *Washington and Irving* (illustrates the back of the dust jacket and there is quite a bit of copy explaining this picture.

Orders for this book may be sent to Sleepy Hollow Restorations, 150 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591. The cost of the volume is \$19.95, plus \$1.25 postage and handling.

Books or publications on Masonic topics may be sent for possible review, if desired, to H. C. Arbuckle, III, P.O. Box 3026, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.



## Nelson B. Banks, 1917-1982

Nelson Bryan Banks, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in that jurisdiction, died Saturday, January 2, 1982, at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack suffered following his attendance as Installing Officer at Conover Lodge No. 709 the preceding Wednesday night.

Grand Master Banks was also serving as Recorder of Sudan Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at the time of his death; he was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Secretary and former president of the Shrine Recorders Association of North America.

Funeral service was conducted Tuesday, January 5, at the Centenary Methodist Church in New Bern. He was interred with Masonic Rites. Sir Knight Banks is survived by his widow Lucille, a son Nelson B. Banks, Jr., brother William, and one grandchild.

### Easter Breakfast — Washington, D.C.

The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will sponsor its Annual Easter Morning Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on April 11, 1982, following the Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Memorial Services at Arlington National Cemetery. Hundreds of Sir Knights, ladies and friends, including Officers of the Grand Encampment and several Grand Commanderies, will attend.

The Breakfast will be held in the Persian Room of the Twin Bridges Marriott Motel, U.S. No. 1; I & I-95, Arlington, Virginia. Tickets at \$6.75 per person may be secured from Ernest C. Barker, P.G.C., The State House, Apt. No. 624, 2122 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. (202-223-4163) Sir Knight Barker urges all to order tickets early.

### Grand Encampment

#### Roll Call of Honored Dead

## IN HALLOWED MEMORY

#### Harry Minor Wilson, Sr.

Virginia

Grand Commander — 1941

Born March 8, 1893

Died November 22, 1981

#### Frank Anthony Pastorino

Wisconsin

Grand Commander — 1975

Born April 11, 1921

Died December 9, 1981

#### George Paine Nevitt

Wisconsin

Grand Commander — 1934

Born June 21, 1894

Died December 18, 1981

#### Nelson Bryan Banks

North Carolina

Grand Commander — 1976

Born April 17, 1917

Died January 2, 1982

#### Calvin H. Kibler

West Virginia

Grand Commander — 1957

Born October 10, 1904

Died January 3, 1982



### “Chrismons” Decorate Medina Home Tree

The Ladies Auxiliary of Medina Commandery No. 84 in Ohio added some Christmas cheer to the Medina County Home when they decorated the Home Tree with ornaments they call “Chrismons.” The word, according to Mrs. Lois Bower, is a combination of two other words — Christ and monogram — and means, simply, a monogram of Christ. “Chrismons” are symbols of this monogram made in white, “symbolizing the Lord’s purity and perfection,” and gold, “symbolizing His majesty and glory.”



## "My Dear Friend and Associate – Major Clark Gable"

Shortly after Sir Knight Norman G. Lincoln's feature "Long Live the King" appeared in the December *Knight Templar Magazine*, Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson received the following letter from Sir Knight Paul J. Posti, Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles:

"Dear Sir:

"Needless to say I was very happy to read about my very dear friend and associate – Major Clark Gable – in the December *Knight Templar*. I am enclosing some data and information as to the real man in time of war and the great contribution he made for his country. Little recognition has been given to him as a soldier in battle and stress, but many of us owe our lives to him. There are many stories we could tell about his military history, but little has been mentioned of who he was and his career in the military. . . . I served with him and we made several missions together. I know from first-hand experience what a real man he was under fire. So do many others of my crew – I was an engineer, gunner, then B-17 Bomber pilot.

"Among my personal articles is the attached letter written to me while I was recuperating at Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, New York:"

*December 1, 1943*

*Dear Paul:*

*It was nice to receive your telegram and to know that you are in this country again. Not a bad feeling, is it?*

*We are hard at work on the picture, but not so busy that we won't be glad to see you when you arrive here on the coast.*

*All the gang join me in hoping that you are feeling better again and will be on hand to shake the hand of a good fighting man.*

*Best wishes always,*

*(signed)*

*Clark Gable*

*Capt. AC*

(Before enlisting in the Air Force, Sir Knight Posti was a chef at the Brown Derby restaurant; after his discharge, he opened his own restaurant in Hollywood. Other newsclippings contain some additional information: Sir Knight Posti was flying his 21st mission over Germany – working for the CIA in the Schweinfurt Raid, October 14, 1943 – when he was shot down. He was blinded in one eye, captured, then escaped. For two months he was "shuttled through the Underground, impersonating a German officer," making his way toward England. Among his other "claims to fame," Sir Knight Posti may be remembered as a daredevil pilot who flew a B-17 under the Golden Gate Bridge.)

### Supreme Council, M.O.V.P.E.R.

The Reverend William Stemper, Executive Secretary, Supreme Council, Grottoes of North America, M.O.V.P.E.R., sends an update on the annual meeting of that Masonic organization: Grand Monarch Donald R. LaBarre will preside at 1982 sessions in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 23-26. Sir Knight Stemper also notes that the main office of the Grottoes is now located at 34 North Fourth Street, Masonic Temple, Columbus, Ohio 43215.



## Miami York Rite One-Day Festival



Seventy-three candidates received all the degrees and Orders of the York Rite on November 7, 1981, at the Miami York Rite Temple. Present for the occasion were Thomas E. McGowan, Grand High Priest of Florida Royal Arch Masons; William F. Perry, Illustrious Grand Master of Grand Council; and James D. Banketas, Grand Commander, Knights Templar — all of whom participated in the work.

Past Grand Commander Charles H. Green commented that “weeks of planning and practice by the officers, members and ritual teams resulted in the most beautiful exemplification by the best ritualists that could be assembled. Coordination and complete cooperation were greatly manifest.” Beginning at 7:00 a.m., the work was presented in full form and completed at 10:00 p.m.

A “Grand Finale” to this occasion was the conferring of the Super Excellent Master Degree on December 5, followed by a banquet in honor of the class.

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### Order of True Kindred

Recent communiques from two Illinois Sir Knights included information on the Supreme Annual Session of the Supreme Conclave, Order of True Kindred, scheduled for April 22-24, 1982, in Kansas City, Missouri. Sir Knight Erwin S. Kowalski, Addison, Supreme Advisor, Supreme Conclave, serves the current term with Eleanor Brandt, Worthy Supreme Commander; and Sir Knight John O. Prazzo, Lombard, is Grand Advisor for Illinois, along with Audrey Aguilar, Worthy Grand Commander in the state.

Sir Knights Kowalski and Prazzo are both members of DuPage Commandery No. 88 in Illinois, and both express their pride in representing the Order of True Kindred — a Masonic-affiliated body, now 75 years old, which covers the U.S.A. and Canada.

### Clifton Forge Lodge Anniversary

Celebrating its 100th Anniversary, Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166, A.F. & A.M., Virginia, has prepared two commemorative items for sale to collectors. A



nickel-silver oxidized coin (above), in dust-proof case, is offered for \$3.50 each, and a booklet entitled “The First 100 Years” (a history of the Lodge and Masonry in the Alleghany Highlands of Western Virginia) is available for \$1.50 each. Items may be ordered by writing Sir Knight James C. Bay, III, P.O. Box 637, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422.



## Voluntary Campaign — 6th Week Totals

A report for the week ending January 8, 1982, shows 53 Grand and Subordinate Commanderies have achieved a contribution total of \$153,107.00 thus far in the 14th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Alabama	\$ 378.00
Arizona	639.00
Arkansas	873.94
California	4,465.04
Colorado	967.17
Connecticut	1,343.36
District of Columbia	1,327.00
Florida	4,499.00
Georgia	6,502.00
Idaho	429.50
Illinois	1,217.00
Indiana	1,625.00
Iowa	5,055.57
Kansas	479.00
Kentucky	1,823.50
Louisiana	1,846.00
Maine	40.00
Maryland	2,060.15
Massachusetts-Rhode Island	2,203.00
Michigan	14,195.00
Minnesota	3,338.00
Mississippi	422.58
Missouri	2,025.00
Montana	6,501.00
Nebraska	764.00
Nevada	2,616.00
New Hampshire	406.00
New Jersey	566.00
New Mexico	40.00
New York	3,319.10
North Carolina	1,132.40
North Dakota	410.00
Ohio	14,483.35
Oklahoma	1,510.00
Oregon	1,298.00
Pennsylvania	5,341.27
South Carolina	1,769.00
South Dakota	1,271.07
Tennessee	2,747.00
Texas	43,588.00
Utah	353.00
Vermont	45.00
Virginia	2,580.00
Washington	1,165.00
West Virginia	933.00
Wisconsin	745.00
Wyoming	370.00
St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, DE	10.00

## Chapel of Four Chaplains Award



Sir Knight Herbert J. Dawson, Eminent Commander of Jerusalem Commandery No. 15, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, posed with Mrs. Richard Thornburg, wife of the Governor of Pennsylvania, during award ceremonies at the Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philadelphia recently. The First Lady of Pennsylvania received the Bronze Humanitarian Medal, the highest award presented by the Chapel, and Sir Knight Dawson was honored with the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Membership Award. The awards are presented to recognize "voluntary service in the spirit of the Four Chaplains."

The Chapel of Four Chaplains is a memorial to the four men of God who lost their lives when the S. S. Dorchester was torpedoed and sank off Greenland during WW II. Located "in the heart of Temple University" in Philadelphia, it is an inter-faith shrine with three altars — Catholic, Jewish and Protestant.



Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii	5.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska	100.00
Bavaria No. 3, Munich, Germany	60.00
Hermann von Salza No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany	30.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Heidelberg, Germany	80.00
Miscellaneous	1,115.00



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## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Sir Knights, December 1, 1981, marked the kickoff of the Fourteenth Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The Campaign will run through April 30, 1982. It is hoped and expected that each Commandery will hold at least one fund-raising event during this period of time with the total proceeds after expenses going to this most worthy cause. No matter how much or how little you give, it all adds up to a sizable amount. Please don't forget that a \$30.00 contribution entitles you to a "Life Sponsor" designation. A contribution of \$50.00 entitles you to an "Associate Patron" designation, and a contribution of \$100.00 entitles you to a designation of "Patron." A Life Sponsor designation is for Knights Templar only. However, the Associate Patron and Patron designations are available to any person or business. Also, please be advised that any one of the three designations exempts the Sir Knight from making the yearly assessment of \$1.00 which is payable with his annual dues.

Sir Knights, with the costs continually rising, the annual campaign is absolutely essential for the progress of the Eye Foundation. It has been the opportunity of your State Chairman in the past year to be able to help three different people in recovering their sight through surgery — PAID FOR BY THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC. The first was a five-year old girl, who could not control the muscles of her eyes; the second was an eleven-month old baby boy who was cross-eyed; and the third was on a sixty-two year old lady who had lost 100% of the sight in her right eye and 80% in her left eye because of cataracts — however, she now has total sight restored with Lens Implants in her eyes. These cases are just a small part of what the Eye Foundation can do with your contributions. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND ESSENTIAL. PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. God Bless you in the coming year.

Carl T. Sjolander, P.C.  
Chairman, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee

### Six-Man Drill Team Competition

The Drill Promotion Committee, in an effort to further promote competitive drills, has established the following rules:

1. Teams will drill in two classes which will be determined by the membership of each Commandery as of March 1981.
2. Two winning teams in each class will meet at the State Conclave to determine the champion of each class.
3. Each Commandery may enter one team.

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1982**  
10:00 a.m.  
**HOLY GRAIL COMMANDERY NO. 58**

Members of the Drill Promotion Committee will not compete in the drills. The Committee is eager to provide assistance to any Commandery that requests assistance. Further, the Committee feels that by promoting the Six-Man Drill team competition, YOUR Commandery will benefit by increased membership participation and social activities.

Let your Captain General know of your interest, and he may in turn contact: James W. Overton, P.C., 1612 Lenore Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48910 — Chairman of the Drill Promotion Committee.

### **Sixth Holy Land Pilgrimage**

The Grand Commander, Sir Knight Gilbert A. Rice, wishes to announce that the Holy Land Pilgrimage has made its selection of Pilgrim-Ministers for the Sixth Holy Land Pilgrimage, and the choices have been approved by the Grand Council of the Grand Commandery of Michigan. They are as follows:

1. The Reverend Mr. Richard D. Robinson of the Woodview Christian Church of Grand Rapids. Nominated by DeMolai Commandery No. 5.
2. The Reverend Mr. Douglas R. Trebilcock of the First United Methodist Church of St. Clair in St. Clair. Nominated by Port Huron Commandery No. 7.
3. The Reverend Mr. Dennis F. Barger of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham in Birmingham. Nominated by Detroit Commandery No. 1.
4. The Reverend Mr. William J. Fuerstenau of the First Presbyterian Church of Niles in Niles. Nominated by Niles Commandery No. 12.
5. The Reverend Mr. Geoffrey L. Hayes of the Asbury United Methodist Church of Lansing. Nominated by Lansing Commandery No. 25.

A sixth minister will be sent if enough additional funds are received in time. If you or your Commandery plan to contribute to this most worthwhile program, please do so as soon as possible.

The ministers will leave Detroit Metro Airport on February 23 at 3:00 p.m. on American Airlines Flight No. 236. They will be joined in New York by two ministers from New York, four from Indiana, two from Kentucky and one from Wisconsin. The Michigan delegation will return to Detroit Metro Airport on March 5 at 12:12 p.m. on American Airlines Flight No. 455.

The ministers will be gone ten days, touring the Holy Land and visiting such places as the Mt. of Olives, the Hill of the Ascension, the Pool of Bethesda, the Mt. of Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee, and follow Jesus' footsteps along the Via Dolorosa.

This has all been made possible because you Sir Knights have donated the money to send these Christian Ministers on a journey to the land of our Savior, Jesus the Christ, that they may become enriched by this experience.





## KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Wanted to buy: Knight Templar Commander's chapeau, size 7 1/8; Uniform coat, size 48, 35" sleeve length. *R. L. Highland, 4533 - 45th Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406 (1-612-722-7055)*

□ Mrs. Blanche Jones, widow of Bertram Jones who was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, now lives in a nursing home in Florida. She owns Lot 322-B, Sec. 11, Spaces 1-2-3-4, in the Masonic Garden of Chapel Hill Gardens, Inc., at Butterfield Road & Roosevelt Road, DuPage County, Illinois. She would like to sell the lot for approximately \$500 but will consider any reasonable offer. As a member of the York Rite Masonic Bodies and Egypt Temple Shrine, I am trying to help her and would appreciate anyone interested writing me. *Harry L. Eck, 1691 Harbor Circle E., Largo, Florida 33540*

□ For Sale: Two (2) dress swords with scabbards - \$100.00 each (will need name re-engraving). *K.W. Showers, 409 North Eastwood, Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056*

□ Would anyone who is or knows someone who is a descendant of Absolim H. Black (who lived in Jackson Co., Georgia, in the 1800's), or Hiram Rowland (who lived in Green Co., Georgia, in the early 1800's), please write. These are both my ancestors and I would like to get in touch with others that are related to them. *Mrs. Marvin N. Hogan, Route 4, Box 712A, Gainesville, Georgia 30501*

□ Eastern Oregon Commandery No. 6 is in need of some large size Templar uniform coats. We would like to obtain two size 46 and two or three size 44. We have a good supply of smaller sizes 37, 38, 39, and 40 and would like to trade if possible. If not, would like to buy if available. *Charles E. Wilson, Recorder, 1715 Washington, La Grande, Oregon 97859*

□ Through inheritance I have acquired a Templar sword bearing a former owner's name. The sword must be at least 50 years old; the gilding on the scabbard is worn, and there is no chain for the scabbard. The sword hilt shows wear: the black haft is marked by a ringed hand and the red pigment is partly gone from the cross and crown on the shield. I would like to sell this sword, but not to just anyone or at a "flea market." If any Sir Knight is interested, please write. *Norma L. Griffiths, 213 Demar Blvd., Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317*

□ I have duplicates of the following commemorative Masonic coins which I would like to trade. If interested, send me a postal card. I will mail you your choice, if I still have it. You can send me a coin by return mail.

Woodland Hills Lodge No. 811, 1776-1976; Rockdale Lodge No. 414, Texas, 1875-1975; Stanley Lodge No. 348, Alabama, 1875-1975; Hilton Lodge No. 1143, East Peoria, Illinois, 1926-1976; Iowa City Lodge No. 4, 1842-1967. *John W. Kingdon, 8614 North Union Road, St. Louis, Michigan 48880*



□ I have a Knight Templar gold watch fob with nine small diamonds and eleven small rubies, and on the reverse side is the Chapter Keystone. This has been appraised by two reliable jewelers at \$200, and I would like to sell for \$125 or any reasonable offer. *Ralph H. Rowley, 103 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, New York 12801*

□ Seeking information on George W. Muir, one-time Commander of Mounted Knights in Chicago area, with stationery business in Evanston, IL, in 1880's. His wife, Alice Wade, was the sister of my mother's father — Charles Henry Wade (b. Buffalo 1852, d. Winnetka c. 1917; a Mason in Massachusetts until 1900.) Alice was born about 1857 and married about 1875.

Also seeking information *after 1853* on the family of Rev. Chas. Taylor Wade, wife Isabella and/or daughter named Isabella, who lived in St. Louis in 1850 and on a farm called "Sunnyside" in Kickapoo, IL, 1851/53. Also, their oldest daughter, Frances Charlotte Alicia Henrietta (b. May 29, 1831, Co. Meath, Ireland; m. Chas. Mayo, son of Rev. Charles Mayo, September 3, 1853, near Peoria.) The Reverend preached many years in IL and a Dr. Charles Mayo was serving in Washington in 1863. Frances died in IL, c. 1868. Could these Mayos have any connection with Mayo Clinic? All postage and copying costs gladly refunded. *A. H. Waite (formerly Admiral Byrd's Radio Engineer), 3248 Valencia Road, South Venice, Florida 33595*

□ Yoakum Commandery No. 66 in Texas has for sale two new chapeaux made by Sir Knight Merlin R. Grundy, of Prairie Village, Kansas: one chapeau for a Sir Knight, size 7 3/8 — price \$50.00; one Past Commander chapeau, size 7 3/8 — price \$56.00. *James B. Taylor, Recorder, Yoakum Commandery No. 66, Box 670, Yoakum, Texas 77995. 512-293-3689*

□ I am interested in buying a Commander's Knight Templar chapeau size 7 5/8 in good condition and a Commander's sword and scabbard. *Ivor Jones, 7030 Ervin Road, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133*

□ I have for sale a gold Masonic watch and York Rite fob with gold chain and gold colored silver dollar. The watch has a hunter's case and is circa 1890-1910. It is in good working condition. The fob has 10 rubies in the cross with raised crown and cross surrounded by the black onyx circle all upon crossed swords. On reverse side is the Chapter Keystone. They are all of great beauty and antique value. A jeweler estimated the gold content of all pieces to be about 28 grams. Will sell for \$800. *B.D. Kaiser, 16066 Cook Lake Trail, Plymouth, Indiana 46563 (219-936-2460)*

□ I am interested in buying a Knight Templar chapeau size 7 1/4 and a sword and belt in fair condition at a price that a poor Knight Templar like myself can afford to pay on a retired income. If anyone out there has one or both sword and belt or chapeau, please write. *F. F. Thompson, 112 North Cherry Lane, Granbury, Texas 76048*

□ Cyrene Commandery No. 7, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, recently completed the sending of certificates of Knighthood to all its members, many of whom are scattered across the United States. The certificate of W. Pierce Runkle, who was Knighted in April 1975, was mailed to his last known address in Chula Vista, California, but it was returned.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of this Sir Knight, we would appreciate hearing from them; his Chapter and Council will be notified also. *Harry F. Suter, Trustee, Cyrene Commandery No. 7, 49 West Main Street, Penns Grove, New Jersey 08069*



“NO ONE CAN REJOICE MORE THAN I DO AT EVERY STEP THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY TAKE TO PRESERVE THE UNION, ESTABLISH GOOD ORDER AND GOVERNMENT, AND TO RENDER THE NATION HAPPY AT HOME AND RESPECTABLE ABROAD. NO COUNTRY UPON EARTH EVER HAD IT MORE IN ITS POWER TO ATTAIN THOSE BLESSINGS THAN UNITED AMERICA. WONDROUSLY STRANGE, THEN, AND MUCH TO BE REGRETTED INDEED WOULD IT BE, WERE WE TO NEGLECT THE MEANS, AND TO DEPART FROM THE ROAD WHICH PROVIDENCE HAS POINTED TO US, SO PLAINLY; I CANNOT BELIEVE IT WILL EVER COME TO PASS. THE GREAT GOVERNOR OF THE UNIVERSE HAS LED US TOO LONG AND TOO FAR ON THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS AND GLORY, TO FORSAKE US IN THE MIDST OF IT.”

BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON  
(IN A LETTER TO BROTHER BENJAMIN LINCOLN)

