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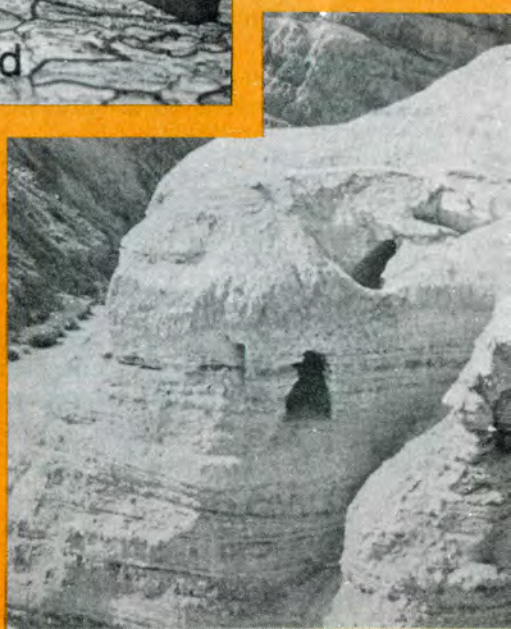
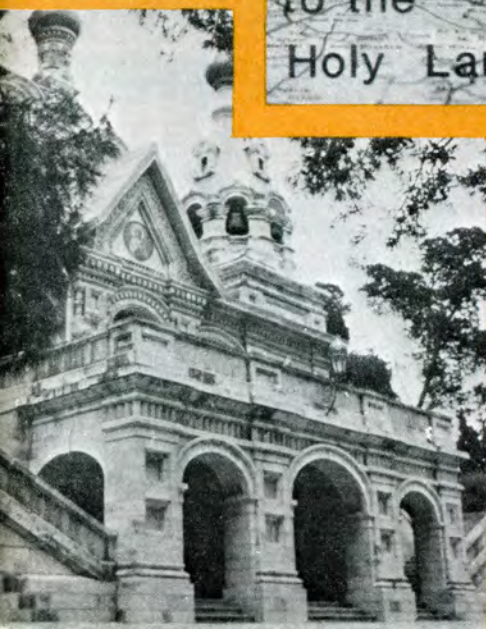
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Pilgrimage
to the
Holy Land



THE MIGHT AND MAJESTY OF EASTER

You have heard it before — many times; you have had it described to you — many times — by those who have made the pilgrimage, but the inspirational depth and joyful significance are too difficult to explain or understand until you are there, in person, to worship the Risen Lord at the Easter Sunrise Service in the Arlington Amphitheatre at Washington.



It is wholly understandable that you have your own church commitments, and especially at Easter; but if you do have the opportunity this year or any future year, there is nothing to quite match the experience of participating or witnessing the procession of Knights Templar marching to the music of the United States Marine Band — taking their places in the center of the Amphitheatre where they join in the celebration of Easter with thousands of worshippers from the Washington area and other sections of our nation.

If you cannot join your fellow Templars and Christian friends at Eastertime, you might wish to arrange for an Easter Sunrise Service slide-and-script program in your Commandery — available at no charge — which gives you some of the feeling experienced at Easter in Washington. It is offered, as are other slide programs and films, from the office of the Grand Encampment in Chicago as scheduling permits.

These audio-visual materials now include a new presentation which complements the Holy Week theme, a narrated tape and visual feature expertly prepared by The Reverend David Strang, a Lutheran minister in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on the subject of the Holy Land Pilgrimage. A growing number of Grand Commanderies presently underwrite annual pilgrimages to make it possible for our clergy to experience a ten-day tour to Jerusalem — to the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Bethany and other biblical settings. They return with renewed inspiration and appreciation for the land in which their faith was born.

I borrow, in part, from an appropriate Lenten meditation as we prepare for the Easter ingathering of Templars and friends:

*If I walked not with sorrow and lived without loss
Would my soul seek sweet solace at the foot of the cross?
If all I desired was mine day by day
Would I kneel before God and earnestly pray?
If God sent no Winter to freeze me with fear
Would I yearn for the warmth of Spring every year?*

Next spring, or the next or the next, let it be your enriching experience to participate in the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington. The service of worship will instill in you a renewed appreciation for our heritage of Christianity.

*Kenneth C. Johnson
Grand Master*

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

APRIL: A montage of biblical views is featured on our Easter cover, reflecting the growing number of Grand Commanderies who annually underwrite Pilgrimages to the Holy Land for our clergy to give them the enriching experience of visiting the scenes and settings of Christianity. April's features, among others, also bring you the Easter message of The Reverend Dr. George F. Ivey, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, prepared for presentation at the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service.

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EDITOR'S JOURNAL

World's Fair: Howard J. Watson, Greenwood Commandery No. 5, South Carolina, and Mrs. Watson make a unique offer to open their home to "World's Fair visitors May 1 – October 31, 1982." Their letter says: "We have two rooms, private bath, for one to four, and would love for our Knights Templar brothers to stay with us." Mr. and Mrs. Watson are located at Route 1, Box 600, Sieversville, Tennessee 37862. They live between Knoxville and Gatlinburg in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, and they apparently indicate that details can be secured by writing or by telephoning 615-428-0897.

Not Again?: There are claims (justified, we admit) that we are trying to keep the name of M. C. Lewis, Jr., in the news because he is Chairman of the 55th Triennial Conclave Committee at Hot Springs. True or alleged, we must confess to a "Grand" omission in our March magazine. His list of presiding offices should have shown "Past *Grand Patron*" of the O.E.S. in Arkansas, not "Past Patron." A number of letters has drawn our attention to the missing word on page 12, March *Knight Templar Magazine*.

50th Anniversary: The George Washington Masonic National Memorial will commemorate its 50th Anniversary at a ceremony on May 12, 1982, when a bust of George Washington will be dedicated in a monument setting on the Memorial grounds. Donated by the Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester, New York, the cost of installing the bust is being underwritten by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, writes Stanley F. Maxwell, Memorial Association President.

Communication: David Aiken, P.G.C., New York, writes, "Since the inception of the Holy Land Pilgrimage project we are getting a better communication with church organizations – and candidates result from that. I asked two Commanders who sponsored a Pilgrim-Minister this year to arrange a meeting between the Church people and a representation from the Commandery. At that meeting, one man got up and said he now knew what Masonry was about and petitioned the Lodge in Saratoga Springs. Only one, I admit, but it will spread, I'm sure."

Seventeen pilgrim-ministers from five Grand Commanderies journeyed to Jerusalem on the 6th Annual Holy Land Pilgrimage, February 23 – March 5.

Rates: Although each Templar receives the twelve issues of the *Knight Templar Magazine* by virtue of his Commandery membership, increasing costs – especially the constant increase in postage – have made it necessary to charge \$2.50 per year for non-members of the Templar Order. Foreign air mailings, depending upon the destination, are based on actual cost. This arrangement does not affect the widows of Templars. If desired and officially requested through Constituent Recorders, magazines, as in the past, are sent to widows of Knights Templar with the compliments of the Grand Encampment. In all instances, the present charge for *non-members* of the Grand Encampment will be honored for the duration of their subscriptions. After that term has expired, the cost will be \$2.50 a year.

Life's Dark Moment: Your twin sister forgets your birthday.

THE LORD HAS REALLY RISEN!

The 52nd Annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery will commence at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, April 11, 1982. The Easter message for this service will be presented by The Reverend Dr. George F. Ivey, Grand Prelate, a Minister of the United Methodist Church since 1938, currently serving the First United Methodist Church of Ft. Smith, Arkansas.



He is risen! He is risen!

The echo of these words has become the awakening rally to a world found in the maze of its fears. This joyous message has rung out with clarity each year to all who would listen. It never loses its power or its freshness. It tells the unique claim the followers of Jesus Christ of Nazareth make about their Lord. He is Saviour, Son of God and is Messiah, who after being rejected and crucified in shame on a cross outside the walls of Jerusalem rose in triumph over death and the grave. On that first Easter morning He appeared to His followers alive and was recognized by them and many other witnesses to His death and burial.

No other major religious sect has made such a bold claim of resurrection for their founder and still knows Him as living Lord. He had promised an eternal life. His followers believed, and still do, that acceptance of Him was also the acceptance of the gift of eternal life. Others claim immortality of the soul and that after death the soul is released from the body to be re-absorbed by the Divine. These believers, called "Christians," claim that we, too, like Christ, will be resurrected and that what is uniquely you and me will go up beyond this life to retain our identity. That recognition begins in this life and is bestowed upon us at the moment we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. We are even now living in eternal life. The experience we know as

death is only a transition from one stage of this eternal life given by our Lord to another stage. One of the early disciples, Paul, says, "If you then be raised with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God . . . for you have died and your life is hid with Christ in God."

These words are a thrilling comment made on that first Easter. Yet, on that day the followers of Jesus Christ were a sad and frightened band of people. There was little or no evidence to them of this being the first day of acclaiming such victory as it came to be when they actually saw Him alive. They had scattered and gone underground in mortal fear for their lives. Some women came out of hiding to bring spices early in the morning to anoint a dead Body with appropriate respect, a Body which had been so rudely buried without proper preparation.

The primary concern for those who came seeking that day was, "Who will roll the stone away from His grave!" The combined strength of all those coming to the tomb was not adequate for the task. Every phase of their lives seemed to meet with hopelessness.

The tomb was empty! The vestige of hope they had to minister to their Lord's Body was dashed. All they could see was the unrolled linen neatly folded in two places. When death had conquered and even the grave where He was laid was empty, the only hope they

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had was turned into despair. The spices they had held in their hands now had no more meaning.

These women were only the first to feel the despair that comes when all seems lost and emptiness is all that remains. "He is gone." Their Lord had been taken away, and they did not know where He had been laid. Sharing this further bad news with others in hiding was hardly a note of triumph. Peter and John came running to see for themselves that all was lost. One lingered whose name was Mary. Our thanks to God for one person who is patient enough to hear the rest of the heavenly news.

The risen Lord spoke to Mary and even called her by name. The whole new chapter for the remainder of time now began to unfold. Tragedy had been turned into joy. Despair had found the opposite of itself. Movement began to take place. Mary had heard and had run to tell others who were not hopeful enough to venture out at all. While they were all together they pondered and discussed this great happening, and the Lord suddenly and calmly appeared and stood among them alive. They knew Him from experience and now with a face-to-face reality.

This spectacular event became a chain reaction of people telling others. Those fearful and timid because of fear now burst forth to share the news with people who had seen Him alive before and had so recently seen Him cruelly murdered. They seem to have accepted the fact that it was only a tragic end of One who was not like anyone they had ever known.

The gospel writers seem to lose proper sequence at times even when writing the account of the first Easter years later. It is understandable to us almost twenty centuries later because with all the telling and all the sharing of the good news our minds still "scarce take it in."

If Christ be not risen and is not alive there lies about us this day mute evidence that death has won. Ah, but the day, the

Grand Encampment
Roll Call of Honored Dead
IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Carl Frederick Harpke
Wisconsin
Grand Commander — 1960
Born February 23, 1897
Died February 24, 1982

Thomas Mabra Coleman
Tennessee
Grand Commander — 1966
Born June 8, 1907
Died March 9, 1982

story and message of Easter make us declare in the midst of these tombs that there is life beyond — as these graves about us have names of people who gave even to death the clarion call which resounds to all the world. They have not become wasted lives represented only by markers. All of us who witness the Easter of today would rise up as one voice to say to all the world, "Death is not the end!"

Today, as long ago, the clouds of doubt and dismal longings do appear occasionally before us, but this is not the end of the story. The last sound heard by many of the soldiers who lie about us, identified only by symbols and name markers, was the raging of death in the midst of war. Today, most of us have had many years of peace. Not all is peace, but by the death of others life moves upward and onward and it will be better.

HE IS RISEN! Now the news reminds us of life. May there never be enough doubt in our midst to make us too impatient to wait to hear His voice when He calls us by name and we discover the new chapter meant to be written. Amen.

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GENERAL GRAND MASTER JAMES MADISON ALLEN

by

James R. Case, K.T.C.H.
Grand Historiographer of Connecticut

When Village Lodge No. 456 was constituted at Skaneateles, New York, on October 12, 1826, the "elegant and very appropriate" sermon was from a text which read in part, "Be ye not guilty of other men's sins - keep yourselves pure!"



Acting on behalf of the Grand Lodge as installing officer was James M. Allen, "Esquire," who earlier appears on the record as a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 245 in nearby Amber, later Otisco. He served for several years as Master, Warden or Secretary of those neighboring Lodges but is listed only once at Grand Lodge, which he attended in 1827 as a proxy from the Lodge at Marcellus.

Allen found the widest field for his Masonic activity under the Royal Arch and in the ranks of Knights Templar, and at the end did not "keep himself pure." After nine years as titular General Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment, he did not appear to preside at the Triennial, was alleged to have withheld "funds which came into his hands in the discharge of the duties of his office," and was to be disciplined for the default unless he made reparation. His conduct had led to his expulsion from "all the rights, benefits and privileges of the Masonic institution" by the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of New York.

Diligent research by Masonic students has failed to reveal strict regularity in his admission into the Fraternity and rise to

high office in Masonic bodies on the national level, nor any foundation for the use of professional titles as doctor or lawyer. While resident at Skaneateles, he was prominent in community affairs, holding local office and contributing to support of church and school. Directories list him at various times and places as tavern keeper, postmaster and merchant. His assumed practice as physician and attorney seems to have been without any formal educational background or official recognition.

Allen was born at New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1791. Where he may have sojourned before he shows up in central New York state has not been ascertained. His residence is variously listed as Cayuga, Syracuse and Clintonville, aside from the places previously mentioned, all within a small geographical area.

In Royal Arch Masonry he was a delegate from the Chapter at Otisco to Grand Chapter in 1824-27. In 1828 he became the first High Priest of a Chapter at Skaneateles, and served as Grand High Priest of New York 1832-34. He attended Grand Chapter with regularity until the climax of his career in 1844, when he was first denied admission, then was brought in and tried, and being found guilty, was expelled for "gross immoral and unmasonic conduct."

Giles Fonda Yates had revived the Lodge of Perfection at Albany during the 1820's and the Ancient and Accepted Rite began to spread. When a Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem was organized at Albany, Allen was among the officers, eventually becoming Most

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Equitable Grand Sublime Prince. A Lodge of Perfection was organized at Amber with Allen and Killian van Rensselaer as members. In spite of the anti-Masonic movement, then prevalent throughout central New York state, the Rite of Perfection was taken by communication into a number of relatively small upstate communities.

The General Grand Chapter and General Grand Encampment had begun to hold joint sessions in 1829, and it was in those bodies that Allen rose to prominence, until he stumbled and fell from grace. At the 1832 sessions in Baltimore, Allen attended as Grand High Priest of New York. Among the thirteen (!) Sir Knights in Grand Conclave, Allen is listed as proxy for the General Grand Generalissimo, and was elected Deputy General Grand Master — the prospective bearer of that office (who was a New York Templar) having died between meetings. How Allen obtained or was entitled to hold such a proxy is not clear — but there he was. It has never been found that he ever served as Eminent Commander, and he was never Grand Commander in New York State. It is not even known where and when Allen was Knighted, but there was a nebulous "Allen" Encampment in New York City at one time.

The national bodies were in disarray in 1835 when, at the Triennials held in Washington, D.C., Allen was advanced to the office of Grand Master *in absentia*. There were sixteen Templars present from four Grand Commanderies, as the effect of the anti-Masonic frenzy was being felt. Not until three years later, on June 8, 1838, was Allen installed, and then in the Grand Commandery of New York. He presided at the Triennial held in Boston the following September, when "of Syracuse," was allowed \$50 expense money, and was re-elected. In the General Grand Chapter he sat as proxy for the Deputy General Grand High Priest.

The 1841 Triennials were held in New

York City, where Allen presided over an assembly of eighteen Sir Knights, and was re-elected. Then a resident of Cayuga, he stated he had given no dispensations, although his full report is not in print. He was again allowed \$50 expense money.

In January 1842, Allen, Yates and van Rensselaer were in company on a trip to Boston and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. At Portsmouth there was a public installation of the officers of the Lodge of Perfection. During that visit van Rensselaer was "healed" in DeWitt Clinton Commandery of Knights Templar. Allen is said to have been "frequently in Boston, always participating in the work" of the bodies of the Rite of Perfection. This time, while the trio was at Boston, the Red Cross Order was conferred on Yates, and he was dubbed a Knight Templar by dispensation. The foregoing were rather unusual proceedings, even when the casual and informal methods of degree conferral at the time are considered.

The joint triennials met in New Haven in 1844 with twenty Sir Knights including the officers, comprising representation from six states. Grand Master Allen sent a written report, and his apology for non-attendance. His misconduct had now been revealed, and it was specifically charged that he had withheld certain money. It was voted that he "merited" the censure of the General Grand Encampment, and was to be ordered to pay up before the next Triennial, or be expelled.

At Boston in 1847 the Grand Recorder reported that he had made several attempts to collect the money due, but without success. It had become known that Allen had been expelled by the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of New York, and no further mention is made in the General Grand Encampment proceedings of the missing money or the missing man.

From a letter originating with a member of the Lodge of Perfection in Boston there is a statement that "Dr. Allen had

Campaign Conclusion

The remaining days of April provide the final opportunity for fund-raising activities to be reported for the 14th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The late Charles S. McIntyre, Jr., Past Grand Commander of Michigan, led the Campaigns for many years. President of the Foundation, Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson, says: "Sir Knight McIntyre was a purposeful and devoted Templar dedicated to the principle of helping others in a variety of ways. He gave much of himself in service to Christianity and to mankind. The results of this year's Voluntary Campaign will help serve as a testimonial to his efforts."



been called to the west and did not return." Another account said that he "went south with the money." According to rumor he died at New Orleans about 1860.

Such a farcical performance on the part of a Grand Master of Knights Templar, over the extent of nine years, is hard to believe in the light of present day procedure, but it was not disastrous. Allen may have gone West or South, but the Orders of Masonic Knighthood spread southward to the Gulf of Mexico and crossed the Mississippi before the war between the states broke out. One defector could not halt the onward march. There arose many problems of organization; and stabilization had to be effected. Leadership shifted from the effete Northeast, and the command and administration were taken over by fratres from the newer states — capable, forceful, and honest.

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Masons Exhibit at World's Fair

Knoxville, Tennessee, "Gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains," will host the 1982 World's Fair (a.k.a. the "International Energy Exposition") from May 1 to October 31, 1982, and Tennessee Masons will participate with a special exhibit devoted to Masonic education and public relations on display at the Knoxville Scottish Rite Temple.

Sir Knight J. Castro Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee and Chairman of the World's Fair Committee and Masonic Education Committee of the Grand Lodge, reports that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, F. & A.M., will be the sponsoring agent, with joint sponsorship being shared by the Grand York Rite Bodies, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. Affiliated Masonic bodies, youth and women's organizations, will also be provided space to display and distribute materials.



The exhibit will include a First Day Cover Masonic Stamp Collection owned by the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies (checked above by Dr. J. Castro Smith, left, and Sir Knight Fred W. McPeake) and a Masonic Tree Display showing all of the Masonic bodies and their relation to the Blue Lodge. Masonic events at the Scottish Rite Temple during the six-month Fair will include special degree work and presentation of an educational film.

Masonic visitors to the Fair are invited to view the display at the Temple at 612 16th Street, located just four blocks from the Fair area.

Pennsylvania Honors Past Grand Master

On April 24 and May 1, the Central and Eastern Sections of Pennsylvania will salute Roy Wilford Riegle, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, at a special conferral of Orders dedicated in his honor. The Orders of Red Cross and Malta will be conferred at Elizabethtown Masonic Homes in the Lodge Room on April 24, 1982, beginning with a full-form opening at 10:30 a.m. The Orders are under the direction of Jacob Miller, Division No. 3 Commander, and Clarence Meyers, Division No. 15 Commander. James Humer, E.C. of St. John No. 8, is General Chairman.

The "Roy Wilford Riegle Class" will conclude at Williamsport on May 1. This is the area of Pennsylvania where Sir Knight Riegle spent his boyhood. The Order of the Temple will be conferred by Sir Knight Riegle, and the highlight will be the knighting of two of his "old" Snyder County friends, Comp. Brian W. Kauffman and Comp. C. Edward Gift, whose petitioning made the class possible. A. James Bryden, E.C. of Baldwin II No. 22, and Blain Fahringer, E.C. of Hermon No. 85, will serve as co-chairmen.

Burnell Stambaugh, R.E.G.C., and the Grand Commandery Officers of Pennsylvania will be on hand to honor this class. Sir Knights wishing to attend, participate or bring candidates to this affair should contact their local Commandery or write Charles S. Canning, Grand Generalissimo, 221 North 30th Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104.

Nebraska Society for Masonic Research

Sir Knight Thomas F. Simpson, Jr., Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha, announces the formation of The Nebraska Society for Masonic Research as an unincorporated association, "soon to be incorporating under the Nebraska Non-Profit Corporation Act."

Membership may be obtained by writing to Sir Knight Simpson, Executive-Secretary-General Manager, at 3701 East "O" Street, No. B-2W, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510. Annual dues are \$8.00

Ohio Shrine Walleye Derby

Brother Clodus R. Smith of Cleveland's Al Koran Shrine announces Ohio Shriners will gather for the first annual Ohio Shrine Walleye Derby, June 28-30. The Derby, sponsored by Al Koran and other Ohio Temples, is open to Shriners only, with proceeds going to Shrine charities.

Participants will sail out of Port Clinton, and the first day's catch will be donated to the Al Koran Temple for a fish fry. A four-foot trophy will go to the Temple whose team catches the most fish, and more than 25 trophies and prizes will be awarded to individual fishermen and the boat captains of winning teams.

Derby Officers include Donald F. Hooton, President; George Winslow, Vice-President; Stanley Sanders, Secretary; and Gary B. MacLean, Treasurer. Special invitations have gone to Brother James A. Rhodes, Governor of Ohio, State Senators Tim McCormack and Gary C. Suhadolnik, and State Representative Frank Mahnic, Jr. Shriners may make reservations by calling Brother MacLean at 216-235-5446. Registration fee is \$50.

The idea for the Ohio Shrine Walleye Derby comes from the annual Salmon Derby in Michigan City, Indiana, sponsored by the Shriners of the Great Lakes Association, according to Donald F. Hooton. It is a philanthropic event, but Shriners hope it will also "call attention to Ohio's sport fishing." He notes that state biologists predict a record walleye catch this summer of more than 3.5 million.

MUSIC AT THE 21ST TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

by

Sir Knight Thomas Rigas

St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago, Illinois

As the 55th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment draws near, it is interesting to look back over the years to see how the pageantry and publicity of past Triennials compare to our modern Templar gatherings. A changed economy has resulted in many differences, but aside from the financial aspect one thing in particular has changed dramatically in the past century — the influence of music. Take, for example, the important contribution that music of all types made during the 21st Triennial Conclave held at Chicago in 1880.

It was the music that lent special meaning and excitement to the 21st Conclave. In fact, the music probably had far more influence on the minds and motions of the Sir Knights and their guests than the oratory of the dignitaries. Spirited musical renditions were even played between speeches (and, no doubt, more than one Sir Knight was kept awake during the many speeches, thanks to the music).

Without a doubt, the 21st Conclave of 1880 was truly a grand event. Never in the early history of Chicago had the preparations for a street parade equaled those of that "Crusade." Arriving Sir Knights were amazed at the magnitude of the preparations. Chicago had put on its full and complete holiday garb. The streets reflected the richest and finest appearance as they were handsomely decorated with arches and other festive devices. The "Grand Arch" was done in purple and stood 50 feet high, 66 feet square and had two balconies, one on each side, seating 300 persons.

The outstanding feature of the 21st

Conclave, however, was the music furnished by the 120 military bands, 3 great orchestras, and numerous soloists and quartets brought to Chicago from all parts of America, and also by Chicago-based musicians and entertainers.

It was not the music season; however, there was more music during the week of the 21st Conclave in Chicago than most culturally-active cities in America enjoyed in a whole year. Every afternoon and evening concerts were given, organized on a grand scale, and included programs of every conceivable type of music from that of Beethoven to Stephen Foster. Every hall and theater in Chicago was resonant with music. A great orchestra of 160 pieces played gay dances for thousands of flying feet. The 120 military bands with 3,600 pieces trooped through the decorated and arch-adorned streets, blowing "silver-snarling trumpets" and shrill reeds, pounding the rattling drums and clashing clangorous cymbals. All ten of the city's theaters were regilded, redecorated, refurnished as good as new especially for this Templar Conclave.

The specially-constructed Encampment Exposition Building was the scene of "The Soiree Musicale et Dansante" and so much of a stir was made about the ball that a crowd of 80,000 forced their way inside (which made it too crowded to dance) while a crowd of 30,000 assembled outside the building.

The Conclave was especially rich in musical events in honor of the visiting Sir Knights who journeyed to Chicago from as far as the Empire of China of Shanghai, not to mention the Canadians → → →

who joined more than 200,000 visitors that streamed into Chicago in just two days on Brother George Mortimer Pullman's fast-trains, special Pullman cars and Pullman specials.

A partial list of the musical entertainers attracted to the 1880 Conclave in Chicago included:

- Hans Balatka's Grand Orchestra of 60 performers. Conductor: Professor Hans Balatka;
- Cincinnati Grand Orchestra of 50 performers. Conductor: Mr. M. Brand;
- Bach's Milwaukee Orchestra of 50 performers. Conductor: Charles Bach;
- Miss Helene Balatka, soprano; Mrs. Louis Falk, soprano; and Mr. M. Eichheim, vocalist;
- A Selected Quartet: Messrs. Knorr, Wheeler, McWade, and Noble;
- The Apollo (Commandery) Quartet Club of Chicago;
- The Chicago (Commandery) Quartet Club;
- Mr. H.N. Hutchins, cornet soloist; and
- Trio-Concertante for flute, oboe, and clarinet: Messrs. D. Zeus, F. Allen, and F. Holz.

The musical director of the Conclave was Professor Hans Balatka.

One unusual musical event included fireworks and moonlight boating at 10:00 p.m. one evening after all the theaters and concerts were over. The setting for the grand fete of that night included lighting the camp and government harbor with sixty calcium lights with parabolic reflectors. The Grand Orchestra, numbering 160 pieces with Hans Balatka as conductor, was on the arch in front of the Grand Encampment Building in Lake Park, and executed the following musical program:

1. "Grand March" from *Tannhauser* (Wagner)
2. "Overture" from *Mignon* (Thomas)
3. "In Felice" Aria from *Ernani* (Verdi)

4. *Fackelstanz, No. 1* (Meyerbeer)
5. "Fantasia" from *Bohemian Girl* (Clement)
6. "Overture" to *Raymond* (Thomas)
7. "Scene" from *Ernani* (Verdi)
8. "One Thousand and One Nights Waltz" (Strauss)
9. "Finale" from *Traviata* (Verdi)
10. "Wedding March" (Mendelssohn)

This spectacular program was carried out by signals given by firing cannon rockets in the air between the musical selections.

Of special enjoyment was the Quartet of Apollo Commandery of Chicago, which serenaded the visiting Sir Knights by making complimentary calls to the various Commanderies in Camp De Molai where they sang songs and entertained them royally. The evenings were also filled with the music of the many bands that accompanied the various Commanderies to Chicago, and who "regaled the lovers of good music who called upon them."

The grand feature of the 21st Conclave was the procession of "The Grand Pageant" which the *Chicago Tribune* described as the "finest pageant of the kind Chicago has ever seen." As many as 20,000 Knights Templar marched in the "Grand Parade of Crusaders" to the admiration of thousands of eyes. The monotony of the Knight Templar uniforms was frequently broken by one of the 120 rainbow-hued bands with their polished instruments. Bringing up the rear of the procession were four Commanderies, all mounted on horseback, and riding eight abreast. The parade was a success in numbers, in appearance, and in smoothness of march, and the general expression of the hundreds of thousands who witnessed it was one of intense satisfaction and approval.

On the following day, the Grand Competitive Drill was held at the Chicago Jockey Club Park, again with music playing an important role in making the "drill" a festive event. Competing Commanderies

each drilled for thirty minutes, with or without band music. Chicago's three Commanderies at that time — Apollo, St. Bernard, and Chicago — were accompanied to the Jockey Club Park by Professor Hans Balatka's Band. First place in the drill competition went to Raper Commandery No. 1 of Indianapolis, Indiana, which scored 313 out of a possible 350 points. A special prize was also given to the best drilled mounted Commandery — De Molai Commandery No. 5 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, which was the only entry.

(The celebrated Detroit Commandery No. 1 of Detroit, Michigan, acknowledged champion Commandery in the country in point of drill, was not entered in the competition. When passing the stands, however, they elicited thunderous applause from the vast audience by their astonishing Templar evolutions, forming Greek and passion crosses, triangles, and squares while on the march.)

Many special Masonic songs and marches were composed especially for the 21st Conclave. They included:

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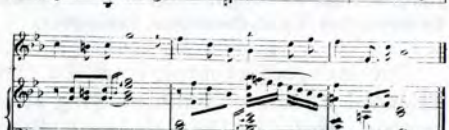
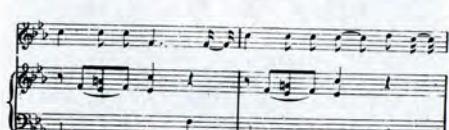
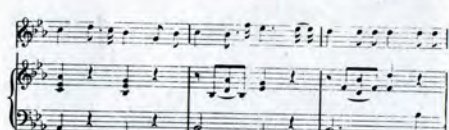
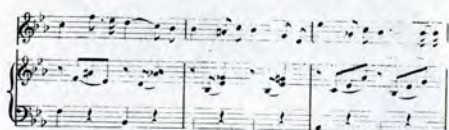
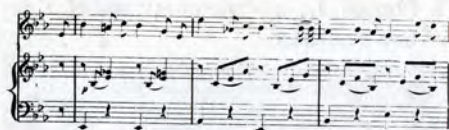
Sheet music for “The Knights Souvenir.”
Relayed from Sir Knight Allen E. Wolf, Cyrene
Commandery No. 9, Owatonna, Minnesota.

The influence of music from the 21st Triennial Conclave continued long after the last parade: In 1881, George F. Root composed the music and lyrics of three additional songs of Masonic content or inspiration under the cover of *Songs of the Free Masons* which included:

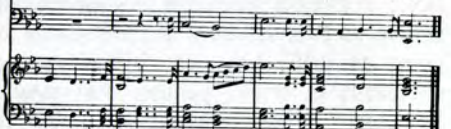
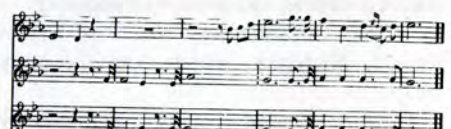
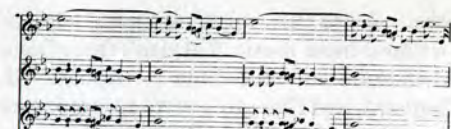
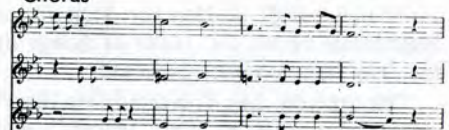
“Mournfully Lay The Dead One Here” (a dirge), “The Mason’s Home,” and “Ended Now The Mason’s Labor” (for quartette). All were published and copyrighted in 1881 by S. Brainard’s Sons of Cleveland, Ohio. The Chicago distributor of the sheet music was the firm of George F. Root & Sons.

Music of Masonic content or inspiration in America reflects the lusty → → →

The Knights' Souvenir.



Chorus



Verse I

Oh, Knights of the Order, how faithful ye serve
 Your vows to each other, cemented in nerve;
 Once more to the call of the Grand Master great.
 Ye assemble in thousands, the pride of your State;
 Truth, Honor and justice, your watchwords are
 given,
 Password with Holiness, to the Grand Lodge of
 Heaven;
 Onward and upward your banner unfurled,
 Under this standard, ye conquer the world.

Chorus

Welcome, welcome, to ye Red Cross Knights.
 Hail, to the hosts of Knights, Hail!
 A true Knight is triumphant o'er the world.

Verse III

Then honor and glory to ev'ry Sir Knight,
 Who constantly walks in the shadow of right;
 Who gives to the poor, the hungry will feed,
 Relieve the afflicted when succor they need.
 In the temple of Charity, Mercy and Love,
 Ye prepare for that beautiful Temple above;
 Then onward and upward your banner unfurled,
 "In Hoc Signo Vincens," ye conquer the world.
 (chorus)

tempo and the brassy rhythms of a more relaxed era which brought upstage a cast of Freemasons as colorful and beguiling

as the music they composed and played and marched to.

Sir Knight Rigas lives at 2600 West Farwell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60645.

MASONIC INLAID

In 1980, Sir Knight William H. Wise, MSG, USA Retired, a member of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, Van Wert, Ohio, located a picture of a table, made of wood, inlaid with 174 Masonic emblems. The craftsman was his great uncle, William K. McCalmon who died in 1922. Based on the picture, Sir Knight Wise made his own "Masonic inlaid" table as he relates below:

"Every time the Apron is presented to an Entered Apprentice and I hear, 'May it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, the welcome words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!'," one name comes to mind — that of William K. McCalmon, who truly lived the life of a Mason.

"Brother McCalmon died April 21, 1922, at Orrville, Ohio, after a distinguished career in Lodge, York and Scottish Rites. He was involved in a number of civic endeavors and was in business as a 'pictorial fresco and decorative artist.'

"Born in 1840 in Wayne County, Ohio, he received his schooling in a one-room schoolhouse. He started painting and woodworking at the age of 20 in 1860.

"William McCalmon entered Freemasonry May 6, 1892, in Cedar Lodge No. 430, F. & A.M., Orrville. He was passed to Fellow Craft May 20 and Raised a Master Mason June 3, 1892. He went through Wooster Chapter No. 27, R.A.M., in August and September 1893, and entered Wooster Commandery No. 48, serving as Standard Bearer four times. He was also a member of Emeth Lodge of Perfection, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

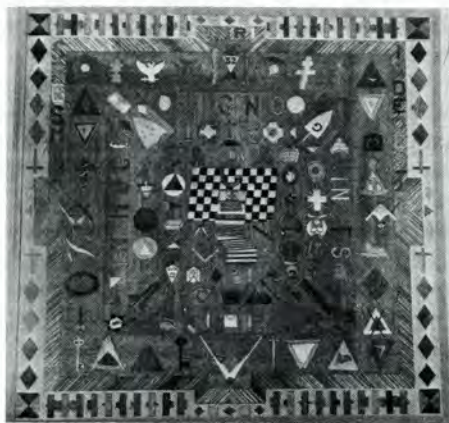
"Brother McCalmon not only seldom missed attending Lodge, he was always there with a helping hand. When it came time to paint and decorate the interior of the Masonic Temple in Wooster, Sir Knight McCalmon took it upon himself to complete the project.

"In January 1980, I found a picture of a table Sir Knight McCalmon had made for his daughter, circa 1915. The table

was inlaid with 3,062 pieces of wood, 96 kinds of wood, 174 Masonic emblems and took him 565 hours to complete. The workmanship was very detailed.

"I became so interested in the table, I wanted to see if I could inlay one in the same fashion. No one seems to know the whereabouts of this table or what size it was, so I only had the picture to go by. The table I built was the size of a card table, consisting of 63 different kinds of wood, 806 pieces of wood, 129 Masonic emblems, 186 signs and designs, and took 125 hours to complete. Brother McCalmon had mostly York Rite emblems on his table; I added some for Scottish Rite and Shrine, plus some words of my own.

"My table [below] has drawn many compliments from Brothers and Nobles in this area. I only wish I could locate Brother McCalmon's table to display it along side."



Sir Knight Wise lives at 503 South Chestnut Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Rainbow Girls in Illinois Support K.T.E.F.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation was named as the Illinois Rainbow's Grand Charity for 1982 when Grand Officers of the International Order of Rainbow For Girls in Illinois gathered January 30 to honor area York Rite Masons. The meeting was preceded by a fellowship dinner and highlighted by exemplification of the Rainbow ritual by the Grand Officers.



Pictured above (l-r) are G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment and Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; Miss Gayle Kilgus, Illinois Grand Worthy Advisor; Mrs. Hester M. Kolmer, Supreme Love of the Supreme Assembly and Supreme Instructor of the International Order of Rainbow For Girls in Illinois; and William R. Dawkins, Grand Commander of Illinois.

Funds for the Grand Charity will be raised through the sale of bumper stickers and "flippy fliers" (portable "frisbees" made of nylon), bearing the Grand Worthy Advisor's motto, symbol and flower. Bumper stickers (at \$1.00 each) and flippy fliers (at \$3.50 each), plus 50 cents postage and handling per order, may be sent to Gayle Kilgus, R.R. No. 4 Apollo Acres, Bloomington, Illinois 61701. The 14th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation closes April 30, 1982, with an additional allowance of two weeks to complete Commandery returns.

Ascension Day Reminder

The Ascension Day Parade and Church Service in Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, is set for May 2, 1982. Marvin E. Fowler, R.E. Grand Captain General, will attend as representative of the Grand Encampment, along with M.W. Bruce Widger, Grand Master of Masons in New York, H. Randall Kreger, R.E. Grand Commander of New York, and John Aram, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Past Grand Commander David Aiken reports that Sir Knights from as far away as Indiana will journey to the East Coast for this event, and he repeats his invitation to all Sir Knights, near and far, to join New York Templars in the annual Ascension Day Service and Parade.

Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia

The 1982 Tournament of Champions for the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia was held February 20, 1982, at Macon Lodge No. 5, with the Awards Banquet held that evening at Al Sihah Temple.

First Place Chapters included Thomas G. Bankston Chapter — Chapter Proficiency; Leland Chapter — Initiatory Degree; Cecil Cheves Chapter — DeMolay Degree; and Leland Chapter — Georgia DeMolay Sweepstakes. In individual competition, Robert Blair, Panthersville Chapter, won first place in competition for all Seven Preceptors. Arthur Powell of Columbus Chapter took first in the Ceremony of Light; Eddie Coleman, Leland, won in the Flower Talk, and Joe Barfield, Thomas G. Bankston Chapter, won first in the Rose Ceremony and in the Tribute to Father competition. Charles Gray, Tucker Chapter, was named Georgia DeMolay's "Rookie of the Year."

70th Wedding Anniversary

T. Harvey Cox, Past Commander of Montrose-Ouray Commandery No. 16, Montrose, Colorado, and his wife celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at an open house January 10th in Montrose. Sir Knight Cox, who served as Grand Master of Masons in Colorado in 1940, is a member of Pikes Peak Priory No. 21, K.Y.C.H.

Another Colorado Templar and his wife, Sir Knight and Mrs. Thomas C. Charles, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on January 18 at Grand Junction, home of Temple Commandery No. 23 where Sir Knight Charles is a member and Past Commander. He is also a member of Pikes Peak Priory No. 21, K.Y.C.H., served as Secretary of Mesa Lodge No. 55, A.F. & A.M., in Grand Junction for more than 30 years, and is recipient of the Grand Royal Arch Distinguished Service Award for Colorado.

Grand Council of Knight Masons

Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C., Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite of Alabama, was named V.E. Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America by Most Excellent Grand Chief, Walter M. McCracken, in Washington, D.C., at the Annual Allied Masonic Meetings, February 20, 1982. Sir Knight Mann is presently serving as the National Chairman of the Educational Foundation Committee for the Grand Encampment and on the Committee Advisory to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.



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Hossle Installed Lodge Master

Jay Cole Simser, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Iowa, forwarded the accompanying picture of Sir Knight Hugh E. Hossle, P.G.C., taken following his installation as Worshipful Master of Arcadia Lodge No. 249, A.F. & A.M., Ames, Iowa, on January 9. Sir Knight Hossle served the Grand Encampment during 1976-79 as Department Commander of the North Central Department.



George Washington Masonic Memorial Pin

A lapel pin in the shape of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, has been designed for distribution to Life and Sustaining Members of the Memorial during its 50th Anniversary in 1982, says President Stanley F. Maxwell.

A tax-deductible gift of \$250 qualifies each contributor as a Life Member, and a gift of \$100 qualifies the contributor as a Sustaining Member. Each membership is acknowledged with a personalized certificate and the Memorial lapel pin.

Gifts may be sent to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia 22301.

North Central Department Conference

The previously announced date for the 1982 North Central Department Conference in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, has been revised. The Conference will take place October 2 and 3, 1982.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Awards \$128,500 for Research Grants in 1981-82



\$30,000 for continuing study into retinopathy of prematurity — eye disease in infants — to Drs. Alice McPherson and Helen Hittner, Baylor College of Medicine. Funds distributed through Retina Research Foundation; study conducted at Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston, Texas.



\$25,000 to Drs. Charles Campbell, Charles Koester, and Anthony Donn of Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, for continuing research into specular microscopy and corneal transplants.



\$20,000 to open an eye clinic in the Pediatrics Department of Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, and undertake a three-year study on retrolental fibroplasia, an eye disease afflicting premature babies, to Dr. George Smith, Chairman, Pediatrics, and Dr. Donna Johnson.



\$23,500 to Dr. Lee Stock, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Northwestern University School of Medicine, Evanston, Illinois, for study into the causes of vernal conjunctivitis, an eye disease which causes severe photosensitivity and can lead to corneal ulceration and loss of vision.



\$20,000 for continuing research on retinal disorders, to Dr. Louis Lobes and Dr. Bernard Doft, Retinal/Vitreous Division of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh and Eye and Ear Hospital of Pittsburgh.



\$10,000 to begin a research program into the study of diabetic eye disease, to Dr. A. Vine, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

THE TRIALS OF JESUS

by

Sir Knight Roy P. Swanson

Oriental Commandery No. 25, Kansas City, Missouri

There were two trials of Jesus resulting in His crucifixion; one by the Jews and one by the Romans. The Jewish trial was before Annas, Ciaphas and the Sanhedrin. The Roman trial was before Pontias Pilate and Herod. Christ was charged with *blasphemy* in the Jewish Court:

"But He held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death." (Mark 14:61-65);

and with *treason* against Caesar in the Roman Court:

"And the whole multitude of them arose, and led Him unto Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that He himself is Christ a King. And Pilate asked Him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And He answered him and said, Thou sayest it. Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man." (Luke 23:1-4)

The record of the trials is found in the four Gospels. Jesus accused the Scribes and priests of hypocrisy and denounced them as having made the Lord's house a den of thieves, which caused them to want Him destroyed.

"And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrow the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And He taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy Him: for they feared him, because all the people [were] astonished at his doctrine." (Mark 11:15-18)

Both trials took only about twelve hours. He was first condemned to death by the Jews, and later found not guilty by Pilate and Herod for the Romans. However Pilate, being intimidated by the Jewish mob, offered to scourge Christ and release Him; but the Jews would not agree and continued to demand his crucifixion. Pilate finally yielded to their demand and ordered that Christ be crucified. He was crucified and in ridicule they wrote above the cross the letters "INRI," meaning, "Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews." → → →

"But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let Him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath He done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let Him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified."
(Matthew 27:20-26)

Toledo Assembly No. 56, S.O.O.B.

At the January 26 installation of Toledo Assembly No. 56, Social Order of the Beauceant, Mrs. J. Roland Pierce was installed Worthy President, and Mrs. Neil Bissonnette was installed Most Worthy Oracle. Mrs. Pierce, whose husband is Senior Warden of Lafayette Lyttle Commandery No. 77, and whose late father, Paul Cousino, was a Past Deputy Division Commander of Knights Templar in Ohio, was installed by her mother, Mrs. Arilla Cousino, Junior Past Supreme Aide, District No. 11, S.O.O.B. Mrs. Bissonnette's husband is a Past Commander of Lafayette Lyttle, and a member of K.Y.C.H.

Also attending the ceremony was Mrs. Frank Crane, Supreme Aide, District No. 11, wife of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.



From left: Mrs. Frank Crane; Mrs. J. Roland Pierce; Mrs. Paul Cousino.

In the ten commandments and the Mosaic law contained in the first five books of the Old Testament, and the Talmud (a collection of traditions and precepts) is the law applicable to the Jewish trial. There were many errors in the trials; here are a few: He did not have a lawyer to help Him in either trial; He was compelled to testify against Himself; He was not permitted to call witnesses; He should not have been subjected to a second trial for the same offense for which he had been found not guilty; the Jews should not have condemned Him to death, this power having been taken from them by the Romans.

The Jews and the Romans were both guilty of the crucifixion of Christ. The Jews were the instigators and the accusers, but Pilate was the one whose authority was absolute. The Jews were powerless to

inflict the death penalty. Pilate had the final disposition of all matters of life and death. He could have prevented the crucifixion of Jesus. He did not do so. Certainly, however, Jesus did not have a fair trial either by the Jews or the Romans.

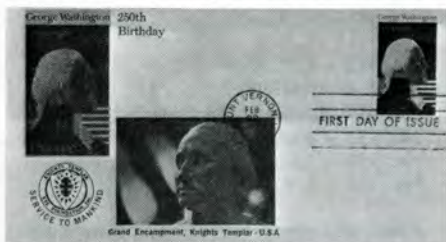
Fortunately for all of us Jesus lives today, a Saviour for all — teaching justice, mercy, love and the brotherhood of all mankind.

Sir Knight Swanson, an attorney-at-law in Kansas City, is also a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Past Potentate of Ararat Shrine. He resides at 1007 West 66th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri 64113.

Masonic First Day Cover Set Honors Washington's 250th Birthday

To commemorate the 250th Birthday of George Washington, an "unprecedented" set of five Masonic First Day Covers was sponsored by four different Masonic organizations. Proceeds from sales of these sets will benefit Masonic charity or building funds.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. sponsored a full-color



imprinted envelope reproducing the new U.S. postage stamp design, along with a photograph of a Houdon bust which may have provided the basis for the stamp design. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is featured on this cachet (the first sponsored by the Grand Encampment), and proceeds from sales will go to benefit this Templar philanthropy.

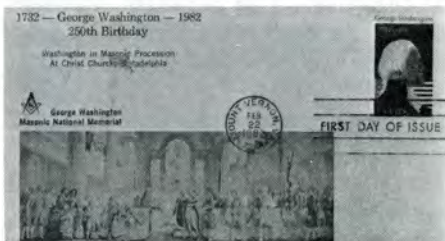
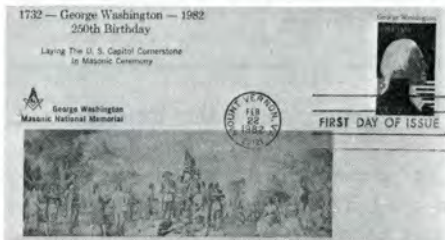
The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A., has an imprinted envelope which reproduces a portion of the Allyn Cox portrait



of Washington laying the U.S. Capitol cornerstone in Masonic ceremony and clothed as Master of the Lodge. According to J. R. Allen, Vice-President of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club, the U.S. postal service has never depicted this event because it was done in Masonic

ceremony with Washington as President and Master. This is also the first known "First Day" cachet sponsored by the A.A.S.R., N.M.J.; proceeds will go to the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Two full-color imprinted envelopes are sponsored by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. These reproduce the 46' x 18' Allyn Cox murals of Washington clothed as a Freemason. (The murals were presented to the Masonic National Memorial by the Grand Lodge of California 25 years ago on February 22, 1957.) Because of the width of the



murals and their proximity to massive pillars within the building, a single photograph cannot capture either mural in its entirety. 1982 is the 50th anniversary year of the Memorial Building. These are the first known imprinted cachets to be sponsored by the Masonic Memorial, although a rubber stamp cachet design was used at the 1932 dedication.

Louisiana Lodge No. 102, F. & A.M., is sponsoring one thermoengraved blue envelope which depicts a design of George Washington's "Home → → →

About Our Cover

The April cover depicts, in order clockwise from upper left, a map of Israel with Jerusalem at center; the Dome of the Rock; the Qumran Caves; and one of Israel's Christian churches. These are just a few of the scenes encountered by the Pilgrim-Ministers who, sponsored by individual Grand Commanderies, are selected to journey on the annual Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. The photographs come from the new automatic slide-narration program "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land" which was written and produced by The Reverend David M. Strang, St. Phillip's Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan, a member of the 1981 Pilgrimage.

... Masonic First Day Cover Set

"Home Life" considered for issuance as a stamp in 1932. The design was rejected and has never become a stamp, though it may be reconsidered. This cacheted envelope



continues the Louisiana Lodge "Founding Father Series" begun July 4, 1976.

The set of five envelopes shows George Washington as Freemason and President, laying the U.S. Capitol cornerstone, as a churchgoer, and as a family man, and may be ordered, while supplies last, from Sir Knight John R. Allen, Box 26135, Richmond, Virginia 23260-6135.

(A sixth envelope with the Masonic Memorial postmark is available for another \$1.50 when purchased with the set, or \$2.00 when ordered individually.)

Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club:

New Hampshire No. 3 — Phillips R. Hall
Florida No. 11 — Robert L. Evors
Ohio No. 12 — E. Lester Heck
New Jersey No. 13 — Albert F. Weisser
New York No. 14 — Valentine Sanford
New York No. 15 — Herbert W. MacMinn
Massachusetts No. 11 — Jerome Lyon Spurr

Grand Master's Club:

No. 352 — L. D. Knill (TX)
No. 353 — Kirby K. Kyle (FL)
No. 354 — Albert J. Terhune (NJ)
No. 355 — Wallace M. Gage (NJ)
No. 356 — Alvin L. Crump (IL)
No. 357 — J. Rowe Mehlfelt (DC)

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. Additional information is available from G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Authenticated

Contrary to an earlier report, the oldest newspaper in the State of Illinois is not the *State Journal-Register* but the *Jacksonville Journal Courier*, the latter directly descended from the *Illinois Patriot* which was founded in Jacksonville on July 30, 1831. Both papers marked their 150th Anniversaries last year; but the *Journal Courier* predates the *Journal-Register* by almost three months.

MASONIC WEEK, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Conference of Grand Masters of Masons

by
William B. Stansbury, Jr.
Past Grand Master, Maryland
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The Conference of Grand Masters met at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., February 21-23, 1982.



The theme was "Freemasonry — The Sleeping Giant." An outstanding Keynote Address was given by Richard A. Kidwell, G.M., Arizona. The officers elected for 1982 were Samuel C. Williamson, G.M., Pennsylvania, Chairman; H. Wilton Griffin, G.M., Mississippi, Vice-Chairman; and Harlan F. Small, G.M., Maine, Chaplain. Henry G. Spoerer, G.M., Rhode Island, was Conference Committee Chairman. William B. Stansbury, Jr., P.G.M., Maryland, was Conference Committee Chairman. William B. Stansbury, Jr., P.G.M., Maryland, was re-elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Welcome was given by Elmer F. Stein, G.M., District of Columbia, and the Response by James M. Willson, Jr., G.M., Texas.

Two topics were covered by reports — *Canadian Free Masonry Today*, Howard O. Polk, M.W.G.M. of Canada, Province of Ontario; *The Dilemma of the Failing Lodge*, Allan E. Idling, M.W.G.M. of Wisconsin, and the Report of Commission on Information for Recognition, Kermit A. Jacobson, P.G.M., California. In addition, there were four Discussion Groups covering the following topics: *Attendance*, Danny W. Seaton, G.M. of Tennessee, Leader, and Thomas T. Elkins, G.M. of Louisiana, Reporter; *Masonic Education*

(not including ritual), Carl C. Worfel, G.M. of Michigan, Leader, and James R. Ferguson, G.M. of West Virginia, Reporter; *Membership* Keith L. Muntz, G.M. of Iowa, Leader, and Lloyd U. Jefferson, G.M. of Virginia, Reporter; *Ritual*, John C. Sturges, G.M. of Connecticut, Leader, and Arne J. Springan, G.M. of North Dakota, Reporter. Each of these groups made a full report and discussion before the Conference.

The Banquet speaker was Brother D. Frederick Wertz, 33°, Bishop of the United Methodist Church, Washington-Maryland-Delaware Area, who gave an outstanding address which was very well-received by the 750 persons in attendance.

A report was made by a committee authorized in the waning moments of the 1981 Conference, the purpose of which was to provide an analysis of its present operation and to recommend, if needed, changes in the future. This report was given, and after much discussion, it was determined that more time and considerably more discussions were necessary before intelligent action could be taken by the Conference either on the report as a whole or paragraph by paragraph. The result was that the whole matter was tabled and that the Conference was to continue as in the past. It may be presented again in 1983 in Dallas.

The original Time and Place Committee Report, which retained the even year meetings in Washington and meetings in other parts of North America during the odd years, was not passed, and in its place Washington, D.C., was to be the locale of the Conference every five years, with the intervening years outside of Washington, D.C.

The net result was that the → → →

next Conference was to meet at the Dallas Hilton Hotel in Dallas, Texas, on February 20-23, 1983.

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Conference of Grand Secretaries

by

Robert P. Beach, P.S.G.W.

**Grand Secretary, G.L., Massachusetts
Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference**

Business as usual — meaning “shop talk” — occupied most of the time of those in attendance at the 54th Annual Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America.



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

Ranks of the Conference were broken during the year with the death of William Campbell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and Past President of the Conference, and one former Grand Secretary, Walter E. McAllister of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Eight newly-elected or appointed Grand Secretaries who were at the Conference for the first time were welcomed by President Robert A. Hinshaw of Ohio. They were Gunnar Flygenring, Alaska; Raymond E. Petersen, Colorado; R. Stanley Harrison, Connecticut; John C. Schleter, District of Columbia; Roy O. Turner, Indiana; Jack R. Frazier, Maryland; Ralph W. Gerry, Nebraska; and Murray G. Stowe, Utah. The new Grand Secretary of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, Derrick H. Hart, was unable to be present.

An interesting and informative agenda, prepared by a committee under the able leadership of Doyn Inman of Wisconsin, was presented. Topics for discussion included: *Lodge Liability Insurance; Data Processing; Masonic Unity with Affiliated Bodies; The Lodge Secretary in Today's World; Masonic-Catholic Status; Word Processing and Mailing Rates; and Requests for Affiliation from Members of Unrecognized and/or Clandestine Lodges.* The business of the meeting concluded with an “Inspirational Message” by The Reverend H. Dwight McAlister, South Carolina, former Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

The speaker at the traditional banquet was The Honorable (and Brother) Mark Andrews, United States Senator, North Dakota.

Edward L. Bennett, Washington, was elevated to the presidency for 1982-83, with H. Dwight McAlister, South Carolina, First Vice-President, and Jack B. Donham, Arkansas, 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 55th Annual Conference will be held at the Dallas Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Texas, on February 22 and 23, 1983.

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Allied Masonic Degrees

by

Morrison L. Cooke, P.G.C.

East Central Department Commander

Celebrating the 28th annual meeting of the Philaethes Society, the 3rd annual Feast opened the three-day weekend



of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A., on Friday, February 19, 1982, at the Hotel Washington in Washington, D.C. Robert L. Dillard, Jr., President of the Society, chaired the meeting. William Preston Vaughn presented the Philalethes Lecture on "The Ideology of American Anti-Masonry: 1798-1840." Richard H. Sands, professor of Physics at the University of Michigan, was awarded the Certificate of Literature of the Society for his article published in the Philalethes Magazine entitled: "Physicists, the Royal Society, and Freemasonry."

Saturday morning, Harold D. Elliott, II, opened the Grand College of Rites. There were 81 candidates obligated new Fellows of the College. James Penley, M.P. General Grand Master, was installed Grand Chancellor, and Dr. Eddie Stiles, North Carolina, was appointed Grand Seneschal.

Grand Master's Council, A.M.D., then opened with Robert V. Osborne presiding. There were 18 candidates obligated. DeMoville P. Jones was installed Sovereign Master by S. Flory Diehl, and Joe Lewis, Oklahoma, was appointed Tiler.

Following Grand Master's Council, Dr. William E. Peacher opened the Grand Council, A.M.D. M.W. Brother Jamil Shalhoub, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Israel, was introduced. He was made a member at sight and presented with an apron, lapel pin, and lady's charm by the A.M.D. of Canada.

After breaking for lunch, the Grand Council resumed, and Nathan Hale Council No. 78, Hartford, Connecticut, exemplified the degree of Grand Tiler of Solomon in an excellent manner. Grand Council then recessed until after the banquet.

James H. Horne, S.M., Chaired the meeting of Installed Masters Council and obligated 43 candidates who had not previously received the Degree.

Next came the Council of Nine Muses, with James R. Case, K.T.C.H., Sovereign

Master, presiding. Robert L. Grubb, Sr. Warden, before advancing to Sovereign Master, presented a paper on the original North Carolina Lodge of Research, which was very well-received.

Great Chief's Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., was opened by Russell T. Falshaw, Excellent Chief; 25 new candidates were obligated.

Richard M. Stephenson then called to order Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Walter M. McCracken was elected Great Chief and appointed Thomas Mann, Alabama, Tiler, and Donald H. Smith, Kentucky (R.E.G.G. of Grand Encampment), Excellent Chief of Great Chief's Council. Harold Elliott, II, Past Great Chief, installed the new officers.

A capacity crowd attended the annual banquet. Kenneth C. Johnson, M.E. Grand Master of Grand Encampment, was the speaker and referred to himself as "To Be Announced," as that is how the program listed the speaker. This drew a round of laughter and set the tone for the enlightening and informative, yet informal, talk.

The Grand Council was reconvened to conclude the important business of the evening. There were 110 Councils present and a record 407 in attendance. Ten new Councils were granted charters. George W. White, North Carolina, was elected Past Sr. Grand Warden in honor of his years of service to the Fraternity in all its branches for over 60 years. William B. Smith was elected Sovereign Grand Master, and Vernon Fikes, California, was appointed Grand Tiler.

There were 78 neophytes receiving the Order of the Bath and the Order of the Cork: the fun degrees.

Sunday morning began with the annual breakfast of Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. M.E. Grand Master General The Reverend Olin E. Lehman presided. A record 144 members were in attendance. → → →

Masonic Service Association

by
Stewart M. L. Pollard
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The Society of Blue Friars was called to order by Dwight Smith, Grand Abbott. He announced the new Blue Friar as Roy Welles, of London, Essex, England. In his absence, Wendell Walker read his interesting paper: "An Important Fragment of Royal Arch History - 1803."

Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P., followed with Dr. William Peacher, Eminent Preceptor, presiding. Three new Knight Priests were ordained.

Charles Leo Harrison, M.E. Grand Preceptor, opened Grand College, H.R.A.K.T.P. There were 104 present, representing 37 Tabernacles. The annual contribution of \$1,000 was given this year to the George Washington National Memorial, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of our first President and illustrious Grand Master. Walter Wilson was installed M.E. Grand Preceptor by Past Grand Preceptor G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment.

Wilson appointed two officers at the bottom of the line, due to the resignation of Harold Nichols because of poor health. They are: Kenneth C. Johnson, M.E.G.M., as Inner Guard, and Stanley Matthews as Outer Guard.

This concluded the annual weekend of the A.M.D. Conspicuous by their absence, and greatly missed, were Harold Van Buren Voorhis, the granddaddy of the meetings, who was absent for the first time in 50 years. Charles K.A. McGaughey and William J. Netherton, both from Kentucky, were absent for the first time since 1948 and 1949, respectively. All three are Knights Grand Cross in two or more national bodies. It is the prayer and hope of all of us that good health will again prevail and all three will be back next year.

Due to the Grand Masters Conference being held in Dallas, Texas, next year, the A.M.D. sessions will be February 11-13, at Washington, D.C.

Sir Knight Cooke, P.G.C., Kentucky, lives at 2538 Saratoga Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40205.

The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the U.S. was held in conjunction with the Conferences of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America, at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., on George Washington's 250th birthday, Monday, February 22, 1982.



Robert Hockstad, P.G.M., Michigan, Chairman of the Executive Commission of M.S.A., called the meeting to order. Thomas R. Dougherty, P.G.M., New Jersey, Director of Hospital Visitation, gave the Invocation. A roll call of member-jurisdictions was made by Stewart M. L. Pollard, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, establishing a quorum.

Lloyd Jefferson, Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia, was nominated and unanimously elected as Chairman of the Annual Meeting. After brief and appropriate remarks, he called upon Hockstad to render the Annual Report of the Executive Commission. Highlights of the report were that M.S.A. is actively providing the services expected of it, but that high costs of goods and services are seriously hampering its ability to provide the same high level of service in its educational and informational activities.

Glowing comments were made of the growing awareness and expansion of the M.S.A. Hospital Visitation Program, with well-deserved tributes being made of the "grass roots" efforts of the Field Agents and their corps of volunteers.

Committees, consisting of the reigning Grand Masters of the jurisdictions comprising M.S.A., had met prior to the

Annual Meeting. Reports of those Committees were made by the Chairmen and were approved and adopted. These actions will provide the guidance and policies for the operation of the Association over the next year.

To provide the necessary income for the operation and growth of the Association, and based upon the Resolution presented by the Finance Committee, the dues formula was restructured and a nominal increase in dues was adopted.

The Grand Lodge of Alaska was welcomed into full membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States, and Associate Membership was accorded to the American Canadian Grand Lodge of Germany. Only the Grand Lodges of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Oregon, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia are not currently members of M.S.A.

A new Committee was appointed to study the role which M.S.A. should play in promoting, supporting and encouraging Masonic Youth Groups. The initial report of the Youth Emphasis Committee is being circulated to all member Grand Lodges for specific comments. This will be an on-going study.

Charles R. Glassmire, P.G.M. of Maine, was unanimously elected as Executive Commissioner of the North Atlantic Division, replacing Waldron Biggs of Vermont, who was elected Commissioner Emeritus and presented a Resolution of Appreciation.

Contributions to the Hospital Visitation Program amounting to more than \$72,000 were presented to M.S.A. by a number of Grand Lodges and by High Twelve International. The Grand Lodge of Wyoming presented a check representing contributions of \$1.01 per member in that jurisdiction.

The Annual Meeting closed in the traditional "peace and harmony" after a benediction by Brother Dougherty.

At a meeting of the Executive

District DeMolays Crown Sweethearts

More than 200 young ladies and gentlemen attended the annual Sweetheart Ball of District No. 5, Montana Order of DeMolay, at the Shrine Auditorium in Billings, February 6. Under direction of Sir Knight James Green, District Representative and Senior Councilor for one of the Billings Chapters, youth from Bridger, Red Lodge, Hardin, Laurel and Billings chose their "Sweethearts" from Rainbow Assemblies and Job's Daughters Bethels.

Sir Knight Green, a member of Black Eagle Commandery No. 8 in Great Falls, acted as emcee during crowning ceremonies when Master Councilors of the DeMolay Chapters announced their Sweethearts: Cindy Scoles was crowned Sweetheart and Laura Mosbough, Princess, of Loyalty Chapter, Billings, by M.C. Jamie Cradock; Pam Ostwalk was named Sweetheart of Carbon County Chapter, Bridger, by Wes Berry, M.C.; Sheri Vontz was crowned by M.C. Bugs Hartman, Red Lodge Chapter; Kelly Fichtner, Sweetheart, and Shirly Kukes, Princess, were named by M.C. John Hart of Norman C. Johnson Chapter, Laurel; and Mike Emmons, M.C. of George H. Hammer Chapter, Billings, closed the ceremonies crowning Kim Anderson as Sweetheart and Tammy McCaslin as Princess.

Commission following the Annual Meeting, Brother Pollard was re-elected as Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Dougherty was re-appointed Director of Hospital Visitation, and other staff employees were confirmed.

It was a successful meeting marking the end of a successful year and promising fruitful years of SERVICE ahead.

Sir Knight Pollard is a member of Helena Commandery No. 5, Palmyra, New Jersey. The address of the Masonic Service Association is 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

HISTORY OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Chapter IV (continued)

MEDIEVAL KNIGHTHOOD AND FREEMASONRY

Those who favor a more or less direct connection between the modern Masonic Order of Knights Templar and the ancient Order set forth certain views, several of which have had rather wide acceptance and will have consideration here. It is unfortunate that many of those who have enlarged upon these possibilities have employed zeal rather than research upon which to base their conclusions. They have built upon legends rather than facts. Consequently, thousands of our Templars are sincere in their belief that they are members of an Order whose origin goes back over 800 years to the days of the Crusades.

Since thousands of Templars managed to escape arrest, only a small portion of the membership of the Order was ever brought before the Inquisition. In fact, the highest estimate of those arrested in France was given at 638. At the Council of Vienne, convened by Pope Clement on October 12, 1311, to consider abolition of the Order, nine Templars appeared in defense of their Order and declared they were representing nearly 2,000 Templars who were in hiding near Lyons. The number of Templars in France has been variously estimated, some as high as 40,000, which may be correct if all grades of the Order were taken into account. Probably the number of Knights of the Temple did not exceed 5,000.

It may be well to point out here that the Order was not made up exclusively of Knights Templar, but there were also Sergeants — men who because of birth were not permitted to become Knights,

but who were well trained in the art of warfare, and Lay-Brothers, who were artisans and men of the various trades, such as masons, carpenters, armorers, smiths, clerks and weavers.

The Order of Suppression was directed mainly against the Knights of the Temple, as they were the leaders — men of wealth and political power. They controlled vast properties and rich lands and directed and commanded the large following connected with the Order. When the Order was suppressed, it was a Christian secret society with a secret doctrine and a secret rite of initiation. At its peak were the Knights, and at its base were the workmen, many of them operative masons, builders, and no doubt belonging to the various guilds and societies of their craft. It is difficult to believe that such an active and prominent organization could vanish completely without any trace or influence left upon those who followed after.

History fails to give us any record of what really occurred. Considering how widely the Order had spread, it is difficult to believe that all its members could have been swept away at one stroke by the Papal ban of 1312. There are those who maintain that the Order was not annihilated, but that it lived on, though there is certainly no agreement as to how and through what channels the traditions of the Order were transmitted to become the guiding precepts of our modern Order. The evidence so far presented by the various writers is not sufficient to positively establish any one theory, which accounts for the diversity of opinion which has been put forth. By what path then did the secrets, traditions, and moral principles of the old Order find its way through the dark curtains to come to

light in our present Order? Perhaps it is as Redmond states, "It is as though a brook, hitherto flowing in the sunlight, had dropped from view, into who shall say what narrow ravines or subterranean tunnels or hidden channels. It is as though a well-hewn and well-built medieval road suddenly plunged into a forest and split up into many a little path and byway. But, lo, this is not the end. Presently, lower down the mount, at the foot of that wild, broken spot that swallowed it up, the brook re-appears and broadens and flows on into the plain, a great and noble river. As we emerge from the dense forest of the Dark Ages, the road takes up anew and soon becomes a great modern highway. Who shall say it is not the same brook and road? Who shall say with evermore penetrating modern methods something of the connection that binds the two together shall not yet be found?"

In this connection, Moore presents this thought: "Although it (Modern Templary) does not claim a direct descent from the Ancient Order after its suppression and dispersion in the fourteenth century, still a continuous connection exists, and the perpetuation of its doctrinal principles and usages is accounted for and traced from many of the dispersed members retiring into secular life throughout Europe, taking refuge in the monasteries and the contemporary Order of St. John of Jerusalem, afterwards known as Knights of Malta. If the old Templar Order is dead, its teachings have survived. Nothing is more certain than that the rules, constitutions, and even the general features of its ritual and ceremonies have been preserved, appropriated and practiced in the modern reformed system."

There are certain internal evidences which would indicate such an inheritance from the old Order and would tend to strengthen the link between the two Orders. The name "Knights Templar" is common to both Orders. The divided

black and white beaumont is borne by both. The ritualistic ceremonials carry out the same principles and ideals. The battle cry of the ancient Templars is that we now use on our banner "Non nobis, Domine, non nobis sed nomen tua da gloriam." The symbolism employed by the Modern Templars is based upon the secret traditions and teachings of the Medieval Order.

Six of the more important theories supporting such a connection and explaining the transmission of these principles have been outlined and clearly presented by Brown in his *Highlights of Templar History*. They are as follows, with his conclusion in each instance:

1. *The Templars entered the Masons' guilds and preserved their ritual in these groups.*

"While this theory seems rather plausible, it lacks at present full documentary evidence to prove its point."

2. *The Templars who joined with John Marc Larmerius to organize a Grand Priory which eventually became the Ordre du Temple in France.*

"Until an effort is made to locate other copies of the Charter of Transmission and to trace the long list of Grand Masters set forth in it, no definite conclusions can be drawn from this theory."

3. *The Templars who entered the Order of Christ preserved the ritual and subsequently permitted it to become a part of Freemasonry.*

"There seems to be many points in favor of this theory which are worthy of consideration."

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Scully's HISTORY OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, to be updated by Frederick G. Spedel, Chairman, Committee on Templar History, is included as a monthly feature of the KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE.



KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Requesting information on a Jarrett Cox who was born, according to Illinois census, in 1789 in Maryland. He went to Ohio at an early age and lived in what is now Muskingum County, Ohio. He married a lady named Elizabeth (last name unknown) about 1811. Their first child Ephram was born 1812. He later married a lady named Retrina (last name unknown), according to his will. He came to Illinois in the early part of the 1800's and settled on government land before 1830. This man may have been a descendant of Prince Eugene Chastain Le Coq, as family history and records list him as being of old French and Norman descent. Any information concerning the parentage and lineage of this man will be deeply appreciated; also, information on coat of arms. *Warren R. Cox, 729 West Jefferson, Macomb, Illinois 61455*

□ Seeking information regarding Laura Davidson. She was from Indianapolis, Indiana, had a sister there named Jessie and married John C. Titus, who was from New Jersey and New York States. Laura and John moved to Petersburg, Virginia, and one issue of that marriage, Myrtle, was born there. Then they moved to Norfolk, Virginia, where I was born as the only issue of the marriage of Myrtle and Brother John E. Outten. *Ellyson Outten, 218 Roma Road, Venice, Florida 33595*

□ I have for sale a plate marked "Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 K.T. Twenty Seventh Triennial" 1898. Will be interested in hearing from Masonic collectors. *Mrs. Marie J. Moore, 15 Ledge Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180*

□ A very fine gold ring with York Rite insignias was recently found at the Hilton Hotel in Salt Lake. The management recognized it as a Masonic ring and contacted Murray Stowe, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah. He now has the ring. We have made inquiries around the state, but apparently it was lost by a tourist. If the owner of the ring will contact Murray G. Stowe, 650 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102, giving description of ring and date it was lost, it will be forwarded to him. *Paul B. Pickering, P.G.C.*

□ I greatly enjoy the *Knight Templar Magazine*, especially since I am handicapped with poor hearing and consequently read very much.

I want to buy these hard cover books: *The Village Street*, Frederick Faust; *Dionysus in Hades*, Frederick Faust; *Beyond the Outpost*, Peter Henry Morland; *The Thunderer*, M.B.; *Bull Hunter's Romance*, David Manning; *Children of Night*, Max Brand; *Wine On the Desert and Other Stories*, Max Brand; *The Squaw Boy*, Peter Henry Morland. *Dr. Charles A. Call, 2223 Austin Avenue, Waco, Texas 76701*

□ Seeking genealogical information on my great-great grandfather James Champion, born in South Carolina, who married Sarah Green. They moved to Georgia and had a son James R. Champion, born 1922, who moved to Bibb County, Alabama, and married Mary Ann Shewbart. *Stanley Champion, 409 High Street, N.W., Russellville, Alabama 35653 (205-332-0602)*

14th Campaign Nears Conclusion

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation reports 15th week totals of \$398,001.17, — \$3,479.02 shy of the same week last year.

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| Alabama | \$ 1,528.00 |
| Arizona | 7,919.74 |
| Arkansas | 3,719.94 |
| California | 13,561.69 |
| Colorado | 8,482.18 |
| Connecticut | 2,611.86 |
| District of Columbia | 3,730.00 |
| Florida | 6,819.00 |
| Georgia | 14,149.73 |
| Idaho | 2,511.68 |
| Illinois | 6,884.00 |
| Indiana | 3,529.00 |
| Iowa | 5,385.57 |
| Kansas | 1,605.00 |
| Kentucky | 2,550.00 |
| Louisiana | 3,308.85 |
| Maine | 1,380.75 |
| Maryland | 5,470.15 |
| Massachusetts-Rhode Island | 4,811.00 |
| Michigan | 22,362.00 |
| Minnesota | 4,916.00 |
| Mississippi | 1,693.58 |
| Missouri | 3,530.63 |
| Montana | 6,681.00 |
| Nebraska | 1,054.00 |
| Nevada | 13,689.00 |
| New Hampshire | 1,037.00 |
| New Jersey | 1,794.10 |
| New Mexico | 1,166.00 |
| New York | 9,314.29 |
| North Carolina | 2,362.40 |
| North Dakota | 1,149.80 |
| Ohio | 22,822.60 |
| Oklahoma | 1,702.00 |
| Oregon | 1,833.00 |
| Pennsylvania | 15,282.13 |
| South Carolina | 3,657.00 |
| South Dakota | 1,679.07 |
| Tennessee | 12,111.60 |
| Texas | 142,964.79 |
| Utah | 1,398.00 |
| Vermont | 786.00 |
| Virginia | 7,389.00 |
| Washington | 1,895.00 |
| West Virginia | 4,080.00 |
| Wisconsin | 1,419.80 |
| Wyoming | 2,309.64 |
| St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware | 380.00 |
| Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii | 11.25 |
| Panama Canal No. 1, Republic of Panama | 1,480.85 |
| Porto Rico No. 1, Puerto Rico | 646.50 |
| Anchorage No. 2, Alaska | 230.00 |
| Bavaria No. 3, Munich, Germany | 210.00 |
| Hermann von Salza No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany | 90.00 |
| Heidelberg No. 2, Germany | 750.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,165.00 |

Grand Commandery of Illinois Celebrates

A limited-edition, "fine silver, custom minted medal," 1¼ inch diameter (weight just over ½ ounce), was struck for the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, which took place March 6. The medal, says R.E. Grand Commander William R. Dawkins, is also suitable for mounting as a lady's medallion.



The commemorative pieces are available to collectors for \$20 each. Checks may be made payable to the 125th Anniversary Fund, c/o Gary D. Hermann, P.G.C., 5 Hickory Walk, Joliet, Illinois 60436.

William T. Bringham, Sr., C.A.E.

Sir Knight William T. Bringham, Sr., Evanston Commandery No. 58, Illinois, currently Dean of the Fraternity Executives Association, was recently appointed Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Fraternity Executives to serve a three-year term with the National Interfraternity Conference Board of Directors. Bringham, a Director of the National Interfraternity Foundation, also serves as Secretary and Executive Director of Sigma Chi Foundation in Evanston.

A recipient of the 33rd Degree in the Scottish Rite, Sir Knight Bringham's civic service includes work as a Trustee of Wilmette, Illinois, Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission, and Presidential Elector for the State of Illinois. He is also Director of the Executive Committee, Chicago Society of Association Executives.

JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Follow the steps of Jesus,
As he starts on a journey, so bold,
He moves with determination,
Only tarrying to remold
The lives of those along the way,
Who desperately need direction,
To these, he shows them how to love
And the purpose for his Resurrection.
He cannot, must not, tarry long,
For he knows the time is short,
When he must enter Jerusalem
And appear in Pilate's court.
So, remembering the messages he taught,
We place our priorities in line,
Which will be first? And which one next?
Recollecting we don't have much time,
For our journey to Jerusalem
Is as short as the Saviour's, too,
As the values we place on our spiritual life,
Will be weighed and paid . . . when due.

*Sir Knight Richard V. Bloedow
Constantine Commandery No. 26
Marietta, Georgia*

