NED EUGENE DULL
MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.
CONCEIVABLE, BELIEVABLE, ATTAINABLE

You, the Templars of our Grand Encampment, through your duly accredited representatives, have elected me to the high office of Grand Master of our Order for the ensuing three years. It is a vote of confidence for which I am deeply appreciative. I will do whatever is necessary and possible to justify that expression of confidence.

During this triennium my aim will be, and I confidently expect it is yours, to advance Templary in every manner that is Conceivable, Believable and Attainable. I do not minimize any fraternal difficulties which could exist, but I do want to stir in you every hope that our success can be fulfilled.

If it’s Conceivable, Believable and Attainable, we must put forth honest effort to achieve our goals. We can accomplish—together—whatever we put our hearts and minds to in this brand new triennium period.

We have a fine corps of truly exceptional officers in Grand Encampment. We have Right Eminent Department Commanders who know their jobs and will competently execute them. We have a new source of strength—expert Aides who will assist me and our Grand Officers in carrying out our directives and objectives. We have a worldwide organization which numbers some of the finest talent anyone could ask.

Our Most Eminent Past Grand Masters possess leadership qualities which are unquestioned and which have been proven many times over. I thank and pay special tribute to our immediate Past Grand Master, Sir Knight Kenneth Culver Johnson, for the outstanding example of service he has given to our Order.

We have the tools and the personnel; the progress we achieve is up to us. I call upon each Knight Templar to truly rededicate himself to a productive role in the promotion and advancement of our cherished branch of Masonry—whether or not he bears a title. I ask each one to give energetic cooperation in all Templar representations and projects.

I ask you to keep our watchwords in mind—Conceivable, Believable, Attainable.

Ned E. Dull
SEPTEMBER: We salute the new triennium in the history of Grand Encampment with the election of Sir Knight Ned E. Dull as Most Eminent Grand Master. He, with his helpmate, Margaret, will preside over Templar activities and festivities for the next three years. His background and that of other officers for the triennium is described on the pages which follow — plus other Masonic news and September features of current interest.

P.C.R.

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Hartline Class: Saturday, August 28, was the date scheduled for the Harrison C. Hartline class of candidates at Mount Olivet Commandery No. 30, Erie, Pennsylvania. The class paid tribute to Past Grand Commander Harrison C. Hartline, long active in Pennsylvania Templar committees as well as the Grand Encampment. He is Chairman of the Permanent Fund of Grand Encampment and compiles the complete revision of the Digest of Approved Decisions of the Grand Masters, which is now available from the Chicago office of the Grand Encampment at a cost of $5.00 each.

(The Editor has learned that Sir Knight Hartline suffered a stroke in early August. We know we speak for many when we send best wishes for a speedy recovery. PCR)

New York Addition: Sir Knight Steven L. Wing, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of New York, and his wife Sally became the parents of 6 pound, 12½ ounce Sara Suzann on June 17, 1982. To publicize the birth, the Wings prepared a card, complete with Templar insignia, announcing Sara as "a new addition to the Grand Line Family."

Amling: Mankato Commandery No. 4 and Bayard Commandery No. 11 in Minnesota, will hold a reception honoring Grand Commander Russell K. Amling and his Grand Officers, at the Mankato Masonic Temple, 2nd & Hickory, September 26, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Sir Knight Russell is a member of Bayard No. 11 in Stillwater.

Always Hold the Door Open for the Person Behind You — And Smile!

15th Campaign: Sir Knight Kenneth C. Johnson, who became a Most Eminent Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment in August, continues his Templar involvement: He has been requested by Most Eminent Grand Master Dull to serve as the General Chairman for the 15th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and has accepted the assignment. Sir Knight Dull’s Campaign Committee consists of Sir Knight Johnson, Past Grand Master and Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser. The Campaign officially begins December 1 and ends April 30 of 1983.

Zembo Temple: Sir Knight and Noble Clarence H. Fenstermacher, a member of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, and a Mason for more than 63 years, was honored June 5 when the Summer Class of Zembo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. was named for him. Sir Knight Fenstermacher is also a member of Scottish Rite, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and Royal Order of Jesters. He was made a Shriner in Zembo Temple on November 24, 1920.

Slide Show: The George Washington Masonic National Memorial has produced a 15-minute slide show with taped narration entitled "The Pride of All Freemasons." It is a presentation for general audience viewing and provides a complete history of the Memorial which this year celebrates its 50th anniversary. The show is now ready for distribution to Grand Lodges or individuals on a loan or purchase basis ($50 for purchase). For information, those interested may write to George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia 22301.
NEW ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR 1982-1985

The ceremony of installation for new officers of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, took place on the morning of August 19, 1982, as one of the final activities of the 55th Triennial Conclave at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. The five M.E. Past Grand Masters comprised the installation team, with G. Wilbur Bell as Installing Officer, John L. Crofts as Installing Marshal, Willard M. Avery as Installing Assistant Marshal, Kenneth C. Johnson as acting Grand Recorder, and Roy Wilford Riegel as Installing Prelate.

Elected by Grand Encampment:

Most Eminent Grand Master
NED E. DULL, P.O. Box 429, Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master
DONALD H. SMITH, Route 10, Idylwild Estates, Richmond, Kentucky 40475

Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo
MARVIN E. FOWLER, 1904 White Oaks Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22306

Right Eminent Grand Captain General
WILLIAM H. THORNLEY, JR., 3080 South Race Street, Denver, Colorado 80210

Right Eminent Grand Treasurer
HAROLD S. GORMAN, P.O. Box 11007, Reno, Nevada 89510

Right Eminent Grand Recorder
PAUL C. RODENHAUSER, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604

Appointed by the Grand Master:

Right Eminent Grand Prelate
THE REVEREND EUGENE H. BUXTON, 5945 RD 39, Huntsville, Ohio 43324

Right Eminent Department Commanders
Northeastern: Thurman C. Pace (NJ) North Central: Thomas K. Rosenow (WI)
Southeastern: James M. Ward (MS) South Central: Blair C. Mayford (MO)
East Central: Max L. Clark (MI) Northwestern: Howard P. Lumbar (WA)
Southwestern: Fred W. Scurlock (CA)

Most Eminent Past Grand Masters
Kenneth C. Johnson (1979-82)

Right Eminent Past Grand Treasurer
Edmund F. Ball, P.G.C. (Indiana)
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**PLANNED REGIONAL CONFERENCES FOR 1982-83**

SOUTH CENTRAL: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas; September 11-12, 1982, in Little Rock, Arkansas

NORTHEASTERN: Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts-Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont; September 24-25, 1982, in Baltimore, Maryland

NORTH CENTRAL: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin; October 2-3, 1982, in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota


SOUTHWESTERN: Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah; November 12-13, 1982, in Reno, Nevada


EAST CENTRAL: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia; March 12-13, 1983 (place to be selected)
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 Membership: Edward T. Bloomquist, P.G.C. (Texas), P.O. Box 296, Waco, Texas 76703

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 Dispensations and Charters: Richard M. Strauss, P.G.C. (Michigan), 16834 Avon Road, Detroit, Michigan 48219

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$10,000 Gift to Eye Foundation

Walter W. Born, Ohio, left, accepts Eye Foundation plaque from friend, Sir Knight Henry F. Fritsch.

The “Award of Appreciation” plaque presented to Mr. Walter W. Born of Akron, Ohio, from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., reads in part, “in recognition of his generous contribution as a memorial to his beloved wife, Thelma.” Mr. Born, a non-Mason, has for some years been familiar with the work of the Eye Foundation and other Masonic charities. His recent contribution of $10,000 was relayed by Sir Knight Henry F. Fritsch, P.C., Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83, to Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell.

Parade Participation

Sir Knight Douglas Jordan, Commander of Piedmont Commandery No. 26, Haymarket, Virginia, writes that the Sir Knights of the National Capital area participated in yet another parade this year (the third so far) when they joined host Commandery Montgomery No. 13, Rockville, Maryland, for an annual Memorial Day Parade on May 31. Although, as Jordan writes, the weather has been “a standing joke” among the participants, eight fraters braved heat and humidity and joined in the line of march under the command of Sir Knight S. Flory Diehl, Grand Generalissimo of the District of Columbia. Included with Sir Knight Jordan were Marion K. Warner, P.G.C., D.C.; Elvin Sutphin, Commander of St. Elmo No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland; Walter Kitts, Commander, and William Grass, Standard Bearer, from Washington Commandery No. 1; William Cox, Generalissimo of Columbia Commandery No. 2, D.C.; and Amos Potts, Junior Warden of Montgomery Commandery. “The sword drill met with great interest from the onlookers,” says Sir Knight Jordan, “and for the second time, the Templar marchers were awarded with the Second Place Award for Special Units.”

Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award: William D. Geesey, P.G.C. (Pennsylvania), 34 Terrace Street, Carbondale, Pennsylvania 18407

George Washington Memorial Chapel: Edward R. Saunders, G.C. (Maryland), R. 1, Box 468, Hollywood, Maryland 20636

Easter Sunrise Memorial Service: George M. Fulmer, P.G.C. (District of Columbia), P.O. Box 94B, Rousby Hall Road, Lusby, Maryland 20657

Easter Sunrise Breakfast: Ernest C. Barker, P.G.C. (District of Columbia), 2122 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Apt. 624, Washington, D.C. 20008

International York Rite Cooperation: H. Courtney Jones, P.G.C. (West Virginia), 1614 Liberty Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

Holy Land Pilgrimage: K. Edwin Applegate, P.D.C., 509 South Swain, Bloomington, Indiana 47401

September 1982
NED E. DULL, VAN WERT, OHIO,  
ELECTED NEW LEADER OF TEMPLAR MASONRY  

Elected to office on August 18, 1982, at The Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, Grand Master Ned E. Dull will preside over the nearly 350,000 Sir Knights who comprise the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. Grand Master Dull was installed on August 19, taking his oath of office on the same Bible used when he was obligated as a Master Mason and also when he was Knighted.

Six years after having been elected Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A., Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Past Grand Commander of Ohio and Past Department Commander of the East Central Department, was advanced by unanimous election to the highest office in Templar Masonry, that of Most Eminent Grand Master.

The new Grand Master is originally from Ohio City, Ohio, where he attended grammar and high schools. He later attended The Ohio State University and The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. In World War II, he served four years in the U.S. Army, including two years overseas in the European Theater with the 100th Infantry Division. Today, he is owner of Dull Lumber and Supply Company. Van Wert, a family business begun some 40 years ago by his father, and is a member of the Ohio and National Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

Sir Knight Dull is a member and Past Trustee of the First United Methodist Church of Van Wert, and, in addition to his Masonic interests, his civic activities continue to keep him busy. He is involved in the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, B.P.O. Elks, American Legion, V.F.W., and the Industrial Development Corporation.

Masonically, Sir Knight Dull was Raised in Van Wert Lodge No. 218. He is Past Presiding Officer of the York Rite Bodies of Van Wert, including Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, and for more than 20 years he has been actively involved with the Drill Team of Ivanhoe Commandery. He was Drill Captain when they won National Championships at the Triennial Conclaves of 1961, 1964, 1967 and 1976, and he has also served as a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations.

He is a member of Ohio Priory No. 18, K.Y.C.H.; Zenobia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; and Royal Order of Scotland. A Past Sovereign of Holy Grail Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in Dayton, he is current Grand Almoner of the United Grand Imperial Council, R.C.C. He is also Past Sovereign Master, Buckeye Council No. 92, Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Preceptor, Prince of Peace Tabernacle No. X, H.R.A.K.T.P.; and a member of Dayton Chapter No. 67, National Sojourners; Holy Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City; and Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis.

Sir Knight Dull is an Active Member of the International Supreme Council. Order of DeMolay, and a recipient of the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor. And in 1970, he was coronated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

As Grand Master, Dull will serve as President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., also President (ex-officio) of the Permanent Fund of the Grand Encampment.

He and his wife Margie (the former Margaret Irene Stahl) reside in Van Wert and are the parents of four daughters.
DONALD H. SMITH ELECTED NEW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

The new Deputy Grand Master was elected to the Grand Line in 1979 as Grand Captain General. Following the death of Grand Generalissimo William P. Wilson in 1980, Sir Knight Smith was advanced to serve in that office for the remainder of the 1979-82 triennium; and on August 18, 1982, he was elected Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

Deputy Grand Master Donald H. Smith, a retired Army officer and currently Registrar of Eastern Kentucky University, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in Detroit, Michigan. When Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941, Sir Knight Smith was called to active duty in the Michigan State Troops. The following year, he enlisted in the Army, and in 1943 he graduated from Infantry Officer Candidates School as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. Lt. Smith went overseas during World War II, took part in the Battle of the Bulge, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Belgium Fourrèrque. Later he served during the Korean conflict, and prior to his retirement in 1964, he held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Military Police.

After service, Sir Knight Smith entered Eastern Kentucky University and graduated with honors in history in 1966. He went on to earn a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice at EKU and is now the Registrar of that institution. He is a member of the Retired Officers Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and has served on the Civil Defense Advisory Board of Madison County.

Sir Knight Smith is a Deacon in the Berea, Kentucky, Baptist Church where he has taught a Men’s Bible class for 18 years. He and his wife Kathleen have two sons: The Reverend Donald H. Smith, Jr., of Louisville, and Mark M. Smith of Cincinnati.

Originally Raised in Atlanta Lodge No. 59, Georgia, Sir Knight Smith is now affiliated with Richmond Lodge No. 25, Kentucky, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1977. He is a member and Past Presiding Officer of the York Rite Bodies in Richmond, Kentucky, and continues to serve Richmond Commandery No. 19 as Treasurer. He has served terms as Grand Chaplain of both the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky, and was elected Grand Commander of Kentucky Templars in 1974.

His Masonic membership includes Kentucky Priory No. 25, Knights York Cross of Honour; Golgotha Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; St. Barnabas Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Royal Order of Scotland; and the Philalethes Society. He holds the 32° in the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lexington, S.J., and is a member of Oleika Temple, Shrine; the Order of Eastern Star; Knight Masons, U.S.A.; and Allied Masonic Degrees.
GRAND GENERALISSIMO—MARVIN E. FOWLER

In 1980, Marvin E. Fowler, P.G.C., District of Columbia, was appointed by then Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson to complete the unexpired term of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment. He was elected to the succeeding office of Grand Generalissimo at the 55th Triennial Conclave August 18, 1982, at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas.

Marvin E. Fowler, a member of the Masonic Fraternity for more than 50 years, was born in Salisbury, Missouri, and matriculated at Central College, Fayette, Missouri, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He then attended George Washington University and completed studies for his M.A. in 1931.

He was Head Pathologist and Chief, Division of Forest Disease Research, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, retiring from government service in October, 1963. Following that tenure, he accepted the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, which post he retained for another 15 years.

A member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, Grand Generalissimo Fowler is a Past President of the Hollindale Citizens Association and the International Arborists Association. He and his wife Roberta reside in Alexandria.

Sir Knight Fowler was Raised in Hebron Lodge No. 354, Mexico, Missouri, in 1927, and today he is a member of LaFayette Lodge No. 19 in the District of Columbia. He served as Worshipful Master of LaFayette Lodge in 1940, and in 1950 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District. He was admitted to the ranks of Royal Arch and Chivalric Masonry in Mexico, Missouri, and he now holds membership in the D.C. York Rite. He has served terms as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, D.C., and General Grand Principal Sojourner and Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter International; also Grand Master of Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, D.C.; and Grand Commander of Knights Templar in D.C. For many years he served the Grand Encampment as Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Committee. He is currently Grand Secretary of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council in the District of Columbia.

He holds the 33°, Scottish Rite, S.J., served as Presiding Officer of all four Scottish Rite Bodies, and is a member of Red Cross of Constantine; K.Y.C.H.; and Knight Masons, U.S.A. Sir Knight Fowler is a Senior DeMolay, an Active member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay and Trustee of the DeMolay Foundation. Since 1953, he has served as Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland in the U.S.A.
GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL—WILLIAM H. THORNLEY, JR.

Past Northwestern Department Commander William H. Thornley, Colorado, was elected August 18, 1982, to start in the Grand Line of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Public Installation ceremonies for Sir Knight Thornley and the other elected and appointed officials for the 1982-85 triennium were held at The Arlington Hotel, August 19.

A native of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, Sir Knight Thornley attended Carnegie Institute of Technology before serving with the 90th Infantry Division in World War II. As a soldier in Europe he was wounded and decorated four times for gallantry in action, and he holds four campaign stars and an arrow head for the invasion of Normandy.

Following the War, he moved to Colorado and attended the Colorado School of Mines. Today, he is a Registered Professional Engineer, Executive Vice President of F. M. Fox & Associates, Inc., Consulting Geotechnical Engineers and Geologists in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. He is also a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, American Institute of Mining Engineers, and other professional engineering organizations. He belongs to Christ Church, Episcopal, in Denver.

Raised a Master Mason in 1946 in King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, F. & A.M., Connellsville, Pennsylvania, Sir Knight Thornley completed his York Rite degrees and Orders in Colorado. He is Past High Priest and current Treasurer of Colorado Chapter No. 29, R.A.M., and was elected Grand High Priest of Colorado in 1966. His Cryptic record shows membership in Denver Council No. 1, Cryptic Masons, where he served as Thrice Illustrious Master 1977-78. He is currently Grand Captain General of the Guard of the Grand Council, C.M., Colorado. He is also a Past Commander of Denver-Colorado Commandery No. 1 and served as Grand Commander of Colorado Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, 1976-77.

In the Scottish Rite, Grand Captain General Thornley is a member of Rocky Mountain Consistory, Valley of Denver, and was coronetted 33rd, Inspector General Honorary, S.J., in 1981. His appendant Masonic membership includes El Jebel Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Mount of the Holy Cross Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Crown of Thorns Tabernacle No. XXVIII, H.R.A.K.T.P.; Royal Order of Scotland; Knight Masons; Royal Order of Jesters; and Allied Masonic Degrees. He also holds the Honorary Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

He and his wife Shirley Jane are the parents of three children: Elizabeth, William III, and Robert. Both sons are active members of the Masonic Fraternity.
Sir Knight Harold Sumner Gorman of Reno, Nevada, is the tenth man to hold the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment since that sovereign Templar Order was established in 1816. He was first appointed in July 1974 by then Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, and he has been re-elected to the office each Triennial since then. He brings to the office some 50 years of banking experience.

A native of Carlin, Nevada, Sir Knight Gorman moved to Reno as a young boy. After graduating from Reno High School, he attended the University of Nevada. In May 1922, he began his banking career which culminated in 1968 when he retired as Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Nevada.

His professional affiliations include the Nevada Bankers Association (which he served as President in 1949); American Bankers Association; and the Sierra Nevada Chapter, American Institute of Banking. His civic offices have included President of Reno Chamber of Commerce in 1952; President of Rotary Club of Reno, 1944-45; President of the Prospectors Club, 1966; and former Director of the United Fund of Washoe County. He is also a member of the Navy League; National Industrial Conference Board; and Small Business Administration. He is currently Treasurer of the Washoe Landmark Preservation, the Nevada Council on Economic Education, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

A longtime supporter of Boy Scouts of America, he is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award and currently a Board Member of the Nevada Area Council in Reno. He is a former Trustee of the Washoe Medical Center and a member of the Advisory Board, College of Education for the University of Nevada.

Sir Knight Gorman was a charter member and First Master Councillor of Nevada Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in 1923. Since that time, he has continued to distinguish himself in the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and currently holds the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He was Raised in Reno Lodge No. 13, F. & A.M., of which he is presently a Trustee; and he is Past High Priest of Reno Chapter No. 1, R.A.M.; member of Reno Council No. 4, R. & S.M.; and a 49-year member and Past Commander of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1, Reno. In 1967, he was appointed South Pacific Department Commander for the Grand Encampment. Today, he serves the Grand Commandery of Nevada as Grand Treasurer and as Chairman of the Educational Foundation, Division of Nevada. He also serves Grand Encampment as Treasurer of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

His Masonic membership also includes: the Scottish Rite Bodies of Reno; Kerak Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; St. Matthias Tabernacle No. LVII, H.R.A.K.T.P.; Reno Court No. 33, Royal Order of Jesters; and Royal Order of Scotland. He is also former Intendant General for Nevada, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine.

Sir Knight Gorman and his wife Marguerite are the parents of two sons — Richard and Robert.
RODENHAUSER RE-ELECTED GRAND RECORDER,
BEGIN 6TH TRIENNIAL

Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser, Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, was re-elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, August 18, 1982, at the 55th Triennial Conclave held at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. He begins his 6th triennium of service, having been originally appointed to the office by then Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker in 1966.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Millersville State College, Pennsylvania, in 1933, Sir Knight Rodenhauser began a long and varied career in radio and TV broadcasting. Beginning in 1935, he was a syndication writer and continuity writer for radio stations in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Baltimore and New York City. His position of production-promotion manager of the Steinman Stations of Lancaster, which he held from 1941 to 1948, was interrupted between 1943 and 1945 when he served in the U.S. Navy. In 1949, he became program manager of WGAL-TV of Lancaster. Seventeen years later, in 1966, he resigned that post to accept appointment as Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight Rodenhauser is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Columbia, and for six years was a member of the National Lutheran Church in America Commission on Press, Radio and Television. He is a Past Chairman, Lancaster County Chapter, American National Red Cross; Trustee, Fulton Foundation, Lancaster; Board Member, Columbia Hospital; and a recipient of the Elizabethtown College Citizen's Award Citation and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction "Advancement of Education" citation. Currently, he is a member of the Citizen's Board of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago.

In addition to his service for the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Rodenhauser is also Grand Recorder of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, an office he was elected to in 1969. For 15 years, he has been Editor of the Knight Templar Magazine, monthly publication of the Grand Encampment, and his duties also include rolls as Secretary of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, and Secretary for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

He was Raised in Columbia Lodge No. 286 in 1946; is a member of the York Rite Bodies of Columbia and Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lancaster and Harrisburg. He has been honored with the Knight York Cross of Honour; the Honorary 33° from the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.; and the Honorary Legion of Honor from DeMolay International. He is Past Preceptor, Triune Tabernacle No. VII, H.R.A.K.T.P.; an Active Member of DeMolay Supreme Council; and a member in perpetuity of National Sojourners.

He and his wife Hazel were married July 14, 1936. They have one son and three grandchildren.
EUGENE H. BUXTON APPOINTED GRAND PRELATE

Following his installation as Grand Master, Sir Knight Ned E. Dull announced the appointment of The Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, Huntsville, Ohio, as Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment for the 1982-85 triennium. He succeeds The Reverend Dr. George F. Ivey, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, in the office.

The Reverend Eugene H. Buxton received his undergraduate degree at Kenyon College, Ohio, and went on to pursue his B.D. at Bexley Hall Seminary of Kenyon College. For more than 50 years since that time he has served the Episcopal Church in Ohio, including posts as Missioner in Charge of St. Barnabas Mission, Dennison; Missioner of St. James Mission, Collinwood; Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Bellefontaine for 12 years; and Rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Wooster, for 25 years. He is currently Rector of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Sidney, a post he has held for the past ten years.

In civic affairs, The Reverend Buxton served as Chairman of the Red Cross of Bellefontaine for 12 years, during which time he delivered all the casualty messages throughout Loan County in World War II. He served three terms on the local hospital board and has headed several bond drives. In 1948, he was voted Outstanding Citizen by the Bellefontaine Chamber of Commerce, and 20 years later, in 1968, he was selected Man of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in Wooster.

Sir Knight Buxton is an accomplished woodworker who specializes in the making of altars. He has made many portable altars for Cleveland area hospitals, also for the Wooster, Ohio, Y.M.C.A.; and he has crafted stationary altars for the Wooster Community Hospital Chapel. Several years ago, he dismantled a house (built originally in 1848), and, in anticipation of his recent retirement, he built a modern six-room house in Huntsville from the materials of the 19th century dwelling. He and his wife, Vesta, now reside in that house in Huntsville. They are the parents of one son, The Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, Jr.

Sir Knight Buxton was Raised in Bellefontaine Lodge No. 209, Ohio, in 1941, and served as Worshipful Master in 1947. He is a member of the York Rite Bodies of Bellefontaine and currently serves as Treasurer for those Bodies. He has held appointment as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Ohio for 26 years.

His Masonic membership also includes the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Dayton; Holy Grail Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in Dayton; and Antioch, Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Dayton. In 1974, he received the Honorary Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. Both The Reverend and Mrs. Buxton are members of Bellefontaine Chapter No. 459, Order of the Eastern Star.
Grand Monarch, Grottoes of N.A.

Sir Knight Robert L. Atkins of Indianapolis was elected 1982-83 Grand Monarch of the Grottoes of North America at the international convention of the Order held June 23-26 in New Orleans. As head of the Masonic-related Fraternity, Grand Monarch Atkins will serve the members of 184 Grottoes in Canada and the U.S.A.

A member of Scottish Rite and Shrine, Sir Knight Atkins has for many years been active in the Order of DeMolay and holds the Active Legion of Honor from that youth organization. He is a member of Baldwin Commandery No. 2, Shelbyville, Indiana.

The Grottoes were founded in 1890 in Hamilton, New York. The major purpose of the Supreme Council is to advance the principles of Freemasonry while promoting the social or “festive board” traditions. One of the major projects of its Humanitarian Foundation is bringing dental services to handicapped children.

Goodwin Chapter Centennial Coin

Goodwin Chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Masons, will commemorate its 100th year with a special copper-oxidized, 1¼ inch diameter Chapter penny. The coin carries the words, “Goodwin Chapter No. 36, R.A.M., Lakewood, New Jersey,” and “Centennial, September 15, 1882-1982.”

The commemorative item will be available for collectors on September 1. Cost is $2.50 plus a self-addressed envelope to: R. H. Halsey, Chairman, 77 Monument Road, Pine Beach, New Jersey 08741.

33rd Annual St. John’s Day Service

Carroll M. Fogg, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Commander of New Hampshire, delivered the St. John’s Day address at the 33rd annual service conducted by area Masons at The Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, on Sunday, June 27, 1982. One hundred Templars formed the honor guard at the service.

The observance of St. John’s Day has been part of the Masonic calendar for generations, and the Cathedral of the Pines at New Rindge was chosen years ago by New Hampshire brethren as a fitting setting for the Masonic service. It is an International Shrine dedicated as a memorial for all American war dead.

At the 1982 Masonic service, the American flag used was presented by Mrs. Lois Krenkel. It was the flag which originally draped her late husband’s coffin and which is flown at the Cathedral each year on his birthday. The flying of the American flag for deceased veterans is a service offered by the Cathedral.

Melvin Belli Celebration

Sir Knight Melvin M. Belli, Sr., well-known lawyer and writer, was honored July 29 with a 75th birthday celebration at The Belli Building in San Francisco, California. A member of California Commandery No. 1, Sir Knight Belli has been involved in the practice of law for a half century.

In addition to honors awarded by the Italian and German governments and the Belli Society, “Belli Plaza” was named in his honor at the July event. According to information received, all of San Francisco was invited to the fete.
CPR Class Conducted in New Mexico

Sir Knights, Master Masons, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay Boys, and members of St. Paul’s Methodist Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico, gathered this summer to attend a class in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) offered by Mrs. Frederick Sheldon, a registered nurse and Past President of Las Cruces Assembly No. 149, Social Order of the Beauceant.

CPR students, pictured with their instructor, included: (back row, l-r) Mrs. Victor L. Gallivan, Past Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B.; Mrs. Phillip Neuburger, Past President of Las Cruces Assembly; Mrs. Kermit K. Schauer, Worthy President; and Mrs. Sheldon, Past President and CPR specialist. Front row: Amy Crews; Shawn Dudley; Lindy Bennett; and Mrs. William C. Bennett, 2nd Vice-President of No. 149.

(Not pictured, but in attendance, were Sir Knights Phillip Neuburger and B. Ray Bonar; Sgt. and Brother Frank R. Sheldon; and DeMolay Boys Scott Pierce, Rob Pierce and Jeff Pierce.)

Mrs. Sheldon notes that this is the second CPR class she has taught primarily for Masonic related individuals. About one half of the class who had completed CPR training the year before renewed their certificates.

Set a Goal — $5.00 per member
During the Eye Foundation’s
15th Annual Voluntary Campaign
December 1, 1982 through April 30, 1983

Pennsylvania Rainbow Girls Present Check

When Laura J. Rimmel was installed Worthy Advisor of Shawnee Assembly No. 164, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Pennsylvania, she chose the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as her service project for the year. A recent photograph shows her presenting a check for $115.51 to Sir Knight James Chesney, a Past Commander of Allegheny Commandery No. 35, Pittsburgh, who also happens to be Chairman of Allegheny Commandery’s Eye Foundation Committee — and Laura’s grandfather.

East Bay Degree Days

The East Bay York Rite Association will have its 17th Annual Pilgrimage at the Oakland Memorial Masonic Temple in Oakland, California, on Saturday, October 23, and Saturday, October 30, writes Edward R. Leavitt, K.Y.C.H. and General Chairman of the Pilgrimage. All area Master Masons are invited to attend the two-day festival and receive all of the degrees and Orders of the York Rite. The conferrals will be conducted by “picked degree teams from all of the York Rite Bodies of the East Bay,” says Leavitt. For further information, readers may contact Sir Knight Leavitt at 870 Morrill Street, Hayward, California 94541 (phone: 415-278-2192).
The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania celebrated two anniversaries on June 26, 1982 — the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the 250th anniversary of the birth of Brother George Washington — and they used the opportunity to conduct a Masonic pilgrimage to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The highlight of the afternoon, reports C. Clark Julius, P.C., was a parade, 5,000 strong, which took several hours to complete. According to Julius, it was the first all-Masonic parade in more than 200 years in the area and consisted of Blue Lodge members in full regalia, members from Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Supreme Council, Consistory, Grotto, seven Shrines, Tall Cedars, DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughters, plus numerous floats and bands. The viewing public was estimated at 20,000.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation
New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club:
Colorado No. 5 — Jerry A. Srp

Grand Master's Club:
No. 378 — Jay R. Newman (UT)
No. 379 — Elbert R. Hunt (IL)
No. 380 — Ned E. Dull (OH)

How to Join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of $100 or more to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to begin membership in the Grand Commander's Club. With the initial contribution, the member pledges to make additional annual contributions of $100 or more. Once Grand Commander's Club contributions total $1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only (no clubs), and there is no Commandery credit for Club participation.

Information is available from G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705. (Telephone 217-523-3838.)

Scholars Assemble at Midwest Conference

The Scottish Rite Cathedral in Wichita, Kansas, was the setting for the 33rd annual Midwest Conference on Masonic Education, May 6-8, 1982, attended by Masonic scholars, researchers, authors, lecturers and leaders from across the U.S. and from Canada and England. M.W. Robert G. Jackson, Grand Master of Masons in Kansas, welcomed the Conference, and Dr. Forrest T. Haggard, Past Grand Master of Kansas, author, lecturer and theological celebrity, offered the keynote address.

Hugh a Cole, President, reports that a philatelic cover, a Conference memento, was made available to attendees. The cover, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington and carrying the February 1982 Washington stamp, was postmarked May 7 from Wichita. A 1983 cover is also planned, and interested collectors may request information for ordering the 1983 cover (and details on next year's conference) from the Secretary/Treasurer, Sir Knight and Dr. Dawson S. Grim, 4300 E Avenue, N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.
"Take you wise men, and understanding . . ."

FORERUNNER OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

by

Sir Knight H. Thompson Stock
Detroit Commandery No. 1, Michigan

This month marks the 195th anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution which, according to The Oxford Companion to American History, is "the world's oldest written constitution." Prior to 1787, the law of the land was embodied in the "Articles of Confederation"; but in that year, the Congress of the Confederation called for a Constitutional Convention which convened in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, with Brother George Washington as President. When that Convention adjourned on September 17, 1787, the representatives had approved and signed a new Constitution, and by June of 1788, it had been ratified by the requisite number of states.

Many earlier documents influenced the individuals who sat in judgment of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. One in particular, says Sir Knight H. Thompson Stock, was the "Fundamental Orders" drawn up by a group of Puritans at Hartford, Connecticut.

The contribution of the pioneer colony centered at Hartford, Connecticut, to the formation of the United States is generally not known or appreciated by many people in this country. This pioneer colony, however, had one of the earliest democratic written constitutions in the world—a constitution which carried no religious discrimination. How did this come about?

The Reverend Thomas Hooker was born in Leicestershire, England, in 1586. By 1611, he had completed divinity studies at Emmanuel College, Cambridge University. He headed a Puritan congregation in London, but King Charles I (later beheaded for his "bigotry and despotism") forced Hooker's church to close. The Reverend, called before the "court of high commission" for his nonconformist preaching, fled to Holland where the Dutch granted general religious freedom. Ultimately, many of Reverend Hooker’s congregation removed to the Massachusetts Bay Colony at Boston in New England. They invited Hooker to join them, which he did in 1633, along with some 200 fellow Puritans. They were assigned land in what is today known as Cambridge.

It may seem strange that the leaders of the Puritan Church in Massachusetts Bay, themselves the victims of religious persecution in England, did not approve of other religions in their Colony. In fact, to be a voter and to have any say in colony affairs, a man had to be in good standing with the Puritan Church, be of good character and be worth at least £200 in money and/or property. Reverend Hooker discovered that there was considerable dissatisfaction with the first requirement, and he tried to persuade the church leaders, who were also the town leaders, to mollify it. But he had no success.

Thus, when he heard of desirable land along the Long (Connecticut) River, Hooker requested permission to leave and found a new colony. Permission was granted, and, between 1635 and 1636, Hooker and his congregation established Hartford, Connecticut, between the earlier settlements of Wethersfield . . .
and Windsor. The three settlements then united to form the Connecticut Colony.

After the meeting house, dwellings and barns were built, Reverend Hooker gave a very important sermon (at an adjourned session of the General Council of April 1638); the sermon was based upon the text from Deuteronomy 1:13: "Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you." In his sermon, he said, in part, "The foundation of authority is laid, firstly, in the free consent of the people." (Thanks to Henry Wolcott, Jr., of Windsor, Connecticut, there is a record of this sermon. In accord with the Puritan habit, Wolcott took notes of what Reverend Hooker said.)

Certainly this minister had a deep concern for the rules by which his colony would be governed, so it was not surprising that he should help draft Connecticut’s code of laws. Known as the Fundamental Orders, it was drawn up by a committee which included Hooker, John Haynes, and Robert Ludlow, a lawyer. The Fundamental Orders provided that the authority for the government came from the people, not the government or the church. Representatives were to be chosen from each town based on population. Additional towns could be added (and were). There could be no taxation without representation. All freemen who took the oath of loyalty could vote, and the people were to elect the governor and the six magistrates. In matters not specifically granted to the General Legislature, the laws of the local governments applied.

The General Assembly of the three towns adopted the Fundamental Orders on January 14, 1639. Connecticut kept this constitution until 1818, and it served as one of the models for the Constitution of the United States.

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**Grand Encampment**

**Roll Call of Honored Dead**

**IN HALLOWED MEMORY**

- **John Monroe Coben**
  - Tennessee
  - Grand Commander — 1953
  - Born October 9, 1888
  - Died November 25, 1981

- **George C. Patton, Jr.**
  - Massachusetts and Rhode Island
  - Grand Commander — 1966
  - Born November 21, 1903
  - Died July 21, 1982

- **Clarence I. Johnson**
  - South Dakota
  - Grand Commander — 1975
  - Born March 27, 1906
  - Died July 28, 1982

- **George K. A. Leschinsky**
  - Nebraska
  - Grand Commander — 1951
  - Born February 21, 1897
  - Died August 2, 1982

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**George C. Patton, Jr., P.G.C.**

Sir Knight George C. Patton, Jr., Past Grand Commander of Massachusetts-Rhode Island and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award, passed away July 21, 1982, at the age of 78. A retired regional manager of Brinks, Inc., Sir Knight Patton was born in Brooklyn, New York, and attended Pace Institute of Accounting and Finance in Brooklyn. He had served as Chairman of the United Fund in his hometown of Stoneham, Massachusetts, and President of Fells Island Council, Boy Scouts of America, from which he received the Silver Beaver Award, Scouting’s highest honor.

Sir Knight Patton was a past presiding officer of all York Rite Bodies, including Clinton Commandery No. 14, Brooklyn, and also a dual member of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 of Melrose, Massachusetts.
THE CHALLENGE OF DIABETES

by
Betty M. DeMartini, M.D. and Charles J. Koester, Ph. D.

"I am pleased to forward a paper for consideration for publication in the Knight Templar Magazine. The award from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., was employed, in part, to finance the studies outlined herein. As you will note, diabetes mellitus, especially in young people, represents a perfectly dreadful threat to vision. This research has tremendous promise in furthering our efforts to prevent blindness from this disease and to permit prompt early treatment. This will be an ongoing project and therefore it has tremendous importance and potential for the future.

"I am personally extremely grateful to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., for their continued and unstinting support.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Campbell, M.D., Director
The Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute

Diabetes! To a young child this diagnosis simply means pain. Pain because he or she must take injections of insulin, often twice a day, to keep the disease under control. Pain because he cannot eat all the food his friends are allowed to eat. And perhaps the worst pain of all because he is now different from his friends, and being different is the most difficult part of it all. What is diabetes mellitus? It means there is too much sugar in the blood. In healthy people, the body manufactures its own hormone, insulin, which regulates the amount of sugar. But in diabetes, there is a problem with the manufacture of insulin in the body, and the lack of insulin leads to very high amounts of sugar in the blood. This can cause a variety of problems which seriously affect the heart, the eyes, the kidneys, and even the ability of wounds to heal after injury.

To an ophthalmologist, diabetes also means pain. Diabetes is a leading cause of new blindness in young adults, just at the time when they are beginning their most productive years. It has been estimated that there are 148,000 patients in the United States legally blind from diabetic eye disease, and this number is expected to increase to 573,500 patients by the year 2000. After ten years of diabetes, 50% of those patients have diabetic eye disease of varying severity, and after 25 years, 95% are afflicted. It is estimated that a patient will become blind within 2-3 years after the onset of the most severe form of diabetic eye disease — proliferative retinopathy. This complication is characterized by the growth of abnormal blood vessels within the eye. After one eye becomes blind, there is a 60% chance that blindness in the second eye will occur within one year. These are indeed frightening statistics, but they illustrate the magnitude of the problems of diabetic eye disease and the importance of research to help eliminate diabetes as a leading cause of blindness. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has made very powerful contributions in this area.

Robert Griffin was only eight years old, just beginning the third grade, when his mother noticed that he was always thirsty and increasingly irritable.
To her dismay, he also began to wet his bed. The family physician diagnosed diabetes mellitus and began Robbie on a strict diet with daily injections of insulin. It required a long time for Robbie to accept the injections. And when Mom was not home, he often sneaked foods rich in sugar which every child loves but which were forbidden to him. Throughout his younger years, his blood sugar was variable and frequently very high because he rebelled against the daily injections and strict diet. As he matured, he learned to live with the rigid medical and dietary regime.

When Robert was 24, the future looked very bright. He had completed college with a fine academic record and he had just begun a wonderful job. His devoted wife was a source of great strength to him. But then he began to have trouble reading fine type. He went to his ophthalmologist who found that his vision had deteriorated from 20/20 (perfect vision) in each eye to 20/50 in his right eye and 20/70 in his left eye. This was already below the limit for operating a motor vehicle in many states. The ophthalmologist examined the retina in each eye. (The retina is a very fine membrane which lines the inside of the back of the eye. It is really the basis of vision and is like the film in a camera.) Many hemorrhages were found in the retina and abnormal blood vessels were growing. The abnormal vessels are very fragile and spontaneously bleed. The blood in the retina causes scar tissue to form, and that results in loss of vision. Robert was told that pathology of this type occurs in patients who have had diabetes for a number of years.

The ophthalmologist advised Robert to undergo laser treatments. The laser is a very intense light and it is employed to destroy abnormal blood vessels. This form of treatment often arrests vision deterioration in diabetics. The laser treatments were performed on both of Robert’s eyes. Fortunately for Robert, the laser treatments were successful in preventing progression of his diabetic disease; indeed, there was actually some improvement in vision, so he is again able to read easily and operate a motor vehicle. But he was one of the lucky ones. In other patients, less fortunate than Robert, the laser treatments do not stop the deteriorating vision and they become blind. Perhaps the diabetic eye disease is recognized too late.

The threat of blindness to young people is one of the greatest challenges facing modern medicine. What can be done to help these desperate patients? The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is generously supporting the investigation of a new technique at The Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City. Vitreous Fluorophotometry is designed to detect the earliest changes that do occur in the blood vessels of the retina of diabetic patients. The test is performed by injecting fluorescein dye in the patient’s arm; the dye then travels in the blood stream to the retina. One of the first manifestations of diabetic retinopathy is an abnormality in the walls of the blood vessels. The blood vessel walls are no longer watertight; they develop leaks and fluid escapes into the retina and the adjacent vitreous chamber. When the fluorescein reaches these abnormal vessels it too will leak out into the retina and vitreous.

Vitreous fluorophotometry can measure very small concentrations of fluorescein in the vitreous chamber and can therefore detect the “leaky” abnormal blood vessels, even before an ophthalmologist can see anything wrong on an eye examination. This technique is therefore extremely sensitive for the detection of these very early changes in diabetic eye disease, and early detection holds the promise of early treatment and of saving the eyesight of thousands of young diabetic patients. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, by supporting this crucial eye research, is helping to make the prevention of blindness from diabetes a reality.
The future of Freemasonry...

TOWARD A NEW EAST (WHICH IS VERY, VERY OLD)

by

The Reverend and Sir Knight William Stemper
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The present condition of Masonic decline offers the leadership of the Fraternity an unparalleled opportunity to plan for the future strength of Freemasonry. Just as it is unlikely that heavy membership losses can be reversed in the "short term," so it is important that "key" Masonic leaders plan in a realistic manner for the decline, and plan further for the bright future which can come after it.

Three elements will be important to this planning: (1) structural "capitalization"; (2) recovery of Masonic "roots"; and (3) the establishment of centers of renewal.

First, the Masonic Fraternity has within it vast resources for funding future renewal efforts. In general terms, these are endowments, real estate, and cash reserves. Some means of coordination within Grand Lodges, and among the variety of appendant bodies, should be found to insure the highest possible yield from existing endowments and cash reserves. Further, some means should be found to enable the conversion of real properties into more desirable properties, when appropriate, and to plan "strategically" for the deployment of Masonic Temples and properties in the positions and places where they would be best utilized. Relocation of temples to existing commercial centers, such as shopping centers, and the sale of temples in marginal neighborhoods might be highly desirable.

In a related way, Grand Lodges and other appendant bodies should establish standing committees to identify the financial and legal leadership within the Fraternity's existing membership to assist in this process. The time has gone when the institutional Fraternity can rely upon the professional expertise of Past Masters and Past Grand Masters alone to provide the necessary professional leadership in a period of transition. Such men can usually be depended upon for their time and talent. Frequently, they can also be called upon to serve as mentors and role models for younger men whose careers will take them into future positions of responsibility in government, business, church, and educational institutions.

With reservoirs of capital and manpower, the "official" leadership of the Fraternity can take steps to provide resources for the future.

Secondly, it is more possible today to seek the recovery of our Masonic roots than in the recent past. Freemasonry's uniqueness is due to the fact that it preserves certain basic forms of perception, in ceremonial and in institutional form, which enable the serious initiate to "see" and live in the world in a different and more fulfilling way. It is a vast "memory" system which, much like the ancient temples and cathedrals the Craft celebrates, represents and points to essential truths about the nature of man and his universe. To make this statement is not to claim for Freemasonry any great occult, or secret, wisdom. This has been done too often, and in excess, by enthusiasts inside and outside of the Fraternity.

What is claimed is, on the contrary, quite simple and commonplace. Our forefathers - the authors of our rituals - were alert to the fact that the human consciousness could remember essential
truths if they were presented in dramatic form. Thus, they sought, as countless dramatists and authors before them, to preserve for us certain ritual methods to enable us to recall, and at a deep level to feel, the realities which they perceived. In doing so, for the first time in the late 1600’s, they “captured” awarenesses and insights which were commonplace then, but are not so now. The same period produced many other great dramatic and literary works: Shakespeare’s plays, the Authorized Version of the Bible and the poetry of John Milton and John Donne. Just as these pieces of literature preserve the “worldview” of the authors in their idea content and style, so do the elements of Masonic tradition and ritual preserve the insights and worldview of their authors. In the Masonic sense, the rituals grew up over the years of transmission and interpretation and were finally standardized in the “monitors” produced by such men as Thomas Smith Webb, Preston, and Oliver in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Our Masonic roots stem from this foundation. The reason such “great men” as Washington, Franklin, and Jefferson were attached to Masonic ideals and, in some cases, to Masonic membership was that the symbols cherished by the Fraternity pointed to a deep and universal moral tradition without the abuses associated with existing political and religious traditions. The architecture and symbolism of the early American Republic may be said to be “Masonic” not because all the founding fathers were Masons; rather, it was because Freemasonry’s symbolic and ritual expressions appealed to elements in men’s hearts and minds which promised liberation of the imagination and hopefulness for a just political and economic order.

To recover our Masonic roots for the future, then, we must make a serious and deliberate effort to build into the conferral of our degrees a substantial awareness of their meaning, symbolism, and idea content. The degrees are not self-explanatory, even to the most experienced Freemason; nor is the rote memorization of the work to be understood as an understanding of the depth of the ceremonial’s teachings. There should be a serious effort to explain their content and their meaning to initiates and candidates alike.

This can be done in a variety of ways. For example, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, S.J., The Honorable Henry C. Clausen, has brilliantly interpreted Albert Pike’s classic Morals and Dogma for the everyday reader. He has rendered an otherwise difficult, if richly symbolic, text into a language and idiom which the rank and file Craftsman might read, enjoy, and benefit from.

Another means might be the careful use of films and audiovisual aids to exemplify dramas and stories drawn from the degrees. Many men will watch an entertaining film when they will not read a long and tedious text or ritual.

A still further means would be to devise “role-playing” workshops where members and candidates act out the teaching of degrees in real life situations. This would mean adapting the teaching of the ceremonials into modern life situations. Much could be learned if the drama of Hiram Abif, the degree of Select Master, or the Rose Croix were interpreted with modern dress in an office or work place situation, and not relegated to “ancient times.”

A third opportunity to strengthen Freemasonry in the future would be to plan for centers of Masonic renewal for the future. In essence, this would be for Masonic leaders to make plans to establish certain model Masonic “communities” (including representatives of all major bodies) in certain urban centers. Financial resources and honors pre-requisites would then be applied to such places, so that as the national membership begins to decline, these centers would become the focus for
A group of 27 candidates received the Orders of Templary earlier this year at a Class sponsored by two Commanderies in Maryland and one in Delaware and held at the Masonic Temple in Salisbury, Maryland. Chesapeake Commandery No. 10, Denton, Maryland, conferred the Order of the Red Cross, and St. Andrew’s Commandery No. 2, Dover, Delaware, conferred the Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta in full ceremonial form during the morning, with Shryock Commandery No. 11, Salisbury, working the Order of the Temple following a lunch prepared by the ladies at Salisbury.

Shown above with the joint class are Sir Knights David C. Lane, Sr., Commander of Chesapeake Commandery No. 10; Charles E. Beatty, Commander of Shryock No. 11, and J. Norman Nicklas, Commander of St. Andrew’s No. 2.

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the future. Energies and resources would not be dissipated; rather, they would be concentrated in those places which research has disclosed to be the future centers of national life and culture. Key professions and institutions should be represented in the planning of such centers so as to insure that the Craft was addressing the perceived needs of young men in the years to come.

On the whole, a careful husbanding and deployment of our Masonic resources in the future will enable the Masonic tradition to live again in a vital way. It may not come in our time; we may be like Moses in that we might begin to see the promised land but not enter it. But the Land is there, and there can come a time when the Craft might undergo such a Renaissance that our past history will seem but dim prologue to a glorious future.

Sir Knight Stemper is a member of Morton Commandery No. 4, New York City. His mailing address is 34 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Interstate Visitation

On Saturday, September 18, 1982, Baldwin Commandery No. 2 of Shelbyville, Indiana, will temporarily move its charter to Shelbyville, Kentucky, where members will confer the Order of the Temple at Shelby Commandery No. 32. The fraternal visit, including a special exhibition by Baldwin Commandery’s Drill Team, is scheduled to occur the day before the opening of the Grand Commandery of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and it is anticipated that Grand Officers of Kentucky and visiting jurisdictions will take the opportunity to witness the conferral “according to Indiana ritual.”

A dinner is planned to conclude the activities, and all Sir Knights and ladies are invited. Dinner reservations ($5.00 per person) may be sent to Sir Knight Clayton A. Compton, 7601 Beechdale Road, Crestwood, Kentucky 40014.

William Leffler, Grand Junior Warden of Indiana and a member of Baldwin No. 2, notes that a return visitation is planned for March 1983.
LETTER FROM A YOUNG SERVICEMAN

Past Commander C. David Burgess and the members of St. John’s Commandery No. 12, Bozeman, Montana, forwarded a letter which they wanted to share with all the readers of the Knight Templar. It was written to the Commandery by John C. Miser, a Past Master Councilor of DeMolay who at age 21 is an Airman First Class, U.S. Air Force.

Gentlemen:

I write this note with much reverence, thanks and sincerity. It is my profound hope that you will take the thoughts which I express here to heart and in the spirit of their intent.

Over the past few years, I have had the privilege of participating in many events and functions which you have sponsored, some of which include membership in Ross C. Jensen Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and Charter membership in the Montana State Priory, Chivalric Knights of the Holy Order of the Fellow Soldiers of Jacques DeMolay. Most recently it was my great honor to attend . . . your last Christmas morning observance and reflection ceremonies. To be present and to “Participate” in your midst was a pleasure! This has caused my following reflections.

First, sirs, let me comment on the concerns expressed over the conditions of today’s youth and tomorrow’s future. My own personal sense of patriotism and pride in my country was built long before I joined DeMolay and was exposed to the seventh precept of the Order. However, my exposure to members of your Order and to the opportunitues that I was given to intellectually and maturely discuss our country’s founding, politics, etc., has certainly strengthened and realigned some of my values and opinions in ways that I believe are better.

At the present time, I am serving a tour of duty with the United States Air Force and am presently stationed in Alaska. Personally, I am proud as punch to be here serving my country.

I am sure that as long as your Order’s dedication to service and to building our country’s youth continues, we will not fail! I hope my service gives you pride and satisfaction and shows that your job is not a folly but is most certainly worthwhile.

As I stated before, I am also a member of Ross C. Jensen Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Bozeman, and the Montana State Priory of Knighthood. The benefits of and responsibility for membership in these organizations speak for themselves. However, were it not for your sponsoring both of them, I would have been denied the opportunities to experience the teaching of DeMolay. Also, as a result I would never have developed many DeMolay friendships . . . and I would have missed out on the Brotherhood I have experienced at DeMolay Leadership Conferences in Greeley, Colorado, at Montana State Conclaves and within my own Chapter. . . .

So, in closing, gentlemen, let me say that your work is really appreciated. Your work is needed and your dedication, ideals and efforts must go on and be strengthened, never faltering! Always building and building more than you realize.

So, I THANK YOU, each and every one, for your help, time, sponsorship, love, cooperation and investments. THANK YOU very much, very much indeed.

Brother John C. Miser, Past Master Councilor

Sir Knight Burgess, District Governor of DeMolay, writes that John has recently been awarded the Chevalier Degree from his home Chapter. He concludes, “I am proud of John and the things he stands for. With young DeMolay men of this calibre to be our future Knights, we have a very rich future to look forward to and to enjoy!”

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Dear Brother:

I have just completed Sir Knight Russel H. Anthony’s article “Back to Basics” about the Blue Lodge Membership Dilemma (June Knight Templar). I personally found this to be a most interesting and informative article. I too am most concerned about the loss of membership in our Fraternity, and I know there is one very simple thing we can all do which will contribute in a most positive manner in helping to solve this problem.

Every member of our Blue Lodges should support the Order of DeMolay to the utmost of his ability, for it is from these roots that many of our future Masons will spring. If your Lodge sponsors a DeMolay chapter, try to attend at least one meeting a year; if you can afford it, give them financial support; if you have the time, share your time with the order and become an advisor. I know you will find this involvement to be most satisfying from a personal point of view, and I am certain that any efforts made in support of DeMolay MUST be most beneficial to the Masonic Orders in general.

Anthony Dean
Rainier Commandery No. 28, Renton, Washington
Dad Advisor, Renton Chapter, DeMolay

Supreme Council, N.M.J. Meets

More than 1,200 Thirty-third Degree Masons of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction are expected to visit St. Louis, Missouri, during the 170th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, September 24-30, in that city.

This year’s Supreme Council session, the first ever to be held in a city outside the Northern area, is being welcomed by St. Louis by officers and members of the Southern Jurisdiction St. Louis Scottish Rite Bodies headed by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Walter C. Ploezer and by the Southern Illinois Scottish Rite Bodies at Belleville, let by Deputy Robert B. Perkins.

The 1982 meeting will feature the conferral of the 33° upon 172 Northern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Masons elected to receive the honor at the 1981 session in Philadelphia.

The Northern and Southern Jurisdictions share Scottish Rite activities throughout the U.S., and the two membership rosters total more than one million Scottish Rite Masons.

Hazleton Trio

Pictured above are current line officers of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 73, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. From the left — Generalissimo John J. Donati, Jr., Commander Raymond D. Jones, and Captain General Anthony T. Gadola. The trio, however, enjoys more than Templar activities together this year: Sir Knight Donati is Worshipful Master of Hazle Lodge No. 327, High Priest of Hazleton Chapter No. 277, and Marshal of Anthracite Council No. 62. Sir Knight Jones is Junior Warden of Hazle Lodge, King of Hazleton Chapter, and Sentinel of Anthracite Council; and Sir Knight Gadola is Worshipful Master of Arbutus Lodge No. 611 (Freedland), Scribe of Hazleton Chapter, and Chaplain of Anthracite Council.
Chapter V (continued)

DAWN OF MODERN TEMPLARISM

Ireland

The first mention of the Knights Templar in Ireland is an advertisement for a St. John’s Day dinner in the summer of 1774, which appeared in a Dublin newspaper:

“The Knights Templar of Ireland, Royal Arch, Excellent and Super-Excellent Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 506, intend dining together in their lodge room, at the Thatched Cabin, Castle St., on Friday, 24th instant to celebrate the Festival of St. John. Such of the Fraternity as choose to dine with them are requested to leave their names at the Bar two days before.”

There is no doubt that this lodge had been conferring the Templar degree for some time previous to this announcement. It is entirely possible that this Lodge was the source from which the Irish Army Lodge obtained its knowledge of the Templar degree, which it conferred in St. Andrew’s Lodge in Boston in 1769.

Where this lodge obtained the Templar degree is difficult to determine. About the middle of the eighteenth century, many of the higher degrees of Masonry as well as the Order of the Temple were developed in France, mainly through the activities, and for the purposes of adherents, of the Stuart cause. It is well known that many in Ireland were interested in that cause, and came to France at that time. On their return home, they could have introduced the Templar degree into Ireland, not only for the degree itself, but for political purposes as well. The idea of a patriotic and Christian Order found ready acceptance with members of the Masonic fraternity, under whose authority it was conferred.

In 1779 a rival group petitioned the Grand Master of Mother Kilwinning Lodge of Scotland for a warrant. On October 8, 1779, a warrant was received which was in reality only a Craft warrant but was used as authority to confer the degrees of Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and Rose Croix. This lodge with other Irish Lodges in 1803 formed the “Grand Kilwinning Chapter of High Knights Templar for Ireland.” The present Grand Priory of Ireland was organized in 1836 and controls the Order of Knights Templar, the Order of Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, and also the Knights of St. Paul or Mediterranean Pass.

England

The earliest reference to the Templar Order in England is a certificate dated 1779 and signed by the Grand Secretary of the York Grand Lodge. This was the only Grand Lodge to recognize the Templar degree in Great Britain during the eighteenth century. The Order was probably introduced into England from France, although the Encampment at Bristol claims to be descended from the old Preceptory of the Ancient Knights Templar located in that City. No documentary evidence has been found to establish this claim. The oldest record of Baldwin Encampment is the “Charter
of Compact” of December 20, 1780, in which the Sir Knights of Bristol, acting as the Supreme Grand and Royal Encampment, drew up statutes for the government of the Order.

The first governing body for the Order in England was established in London by Thomas Dunckerley in 1791 and was known as the Grand Conclave. All the Encampments in England, with the exception of the Encampment at Bristol, joined with this Grand Body, but it was not until 1862 that the Encampment at Bristol united with the Grand Conclave.

The Convent General for England and Ireland was formed in December 1872, and on July 7, 1895, the “Grand Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta in England, Wales and Dependencies Thereof ” became the sovereign body with headquarters in London.

Scotland

While Mother Kilwinning Lodge of Scotland had been considered the custodian of higher Masonic degrees, the Templar Order was brought to Scotland by a warrant issued in 1806 by the “Early Grand Encampment of Ireland” to a group in Edinburgh. Alexander Deuchar became Grand Master, and in 1811 obtained a charter from the Duke of Kent, then Chief of the Masonic Templars in England, forming the “Chapter General” for Scotland. In 1822 a rival body, “The Early Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of Scotland” was formed, resting their claims upon the tradition that they represented the Ancient Knights who once held the Grand Priory of Torpeschen at Midlothian. In 1909 these two organizations united to form the “Great Priory of Scotland, the Colonies and the Dependencies of the British Crown,” with headquarters at Edinburgh.

Canada

The first mention of the Order of the Temple in Canada was found in the records of Lodge No. 211 located at Halifax, Nova Scotia. On September 20, 1782, in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held under the sanction of the craft warrant of Lodge No. 211 under the registry of the Grand Lodge of York Masons of England, three past masters received the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason, and were then dubbed Knights Templar.

In July 1859, a patent was granted by the Religious and Military Order of Masonic Knights Templar of England and Wales for a Provincial Grand Conclave of Canada. In 1868, the Great Priory of Canada was established under the same authority. In 1884 an independent and supreme governing body for Templary — the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada — was established, which still controls the Order in that country.

Switzerland

The Grand Priory of Helvetia which controls the Templar degrees in Switzerland is in reality the old “Rite of Strict Observance.”

These five bodies — in England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada and Switzerland — together with the United States are the present sovereign bodies which control the Order of the Temple and Malta.

Next Month:

Chapter VI

KNIGHT TEMPLAR IN AMERICA PRIOR TO 1816

Scully's HISTORY OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, soon to be updated in book form, is included as a monthly feature of the KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE.
The above picture is an artist’s drawing of the new entry sign erected on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. The concrete “walled setting,” 16 feet high and 60 feet long, bears a bas-relief sculpture of Brother Washington (donated by the Eastman Kodak Company), and the Washington quote: “Let prejudices and local interests yield to reason. Let us look to our national character and to things beyond the present period.”

The sign is a gift primarily made possible by contributions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Masonic Memorial. Dedication ceremonies were planned for August 28, with Charles B. Moody, Grand Master of Ohio Masons, participating.

Templars Active in Maine Lodge

Following its Constitution by the Grand Lodge of Maine, new officers of The Maine Lodge of Research were installed by officers of the Grand Lodge on June 26, 1982.

Pictured from left to right are: Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maine C. Ross Buzzell, P.C., St. Omer Commandery No. 12, Waterville; R.W. Deputy Grand Master Peter C. Schmidt, P.C. of Oriental Commandery No. 22, Bridgeton; Wallace M. Gage, Worshipful Master of the new Lodge and Past Grand Commander of New Jersey; and M.W. Aubrey L. Burbank, Past Grand Master and present Grand Chaplain, also Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery.

1982 Georgia DeMolay Conclave

The 1982 State Conclave for the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia was held in Macon on July 23-25, with Joe Thompson of Thomas G. Bankston Chapter installed as State Master Councillor for the coming year. The Norman W. Pettys College — a training workshop for DeMolays named to honor the Georgia Executive Officer Emeritus — was held during the day on Friday, July 23, and that evening a Chevalier Investiture was held. Eleven DeMolays received the Chevalier Degree at ceremonies held at the Grand Chapter Building. An Honor Guard for the Investiture was provided by the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

Three youths received awards from the Jenny Lind Pettys Scholarship Fund: Andrew J. Lovas, Panthersville Chapter; Bob Duncan, Price-Winslett Chapter, and Mark Dunn, Samuel S. Lawrence Chapter. Thomas G. Bankston Chapter won distinction as Georgia Chapter of the Year.
Last year I wrote in the “Knight Voices” section for fellow Knights to help me with my license plate collection. The response was beyond my wildest dreams and the new friends I have met through all this has been wonderful. Even though I have thanked each person individually, I again want to say thank you all for your kindness. (The only states that I still don’t have are Hawaii, Louisiana, South Dakota, Mississippi, Arkansas and Washington, D.C.) Dick Hartwell, 1983 Roseate Lane, Sanibel, Florida 33957

I have 25 long Commandery coats size 44 and under, and 30 fatigue caps sizes 6¾ to 7¼. If anyone is interested in any of these, they can be had for the price of postage. I am also interested in collecting Commandery belt buckles. Raymond D. Jones, 144 Hilltop Road, Birch Hill Estates, Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201

Searching for information on the family of Joel Foster, b. 1783 in Connecticut; m. Hannah Howes. He then moved to Camillus (now Memphis), New York. He had six sons and five daughters. Died June 1834. Hoping to complete the family history back to Edward Foster who came to the Colonies in 1634. Lowell C. Foster, 1002 Oak Street, Niles, Michigan 49120

Wanted to buy — the following paperback books by John D. MacDonald: 1. I Could Go On Singing, 2. The House Guest, 3. Weep For Me. I need these to complete my collection and will pay fair prices and postage for any or all of these books. Robert N. Geary, 107 N. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

I have a shaving mug engraved with the name Mizpah Commandery No. 366. Can anyone give me the location of this Commandery if it still exists? I want to see if the former owner of the mug, George N. Evans, is still living. James E. Edwards, 518 North Manus, Dallas, Texas 75224

Our Lodge would like to find some costumes for the 3rd degree. They do not have to be in perfect repair as we can and will “patch” them up. Phone is 319-289-4122. Marshall Juel, Snow Lodge No. 44, F. & A.M., LeClaire, Iowa 52753

I am in the process of collecting patches from fire departments and law enforcement agencies. I would appreciate any help any Brother could give; willing to buy or trade. I would like to correspond with Brothers with similar interest.

I have been with the Sheriff’s Department for 12 years and also a member of the Phelps Volunteer Fire Department. Please be assured all patches will go in my collection. David L. Pinson, Box 156, Phelps, Kentucky 41553


My wife (Olga) would like to buy old dolls in any condition — Shirley Temple, Emmett Kelly, etc. David Squires, 760 Brennan Drive, Amherst, Ohio 44001
TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR

1. The Commandery offers you a grand opportunity to improve in every walk of life through study and work in the progressively expanding light of pure Masonry.

2. It is one of the mightiest Christian organizations in the world. It stands for the noblest principles in individual life and the highest standards of good government.

3. It is founded upon and draws its inspiration from the Christian Religion and the faithful practice of the Christian Virtues.

4. As a militant Christian command, we wage war unceasingly in the defense of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian faith.

5. It teaches and assists you to let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father.

6. Its work presents an advanced and liberal education to all mankind designed to bring forth their finest character and works to be shared unstintingly with one another.

7. It gives you the richest of fraternal fellowship, peaceful freedom of mind and a deep understanding of character, enabling you to live in harmony with God and with benefit to your Country.

8. It bases all its teachings upon the fundamental truth, thereby adding greatly to your understanding of the symbolic significance of the first three degrees of Masonry.

9. In mastering the exalted lessons of Knights Templar, you learn by taking a full, active part in the beautiful work of each order of Knighthood. Templary has no special class for the portrayal of its truths.

10. Templary extends to you the privilege of sharing its priceless heritage from the past as defenders of the faith and ennobles your life through participation with other Sir Knights in the work of Masonry’s greatest Order.

with credit to Paul Vale and Raymond E. Glenn, Past Commanders
Bethany Commandery No. 72, Akron, Ohio