A NEW PAGE OF HISTORY AHEAD

A brand-new, grand-new, year stretches before us. Let us stop and consider these prospects.

We are going to have a resurgence of Templary; we are going to have greater attendance at our Conclaves because the programs and presentations will be attractive and interesting; we’re going to take greater pride in our participation as Templars for the benefit of others; we are going to support, enthusiastically as we have in the past, our Knights Templar Eye Foundation, our Knights Templar Educational Foundation, as well as our Holy Land Pilgrimages for ordained ministers, and our dozens of other patriotic and civic activities.

How? By your acceptance and promotion of the course of action in my initial message: “Conceivable, Believable, Attainable”; by your becoming genuinely involved in Christian Masonry; by recalling that a Knight Templar belongs to an elite body in the York Rite of Freemasonry. Talk to any Templar, perhaps older than you, who was a member of a Commandery in his earlier years. You will learn from him that it was, indeed, a very special honor to be proposed for Templar membership. One elderly Knight said to me recently; “It was a spruce-up, dress-up, command-performance, affair. There existed a great pride in Knights and their ladies attending any and all open events during the year. Acceptance was not easy. It was a signal honor and recognition to be invited into the Order of Knights Templar. I trust that all present Templars understand and appreciate this.”

Membership in the Order of Knights of the Temple is indeed an honor to be cherished. It is a recognition of your talents and participation in the York Rite of Freemasonry. As every Knight knows, we count our units in neighborhoods—not counties. We provide the old-fashioned, if you prefer the term, York Rite Christian symbolism in place of larger groups who may, perhaps, not know each other and who, consequently, may lose the familiarity which breeds respect.

We are “neighborhood” bodies which contribute to the upkeep of our local Blue Lodge Temples. We have every right to be proud of our background, optimistic about our prospects. Take pride in our membership and show it now—by our interest, attendance and involvement in our individual Commanderies.

Ned E. Dulz

Grand Master

January 1983
JANUARY: By virtue of the approval of Triennial Conclave voters through the years and the acceptance of the general readership, our Knight Templar Magazine now enters its 15th year of every-member distribution. As we embark on a brand new year for the magazine, we sincerely trust you will continue to find news and views in the official publication of the Grand Encampment which are both interesting, informative and applicable. Encouraged by your endorsement, we pledge our efforts to present monthly issues of the Knight Templar Magazine of the same calibre to the best of our abilities in 1983. May we, the staff, take the opportunity to wish for you a challenging and Happy New Year!

P.C.R.

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Ascension Day Speaker: Confirmation has been received by David Aiken, P.G.C. and Secretary of the Templar Knights Commanders' Association of New York, that former Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment Sir Knight Norman Vincent Peale will deliver the Ascension Day message on the occasion of the 55th Annual Parade and Church Service at Marble Collegiate Church on Sunday, May 15, 1983. Sir Knight Aiken writes that this year’s attendance may be the “best ever,” with many of the Grand Commanders in the Northeast planning the trip to New York, and a general invitation going out to Sir Knights from near and far to participate in the annual event.

R.C.C. in Scotland: Past Grand Sovereign and Knight Grand Cross G. Wilbur Bell, is the new Representative of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland near the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines. The notification was forwarded by Right Illustrious Knight Donald Abbott, G.C.C., Grand Recorder of Scotland’s Grand Imperial Council.

Templar Seal: More than 25,000 Grand Encampment seals have been sold and distributed to brethren in the United States and abroad since the initial announcement in August. The black-and-gold foil seal, which includes a reproduction of the “cross and crown” plus the statement “Knights Templar U.S.A., York Rite of Freemasonry,” is still available in minimum quantities of 50 for $1.50, or $2.50 per 100. They may be ordered from the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

New York No. 1: Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in New York Ernest Leonardi was Knighted in New York Commandery No. 1 in May 1982, according to Sir Knight Leonard Guarnera, also of that Commandery. He makes the statement in a letter wherein he wonders why the Grand Master was identified as a member of Pilgrim Commandery No. 71 in a December news item. Guarnera says that although Sir Knight Leonardi did play the pilgrim in the ritual, he is not a member of Pilgrim Commandery. Our source has been notified.

Utah, Oregon Chairmen: We are advised that the 15th Campaign Chairman for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from the Grand Commandery of Utah is Sir Knight Charles H. Smith, Commander of El Monte No. 2, Ogden. Utah Commanderies are to report contributions via Sir Knight Smith, 5100 South 1050 West, No. 217J, Ogden, Utah 84403.

Also, due to the illness of Sir Knight Virgil Starr, Oregon has announced a new Campaign Chairman: Sir Knight Charles R. Ross, 34824 South Barlow Road, Woodburn, Oregon 97071.
In 1902, Frances decided to leave her husband of five years and return to her family. She carried her four-year-old daughter Rebecca and her one-year-old son Arthur with her. She left Scott County, Virginia, where her husband was a professor at Shoemaker College, and started to Williamsburg by train.

Whether by accident or perhaps due to some lingering affection, she continued to wear a pin with a Masonic emblem on her lapel. Her husband had given her the pin when they were married, and she had always worn it on her coat. It was this pin that caught the eye of a middle-aged Mason who boarded the train west of Richmond, so he sat down beside Frances and engaged her in small talk.

With his outgoing personality and a way with children, he soon made friends with Rebecca. He also noted that Frances was tired after such a long trip with two small children and offered to hold the baby so she could rest her arms and relax for a spell.

As soon as he took the tiny infant in his arms he knew something was wrong, for the baby was burning up with a fever. It was at this time he informed Frances that he was a doctor and that the baby needed medical attention immediately.

When the train got to Richmond, the doctor insisted that his three new friends get off the train, even though their trip was only partly completed. He admitted the baby into the hospital where he was the attending physician and opened his private home to Frances and Rebecca. They were treated like royal guests by the doctor and his wife.

It was during the baby's recovery at his home that the good doctor learned the reason why Frances and the children had been on the train. He also learned that her modest supply of money was depleted.

However, although he had found, diagnosed and cured the malaria that would have claimed the life of the baby, opened his home to three traveling strangers, and helped them financially, this man did not as yet feel that his "Masonic Duty" had been fulfilled.

His final act of brotherly love was to take his new friends to the depot and put them back on the train. But he refused to purchase tickets to Williamsburg; he would only buy tickets back to Scott County.

The couple he reunited stayed happily married for twenty-five more years, and the union ended only when Frances passed away in 1927. The baby he saved became a noted Methodist Minister in the northeastern section of North Carolina.

Because one man lived by the square and helped a brother whom he had never met, many people have benefitted.

This brief account is true, I know. My father's life was saved and my grandparents brought together again by the act of a good man — a Mason. And this deed was the prime reason I joined Freemasonry.

Sir Knight Stephenson is a member of Pere Marquette Lodge No. 239, Ludington, Michigan. He is also a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Charlevoix, Michigan, and Sudan Temple in New Bern, North Carolina. He lives at Rt. 1, Box 120, Shilton, North Carolina 27974.
Fifteenth Voluntary Campaign Begins

$40,727.64 is the total amount of contributions reported as of the second week of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation's 15th Voluntary Campaign. That figure is based on funds raised in 37 Grand Commanderies. And, at the present time, the top contributors are Montana, Michigan and Florida!

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Grand Commander's Club:

- Kentucky No. 4 — Phin P. Croft
- Connecticut No. 5 — Claire W. Deardorff
- Alabama No. 6 — Daniel W. Box
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- Colorado No. 7 — Howard R. Caldwell
- Virginia No. 6 — Charles O. Barrickman
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- No. 409 — Frank L. Byrd (VA)
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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 this 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. (Or call: 217-523-3838.)

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.

— Longfellow
London, 1697: It was 31 years since the Great Fire which left two-thirds of the city homeless, and 32 years since the Plague that killed some 70,000 in that city alone. William and Mary had succeeded to the throne in their Glorious Revolution of 1689, and, for a time, there was an atmosphere of stability and peace. Parliament was on the rise and Britons, even Dissenters, were granted a tolerable freedom of worship and movement. The middle class was becoming a respectable strata of society; slowly, the subjects of the arts were turning away from the aristocracy, which lived in a world of powdered wigs and pretensions, and toward the bourgeois, the workers, the foundation of a great age.

It was into this world that William Hogarth was born in 1697. He was the fifth of eight children (one of two to survive to adulthood) born to Richard and Ann. Richard was a nonconformist of Presbyterian heritage, a man educated in Latin and Greek. He was also poor and knew no trade other than that of school teacher. He might have introduced son William to the rudiments, at least, of a classical education; but William admitted to having little interest in reading and writing. Instead, his gift for drawing soon became evident. There is reference to his enrollment in a boys’ school, but he could not have been on the roll for very long because in 1708, Richard was arrested for debt and confined to Fleet Prison.

Since Richard’s income as a teacher was small, he decided to open a coffeehouse at his home at St. John’s Gate. The basic scheme of the enterprise might have worked, except that it was Richard’s dream to make the club an exclusive gathering place for young men who wished to converse in Greek and Latin. The idea of discussing the politics and economies of the day in the classic tongues did not appeal to many, and the coffeehouse failed. It was a common practice in 19th century London that when the head of a household was arrested for debt, his family accompanied him to prison. So it was with Richard and his family.

For four years during 1708 and 1712/13, the Hogarts resided in the Fleet’s “Black and White Court.” In this area of the prison, convicts could engage in certain privileges – upon payment of a fee to the turnkey. Richard may have held a school of sorts, and he engaged in some writing. Mrs. Hogarth sold a home remedy for children’s ailments. It is probable that the family shared a single room with another household. This experience, the proximity to London’s poverty and the seemier elements of life, made a deep impression on the young Hogarth, and he recalled the prison years in later drawings.

By January 1712/13, Richard and some 20,000 other debtors were released from prison by Parliament’s “Act for Relief of Insolvent Debtors.” That same month, William entered his apprenticeship with Ellis Gamble, a silver engraver.

During the years with Gamble, William would learn the basics of the art of engraving. He would also be tutored (according to an accepted code between master and apprentice) in “physical and moral development.”
Hogarth’s work was confined to copying heraldic devices and did little to promote originality. But William was an observant if unhappy student; he would perfect his skills later.

While Hogarth was drawing his “heraldic monsters,” other young men of his age — those with either money or patronage — undertook the continental “Tour.” Leaving London (considered culturally lackluster), a young man gifted in the arts travelled to the European strongholds of classicism and learned the principles of “Taste.” In Italy, for example, he would view works of the masters and learn to imitate the classic styles in painting and music. Whether Hogarth’s middle class background was the cause of his disdain for classic imitation, it is difficult to say. We do know, however, that Hogarth believed England had much to offer in the way of native art. And he was personally prepared to prove that belief and to denounce the sham of “Taste” in the process.

William’s apprenticeship ended in 1718, and at age 21 he decided to begin his career as an engraver of copper. For an unknown in the field, subsistence came from etching the works of European masters on copperplate and then selling prints. At best, a novice could attach himself to a book engraver. But Hogarth was determined to imprint his own style, in fact, to develop his own genre.

In a few years, he had established a minor reputation as an engraver, but he knew that he still had much to learn in the area of painting. The academy in St. Martin’s Lane was a school for serious students of art, founded by Sir Godfrey Kneller in 1711. It was governed by Sir James Thornhill from 1723 until his death in 1734. Even before his attendance at the academy, Hogarth was a great admirer of Thornhill, a noted artist of history paintings whose works included the cupola of St. Paul’s in London. Thornhill was knighted in 1720 — the first English-born painter to be so honored; and he was named court painter by George I.

Hogarth joined the academy in 1724 and soon distinguished himself as an energetic, opinionated and talented artist. Thornhill no doubt took notice.

It is important to note at this point that Thornhill, later to be Hogarth’s father-in-law, was a Freemason. The year of his initiation is not easily discernible, but it is logical to assume that it predates Hogarth’s in 1725. (It will be remembered that the Grand Lodge of England was formally established in 1717.)

Biographers point out that Hogarth’s bent toward moralism is prominent in his art. His subjects often involve the fall of a person from high station to low and man’s duty to assume responsibility for the consequences of his actions. Those moral tenets conformed easily to the principles of the Craft. His membership is confirmed as early as 1725 when he is listed as a member of the Lodge at the Hand and Apple Tree Tavern on Little Queen Street, London. He is also listed as a member on the 1731 roll of the Lodge at the Bear and Harrow Tavern; and in 1735, he was named a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge. (Thornhill was Senior Grand Warden in 1728.)

When Hogarth secretly married Jane Thornhill in 1729, there was a brief falling out between teacher and student. The rift was of short duration, though, since we know that the Hogarths soon after went to live with Thornhill until his death in 1734. Those five years were very important for Hogarth. During that period, he advanced from a mere engraver of satirical prints to a painter of recognized skill.

Hogarth earned a good living as a young artist by his engravings and by his work as an artist of portraits. He also became a master of the popular “conversation piece” — an informal domestic scene reproduced on canvas.
Plate 1 of *Industry and Idleness* – "The Fellow Prentices at their Looms."

Plate 10 – "The Industrious Prentice Alderman of London; the Idle one brought before him . . ."
But his renown grew from his print series. Speaking of his career as an artist, Hogarth said, “My picture is my stage and men and women my players who by means of certain gestures and actions exhibit a dumb show.” Hogarth chose for his players both the high and the low, but it was with the latter that his genius is most often associated.

A Harlot’s Progress (1732), was a series of six paintings that were afterwards engraved and sold as prints. The paintings tell the story of a fallen woman, “Moll Hackabout,” who at age 23 dies in prison. It was a critical and monetary success for Hogarth who sold 1,200 subscriptions to the series.

As was common at that time, the engravings were “pirated” and cheap imitations sold. Hogarth and other artists denounced the widespread practice, and, since there were no copyright laws to protect them, Hogarth undertook to see that one was enacted. In 1735, due mainly to Hogarth’s efforts, Parliament passed its first Copyrights Act.

Soon thereafter came A Rake’s Progress, starring “Tom Rakewell.” This series of eight prints depicts a young man who inherits his miserly father’s fortune. Though he might become a respected and philanthropic gentleman, instead he proceeds to waste the money, deteriorates into a drunken gambler, and ends his life as an inmate of Bedlam.

Both series are masterpieces of detail and skill, and both are representative of Hogarth’s “moralism” — his concern for correct living.

Another series, entitled Industry and Idleness, was published in 1747. It-outlined, said Hogarth, “the conduct of two Fellow-prentices, where the one, by taking good courses and pursuing those points for which he was put apprentice, becomes a valuable man and an ornament to his country; whilst the other, giving way to idleness, naturally falls into poverty, and most commonly ends fatally.” Two selections from that series are shown on the preceding page.

If the lower classes were subjects of Hogarth’s allegorical moralizing, the upper class found themselves subjects of his satire and ridicule. And no one escaped. For example, he did not fail to include members of his own Lodge in his painting “Sleeping Congregation.” As the title suggests, it is a burlesque of a congregation of men who have fallen asleep listening to a sermon. The man preaching is recognized as a former Grand Master; his congregation includes a number of Grand Lodge Officers and Masons with whom Hogarth was acquainted.

The poet Charles Lamb once remarked of William Hogarth: “Other pictures we look at;[1] his prints we read.” Contemporaries like Jonathan Swift and Henry Fielding were equally attracted to his work and found in him a kindred spirit.

In his later years, Hogarth’s concern for social issues shows itself more and more in his work and in his personal life. When the Foundling Hospital was established in 1739, Hogarth became one of its Governors, and he was one of the first London Artists to donate his talents free of charge for the Hospital’s benefit. Hogarth gave his paintings; another, George Frederick Handel, donated the Chapel organ and often played on it.

At the end of his life, Hogarth found himself at odds with other artists over the controversy of a new Royal Academy. Despite his dissension over the project and his growing withdrawal from his contemporaries, he was still recognized for his major contributions to English art.

Hogarth died October 25, 1764. Brother David Garrick, the great 19th century actor and a close friend, wrote as his epitaph:

“Farewell, great painter of Mankind! Who reach’d the noblest point of Art, Whose pictur’d Morals charm the Mind, And through the Eye correct the Heart.”

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January 1983
A NEW YEAR—AN OLD CHALLENGE

by

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith
R.E. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar

A new year, a new beginning, and an old challenge are all tied to the month of January. Named for the Roman God of "Beginnings" — Janus, who is always shown as a double-faced image with one face looking to the past and the other looking to the future — January is an appropriate time for Templar officers to begin thinking about planning the year of business and social activities.

What did we do last year? How can we improve this year? Looking back for guidance to prevent making the same errors twice is good practice; but looking back for ideas in these last years of the 20th century is not always a profitable practice.

We are only eighteen years away from the 21st century. During the lives of most of us, we have seen some changes beyond our wildest imaginings of our most ardent dreamers of the future. We have seen one farmer become able to produce food for more than sixty-five persons; we have seen men traveling on scheduled transportation across our country in a few short hours. From our living rooms we have watched wars being fought in distant lands. We have heard the cries of the wounded and dying. We have seen life extended through medical discoveries and improved living conditions to such a degree that three score and ten is now just a mature age, and centenarians are no longer a rarity. These things we have seen. And these things we believe.

Why, then, do we hold back in searching out opportunities to bring the message of our magnanimous order to our Masonic brethren in the manner of the late 20th century?

Why do we try to hold to the old so-called "tried and true" methods in a world traveling beyond speeds we never expected? Our message, our Masonic prestige, our charities and hospitality must keep up the pace; they can be made available to many more than our present number if we convince our fraters that mobility is one of the requisites for increased membership. Mobility is one method of perpetuating our great Christian order.

When the location of a Commandery is a problem because of changing times and deteriorating surroundings, we should be making every effort to move that Commandery to an area in which our potential members are located. Too often we hold back because of the monetary value of our buildings; but if that building is located within an area to which Templars and their families will not go, then the building is really of no value to us. We must think in terms of population movement. That is why Masonry — and how Masonry — grew in the first place. Masonry traveled in wagons going West; it traveled in saddlebags and even in knapsacks to places where receptive men were settling in this great land. Just because we have filled this land with 250,000,000 persons does not mean that their movement is not measurable.

Just as missionaries carried the gospel into newly settled areas, so too must we carry our great Order into the suburbs and into the growing rural areas. Working together with other Masonic bodies, we should be able to produce membership gains — and, more importantly, → → →

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“Sweethearts” of St. Bernard Commandery

For many years, St. Bernard Commandery, Saginaw, Michigan, has carried on the practice of honoring the widows of its Sir Knights at an annual gathering. In 1971, when Sir Knight Martin Jacques was Eminent Commander, the designation for the ladies was changed to “Sweethearts” of St. Bernard. In December 1982, the “Sweethearts” were honored on the evening of the Commandery’s Annual Inspection.


Sir Knight Jacques relates that the Commandery has benefitted over the years by the generosity of the “Sweethearts”: “When moving from the old Temple to the new one, some items were lost — among them the Michigan State Flag and one of the Banners used in the Order of Malta. The Sweethearts have presented the Commandery with a new State Flag and staff and a case for transporting all of the flags to the Annual Conclave. This year, they donated funds to purchase a new Malta Banner.”

... A NEW YEAR – AN OLD CHALLENGE

members who will actively participate in our work.

Opportunity in 1983, as in 1783, is where we find it; we must not be afraid to look for it in new places. We have the means to transport both ourselves and our message to these areas. Our Commanderies have the equipment and the paraphernalia. Somewhere near us are Masons who would like to become Knights Templar. We must take ourselves and our equipment to these new places. Men are waiting if only we invite them to join us.

“Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you,” said our Lord.

The New Year, 1983, is already here. Our plans must be made today. Indeed, our ideas for 1984 should be in the planning stage very soon. If we do these things, this year will be a better year for Templary than last year. Next year will be better than this one. But only if we plan now. Happy New Year!

Deputy Grand Master Smith, Registrar of Eastern Kentucky University, lives at Route 10, Idylwild Estates, Richmond, Kentucky 40475.

January 1983
When the odds are against us...

DISADVANTAGES ARE USEABLE

by

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

The Knight Templar Magazine takes pleasure in welcoming The Reverend Harold Blake Walker as a contributor to the January issue of Volume XXIX. Born in Denver, Colorado, Dr. Walker is a former Associated Press editor and writer and a retired clergyman and pastor. His books include Going God's Way (1946), Faith for Times of Tension (1963), Inspirational Thoughts for Everyday (1970), and Days Demanding Courage (1978). He is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, holds the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and for many years has been a member of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center Board of Directors.

Most of us are acutely aware of our disadvantages. If we have to face life with inadequate resources of money or education, good looks or good breeding, we are likely to be envious of those who have what we lack. We mutter to ourselves, "If I had his chance, I would be somebody." It is discouraging to discover that in every race we run, an assorted collection of favorites have a head start. It is altogether human to resent being "always at a disadvantage."

It is important to notice, however, that when all of life's returns are in, privileges and advantages do not always add up to progress. On the contrary, disadvantages sometimes turn out to be stimulants that result in growth and in the discovery of unanticipated possibilities. Privileges that eliminate the necessity for struggle often make us incompetent to deal with crises. When life is too easy, the fibers of the soul lose their resilience, their ability to cope with emergencies.

Fitness for life demands the tempering of struggle against odds. Ease without effort and comfort without cost invite corrosion of character. Our privileges lead us to estimate ourselves on the basis of externals and to forget that "a man's a man for 'a that and 'a that." When we are set in the glitter of favorable circumstances, we may well come to think we are jewels — when in fact we may be paste imitations.

A homely face, I suppose, is a disadvantage. It can make a woman bitter, resentful and more homely and unattractive. On the other hand, a homely face can be a stimulus to inner beauty and radiant personality. If the beauty parlor can't help, something inside will. Some of the most attractive women I have known would waste their time entering a beauty contest, but they have an ineffable something on the inside that makes them beautiful. They have cultivated the inner resources that many of their more beautiful contemporaries have neglected. As an ancient proverb has it, "Obstacles wear spurs."

If a disadvantage makes us dig for compensating values, it is an advantage. An old friend of mine is
short of stature, bald as a billiard ball and walks with a limp. He doesn’t seem to mind. He has cultivated a delightful sense of humor and ready wit. Nobody notices how he looks after the first few minutes of acquaintance. People are charmed by his kindly laughter and his perceptive spirit.

Curiously, the development of our capacities often is in direct proportion to the obstacles we have to overcome. The biographer of Beethoven noted that “we are debtors to his deafness.” It was John Milton who noted that “God showed me many things in darkness I would not have seen in the light.” Milton was blind.

When the odds are against us, we do one of two things: we surrender or we grow; we give up or we expand our capacities. Either we meet our disadvantages, understanding that they hide an advantage under their rough exterior, or we collapse into a yielding mass of plaintiveness and despair. The only real tragedy of a disadvantage is bitterness and resentment over the fact we have so few advantages.

If you are homely, it is fatal to weep over the fact you are not beautiful. If you are under the handicap of inadequate education, it is enervating to sit back and complain that you did not have a chance. If you have a mediocre mind, it is tragic to assume you were treated unfairly when God distributed His gifts. There are in reality compensating gifts in you that God expects you to find. Your apparent disadvantages may very well turn out to be decisive advantages.

What we do with our limitations depends in large measure on whether they drive us to God or to despair. Whether finding we are “behind the eight ball” becomes an advantage or a permanent disability depends upon whether it creates in us a feeling of unfair inferiority or a challenge to be met. In short, God helps those who are willing to search for compensations for their disadvantages.

The Reverend Walker lives at 425 Grove Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

Corvallis Beauceant 25th Anniversary

Seven charter members were honored and presented red and white corsages at the 25th Anniversary celebration of Corvallis Assembly No. 201, Social Order of the Beauceant in Oregon, on October 25. The celebration, held as a Social Hour following the regular business meeting, was attended by Knights Templar relatives and highlighted by the performance of a girls’ “Jazz Chorus” from a nearby high school.

Mrs. Harry Watson, Portland Assembly, distributed the anniversary cake; coffee was served by Corvallis President Mrs. Harry Pope and Mrs. Charles L. Willey, Charter President of the Assembly. Mrs. Mark Read, also a charter member, was Chairman of the event.

“ Clover Patch” Coin

Alpine Lodge No. 208, Clover, South Carolina, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 1983 with the production of a “1½ inch diameter, 10th gage brushed satin antique finish coin” which is available to the public on a “first-come, first-served basis” for $5 each, plus 50 cents postage and handling.

The commemorative coin, called a “Clover Patch,” may be ordered by writing to Sir Knight Michael K. McGinnas, P.O. Box 114, Clover, South Carolina 29710.

National Sojourners Mid-Winter Meeting

The 1983 Mid-Winter Meeting of National Sojourners, Inc., will be held January 21-22 at the Hyatt Regency - Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. Sojourners planning to register are advised to write for information to John S. Henderson, 149 Rilla Vista, San Antonio, Texas 78216.
Templar Jurisprudence: considers all decisions upon questions of Templar laws and usage; gives opinions on the legislative, judicial and executive functions of the Grand Encampment, Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, and on the prerogatives, powers and duties of the Officers and members thereof.

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Ritualistic Matters: considers all ritualistic material referred by the Grand Master and recommends changes in the Templar ritual as it deems necessary or advisable.

Membership: considers all matters affecting Templar membership and recommends appropriate programs and procedures to strengthen that membership.

Patriotic and Civic Activities: fosters and supervises activities of a patriotic and citizenship nature, whether in peacetime or in wartime, and presents its recommendations for civic responsibility to Knights Templar individually and collectively.

(Biographies of Standing Committee Chairmen will be featured in the February Knight Templar; Special Committee Chairmen will appear in the March issue.)
Benefit Horse Show at Nacogdoches

The Fall Hunter and Jumper Charity Horse Show, sponsored by the Knights Templar of Texas, took place at the Nacogdoches County Exposition Center, Texas, to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. A popular annual event, this Charity Horse Show is one of three held each year in Texas and is recognized by the American Horse Shows Association, Texas Hunter & Jumper Association, Sun Belt Circuit.

Attracting a wide public audience, as well as Masonic brethren from surrounding states, the Charity Horse Show has been a substantial source of funds contributed by Texas to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Annual Voluntary Campaigns.

Rhode Island York Rite Elections

Two members of Narragansett Commandery No. 27, Westerly, Rhode Island, were elected presiding officers of their local Chapter and Council to begin the current Masonic year. Joseph B. Brearley, P.C. and Captain General of No. 27, was installed Thrice Illustrious Master of Narragansett Council No. 6, R. & S.M., East Greenwich, on October 22. Sir Knight Brearley is also active as Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter, Rhode Island.

Sir Knight Richard E. Hilton of Charlestown was elected Excellent High Priest of Franklin Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., Kenyon, on November 15. In that capacity, he reappointed Brearley as Captain of the Host in Franklin Chapter.

Both Sir Knights are Past Worshipful Masters of symbolic Lodges — Brearley, of Franklin Lodge No. 20; Hilton, of Charity Lodge No. 23.

Mother Installs Eastern Star Sisters

On October 22, 1982, Mrs. Deidre Wellwood was installed as Worthy Matron of Entre Nous Chapter No. 298, Order of the Eastern Star in South Lyon, Michigan. The night before, her sister Mrs. Linda Carlson was installed as Worthy Matron of Prudence Nobles Chapter No. 366 of Hickory Corners (near Battle Creek) 100 miles away.

Sir Knight Joseph Lutchka, Past Patron of No. 298 and Past Commander of Redford Commandery No. 55, Detroit, tells us that the sisters’ installations were made more unique by the presence of their mother, Mrs. Mignon Ruble, as Grand Installing Marshal at both installations.

Scurlock to Grand Master of Nevada

In recognition of his participation in the Southwestern Regional York Rite Conference in Reno, Nevada, Department Commander Fred W. Scurlock (P.G.C., California), presents a specially designed plaque to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Nevada, Sir Knight Duane G. Laubach, a member of Malta Commandery No. 3, Las Vegas.

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Sir Knight Ralph W. Lichty, Past Commander of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 23, New York City, is pictured above receiving his Certificate of Appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of New York to the Grand Commandery of New Jersey at the 169th Grand Conclave of New York, September 18, 1982. The presentation was made by 1982 Grand Commander H. Randall Kreger.

End of a Centennial for Shiloh Lodge

In 1982, Shiloh Lodge No. 558, marked the end of its first hundred years in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. The Lodge’s commemorator memorabilia, as described by Past Master Joseph J. Dimpter, includes: a 10-inch plate with the Lodge emblem, blue on white, 14 k. edge – $10.00 plus $2.25 shipping; a solid brass buckle, with emblem – $10.00 plus $.35 shipping; and a first-day cover, dated January 31, 1982, Lansdale – $2.00 plus self-addressed stamped return envelope.

Checks may be made payable to “100th Anniversary, Shiloh Lodge No. 558” and orders forwarded to Sir Knight Dimpter at Executive House A103, 150 Oakland Avenue, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446.

Exchange of Templar Representatives

Late last year, Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, was confirmed as Representative from the Great Priory of Ireland to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. At the same time, Ireland’s Great Chancellor, V.E. Sir Knight Major Hans L. S. Hamilton, K.C.T., was approved as Representative at the Grand Priory of Ireland from the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.

The Great Priory of Ireland is one of six sovereign Templar jurisdictions worldwide that are recognized by the Grand Encampment. The others include: The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, the Great Priory of England and Wales, the Great Priory of Helvetia, the Great Priory of Scotland, and the Grande Prieure des Gaules.

Toothaker Class Knights 16 in Bath

Bath, Maine, was the location for the “David L. Toothaker Class” which conferred the Orders of Templary on 16 candidates from a number of mid-coast Maine Commanderies on November 28. Current Grand Commander of Maine Sir Knight Warren Simpson and other Grand Commandery Officers joined some 100 in attendance for this one-day conferral, named in honor of Sir Knight David L. Toothaker, Past Commander of Dunlap Commandery No. 5.

Taking part in the activities were Trinity No. 7, Augusta, which presented the Order of Red Cross; Portland No. 2, conducting the Order of Malta in full form; and Dunlap No. 5, whose conferral of the Order of the Temple followed a casserole supper served by the ladies of Dunlap Commandery.
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Massachusetts - Rhode Island
Grand Commander - 1964
Born September 17, 1916
Died September 4, 1982

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North Dakota
Grand Commander - 1960
Born May 9, 1898
Died November 10, 1982

Gerald Milton Pine
Maryland
Grand Commander - 1960
Born February 16, 1904
Died November 23, 1982

Joseph J. Sullivan
District of Columbia
Deputy Grand Commander - 1982
Born January 20, 1922
Died December 3, 1982

Dr. Clarence E. Maquire

Sir Knight and Dr. Clarence E. Maquire, practicing orthopedic surgeon in Detroit for 52 years, died October 30, 1982, at Saratoga Hospital. He was Chief of Staff of Evangelical Deaconess Hospital and head of Saratoga Orthopedic Department, also a Fellow of the American Medical Association and a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. He graduated from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1926 and interned at John D. Rockefeller Foundation Hospital in Peking, China.

Dr. Maquire was Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 241 and a member of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar.

Lehigh Offers Anniversary Cover

A new George Washington 250th Anniversary first-day cover has been issued by Lehigh Consistory of the Scottish Rite, N.M.J., in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The thermoengraved cover depicts Washington as Master of his Lodge wearing the apron and collar of that station and is postmarked at Mt. Vernon on February 22, 1982. The 20-cent Washington commemorative stamp is affixed.

Those ordering the item (at $2.00 each) may send check and self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope to Lehigh Consistory, 1533 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102. Proceeds will be used for a 250th Anniversary Memorial.

Shedding Light on Leadership

The Masonic essays of Brother and Sir Knight Allen Roberts - a frequent contributor to the Alter Light Magazine which suspended publication in 1982 - have now been gathered and published under the title Shedding Light on Leadership. The collection is offered by Iowa Research Lodge No. 2 at a cost of $5.00, postpaid.

To order, brethren may write to Donald Pady, Secretary, 212 North Riverside Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010.
PARADISE LOST, SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY

by

Sir Knight and Dr. Irving I. Lasky
Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles, California

"Paradise Lost" is the real theme of Masonry no less than of Milton, as it is also of all the ancient systems which seek to examine the mysteries of life. Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained are Milton's pearly renditions of the story of Adam and Eve and their eating of the forbidden fruit in the Paradise of God. It is the story of their search for redemption in the eyes of God. Such a search surely justifies Milton's divine writing.

Masonry implies that "humanity" is the real "temple" of King Solomon. In many instances and for the time being, man has lost the full powers of the soul for which he has substituted the impositions of physical life and knowledge derivable through our limited senses.

Man is in constant search of redemption; and regretably, the Craft momentarily suffers the loss of one of the most available sources of "the search." Additionally, the Craft is in serious danger of not only diminishing membership, but it suffers from becoming purely a social and charitable organization. Truth, difficult to recognize and achieve, has too long been neglected.

Humanism is readily acceptable to the human mind, but knowledge has gone beyond its scope. We have fallen heir to the scientific specialist who "knows more and more about less and less" and have forgotten the philosopher who knew "less and less about more and more."

Sadly, the computer format has no binomial code for philosophy, humanism, the painful cry of anguish, or the bloated belly of a "Kwashiorker starved" child.

On the other hand, there is pleasure in philosophy, wherein one finds the nidus of the Craft, until the coarse necessities of physical existence drag him from the heights of thought into the mart of economic strife and gain.

Browning said, "Life has meaning; to find its meaning is my meat and drink." Thoreau said, "To be a philosopher is not merely to have subtle thoughts, nor even to found a school, but so to love wisdom as to live, according to its dictates, a life of simplicity." Bacon said, "Seek ye first the good things of the mind and the rest will either be supplied or its loss will not be felt." And Albert Einstein added, "Religion without science is blind; and science without religion is lame."

Modern science is now on the grandest scale. Great scientific advances always meet with opposition initially from within the discipline itself; yet it is true that every valid scientific insight does finally receive serious and sympathetic attention in the world of professional learning, eventually taking its place in the general body of accepted knowledge. In time, it comes to serve either as a stepping-stone or as a stumbling block to further advance.

Some of the misconceptions regarding the separation of science from other cultural influences have their origins in the late 16th and 17th centuries, in the new discoveries in mathematical astronomy and physics, and the inductive "new Baconian philosophy" that is generally thought to have formed the basis for these discoveries. In view of the empirical tradition, phrases such as "the scientific revolution" or "the dawn of the modern age," applied to the phenomenon...
of the 17th century, have come easily to modern man. The naivete about these matters amounts to the creation of a mythology.

Science tells us how to heal and how to kill; it reduces the death rate in retail and then kills wholesale in war. But only wisdom - desire coordinated in the light of all experience - can tell us when to heal and when to kill. To observe processes and to construct means is science; to criticize and coordinate ends is philosophy. The surrender of philosophy's wisdom, its logics, esthetics, and metaphysics, for the gadgets of science has made our lives full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.

Science cannot act as a unifying force for mankind unless the members of the scientific community are able to communicate both with fellow scientists and with persons from the "humanities." Together they must produce a unified and coherent system of thought; and scientists must learn how to incorporate the lessons of scientific history into scientific practice.

Science's discoveries, such as that of Brother Alexander Fleming which led to the use of antibiotics, would have been of no avail and probably of great travail had they not occurred in a milieu of adherence to the great principles of the Craft - brotherly love, relief and truth.

Masonic brothers are coming alive to the fact that much more than meets the eye and ear lies beneath the surface of Masonic doctrine and symbols.

Wilmhurst has stated, "A good man enters the craft symbolically as a rough ashlar and it is his business so to develop both his character and understanding that ultimately, in virtue of what he has learned and practiced, he may be as a finished perfect cube. Masonry supplies a need to those who are earnestly inquiring into the purpose and destiny of human life: 'What am I? Whence come I? Whither go I?'

The secrets of our Order are those which the great philosophers kept locked in the recesses of their hearts - secrets of the deep and hidden thoughts of the human soul, which by natural instinct we communicate only to those who share a common and sympathetic interest in the deeper problems and mysteries of life.

Masonry took the elementary rites and symbols of stonemasons and transformed them into a system of religio-philosophical doctrine. The great lessons of ancient philosophies went into this mix, and its intention deals with the greater science of soul-building and humanism.

The philosopher, unwilling to expose the mysteries to vulgar eyes, concealed their tenets and principles of philosophy under hieroglyphical figures. The truly initiated mind exposed to the Craft sees a great deal behind the letter of the allegory.

We must learn to inculcate in those entering our great Masonic philosophy that the Craft is something more than elementary morality. In it may be found a living philosophy. Its secrets treat the spirit rather than the body. When we enter the Craft we are not privileged to a lodge room, but the larger lodge of mystical stones and timbers are the souls of men.

More succinctly, it is of very little value to find the "holy grail" unless you know what to do with it.

BELOV'D

Belov’d All-Father, and all you gods that haunt this place, grant me to be beautiful in the inner man, and all I have of outer things to be one with those within! May I count only the wise man rich, and may my store of gold be such as none but the good can bear. Anything more? That prayer, I think, is enough for me. (Prayer of Socrates)

Before we pulverize the earth with things scientific, remember the prayer of Socrates, because that's what our Masonry is, in part, really about.

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January 1983
MASSONIC CONFERENCE DATES FOR 1983

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February 12
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(annually)
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OTHER MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
February 10-13
Washington, D.C.
(annually)
The Philalethes Society
Grand College of Rites, U.S.A.
Grand Master’s Council, A.M.D.
Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D.
Great Chief’s Council No. 0, Knight Masons, U.S.A.
Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.
Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis
Masonic Order of the Bath of the U.S.A.
Ye Antient Order of Corks
Convent General, Knights York Cross of Honour
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Grand College of America, H.R.A.K.T.P.

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February 21
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(annually)
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Silver Spring, MD 20910
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February 22-23
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April 28-30
St. Louis, MO
(annually)
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April 28 – May 4  
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(annually)  
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San Antonio, TX 78205  
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May  
Virginia Beach, VA  
(annually)  
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Englewood, OH 45322

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May 3-5  
Reno, NV  
(annually)  
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May 19-22  
Wildwood, NJ  
(annually)  
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Phillipsburg, NJ 08865  
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Orlando, FL  
(annually)  
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Eugene Dahm  
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101 San Mateo  
Belleville, Illinois 62221

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June 9-12  
Baltimore, MD  
(annually)  
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SUPREME TEMPLE, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

June 19-23  
Lexington, KY  
(annually)  
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(annually)  
Current National President:  
William G. Sizemore  
932 Woburn Court  
McLean, VA 22102  
Contact:  
Nelson O. Newcombe  
(National Secretary-Treasurer)  
8301 East Boulevard Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22308

SUPREME COUNCIL, GROTTOES OF NORTH AMERICA, M.O.V.P.E.R.

June 22-25  
Indianapolis, IN  
(annually)  
Current Grand Monarch:  
Robert L. Atkins  
8317 East Thompson Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46239  
Contact:  
William E. Stemer, Jr.  
(Secretary General)  
34 North Fourth Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

January 1983
SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF THE AMARANTH, INC.
July 3-6  Current Supreme Royal Matron:
Tulsa, OK  Mary L. Brewer
(annually)  P.O. Box 530
                      Mustang, OK 73064
Contact: Paul L. Etter
         (Supreme Secretary)
         2715 Underwood Drive
         Belpre, OH 45714

NATIONAL COURT, ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS
July 4  Current Royal Director:
Denver, CO  Palmer D. Burde
(annually)  490 Union Avenue
                      Belleville, NJ 07109
Contact: Ray Nyemaster
         (Royal Impresario)
         413 Hubbell Blvd.
         Des Moines, IA 50309

IMPERIAL COUNCIL, A.A.O.N.M.S.
July 4-8  Current Imperial Potentate:
Denver, CO  Daniel E. Bowers
(annually)  P.O. Box 25356
                      Tampa, FL 33622
Contact: Charles G. Cumpstone, Jr.
         (Executive Secretary)
         P.O. Box 25356
         Tampa, FL 33622

SUPREME GUARDIAN COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS
August 3-7  Current Supreme Guardian:
Indianapolis, IN  Audra K. Piner
(annually)  3809 East Jackson
                      Muncie, Indiana 47303
Contact: Doris E. Finley
         (Supreme Secretary)
         Masonic Temple — Room 402
         119 South 19th Street
         Omaha, NE 68102

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA
August 10-13  Current Governor General:
Wheeling, WV  Gordon H. Stuart
(annually)  506 Comanche Road
                      Mississauga, ONT
                      L5H 1W2 Canada
Contact: Henry A. Montague
         (Secretary General)
         500 Temple Avenue
         Detroit, MI 48201

CONVENT GENERAL, KNIGHTS YORK CROSS OF HONOUR
September 2-3  Current Grand Master-General:
Cedar Rapids, IA  John H. Watts
(annually)  Box 158
                      Grand Junction, IA 50107
Contact: Stanley Wakefield
         (Grand Registrar-General)
         41 Amherst Drive
         Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

SUPREME CALDRON, DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA
September 21-24  Current Supreme Mighty Chosen One:
Little Rock, AR  Patricia Rollins
(annually)  5823 Baseline Road
                      Little Rock, AR 72209
Contact: Emma A. Sands
         (Past S.M.C.O.)
         1360 Shevchenko Drive
         Ann Arbor, MI 48103

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., U.S.A.
September 25-29  Current Sovereign Grand Commander:
Milwaukee, WI  Stanley F. Maxwell
(annually)  P.O. Box 519
                      Lexington, MA 02173
Contact: Winthrop L. Hall
         (Executive Secretary)
         P.O. Box 519
         Lexington, MA 02173

SUPREME ASSEMBLY, SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCANT
September 26-30  Current Supreme Worthy President:
Pittsburgh, PA  Vivian B. Hobby
(annually)  3770 Sunset Drive West
                      Tacoma, WA 98466
Contact: Gretchen L. Roth
         (Supreme Recorder)
         1253 Second Place
         Calimesa, CA 92320
October 17-19
Current Sovereign Grand Commander:
Washington, D.C. Henry C. Clausen
(biennially) 1733 16th Street, N.W.
(Grand Secretary General) Washington, D.C. 20009
Contact: Fred Kleinknecht

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
October 20
Current Provincial Grand Master:
Washington, D.C. Marvin E. Fowler
(annually) 1904 White Oaks Drive
Contact: Marvin E. Fowler
Alexandria, VA 22306
(Provincial Grand Master)

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS
June 8-10, 1984
Current Supreme Worthy Advisor:
Little Rock, AR Agnes D. McLeod
(biennially) 2026 South Terrace Drive
Contact: Lavern Fishel
Wichita, KS 67218
(Supreme Recorder) Box 191
Contact: Coalgate, OK 74538

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL
September 23-27, 1984
Current General Grand High Priest:
New Orleans, LA Charles K. A. McGaughhey
(triennially) A. J. Lewis
Contact: 439 Riverside Drive
1084 New Circle Road, N.E.
Bossier City, LA 71111 Lexington, KY 40505
Contact: Charles K. A. McGaughhey (General Grand Secretary)

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS, INTERNATIONAL
September 23-27, 1984
Current General Grand Master: Contact:
New Orleans, LA Bruce H. Hunt
James D. Penley, Jr.
(triennially) 365 East Jefferson Street
Contact: P.O. Box 188
York, SC 29745 Kirkville, MO 63501

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.
August 10-14, 1985
Current Grand Master:
Cincinnati, OH Ned E. Dull
(triennially) P.O. Box 429
Contact: 14 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 1700
Van Wert, OH 45891 Chicago, IL 60604

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
October 28-31, 1985
Current Most Worthy Grand Matron:
Seattle, WA Carol C. Strizek
(triennially) 949 Tenth Avenue, East
Contact: Virginia M. Jones
Seattle, WA 98102
(Grand Secretary) 1618 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.
Contact: Washington, D.C. 20009

Echo From the Past

"The Grand Encampment is now strong, united in itself, and powerfully supported by its state Grand Commanderies and the valiant Templar Knights of America. Let it be our solemn duty to strengthen, not weaken, it; to support, not undermine, it; and to preserve, not fritter away, its power and influence."

Most Eminent Grand Master William Sewell Gardner – 1871
Hospitaller Sunday Visitation

Traverse City Commandery No. 41, Traverse City, Michigan, commemorated Hospitaller Sunday on November 14 with a visitation to the 1st Congregational Church of Traverse City in honor of two of its Past Commanders, Sir Knights Homer Coddington and Howard R. Towne.

Sir Knight Coddington, at 85 the oldest member of the Sanctuary Choir, has sung with the group for 43 years, according to Traverse City Recorder Sir Knight William Underwood: “He is not only a singer of considerable local reputation, but he composes church music as well. All of the music at this service was either arranged or composed by him, including the musical setting for the tone poem offertory solo, “The Prayer of a Troubled Heart.” The poem, presented below, was penned by Sir Knight Towne, Pastor Emeritus of the Church and presently Grand Prelate of Michigan.”

The Prayer of a Troubled Heart

Dear Father, in the stillness we seek and know you are there.
We know that there is no burden that is not lightened by prayer.
Your love makes us certain that no trial that we face
Is too deep or disastrous but is restored by Your grace.

In all our dark days of despair your love calms all our fears
And we are made aware we often see clearest thro’ our tears.
How Blessed to feel you are waiting with arms open wide
The One friend that never fails us but will always abide.
No matter what the problem, it must be by your design;
For our steps are carefully planned, by a Hand that is Divine.

Myrtle Lodge Commemorative

On February 26, 1983, Myrtle Lodge No. 316, F. & A.M., will celebrate 125 years of Masonic service in Franklin, Pennsylvania. Sir Knight E. Quay Finefrock writes that an “antique bronze medallion” has been struck and is presently available at $4.00 each. Mail orders may be sent to Sir Knight Finefrock, R.D. No. 1, Pone Lane, Franklin, Pennsylvania 16323, with checks made payable to “Myrtle Lodge No. 316.”

York Rite Patches Continue to Sell

When Sir Knight Jack T. Dossett, P.C., Durham Commandery No. 3 and North Carolina Supplement Editor, first offered his York Rite/Blue Lodge patch for sale two years ago, he had no idea that the item would be as popular as it has been. The requests continue to come in, says Dossett, and a new supply has been ordered. Despite a cost increase, the five-color patch will still be available at a cost of $3.00 each through January, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Orders may be sent directly to Sir Knight Dossett, 2715 Guess Road, Durham, North Carolina 27705. Quantity prices will be furnished upon request for those interested in using the patch as a fund-raising item.
Florida R.E.G.C. Warmly Roasted

A homecoming celebration and banquet for Eugene N. Berato, Grand Commander of Florida, was held October 8 at the Leesburg Community Building, under the supervision of Sir Knight Preston Matteson, District Deputy Grand Commander of Florida's 5th District. Among some 225 Companions, Sir Knights and ladies in attendance were Wendell Harrington, M.E. Grand High Priest of Florida Royal Arch Masons; Francis L. Dancy, M.I. Grand Master, R. & S.M.; and many state Grand Line Officers and District Deputies.

The entertainment for the evening centered around a “roasting” of the Grand Commander by his Templar friends, including James Oder, P.G.H.P.; Joe Sellers, P.G.I.M.; Charles H. Green, P.G.C.; District Deputies James Geddes and Joe Froehock, and others.

Sir Knight Berato received a number of gifts at the banquet, but Marvin W. Gerhard, Grand Sentinel, reports that the most unique was delivered by “four weary travelers who had been working in some ruins.” The “travelers” carried a treasure box (above) of antique gold with black hieroglyphics representing “ancient Egyptian and Knight Templar markings.” Upon inspection, it was found to contain an imitation of a box of cigars which in turn contained a galvanized smoking pipe.

Grand Commander Berato also accepted a check from Gus Anderson, Triangle Commandery No. 38, Eustis, representing that Sir Knight’s 40th Life Sponsorship.

Centennial Coin and Belt Buckle

Mesa Lodge No. 55, A.F. & A.M., Grand Junction, Colorado, announces two “Masonic collectibles” designed in celebration of its 1983 centennial. The first item is a bronze coin available in three styles — unnumbered bronze for $3 each; serially numbered bronze at $5; or numbered .999 silver at $36 each. The obverse of the coin portrays the Lodge Temple used from 1922 to 1972. The reverse features a “bird’s eye view” of the new Temple in use since then.

A second item offered is a belt buckle in bronze or pewter at a cost of $20 each. Sir Knight Ralph Culver, P.C. of Temple Commandery No. 23, Grand Junction, requests that all orders should include $1 postage and handling. The items may be ordered through October 15, 1983, from Norris L. Taylor, Secretary, 2400 Consistory Court, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501.

Resurgam Lodge, Mitchell, South Dakota

Resurgam Lodge No. 31, A.F. & A.M., of Mitchell, South Dakota, is offering a limited number of 1982 commemorative coins for sale to collectors. Sir Knight Karl George, Secretary, identifies the coins as 1½ inch diameter, gold-color, with Masonic emblems on one side and the legend “Resurgam Lodge No. 31, 1882-1982” on the reverse.

Interested buyers may purchase the coins at $3.75 each by sending checks (payable to Resurgam Lodge) and a self-addressed, stamped return envelope to Sir Knight George, 719 West Second, Mitchell, South Dakota 57301.

January 1983
George Washington Masonic Stamp Club

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club was organized in 1956 as a chapter of the New York Masonic Stamp Club. Since that time, it has grown into an independent club, affiliated with the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, with more than 300 members in 32 states, the District of Columbia, the Canal Zone and eleven foreign countries.

The new officers, elected and appointed following the 1982 meeting include: John R. Allen (Virginia), President; Raymond E. Wiegand (Pennsylvania), 1st Vice President; Stanley R. Longenecker (Pennsylvania), 2nd Vice President and Cover Chairman; Dr. M. L. Naizinger (Virginia), Secretary-Treasurer; Whit Laudermon (Maryland), Asst. Secretary-Treasurer; John M. Cunningham (Washington, D.C.), Publicity; and Paul E. Sturman (Washington, D.C.), Chaplain.

Each year, GWMSC issues first day, inauguration and Washington Birthday covers, and commemorative cachets for special events. Membership is open to all Master Masons in good standing in their Blue Lodges. For information on membership or for a list of available covers, readers are invited to send a self-addressed stamped envelope to either Brother S. R. Longenecker, Box 7244, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17604, or Sir Knight J. R. Allen, Box 26135, Richmond, Virginia 23260-6135.

Comments on President Harding

Sir Knight and Dr. Leslie A. Russell, Newtonville, Massachusetts, who served as Master of Dalhousie Lodge in 1942, wrote to the editor about the November feature on Warren G. Harding: “Somehow, I can’t get the story of ‘Harding — The Mason Behind the Man’ out of my mind. I was a Masonic neophyte at the time and proud that I had joined a Fraternity that included the President of the United States. Years later, when a sordid tale of his private life hit the news, I had difficulty believing what I was being told. The book The President’s Daughter settled that. To some who live in the world of politics, ‘Dirty Tricks’ is a way of life. To such men, sooner or later they find out that Masonry is not a cover-up for misdeeds.”

And retired U.S. Navy Captain, Brother Robert E. Bassler, Tampa, Florida, informs us that there was an omission to the Harding feature. He says that the sentiment contained in the statement “Ask not what your country can do for you…” attributed to the late President John F. Kennedy, was, in fact, originally voiced by Harding at the 1916 Republican Convention. The exact quotation is ‘In the great fulfillment, we must have a citizenship less concerned about what the country can do for it and more anxious about what it can do for the nation.’” Bassler says, “Brother Warren said it first; Kennedy’s speech writers shortened it.”

Price Elected to Supreme Forest Board

Sir Knight George C. Price, Melita — Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 17, Scranton, Pennsylvania, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, at the 1982 Annual Convention of the Supreme Forest in Virginia Beach, Virginia. In that capacity, he will serve as Supreme Director of Region No. 5, which covers parts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, through December 1985.

Sir Knight Price is a Past Master of Waverly Lodge No. 301, F. & A.M., Past High Priest of Lackawanna Chapter No. 185, and a member of Scranton Council No. 44, Irem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., and Keystone Consistory, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.
HISTORY OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Chapter VI (continued)

KNIGHT TEMPLARY IN AMERICA PRIOR TO 1816

Connecticut

Washington Commandery No. 1 at Hartford, Connecticut, dates its existence from 1796. In a small pamphlet published in New London, Connecticut, in 1823 appears the following:

"In July, 1796, three regular Knights Templar hailing from three different Commanderies formed an Encampment at Colchester, in the State of Connecticut, at which time the following R. A. M. had regularly conferred upon them the Order of Knighthood, viz: John R. Watrous, Asa Bigelow, Roger Bulkey, John Breed, Joel Worthington."

This is the first mention of the word Commandery. Apparently these earlier meetings were held without a warrant. Application was made to the Grand Conclave of England for a charter which was granted on September 5, 1803. In the Connecticut Gazette for July 2, 1800, an account appears about the dedication of a Freemason's hall in New London, June 24, 1800, in which the Knights Templar were mentioned as having a place in the procession.

New York

There are few records and little information in regard to Knight Templar activities in New York prior to 1800. However, from chronicles in the newspapers of that period and from other sources, it is reasonably certain that there were several Encampments active in New York City as well as one in Albany, known as Temple Encampment, and one at Stillwater known as Montgomery Encampment.

In the "Independent Journal" for Wednesday, December 28, 1785, mention is made of Knights Templar in the procession on the anniversary celebration of St. John the Evangelist. Knights Templar were also mentioned as being present at a Masonic funeral reported in the "New York Daily Gazette" on June 25, 1789. The following report by W. St. Clair in regard to the early Encampments in New York is of interest:

"The principle source of information regarding the existence of these encampments in New York City is Thomas Longworth's New York City Directory for years 1796 to 1799. These directories give us a record of an Encampment of Knights Templar which met in the Holland Lodge room at No. 66 Liberty Street. The name of this Encampment is not given, but we learn that Sir Jacob Morton was the Grand Master.

"In the 1800 and 1802 issues of the Directory, we find the first printed record of St. Peter's Encampment with Sir John West as Grand Master. From the same source, we find the list of officers of an 'Encampment of Knights Templar which held its regular conclaves in the City Hotel until 1806-7 when it moved to St. John's Hall. In 1808-9 the Encampment became known as Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.' Since
Jacob Morton is listed as the Grand Master we are safe in assuming that it is the same Encampment mentioned in the 1796-99 issue. The records from this date are silent regarding this Encampment.

"About 1809, Jerusalem Encampment was established under the auspices of some irregular authority in the town of Danby, Tompkins County, New York. This body remained in existence long enough to petition the Grand Commandery of New York in June, 1827. A warrant was issued to the group which thereafter became known as New Jerusalem Encampment No. 13. They were never represented in the Grand Encampment and passed out of existence without leaving much more than a trace of their existence.

In 1808, Rising Sun Encampment was instituted by the Sir Knights of Rising Sun Holy Royal Arch Chapter on March 14, agreeable to ancient custom. This Encampment sent delegates to the convention held in Philadelphia in 1814 to organize a Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in Pennsylvania and received a Charter of Recognition from that body on May 18, 1814. This Encampment was listed only once in Longsworth's Directory, and that for the years 1808-9. It was last mentioned when Samuel Maverick attended the meeting of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania in 1817.

The early records of Columbian Encampment No. 1 were lost by fire, so that its origin and early history cannot be traced. However, since 1810, complete records are available. In that year, Sir Thomas Lowndes appears as Illustrious Grand Master. On May 11, 1815, Columbian Encampment petitioned the Grand Encampment of New York for a Charter of Recognition, which was granted on February 4, 1816.

The procedure followed in establishing the Grand Encampment for the State of New York was unusual. Instead of being organized by delegates of the various Encampments in the State, it was founded by the "Sovereign Grand Consistory of the Chiefs of Exalted Masonry." This body, under the leadership of Joseph Cerneau, at its session of January 22, 1814, unanimously decreed that the "Grand Encampment of Sir Knights Templar and Appendant Orders" was thereby established.


"The Grand Encampment of Sir Knights Templar and Appendant Orders, for the State of New York, regularly constituted by the Sovereign Grand Consistory of the Chiefs of Exalted Masonry for the United States of America, the Territories and Dependencies, sitting in New York.

"This day, the 18th of the 4th month, A. L. 5814, answering to June, A. D., 1814, agreeably to notice assembled at the place assigned for their deliberations, this Grand Encampment was opened in due form and becoming solemnity. Brother Jonathan Sbieffelin officiating as Thrice Illustrious Grand Master, James B. Durand as Senior Warden, and Toussaint Midy as Junior Warden. . . ."

(This portion quoted from the 1860 Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New York will be continued next month.)

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.
I am in need of a belt, sword, scabbard, coat (size 40 regular) and chapeau (size 7). If you will be so kind as to print my request, perhaps some Sir Knight who is no longer active but has serviceable equipment may be able to part with it to a relatively new Knight who has not the means to acquire new equipment.

You have my assurance the acquisition of these articles would be deeply appreciated and worn with due honor to the Masonic Fraternity. Walter W. Hush, Sr., 1552 Constance Avenue, Kettering, Ohio 45409

I am seeking Monitors from Blue Lodges in the various states and will purchase or trade with others in order to mutually benefit collections of Monitors. David F. Northcutt, P.O. Box 425, Ridgeville, Indiana 47380

I have been on the lookout for books and wonder if there’s help out there among the Sir Knights. 1) The multi-Volumed work on Washington by Dr. D.S. Freeman (7 Volumes, I believe). 2) The Infernal War, the Confederate Letters of Sgt. Edwin H. Fay (believe University of Texas put this out about 1956). 3) Sixty Years in the Nueces Valley by Mrs. S.G. Miller (I believe about 1930). 4) Memphis Braggabouts by Eldon Roark, 1945. Ken Cain, Box 325, Clinton, Louisiana 70722

I am a Master Mason from central New York and collect Masonic and Masonic-related letterheads. I would like to receive letterheads from any and all bodies. I find this hobby very challenging and very enjoyable. John Rivenburg, R.D. No. 1, Box 186, Mohawk, New York 13407

For sale: Three Masonic watch fobs, style 1900. All in good condition; priced $150 – $175 – $200. $25 from each sale will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Send stamped addressed envelope. Will forward pictures. George Mosher, 336 Huron Avenue, Port Huron, Michigan 48060

I am trying to fill in the Masonic history of my grandfather, Michael Henry Wells, known by me to have been a member of Oroville Commandery No. 5 of California, but I don’t know where he was Knighted or Raised. He was born on Christmas day, 1832, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Elisha and Eleanor (Silvis) Wells, and moved to California in about 1850. He was married to my grandmother, Dora E. Spencer of Belle-Plaine, Wisconsin, in 1876.

I don’t know if my great grandfather, Elisha Wells, of Philadelphia, had any Masonic connections, but would like to find out. He must have been born about 1800. Walton S. Wells, 5353 Treasure Hill Drive, Oroville, California 95965

Abu Bekr Shrine Temple of Sioux City, Iowa, has just formed a new Keystone Kop Unit, and we have been trying to find Commandery coats in good shape that are long with the stand up collars – preferably size 42 and up. Gary G. Pilling, Director of Keystone Kops, 602 Colorado Avenue, N.W., Orange City, Iowa 51041

Wanted – Eminent Commander items: chapeau, size 7¼; shoulder boards; sword and belt. Lee Remick, 913 Princeton Street, Lakeland, Florida 33805 (813-858-8096)
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A MAN’S PRAYER

Teach me that sixty minutes make an hour, sixteen ounces a pound, a hundred cents a dollar. Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience and unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I may have brought pain. Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and in earning it I may do unto others as I would have them do unto me. Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money. Blind me to the faults of other fellows and reveal to me my own. Guide me so that each night when I look across the table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal. Keep me young enough to laugh with little children and sympathetic so as to be considerate of old age. And, comes the day of darkening shades, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: “Here lies a man.”

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