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## THE YORK RITE PHILOSOPHY

York Rite cooperation. You've heard the phrase, probably at a Department Conference, or perhaps at the Annual Conclave of your Grand Commandery. The phrase has a nice sound to it; it fits in well at banquets especially, when spoken over bright linen and crystal. But all too often it is a meaningless group of words that Companions and Sir Knights toss around for a day or two and then quickly forget. And for a few, alas, it is something to be avoided at all costs.

At the very least, York Rite cooperation means sharing — be it knowledge or manpower or activities. It means, if you are a Right Eminent Grand Commander, making yourself known to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master of your jurisdiction. Of course, once you make yourself known to your Companions, you also make yourself vulnerable. That is, you open yourself up to different people, possibly even different ideas.

Many times over the past 20 months, I have been asked to expound on my opinion of York Rite cooperation. It is simply this: York Rite cooperation is no longer something we can initiate if we "feel like it." It is an imperative, not only for the future growth of the York Rite, but for the current existence of this branch of Freemasonry. Think about it. It is not by coincidence that in those jurisdictions where Chapter, Council, and Commandery are prospering the bodies are referred to, not separately, but *collectively* as "The York Rite." I think it is time we recognized that Chapter, Council, and Commandery are not Masonic cocoons where the respective members can hide themselves and feel safe and protected.

We have all heard the axiom, "the whole is only as good as the sum of its parts." This, too, is an admirable phrase; but let's not be so blinded in trying to polish our own little cocoon that we forget one very basic fact. Chapter, Council, and Commandery do not exist outside the York Rite. It is *by* the York Rite that they are defined. Each body is a necessary component — but only a component — of a much larger whole. The light of the York Rite is dim in those jurisdictions where York Rite cooperation is merely a phrase. But it is an impressive beacon where Brothers are not afraid to build *together*.

My message this month is a challenge — to every Sir Knight, every Companion, who reads these words: Work at achieving the "York Rite Philosophy"; step out of your cocoon into the light of day; make yourself known to your Chapter and Council Companions. And tell them Ned sent you.



Ned E. Dull

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

**APRIL:** Our cover this month is devoted to Easter 1984. The Cross of Lilies is a symbol of the resurrection, of life, and of Christian love. It foreshadows the bas-relief sculpture of Brother George Washington on the concrete entry sign to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, site of the Grand Encampment's 54th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service on Sunday, April 22, 1984. The Easter address of The Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, Grand Prelate, is included in this issue, along with history, essays, and biographies — all for your pleasure, interest, and enjoyment.

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## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**Grand Marshal:** After serving for more than 15 years as the Grand Marshal of the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Sir Knight William E. Barkman, P.G.C., District of Columbia, has turned in his baton. The new Grand Marshal will be current Easter Sunrise Service Chairman Sir Knight George M. Fulmer, P.G.C., D.C. By action of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Ned E. Dull, Sir Knight Barkman has been designated Grand Marshal Emeritus of the Easter Sunrise Service.

**Change:** As a late revision to General Order No. 6, the Grand Master's representative at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Nevada in 1984 will be Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The Nevada Annual Conclave takes place June 12 in Las Vegas.

**P.G.M. Riegle:** Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegle, Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment and still-active Emporia, Kansas, attorney, was welcomed February 17, 1984, by 300 eighth grade students at Lowther Middle School in Emporia. The 87-year-old retired U.S. Army Colonel spoke on the subject of "Our Country," citing reasons why the students "should be proud to live in the United States." Mr. Riegle's appearance at the school assembly was sponsored by Emporia's Sertoma Club, which supplied a copy of the Declaration of Independence to each student. The youngsters reportedly gave Past Grand Master Riegle "a rousing ovation" at the conclusion of his talk.

**Truman:** Masonic bodies throughout the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of former President, Brother, and Sir Knight Harry S. Truman during 1984. The date of May 8, 1984, has been designated by the Congress of the United States for special observances and a joint Session of both Houses of Congress.

**Travel:** The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment spends much of his time traveling from one Masonic meeting to another, but Sir Knight Dull logged an especially large number of travel hours in February. The second weekend of the month saw him in attendance at the A.M.D. meetings in Washington, D.C., and the week after that he was en route to Seattle, Washington, for the Conferences of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, and annual sessions of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association.

While in the nation's Capital, Grand Master Dull visited the headquarters of the General Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, where he and Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell were welcomed by Mrs. Virginia M. Jones, R.W. Grand Secretary.

**President:** One of the highlights of Grand Master Ned E. Dull's February activities was his election as President of the International York Rite Council for the year 1984. Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauer, R.E. Grand Recorder, though not in attendance at this year's meeting, was elected as Council Secretary for the ensuing year.



## THE HALLMARKS OF LOVE

by

The Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, Grand Prelate  
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*For 27 years, The Reverend and Sir Knight Eugene H. Buxton has served as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. In 1982, at the 55th Triennial Conclave, he was appointed Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., an office he will continue to hold through the end of this triennium in August 1985. One of the annual duties of the Grand Prelate is to deliver the message of hope and joy at the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Memorial Service; and Sir Knight Buxton will again perform that task at the 54th Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 22, to be held on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.*



*A general invitation has already been issued by Most Eminent Grand Master Ned E. Dull to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the Grand Officers and their brother Christian Masons at this traditional Easter Service. For those who are unable to attend the 1984 Easter ceremony in Alexandria, the Knight Templar Magazine would like to share with you the Easter message to be offered by The Reverend Buxton.*

**TEXT: "He is risen; he is not here . . . go and tell his disciples and Peter, He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."  
St. Mark 16:6-7**

Three times St. Peter denied that he knew Jesus. In the cold time before dawn on the first Good Friday, he stood by the fire and swore he did not know his Master.

Then came Good Friday, and the cross, Easter, and the Resurrection. And the angel at the empty tomb said, "You must go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is gone before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him.'"

And one cold morning, on that familiar shore by the sea, Jesus came to Peter, and they had breakfast together. Standing by the fire, Peter pledged his faithful love to Christ. Three times, he promised to care for the Lord's flock.

Three denys before the Cross; three new promises after the Resurrection. Maybe it was just accidental. Jesus had predicted, that first Maundy Thursday night, that Peter would deny him. Peter was hurt and swore he would never betray his Lord, but Jesus knew him better than he knew himself, and said to Peter, "Tonight, three times before the first rooster crows, you will have said you do not know me." And it was so, and Peter was ashamed.

A few days later, the risen Jesus asks him "Do you love me?" And three times Peter says he does, and Jesus gives him the same response each time — "Feed my flock." It may just be → → →



coincidence, and it would not be the worse for that. But it may be that the Lord, who knew his own so well, meant Peter to learn a lesson about love — meant all of us to learn a lesson about love we would never forget. Whether it was deliberate or not, the lesson remains clear and true, and it is a central lesson about the meaning of Easter. It is a threefold lesson. Love remembers. Love encourages. Love entrusts.

Love always remembers. Jesus remembered Peter's eager, foolish promise of Maundy Thursday: "I will lay down my life for your sake." He remembered his own caution to Peter, a caution from out of the depth of his understanding that Peter was always one to speak before he thought what he was saying. He spoke as if to say, "Peter, don't talk so quickly of a test the like of which you have never had to face. This night, before dawn, you will forswear yourself three times."

The reminding was to torment Peter. To his dying day, Peter would never forget his weakness and his faithlessness. There was nothing to gain by rubbing salt in that wound. But it is of the nature of love to take the whole situation into account, the whole person as he is. It would not be love to act as if Peter had never been foolish and cowardly. The very nature of love requires that it act in the face of what is so.

The reason why Peter became a rock on which the church was built was precisely that neither he nor his Lord ever forgot that he was impetuous, over-eager, given to careless promises and easy impatience. He was strong in spite of his weakness; he found faithlessness because he had been unfaithful; he came to his heroic leadership at the other side of his failure, through his failure, remembering his failure.

This is the way love is. Love remembers; and out of the remembering comes a new creature, all the stronger because of its weakness remembered,

forgiven, and reborn into strength. Love is not built on dreams or illusions. It is built on the way things are. That is the first part of the lesson.

Second, love encourages. It is the nature of love to expect more than has ever been expected before, encouraging loved ones to believe more in themselves and expect more from themselves.

Jesus was not a fool. He knew his disciples well. He knew Peter well — knew his impetuous ways, his overeagerness, overconfidence. But he also knew what was possible for Peter — knew his great strengths not yet unfolded, his real capabilities in spite of his shortcomings. He did not blindly trust; he confidently expected that the still-untested muscles in Peter's spirit would respond to the confidence which is part of knowing, part of love.

There is everything to testify to this in the place Peter found in the life of the primitive church. They remembered full well how often he had fallen short of his responsibilities and promises. St. Paul, his great companion, had very sharp words to say about that side of Peter. But in spite of his weaknesses, Peter played a unique part, and he was venerated for that. He was called "holy," a "saint," not because he had been miraculously transformed, but because he had been able to do what Jesus had expected of him in spite of the failings which everybody knew he faced.

It is the nature of love to encourage, to continue to expect, from those who are loved and who love, the real strengths and gifts they possess. God knows the true size of humanity, and he goes on calling us to be true to ourselves and therefore true to him who made us and loves us. For that matter, we know the truth about ourselves and about our children or friends — our enemies too; And what love means among human persons is exactly that continuing expectation, that encouraging expectation, that



we will yet become the persons we were created to be, and reveal the gifts and graces which are as much a part of our nature as our shortcomings are. This is the way love is. And that is the second part of the lesson.

The third part is that love entrusts. "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me . . . Feed my sheep." In these words the risen Jesus is saying to Peter, "Remembering all you are (weak as well as strong), expecting from you all you have to give (fine as well as foolish), I trust you to nothing less than the shepherd's responsibility, which I have borne, for the flock entrusted to my care by the Father."

These are the grave words, not lightly said. But this was the crowning message of the Resurrection. In every appearance of the risen Lord to his disciples, the same note is struck:

*"As my Father hath sent me,  
even so I send you."*

*"Behold, I send the promise of  
my Father upon you."*

*"Go ye into all the world and  
preach the gospel to every creature."*

The gift of the Resurrection was the entrusting of the work of Christ to his disciples. Few as they were and imperfect as their understanding and their faith, he remembered all that. He knew what they could do and be, and he put into their hands, in confident love, the work of carrying on what he had begun among them.

This is the same our blessed Lord is putting into our hands as followers of those first disciples and Knights Templar of the cross of Christ. We, too, are bidden to carry on and exemplify in our lives and work this same spirit of love, continuing the work He has set forth for us to do witnessing in our lives that same love as He has given to all who follow him.

This is the way love is. Remembering, encouraging, entrusting.

Those who love you have taught you that. They have known you, remembered you as you have been, but they have gone on encouraging you to become what they felt you were. They expected of you what you did not know or believe you had to give. And they have made that expectation real by trusting you with what was dearest to them.

But if you can say this about yourself, it is only because you have learned the lesson that all of us learn about love. Every child learns this from his parents; every lover learns this from the one who loves back; every friend learns this; every disciple of every worthwhile cause learns this.

God remembers our failures, as he remembered Peter's broken promise on Maundy Thursday. The cross is the unforgettable mark of how far humanity falls short of our nature and our calling.

But God continues to expect from us the true greatness he has given us in our creation, and that expectation makes it possible for us to go on believing in ourselves and finding, by his love, strengths we did not know we had. The Resurrection is the unforgettable mark of that.

And God trusts us, unbelievably, to share with faithfulness the work the Father first entrusted to the crucified and risen son. The church is the unforgettable mark of that.

Love remembers, love encourages, love entrusts. This is the truth at the heart of the Easter season.

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The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put his other foot somewhat higher.

Thomas Huxley



## Holy Land Bon Voyage

Alvin W. Leining, Eminent Commander of Nassau Commandery No. 73, Hicksville, New York, as well as Sir Knights from Hicksville, Patchogue, and New York City, were invited to a "Bon Voyage" covered dish dinner prepared by the congregation of the Farmingdale Methodist Church on February 19. The



guest of honor on the occasion was The Reverend and Sir Knight Ralph J. Morgan (center), who was chosen as one of 24 Christian Ministers to take part in the eighth annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

The Reverend Morgan was presented an El Al Airlines ticket to Tel Aviv by Sir Knight Leining, and two days later he was on his way to Jerusalem. Among those in attendance was Nassau Recorder and Past Grand Commander of New York David Aiken, who noted, "Some membership gains may be expected from the Farmingdale vicinity due to our presence and explanation of our organization's aims."

The 24 Pilgrims, accompanied in 1984 by Shepherd P. Fred Lesley, P.G.C., Michigan, and co-Chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, returned from their 10-day trip on March 2.

## Third Winter Conference for Indiana DeMolays

More than 100 DeMolays, advisors, Chapter Sweethearts, and parents were in attendance at the Indiana Northwest Area Winter Conference hosted by Steel City Chapter, Hobart, February 10-12. Convening at the Holiday Inn in Portage, Indiana, Northwest Indiana DeMolays participated in a variety of activities including ritual and basketball tournaments, leadership training, a banquet, and a dance with area Job's Daughters. The Conference was under the direction of Northwest Area Director Sir Knight Oliver F. Montgomery, a member of Valparaiso Commandery No. 28; and the Conference Director was Sir Knight Robert L. Puckett, Gary Commandery No. 57.

Michigan City Chapter of DeMolay took first place in both the Overall Northwest Indiana Ritual Championship and the Initiatory Degree Competition. The Edgar E. Lindsay and South Bend Chapters tied for first place in DeMolay Degree Competition.

James P. Smith, Mishawaka Chapter, was named Northwest Indiana's top Ritualist; and Mike Wagner, Edgar E. Lindsay Chapter, won the Junior Ritualist title. The Basketball Championship went to Michigan City Chapter.

Sir Knight Keith K. Klien, Bloomington Commandery No. 63, Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, was guest speaker at the banquet. One of the highlights of the 1984 banquet was the presentation of a 50-year DeMolay Gold Award to Sir Knight O. Ray Partlow, Gary Commandery No. 57. Sir Knight Partlow, a noted Northwest Indiana Masonic leader, was initiated into DeMolay in 1933.



"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength . . .

## STUDY IN CONTRAST

by

Sir Knight and Dr. Harold Blake Walker  
Evanston Commandery No. 58, Illinois

"A routine appendicitis operation," the surgeon told Edith as he stood beside her hospital bed. It seemed anything but routine to the patient, however. She was frightened. The idea of a surgeon's knife cutting into her body was more than she could bear. She had been healthy and vigorous throughout her life, and the impending operation was threatening. With unreasoned fear she fought the anesthetic and the look in her eyes suggested stark terror.



The night following the operation, Edith died. The surgeon shook his head in disbelief and then remarked, "She was scared to death." The remark, quite literally, was true, reminding me of the comment of Francis Bacon, "Nothing is terrible except fear itself." Her unreasoned fear robbed her body of its capacity to cope with a routine operation.

Again and again in visiting people in hospitals, I have noted that some patients who, in the light of their ills, should have recovered, did not, and patients whose chances seemed slim, got well. Those who died were the anxious and the fearful. Those who recovered took seriously the words of Scripture, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." They trusted their physicians and were composed as they faced their operations. There was healing power in their inner confidence.

Take the case of Herbert Martin, whose brain tumor had to be removed. Happily, it turned out that it was not

malignant. The location of the tumor, however, made the operation hazardous. Herb had no doubt he would recover and be as good as new. "I have every confidence in my surgeon," he said; "he is the best there is." In that spirit, he underwent surgery.

The operation was a long and delicate one, but the tumor was successfully removed and the period of recovery began. It was slow, but little by little Herb regained his strength and went home. Throughout the ordeal he was cheerful, encouraging his wife and insisting there was no need to hurry. It was six months before he was able to return to work, but he made it with flying colors.

Herb's doctors said he was an excellent patient and that his confident attitude had much to do with his recovery. "He followed our instructions to the letter," one said, "and he never seemed to doubt his eventual recovery." Anxiety and fear did not hinder the healing process.

Attitudes and feelings about the ills that assail us make a vital difference in the way we respond to medicines or operations. Fears and anxieties, angers and irritations inhibit the body's ability to cope with whatever ails us. Confidence and trust lend strength to the fibers and cells of the body engaged in the process of healing.

David Grayson, in *Adventures in Solitude*, describes his experience in a hospital before and after a serious operation. Lying in a hospital bed before surgery he noted, "Above everything else I was full of a kind of still confidence that I can only call faith — an → → →



## National Sojourners Convention

Hartford Chapter No. 56, National Sojourners, will host the 64th Annual Convention of National Sojourners, Inc., in Hartford, Connecticut, June 20-23, 1984. Sir Knight John P. Scherger, National President, of Arlington, Virginia, will preside, assisted by Nelson O. Newcombe, National Secretary-Treasurer, Springfield, Virginia.

### ... STUDY IN CONTRAST

immense faith." He added, "Without it, how could any man live through such an experience?"

Call it faith or trust, confidence or assurance, the result is quietness of mind in the face of an impending operation, and like Grayson, those who have it are blessed with both strength and healing power. Grayson, lingering in the hospital awaiting release, found help in the companionship of other patients, "men and women of courage and hope," he called them. They helped to sustain and encourage him.

Grayson's comments on hospitals are worth remembering: "It seemed to me," he wrote, "that the more I saw and learned and felt, that of all institutions in this world, the hospital, at this moment of time, is supreme. It represents modern man at his best. It is the most objective and dispassionate in confronting the problems of life, the least controlled by prejudices or traditions or taboos ... vitally in contact with reality."

The hospital for Herbert Martin was "vitally in contact with reality," a source of help and hope that inspired, not fear and anxiety, but confidence and trust. Like Grayson, he "came through beautifully" and with a deep sense of gratitude.

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

## York Rite Day in Danville, Illinois

Officers from Illinois' Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery reported a successful York Rite Day in Danville on February 11, 1984, with more than 200 Companions and Sir Knights in attendance. Grand Royal Arch Officers, headed by Richard Marshall, M.E. Grand High Priest, conferred the Royal Arch Degrees; J. L. Stinson, M.I. Grand Master, directed the Royal & Select Masters Degrees; and Chester A. Owings, R.E. Grand Commander, conferred the Order of the Temple.

More than 15 York Rite Bodies took part in the day's activities, including the Capitular Standard Club of Central Illinois, with John B. Hall, P.G.H.P., conferring the Most Excellent Master Degree. Mark Master was conferred by Ford Chapter of Paxton, and Past Master by Edgar Chapter of Paris. The Order of the Red Cross was conducted by a cast headed by James M. Waters, P.I.G.M., Decatur; and the Order of Malta was presented by Thomas V. Barnett, Danville, Grand Principal Sojourner of Royal Arch.



Shown from left to right: J. L. Stinson, M.I.G.M.; Dr. W. L. Anderson, Danville candidate for the York Rite; Richard Marshall, M.E.G.H.P.; and Chester A. Owings, R.E.G.C.

Danville presiding Officers include Lewis B. Summers, Eminent High Priest; Frank J. Chiarmello, Thrice Illustrious Master; and Joseph E. Eaton, Eminent Commander. Lunch and dinner were prepared by the ladies of Athelstan Commandery Auxiliary.



## THE FATHER OF THE TEDDY BEAR

by

Norman G. Lincoln, K.Y.C.H.

Middletown Commandery No. 71, Ohio

What child has not proudly owned or secretly longed for a Teddy Bear? Adults collect them, museums display them, and sociologists write books about our love for them. All this started when President and Brother Theodore Roosevelt was asked to settle a boundary dispute between Louisiana and Mississippi in 1902. The hearty outdoorsman decided a little hunting trip would be "just bully," but he failed to bag any game. One of the guides captured a bear cub and brought it to camp for the President to shoot.

However, Teddy Roosevelt said, "If I shot that little fellow, I couldn't look my boys in the face again." On hearing of this, the editorial cartoonist for the *Washington Post* drew a cartoon (below)



showing Teddy Roosevelt in hunting gear with the punning caption: "Drawing the

Line in Mississippi." It appeared November 16, 1902. A toy dealer soon after began selling stuffed bears, and thus a legend was born.

The clever cartoonist, Clifford Kennedy Berryman, was one of eleven children of James T. and Sally Church Berryman. He was born in Woodford County, near Versailles, Kentucky, on April 2, 1867, where his father operated a country store. His talent was inherited from his English/Scottish father who had a habit of caricaturing customers on wrapping paper to entertain his children. Though young Cliff graduated from Professor Henry's School for Boys, he was entirely self-taught in art.

His first job, obtained by the help of Senator and Sir Knight Joseph C. S. Blackburn, who was impressed by his drawings, was as a draftsman for the U.S. Patent Office where he progressed to illustrating subjects submitted for patent protection. Eventually he submitted a sketch to the *Washington Post* which bought it for \$25, only \$5 less than his weekly salary! In 1896, he was hired by the *Post* as an illustrator, and in 1907 he moved to the *Washington Star* where he remained until his death.

Berryman's career of more than fifty years as a cartoonist at the top of his profession was the result of keen powers of observation as well as skill in reducing an editorial point to a single panel which told its story at a glance. The Teddy Bear remained his dingbat (or trademark) though he derived no profit from the sale of the cuddly creatures. His style was realistic, and his work appeared → → →



in *Life*, *Review of Reviews* and *World's Work*. More than 2,000 of his originals are owned by the Library of Congress, and his work did much to influence muralist Thomas Hart Benton.

The popular six-footer was in great demand to furnish "chalk talks" where his gentle and whimsical nature showed through. Yet he could be critical of the New Deal and Brother Harry Truman. Henry Wallace felt his wrath in a cartoon of 1938 where he was shown as the mustached Hitler accepting the heils of a band of goose-stepping farmers. In 1944, Sir Knight Berryman was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for a cartoon critical of manpower mobilization.

On July 5, 1893, he married Kate Durfee and they had three children. Son James succeeded his father as cartoonist with the *Washington Star*.

*Berryman's Cartoons of the 58th House of Representatives* was published in 1903, and in 1926 he wrote a monograph for the University of Missouri on the development of the cartoon.

Clifford Berryman was well-liked, even by those who suffered from his pen. In 1921, he was awarded an honorary A.M. by George Washington University. He was a member of the National Press Club, the Sons of the American Revolution, and in 1926 was president of the prestigious Gridiron Club.

He was a Past Master of Temple-Noyes-Cathedral Lodge No. 32, a Knight Templar in Washington Commandery No. 1, District of Columbia, and a Shriner. In 1948, he received the Distinguished Service Medal of the Cosmopolitan Club as Washington's Outstanding Citizen. He died of a heart attack December 11, 1949, and was buried in Glenwood Cemetery.

On Berryman's 80th birthday, President Harry Truman sent him a letter which said in part: "You are a Washington institution comparable to the Monument. To me you are ageless and timeless. Presidents and Senators and even Supreme

## Easter Breakfast Tickets Still Available

The 2nd annual Easter Sunrise Breakfast sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will be held at 9:15 a.m., April 22, directly following the 54th Easter Sunrise Service. The Breakfast will take place at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motel, U.S. 1 and I-395, Arlington, Virginia.

Cost is \$7.50 per person, and reservations must be confirmed by April 18 with Marion K. Warner, P.G.C., D.C., Chairman, 1127 Tiffany Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904; or J. Milton McDonald, D.G.C., D.C., 1101 South Arlington Ridge Road, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

Tickets may also be purchased on Saturday, April 21, in the lobby of the Hotel Washington from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. during the Grand Master's Reception.

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Court Justices come and go, but the Monument and Berryman stand."



Self-portrait of Clifford K. Berryman, with "Teddy Bear," from *Cartoons Magazine*, June 1912.

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## THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

by

Sir Knight Albert F. Ebentier

Palestine Commandery No. 20, Green Bay, Wisconsin

The Order of the Red Cross of Constantine is founded on history, legend and tradition. It was established by the Emperor Constantine the Great as a memorial to his conversion to Christianity and as a reward for the valor of certain of his soldiers in the Battle of Saxa Rubra.

In his march to Rome, Constantine was much concerned by the odds which faced him in his forthcoming battle with Maxentius; and this caused him to pray for guidance. One night prior to the battle, as darkness was approaching, he observed a brilliant cross in the sky, with the words: "By this sign conquer."

That night, he had a vision of Christ displaying the same sign, and directing him to frame a similar standard, known as the "Labarum," and march against his enemies. In the Battle of Saxa Rubra (312 A.D.), at the Milvian Bridge on the Tiber River, Constantine was victorious and entered triumphantly into Rome.

As Emperor, he then took steps to make Christianity the chief religion of the state. The first general council of the Church was assembled at Nicaea in the year 325 A.D. The "Nicene Creed" was a product of this council. The Order of the Red Cross of Constantine was established by the Emperor after the Battle of Saxa Rubra. It flourished for a number of years, but eventually went into decline by the time of the Crusades.

In 326, two orders were added to the Red Cross of Constantine: The Order of the Holy Sepulchre was instituted to commemorate the discoveries made in the Holy Land by Constantine's mother, Helena. The Grand Cross was created to

honor those making noteworthy contributions to the state, mostly of the military and magistrate class. These Orders could be conferred only on members of the Red Cross of Constantine.

On the death of the Emperor in 337, control of these bodies passed to the Popes.

During the reign of Julian, the apostate, another order was added, known as the Order of St. John the Evangelist. This is based on an incident which occurred during the rebuilding of Julian's Temple in Jerusalem. While the foundation was being laid, one of the stones at the lowest part of the base suddenly started to move and opened up a door to a cave hollowed out of solid rock. The cave was deep, and men had to be lowered by rope in order to explore it.

On being lowered, the men found themselves in stagnant water reaching to their knees. The cave was a perfect square, and in the center was a column, rising slightly above the water, on which reposed a book wrapped in very fine linen. When the book was brought into the light and the wrapping removed, the following appeared in large letters: "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God."

The workmen attempted to dissuade Julian from continuing construction of the Temple, but he persisted until killed by a Persian dart while trying to mount his horse.

During the period of the Crusades, several orders of Knighthood were organized, the most noted being the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ → → →



or Knights Templar. At the conclusion of the Crusades, the Knights dispersed throughout Europe, and as time passed, the membership and effectiveness of the various orders declined.

Despite the decline, there were members scattered, particularly Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, in most of the countries.

In the early 18th century, Masonry was changing from operative to speculative. A close alliance, especially on the continent, existed between the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine and Masonry. Much was contributed by the Order to the spread of Masonry. In 1758, the Council of the Emperors of the East and West was formed in Paris, with the Conclaves of England forming a part. In 1832, the Baron Leipsie classified the seven steps of chivalry as follows:

1. *Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.*
2. *Knights Templar.*
3. *Knights of Malta.*
4. *Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, appended to which is the Knights of St. John of Palestine, or Knights of St. John the Evangelist.*
5. *Rosa Cross.*
6. *Templar Priesthood.*
7. *Commander Elect Knight Kadosh.*

In the United States, the authority for conferring these Orders is vested in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Commanderies of Knights Templar, and Conclaves of the Red Cross of Constantine.

With the termination of the Crusades and the scattering of the members of the Red Cross of Constantine and its Appendant Orders, the Order went into decline; it was introduced into England in 1692 by the Abbe Guistiniani by conferral on several novitiates.

There seems to have been a close alliance between Masonry and the chivalric degrees. The Grand Imperial

Council was organized in London on May 4, 1808. The introduction of the Royal Arch into England prior to 1760 led to the changing of the qualifications from Master Mason to Companion of the Royal Arch Mason.

Perhaps the earliest record of the Order in the United States is November 12, 1783, when the Red Cross Degree was conferred in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1869, the Earl of Bective, Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of England, appointed Colonel W. J. B. MacLeod Moore to introduce the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine into Canada and the United States. Sir Knight Moore appointed Sir Knight Alfred Creigh to establish the Order in Pennsylvania; accordingly, 14 Conclaves were organized, after which Creigh applied to England for authority to establish a Grand Conclave in that state. Permission was granted, and on June 14, 1872, in Reading, the Grand Conclave of Pennsylvania was established, with 13 of the 14 Conclaves in the state represented.

On June 8, 1946, at Duluth, Minnesota, due to the independence of the Philippine Islands and the existence of Conclaves in Mexico, the name "Grand Imperial Council of the Imperial, Ecclesiastical and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico, and the Philippines" was adopted. Following the merger of the Empire of the East and Empire of the West in 1958, the name was again changed to: "The United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico, and the Philippines." Maine and Vermont declined to join with this merger, however, each choosing to maintain its own independent Council.

The purposes of the Constantinian Orders are to commemorate the first elevation of Christianity from the position of a despised and prescribed



At their December Centennial Banquet, members of Alpine Lodge No. 208, A.F.M. in Clover, South Carolina, celebrated the end of their first 100 years in Freemasonry. They also used the occasion to release to the public a centennial book entitled *History of Alpine Lodge No. 208, A.F.M. 1883-1983*.

The book is available to interested readers at a cost of \$16 each postpaid and may be ordered from Brother Paul A. Tiller, Alpine Lodge No. 208, P.O. Box 208, Clover, South Carolina 29710.

heresy, to that of a legally recognized and honored religion; to cultivate the social virtues; appeal to the intellectual and moral qualities; preserve as far as possible the customs of the Fraternity, and bring about good fellowship and understanding between all branches of Masonry.

Since the Red Cross of Constantine is primarily a York Rite Order, its members are required to be Royal Arch Masons in good standing. Many Conclaves also encourage membership in a Commandery of Knights Templar, as well as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. All must be willing to subscribe to a belief in the Christian religion as revealed in the New Testament.

In accordance with ancient customs and the traditions of the Constantinian Order, membership is only by invitation from a Subordinate Conclave extended to outstanding Masons who have shown high qualities of leadership, exemplified high moral and intellectual attributes, and have contributed substantial service to the Craft, or the civic, industrial and religious life of their community.

Albert Ebentier, 32<sup>o</sup>, K.C.C.H., is Librarian of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Long Beach, California. He resides at 1930 St. John's Road, Apt. 29P, Seal Beach, California 90740.

Mrs. Harold N. Kinsey, Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, was accorded a Red Carpet welcome during her official visit to San Antonio Assembly No. 159, Texas, in February. The Red Carpet was literally "laid out" for Mrs. Kinsey by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce at a local restaurant where a dinner was held in her honor.

Also in connection with Mrs. Kinsey's February visit, the S.O.O.B. Reception Committee Chairman, Mrs. William Norton, arranged for an "Alcalde" to be presented to Mrs. Kinsey from the Mayor's office, thus making her Mayor of La Villita (Old San Antonio), which occupies one square block in the heart of downtown San Antonio.

On February 6, Mrs. Kinsey attended a covered-dish supper at the Scottish Rite Temple, prior to her attendance at a meeting of San Antonio Assembly. Five new candidates were initiated during her visit.

A breakfast was held the following morning at Mrs. Norton's home, and at that time a \$50 contribution was made by the members of the Assembly to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in honor of Mrs. Kinsey.

### Societas Rosicruciana

On Saturday, February 11, at the 1984 annual meeting of Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and William H. Thornley, Jr., Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment, were elected to the IX<sup>o</sup> by Supreme Magus M.W. Henry Emmerson. The Rosicruciana meeting was held in connection with the conferences of Allied Masonic Bodies held February 10-12 at the Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C.



# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## 55th Triennial Coins

"We still have a supply of commemorative coins on hand from the 55th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, held at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1982," writes Jacob L. King, P.G.C., and former Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Finance. In the year and a half since the Triennial, a number of coins have been sold to collectors, with all proceeds going to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Last-minute collectors may order the item at \$4.00 each by writing to Sir Knight Jacob L. King, 201 Prichard Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913.

## 100 Years in San Bernardino

In 1984, St. Bernard Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar in San Bernardino, California, will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and the event has been commemorated through a special edition anniversary coin and key chain of antiqued bronze. Coins are 1 9/16" in diameter, and both coin and key chain incorporate a reproduction of the Templar cross and crown on the reverse. The obverse of each carries the anniversary information for St. Bernard No. 23.

Coins or key chains may be purchased at a cost of \$3.50 each, postpaid. Orders may be sent to Recorder Robert Wade, York Rite Temple, 2888 Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, California 92404.



## El Dorado York Rite Members Honored



At a public ceremony on January 21, three members of the York Rite Bodies in El Dorado, Kansas, were awarded 50-year emblems from the Grand High Priest and Grand Commander of Kansas. Shown above, seated, are award recipients Brothers Rex Patty, Olin Stansbury, and Percy F. Neutman. Standing in back are, from left, "Doc" Clayton, Eminent Commander of El Dorado Commandery No. 19; Don B. Hanson, R.E.G.C., Kansas; Dee D. Duttweiler, G.H.P.; and Mack Burnham, High Priest of El Dorado Chapter No. 35.

## Happy 105th Birthday

George Perry Clark of Westerly, Rhode Island, has seen a lot of American history go by in his lifetime; in fact, at 105 years of age, he is older than many Commanderies of Knights Templar in the United States and abroad. Born in Richmond, Rhode Island, on January 13, 1879, he began his Blue Lodge membership in Charity Lodge No. 23, F. & A.M., Kenyon, and, on June 25, 1930, he was Knighted in Narragansett Commandery No. 27, Westerly. Earlier this year, Brothers and Sir Knights helped him celebrate his birthday and wished him good luck and good health for many years to come.



# FROM THE FAMILY OF MASONRY

## Bonneville DeMolay Contribution



Glenn Thorsen (left), Master Councilor of Bonneville Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Idaho, offers a \$100 check for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to Edgar Simmons, Eminent Commander of Idaho Falls Commandery No. 6. The presentation was made earlier this year in Idaho Falls.

## Templar Sojourner Receives 50-Year Pin



Sir Knight Allen Seeley Wood, who was Knighted November 9, 1928, in Clinton Commandery No. 3, Norwalk, Connecticut, and is now a resident of Senior Meadows Retirement Home in Bradenton, Florida, is shown above (center) at a slightly belated presentation of his 50-year Templar pin. The pin was awarded to Sir Knight Wood by Florida's District Deputy Grand Commander Jesse L. Johnson (left) and Eminent Commander G. William Giese of Trinity Commandery No. 16, Sarasota.

## Roy Rogers Museum Presentation

On Thursday, April 26, 1984, at 4:00 p.m., the Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Ned E. Dull, will attend a special recognition ceremony at the Roy Rogers Museum in Victorville, California. On that occasion, he will present hand-carved Knight Templar plaques to Sir Knights Roy Rogers and Art Rush who received the Orders and Degrees of the York Rite at a conferral earlier this year. The engraved walnut plaques were created by master carver Sir Knight Delbert J. Springer, Van Wert Commandery No. 54, Ohio, whose creations are found "in offices and museums of governors, presidents and kings throughout the world."

Grand Master Dull announces that all Sir Knights, ladies, and Masonic friends are invited to the presentation ceremony.

## Mobile Girls Hold Bowl-A-Thon



Mother Advisor Mrs. Ruth Robinson looks on as Kathy Murphy presents a check to Sir Knight Charles W. McDonald, current Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The donation represented funds raised from a recent Bowl-A-Thon conducted by members of Assembly No. 3, Rainbow for Girls in Mobile.



## Denver Masonic Temple Destroyed By Fire

A four-alarm fire destroyed the Masonic Temple in downtown Denver, Colorado, Saturday, March 3, burning more than five hours before firefighters could bring the blaze under control. The seven-story building, which was built in 1889 and was both a city and a national landmark, was situated at the corner of the 16th Street Mall and Welton Street.

At the time the fire began, members of Denver Lodge No. 5, A.F. & A.M., including Sir Knight Robert E. Newnam, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, were assembled for a meeting when they smelled smoke. According to *The Denver Post*, "by the time the fire went through the roof, 20 pieces of equipment and 100 men were fighting the fire."

Russell A. Morse, editor of the Colorado Supplement to the *Knight Templar Magazine*, reports that many irreplaceable Masonic heirlooms were lost in the fire. Two rooms dating from 1890 and maintained in their original state were destroyed, including several pieces of carved oak furniture and decorations. The full extent of the loss is yet to be determined.

The picture at right shows the building the following morning, March 4, with steam still escaping from the window holes.



### Knights Templar Eye Foundation — New Club Memberships

#### Grand Commander's Club:

Virginia No. 10 — Robert G. Smallwood  
Illinois No. 18 — R. A. McClevey, Jr.  
Texas No. 50 — J. Edward Sartain

#### Grand Master's Club:

No. 498 — D. Angus Wood (TX)  
No. 499 — Lloyd W. Kencke (OH)  
No. 500 — Ronald D. Simpson (IN)  
No. 501 — Troy A. Powers (TN)  
No. 502 — Mrs. Maxine Ginn (OK)

*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 contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individual only, and there is no Commandery credit for 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 phone: 217-523-3838.





## 1984 MASONIC CONFERENCES CONVENE

### Conference of Grand Secretaries

by

**Sir Knight Robert P. Beach, P.S.G.W.  
Grand Secretary, G.L., Massachusetts  
Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference**

The fifty-sixth annual Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America, held February 21 and 22, 1984, at the Red Lion Inn SEA/TAC, Seattle, Washington, was devoted mainly to informative discussions on a variety of administrative subjects. Fifty of the sixty-one active members in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico responded to the call of the roll, together with four associate members, four members at large, and three honorary members.

Three former Grand Secretaries were called by death during the year: Cecil R. Brown, Vermont; C. Gordon Lord, Prince Edward Island; and Paul R. Stephens, Illinois, a Past President of the Conference.

Five newly elected or appointed Grand Secretaries who were at the Conference for the first time were welcomed by President H. Dwight McAlister of South Carolina. They were Joseph P. Jones, Alabama; William G. Wolf, Florida; Larry R. Turner, Idaho; Stanley A. Johnson, New Hampshire; and Benjamin Santana, Puerto Rico. The following new Grand Secretaries were unable to be present: William L. Stirling, British Columbia; G. L. Irvine, New Brunswick; M. Earl MacDonald, Prince Edward Island; and William R. Carmichael, Quebec.

An interesting and informative agenda, prepared by a committee headed by John R. Stracener of Tennessee, included the following subjects for discussion: *What is*

*the Function of the Grand Secretary?; Should a Grand Secretary be a Past Grand Master?; Should There Be a Mandatory Retirement for Grand Secretaries?; Dual and Plural Membership – How and Why?; Is Masonry Too Cheap?; Data and Word Processing By the Grand Lodge; Masonic Charity; The Statue of Liberty Centennial; and Effects of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act on Overall Grand Lodge Insurance Program.*

The speaker at the traditional banquet on Monday evening was Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master of Washington.

Jack B. Donham, Arkansas, was elevated to the presidency for 1984-1985, with Robert P. Beach, Massachusetts, first vice-president, and Harvey R. Hansen, Minnesota, second vice-president. Robert P. Beach, Massachusetts, was also reelected Secretary-Treasurer, and Albert O. Arnold, Jr., Kansas, was reelected Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

The fifty-seventh annual Conference will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on February 19 and 20, 1985.

Sir Knight Beach is Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 12, Boston. His mailing address is 186 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

### Allied Masonic Degrees

by

**Morrison L. Cooke, P.S.M.  
Past Department Commander**

This year Mother Nature smiled more favorably on the Washington, D.C., weekend of the Allied Masonic Degrees. Not only did the sun shine, but the temperature was in the balmy sixties.



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The Philaethes Feast, preceding the 30th annual meeting of the Society, has become an annual event and opened the weekend on Friday evening, February 10. This year an overflow crowd heard an excellent address by R.W. Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, Richard H. Sands, who had been scheduled to speak last year, but, like so many, was snowed "in." The newly elected president is Allen E. Roberts.

Saturday morning, February 11, the all-day meetings, held in the Washington Hotel in our nation's Capital, began with the 53rd annual convocation of Grand College of Rites. M.I. Jerry Marsengill, Grand Chancellor, presided. The College had a gain of 40, making the membership now 1,274. Sixty new members were installed, and Henry Emmerson and Dr. William Peacher were made Life Fellows. Royal Scofield, Ohio, was installed as Grand Chancellor, and Edward R. Schmidt, Virginia, Grand Seneschal.

Grand Master's Council, A.M.D., followed for the 51st annual communication, presided over by Russell Tandy, Senior Warden, due to the death during the year of The Reverend Cannon George A. Stracke. The immediate Past Sovereign Master, DeMerville P. Jones, was to have presided since, he, also, was snowed out last year; but he too passed away during the year. The Council suffered a loss of 15 during the year, but there were 34 new candidates obligated, plus one courtesy, by P.S.M. S. Flory Diehl.

Part of the Great Lights having been lost or stolen, P.S.M. Morrison L. Cooke requested permission to present the Council with a replacement set of Square and Compasses in memory of Canon Stracke and D. P. Jones. Russ Tandy, Tennessee, was installed as Sovereign Master and appointed George H. Hohen-schildt, Ohio, as Tiler.

M.V. Herbert A. Fisher, Sovereign Grand Master, called to order the 52nd annual communication of Grand Council,

A.M.D. He reported 10 new Councils instituted during the year and a gain of 235, making the membership 4,461. There are now 199 Councils. The Sovereign Grand Master presented Col. Carl Sitter, Past President of National Sojourners, who holds the Congressional Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor. He was given a standing ovation.

R.E. Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Donald H. Smith, was the speaker at the annual banquet, and gave a very fine address correlating the values of Freemasonry and Education in America. Robert L. Grubb, who had been Secretary for 19 years, submitted his resignation and was elected Secretary Emeritus. He was succeeded by Marshall Dillon, North Carolina. The incoming Sovereign Grand Master is Charles R. Glassmire, Maine; and Edwin Cummings, also of Maine, was appointed Grand Tiler.

Following lunch, Oxford Lodge No. 1, Ark Mariners of Maine, exemplified the Royal Ark Mariners Degree in a commendable manner. The Grand Council has voted to have one type of Degree of A.M.D., presented each year.

There were 22 new Sovereign Masters installed in Installed Masters Council by Brother Capps, in the absence of Brother Horne, S.M.

The 51st annual communication of the Council of Nine Muses, then convened with Marvin Fowler (R.E. Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment) presiding. Robert L. Grubb presented an interesting paper on "J. Raymond Shute II, Incomparable Innovator." Brother Shute, who has now demitted from all Masonry, was one of the founders of these annual meetings.

Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons, opened for the 18th annual meeting, with Excellent Chief John H. Watts in the East. Nine candidates and 10 courtesies were obligated by P.G.C. S. Flory Diehl.

The 18th annual meeting of Grand



Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., was opened by Great Chief Dr. Eddie P. Stiles. There was an increase in membership of 285, and Dispensations granted for five new Councils. G. Wilbur Bell, M.E. Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment and Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, was elected Great Chief. He appointed Harold R. Caldwell as Grand Sentinel and Alvin L. Crump as Excellent Chief of Great Chief's Council.

There were more than 100 candidates for the Masonic Order of the Bath of the U.S.A., at the 62nd annual assembly, presided over by Henry Emmerson, Commander General.

A like number were "corked" at the 58th annual cellar of Ye Ancient Order of Corks, with M.W. Thurman Pace (R.E. Department Commander, N.E. Department, Grand Encampment), Grand Bung for the Americas, wielding the gavel. These two fun degrees concluded the activities for the day.

Sunday, February 12, the Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour held its annual breakfast, which was well-attended. M.E. Vernon R. Parks, Seattle, Washington, was present and presided.

The 39th annual Consistory of the Blue Friars, commemorating their 53rd year, was conducted by Grand Abbott Wendell K. Walker. The new Friar selected was Wallace McCleod, Toronto, Ontario, who presented an outstanding paper titled "The Suffering of John Cousteos."

Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, K.T.P., was next, with V.E. Henry G. Law, Preceptor, presiding. One courtesy candidate was obligated by Knight Priest Law. An increase of two brings the membership to 35. Law was reelected for the usual second term.

The weekend closed with the 52nd annual Ingathering of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Due to the sudden illness

of the M.E. Grand Preceptor, John C. Kaufman, Deputy Grand Preceptor Carl Baesemann was in the Chair. It was voted to give \$1,500 each to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Carl Baesemann, a Past Department Commander, was elected M.E. Grand Preceptor and appointed Ned E. Dull, M.E. Grand Master, Grand Encampment, as Grand Outer Guard.

Several tributes were given during the various meetings to the late Harold Van Buren Voorhis, long-time leader of this group, and Charter member and past presiding officer of most of them, who died on May 21, 1983.

Due to the Grand Masters' Conference again meeting away from Washington, next year's sessions will be February 8-10, 1985, at the Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C.

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

## Masonic Service Association

by

Stewart M. L. Pollard

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

In conjunction with the Annual Conference of Grand Masters in North America, the Conference of Grand Secretaries, and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the Masonic Service Association of the United States conducted its sixty-fifth Annual Meeting at the Red Lion Inn - SEA/TAC, in Seattle, Washington, on February 20, 1984.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, all of the 1984 MSA Committees met and thoroughly discussed all aspects of the operation of the Association. The → → →





free exchange of ideas of the Committee members, who are all reigning Grand Masters of member jurisdictions, provides the policy and direction of MSA in the coming months.

The Annual Meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Executive Commission, M.W. Bro. Robert A. Hockstad (P.G.M., Michigan). On nomination of M.W. Bro. David B. Richardson, (G.M., Massachusetts), the Grand Master of Masons of Montana, M.W. Bro. William M. Brass, was unanimously elected to serve as Chairman of the Annual Meeting. After a brief acceptance speech, he called upon M.W. Bro. Robert Hockstad to give the Annual Report of the Executive Commission.

The report of the Education and Publications Committee was presented by the Committee Chairman, M.W. Bro. J. Willard Register (G.M., Georgia). The Committee reviewed the publications of the Association and trends of Masonic education and information in various jurisdictions. Among the recommendations of the Committee was one to discontinue the compilation and publication of the "List of Masons in Government." The report and the adoption of its recommendations was approved by the Annual Meeting.

The Hospital Visitation Committee report was read by its Chairman, M.W. Bro. E. Gene Ross, G.M. of Illinois. The Committee presented several recommendations, all of which were adopted. Among them were measures to be taken to encourage non-member jurisdictions to allow for the expansion of the MSA Hospital Visitation Program into V.A. medical facilities in their states. Also, it was recommended and approved that the solicitation of voluntary contributions again be made to all who receive the Short Talk Bulletin. The 1983 "Green Envelopes Appeal" brought in more than \$20,000 in contributions from individuals and Lodges. In 1983, the voluntary

contributions of Grand Lodges, Masonic bodies, and individuals amounted to more than \$302,000.

The Necrology Committee Report was read by M.W. Bro. C. Glenn Brown (G.M., Iowa). It paid fitting tribute to four former MSA Field Agents (Brothers Claude Parkhurst, William J. Cowand, S. Robert Nosworthy, and Dr. Joseph Roth).

M.W. Bro. John C. Marden, (G.M., New Hampshire) Chairman of the MSA Finance Committee, gave the report of that Committee, indicating that they had reviewed the financial statement and audited accounts of the Association. The Committee reviewed and approved the actions taken on the production of the MSA Film "When The Band Stops Playing." The Committee also reviewed the results of the "Green Envelope Appeal" and recommended that it be continued and expanded. One of the major recommendations of the Finance Committee was to adjust the dues structure to effect a minimum dues of \$300 and a maximum dues of \$5,000. These recommendations were adopted.

The membership Committee noted that there are seven Grand Lodges which are not currently members of the Masonic Service Association and urged that they be encouraged to learn of the Services of MSA and seriously consider joining this "partnership of service." The membership Committee was chaired by M.W. Bro. Frederick H. Lorensen (G.M., Connecticut).

The U.S.A. Relief Committee and the Foreign Relief Committee both noted that there had been no requests for relief during 1983. The committees were chaired by Grand Master James M. Burns (D.C.), and Grand Master William Lanam (American-Canadian Grand Lodge), respectively.

Two of the Executive Commissioners of MSA had terms which expired. In the election, both M.W. Bro. James Moseley (P.G.M., Georgia) and M.W. Bro. W. Harold Small (P.G.M., Montana) were



## \$500 From Past Grand Commanders' Wives      Freemasonry Slide Show



Leslie E. Black, R.E. Grand Commander of Kentucky, is pictured above accepting a check from Mrs. Lois Cooke, Secretary-Treasurer of the Past Grand Commanders' Wives of Kentucky. The \$500 check, a contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, represented 50% of the amount raised by the wives through their annual boutique at the Grand York Rite sessions and from other collections. A donation representing the other 50% was presented to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Project in Kentucky.

Mrs. Cooke is the wife of P.G.C. Morrison L. Cooke, Past East Central Department Commander for the Grand Encampment.

As part of its continuing public relations program in support of Freemasonry, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is making available a five-minute slide/tape program. "Freemasonry - What Is It?" is designed to provide helpful background information for both Masons and non-Masons.

Produced through a grant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the show includes both Masonic history and a contemporary picture of Freemasonry. It can be used "in Masonic education programs and for the general public." The slide/tape program includes 80 slides in a Carousel slide tray, an audio cassette which is pulsed for automatic slide advance, and a script for manual slide advance. A video tape of the same program is also available in VHS and Beta formats.

The cost for the first slide/tape set or video cassette is \$25. Additional copies are \$50 each. Orders may be placed through the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Public Relations Office, 440 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02171, with checks made payable to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

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selected to succeed themselves as Executive Commissioners for the South Atlantic and Western Divisions, respectively.

The highlight of the 65th Annual Meeting of MSA was the premier showing of the new MSA film, "When The Band Stops Playing." The film features M.W. Bro. Thomas R. Dougherty, Director of Hospital Visitation, and scenes of Masonic volunteers at work in the V.A. hospitals. Copies of the film will be distributed to each Grand Lodge in April. Additional copies will be available for sale or rent. It will also be available on video cassettes.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting was an opportunity for Grand Lodges to present checks in support of the Hospital Visitation Program. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota again made the largest single contribution - \$26,229.72; however, the \$9,176.45 check from the Grand Lodge of Wyoming represented almost \$1.00 per member. The total contributions at the Annual Meeting amounted to more than \$87,000.

Sir Knight Pollard is a member of Helena Commandery No. 3, Palmyra, New Jersey. His mailing address is 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.



**Thomas A. Biggs**

Arkansas

Grand Commander — 1964

Born June 24, 1897

Died January 13, 1984

**Leahmond W. Williams**

Arkansas

Grand Commander — 1949

Born August 22, 1904

Died February 2, 1984

**N. Donald Bell**

North Carolina

Grand Commander — 1972

Born November 15, 1909

Died February 7, 1984

**Sterry R. Waterman**

Vermont

Grand Commander — 1949

Born June 12, 1901

Died February 7, 1984

**Robert Al Smith**

Colorado

Grand Captain General — 1984

Born August 9, 1930

Died February 9, 1984

**Arthur John Olsen**

Wisconsin

Grand Commander — 1955

Born February 8, 1898

Died February 15, 1984

**N. Dewey Marker**

Arizona

Grand Commander — 1960

Born May 20, 1898

Died February 16, 1984

**Charles Hartley Peterson**

Maine

Grand Commander — 1966

Born October 10, 1907

Died February 16, 1984

**Bruce Whiting Phelps**

Alabama

Grand Commander — 1966

Born March 24, 1903

Died February 19, 1984

**George A. Newbury, 33°**

George A. Newbury, Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, passed away March 5, 1984, at Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Florida. He was 88 at the time of death.

A member of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 30 in Hamburg, New York, Sir Knight Newbury was well-known in all areas of Masonic endeavor. Among others, he was an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay; a member of St. Mark's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Buffalo, New York; and he was instrumental in the founding of the American Heritage Library and Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Sir Knight Newbury was a native New Yorker, born in Ripley, and later a resident of Buffalo. For the past several years, he had been a winter resident in Sarasota. He was a former member of the Board of Directors of Cornell University; past president of New York Bankers Association; and former founder and Chairman of New York Blue Cross.

He is survived by a son, George, of Flagler Beach, Florida, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



**Albertus C. Scott**

North Dakota

Grand Commander — 1982

Born August 4, 1901

Died February 25, 1984

**Arthur B. Trevithick**

Michigan

Grand Commander — 1978

Born January 31, 1913

Died March 3, 1984



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## MASONIC RITUAL — A FORGOTTEN JEWEL?

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by  
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I wish to express my gratitude to the *Knight Templar Magazine* for its fortitude in publishing several articles over the years by Sir Knight Russell H. Anthony, a current official of the Imperial Shrine of North America. I am equally grateful for the publication of the excellent articles authored by such men as Sir Knights Purcell (April 1979) and Clemons (June 1983) which provide a different view of the question of membership; and I believe that every Freemason owes a duty to himself and the Craft to read and re-read each of these latter two articles.

As to the Shrine, it is a "playground for Masons": Its ritual is for amusement, not edification, and its goals are quite simple — fun and philanthropy. It is non-Masonic but restricts its membership to Masons (A.A.O.N.M.S. = A. M.A.S.O.N.). (See *A Short History of The Shrine*, Imperial Council Publication.) Shriners at the grass-roots level realize this; it appears that it is only when we enter the realm of the star-bedizened Fez that we behold an immense confusion in the matter.

In actuality, there is no such thing as a "Shrine Mason," regardless of how cutely it is employed as a sales and public relations tool. There are just Masons who are also Shriners.

As far as solicitation of non-Masons goes, Sir Knight Clemons ably gave the answer last year: Don't! It is interesting to note, however, that the pressure for solicitation rarely comes from the Symbolic Lodge level. Rather, it originates with the Appendant Orders and the Shrine. It is my uncharitable opinion that this overwhelming solicitude for Ancient

Craft Masonry is prompted more by concern for the budget than for the Brotherhood.

Regarding matters ritualistic, the Craft is rather more than Rotary, Civitan, or other service/recognition organizations. The Craft is, quite literally, "a Peculiar Science of Morality, Veiled in Allegory and Illustrated by Symbols." We *could* (I suppose) bring in the candidate and simply ask, "Do you promise to be a good man and true and to pay your dues on time?" All of which being answered in the affirmative, we *could* then give him his Master Mason's dues card. It doesn't work that way, and it *won't* work that way.

The Ancient Craft Degrees (including the Holy Royal Arch) are the way they are for a reason; the "Peculiar Science" they contain must remain to be discovered by the "initiate," whether he perceives it only dimly through the Veil or devotes himself to piercing the Veil.

A. E. Waite wrote: "Masonry in my own understanding, is part of a Divine Quest; it communicates knowledge of that Quest and its term in symbolism; while those who are willing to take the symbolism into their heart — and the inmost heart — or in other words to translate it into life, may find that it becomes an open gate into a world of real knowledge, where the Divine Quest ends in Divine Attainment."

There are to my knowledge, no "professional Masonic ritualists." All the genuine Masonic ritualists I know earn their living in other areas, and their ritualistic efforts are compensated only in "Masters' Wages." Before → → →



meddling in ritual, an understanding of ritualism is needed, and I append hereto a short bibliography for introductory reading. (Most of the works set forth are not particularly Masonic, but they deal with initiatory practice and the reasons we have rituals.)

A close examination of many of the Masonic Degrees and Orders (particularly in the "high degrees") reveals that many were manufactured for "show" and much of the remainder have been butchered-up by "professional Masonic ritualists" who were more concerned with sound than substance. To be a true ritualist, a man is required to possess rather more than oratorical skill and the ability to memorize and recall on cue. Above all, *understanding* is required. If the "professional Masonic ritualists" suggested in a recent article by Sir Knight Anthony exhibit the same degree of understanding as he appears to possess, we will wind up with a poor imitation of a Gilbert & Sullivan comic operetta.

I am a proud and active Mason and Shriner. I believe Sir Knight Anthony is correct when he writes: "If we continue to pit one segment of the Masonic Fraternity against another segment, conflicts will arise where there were none." It appears to me, however, that none of this agitation and argument starts in the Symbolic Lodge system. It appears that there is less concern for the Lodge system than there is for the "high degrees" and the Nobility. (It is rather like someone yelling "fire!" and then asking what all the commotion is about.)

Since my initiation into the University of Florida Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha in 1961, I have studied ritualism — a study involving cultural anthropology, comparative religion, psychology, and history. While I do not profess ultimate wisdom in such matters, I do believe that we should leave our own forms and ceremonies alone. If it is necessary to modify our ritual, I would prefer a better

reason than producing more candidates for the appendant Orders and the Shrine.

Suggested reading as an introduction to the study of ritual:

### Masonic Works

- Mackey, *Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry*  
Pike, *Morals and Dogma*  
Waite, *A New Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry*  
Wilmshurst, *Meaning of Masonry*

### Non-Masonic

- Budge, *The Book of the Dead*  
Budge, *Osiris*  
Budge, *Egyptian Religion*  
Budge, *Egyptian Magic*  
Budge, *Amulets and Superstitions*  
Burland, *Myths of Life and Death*  
Eliade, *Images and Symbols*  
Eliade, *Rites and Symbols of Initiation*  
Eliade, *Myth and Reality*  
Frazer, *The Golden Bough*  
Griffith & Thompson, *The Leyden Papyrus*  
Grof & Halifax, *Human Encounter with Death*  
Jung, *Man and his Symbols*  
Kett, *Rites of Passage*  
MacKenzie, *Secret Societies*  
Shure, *The Great Initiates*  
VanGennep, *Rites of Passage*  
Waite, *Brotherhood of The Rosy Cross*  
Waite, *Azoth*  
Waite, *Pictorial Key to the Tarot*  
Weston, *From Ritual to Romance*

These and similar works are generally available at larger public, and most college, libraries.

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## 16th Annual Voluntary Campaign

Another surge of Commandery activity has pushed the dollar figure of contributions to the 16th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation past the half million mark. The fifteenth week total for the week ending March 9, 1984, is \$503,230.48.

Alabama . . . . .	\$ 3,396.67
Arizona . . . . .	2,367.66
Arkansas . . . . .	1,730.02
California . . . . .	13,228.50
Colorado . . . . .	5,317.36
Connecticut . . . . .	2,531.85
District of Columbia . . . . .	4,704.00
Florida . . . . .	9,902.06
Georgia . . . . .	24,844.00
Idaho . . . . .	2,123.09
Illinois . . . . .	6,932.01
Indiana . . . . .	2,385.08
Iowa . . . . .	3,245.58
Kansas . . . . .	1,323.00
Kentucky . . . . .	3,680.30
Louisiana . . . . .	105,269.96
Maine . . . . .	5,197.90
Maryland . . . . .	4,940.92
Massachusetts-Rhode Island . . . . .	8,020.80
Michigan . . . . .	32,013.00
Minnesota . . . . .	4,270.50
Mississippi . . . . .	1,764.00
Missouri . . . . .	1,867.35
Montana . . . . .	7,314.75
Nebraska . . . . .	1,548.00
Nevada . . . . .	466.00
New Hampshire . . . . .	3,459.00
New Jersey . . . . .	1,230.25
New Mexico . . . . .	2,533.25
New York . . . . .	8,736.32
North Carolina . . . . .	4,289.80
North Dakota . . . . .	747.50
Ohio . . . . .	15,455.19
Oklahoma . . . . .	1,142.40
Oregon . . . . .	3,098.20
Pennsylvania . . . . .	21,513.39
South Carolina . . . . .	5,867.59
South Dakota . . . . .	1,097.46
Tennessee . . . . .	10,863.80
Texas . . . . .	105,281.71
Utah . . . . .	4,482.15
Vermont . . . . .	2,573.54
Virginia . . . . .	17,907.72
Washington . . . . .	2,865.00
West Virginia . . . . .	1,108.00
Wisconsin . . . . .	3,820.65
Wyoming . . . . .	1,603.80
St. John's No. 1, Delaware . . . . .	40.00
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii . . . . .	60.00

## DeMolay ISC Seeks Executive Secretary

The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay is seeking an individual to fill the position of Executive Secretary at its Headquarters Offices in Kansas City, Missouri. The Executive Secretary is a full-time, professional administrator reporting to the Grand Secretary of the Order of DeMolay. The recommended qualifications and job responsibilities, relayed by Thomas C. Raum, Jr., P.G.M., Grand Secretary, are listed below:

*"Applicants shall have a Bachelor's Degree with emphasis on business administration, association management, finances or a related field. Recent experience in associations management may be substituted for degree requirement and is highly desirable in conjunction with the appropriate degree. Responsibilities include the operational and administrative management of the DeMolay Headquarters office and a staff of 22 persons, budget development and implementation; and comprehensive coordination with the officers, committee, and jurisdictional elements of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.*

*"The Order of DeMolay is a non-profit fraternal youth organization, and background in this area would be a plus. The position is a 'working' managerial position. The International Supreme Council offers competitive salary. Resumes may be forwarded to the personal attention of Donald E. White, Interim Executive Secretary, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, 201 East Armour Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri 64111."*

Porto Rico No. 1, Puerto Rico . . . . .	175.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan . . . . .	30.00
Hermann von Salza No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany . . . . .	270.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany . . . . .	970.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Delaware . . . . .	95.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	21,479.40



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## HISTORY OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

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### Chapter X (continued)

#### THE PERIOD OF EXPANSION 1835-1856

#### Tenth Conclave (continued)

A complete roster of the constituent grand and subordinate encampments present at the tenth Conclave of the General Grand Encampment was given by the General Grand Recorder as follows:

*The Grand Encampments of:*  
*Massachusetts and Rhode Island*  
*New York*  
*Connecticut*  
*Ohio*

#### *Subordinate Encampments of:*

*Maine — Maine No. 1 at Portland and  
Portland No. 2 at Portland*

*New Hampshire — DeWitt Clinton No. 1  
at Portsmouth*

*Pennsylvania — Pittsburgh No. 1 at Pitts-  
burgh*

*District of Columbia — Washington No. 1  
at Washington*

*Virginia — Wheeling No. 1 at Wheeling*

*South Carolina — South Carolina No. 1  
at Charleston*

*Georgia — Georgia No. 1 at Augusta*

*Alabama — Washington No. 1 at Marion*

*Mississippi — Mississippi No. 1 at Jackson*

*Louisiana — Indivisible Friends No. 1 at  
New Orleans*

*Kentucky — Webb No. 1 at Lexington;  
Louisville No. 2 at Louisville; Versailles  
No. 3 at Versailles; Frankfort No. 4*

*at Frankfort; and Montgomery No. 5  
at Mt. Sterling*

*Tennessee — Nashville No. 1 at Nashville*

*Illinois — Apollo No. 1 at Chicago*

*Missouri — St. Louis No. 1 at St. Louis*

Only four Grand Encampments are shown in this report. As noted in previous Conclaves, there were Grand Encampments in New Hampshire, Vermont, South Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland, which had become dormant due to the anti-Masonic activity and had not yet been restored. At this Conclave, permission was given to the encampments in Kentucky to form a Grand Encampment.

Jewels, aprons and collars were now provided for eight of the General Grand officers, and an appropriate jewel was given to Sir Archibald Bull, the retiring General Grand Master.

The election placed Sir W. B. Hubbard of Columbus, Ohio, in the office of General Grand Master. This most capable leader was to dominate the affairs of the Order for the next twelve years, and much of its success is due to his steady hands, wise decisions, and capable management.

#### Eleventh Conclave

The eleventh Conclave was held in the Masonic Temple in Boston, Massachusetts, on September 10, 1850. The meeting was opened by Sir W. B. Hubbard, the General Grand Master, who gave an elaborate report of his official acts. It was the first full and complete report by a General Grand Master and gave evidence of his interest and zeal for the Order, as well as his ability and judgement to



meet its problems. At the close of his address he proudly announced:

*"This time and occasion is deemed a proper one for calling your attention to the general condition and future prospects of your Institution. The great end for which this General Grand Encampment was founded and established has been realized. The want of such a body, conservatively legislative and governmental, over all State and Territorial Encampments, was forseen at an early day in our Masonic history by many of our wisest and most devoted Masons. The measure was adopted and the supreme power established with the concurrence of the ablest and most distinguished of our Sir Knights and Encampments represented by them. Many who were at the laying of the corner stone of this edifice have lived to see its completion \* \* \* Your jurisdiction at the present time, acknowledged and concurred in by all (with the exception of two disaffected districts in parts of two States) is co-extensive with the boundaries of the United States. Its powers have, from time to time, been exercised with such prudence and mildness, and yet with such firmness as to have gained for it the deep and abiding respect of its members for the parent body, co-extensive with its entire jurisdiction. The Subordinates, both State and individual, are steadily increasing throughout the entire extent of our common country, and in a short time from this we will witness a succession of Encampments from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, and from the Rio del Norte to Lake Superior. The 'work' of each of the Encampments, it is believed, is almost uniformly the same. No*

*discordant elements exist to interrupt the most friendly relations of one to the other, and the progress of all in the great work for which they under Providence, were designed is steadily and most signally advancing."*

It was reported that an attempt was made in 1848 to organize an encampment in Philadelphia, claiming it to be a "revival" of the encampment legally constituted years ago by the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania. This group, however, was declared clandestine.

At the last Conclave, it was reported that three encampments in Virginia had revived the Grand Encampment in that state. Since this was done without authority of the General Grand Encampment, their action was declared illegal, and all intercourse with the Sir Knights of that state was forbidden. At this Conclave, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Virginia notified the General Grand Encampment of their desire to withdraw from all allegiance to that body, that, while she wished to live in harmony with all the other Grand Bodies, at the same time she intended to maintain her own dignity and independent authority. Happily, the next year the Grand Encampment of Virginia decided to give up her position of independence and again recognized the authority of the General Grand Encampment. So on January 28, 1851, Sir W. B. Hubbard most cheerfully issued an edict certifying that normal relations had been reestablished, and once again the Grand Encampment of Virginia was gathered in the fold with all the Knights of the Order in the United States.

The Committee on Templar History has plans to prepare an updated history of the Grand Encampment, continuing where Sir Knight Scully left off. When completed, the updated history will be announced in the KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE.





## KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



- Wanted – Past Commander chapeau, size 7¼; Past Commander sword, blade approximately 30"; Past Commander belt 38-40 inches. Please describe and advise price. I will answer all responses. *John Woodruff, 798 West Straub Road 15, Mansfield, Ohio 44904*
- Raymond H. Timmer, son of the late John Timmer of Chicago, Illinois, is interested in hearing from Grace E. Timmer and Catherin Timmer, daughters of Harry Timmer (brother of John Timmer and formerly of Chicago, Illinois) or their descendants. Family lineage being developed. Harry and Mary E. Timmer once resided at 64 North Knox Street, Albany, New York. *Raymond H. Timmer, 1302 Hawthorne Lane, Glenview, Illinois 60025*
- I am researching my family history and wish to hear from anyone with information about the family of David Ball, born in the Commonwealth, in the late 1700s; William H. Ball, born 1828; John Andes, of Virginia ancestry, late 1700, married Mollie Harvey in Tennessee. *Ben Clark, Box 53162, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152*
- I have for sale the following: 1) Knight Templar long jacket, light wear size 42, pants 39-30 – never used; 2) chapeau, 7¼ – never used; 3) 28 inch blade, Knight Templar sword, used but in very good condition; 4) heavy weight, all wool pants – some wear, but good, size 34/29. Will sell all for \$120.00, or individually. *M. Davis, 2438 Benjamin, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073*
- I would like to thank all the nobles and Sir Knights and their ladies for all the replies that I got from my request about a Shrine belt buckle. I have found one. *Donald E. Miller, 11 Point Beach Drive, Milford, Connecticut 06460*
- Am developing family tree dating from the Mayflower. Would like to contact any members of pre-Revolutionary families named Cooke – Mitchell – Ames – Hayward – Jennings – Parker – Keyes – Fauver (Faver). *Leslie F. Zimmerman, Col. U.S.A.F. (Ret.), Claremont Manor, 650 West Harrison, Claremont, California 91711*
- I am seeking genealogical information on Isaac Ziegler, born October 19, 1842, New Castle, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in Company H, 9th Division, Pennsylvania Reserves, serving in the Civil War as 1st Sergeant. He was in Illinois two years then came to Burlington, Kansas, about 1867. *Harold W. Ziegler, 801 St. Lawrence, Burlington, Kansas 66839*
- Descendants of Reverend Jesse Schlosser, born February 18, 1812, (married Elizabeth Moon March 21, 1833); died January 13, 1875; buried Plymouth, Indiana – please contact: *Harry M. Garst, 705 Lakeshore Drive, Eustis, Florida 32726*
- I am interested in acquiring any or all 78 RPM records that anyone may have for sale. Please contact: *Arthur W. Lang, Jr., 2201 Airport Freeway, Euless, Texas 76040 (1-800-433-7520 US, or 1-800-772-7814 in Texas)*



□ Past Worshipful Master's watch fob for sale. Very fine condition. Marked 14 k; size 1 5/8" x 1 1/4". Sunburst behind sun's face. Also have Knight Templar fob. *R. McMarlin, 6117 Dorchester Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150*

□ Needed: information concerning the Box family that came from South Carolina to Alabama sometime between 1804 and 1853. This man's name was Thomas Lyles (or Liles) Box. He was born on January 5, 1804, and expired October 12, 1853. He was the son of Benjamin Box, and this is the extent of my knowledge about this generation — this name of "Benjamin Box." Thomas Lyles Box married Mary Morton who was born December 2, 1811, and expired September 13, 1873, places unknown for each. This couple were parents of four known sons: Thomas Jefferson Box (killed, or wounded, in the battle of Seven Pines in June of 1862, and is buried in the Confederate Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia); Theophilus Cebastian Box; William Box, and Franklin Box, both unmarried, and both killed in the Civil War, places and dates unknown. *Daniel W. Box, P.O. Box 1046, Athens, Alabama 35611*

□ I have read the *Knight Templar* for ten or more years and I have helped other Brothers with projects listed in "Knight Voices." Would like to know if my Brethren could help me. I want to start a stamp hobby since I am retired and have lots of free time on hand. Would like to pass it on to my grandchildren when the black camel comes for me. Will answer any letter on the subject of stamp collecting if anyone could get me started. *William Herman Payne, 18 Woodcliffe Drive, N.E., Rome, Georgia 30161*

□ Would like to exchange genealogical information with other Sir Knights named Bratton. *David Bratton, 3838 Merrick Drive, Houston, Texas 77025*

## Friendship and Charity

More than 200 people were served at the February 11 "Chili-Soup Luncheon" sponsored by Friendship Lodge No. 89, Chillicothe, Missouri, and as a result, the Lodge made a \$500 donation to Operation H.E.L.P., an organization of local churches which provides assistance to area citizens who are unable to pay their heating and electrical bills.

Following the public luncheon, Worshipful Master Ray Mosher presented the \$500 check to Walter Pence, treasurer of Operation H.E.L.P., and Jim Bredeson of the H.E.L.P. organization. Brother Pence is also a member of Paschal Commandery No. 32 and the other York Rite Bodies of Chillicothe. Also on hand to assist with the check presentation was Brother Jacob S. Yoder, Senior Warden, and Brother Dwight Brinkley, Senior Warden of Friendship Lodge No. 89.

News of the charitable activities of the Lodge arrived via Sir Knight Ortis S. Carmichael, Secretary, who points out that Friendship Lodge is "especially proud of the fact that Brother Yoder, at age 96, is expected to be installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in June of 1984." The Reverend Yoder is one of the oldest active York Rite Masons in Missouri; he served as Commander of Paschal Commandery No. 32 just two years ago, at the age of 94.

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□ A friend of mine has a Dudley Masonic watch, model No. 2, serial No. 2282, for sale. I already have a Dudley watch and can't buy this one. However, some other member might be interested. The owner's name and address is: Donald Simmons, 911 B. West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603 (phone 717-397-7284). *Kenneth F. Carpenter, P.C., Hermit Commandery No. 24, Lebanon, Pennsylvania*



*Sir Knight Donald B. Hanson, Grand Commander of Kansas, forwarded this Easter poem written by The Reverend Alex B. Hanson (no relation), former Rector of the Episcopalian Church in Concordia, Kansas. Writes Grand Commander Hanson, "After Reverend Hanson left the Concordia parish, he continued to send us copies of his original poetry. I'd like to share one of them with you."*

**. . . SO LET US LIVE IN LOVE AND PEACE**

Dear Lord and Savior of Mankind, Today  
Grant us Thy light along our cloud-strewn way  
That we may stand with Mary at the tomb  
(While wisps of paradise about us bloom)  
And hear the angel say: "Why come to weep?  
Or to anoint with spice and oil his sleep?  
Seek ye the living here among the dead?  
Lo, he is risen, as He oft hath said!  
See where He lay! And now, before you all  
He goeth on to Galilee."

So now WE call  
From tears of yesterday and lights grown dim,  
That, as we journey on, perchance to Him  
Our steps will bend toward each new Galilee;  
And maybe at each small Emmaus see  
His face we love.

Please grant us grace, dear Lord,  
On borrowed time to follow in Thy word;  
In each new rosebud, each unfolding dawn,  
To sense the tide prophetic streaming on  
Across time's rim into eternity  
Where all things meet, and serve their place in Thee.

Like flowers opening in the springtime air  
May our hearts spring to life, and, living, share  
Thy resurrection. Guided past sin's jaws,  
And herded as Thy sheep within Thy laws,  
As in creation's dawn, with Thee again  
So let us live in love and peace. Amen.

The Reverend Alex B. Hanson