



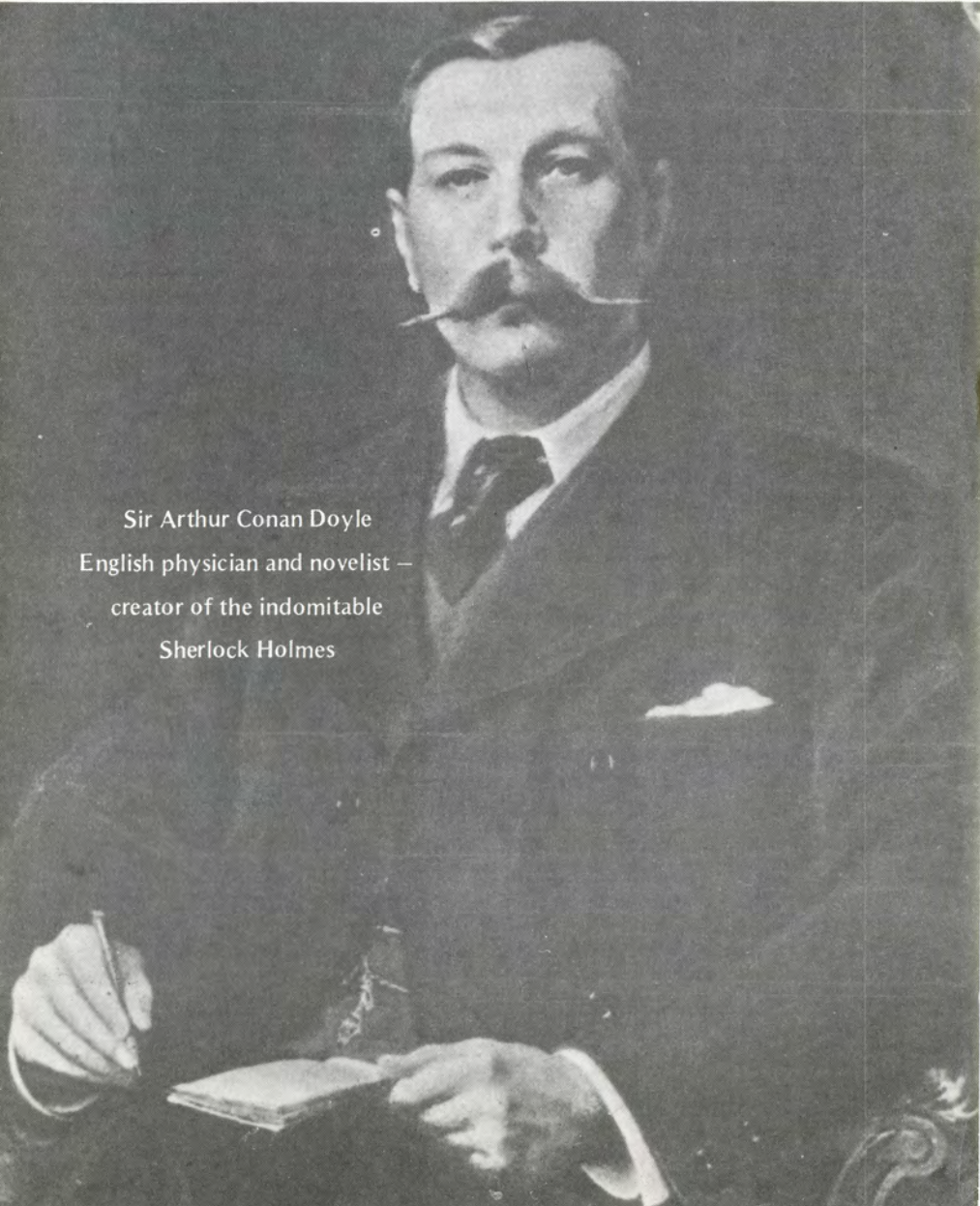
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Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
English physician and novelist –
creator of the indomitable
Sherlock Holmes



THE YORK RITE PHILOSOPHY—PART II

Something happened last month. Soon after the appearance of the April *Knight Templar Magazine*, I began receiving responses to my message on "The York Rite Philosophy." I received letters and phone calls, was approached at several of the meetings I attended, and one Past Department Commander even responded with an essay on the status of the York Rite in his state.

The comments were overwhelmingly supportive, and I was indeed gratified with the positive feelings expressed. But I must also be realistic. The number of people moved to comment — though all favorably — are but a handful when compared with the literally hundreds of thousands who make up this Rite. To recall an image introduced last month, those who voiced their approval escaped their cocoons long ago: they are the ones who have been the perennial supporters of the York Rite philosophy.

The York Rite philosophy is no more than a hollow phrase unless we begin to realize the potential for growth behind the phrase. One of the finest ways I know to exemplify the "philosophy" is through York Rite Festivals. Do you know what that means? It's really very simple. You, the Eminent Commander, call the Excellent High Priest of your local Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Illustrious Master of your local Council of Cryptic Masons. *The three of you* must first agree that a York Rite Festival would be beneficial for each branch of the Rite. Once that basic agreement is reached, each must return to his own organization and set up the manpower needed to make the Festival a success. The next step is for Capitular, Cryptic, and Templar committees to meet and coordinate the activities and design the program.

But what about the most important ingredient? What about candidates? It is universally acknowledged that both Rites draw their livelihood from the Symbolic Lodges. Thus when a York Rite Festival is being planned, the most logical means of acquiring new candidates is to visit the Symbolic Lodges in your area. And what is the most effective form of visitation? In my opinion, such visits should be conducted by a joint committee of three — the Excellent High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Eminent Commander. Who else can better explain the York Rite philosophy to a Master Mason? Who else, appearing together, can best display that York Rite cooperation that we have been discussing?

These are practical suggestions that can revitalize the York Rite. For those of you who have already instituted these suggestions on your own — I salute your fortitude and determination. For those of you who have not yet experienced the York Rite philosophy in your work and in your actions — please, take the time now to examine the possibilities. The time is now; the prime mover is you.



Fred E. Dull

Knight Templar

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

MAY: One hundred and twenty-five years ago, on May 22, 1859, Brother Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh. Though he began his career as a doctor, he abandoned that vocation in 1890 when he decided to devote his life to writing. His name is synonymous with master sleuth Sherlock Holmes, and his story is retold by Dr. Irving I. Lasky, beginning on page 5. Feature writers this month also include Morrison L. Cooke, Past East Central Department Commander; James R. Case, Grand Historiographer of Connecticut; H. Theodore Noell; and Stanley W. Kuciejwski. There is a full collection of national and international Templar news — enough, we hope, to interest every reader, no matter where he resides.

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EDITOR'S JOURNAL

Canada: We were sorry to learn recently of the March 12 surgery undergone by Mark B. Davis, Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. For those Brethren desiring to correspond, Sir Knight Davis's address is 310 Hamilton, St. John's, Newfoundland, A1E 1J9, Canada.

Designated Charity: We are advised from Sir Knight Stanley Clarke Wyllie, Jr., E.C., Dayton Commandery No. 68, Ohio, that he has found yet another means of donating to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. He writes, "The United Way of Dayton this year allowed individuals to designate a charity that was not on their list but which met certain requirements. I designated the Eye Foundation and thus gave through payroll deductions. I was thereby able to become a Life Sponsor, and to give a little extra, something I was unable to do before." He adds, "Perhaps the United Way is allowing for such designations in other parts of the country, as well."

Lifesaver: In March of this year, Mrs. Wilma Lowe of Newton, Kansas, received an award for Extraordinary Personal Action from the Midway, Kansas, Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mrs. Lowe found her father, Sir Knight John Prine of Newton Commandery No. 9 in cardiac arrest last September and administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation which kept him alive until an ambulance crew arrived and restored pulse and respirations. The news brief on the award was clipped from *The Newton Kansan* and relayed by Sir Knight Gerald R. Butcher, P.C. of Newton No. 9 and Grand Senior Warden of Kansas.

Doctorate: Harold W. Kent, K.G.C., Past Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, was one of two Honoluluans honored March 23 when he was granted the degree of doctor of human letters from William Penn College of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Sir Knight Kent, retired president of the Kamehameha Schools in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Admiral Bernard A. Clarey, U.S.N. Retired, former commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, both natives of Oskaloosa, received the honorary doctorates from Dr. John D. Wagoner, president of the College, and Dr. Gus Turbeville, president emeritus.

A 62-year Mason Raised in North Shore Lodge No. 937, Chicago, Illinois, Sir Knight Kent was Knighted in 1944 in Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, Alexandria, Virginia.

Dilling: For those of you who didn't notice, there was a spelling error in a name listed in the highlights of the Allied Masonic Degrees reported last month by Morrison L. Cooke, P.D.C. and P.G.C., Kentucky. Marshall Dilling, Jr., Past Grand Commander of North Carolina and new Secretary of the Grand Council, A.M.D., was mistakenly identified as Marshall Dillon. We understand the two gentlemen are not related.

Mothers: On May 10, 1913, Congress adopted a resolution endorsing the observance of Mother's Day by Congress and Federal Government departments. The following year, on May 9, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first annual Mother's Day proclamation. The woman responsible for the annual observance was Anna Jarvis, a Philadelphia "spinster."

A MASONIC VICTORIAN

by

Sir Knight and Dr. Irving I. Lasky

Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles, California

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, M.D., was an English physician, novelist and a writer of detective stories who created the characters of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. He was a Freemason and was Raised in Phoenix Lodge No. 257, Portsmouth, England, in 1893. He was born May 22, 1859, and lived until 1930.

The main source of satisfaction with life is to be sought in the striving for the balance of mental and spiritual peace which, as Aristotle noted long ago, otherwise leads to human tragedy. History is replete with accounts of those who illustrate a *mal a propos* of the balance of what the natural human is, what he thinks he should be, and what he is able to be, invariably leading to internecine warfare.

The illustrious Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, M.D., was a man of the Victorian era. He was the creator of a cultural pattern, a singular and unique symbol, and like a "fiducial" isosceles triangle, he carved and created a legend by his munificence and beneficence.

The great historian, the honorable Will Durant, said, "If writing lasts more than fifty years, it is considered worthwhile or successful. Time is probably the best judgment we have of such works of excellence, but it is far from infallible. Probably more than one gem has sunk beyond recovery." Most assuredly, the writings of Dr. Arthur Conan Doyle are great in, among other things, the sense of Will Durant's definition. Doyle's writings approach their hundredth year. Four novels and forty-six adventures were published by Dr. Doyle in his lifetime.

At the age of ten, Arthur, after two years of preparatory schooling at Hodder, entered the Stonyhurst Jesuit public school in Lancashire. There, life was exquisitely spartan. Austerity prevailed. "The body must suffer if the soul is to be saved," ruled the Jesuit fathers, and it was frequently saved by cruel physical abuse. Although Arthur was punished, such treatment mattered little. He responded better to kindness and persuasion than to threats; he could be led but not driven.

Doyle passed his matriculation examinations with honors. This led to a year at Feldkirch, a Jesuit school in Austria. There he gained gloss and learned German. He played the bombardon in the Feldkirch band, wrote poetry, and edited the school newspaper. He was quickly growing to his 212 cm., and the remainder of the 108 kg. were muscle and sinew. He excelled in sports.

In 1876, he became a medical student at the University of Edinburgh. There he met Dr. Joseph Bell. Although a teacher of surgery, Dr. Bell's stronger point was diagnosis — not only of disease but also of occupation. As Dr. Bell's outpatient clerk, Doyle noted one often could learn more by a few quick glances than by questions. This very likely led to Doyle's great ability at detection.

There was a blessing in the slowness of Dr. Doyle's eight years of practice — mostly at South Sea, a suburb of Plymouth — in that it gave him time for his beloved writing. When his articles were accepted, he took heart at a "faint glimmer" at the end of a very long passage.

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Doyle's meeting with and marriage to Miss Louise Hawkins were a mark of the man's character. Miss Hawkins's brother was afflicted with the then inevitable fatal cerebral meningitis and its frightening convulsions. Suspicion and fears of witchcraft prevailed. The good Dr. Doyle immediately provided them with house and home. Regrettably, young Hawkins died.

By 1864, the very crude and unscientific works of detection of Lombroso (*The Criminal Type*) and M. Alphonse Bertillon (*The Criminal Anthropometric Type*) were the only efforts at criminal detection.

Doyle saw a chance to develop an exact science. He deduced that by the study of minutia, footprints, mud, dust, chemistry, anatomy, and geology he could construct the scene of a murder as though he had been there.

There is ample evidence that Arthur Conan Doyle was the father of forensic medicine. Dr. Doyle's description of a reagent (a substance that takes part in a chemical reaction used to detect other substances) that is precipitated by only human hemoglobin appears in *A Study In Scarlet*. Beating cadavers with a stick in an attempt to relate the age of wounds to the time of death is described in this same Sherlock Holmes story. Doyle anticipated the gas chromatograph by sniffing the dead person's lips for aromatic substances. In "The Lion's Mane," he described the means of identifying the stings of the poisonous *Cyana Capillata* (Portuguese Man-of-War) by rubbing one's arms over a suspicious area of contamination of a victim. There were many other instances of medical forensics in his writing.

When the Boer War came in 1899, he offered himself as an officer but was rejected as lacking the necessary qualifications. He offered himself again, this time as a medical officer and was at once put in charge of a military hospital (the Langman Field Hospital), which he felt

was a bit above his weight. But he served with all the enthusiasm and observational ability he had lavished in his Sherlock Holmes stories.

When there was a lull near the end of the century, he went home and, in addition to campaigning unsuccessfully for the foundation of a National Militia, began his history, *The Great Boer War*. He became historian, pamphleteer, and public speaker on behalf of the British in the Boer War. The voice that pleased the Stonyhurst fathers was used to fill the halls. In a critical world, he defended Britain and the Boer War. He debated Brother Rudyard Kipling and George Bernard Shaw, argued and won, to some extent, his cause. His pamphlets were printed widely and in 1902, in the new Edwardian age, he was knighted and made deputy lieutenant for Surrey.

His knighthood was a vacant victory for the death and despair witnessed at the Langman Field Hospital. What meant more to him was a gift from the people of Surrey of a huge silver bowl upon which was inscribed: "To Arthur Conan Doyle, who, at a great crisis, in word and deed served his country."

The catagenesis and intransigence of man's inhumanity to man overwhelmed the beauty Dr. Doyle found in nature. Perhaps this befalls most of us with the disenchantment and the inevitable conflict of old age, let alone its unfairness.

Doyle imbued his written characters, possibly unbeknownst to himself, with parts of his own character and personality. His deep sense of justice made him take up the cudgels indefatigably on behalf of innocence wrongly accused. At all times he was a fearless fighter on behalf of the oppressed and the victims of injustice, and the ideals and spirit of honesty, chivalry, nobility, and human loveliness running through his books could only leave a subconscious desire in the mind of the reader to be a better man or woman.

Grand Commandery Countdown

The 131st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, is scheduled to take place May 4-8 at the Americana Hotel, Fort Worth.

Sir Knight William L. Blanks, R.E. Grand Commander, will preside.

On Saturday, May 5, Texas Drill Teams will assemble in parade formation at 12:45 p.m. on Main Street (southeast corner of The Americana Hotel) for march to the Tarrant County Convention Center where the Drill Competition will commence.

The Most Eminent Grand Master Ned E. Dull will be honored guest at the 1984 Conclave.



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At the end he suffered greatly from angina pectoris but always fearing that he might spread anguish and despair to his family.

"The sun was up, though the lawn lay shaded outside the open windows . . . He roused himself a little, though he could not speak, and looked around at each of them in turn. Then he sank back, and closed his eyes to earthly things.

"So he was buried near the garden hut; and the flowers that had been sent in his memory covered the whole field as though a fanciful Dutch garden had grown as high as a man's head."

Virtus Junxit - Mors non Separabit (Whom Virtue unites, Death cannot separate).

The cover picture of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is from a portrait by Sidney Paget, 1897, found in *THE LIFE OF SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE* by John Dickson Carr, published by John Murray, London.

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club:

Maine No. 3 - Norman L. Small
Maryland No. 15 - James E. Higgins
Michigan No. 15 - Grant U. MacKenzie

Grand Master's Club:

No. 503 - Walter Clarke
No. 504 - Glenn H. Fankhauser
No. 505 - In Memory of Lena J. Renn
No. 506 - Samuel A. Woods
No. 507 - In Memory of John William Geibel
No. 508 - M. Scott Pilcher
No. 509 - Ronald E. Heaton
No. 510 - In Memory of George W. Carlaw

How to Join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more 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. When Grand Commander's Club contributions total \$1,000 - or when a single \$1,000 contribution is made - the individual is then enrolled in the Grand Master's Club.

Membership is open year round to individuals only (no groups), and there is no Commandery credit given for Club participation.

Additional information on membership in either Club may be obtained by contacting G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705.



Building Oklahoma's York Rite

Sir Knight Jack Freeman of Okmulgee is one of the best-known Masons in the State of Oklahoma. He is a Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander, Past Prior, and Past Sovereign, and his record of accomplishments is impressive by any standards. In 1954 and 1955, when he served as High Priest of Okmulgee



Chapter, R.A.M., the chapter had a 10% gain in membership each year. As Grand Commander of Oklahoma in 1971, Gethsemane Commandery No. 25, Okmulgee, had a 99% increase in members, Okmulgee Council had a net gain of 137%, and Okmulgee Chapter had a 90% net gain. This was due in large part to his personal efforts for the York Rite – he was the first- or second-line signer on 77 petitions in that period, including those for Honorable Carl Albert and Governor David Hall. In fact, Past Grand Commander Freeman has signed “about 50% of the petitions for membership in the York Rite Bodies in Okmulgee and also those for the Okmulgee Shrine Club.

The photo above pictures Sir Knight Freeman, far left, with just a few of the Oklahomans he has guided through the Craft. They include Darrel W. Hughes, Grand Generalissimo; Kenneth Buckley, P.G.H.P. and Grand Sword Bearer; Eugene Fields, P.G.M. and Grand King; Phil Tarkington, Potentate of Bedouin Shrine; Oron McCarty; C. S. Gaddy; and O. K. Taylor, P.G.M. and P.G.C.

Italy Confers Templar Orders



The above photograph depicts members of the Templar Degree Team from St. John Commandery No. 2, Turin, Italy, which conferred the Orders of Templary on a class of eight candidates March 10, 1984.

YORK RITE COOPERATION

by

Morrison L. Cooke, P.G.C., Kentucky
Past East Central Department Commander

Inspired by Grand Master Ned Dull's remarks in his April message for the *Knight Templar Magazine*, as well as at the East Central Department Conference in Indianapolis, I felt moved to respond to his comments.

Being a proud member of the York Rite in Kentucky, as well as the Scottish Rite, I can speak from experience regarding the effectiveness of York Rite unity, or cooperation. In Kentucky we feel that we do have York Rite unity, although not union. Certainly we do have York Rite cooperation.

New members are solicited, not for the Chapter, Council, or Commandery, but for the York Rite. Kentucky has a three-way petition, which is presented to any prospective petitioner by a Companion or a Sir Knight, as the case may be. As a result, we have had gains in the Council and Commandery, and fewer losses in the Chapter, and, at times, even a gain in the Chapter.

Our Annual sessions are called York Rite Grand sessions, and the bodies referred to as York Rite Grand Bodies. At each of the three-day meetings, conducted by each of the Bodies respectively, the three presiding Grand Officers share the platform. Only one banquet is held and is called a York Rite banquet. It is presided over by rotation, according to whomever is the chairman of the York Rite Council that year, also selected on a rotation basis. So we know that York Rite cooperation works.

For the past several years a George Washington York Rite Festival is held on a Saturday near Washington's birthday.

The Festival is held in various parts of the state, but all on the same day. A Grand Officer from each of the York Rite Grand Bodies is in charge of the Festival. The work is divided among the different York Rite groups in the particular area. There is much overlapping in the conferring of the work, with Officers and Grand Officers of each of the three bodies taking part in Degrees or Orders of other bodies. The present Grand High Priest does a beautiful job as Prelate in the Order of the Temple. A Past Grand High Priest confers the Order of the Temple as Commander, and also can serve as Prelate. A Past Grand Master of the Grand Council serves as Prior in the Order of Malta. This, Companions and Sir Knights, is cooperation in the true sense of the word. And because there is no bickering or jealousy abounding, we feel that we are successful in making York Rite Masons, rather than Companions or Sir Knights per se.

The Grand Master writes: "York Rite cooperation is [not] something we can initiate if we 'feel like it.' It is an imperative, not only for the future growth . . . but for the current existence" of the York Rite. How true that is. We can no longer thrive or survive if we waste our time and energy fighting and bickering among ourselves. We must forget our differences and pull together if York Rite Masonry is to endure.

Sir Knight Dull also quotes the axiom "the whole is only as good as the sum of its parts." Psychology tells us differently; that the whole is *greater* than the sum of all its parts. The Bible speaks → → →

Elected to Head IMMC Board

Charles F. Gambill, a member of Evanston Commandery No. 58, Illinois, has been elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Sir Knight Gambill was elected to the Board in 1970 and has served as Board secretary and chairman of the Barr Pavilion Committee. A resident of Hinsdale, Illinois, Sir Knight Gambill is Past Master of River Forest — Austin Lodge No. 850; also a member of Medinah Temple, Shrine; El Jaala Grotto; Royal Order of Scotland; and St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is president and owner of Gambill Development Corporation which engages in oil and gas exploration.



Triennial Conclave Committee at Work

Robert S. Schoedinger, P.G.C., Ohio, and Chairman of the Committee on the Triennial Conclave, called his Committee to order Thursday, April 12, in Columbus where they met with Grand Master Ned E. Dull to continue preparations for the 56th Triennial sessions which will convene in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 10-14, 1985. The agenda centered on the responsibilities of the sub-committee chairmen and on the final design for the 56th Triennial badge — a sculpted metal item which, according to preliminary reports, will be "a collector's item." The commemorative badges will be available to each Sir Knight who attends and registers.

Sir Knight Schoedinger indicates that interest is growing, and his Committee has already received inquiries from different areas of the country. He notes, "All Knights Templar, regardless of rank or station, with their ladies, are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the activities and functions of the 56th Triennial Conclave."

The next Triennial Conclave meeting is set for Thursday, June 14, in Cincinnati.

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to this in referring to the parts of the body being essential to the whole. An arm, or a leg, or a foot, or a hand, by themselves are meaningless. But when put together they form a whole. But the whole is greater than this. The thumb and forefinger can be used independently but are more effective when used together; the same with the fingers and the whole hand. My point is that the York Rite as a whole can be greater than a Chapter, or a Council, or a Commandery acting separately and independently, no matter how good they are. For, again quoting the Grand Master, "Chapter, Council, and Commandery do not exist outside the York Rite. It is *by* the York Rite that they are defined." The Scottish Rite discovered this years ago. When will we "wake up and smell the coffee?"

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

Grand Lodge of Ohio Anniversary Coin

Robert A. Hinshaw, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, reports that the coin struck last year commemorating the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge is still available, and all proceeds from its sale will go to the Ohio Masonic Home Endowment Fund. The coin, 1¼", 10-gauge, with antique bronze finish, carries the Seal of the Grand Lodge on one side and an outline of the State of Ohio with historical data on the other. Cost of each coin is \$2, postpaid. Checks may be made payable to Grand Lodge Coin Account and mailed to Jack Daniel, 4812 Briarwood Drive, Lorain, Ohio 44053.

A MASONIC CRUSADE FOR YOUTH

by
Sir Knight H. Theodore Noell
South Bend Commandery No. 13, Indiana

This is not a plea for Masonic solicitation of new members, however worthy or unworthy such solicitation might be. Such proposals have both their advocates and opponents. Likewise, we have all heard the statement that we need quality not quantity. Although the accepted position of our Masonic Fraternity in America is that solicitation is improper, that is NOT the case with our Masonic sponsored youth organizations. Not only can our youth organizations recruit, they must recruit, for they are always no more than a few years from extinction.

Reese L. Harrison, Jr., the immediate Past Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay, in his 1983 report to the International Supreme Council, cites statistical studies made in the State of Texas which indicate that only 7 percent of the sons of active Masons and Masonic officers belong to the Order of DeMolay, and that only 26 percent of their daughters belong to Rainbow. If this is true, it is apparent that the percentage of non-participation is as high or higher when applied to our entire Masonic membership, much of which is largely inactive.

We all recognize the value of DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow, and other Masonic youth groups in instilling lifelong standards and values. We have all heard that "as the twig is bent, so grows the tree." We have wrung our hands over membership declines in our youth organizations. Those declines are probably caused in large part by three factors: apathy of Masonry in providing adult leadership and supportive services; failure of the organizations to remain relevant to

today's youth; and a parochial view toward future recruitment and growth.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are both showing membership growth again after years of decline. The Catholic Youth Organization, B'nai B'rith, Camp Fire, and the 4-H have all stabilized and appear to be holding their own. By contrast, all of our Masonic sponsored youth organizations continue, "to decline in membership at an alarming rate."

DeMolay membership peaked at 165,000 in 1966; today its membership stands at less than 85,000, thus reflecting a 50 percent loss in the past 17 years. In the 1980s, while Boy Scouts gained 300,000 and Girl Scouts added 25,000, DeMolay lost 20,000 members. The same pattern holds true for our other Masonic sponsored youth organizations.

It doesn't have to stay that way. We have some solutions IF we are willing to implement them. First priority should be to canvass our entire Masonic membership to ascertain the names, addresses, and ages of all sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, nieces and nephews, and other related youth. That information can be placed into the hands of our state level adult leadership to assure follow-up contact on all who are eligible for membership in our youth orders.

As priority number two, we must try to provide competent and dedicated adult leadership for our youth organizations.

The third priority must be to see that our youth organizations are relevant, even if it means developing programs of substance that their national offices have failed to supply. Indiana may → → →

Sir Knight Neell is Past Master of Portage Lodge No. 675, F. & A.M., in South Bend, and also Regional Director, North Central Region, the International Supreme Council Order of Demolay. His mailing address is 2310 American National Bank, South Bend, Indiana 46601.

Let us start with your dedication, and mine, that we will begin this day to solidly support, with our time, talent, and money, both the rebuilding and healthy expansion of all of our Masonic sponsored youth organizations. It can be done; however, the hour grows late.

Let us start this day. . . . and let us start this day. great ongoing Masonic Crusade for Youth with the Scouts, 4-H, YMCA, and others. Our youth organizations already have much to commend them; however, a more modern approach and a better recruitment program would be a welcome addition. Once members are brought in, they must be retained and made active. Prompt and thorough orientation, coupled with ongoing programs of substantive value and proper adult support, can bring success in that area.

Each of us has a responsibility. In our hearts and heads, we recognize the task that lies before us as we seek the perpetuation of the Fraternity which binds us together as brothers. Let no man shrink his obligation but let us, rather, join in a

Brethren, we have carried the light of our Fraternity for many years. It has been 15 years since I served as the Master of my Lodge; however, I have never ceased to search for those young men whose torches might be ignited by the light I was taught to carry.

No nation, and especially not this one at this stage in its history, can afford to neglect its children. What ever importance we attach as people to expenditure on armaments, to programs for older Americans, to maintaining high levels of consumption and to a hundred other purposes, the welfare of the children has to be our highest priority. Not only are they our future security, but their dreams and ideals can provide a much-needed renaissance of spirit in what is becoming an aging, tired, and disillusioned society. In the end, the only thing we have is our young people; if we fail them, all else is in vain.

Crusade for Youth" that I now urge? A recent Carnegie Annual Report warned:

A strongly and broadly based youth program cannot help but bring rewards to our youth, our Fraternity, and the communities wherein we are located. How important is the need for this "Masonic

What about DeMolay? Our handbook has not been appreciably changed since I was an active DeMolay, more than 25 years ago! Why aren't we teaching communicative skills, how to succeed in our free enterprise system, computer skills, money management, and similar RELEVANT materials? We could be. It would be of far greater value than mere ritualism alone, and it would make our organizations much more competitive with the Scouts, 4-H, YMCA, and others.

While Girl Scouts once emphasized dress-making, today they award badges for aerospace and business. Boy Scouts teach traffic control, how to cope with household emergencies, and other relevant material.

It is interesting to note that the first Girl Scout Handbook issued some 70 years ago instructed the girls on how to tie up a burglar, though it neglected to tell them how to get the burglar into a position where he could be so tied. The first Boy Scout Handbook dealt with knot tying and woodland skills. Although their handbooks today still discuss how to tie the knots, they also explain how to start meals for working parents, computer skills, money management, and other RELEVANT subjects for today's youth.

We're not doing everything wrong! number one for new membership gains. the Order of DeMolay, Indiana ranks not have all of the answers; however, in

Santo Domingo Commandery Receives Dispensation

On Saturday, February 25, 1984, Sir Knight Richard M. Strauss, Past Grand Commander of Michigan and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Dispensations and Charters, was received under an Arch of Steel by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic, M.W. Brother Jamie Manuel Fernandez, and escorted to the East where he brought the personal greetings of Grand Master Ned E. Dull. Sir Knight Strauss then proceeded with a formal presentation of the Dispensation for Santo Domingo Commandery, U.D., and, by memory, installed the new officers and welcomed the Sir Knights into the Grand Encampment family of Subordinate Commanderies.



Richard M. Strauss, P.G.C., as Grand Master Dull's official representative, is received under an Arch of Steel and introduced by Miliciades D. Herrera, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic.



Dr. Jamie Manuel Fernandez, installed Eminent Commander of Santo Domingo Commandery, U.D., accepts the Dispensation for the new Templar body.

During Sir Knight Strauss's five-day visit, which coincided with the 140th Anniversary of the Dominican Republic's independence, he was escorted around the country and introduced to the presiding officers of the Grand Lodge and members of the York Rite bodies presently working there.

At the dinner following the installation, Dr. Fernandez conferred upon Sir Knight Strauss Honorary Membership in Santo Domingo Commandery and presented him the Medal of Honor of the Grand Lodge, an honor which was also presented through Sir Knight Strauss to the Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Ned E. Dull.



Venango Lodge of Perfection

On November 4, 1984, Venango Lodge of Perfection will celebrate 75 years of Masonic service. Among anniversary activities planned is the sale of an antique bronze medallion available at \$4.50 each, postpaid. Orders may be forwarded to E. Quay Finefrock, R.D. No. 1, Pone Lane, Franklin, Pennsylvania 16323, with checks made payable to "Venango Lodge of Perfection." Sir Knight Finefrock writes that silver medallions will also be offered at a cost of \$42.50 each — if requests warrant.



16th Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign

In a few short weeks, the 16th Voluntary Campaign will be history. The report which follows, processed as of the 19th week of the Campaign, shows a cumulative total of \$614, 713.24 — the highest 19th-week total for any previous Campaign.

Alabama	\$ 3,684.12
Arizona	2,592.91
Arkansas	3,687.02
California	16,211.27
Colorado	7,283.86
Connecticut	3,601.85
District of Columbia	6,199.00
Florida	12,070.06
Georgia	33,531.00
Idaho	2,674.09
Illinois	10,527.01
Indiana	3,960.73
Iowa	3,580.58
Kansas	4,158.00
Kentucky	5,427.30
Louisiana	107,464.96
Maine	6,200.90
Maryland	6,506.92
Massachusetts - Rhode Island	9,373.80
Michigan	35,331.00
Minnesota	6,865.50
Mississippi	3,468.00
Missouri	2,322.35
Montana	7,916.75
Nebraska	2,013.00
Nevada	1,244.00
New Hampshire	6,279.59
New Jersey	8,245.34
New Mexico	3,573.25
New York	10,681.32
North Carolina	4,726.80
North Dakota	752.50
Ohio	20,965.19
Oklahoma	2,422.46
Oregon	6,363.49
Pennsylvania	28,707.67
South Carolina	8,949.63
South Dakota	1,187.46
Tennessee	17,786.80
Texas	110,176.71
Utah	5,812.15
Vermont	2,684.54
Virginia	19,497.71
Washington	7,983.35
West Virginia	2,050.00
Wisconsin	4,214.65
Wyoming	2,104.60
Philippines	30.00
St. John's No. 1, Delaware	40.00
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii	90.00

Louisiana Masons Salute 1984 World Expo

On May 12, 1984, the Louisiana World Exposition will officially open in New Orleans, and the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, F. & A.M., has been working hard to encourage Freemasons from around the world to take part in Expo festivities. A Grand Lodge "Hospitality Suite" for visiting brethren and their families will be open for the duration of the exposition — May 12 through November 11 — in the "Madrid Room" of The International Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans.

To commemorate the opening this month, the Grand Lodge has also issued two souvenir cacheted envelopes: One pictures the 1984 M.W. Grand Master of Louisiana, James M. Walley, and the other pictures invitations to the USPS commemorative 1984 LWE postage stamp First Day of Issue Ceremony and to the Grand Lodge Hospitality Room. The envelopes were produced for the Grand Lodge's World Fair Committee by the Louisiana Lodge No. 102 Cachet Committee, Sir Knight John R. Allen, Chairman. A third cachet, sponsored by Louisiana Lodge, was also produced. Information on the costs of the three souvenir Masonic cachets, while supplies last, may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope to Grand Lodge — 1984 cachet sets, 1300 Masonic Temple Bldg., New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, or to J. R. Allen, Grand Lodge Cachets, P.O. Box 26135, Richmond, Virginia 23260-6135.



Porto Rico No. 1, Puerto Rico	175.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska	900.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan	30.00
Bavaria No. 3, Germany	50.00
Hermann von Salza No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany	270.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	970.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Delaware	95.00
Miscellaneous	29,002.04

THE EMBLEM YOU DISPLAY

by

Sir Knight Charles G. Rook, Jr.

Lubbock Commandery No. 60, Lubbock, Texas

In these United States, a Mason has the right to wear and display the insignia of this ancient and honorable Fraternity of men. But with the pride and privilege of wearing it goes a serious responsibility. Practically everyone he meets, either friend or stranger, sees and recognizes its significance. It can be the square and compasses of the Blue Lodge, a keystone of the Chapter, a triangle of the Council, a Maltese Cross of the Commandery, a double-headed eagle of the Scottish Rite or a Shriner's pin. To the public and members of the Fraternity in all its branches, these symbols testify that there is a good man behind that emblem.

Unless found otherwise, he is usually taken for granted as a law-abiding, tolerant, generous, honest and god-fearing man. Even the uninitiated who are but vaguely familiar with the purposes and intents of this Fraternity will show him much respect. The lonely widow traveling through a strange part of the country smiles with an inward feeling of security when she sees the emblem of the Craft on the coat lapel or on the finger of the gentleman who helps her with her luggage. Regardless of their religion, creed, or politics, businessmen, bankers, store clerks, hotel employees and even police officers show a dignified attitude toward him. They feel that here is a man that can be trusted even though they might have seen exceptions to the rule.

Woe unto the member of the great Fraternity of Freemasonry who violates in the slightest degree the confidence and respect of those who do not know him but still revere him for the emblem he

wears. Next to no good reputation at all is a borrowed one if honesty is absent.

Let no Mason think that the wearing of the insignia is a trivial or personal matter. It is more serious and far-reaching than perhaps he even dreams. The display of that emblem is a silent guarantee to the public that the word of the wearer is as good as his bond, and that at least one time in his past life a group of his friends, after a thorough investigation, put a stamp of approval upon him.

Quietly the true Mason goes about his business and service to his fellowmen and, when possible, serves them without their knowledge. He is not afraid to express his opinions when the occasion requires. At the same time he accords all other men the same privilege of thought, expression and action. He stands ready to defend the right of everyone to worship God as he sees fit and to vote as he pleases.

Once a man is made a Mason, he no longer lives unto himself. When little things he says and does are a bit off-color, people lift their eyebrows in surprise whereas they probably would have paid little or no attention to the same words and actions coming from one who wore no emblem of this world-respected Fraternity of good men.

A Mason by his own conduct, his regard for and treatment of his fellowmen, his reverence of almighty God, and his tolerance towards all true religious beliefs brings more credit and honor to the Fraternity than all the money he could donate to its cause.

Sir Knight Rook lives at 4407 27th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Grand Master's Club No. 500



On March 10, 1984, the Grand Master's Club of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., reached another milestone in its eight-year existence. On that day, Indiana Grand Commander Ronald D. Simpson took possession of Grand Master's Club Membership No. 500, making him the 500th \$1,000 contributor to the Eye Foundation. Grand Master of Grand Encampment Ned E. Dull presented the No. 500 plaque and wallet card to Grand Commander Simpson at the East Central Department Conference in Indianapolis.

Third Degree Outdoor Conferral

South West Lodge No. 466, South West City, Missouri, will hold an outdoor Third Degree Conferral on Saturday, August 4. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred by members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, to be followed by a ham-and-bean dinner. Worshipful Master L. L. Van Scott sends an invitation to all local Brothers and Sir Knights to attend and notes that "with 80 acres of parking" everyone can be accommodated. For more information, those interested may write Brother Van Scott at South West City, Missouri 64863.

Texas Beauceant Get-Acquainted Tea

Mrs. Harold N. Kinsey, Supreme Worthy President, Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, and her husband, Sir Knight Kinsey, Past Commander of San Diego Commandery No. 25, California, were guests February 12 at a "Get-Acquainted Tea" held at the home of Sir Knight and Mrs. Lee Porter in Big Spring, Texas. The following day, Mrs. Kinsey made her official visit to Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Mrs. Grover Wayland, President.

A dinner was held that evening in the Masonic Hall Banquet Room at Big Spring, attended by Beauceant members and Sir Knights.

Gasport Lodge Centennial

The 100th Anniversary of Gasport Lodge No. 787, F. & A.M., New York, was celebrated in 1983 with a rededication service, chicken barbecue and dance. Among those in attendance were The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in New York, Ernest Leonard, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Calvin G. Bond, plus several other Grand Line Officers. Each of the distinguished guests received a sample commemorative glass (pictured above) and a deck of playing cards, each embossed with the Lodge name and Masonic emblem.



Both items are available in limited quantities: glasses are \$3.00 each (\$15.00 for six) postpaid; playing cards are \$2.50 per deck postpaid. Orders may be sent to Sir Knight Glenn K. Luedemann, P.O. Box 134, Gasport, New York 14067.

Ames Assembly Visits Masonic Home



Members of Ames Assembly No. 233, Social Order of the Beauceant, recently visited the Masonic Home in Perry, Iowa, and presented handmade lap robes, bibs, and napkins on this their second annual visit. Pictured above distributing the items are Mrs. Floyd Flack; Mrs. Douglas Jacobson, Past President; Olive, a resident of the Home; and Mrs. Charles Hamme, Past President. A full day of fellowship was enjoyed by the Beauceant ladies and the Home residents.

Crypt of Hiram Council No. 10

On February 18, 1984, the members of Crypt of Hiram Council No. 10 held a centennial banquet in honor of the 100th year of Cryptic Masonry in Concordia, Kansas. During the program which followed, two commemorative items — a centennial bronze coin and a 28-page history of the Council — were announced and will be made available, while supplies last, to all interested collectors. The Hiram Council coin may be obtained at \$4.20 each postpaid, and the history may be ordered at \$1.40 postpaid. Both items are available at a single postpaid cost of \$5.40. Readers may contact Sir Knight E. Phil Smith, 625 West 8th, Concordia, Kansas 66901.

Dollhouse Delight

In 1983, then Grand Commander of New Jersey Sir Knight Harry J. Weiskopf, Jr., announced plans for a special fundraising project for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. That project — a 10-room Victorian Dollhouse — constructed by Sir Knight Weiskopf, resulted in donations totaling \$4,620.09. The check from the Grand Commandery of New Jersey was receipted March 21 by G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Eye Foundation, and the funds were credited to the state's 16th Voluntary Campaign effort.

Research Grant for NU



Grand Master Ned E. Dull was on hand April 6 to turn over a \$15,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation research grant check to Sir Knight Alvin L. Crump, P.G.C., Illinois, and Past Department Commander. The funds, to be relayed to Dr. E. Lee Stock, Director of the Cornea and External Eye Disease Laboratory at the Northwestern University School of Medicine, Evanston, Illinois, will be used to study the cause of vernal keratoconjunctivitis, a chronic and relapsing disease of children and young adults.

G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M. and Executive Director of the Eye Foundation, witnessed the presentation.

Robert W. Cauldwell, K.G.C.

Sir Knight Robert W. Cauldwell, K.G.C., Past Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constatine, and Past Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of New York, passed away on Sunday, April 8, at the age of 76.

In 1981, Sir Knight Cauldwell earned the degree of doctor of jurisprudence from New York University Law School. Except for a brief period of service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he practiced law for some 40 years in New York City.

Knighted in DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 14, Brooklyn, he was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of New York in 1964 but had to resign because of professional demands on his time. He was a member of K.Y.C.H.; Scottish Rite; Kismet Temple, Shrine; A.M.D.; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Royal Order of Scotland; and Order of Eastern Star.

D. Allan Easley Memorial Class

The LaGrange, Illinois, Masonic Temple will be the site of a May 5 York Rite Festival being conducted in memory of Sir Knight D. Allan Easley, 33°, Grand Captain General of Illinois, who passed away December 31, 1983, at the age of 44. The Chapter and Council Degrees will be conferred in the morning by West Suburban Chapter No. 207 and West Suburban Council No. 103, respectively. Following lunch, the Commandery Orders are scheduled to be conferred by Trinity Commandery No. 80, LaGrange.

Sir Knight Easley was Raised in Rochester Lodge No. 635, A.F. & A.M., May 26, 1964. He went on to serve as Worshipful Master of his Lodge and presided over each of the Springfield, Illinois, York Rite Bodies, before being elected Grand Captain General of Illinois in 1983.

Grand Encampment Roll Call of Honored Dead

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

J. Luther Jordan
Louisiana
Grand Commander — 1948
Born January 23, 1895
Died March 11, 1984

Joseph P. Harbaugh
Washington
Grand Commander — 1979
Born July 7, 1911
Died March 12, 1984

Harold Augustus Carman
Maine
Grand Commander — 1950
Born April 25, 1897
Died March 22, 1984

Carlton H. Cameron
Michigan
Grand Commander — 1974
Born January 14, 1912
Died April 1, 1984

Gerald Irvine Craig
Arizona
Grand Commander — 1959
Born August 15, 1904
Died April 8, 1984

Ascension Program Invite

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota has announced the 1984 Ascension Program at Fort Snelling National Cemetery will commence Sunday, June 3, at 2:00 p.m. This will be the second annual Ascension Program to be sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Minnesota and will be conducted by Grand Commander Stanley D. Morrill, Grand Prelate Duke Hoivik, and other state and local representatives. The Ascension Day Message will be offered by Sir Knight Duane E. Anderson, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

All Sir Knights residing or sojourning in or near Minnesota are invited to attend.

JOHN B. DENNIS (1835-1894)

by

James R. Case, K.T.C.H.

Grand Historiographer of Connecticut

In April 1861, when President Lincoln called for volunteers following the bombardment of Fort Sumter, John Benjamin Dennis of Norwich, Connecticut, happened to be in Worcester, Massachusetts. On the 16th he enlisted in the Worcester Light Infantry, mustered in as G Company of the famous 6th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. On Patriots Day, this three-months regiment was among the first to be sent to the defense of Washington. When they changed cars at Baltimore, they marched across the city under insult and assault of an unfriendly mob, their bayonets clearing the way.

Discharged August 2 as a private (but a veteran), Dennis returned to Norwich, recruited thirty men, and was appointed Captain of H Company of the 7th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, a three-year regiment. He had been born in Norwich May 23, 1835, and was thirty-six years old when he went to war. During the next 33 years in the public eye, his name appears on military and Masonic rolls in a dozen states and territories of the Union.

The Seventh Connecticut was equipped with the seven-shot Spencer repeating rifle, giving it superior fire power, and made an enviable record in operations against the rebel defenses of the Carolina coast and during service in northern Florida. Transferred to Virginia, while the regiment was advancing up the peninsula, on May 16, 1864, Dennis with an advance picket party was in rifle pits near Bermuda



Hundred. Forgotten on a foggy night when their support was withdrawn, an unlucky thirteen men and the Captain were taken prisoner. Marched around to a succession of detention camps, one of which was designedly within range of the guns of the Union fleet threatening Charleston, they finally were stockaded at Columbia, South Carolina. Dennis made his escape during a second attempt on Christmas eve, returned to duty, and was promoted Major of U.S. Volunteers and Additional Paymaster.

With speedy army paperwork, on March 13 he was brevetted Lieutenant Colonel, with commendation for his gallant and meritorious conduct at Morris Island, then promoted Colonel of Volunteers with a similar citation for his services at Drury's Bluff. The final paragraph brevetted him Brigadier General, with a commendation for gallant and meritorious conduct throughout the war. He advanced from Captain to Brigadier General within the space of ten weeks!

When the 7th Regiment came north to be mustered out in early 1864, they paraded from the New Haven railroad station to their rendezvous camp on Oyster Point. A bewildering tumult of joyous sounds greeted them enroute — cheers, blessings, boisterous and hearty recognition, blended with the roar of cannon, and the merry bells of the city, never so loud, according to a newspaper account.

Dennis had been impressed somewhere along the war path with the advantages of being a Mason, and in rapid succession he was made a Mason in Adelphi → → →

Lodge at New Haven on January 29, 1864, Arched in Pulaski Chapter, R.A.M., March 8, received and Greeted in Harmony Council, R. & S.M., and Knighted in New Haven Commandery, K.T., March 24 — all within eight weeks! On a visit to Norwich two years later he was admitted to the Lodge of Perfection on New Years Day 1866, giving his occupation as "broker." A few weeks later at Charleston he acquired the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Rite through the 32°. He seems to have taken up residence there as he represented the Charleston District in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1868 through 1872, during the turmoil of reconstruction. In 1873, he was appointed Superintendent of the State Penitentiary at Columbia by Governor F. J. Moses, bought a house and resided there for a few years. There seem to have been some irregularities in his accounting at the penitentiary as he was superseded in 1875.

A few years later, Dennis appeared in the Dakota Territory. He was connected with the office of the Internal Revenue Service at Yankton, and presumably was later transferred to Omaha. He has been mentioned as "Adjutant General" of the Dakota National Guard, non-existent at that time. Another reference is to his assistance in organizing home defense units in anticipation of Indian attack, which is more reasonable. His rank as General was almost always used when he is mentioned, so that his activities have often been mistaken as those of one in the military service.

Owing to the brevity of minutes kept by secretaries of early territorial Masonic bodies, we know little about Dennis' record in the Dakotas. The library of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota has a leatherbound memorandum book which was his property and which contains notes on the rituals of the Council of Royal and Select Masters and the Orders of Masonic Knighthood. His diary was

said to be extant and in the possession of the family fifty years ago, but its present whereabouts have not been ascertained.

In the Scottish Rite, he was deputized as Inspector General for Southern Dakota by Robert C. Jordan of Omaha. For understandable reasons, his initial efforts were not rewarding. Archival material at the House of the Temple is informative, but records of the several Federal Departments are for the most part in storage outside of Washington, making detailed annals of Dennis' career not easy to complete.

Dennis had been in residence at Omaha for some years when overtaken with heart problems and accompanying dropsy. He went east for specialized treatment and was staying with a sister-in-law at Melrose, Massachusetts, where he died the day after Christmas 1894. His remains were taken to Omaha the following spring and borne in solemn procession to Forest Lawn Cemetery for reinterment with military honors in the family plot.

He had been accorded funeral honors at the Masonic Hall by St. Andrews Preceptory, which conducted the impressive and solemn requiem service of the Knights Kadosh, held at midnight Washington time. Obituary notice mentions him as "one of the oldest Masons in Nebraska," a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Loyal Legion, and a communicant of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Rest at last for the rover, and he had earned it!

Sir Knight Case, a member of Washington Commandery No. 1, Hartford, lives at 55 Masonic Avenue, Apt. No. 302, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492.

Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.

Amy Lowell

LETTER TO ANDREW

by

Sir Knight Horace L. Gore
Cleburne Commandery No. 12, Texas

"My dear Andrew:

"I am writing this letter and sealing it with the instructions that it be delivered to you by your parents on the day of your twenty-first birthday. I would love to hand it to you personally, Andrew, but the chances of my being around to do so are very remote. If I should be alive at that time, I would have passed my ninetieth birthday, and there are very few ninety-year-olds still around.

"I have a special place in my heart for you which goes back to the time when you were only slightly more than two years old. The first time I saw you it was the result of a chain of events which you probably will not remember. I was sitting in the secretary's office of the local Masonic Lodge one evening preparing to go into the Lodge room for a meeting when the phone rang. I did not happen to know the name of the caller. He asked if we could help the small child of a friend of his. The infant had badly crossed eyes that needed to be straightened. My reply was that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation had a fund for such purposes, and I suggested that he bring the child to the secretary's office. I told him I had just recently been elected to the position of chairman of the Eye Foundation Committee and would do whatever was possible to help the child.

"Inasmuch as you and your parents lived only a few miles away, it was not very long until you arrived along with your mother and father. It was necessary to fill out certain forms and to interview your parents. Your father advised me that he did not seek charity — that he had a

good job. He had some insurance, but he also had a wife and five other mouths to feed.

"The day following this interview, I called a local physician who operated on crossed eyes. After interviewing your parents and seeing you, he informed me that he did not operate on small children; but he very graciously gave me the name of a Fort Worth physician who was practicing in this field and who limited his practice to children.

"Only a few days afterward we received a letter from the office of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., in Illinois stating that they would pay for the costs of your surgery not covered by your parents' insurance. And soon after that you entered the Childrens Hospital in Fort Worth where a physician straightened your eyes.

"You were out of the hospital in a few days and went back home to be with your parents, your brother, and sisters. Unfortunately, it has been impossible for me to see you, but I have visited with your father who told me how happy he and your mother were that you could now grow up like a normal child without crossed eyes.

"I do not want you to think, Andrew, that I am in any way taking any individual credit for what I did. This act of aid was made possible by the Masonic Order consisting of millions of men all over the free world who give of their time and means to assist those less fortunate than themselves — the crippled, the aged, the orphans and widows. Masonry, which made your surgery possible, → → →

is a charitable organization. It just so happened that I acted as their representative. Any other Mason would have done exactly as I did if he were in my place.

"Your case was especially close to my heart, Andrew, because it was my first opportunity to be of service after becoming the chairman of the Eye Foundation Committee of our local Commandery.

"As you will see, this letter is written in early December of your third year. As I glanced at the date at the head of this letter, I remember that it was exactly forty years ago that our great nation became involved in an all-out war, fought on three continents, in which millions of men and women took part and gave up their lives in defense of freedom. It was an event that would affect the lives of millions of Americans living then and those who came along afterward, as you did. I hope, Andrew, that by the time you have reached your twenty-first birthday in the year 2000 that men all over the world will have learned to sit at a table and work out their difficulties peacefully without having to resort to violence and destruction. When that occurs, perhaps more time can be devoted to curing the world's physical illnesses.

"It is time, Andrew, to bring this letter to a close. I am very proud of the fact that I played some small part in restoring your eyes to normal. Please bear in mind that what I did was in behalf of millions of my Brothers who are Masons living throughout the free world. I hope, Andrew, that when you become twenty-one you will give some thought to applying to the Masonic Order for membership so that you may be able to help someone as you were helped as a small child. Masonry does not solicit membership from anyone. In order to be made a Mason, a man must first be favorably impressed by observing Masons and forming a good opinion of them. Then he

Report from Fife and Kinross, Scotland



John Smart (left), Past District Deputy Grand Prior of Fife and Kinross, Scotland, recently installed his son, Iain (right), as Venerable Preceptor of Aithernie Preceptory in Methil, Fife. The photograph was relayed by Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, who points out that Sir Knight John Smart is a Life Member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 12 in Hyattsville, Maryland, and both father and son are Associate Life Patrons of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.



must ask to be admitted into their organization.

"Goodbye, Andrew. To quote a phrase from an old favorite hymn, 'May the Good Lord bless and keep you, 'till we meet again.' "

Your Friend,
Horace L. Gore

Sir Knight Gore is a retired businessman who has served as Secretary-Recorder for Cleburne Commandery No. 12, K.T.; Chapter No. 61, R.A.M.; and Council No. 61, R. & S.M. His address is 526 Euclid, Cleburne, Texas 76031.

"They Are Not Forgotten"

It is part of the tradition of Atlanta Commandery No. 9, Georgia, to confer the Order of the Temple during its Annual Inspection each year. This past February was no exception, but what made the conferral special was the addition of Sir Knight Charles A. Cook as one of the 1984 candidates. Sir Knight Cook, reports Georgia Supplement Editor Richard S. Sagar, is a survivor of "The Bataan Death March" of World War II:

"Sir Knight Cook was a Sergeant in the 27th Bombardment Group, U.S. Army Air Corps, based on Corregidor. After capture, he was a prisoner in the infamous O'Donnell and Cabantuan Prison camps and later transferred to Pusan, Korea, and Mukden, Manchuria. Like many others, Sir Knight Cook suffered from starvation and eventually lost his sight from malnutrition. Fortunately, a good portion of his sight has since been restored."

At the end of the war, Sir Knight Cook was freed by a combined Polish/Russian group and returned to the U.S.A. He is now retired from service with the Veterans Administration and resides with his wife in the Atlanta area.

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Tri-State Templar Festival

Commanderies in Massachusetts, New York, and Connecticut hosted a class of 15 candidates at a Tri-State Templar Festival held March 10, 1984, at the Masonic Temple in Springfield, Massachusetts. The Order of the Red Cross was conferred by Bethlehem-Crusader Commandery No. 53, White Plains, New York; the Order of Malta was conferred by Washington No. 1, Hartford, Connecticut; and the Order of the Temple was conferred by Springfield Commandery No. 6.



A large number of Sir Knights were in attendance, including four presiding Grand Commanders, shown above: seated — Harold I. Fransen, Connecticut, and Albert E. Thornley, Jr., Massachusetts and Rhode Island; and standing — Paul E. Cowling, Vermont, and Samuel Hall, Jr., New York.

The Festival was a follow-up of a similar one held last year in Manchester, Connecticut, involving the same three Commanderies. The Chairman was William G. Richards, P.C., Springfield No. 6.

112th Annual Assembly

Fort Worth, Texas, will be the host city later this month for the 112th Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. Knight Companion Sam E. Hilburn, K.G.C., of Midland, Texas, will preside at the May 31 — June 2 sessions.

Michigan Conducts Six-Man Drill Competition

Competitive drills for nine, six-man Drill Teams in the Grand Commandery of Michigan were held March 13, 1984, in the Masonic Temple at Saginaw. First Place for Class "B" Drill Teams went to St. Bernard No. 16 of Saginaw, pictured at right: Standing in back, left to right, are Sir Knights Robert W. Vawter, P.C. (alternate); Clarence R. Curtendale, P.C.; Thomas D. Murphy, P.C.; Francis M. Preece, Generalissimo; Eugene H. Davison, P.C.; John D. Wartenberg, P.C.; Charles W. Lucas, P.C.; and James R. Huebler, Warder (alternate). Standing in front are Sir Knights Arthur R. Ribble, R.E.G.C. of Michigan, who is a Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery; and Earl E. Gronda, P.C., K.T.C.H., Drill Team Captain and Co-Chairman of the 128th Michigan Grand Conclave.



The drill awards will be presented at the 128th Grand Conclave to be held at Saginaw on May 31, June 1-3, 1984.

Installed Worshipful Master

Sir Knight Joseph Alexander, 33°, has added another distinction to an already outstanding Masonic career by being installed Worshipful Master of Charles T. Raymer Lodge No. 683, Euclid, Ohio, by his brother, William Alexander. The installation was made more unique by the fact that in 1951, Sir Knight Joseph served as Installing Officer when brother William was installed Master of the same Lodge.

Worshipful Brother Alexander served as Master of Charles T. Raymer Lodge in 1945 and then served as Secretary for 14 years and as Treasurer for 4 years. He has also served as presiding officer of each York Rite Body, is a Knight of the Grand Cross of Honor, and is Past Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. He is Past Commander in Chief of Lake Erie Consistory and Past Thrice Potent Master of Eliadah Lodge of Perfection, both in the Valley of Cleveland of the Scottish Rite.

Illinois K.Y.C.H. To Address Pathologists

Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, K.Y.C.H., Past Commander of Mizpah Commandery No. 53, Blue Island, Illinois, and a well-known Masonic ritualist has been invited to participate in the 6th World Congress of Academic and Environmental Pathology to be held in Miami Beach, Florida, September 2-7, 1984.

At this assembly of pathologists from around the world, Dr. Greenberg will present a new concept regarding the development of human arteriosclerosis. The findings to be reported were obtained from studies made on blood vessels taken from a large group of individuals, of all ages, who succumbed to violence and were free of major diseases at the time of death.

The study was carried out with the assistance of Dr. Robert Stein, Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County, Illinois. Sir Knight Greenberg is an Associate Professor of Pathology at the Chicago Medical School.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

by

Sir Knight Stanley W. Kuciejski

Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 1, Little Rock, Arkansas

Masonic membership is on the decline. Ever wonder why?

The answers can be varied, complex in theory, or very simple to understand. Being a young Master Mason and Sir Knight, having a background in public relations and having been rather successful in that field, I feel compelled to express some of my thoughts on this important subject.

The major problems confronting Masonic membership drives are: 1) organizational snobbery, and/or 2) poor public relations.

Organizational Snobbery

Upon being Raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason, I was approached, or should I say inundated, with appeals to affiliate myself with the various organizations and Rites open to Master Masons. I was amazed at the rationalizations of well-meaning Brothers who informed me that my Masonic education was only partially fulfilled.

I asked myself, "What is wrong with the Blue Lodge?" I had just become a Master Mason, and proud of it, only to be informed that somehow I had not achieved what I had longed for in Masonry. In some way, I was "incomplete" — that what I had accomplished was only to be construed as a ticket for entry to something greater. Would I incur the disdain of my Brothers if I told them I wished only to be a Blue Lodge member? After all, I had just been told that I could go no further in symbolic Masonry. It was very confusing and unsettling, indeed.

We all want to expand our ranks, but we should never do so at the risk of downplaying or de-emphasizing the Blue Lodge. After all, that is where *all* our members come from. It is our source and lifeblood.

If we gave more support to our Blue Lodges and encouraged greater participation, we could only improve our position of potentially gaining new candidates. The Blue Lodges would in return, I am sure, strongly support and publicize our efforts. Blue Lodge Masonry is the source from which we gain candidate material. If we don't support them, why should they support us?

Many of us give the false impression, to newly-made Master Masons and older ones too, that unless they are affiliated with the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, etc., they are less than a "complete or educated Mason." Have we forgotten that as a Master Mason, a man can go no further in symbolic Masonry and is as much a Mason as anyone in the world?

I call the above-mentioned phenomenon "organizational snobbery" (this is not to be confused with "organizational pride," which is a great asset). It is true that the other Rites and organizations expand our Masonic experience, but we should never downplay the massive importance of the Blue Lodge.

How many of us know fellow Brothers who have travelled the full road of either the Scottish or York Rite, as well as the Shrine, and are never heard of again? How many of us know Brothers who are active in their respective Rites or the Shrine but don't participate in → → →

their own Blue Lodge? All of us know of such cases.

By better supporting the Blue Lodges, letting them know us as Sir Knights and setting a good example, we surely could increase our numbers.

Poor Public Relations

All of us should never forget that public relations is very important and should be an integral part of any organization. What one thinks of you is made up of a multiplicity of bits and pieces of information. It is the amount and structure of that information that guides us all into forming our various opinions and views of each other and of our Masonic organizations as well. If we don't inform the community and Fraternity, how do we expect to grow and prosper? If you or your organization is quiet and passive, how do you expect anyone to know about you, much less desire affiliation?

Here are a few ideas that may help:

1. Set up Degree Festivals a year in advance and advertise them in the various Masonic newsletters. Also, post notices of such events on the bulletin boards of Blue Lodges within your area.
2. Establish a speaker's bureau to inform Blue Lodges, as well as the community as a whole, of what we are about and our various service programs (Eye Foundation, etc.).
3. Never let a special event go by without attempting to get a short news story and picture in the local press. Award presentations, notices of service related donations, dollars spent on eye research, dinners, installations, degree festivals, etc., all can serve to further the good name and exposure of your organization.
4. Form a committee for publicity. Don't expect others to do it all. Get your feet wet and get involved. Don't expect the state office to do it

for you either; they have problems enough. It takes real work to have a successful public relations program — but the results are well worth the effort. Also, remember that each member represents the whole of the organization when in contact with the community and fellow Brothers. Take pride in what you are a part of, and others will take notice.

5. Let people know that you are a Mason and proud of it. It can be done subtly and easily worked into any modest conversation. You can give someone a wealth of information about Masonry without comprising any of your obligations. If they don't know you as a Mason, you deny someone of the right to ask. Let your example motivate others to ask and find out more.
6. Don't forget youth organizations (such as DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughters). Let them know about your organization. They are an excellent potential source for future membership. A little involvement at this level can reap a great harvest in future years.

My association with both the Blue Lodge and York Rite is a very special one for me. Never let us forget that anything we can do to help any other community or Masonic organization will in return benefit us as well. Remember: Every human being has a claim upon our kind offices.

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How far that little candle throws his beams!
So shines a good deed in a naughty world.
Heaven doth with us as we with torches do;
Not light them for themselves; for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike
As if we had them not.

William Shakespeare

Pennsylvania Templars in the Holy Lands

This past February the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania conducted a trip to the Holy sites of Israel and Jerusalem. The trip was organized by The Reverend Brad S. Lutz, Grand Prelate, who was the tour director.

Highlights of the ten-day sojourn included services held on the Sea of Galilee, at the Mt. of Beatitudes, along the bank of the Jordan, in the Upper Room, at the Garden of Gethsemane, in the Church of the Nativity, and the Crusader Church of St. Anne. A Communion Service at the Garden Tomb concluded the pilgrimage.



Pennsylvania Templars on the seawall at the Crusader City of Acre.



Charles S. Canning, R.E. Grand Commander, is shown at right placing prayers for "peace, understanding, toleration, and brotherhood" into the "Wailing Wall" at Mt. Moriah.

Visits were also made to many historical and religious sites related to Jewish, Christian, and Moslem faiths and to civilizations spanning 4,000 years. Crusader and Templar churches, ruins and battle sites were also included on the itinerary.

Wichita Falls Installations



Honored jointly in Wichita Falls, Texas, this past January were Sir Knight Alvin Dunn, installed Eminent Commander of Wichita Falls Commandery No. 59, and Mrs. James Griffith, installed Worthy President of Wichita Falls Assembly No. 105, Social Order of the Beauceant. The ceremonies at the Wichita Falls York Rite Temple began with a Grand March of the 1984 Commandery Officers escorting the Beauceant ladies.

Sir Knight Charles A. Hudnall, Grand Sword Bearer of Texas, was installing officer for Eminent Commander Dunn and other elected officers of Wichita Falls No. 59. Mrs. Griffith, who received a bouquet of red roses from Sir Knight Dunn and Sir Knight Griffith, was installed along with her new officers by Mrs. B. C. Sawyers, P.P.

Templar Pilgrimage to Europe

The Grand Encampment Office has been advised that the Knights Templar European Vacation to Alpine Country (announced in detail in the February *Knight Templar Magazine*) is selling out, "so book now." Seats are still available for July 22 departure, priced from \$749. For reservations, call 1-800-262-0123.

HISTORY OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Chapter X (continued)

THE PERIOD OF EXPANSION 1835-1856

Eleventh Conclave (continued)

All through the controversy that developed with the Sir Knights of Virginia (as outlined last month) is seen the wise yet firm direction of the General Grand Master, who did not allow the General Grand Encampment to lose its position of authority or allow its jurisdiction to be broken. By his wisdom, he had guided the Order through the shoals of secession, and once again the Order was united. It is to the honor and credit of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, however, that they did not further pursue their independent course, but wisely decided to be united in the common principles and purposes of Templary, forgetting their differences in their devotion to the Order.

This action on the part of the Grand Encampment of Virginia resulted from the establishment of an encampment in Wheeling, Virginia, in 1838. The General Grand Encampment had declared that the Grand Encampment of Virginia had ceased to exist, while they declared that they had not and that this was an invasion of their jurisdiction. Soon after, Wheeling Encampment gave her allegiance to the Grand Encampment of Virginia and was given a place on their roster.

At the election of officers, Sir W. B. Hubbard was again called upon to fill the highest office. Sir B. B. French of Washington, D.C., was elected General Grand Recorder to fill the position so long held by Sir Joseph K. Stapleton. In

consideration of his able and faithful services, a jewel of the Order was presented to Sir Knight Stapleton.

This Conclave had the largest attendance of any up to this time and was the longest, taking a full week to complete its deliberations. On the last day, a procession of the General Grand Encampment, accompanied by an escort of Boston and DeMolay Encampments, proceeded from the Hall to the Public Lecture Room where the General Grand Master was installed in office by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.

Twelfth Conclave

For the second time, the General Grand Encampment came to the Midwest. The twelfth Conclave was held in the Masonic Hall in Lexington, Kentucky, on September 13, 1853. The meeting was opened by Sir Knight W. B. Hubbard, the General Grand Master, who gave a most elaborate report of his official acts, showing his wise, intelligent and faithful handling of the business of the General Grand Encampment during the past three years. It had been a busy period. Twelve new encampments in ten States had been added to the roster, one of these being in California, thus extending the influence and activity of Templary from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

It had been the earnest desire and determination of the General Grand Master to regulate the ritual and make the work uniform throughout the country. Exemplification of the work in the various orders had been carried out at the Conclaves, so that the representatives of the subordinate encampments could obtain the correct and approved work.

With this in mind, he commanded Sir Knight Isaac Davis, who was going to California, to carry the authorized work to that State. The report of the commission given by Grand Master Hubbard to Sir Knight Isaac Davis is of sufficient interest to be copied here in full:

"During the late recess, I adopted measures by comparisons to test the work of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, at several points or localities within your jurisdiction. Knowing that the most, if not all, of the work as taught in the West and Southwest, was derived from the same source and teachings, and embracing the favorable opportunity presented in the person of an experienced Sir Knight of Mt. Vernon Encampment, Columbus, Ohio, Sir Knight Isaac Davis who from experience I knew to be qualified, and who was desirous to go to California, I directed him to call upon Sir Knights whom I named, at Wheeling, Virginia, Philadelphia and Washington, and compare with them the work, and requesting the Sir Knights at the several localities to inform me of the result. Another reason of some moment induced me to adopt this course. As he was going to take up his abode in California, I was desirous that he should take with him the undoubted and true work, under the authority of your chief officer, to that country. He faithfully executed my orders; and responses were received by me from each of the Sir Knights as requested, giving me assurances that the work was entirely the same in all essential particulars. As at least one of the Sir Knights who compared the work with Sir Knight Isaac Davis, at Washington, was an eminent officer of this General

Grand Encampment and had had the benefit of a general comparison of work with Sir Knights of Boston, at the last session, I deemed myself fully justified, and our Order signally benefited, by transplanting in California, and at an early period in her history of Masonic Knighthood, its correct work. Looking to our vast and extended jurisdiction we may safely affirm that the work in all essential particulars is uniform."

This assignment was faithfully carried out, and the "Davis work" became the basis of the recognized ritualistic work in California. When the Grand Encampment was organized in California, Davis became the first Grand Master.

The death of Sir Knight Joseph K. Stapleton was announced by the General Grand Master. Sir Knight W. B. Hubbard was again reelected to continue the valuable and efficient leadership he had given to the Order. At this Conclave, we note the first appearance of Sir Knight Albert Mackey, who was to become the foremost American student of Masonic history. He was elected to the office of General Grand Warder.

beginning next month:

CHAPTER XI

The Period of Revision

1856-1862



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.

Grand Master's Class, Columbus, Ohio



A total of 127 Commandery candidates were Knighted in honor of Grand Master, Ned E. Dull during a two-day York Rite Festival held in Columbus, Ohio, this past March. In the center, from the left, are Eminent Commander Francis H. Smith of Mt. Vernon No. 1, who conferred the Order of the Temple; Grand Commander of Ohio Aaron Hard, Jr.; the pilgrim; and Sir Knight Charles F. McLeod, Chairman of the event.

13th Annual York Rite Festival

New Hampshire's 13th Annual York Rite Festival, held in honor of Sir Knight Winslow E. Melvin, took place Saturday, March 10, at the Masonic Temple in Concord. The 49-member Winslow E. Melvin Class was introduced to the York Rite through the combined efforts of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies around the state.

The Order of the Red Cross was conferred by a team from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, including Philip H. White, R.E. Grand Commander; Alan J. Pollard, G.S.W.; and Douglas L. Robertson, Jr., G.J.W. The Order of Malta was conferred by DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2, Portsmouth, and a state team representing all 10 New Hampshire Constituent Commanderies conferred the Order of the Temple.

Sir Knight Melvin, Raised a Master Mason in Eureka Lodge No. 70 on February 27, 1936, is a former District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He was created an Honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33° A.A.S.R., N.M. J., in 1954, serving as Deputy for New Hampshire from 1973 until 1982. A member of the York Rite Bodies on Concord, he is recipient of the Major General John Sullivan Distinguished Service Medal and the Jeremy Ladd Cross Medal.



KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ I have an old antique organ, made by John Church and Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio. This organ is in near perfect condition. I would appreciate any information anyone could give me as to its age and worth. *Austin Mason, 1915 Kingston Avenue, Lima, Ohio 45804*

□ We are seeking information on the Miles family living in Boston and London, England in the 1860s (we have letters from there). Some letters are signed by Dawson Miles, and we would be very interested in hearing from his family. My grandfather was Walter Miles, brother of Dawson. My grandfather is buried in Pioneer Square in Victoria, B.C., where I was born. My father was George Walter Miles who was drowned on the Islander in 1901. *Charlotte Miles Talbot, 5500 Hudson Street South, Seattle, Washington 98118*

□ I am a Knight Templar, a member of Heidelberg Commandery No. 2 in Germany. I have a Masonic friend, Brother William B. Nemeč, who is a retired Pittsburgh police officer on total disability, due to suffering a massive heart attack and undergoing open heart surgery. He has a hobby of collecting police shoulder patches, and I'd like to request all Sir Knights who are in positions of local police authorities to please send Brother Nemeč a shoulder patch, so that he may increase his collection. Please send patches to: William B. Nemeč, R.D. No. 1, Box 116-B, Imperial, Pennsylvania, 15126. *Edwin L. Lyska, Imperial, Pennsylvania 15126*

□ For sale: my late husband's hand-crafted, 14 k gold, Past Master's Jewel, Lafayette Lodge No. 19, Washington, D.C. Also, one 14 k gold Masonic ring (gothic), diamond center with Knight Templar emblem. Both items appraised by registered jewelers, certified gemologist. Accredited Gem Laboratory, member American Gem Society. If interested, will send copy of original appraisal sheet. *Mrs. Horace S. Dean, 130 East Johnson Avenue, No. 103, Lake Wales Village, Lake Wales, Florida 33853*

□ I served with the 724th Railroad Battalion in the Korean Combat Zone in 1952. While in Pusan, Korea, I became a member of the Pusan Masonic Club which consisted of brother Masons from all over the United States. I would like to hear from anyone who may have been a member of that organization. I understood the organization would have its papers and records established in the National Masonic Archives after the war. I was an enlisted man (Pvt.); however, there were several high ranking officers including several colonels and one general. If we said "Sir" to any of the officers during a meeting, we were fined 25 cents for each offense. Also I would like to know just where the Masonic National Archives is located - name and address. *Leonard D. Rosa, 1109 Meadow Drive, Owosso, Michigan 48867*

□ Wanted: Commander's sword and scabbard, also Commander's chapeau size 7. *Richard Cummings, 708 Sycamore Street, Belleville, Illinois 62221*

Be glad of life because
It gives you the chance
To love and to work and
To play and to look up
At the stars.

Henry Van Dyke

