Masonry Among South Dakota Indians – Chauncey Yellow Robe’s Story
PASS IT ON

The beginning of the New Year is traditionally the time to turn over a new leaf, a time to review the year past and make a checklist of our failures and foibles with the intention of, perhaps, doing a little better the next time around. Today begins our new chance, our next time around. How do we apply that idea to our participation in Templary? Like many other things, “it’s easier than you think.”

First, we must determine the area on which we wish to focus our attentions. There are many; but for our present discussion, let’s consider the area of membership. Whenever organizations speak about membership, two things immediately come to mind: quality and quantity. In the realm of Templary, we have the unique luxury of not having to worry about quality. The reason for this is that our membership comes from the foundations of Freemasonry. We assume, and with good reason, that the man to whom we would hand a petition already has inculcated in his life the tenets of our Fraternity.

Having determined that we already have a source for enhancing our membership, we now turn to the second consideration, that of quantity. I have one fundamental theory on quantity. That is, if Templary is able to generate so much in terms of positive effects and influence with our present membership, just imagine how much more we might accomplish if our ranks were swelled by another hundred, another thousand, another hundred thousand.

You’ve probably all heard the Masonic axiom, “one to take my place when I’m gone; one to grow on.” If we wish to truly grow and expand our influence, then it’s time we began seriously looking at our Royal Arch Chapters and Cryptic Councils, our Blue Lodges, and, as importantly, the young men of DeMolay. One simple way to do that is to attend these bodies. Another way to attract new members toward Templary is through this publication you are holding in your hands. Knight Templar Magazine is one of our most effective membership tools, and I believe we should be more creative in using that tool.

One of my fraters in Van Wert, Ohio, told me that he never throws away his monthly Knight Templar. I replied that he must have quite a few issues stacked away in his bookshelves. He answered, “No, I don’t have a one. You see, after I’ve read each issue cover to cover, I put it in my pocket and carry it with me to my next Masonic meeting. Once there, I pass Knight Templar along with a hint that perhaps the recipient might be interested in learning more about this Christian Order of Masonic Knighthood after he is finished reading.”

So, Sir Knights, after you have read the magazine this month, instead of storing it or throwing it away, pass it on to a Masonic Brother. Let him know that Templary is worth his time. Who knows? Next year at this time we might be able to focus our energies elsewhere.

Ned E. Dull

January 1985
JANUARY: The coldest winter month of the year needn’t be the gloomiest — *Knight Templar Magazine* offers warmth for winter’s chill. For 1985 we begin with a story on Chauncey Yellow Robe told by Sir Knight Shunk, who lives in Rapid City, Yellow Robe’s homeland. Plans for Easter are laid out on page 15, and the Most Eminent Grand Master presents a decision on page 11. Sir Knight Walker brings us the warmth of his hearth in his article “Snowbound.”

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The Baldwyn Encampment Saga: A copy of *The Baldwyn Saga* has been donated to the Library of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar by Eminent Knight John E. B. Humphries. This book, wrote Humphries in a letter to the Grand Encampment, “was written by my great friend Thomas E. Duckett.”

These unique books are given only to members of the Baldwyn Encampment. Though John Humphries is not a member, he received a copy because of his friendship with the author, who is now nearly ninety-two years old.

“It is sent to you,” wrote Humphries, “in grateful thanks for the very kind way in which the members of the United States Air Force treated me in the last war when I was stationed with them in Agra, India.”

The 44-page *Baldwyn Saga* was published under the authority of the Council of Baldwyn, Bristol, England, in 1980. It is a history and a compilation of facts from records surviving the centuries and researched in 1972. The research and histories were compiled by Thomas E. Duckett.

Eminent Knight John E.B. Humphries is a Past Provincial Almoner of Monmouthshire and South Wales, in the United Kingdom.

Amendment deadline: Deadline for submission of amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is May 10, 1985. Notice of Conclave will be issued June 10.

According to Section 85 of the Constitution, “...a written copy of the motion... to revise, amend or alter (the Constitution and Statutes) shall be filed with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment at least three months before the day on which the Triennial Conclave is to be held at which such motion is to be considered, and copy thereof shall be inserted in the Notice of Conclave and presented by the Grand Recorder to the Grand Encampment for consideration...” The 56th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will be held August 10-14, 1985, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Special Olympics: For the second consecutive year, the Grand Lodge of Ohio, F. & A.M., has set a goal to sponsor at least one youth at the Special Olympics for each Lodge in the state. There are 671 Lodges in Ohio. Grand Master Richard M. Wilson said he was encouraged by last year’s tremendous support, in which 1,075 persons were sponsored through contributions of more than $30,000 — a single membership costs $30.

The Special Olympics is a worldwide program of athletics training and competition for the mentally retarded and the handicapped. Masonic support in Ohio will help finance young athletes’ travels to Columbus in June for Ohio’s Special Olympic Summer Games.
CHAUNCEY YELLOW ROBE

by
Harold W. Shunk
Schrader Commandery No. 9, Rapid City, South Dakota

The Mason...

Chauncey Yellow Robe was a man whose presence in Rapid City around the turn of the century was as well known as anyone in the community.

I didn't have the pleasure of knowing this fine gentleman, Chauncey Yellow Robe, but I have known many Indians who attended school at the old Boarding School in Rapid City when Chauncey was called the Disciplinarian at the school. Later, this position was called the Boys' Advisor, subsequently called Counsellor. In many cases this position also included coaching one sport and sometimes three. It was a position which carried much responsibility. You were actually with the boys in the dormitory 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for the length of the school term. You did sometimes have an assistant. The Counsellor could, if he wished, place young men of the upper grades to handle certain areas of the dormitories. This was quite an assignment, and many of the young men vied for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. These young people were given titles of Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain, as the system was operated on the military order.

Chauncey Yellow Robe was born January 15, 1869, on the Rosebud Creek in Montana. He took the Entered Apprentice Degree of the Masonic Lodge on April 23, 1915; Fellow Craft Degree on May 16, 1915; Master Mason Degree on June 23, 1916, in the Rapid City Lodge No. 25. Chauncey received the Royal Arch Degree on July 6, 1917, in the Black Hills Chapter No. 25 in Rapid City; received Cryptic Degrees in the Black Hills Council in Lead; in Schrader Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, on November 11, 1917, in Rapid City, South Dakota. All of the oldtimers I have known had wonderful things to say about Chauncey Yellow Robe. Chauncey being taken into the Masonic bodies speaks highly of him.

Chauncey's father was a chief of one of the many bands of the Brule Dakota Tribe on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Chauncey was a very intelligent young man who had been selected to attend

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the outstanding Indian School at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, before the turn of the century. In those days the government employees and missionaries were very instrumental in selecting young men and women to attend schools such as Carlisle and other schools back east and in the south. It was not easy to convince the parents to allow these children to leave their homes and attend school so far away, sometimes for a year and sometimes for several years. Many fine, capable Indian people were trained in those schools. Many were successful on returning to the Reservations, while others used

known by many outstanding people of the Rapid City area. Chauncey Yellow Robe married a French-Canadian who was a nurse at the Boarding School in Rapid City. The Yellow Robes were accepted in various groups in Rapid City during their many years in the community.

In the late 1920s, Chauncey Yellow Robe retired from the position at the Indian Boarding School in west Rapid City. Chauncey and his family moved to New York City where he planned to make some movies. Mr. Yellow Robe was a very handsome and dignified man, articulate, well-built, and according to movie directors, was an individual who could succeed in that profession. Unfortunately for Sir Knight Yellow Robe and the public, his dream was never realized. While working on a picture he contracted pneumonia and passed away on April 4, 1930. It was the end of a very colorful career of one very outstanding member of the Sicanju Nation, better known to the public as Brule Sioux.

And his family . . .

Chauncey and his wife had three very intelligent and very pretty girls. The oldest was named Rosebud, and she attended the University of South Dakota at Vermillion. Rosebud married a movie producer who was much older, and he passed away many years ago. Rosebud has lived in New York City for over 50 years and has written a number of interesting books concerning the Dakota-Brule Indians.

The next daughter was Chauncina. Both Chauncina and Rosebud attended high school in Rapid City and graduated from what later was called Central High School. Chauncina returned some years ago to her 50-year reunion. Chauncina lived in Oklahoma for many years and worked in the Chicago area as a saleswoman. She married an Oklahoma Indian and followed him in an entertainment

"His Forebears Ruled The Dakotas," states the original caption on this picture of Chauncey, published in 1928 in National Geographic.

their talents in the white man's world. Unfortunately, the Carlisle School was taken over for barracks during World War I, and the school was closed after the war ended. Some of the people who attended Carlisle had lived the life of hunting the buffalo, and the teepee was their abode.

Chauncey Yellow Robe was a very unusual fellow. Everything I've heard about Chauncey has been good. He was
Tashinagi

Tashinagi, Chauncey Yellow Robe’s true Indian name, was a link between the buffalo days and the modern-day Plains Indian. Well known in the neighboring lands around Rapid City and the Badlands, he became a spokesman for his people.

Yellow Robe presided at the ceremonies in which President Calvin Coolidge was “adopted” into the Sioux Tribe in 1927, and his daughter Rosebud presented the President with a war bonnet made of Eagle feathers. As an adopted Indian, Coolidge was “High Chieftain” of the Sioux. The photograph of the war bonnet presentation became famous throughout the world.

The son of Chief Tasi Napi (Yellow Robe), he was also the son of Tahcawin (the doe), his mother and niece of Sitting Bull, making him the grand nephew of this Sioux warrior.

Always active in Indian affairs, Yellow Robe spoke out angrily against a motion picture written about the Wounded Knee affair. Well-spoken, he was invited to relate episodes from his early life in 1920 over the newly opened radio station WCAT. As he talked, he became more and more animated, and suddenly exploded in a great war whoop, blowing out the transmitter tube, and completely shutting down the fledgling station.

Among the children which the author in the feature story describes is another, Chauncey, Jr. He is the youngest of the family and is an accomplished Indian painter, specializing in Black Hills scenes.

While researching Yellow Robe, a picture was found in National Geographic Magazine. This picture is reprinted on the opposite page and was printed in an article entitled “Trailing History Down the Big Muddy.” This article was published in July of 1928. “Big Muddy” is the translation of the Indian word Missouri.

Chauncey Yellow Robe is listed in Great North American Indians, and his accomplished daughter Evelyn may be found in Indians of Today, both of which, along with the Rapid City Public Library, were sources for this insert.

Role for quite some time in her younger days. Chauncina passed away a few years ago.

The third daughter, Evelyn Yellow Robe, has had a very illustrious career. Brought up by an older sister after the death of her parents, Evelyn grew up in New York City. In college she majored in speech and psychology. For excellence in scholarship, she was named a Sarah Williston Scholar, a Mary Lyon Scholar, and was holder of the Gorse Scholarship. She received an award from the French Government for excellence in the French language. Further scholarships enabled her to obtain her Master’s degree in speech pathology.

For the next eight years, Evelyn was a member of the faculty of Vassar College. During this period, she spent a summer on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota recording the Dakota Language. She completed her Doctorate in Speech Pathology and Audiology. While engaged in further graduate training, she was the holder of a John Hay Whitney Fellowship and a Ford Foundation Fellowship. In 1954, Miss Yellow Robe was the recipient of a Fulbright Award for study in Paris under the direction of Dr. Jean Tarneaud of the faculty of medicine at the University of Paris. Dr. Tarneaud is known internationally for his work in the field of voice research and the treatment of

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voice disorders. Miss Yellow Robe then served on the staff of the Northwestern University Medical School for eight years.

While teaching at Northwestern, Evelyn met Professor Finkbeiner, Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Stadt-Krankenhaus, Wolfsburg, Germany, and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Free University of Berlin. Evelyn and Dr. Finkbeiner married and returned to Germany where they have lived for many years. They have two fine sons who are professional men. Evelyn has since earned a second Ph.D.

I have hosted a talk show on KEVN Television in Rapid City and have interviewed many outstanding Dakota Indians every Thursday over a period of four years. The three talented Yellow Robe ladies were in Rapid City during the summer of 1980, and I was fortunate to have a half-hour interview with each of them. The television tapes were turned over to the University of South Dakota where they will be saved with other tapes of outstanding Dakota Indian Americans. The Indians of South Dakota call themselves "Dakota" which means literally "a large group of people allied by a common language". A shorter version is "friends." However, my father explained that the former definition better defined the true meaning of the word.

The Pennington County Housing and Redevelopment Commission decided that they should honor Chauncey Yellow Robe by the dedication of a community building to his memory. Bishop Harold Jones of the local Episcopal Church gave the eulogy and a prayer at the dedication of the fine building -- a facility for the elderly. Bishop Jones was the first American Indian to become a Bishop of any church in the United States. Further, he is a Santee, a branch of the Dakota Nation. Bishop Jones is also a member of the Blue Lodge of the Masonic Order and a member of the Scottish Rite.

An appropriate plaque was furnished by the Housing Authority and placed in the building honoring Chauncey Yellow Robe. Chauncey's three daughters were at Rapid City a few years later, and they were very pleased with the honor accorded their father, Chauncey Yellow Robe.

My own father was a Dakota Indian, my mother Scotch and Irish. Father was born in a Teepee along the Missouri River in 1878 and passed away in 1976.

I have received a great many honors over my seventy-six years. The honors have come from Indian Reservations where I was an educator and superintendent of four different agencies. The other honors came from two colleges and South Dakota State University, civic groups, and the Rapid City School System where I was on the School Board from 1970-79.

Sir Knight Chauncey Yellow Robe, one of our own, deserves recognition for being a notable Indian and Mason.

Sir Knight Harold Shunk lives at Route No. 1, Box 115, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701.
The grandeur of snow...

**SNOWBOUND**

by

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

The world outside is in a deep freeze, and the swirling snow, whipped by the north wind, has etched tree trunks and limbs in white. A Volkswagen across the street looks like an Eskimo igloo hauled down from the wastes of Alaska. It is dark at midday, the sun eclipsed by clouds and heavy snow. The streets seem deserted with few motorists willing to risk fighting the storm.

It is comfortable inside looking out, watching the changing contours of the world outside. The rough edges of things have been rounded as if some master artist had brushed away the ugly sharpness of corners and steps to soften and temper the creations of men. Jack Frost has painted my windows with mountains of pine trees, spires and canyons — unless my imagination has run amok.

The squirrels that usually haunt the trees and the lawn are hiding somewhere, not venturing out to dig for the nuts buried for their winter food. Where they hide from such storms I never have discovered. The birds, normally flitting about, have disappeared from sight. They seem unwilling to venture onto the feeders provided for their benefit. The world outside is exceedingly unfriendly.

Whittier would feel at home, almost. He would miss the open country, “the nightly chores,” that

Littered the stalls, and from the mows
Raked down the herd’s grass for the cows.

But like us he could say,

We looked upon a world unknown,
On nothing we could call our own,

with

No cloud above, no earth below,
A universe of sky and snow.

Familiar sights, like the sty and the corn-crib, became domes and towers, while for us traffic signs and light posts appear like old men in capes.

“Tonight we will sit by the fireside and let the storm rage on. The flickering yellow and blue flames will inspire memories of long winter evenings singing hymns in the old family home.”

The cold and mindless wind from the north has flung the snow in drifts outside the church across the way and left the blocklong park partly bare where the wind has had its way with the snow. Park benches, once the haunt of senior citizens resting in the sun, are bare and naked now. The drinking fountain, long since drained, appears for all the world like a dwarf in white wearing an oversized hat.

It is pleasant to be looking outside from the inside, comfortable and secure. It would be an unmitigated joy except for remembering the poor who

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huddle in their cheerless rooms trying to keep warm. At times like this it would be cheering to be unaware of those whose overcoats are thin and threadbare and whose shoes are worn and cracked. The world would seem “at ease in Zion” if there were not hunger in the land.

Such thoughts that come unbidden to the sensitive spirit cannot obscure the beauty and wonder of a winter storm. The myriad flakes, not one precisely like another, fly waywardly in the wind, now up, now down, now right, now left, making random patterns in their flight. They seem at times to pause suspended in a void, and then to sweep with grandeur to the earth.

The postman paused for a moment just down the street, then shrugged and pushed on minus his usual cart, his mail in a sack slung over his shoulder. His route, no doubt, seemed longer wading through the snow than on a normal day. The newspaper carrier was late this morning, hindered by the snow. The laundry man is still to come.

Tonight we will sit by the fireside and let the storm rage on. The flickering yellow and blue flames will inspire memories of days of yore, memories of sleigh rides and skating parties, of long winter evenings singing hymns in the old family home. Faces of loved ones gone will dance in the flames and little children now grown will seem with us again.

When the night is over, the storm will be gone and the tired winter sun will illumine a world of white, a symbol perhaps of the way life runs. Storms come and go and leave in their wake both memories and learning, learning to cope with delays and disappointments, frustrations and fears. If the day has been bleak and cheerless, tomorrow will come and the sun will break through; if the night has been fretful, the dawn will bring hope. The storm will subside and the world will go on.

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

Knights Templar Eye Foundation
New Club Memberships

Grand Commander’s Club:

Illinois No. 20 — Albert W. Anderson
Kentucky No. 5 — In Memory of Eugene A. Dull
Pennsylvania No. 17 — Emerson R. Johnson
California No. 32 — Eugene D. Vacher

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No. 559 — Alvin L. Crump (IL)
No. 560 — Harold F. McKay (IL)
No. 561 — Robert R. McKinney (MA)
No. 562 — Frederick Clearman (MO)
No. 563 — William Fromme (OR)

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 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 individuals only, and there is no Commandery credit given for participation.

Information is available from G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Master, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois, 62705.

January 1985
CAPS AND MANTLES

At the 54th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., in 1979, legislation was passed to amend Sections 41(i) and 62(e) of the Grand Encampment Constitution. Those adopted amendments concerned the use of "ceremonial robes" (caps and mantles) during the opening and closing of a Commandery, as well as during the conferral of the Order of the Temple.

The pertinent, amended portion of Section 41(i) now reads:

... In lieu of the regulation Templar uniform, a Constituent Commandery may provide and use ceremonial robes conforming to and consistent with the historical traditions and practices of Templary. These ceremonial robes are to be used only in the asylum for the conferring of the Order of the Temple and/or for the opening and closing of a Commandery of Knights Templar and their design and material approved by the respective Grand Commandery having territorial jurisdiction.

Section 62(e), as amended, now reads:

In lieu of the regulation Templar uniform, a Constituent Commandery may provide and use ceremonial robes conforming to and consistent with the historical traditions and practices of Templary. These ceremonial robes are to be used only in the Asylum for the conferring of the Order of the Temple, and/or for the opening and closing of a Commandery of Knights Templar, and their design and material shall be approved by the Grand Commandery under which it is chartered.

This new legislation permitted Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies to eliminate the use of uniforms in the opening and closing of a Commandery and in the conferral of the Order of the Temple, if so desired, and to use instead the "ceremonial robes" (caps and mantles) which had previously only been permitted for the conferral of the Order of the Temple.

To date, however, no standard code had been established for the design of these ceremonial robes (caps and mantles), which led to the following inquiry from Sir Knight George G. Field, Jr., R.E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Sir Knight Field wrote in September 1984, "After the Grand Encampment passed permissive legislation at the Triennial Conclave in Indianapolis in 1979, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado passed legislation to permit the use of the cap and mantle (ceremonial robe) in this Grand Jurisdiction. However, we are seeking clarification as to the proper design of the several caps and mantles used to designate rank of members and officers. This clarification is sought to assure standardization of the caps and mantles among the Grand Commanderies which have heretofore adopted the enabling legislation into their own Constitutions and for those who may do so in the future."
GRAND MASTER'S DECISION
Clarification of Permissive Legislation For Use of Caps and Mantles (Ceremonial Robes) During a Tiled Meeting

The following is herein designated as proper design of the caps and mantles (ceremonial robes) now permitted as an alternative to the Uniform in the opening and closing of the Commandery and in the conferral of the Order of the Temple:

A. TEMPLAR MANTLE: In general, the mantle shall be of the style worn by Medieval Templars and by members of the Sovereign Great Priories. It shall consist of white material, with hood, reaching to approximately twelve inches from the floor and ornamented as follows:

1. For members of the Order below the rank of Commander: The mantle shall be of white; the hood to be lined with silky white material; the Passion Cross in bright red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with white cords with white tassels.

2. For Commanders and Past Commanders: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, one inch wide, stitched one-half inch from the outer edge; the hood to be lined with a similar red material; the Passion Cross in red with gold rays, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

3. For Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to permanent rank: The mantle shall have the ribbon of a Past Commander and an additional red ribbon one-half inch wide, stitched one-half inch from said ribbon; the Templar Cross in red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.

4. For the Grand Commander: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, two inches wide, stitched one inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in red with with a similar material; the Templar Cross in red, nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.

5. For Past Grand Commanders: The mantle shall have a single purple ribbon, one and one-half inches wide, stitched three-quarters of an inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in purple with similar material; and the Templar Cross in purple material on the left breast, nine inches in height; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with purple cords and red tassels.
B. TEMPLAR CAP: The Templar cap shall follow the design and specifications of the style worn by the Sovereign Great Priories, three inches in depth and very slightly flared at the top.

1. For all members of the Order below the rank of Past Grand Commander: The cap shall be of bright red velvet (or silk) and the cross displayed on the front of the cap shall be appropriate to rank — red Passion Cross for members below the rank of Commander; red Passion Cross with gold rays for Commanders and Past Commanders; and red Templar Cross for all Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to permanent rank.

2. For Past Grand Commanders: The cap shall be of purple velvet (or silk) with purple Templar Cross.

3. For all Ranks: The Cross shall be two inches high.

C. COMMANDERY BADGE: The distinctive badge of a Constituent Commandery shall be worn on the right breast of the mantle. The badge will be no less than five inches or more than eight inches high. The badge of the Commandery shall be superimposed upon the Malta Cross, or the Malta Cross shall be incorporated within the Commandery badge. The design shall be approved by the Grand Commandery Committee on Jewels and Uniforms.

No other ornamentation or Templar jewels or recognitions shall be worn on the mantle.

D. SWORD AND SCABBARD: The sword and scabbard shall conform to the regulations of the Grand Encampment.

E. SWORD SLING: The sword shall be suspended, when required to be worn, on a sling to be worn over the right shoulder, of black leather one and one-half inches wide, of tailored or adjustable length according to the height of the Sir Knight, to terminate in two straps with snaps to fasten to the two upper rings of the scabbard.
The *Green Mountain Freemason*, official publication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, F. & A.M., carries a photo and a story of Angus A. Murray, retired college professor, Mason, and *Knight Templar Magazine* Supplement Editor for Vermont, who — forty years ago — flew the “hump,” an air route used by the Army Air Force to supply Chinese and American ground forces.

For four months, Murray, as a radio operator-mechanic, flew west over China for six hours coming and back to Shabus on an air route that had one of the highest casualty rates of the war.

The 68-year-old Murray, who lives in Barre, Vermont, earned his belated appreciation from the Nationalist Chinese this fall when he received a medal that was approved by the U.S. government at the end of September 1945.

Through the efforts of Graham K. Kidd, a Florida man who served at 14th Air Force headquarters in Kunming, the “lost decoration” was located. Kidd spent 29 years finding a copy of the medal order, which had been written but was lost in the shuffle of rapid demobilization when the war ended.

Sir Knight Murray’s C-46 once crash landed, according to Murray, but the crew escaped. On the Hump route, 900 aircraft went down. The C-46 carried 20,000 Americans in the China-Burma-India theater. “It was the weather that was worst,” Sir Knight Murray said, “We got lost several times.” The difficulty with the weather was that the Air Transport Command planes had to fly very high simply to get over the Himalayan mountains. The planes, with no insulation on their metal ribs, posed a considerable risk for crewmen clad in flight garb. Ground fire from Japanese guns and pursuit by enemy fighters and bombers were another problem.

After the war, Sir Knight Angus Murray, former staff sergeant, wound up at Vermont Technical College teaching English and technical writing. He became head of the General Education Department and stayed at the Randolph Center school for 39 years, where he is now professor emeritus.

**Sir Knight Landon Receives 75-year Award**

On March 10, 1984, a special visit by Kansas Masons to the home of former Governor Alfred M. Landon was called to award him a 75-year emblem.

The governor was in good spirits and happy for the visit of Kansas dignitaries, according to a report in the official publication of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Kansas. Attending the occasion were Richard A. Porter, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and several Past Grand Masters. In addition, states the publication, Sir Knight Landon was particularly glad to see several longtime acquaintances, in particular, Richard L. Becker. They enjoyed reminiscing about mutual friends and events of bygone years. Sir Knight Landon also recalled with fondness, states the Grand Lodge, his 50-year emblem, received 25 years ago from then Grand Master Addison C. Irby, who was also present at this 75-year occasion. Sir Knight Alf Landon is a member of St. Bernard Commandery No. 10, Independence, Kansas.
The Sunrise Service . . .

EASTER PLANS 1985

by

Sir Knight George M. Fulmer
Chairman of the Committee on Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

Now that the Christmas season is past and winter is settling in on the country, the Easter Sunrise Memorial Committee is recommending that you Think Spring and envision beautiful Washington D.C. in early spring with the cherry blossoms in full bloom. Make your plans now to join us for the Easter weekend beginning on Friday, April 5, 1985, culminating with the Grand Encampment-sponsored breakfast after the Easter Service on April 7, 1985.

This will be our third year at our new service site on Shooters Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. The entrance steps to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial will be converted into seating for an estimated 3,000 visitors. For those of you who participated last year at this new setting you will find further improvements in the stage and sound that will make this beautiful service even more dramatic and inspirational.

Headquarters hotel will be the Hotel Washington as it has been for many years. Saturday afternoon a reception will be held in the skyroom of this hotel from 2 to 4 p.m. for our Grand Master Ned E. Dull and Mrs. Dull who will be joined by the officers of the Grand Encampment and their ladies. This reception is open to all and dress is informal.

Sunday morning promptly at 6:00 a.m., buses will leave the Hotel Washington for the service site in Alexandria, Virginia. A parade of uniformed Sir Knights up the hill and into their seats will begin at 7:00 a.m. The service will start promptly at 7:30 a.m. The service will be in the same format as last year’s. Music will be furnished by the combined Shrine bands of Almas and Kena Temples and singing will be led by the combined Chanters of these temples. At the conclusion of the service, approximately 8:30 a.m., buses will leave for the Grand Encampment sponsored breakfast at the Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel which will begin at 9:15 a.m. Tickets are $8.00 each, tax and gratuity included. They are available from the Breakfast Committee Chairman Marion K. Warner, 1127 Tiffany Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 (301) 622-0912 or J. Milton McDonald, 1101 South Arlington Ridge Road, Arlington, Virginia 22202 (703) 521-2253. Tickets may be reserved in advance and can be paid for in the lobby of the Hotel Washington from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6.

Hotel reservations at the Hotel Washington may be made by contacting Ms. Debbie Cochran at (1-800) 424-9540 or through this committee.

Grand Commanders, delegation chairman and committeemen are advised to contact the chairman of this committee for information and assistance and to be included on the list for all releases from this committee. Contact George M. Fulmer, Box 94B, Lusby, Maryland 20657 (301) 326-3221.

Parade orders will be available soon and their use is mandatory. We must be in contact with all adjutants or Sir Knights responsible for the forming and parade participation of their marchers. A meeting with these leaders will be held at 10:00 a.m. April 6 at the service site at the Memorial. Please have a representative present at the meeting.
Knightings at Sight

The Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm was the scene for the "knighting at sight" of two men who resided there.

Sir Knight Robert Arthur Reid (pictured below, seated in foreground) had received the degrees and orders leading up to the Order of the Temple and Sir Knight Charles Victor Swanson (pictured above, seated to the right of Reid) was also obligated by the Grand Master of the Grand Council Harold R. Greer (background left) and the Grand High Priest William Dean Jarrett (background, right). Grand Commander of Illinois William Jackson Jones created the two Sir Knights (left).

Sir Knight Reid is a resident of the Home located in Paxton, Illinois, and Sir Knight Swanson had been at the Home for rehabilitation but is now living at his farm near Paxton. Both Sir Knights are now members of Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 38 in Paxton, Illinois.

Maryland Medallion

The coin commemorating 200 years of Templary in Maryland is now available from the Grand Commandery of Maryland. The Grand Commandery Seal appears on one side of the coin; on the reverse, the commemoration is noted along with the 17th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Coins can be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a $2 donation for the brass commemorative medallion to Carl J. Wisner, Grand Commander, 145 Willis Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Registered coins are available with a $5 donation. This project will be benefiting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, or, if the donor so indicates, the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

Oregon Centennial Coin

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oregon are celebrating their 100th Anniversary on February 2, 1985. In honor of this event, they have issued an antique bronze commemorative coin. This coin may be purchased for $5.00 from Maurice Roberts, Grand Recorder, 11 “B” Canter Lane, Sherwood, Oregon 97140.
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Sir Knights retired from the United States Navy make up a significant part of the leadership of Portland Commandery No. 2, Portland, Maine. The present Commander is Thomas S. Hill, Sr., chief petty officer, USN, retired. The oldest Past Commander of Portland No. 2 is Stuart H. Herbert, who also was a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy, and is now retired. Sir Knight James H. Doyle, Sr., is a Past Commander of Portland Commandery No. 2, is now the Recorder, and also is a Past Grand Commander of Maine. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy and is now retired.

Secretary for 34 years

The Oxford York Rite bodies honored Sir Knight Floyd Parker, a member of Oxford Commandery No. 39, Oxford, North Carolina, this summer. Sir Knight Parker has served as secretary of Oxford Chapter 8 of the Royal Arch Masons since 1950, and in that capacity for all three York Rite bodies since 1974. He is leaving his post because of his health. Sir Knight E. T. Regan presented Sir Knight Parker with a plaque while Sir Knight Thomas B. Currin looked on, along with Sir Knight Louis A. Voight, Jr., who has taken over the position Sir Knight Parker occupied.

103rd Christmas Birthday

Sir Knight William S. Dowler, a 31-year member of Detroit Commandery No. 1, celebrated his 103rd birthday on Christmas day. Sir Knight Dowler expects to sponsor two new members into Detroit Commandery in 1985. Sir Knight Dowler is pictured at right.

Worth Commandery Strikes Coin

Worth Commandery No. 19, Fort Worth, Texas, will celebrate its Centennial on April 17, 1985. A commemorative medal (pictured below) was issued on December 5, 1984, during Worth Commandery’s stated Conclave when the new officers for the Templar year 1985 were elected and installed. All contributors of $5.00 or more will receive this limited edition antique finish bronze coin; one dollar of which will be contributed to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This coin may be ordered from Sir Knight Joe Kirby, Recorder, P.O. Box 1320, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

It is one mark of a friend that he makes you wish to be at your best while you are with him.

Henry Van Dyke
The First Crusades

Copies of the painting “The First Crusades,” by Victor M. Villazon, P.G.C., Florida, are still available for immediate shipment. The size of this picture is 14” x 17” and may be trimmed slightly for framing. The price of the prints is $10.00 each, including handling and mailing. If five prints are purchased, they will be sold at $9.00 each. More than five prints are $8.50 each. All the proceeds from the sale of these pictures will go to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. They are, according to Eugene Berato, “ideal for framing and hanging in your temple or den.” Orders may be sent to E.N. Berato, P.G.C., P.O. Box 877, Bushnell, Florida 33513-0877.

Tom G. Strickler, Jr.

Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia Tom G. Strickler, Jr., died on October 12, 1984, as a result of an injury sustained in a fall in Pennsboro, West Virginia on September 13.

Sir Knight Strickler was born October 1, 1903, at Parkersburg, West Virginia. He was appointed Grand Treasurer in 1967 by then Grand Commander Den sil Carter. His father, Sir Knight Tom G. Strickler, Sr., held the office of Grand Treasurer until he passed away in 1946. Sir Knight Strickler is survived by his wife Lessie, one son, Tom Strickler III, and two daughters, Carmen and Coleen. Funeral services were held on Monday, October 15, in Pennsboro with graveside rites by his home Lodge, Ellenboro Lodge No. 50, A.F. & A.M., accompanied by a Knight Templar escort.
Freemasons were well represented in that very special dynamic breed that made America great. One such early personage was Benjamin H. Holladay (also spelled Holliday) who was a member of Weston Lodge No. 53, A.F. & A.M., at Weston, Missouri, which continues to work at that same location today.

Without doubt, Holladay was one of the most colorful of all the rugged personalities produced by the frontier. He was jovial, aggressive and extravagant, and most of all, a very able businessman. From the beginning of his career, everything that he turned his hand to was successful. Born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, he turned to the frontier gateway in western Missouri and Kansas to seek his fortune. He did not have long to wait before starting his climb to the point where he was acclaimed the “Napoleon” of the plains.

The war with Mexico gave Holladay his start. He had bought mules for the War Department and had sufficient funds to equip himself as a freighter and made money by hauling supplies to Santa Fe, and after the war was over he made money on the supplies again by buying the leftovers cheap and selling them at high prices in Utah. He was said to be the first non-Mormon ever to carry on business dealings with that powerful sect. He then engaged in the California trade and concluded that his future in California was in transportation, not in mining. He engaged in staging and made money, but when the silver field of Nevada really developed, Ben Holladay was one of the chief owners of the rich Ophir mine. For nearly thirty years after his first trip to Santa Fe, he was to pile wealth upon wealth as he accumulated stage lines, steamships and rich silver mines in Nevada.

“He traveled at top speed — no other way suited him. He delighted in breaking all speed records for coach travel, no matter how much it cost. Holladay had extravagant tastes.”

Holladay was well along in his career when he took over the Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Co. He knew a lot about staging and about the Pony Express, and he put the line on its feet in a short time. He was successful in obtaining a $1 million government subsidy, a portion of which he plowed back into more horses, bought new Concord coaches and hired more employees for the stations in order to maintain the daily schedule demanded by a new mail contract. Holladay liked best to think of himself as “boss” of the greatest stage line in the world. Business on the Overland line did “pick up” substantially as soon as Holladay took over that troubled stageline.

Holladay also took care of his own “creature comforts,” which were reportedly of royal taste. He had made for himself a coach that was royal in its appointments — a coach fitted with sleeping accommodations like a Pullman, and furnished in unusual fashion for the time for his cross-country trips. The Pullman-like interior contained a mattress → → →
and there was an oil lamp with reflector and candles in silver holders by which Holladay could read and write at night. In the daytime he usually rode outside with the driver.

Holladay had offices in both New York and in San Francisco, and he liked to visit each unexpectedly to keep a close watch on the Overland route. Two or three times each year he would make a tour of inspection along the entire line, taking the superintendent along, and usually a second coach carried servants, including a valet and cook.

He traveled at top speed — no other way suited him. He delighted in breaking all speed records for coach travel, no matter how much it cost him in worn-out horses and broken-down coaches. His private coach once carried him on a record ride which won him columns of publicity in the newspapers. Holladay had taken a page from Barnum's rule-book of success regarding the value of advertising. He put on a "show" trip by stage from Sacramento, California to St. Joseph, Missouri, just to see how close he could come to the record made by the Pony Express. All the stations were alerted in advance and the best stage horses were ready for his fancy coach. All regular service had to stand by along the stage route or was sidetracked, to make way for the big man in the luxuriously appointed six-horse coach, as it tore past at an unbelievable speed.

The trip was made in twelve days instead of the usual nineteen or twenty. The trip cost him considerable money, but this expense was made up many times in publicity received, as the Eastern newspapers gave much space to the story of Holladay's ride. He admired the Pony Express greatly and it gave him much pride as he watched its arrivals regularly and checked them with the schedule. If he thought the service was lagging, some division agent was sure to hear from headquarters. The Pony Express was still the fastest service on the road at that time, and the West could not get along without it. It continued to run for quite awhile — or just as long as it was needed.

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Holladay continued to acquire one stagecoach line after another, connecting with his Overland line. Soon he was running a daily line of coaches to and from Atchison, Omaha and Nebraska City, connecting at Denver with daily stagecoach lines for the Central City, Gregory, and Clear Creek mining districts. From Salt Lake he ran a tri-weekly line of coaches to and from Virginia City, Boise, Walla Walla and other cities.

Holladay had extravagant taste and in New York and San Francisco he entertained lavishly. At his home, he built a veritable palace north of New York City in Westchester County which he called Ophir Hall. He also had expensive taste in jewelry: one of his fads was fancy vests, of which he owned many — each one having fancy buttons inlaid with jewels.

The holdings of Holladay on the Overland route have been variously estimated, but a summary contained in a Government document relating to claims because of the depredations of Indians may be accepted as authentic. In this document Holladay says that the Overland route "carried more than fifty tons of mail per quarter; employed 110 coaches, 1,750 horses and mules, and 450 men; and that he erected buildings, houses, stations, stables, corrals and shelters and provided food, forage and wood."

Holladay's chief losses on the Overland route came in 1864, when, under military orders, he had to move the entire stage
route between Julesburg and Fort Bridger many miles south. Even then, Indian attacks were frequent and disastrous along the new route. Holladay battled for his claims for many years against the Government, and the Court of Claims "recommended paid" but there is no record that there was ever a partial payment made to him on more than $500,000 said to have been due.

Holladay had expanded his transportation interests to include steamers on the Pacific from San Francisco to Oregon, Panama, Japan and China. He controlled the eastern division of the Pony Express during the later months of the service. Through foreclosure he became the proprietor of the Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Co., and he also purchased the St. Joseph-Placerville line, a fast pony express, from the famous Russell, Majors & Waddell and in turn merged it into Wells, Fargo & Co. In 1866 he sold out his interest in the Overland line to Wells, Fargo & Co. for $3 million. This money he invested in a railroad which he was building from Puget Sound to California. The panic of 1873 wrecked the enterprise, which was about all that remained to Holladay of his one-time vast holdings. He died soon afterward, a comparatively poor man.

The nostalgic romance of America's early transportation system, and especially the Pony Express, will forever remain popular as a delightful recollection of the frontier era, although the builders of the American dream, such as Ben Holladay, have already become lost characters in American history. Yet it was the boldness and spirit of adventure of Holladay and other Freemasons of the time that made America the great nation that it is today.

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

Triennial Conclave Committee at Work

While the 56th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, is many months away, the Triennial Committee is hard at work.

A preliminary program schedule has been provided for the many events that will be held August 10 - 14, 1985, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Officials for the Triennial include honorary chairman Grand Master Ned E. Dull; Past Grand Commander Robert Schoedinger and Past Grand Commander George H. Thomas, co-chairmen; Past Grand Commander George W. Davidson, in charge of protocol; Past Grand Commander Raymond E. Loose; divine services with the Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, Grand Prelate; Past Grand Commander W. Boyd Sibold, Grand Master's Aide; Honorary Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder George R. Fitez; Grand Commander William Ammer (Ohio); Grand Treasurer Arthur S. Holmes, printing, badges and decorations; Martin West, dinner reservations; Charles Albertson, transportation, and Sam Fitzsimmons, public relations.

The headquarters hotels are the Netherland Plaza and Hyatt Regency, both connected with famed covered skyways.

Housing and registration forms are to be mailed soon. Other hotels within walking distance and connected by the skywalk are: Clarion Hotel, 6th and Elm Streets; Terrace Hilton Hotel, 6th and Vine Streets; Westin Hotel, on Vine between 4th and 5th streets.

Tour such famous places as - Cincinnati's Zoo; horse race tours of River Downs and Latonia; horse-drawn carriage tours of Cincinnati and Covington, Kentucky; Krohn Conservatory; Riverfront Stadium, home of the Cincinnati Reds; Kings Island; famed restaurants; wine tasting at Meier's Wine Cellars, oldest and largest in Ohio; Art Museum, and more.
San Jose Honors Youth Leaders

On October 17, 1984, San Jose Commandery No. 10, San Jose, California, in conjunction with their annual reception of the Grand Commander, honored 28 local leaders of the Masonic youth groups along with their Advisors.

The young people and their adult leaders were the guests of the Commandery for a steak dinner prepared by Sir Knights of the Commandery and the Ladies’ Auxiliary. Helping to serve the dinner were members of Campbell DeMolay and Fidelity DeMolay.

Following the dinner, the DeMolay fifty-year award was presented to the immediate Past Commander of San Jose Commandery, Sir Knight James G. Gable, a Senior DeMolay from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In his remarks, Sir Knight Gable stated that his continued support for DeMolay was just “paying his dues” for all the help his DeMolay Chapter had received from its sponsoring body, Lancaster Commandery No. 10, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, many years before.

The highlight of the evening, according to Robert G. Taylor, was an impressive ceremony during which each DeMolay Master Councilor, each Job’s Daughter Honored Queen, and each Rainbow Worthy Advisor was personally escorted through an Arch of Steel by Right Eminent Grand Commander Samuel A. Woods. Each of the young men and women and each of their advisors were then presented a handsome certificate attesting to their service.

According to Grand Commander Woods, (pictured above along with the 28 youth leaders) this was the largest number of youth leaders to be honored at one of his receptions. In addition, he said that the evening had made him proud that he had selected to make the honoring of the Masonic Youth Group leaders one of the top objectives of his tenure as Grand Commander.

125th Anniversary for Freeport

The Northwest Illinois York Rite Festival’s Class commemorated Freeport Commandery No. 7’s 125th Anniversary and was held on October 20, 1984. This Commandery was founded on October 26, 1859. The 125th Anniversary was observed on October 26, 1984. Three York Rite degrees were presented at this class: The Order of Red Cross by Austin Commandery No. 84; the Order of Malta by Janesville Commandery No. 2; and the Order of the Temple by a select cast from Freeport No. 7. Thirteen candidates were knighted at this festival and are pictured above. The Chapter and Council degrees were also conferred at this festival on Saturday, October 13, by the Central Illinois Capitular Standard Club, York Rite College No. 15 and Grand Council Officers.

January 1985
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February 8-10
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May 9-11
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May 27-June 2
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June 7-12
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June 18-22
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Fremont, NE 68025

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June 19-22
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June 23-26
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August 4-10
Rapid City, SD
(annually)
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.
August 10-14, 1985
Cincinnati, OH
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(biennially)
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(triennially)
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DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA
September 18-21
Terre Haute, IN
(annually)
Current Supreme Mighty Chosen One:
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Terre Haute, IN
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Past Supreme Mighty Chosen One
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SUPREME COUNCIL, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., U.S.A.
September 22-26
Detroit, MI
(annually)
Current Supreme Grand Commander:
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Executive Secretary
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September 23-27
Portland, OR
(annually)

Current Supreme Worthy President:
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Supreme Recorder
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International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
July 1986
Bismark, ND
(biennially)

Current Supreme Worthy Advisor:
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General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International
September 19-25, 1987
Orlando, FL
(triennially)

Current General Grand High Priest:
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General Grand Secretary
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Lexington, KY 40505

General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International
September 19-25, 1987
Orlando, FL
(triennially)

Current Most Puissant General
Grand Master:
Bernard F. Mandelbaum
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Grand Recorder
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Warren N. Barr, Sr., Receives Honors

Warren N. Barr, Sr., has been honored by the Scottish Rite and the Illinois Masonic Medical Center in past months. Warren N. Barr, Sr., 33°, of the Valley of Chicago, has become the twenty-fourth recipient of the Northern Jurisdiction’s highest award – the Gourgas Medal, named in honor of one of the founders of the Supreme Council in 1813 who is acknowledged as the “Conservator of the Scottish Rite” during the difficult days of the nation’s anti-Masonic period. The presentation was made on November 30 at Chicago by Sovereign Grand Commander Stanley F. Maxwell, 33°, Illinois Scottish Rite leaders and Chicago Valley officers and Supreme Council members. The citation accompanying the medal commended Brother Barr for his service with IMMC.

The Illinois Masonic Medical Center itself honored Sir Knight Barr by holding a recognition dinner at the Union League Club in Chicago in which they presented Barr with a resolution honoring him (pictured with Sir Knight Barr at left and Sir Knight James D. Green, current vice president, IMMC, at right). Warren Barr served the medical center Board of Trustees for a total of 22 years, 19 years as president. Sir Knight Barr is a member of Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois.
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THE PERIOD OF CIVIL STRIFE AND RECONSTRUCTION

Eighteenth Conclave

The eighteenth Conclave assembled at the asylum in the Masonic Temple at Baltimore, Maryland, on September 19, 1871. There was a very large attendance, with more than 4,000 Sir Knights gathered from all parts of the country. There were twenty-seven Grand Commanderies as well as twenty-four subordinate commanderies represented. This called for larger and more lavish entertainment, and Baltimore rose to the occasion. The whole city participated in the welcome of the Grand Encampment. For the first time, there were extensive street decorations in honor of the visiting Sir Knights. The emblems of the Order were emblazoned on thousands of banners and streamers displayed on the buildings along the main streets.

What had been an escort to the Grand Encampment Officers in St. Louis was now a great procession under the command of the Civil War veteran, James M. Anderson. The Sir Knights were divided into twelve divisions, and all passed in review before the Grand Master and his Officers. A prize had been offered by Baltimore Commandery No. 2 for the best drilled company in the procession, which was won by Detroit Commandery No. 1 of Detroit, Michigan. The prize was a beautiful Libation Service. This was the beginning of the competitive drills which were to be a feature of the later Triennial sessions.

The meeting was opened by Sir Knight William S. Gardner, the Grand Master, who gave an extensive report of his activities during the past three years. His report covers eighty pages in the Proceedings, with forty-five additional pages to cover letters, official circulars and other material pertinent to his address. He gives much historical information in great detail, along with careful decisions on Templar law and the problems presented by the continued growth of the Order.

New Grand Commanderies were established in Kansas and Maryland and subordinate commanderies in ten other localities. Among the latter was a dispensation issued by the Grand Master to Honolulu Commandery No. 1, Island of Oahu. As the Sandwich Islands (now the Hawaiian Islands) were at that time without the jurisdiction of the United States, the question of granting a dispensation was dependent upon whether the Grand Encampment would extend its jurisdiction beyond the borders of the United States. Grand Master Gardiner gave an exhaustive review of the other occasions on which the Grand Encampment had been requested to extend its authority, particularly mentioning the refusal of Grand Master Hubbard to authorize the formation of an American encampment on Canadian territory. The conclusion of the Grand Master was that he was justified in granting the dispensation prayed for by the fraters of Honolulu, and the Grand Encampment approved of the act and ordered a charter issued accordingly.

The nomenclature of the Constitution as revised in 1856 continued a disturbing subject until the Conclave of 1871. Not all the subordinate Grand Commanderies had given full approval to the revision. The last vestige of opposition
I am the wife of Fred L. Wiggins, Past Commander of Lookout Commandery No. 14 in Chattanooga, TN. I am seeking information on the following classmates of mine. We graduated in 1933 from Chattanooga High School and just had our 50 year reunion this past October and we are planning another in 2 years — thanks for any information. I am searching for the following girls: Ada Louise Combs (an army brat at Ft. Oglethope), Marceda Goodman? (moved to St. Louis), Velma Louise Greene (married Luther G. Hentz and moved to Memphis, TN), Margaret Caroline Griffiths, Edith Frances Hunter, Dorothy Louise Jamison, Jennie Redmond Kennedy, Mildred Kirk (?) last heard of in Atlanta), Elizabeth Frances Merriam (married James Harold Purcell somewhere in CA), Nancy O'Brien (in J. Allen, moved to NY) Libby Miriam Winer. The following boys: A. J. Mishkind, (a very talented violinist), Aaron Schweitzer, Edward B. Oxford, Frank N. Wallace, Jr., Paul C. Wilson, Alvin Witt, and Iva I. Wilkinson. I enjoy “Knight Voices” every month. Elfrieda Atheem Wiggins, 20 Paulmar Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37415

My mother was Carrie Garrison who died in October 1949 and her sister and her daughter came from OK. If you could help me with this I would appreciate it.

Anyone who knew Carrie Garrison Payne or her brother L. A. Garrison (both of whom are deceased), I would like to hear from you. Her sister came to Mrs. Carrie Garrison Podgett’s funeral in October 1949. Please write me. Mr. William Herman Payen, 18 Wood Cliffe Drive, Rome, Georgia 30161

My mother was a Harrison. My great, great grandfather was Perry Wetherhead Harrison. He married Ferinda (Linda) Rose, daughter of Ezekiel, granddaughter of Isaac, Revolutionary War Veteran. Isaac lived in Pennsylvania, moved to VA.

Therefore, I am searching for information on these four people. Perry Wetherhead Harrison, Ferinda (Linda) Rose Harrison, Ezekiel Rose, and Isaac Rose.

The first three were in Brafton Co., WV, between 1850 and 1860. Perry Wetherhead supposedly drowned at the mouth of Birch River. Therefore, he is not recorded. His brother Joseph Harrison, is recorded. Then, in the 1880 Census, there is Joseph Harrison, his wife, and children, and the children of Perry Wetherhead Harrison: Andrew Marion, Joseph Marshall, Fielding, Sophronia (Sarah) “Froncy” married to Andrew Jackson “Jack” Dobbins, but Martha, who married Newt Lawrence (or Lorentz) is missing.

Some say Perry Wetherhead Harrison came from Indiana; others say he came from VA.

Two relatives said his dad’s name was John. One said his wife’s name was Sarah. Another said her last name was O’Dell. I don’t know. However, any descendants of these Harrisons or Roses could contact me. Alfred Clay, Rt. 2, Box F-10, Webster Springs, West Virginia 26288

I would like to hear from anyone who has used stairway chairlift. I need it for my wife who has ALS. John P. Kaiser, Route 1, Box 31A, Hawkins, Wisconsin 54530 (715) 322-5222
disappeared with the acquiescence of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which until that year persisted in denominating itself a Grand Encampment and its subordinates as encampments. Grand Master Gardner was a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and his influence was probably the determining factor that induced them to subordinate their position and accept the ruling of the Grand Encampment.

A lengthy memorial was received from the Grand Commandery of Virginia, detailing a number of grievances and requesting the privilege of withdrawing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. In courteous and fraternal terms, the Grand Encampment declined to accede to the request.

In June 1863, West Virginia became a sovereign and independent state of the Union, which brought up the question of the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Virginia over the commanderies in West Virginia. There was some thought of taking the commanderies in West Virginia under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, but it was finally agreed that, for the present, the Grand Commandery of Virginia would continue its jurisdiction over both states.

At the celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of St. John’s Commandery of Philadelphia, the Grand Master was invited to attend and was most hospitably received by the Sir Knights of Pennsylvania. For the first time, friendly and fraternal words of welcome were spoken by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The presence of so many Illustrious Knights, many of whom were members of the Masonic Craft of Pennsylvania, prompted the Grand Master to repudiate the old policy of the Grand Lodge and greet them with cordiality as an independent Masonic Body, yet bound by the ties of ancient craft Masonry.

An overture from the commanderies of Rhode Island for a separation from the joint jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was rejected by the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Master decided, and this decision has become Templar law, that a subordinate commandery does not possess the right of appeal to the Grand Encampment from the decision of a Grand Commandery “unless the decision involves a construction of the Constitution, Code of Statutes or Edicts or the accuracy of the Rituals.”

The question arose as to the proper designation of Templars — Knight Templars or Knights Templar — and attention was called to the change from the former to the latter by the Constitution of 1856. A resolution was introduced, providing for a return to the former usage, but the Committee on Jurisprudence, of which Sir Knight Josiah H. Drummond of Maine was Chairman, disposed of the matter by his terse report:

This Grand Encampment has no authority to determine questions of historic truth, literary usage, and the philology and grammar of the English language.

From the time of its organization, the Grand Encampment had received as revenue for its support fees from the commanderies immediately subordinate to it, and fees for dispensations granted new commanderies in states where no Grand Commandery was in existence. With the establishment of so many Grand Commanderies, the field was being constantly narrowed, so that some new method of obtaining revenue to support the expanding duties of the Grand Encampment became necessary.
I have the following for anyone who is interested. A cataloged album of 78 records. There are over 100 records which are indexed from A to Z. The 78s are of Bing Crosby, Harry James, Benny Goodman, Al Jolson, Glenn Miller and a host of the old timers. What I have is a collector's paradise. Can be reached at (906) 387-2137 Rev. John N. DiGiacomo, D.D., 103 West Chocolay Street, Munising, MI 49862

Seeking members: The Clan MacDuff Society of America represents the premier clan of Scotland and enjoys many Masonic members in its role. Among over 100 qualifying names are those who are related through marriage or blood to: Abbot, Abercrombie, Abernethy, Adam, Adams, Addie, Annal, Anstripther, Ayton, Bogle, Buist, Buncle, Bunkle, Burt, Cameron, Cant, Christie, Christy, Collier, Colyeay, Cooper, Cowper, Cotton, Couper, Coupar, Cram, Crum, Farmer, Flockhart, Flucker, Fife, Fyfe, Fyffe, Fyall, Gibson, Goodlap, Goodlet, Goodsir, Goodyear, Goodwillie, Gow, Gray, Greenlaw, Gregor, Gregory, Greig, Hogarth, Hoggart, Haliburton, Honeyman, Huggan, Izatt, Izzett, Joss, Keddie, Kennaway, Keppie, Kinghorn, Kinninmonth, Kinnear, Kirkaldy, Kilgour, Lambert, Laurenson, Leighton, Leuchars, Leurs, Lindores, Landale, Landels, Logie, Louden, Loudon, Lundie, Lundin, Marr, Masterson, May Mather, Mathers, Meek, Meik, Meiklejohn, Merchant, Mitcheison, Mack, Moncur, Moneypenny, Mowbray, Munnoch, Murison, Nesbitt, Nisbet, Ness, Orrock, Orrick, Pate, Pattullo, Peattie, Peddie, Phin, Pitcairn, Randall, Randell, Randolph, Reiace, Sands, Scrimgeour, Seath, Schoolbread, Sibbald, Smart, Smairt, Spence, Spens, Trail, Tullis, Turcan, Wardlaw, Wardop, Warren, Wedderburn, Weems, Wells, Wemyss, Westwood, Williamson, Yellowlee, and Younger, or if you have a connection with the County of Fife. Please write Convener, W. D. Duff, 318 South 2nd Avenue, Libertyville, Illinois 60048

Masonic Smiths — family history research revealed that a number are buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Benton, Franklin Co., IL, many of whom descended from Bedford B. Smith. His parents appear to have been Thomas Smith and Mildred Atkins, who married in 1804, Caswell Co., NC. Family then moved to Bledsoe Co. (Cumberland Plateau), TN., where Bedford married Elizabeth Tetet and gave issue to Adaline, James, Mary, Thomas, William, Eliza, John, Samuel, Marion, Jasper, Jacob, Bedford, Jr., and Daniel. This family with the families of Whittenburg and Simmons relocated to Franklin and Hamilton counties, IL. I am tracing this lineage with special interest in those who might have been Masons. Noel M. Smith, Sr., 2007 Boland St., Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

I am collecting any type of old archery equipment, particularly old hunting points (broadheads). Anyone having these items should call collect at 316-221-2092 week days. Will keep them with my Masonic relics. You may also write to Dr. Phil L. Bradley, 915 Mansfield St., Winfield, Kansas 67156

I would like to purchase straight razors for my collection. I am especially interested in razors with fancy handles, engraved blades, or sets. Any assistance appreciated. F. J. Shelton III, Rt. 4 Box 29, Danville, KY 40422

I have for sale or trade one Knights Templar sash like new with emblems, 1 pair of Knights Templar leather wrist guards (light tan with 3 buttons trimmed with red stripe). 1 Knights Templar hat w/small bill, also 1 Knights Templar tam hat with silver strap and in center of tam — the lettering El Channan No. 28 in silver. Will consider best offer. Albert J. Jennings, 2410 Teakwood Manor Drive, Florissant, Missouri 63031 Ph (314) 838-7675
Winter comes to all sections of the United States, though not all experience snowfall. Here, the Arizona desert is "Snowbound," as in the article on page 9.