Brother Ed Wynn and others —
The Masons who make us laugh
EASTER: REFLECTION AND RENEWAL

In these weeks preceding Easter, the Christian world experiences contrasting thoughts and emotions. It is a time when we recall the painful sorrow of our Saviour’s last days as man. At the same instant, it is a season of personal joy and hope, for we know that as a result of His ignominious death, Christ overcame the bounds of mortal frailty, thus showing us the path to salvation. This seeming dichotomy of negative and positive is the mystery of Easter that awaits us each spring.

The season has always held special importance to Knights Templar, and the day is considered so significant in the Templar calendar that 55 years ago the Grand Encampment initiated an Easter Sunrise Memorial Service which would draw Masons from every corner of the nation. For more than a half century, the annual Sunrise Service was held at Arlington National Cemetery. More recently the site of our Easter pilgrimage has shifted to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on Shooter’s Hill, Alexandria, Virginia.

Our annual pilgrimage is a focal point in Templary. Sir Knights and their families who have attended in the past often return year after year. But it never ceases to surprise me that some — especially the younger Templars — are unaware of the Grand Encampment’s Easter Sunrise Service. If you are one of the “uninformed,” let me offer a few comments.

The Easter Sunrise Service permits us to conduct a public expression of our faith in Christ, a faith buoyed by our Masonic affiliations. Though sponsored fully by the Grand Encampment, under the direction of Sir Knight George M. Fulmer, Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Service Committee, it is nonetheless a public observance. It is nondenominational within the Christian context, and it rightly attracts young and old, Mason and non-Mason. It is a time when Templars share a common Christian commitment and one of the few times we may display that commitment to the world at large.

If you have never been involved in this grand Templar experience, then perhaps this is the year to end your procrastination. If you have participated in the past, then you know the beauty and impressiveness awaiting us all. Come or come again. Bring your spouse, your children, your parents, your friends.

I have attended the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service every year since 1966. Sunday, April 7, 1985, will mark the third and last Easter Service which I will join as Grand Master. I have heard the bands play and the choirs sing; I have been refreshed by the words of a long list of Grand Prelates who have brought the Easter message of Christ’s love. Believe me when I say I have never been disappointed. Please come and see for yourself.

Ned E. Dull

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MARCH: Though Easter is in April this year, the Most Eminent Grand Master offers us a message for March that speaks of Easter and its meaning in our lives. The Grand Encampment sponsors the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Information on this service was printed in the January Knight Templar. Along with our feature article on Masonic comedians are splendid articles by Sir Knight Walker and Sir Knight Thomas Rigas. Continuing tallies on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation’s 17th Voluntary Campaign, which concludes April 30, 1985, are featured on page 22.
Voluntary Campaign Dates: *Knight Templar Magazine* apologizes for the errors printed in the February *Editor's Journal* which incorrectly listed the ending date for the Voluntary Campaign. Contributions for the 17th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will be accepted through April 30, 1985. If this error brought to mind that the end of the campaign is fast approaching, it is — get those donations in before the campaign concludes on April 30!

**Triennial Conclave:** The Grand Encampment’s 56th Triennial Conclave is now five months away. The complete program, including ticket order forms for both voting and non-voting delegates is included in *Knight Templar Magazine* starting on page 25. The Triennial Conclave, which takes place August 10-14, 1985, is being held in Cincinnati, Ohio this year. Sir Knight Robert S. Schoedinger, Past Grand Commander, Ohio, is serving as Triennial Committee Chairman.

Voluntary Campaign Tallies: The 17th Annual Voluntary Campaign Tallies as of February 8 are listed on page 22. The correct ending date of the Voluntary Campaign is April 30, 1985, not April 1 as listed in the February *Knight Templar*. Information is available through your Commandery and at the conclusion of the campaign, detailed information about the funds raised will be printed in the magazine.

**Magazine Rates:** Although each Templar receives the twelve issues of *Knight Templar Magazine* by virtue of his Commandery membership, increasing costs — especially the constant increase in postage — have made it necessary to charge $3.00 per year for non-members of the Templar Order. Foreign air mailings, depending upon the destination, are based on actual cost — Mexico or Canada subscriptions are $7.00 per year and for any other place, $8.50 per year. This arrangement does not affect the widows of Templars. If desired and officially requested through Constituent Recorders, magazines, as in the past, are sent to widows of Knights Templar with the compliments of the Grand Encampment. In all instances, the present charge for non-members of the Grand Encampment will be honored for the duration of their subscriptions. After that term has expired, the cost will be $3.00 per year, foreign subscriptions will be charged as listed above.

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.

George Horace Lorimer
THE MASON'S WHO MAKE US LAUGH

by

Daniel M. Morgan, Assistant Editor

A small group of Brothers in the Masonic Fraternity have contributed to the world something intangible, very human, and quite simple. They are not quite statesmen and certainly not inventors or heroes (though in different ways could be considered all of these); they have given us something without which we would be very undernourished. These men, the comedians, provide us with one of the most simple and elementary things of importance in the world — a laugh.

Laughter, of course, has been around for ages — who knows how long — but we are keenly aware of the people who have brought laughter to us, in our time. We don’t commemorate (at least, not popularly) the comedians of centuries ago. The invention of radio, television and motion pictures has brought a few funny people to a great many in the vast media audience. In this, our age is different.

In recognizing the Masons who were or are famous comedians with large audiences, we leave out the many, many Masons who always have a light heart, a funny word or glance, and that we see and speak with every day; but that, certainly, is the nature of our time.

Masons such as Ed Wynn, Red Skelton, Harold Lloyd and Oliver Hardy have had a significant effect on our modern society. They have touched the world — in their own way — leaving their mark upon it.

Brother Ed Wynn, whose real name was Isaiah Edwin Leopold, brought his comedy to many different fields of the entertainment world. He was born on November 9, 1886, in Philadelphia, and started out in vaudeville, as did many performers of his day. He moved to the Broadway theatre in Ziegfield’s Follies in 1914. A very talented man, he wrote the music, lyrics, starred in and produced hits in the 1920s such as Ed Wynn’s Carnival (1920), and The Perfect Fool (1921). In 1932 he had an extremely popular radio show in which he portrayed a fire chief; at that time, he was known across the country as the Fire Chief.

Brother Wynn’s career was not as steady as some. He had periods of great popularity and waning popularity; but he had many remarkable
come-backs. His radio show in the 30s continued his popularity from the 20s; he starred on Broadway in 1940 in *Boys and Girls Together*, which marked his come-back with great acclaim. Wynn was in his seventies when he started a new career as a dramatic actor in the late 50s, with a role in *The Great Man* in 1957). He won acclaim and an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Walt Disney put him in many of his children’s films, including *The Absent-Minded Professor*, *Son of Flubber*, *That Darn Cat*, and most notably, *Mary Poppins*, where he sang the song, *I Love To Laugh*.

Brother Ed Wynn died on June 19, 1966, shortly after appearing on the Red Skelton television show (see photograph page 5).

Brother Harold Lloyd was mainly a physical comedian of the silent screen. He was the highest-paid actor during the 1920s. Well-known for his portrayal of a young man who sported round, horn-rimmed glasses, he was born on April 20, 1894, in Burchard, Nebraska, and began his motion picture career at the age of 19. When he met up with Hal Roach, who produced many of the comedies of that era, his career sky-rocketed. He eventually made 250 comedies, most of them silent pictures. He is very often pictured performing dare-devil stunts (see back cover), his trademark. In *Safety Last* (1923), he scaled a skyscraper — something which thrilled the audience more than amused them — but it became one of the top grossing movies of that year. Brother Lloyd’s phenomenal success made him incredibly wealthy. He made few pictures after 1938, though he did put together a documentary of his own films entitled *Harold Lloyd’s World of Comedy* in 1962.

Brother Lloyd was an active Mason. He was a Past Sovereign of Saint Gabriel Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Potentate of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple of Los Angeles in 1939, and in 1949 was elected Imperial Potentate for the A.A.O.N.M.S. He was initiated in Alexander Hamilton Lodge No. 535, Hollywood, California, in 1925, and was a member of both the York and Scottish


Brother Oliver Hardy was part of the hugely successful comedy team of Laurel and Hardy, who made many, many comedy films throughout the 20s, 30s and 40s. His film comedy is so identified with his partner Stan Laurel that it is difficult to picture him as a comedian alone. It was the relationship between Laurel and Hardy that was their comedy. Laurel’s incessant bumbling and Hardy’s long-suffering glances are irresistibly funny.

Brother Oliver Hardy was born in Georgia on January 18, 1892, and did appear in many films (though none of note), without his partner.

Brother Hardy was a member of Solomon Lodge No. 20 in Jacksonville, Florida, and was a frequent visitor at Hollywood and Mount Olive Lodges in California.

The most creative period for Laurel and Hardy was in the late 20s and early
30s in which they made the shorts Berth Marks, and The Perfect Day. Laughing Gravy, made in 1931, is one of their best. They began making feature-length films such as Sons of the Desert and Swiss Miss. After the 40s, their popularity declined and the comedy team broke up.

Brother Oliver Hardy died in 1957, on August 7. His contribution to the comedy team of Laurel and Hardy was re-discovered in the 60s when comedic anthologies were produced, including Laurel and Hardy’s Laughing Twenties, made in 1965.

Brother Emmett Kelly, the most famous clown with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, was a member of Sarasota Lodge No. 147, F. & A.M., in Sarasota, Florida. Brother Kelly, pictured below in character, became well-known as the “sad clown” that he portrayed. Named “Weary Willie,” this clown’s most well-known routine consisted of a broom and a spotlight. At the end of each circus show, Weary Willie first would attempt to catch the spotlight, and then swept it up with the broom.

Brother Kelly was born on December 9, 1898, in Sedan, Kansas. As his popularity grew, he appeared in movies such as The Fat Man (1951) and The Greatest Show On Earth (1952). He performed in night clubs with fellow Brother Red Skelton, a close friend.

Comedian and Brother Oliver Hardy (left) with his non-Masonic partner Laurel (right).

He started out as a cartoonist, and Weary Willie was originally a character in his drawings. He was attracted to the circus, however, and he joined Howes’ Great London Circus as a trapeze artist. In 1923 brought Weary Willie to life by dressing himself in Willie’s tattered garments and making himself up with a growth of beard and a bulbous nose. Frustration was the main theme in Willie’s act. In 1931 he joined the famous Hagenback-Wallace circus and concentrated on being a clown. After joining the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in 1942, his popularity grew and grew until he became the most famous American clown. His autobiography, Clown, was written by F. Beverly Kelly and published in 1954. Brother Emmett died in Sarasota, Florida, on March 28, 1979.

Other comedians who are Masons include Red Skelton, whose real name is Richard. Brother Red Skelton was raised in Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Vincennes, Indiana, in 1939. He is → →
a member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple in Los Angeles. He was born July 18, 1913, and became famous on Broadway and in such movies as I Dood It, and The Clown. His first radio program was “Red Skelton’s Scrapbook of Satire” which went on the air in 1942. He starred for many years on television in The Red Skelton Show.

In addition, Bud Abbott, of the comedy team of Abbott and Costello, popular during the 40s, was a Mason.

These Masons who have brought us joy and laughter through their comedy deserve recognition for giving us a part of themselves. This is the same part in ourselves without which we cannot live very fulfilled lives either in the Fraternity or in the world. After all, what is the world without the invigorating refreshment that laughter brings?

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History of the York Rite

Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, Past Grand Commander, North Carolina, is offering his book “The York Rite of Freemasonry – A History and Handbook” for sale once again. This is a book, which, according to Speidel, has sold 40,000 copies, being utilized by many progressive York Rite bodies for the education and expansion of their membership.

This book, reviewed in the April 1979 Knight Templar Magazine, contains four parts covering the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, with an Appendix included. The book has been specially printed and priced so that it can be sold in quantity orders at $1.00 a copy. Small quantity orders cannot be accepted, but small organizations may order their membership number, according to Sir Knight Speidel. The minimum order is 100 copies, and interested parties may inquire for more information by writing to Frederick G. Speidel, P.O. Box 17661, Raleigh, North Carolina 27619.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation
New Club Memberships

Grand Commander’s Club:

Alabama No. 9 — Donald S. Hopson
Alabama No. 10 — S. B. Matthews
Ohio No. 18 — Mark E. Dailey
Illinois No. 21 — Otto Wirz
Maryland No. 17 — Rebekah Turner Weir
Florida No. 19 — John Picciolo
Texas No. 53 — John L. Bright

Grand Master’s Club:

No. 575 — Mrs. Ann Logar (NV)
No. 576 — Walter E. Bell (CA)
No. 577 — Mrs. Martha Richardson (NC)
No. 578 — L. W. McCleary (CA)
No. 579 — Thomas C. Patterson (IN)

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.
ETHICS—EVERYBODY’S BUSINESS

by

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Evanston Commandery No. 58, Illinois

The dictionary defines ethics as "the study of standards of conduct and moral judgment." To be ethical is to act in obedience to valid moral precepts. The ethical man or woman is honest in all dealings with others and sensitive to the rights and the dignity of individual persons. He or she is guided by principles that inwardly command obedience.

Contemporary indifferences to traditions of right and wrong or good and evil have led to a renewed interest in ethics on the part of many who are aware that without individual integrity in politics and business, our free society is in jeopardy. If credibility is undermined by corruption, trust is eroded and faith in our institutions decays.

Essentially, our institutions are sound. It is people who are corrupt and dishonest. Institutions are imperiled by those who cheat and lie and so destroy the credibility of the institutions they serve. The national Congress and the State Legislatures are valid instruments of a free society, but their credibility as useful agents of society is threatened by individual members who are corrupt.

It is a significant omen of increasing ethical concern when full-page advertisements in major newspapers announce a campaign to make us aware of the threat to society—of the moral rot eating at the heart of our nation. The campaign, initiated by the Ethics Resource Center, is designed to challenge individuals to commit themselves to higher standards of moral conduct and to join in contributing to a fund to carry on the struggle for ethical revival.

People matter, especially when we stand in the grandeur of individual integrity for values on which the future hinges. Society hangs on a thread called integrity, and it surges with power and vitality when there is moral quality among the people."

The people, Lord, the people,
Not thrones, not crowns, but men
who dare to be honest and forthright.

The man whose word is as good as his bond is a vital source of social stability. The "square" who gives an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, and the merchant who gives fair value for honest coin are the brick and mortar of the life we share. The politician who is un purchasable is a mighty contributor to the fund of trust on which our life together depends.

In Robert Bolt's A Man for All Seasons, a play about the life of Sir Thomas More, More's contemporaries could not understand his refusal to knuckle under to Henry VIII and condone the king's divorce and remarriage. What one character called More's "saintliness" seemed unrealistic in the light of the obvious realities. Young Roper, urging More to be sensible, was brought up short when More remarked, "You see, we speak of being anchored to our → → →
principles. But if the weather turns nasty, you up anchor and let it down where there is less wind and the fishing's better. But," More went on, "I'm anchored to my principles."

Men like Sir Thomas More stand tall above the murk and fog of a permissive society without ethical anchors. They are the unpurchasable who honor the marts of trade and give dignity and credibility to the halls of Congress. They know with Thomas Jefferson that a free society is dependent on men and women of "virtue and talents" who dare to stand against the tide of corruption and dishonesty in human affairs.

If there are enough of us who are honest, fair and forthright, who will not cheat or lie, we can reverse the tide that is flowing against the great traditions of honesty, industry and integrity that represent our inheritance. The plea of the Ethical Resource Center is sound and clear:

We ask every American to join us, one way or another, in this enormously important task, to make America honest enough to be free.

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

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do.

James M. Barrie

An Arlington Commandery Tradition

Sir Knight Joe R. Harris, Past Grand Commander, Virginia, and a member of Arlington Commandery No. 29, Arlington, Virginia, started a tradition a few years ago, according to Sir Knight John R. Wigglesworth, Jr., Past Commander of Arlington Commandery No. 29, for the Sir Knights of his Commandery to deposit contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation on the altar during the Christmas service.

This year, the total amount of checks deposited was $4,035.00. Once again, this has enabled Arlington Commandery to reach their goal of 100% Life Sponsorship. The 330 members of Arlington Commandery No. 29 are proud of this tradition, says Sir Knight Wigglesworth, "as well as proud of the service the Knights Templar Eye Foundation provides to those who are less fortunate than us."

Knight Templar Filing

The office of the Grand Encampment offers for sale plastic collapsible "cut-corner" files for those who wish to have a method of filing back issues of Knight Templar Magazine.

The files are a quality product — sturdy and durable. They are colored blue and measure 8½ by 2½ by 6 inches.

Each file will comfortably accommodate up to thirty-six copies — a three-year supply. A clear plastic slot for an identification label is located across the spine of the file.

These files are shipped flat for snap-up construction upon receipt. The non- scratch files are available from the Grand Encampment office for $3.50 each, postpaid.

These files may be obtained by writing the Grand Recorder, Suite 1700, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604-2293.

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THE CHICAGO ANTI-WAR RALLY OF 1940

by
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Brother Charles A. Lindbergh was the main speaker at the anti-war rally in Chicago’s Soldier Field on August 4, 1940, when the “Lone Eagle” urged the U.S.A. to stay out of the war.

Brother Avery Brundage, a millionaire Chicago businessman and head of the U.S. Olympic Committee, was chairman for the event known as the “Keep America Out of War Rally,” where Colonel Lindbergh advised that Americans should abstain from participation in the European conflict — which later resulted in World War II.

Scheduled to speak with Brother Lindbergh but forced to cancel because of a foot infection was Brother and Lieutenant Colonel Bennett Champs Clark, then a U.S. Senator from Missouri and one of the original founders of the American Legion.

Brother “Lindy,” who flew the Atlantic Ocean alone in 1927 and electrified the populations of two continents, took the rostrum to address more than 35,000 gathered that day in Soldier Field. His speech was broadcast nationally, as had been two of his earlier anti-war appeals.

Brother Lindbergh’s position calling for non-intervention in the war in Europe, then not yet a year old, was in sharp contrast to that of Brother and General John J. Pershing, former commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Force in Europe in World War I. Pershing wanted America to give Britain 50 Destroyers.

It was hero against hero as Brother and President Roosevelt’s administration pushed for intervention while a host of service organizations and private citizens resisted it. Brother “Lindy’s” Soldier Field appearance was a case in point. It was organized by the Cook County Veterans of Foreign Wars and eventually earned the support of 300 groups, from the National League of American Mothers to the Epworth League, a Methodist Episcopal church organization.

Brother Lindbergh supported non-intervention in Europe.

Brothers Lindbergh and Brundage were severely criticized for their anti-war stance. Lindbergh had been accused by U.S. Senator Key Pittman, a Democrat from Nevada who was chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of “fooling with politics in a national emergency.” After his speech in Chicago, Lindbergh was described by another Democrat, Senator and Brother Claude Pepper of Florida, as “the chief of the fifth column” (subversive groups) in the U.S.A.

On the day of the Chicago speech, Captain Thomas Ambrosse,
the 91-year-old national adjutant of the Civil War veterans’ Grand Army of the Republic, spoke in support of Lindbergh’s anti-draft position.

A Chicago lawyer named Bernard Cummings tried to seek an injunction to stop the event on park property due to its controversial nature, but the injunction was not granted. “It is not the function of this court to anticipate that laws will be violated,” said Judge Denis Normoyele. “Colonel Lindbergh and Senator Clark are distinguished men who have the right to express their views in public.”

And so Brother “Lindy” did, spelling out his view of a postwar Europe possibly dominated by a victorious Germany which the U.S.A. would have to get along with. The U.S.A. should keep its guard up but not succumb to war “hysteria” as communicated in newspaper cartoons showing that the Atlantic Ocean was no bigger than the English Channel.

Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois, a Democrat, responded on radio, saying he was “shocked by Colonel Lindbergh’s attitude of complacency toward Adolf Hitler.” Illinois Republican senatorial candidate Wayland Brooks defended Brother “Lindy,” saying that “every liberty-loving American” should be grateful for his “timely warnings” not to meddle in European matters.

Brother Lindbergh stayed with his non-interventionist position until the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor when he called for American unity against Axis powers and volunteered for active military duty. He served as a civilian aide to the Army Air Force, flew 50 combat missions, and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and many other honors for his supportive military service. He died of cancer in 1974. He was a member of Keystone Lodge No. 243 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Brother Brundage went on to become the first non-European president of the International Olympic Committee and never concealed his attitude towards war.

Miss Wisconsin Job’s Daughter

Mrs Martin Callaway, Guardian of Bethel No. 27, La Crosse, Wisconsin, writes, “La Crosse Commandery No. 9 supports their DeMolay and Job’s Daughters in various ways. The most recent was inviting Miss LoAnn Stinson, the Honored Queen of Bethel No. 7, La Crosse, and her parents, to be special guests at their Christmas Observance dinner. LoAnn is also the Miss Wisconsin Job’s Daughter and is the first Job’s Daughter from the La Crosse area to hold this state title. She was commended by the Commandery for her outstanding leadership in the Bethel, her many contributions to the International Order of Job’s Daughters and the honor which she has brought to all of us locally. LoAnn was presented with a check from the Commandery by Commander Alex Winslow (pictured above) to be used in her Bethel.”

He repeatedly stated in public speeches that for him peace was an integral part of the Olympic idea. He regarded wars useless and the expenditures of money on armaments and warlike activities senseless. He died in West Germany in 1975 at the age of 88. He was a member of North Shore Lodge No. 937 in Chicago, Illinois.

Sir Knight Rigas lives at 2600 West Farwell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60645.
150th Anniversary Coin

San Felipe de Austin Commandery No. 1, Galveston, Texas, has issued a commemorative coin enamelled in red, white, and blue colors honoring the 150th Anniversary of the Commandery. The coin, pictured below, may be ordered for $6.00 each, postpaid, from Sir Knight Howard M. Purkaple, Jr., P.O. Box 368, Texas City, Texas 77592-0368.

The charter for this Commandery was issued by the Grand Encampment on December 10, 1835, A.O. 717, to Sir Knights Samuel M. Williams, James C. Miller, and other Sir Knights from Texas and Mexico. Sir Knight Samuel M. Williams was installed Commander on December 26, 1835.

Fisher Elected Commander

Sir Knight LeRoy A. Fisher of Denison, Texas, has been elected Commander of Denison Commandery No. 24, Knights Templar. Fisher is a member of Billie Mosse Lodge No. 1152, A.F. & A.M., and a member of Lone Star Lodge No. 403, A.F. & A.M., where he is chaplain. He is the present High Priest of Denison Chapter No. 138, Royal Arch Masons, and Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work of Denison Council No. 83, Royal and Select Masters. Sir Knight Fisher is also a member of Texas York Rite College No. 14, Waco. He is a member of Scottish Rite in Dallas and president of Grayson County Scottish Rite. Fisher is a member of Hella Temple Shrine in Dallas, North Texas Shrine Club, Big D Stable of Camel Herdsmen and Gate City Chapter No. 77, O.E.S. He is employed by the City of Denison.

Bogan Named to IMMC Board of Trustees

Sir Knight Ralph A. L. Bogan, Jr., Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of National Security Bank of Chicago, has been named to the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois.

A resident of Chicago, Sir Knight Bogan graduated from Dartmouth College and did post-graduate work at Northwestern University, Wharton School of Finance, and Harvard Business School. Sir Knight Bogan, a member of Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois, also serves as Chairman and Director of Atlanta/LaSalle Corporation, Chairman of the Board of Northwest Financial Corporation, and Director of OEA, Inc.
McKinley Birthday Observed

A hearty turnout braved wintry weather on Saturday, January 26, 1985, to commemorate the 142nd birthday of President and Brother William B. McKinley. The birthday anniversary was on January 29. This annual tribute is conducted on the steps of the nearby McKinley Monument.

The ceremonies were moved inside the McKinley Museum due to the weather. U.S. Rep. Ralph Regula, R-Navarre, reminded the gathering that McKinley the country's 25th president, once said, "Our real eminence lies not in our victories in war but in our victories in peace."

"He was a fine statesman and a patriot," Regula continued. "But more than that, he was a man of faith. His last words were, 'It is God's way; His will, not ours, be done.'"

Attending as a presidential emissary was Colonel John J. Binder, who participated in the traditional presentation of wreaths at the monuments with Commander Robert Steffy of the Canton Veterans Council, National Commander Fred Davis of the Army and Navy Union, Commander Jim Hampe of V.F.W. Post 693 and Commander Chuck Hollis of V.F.W. Post 3747.

Speakers included Stark County Commissioner Jerry Patrick and Mayor Sam Purses.

On Friday, some 70 members of the Canton Commandery No. 38 and William McKinley Lodge No. 431 held a memorial service in the monument. Members read a scroll written when McKinley became a Mason in 1865.

50-Year Membership Pins

St. John's Lodge No. 113, A.F. & A.M., of Kansas, presented two 50-year pins on February 6, 1984, at Concordia, Kansas. The 50-year pin recipients were J. Chester Tibbits of Salina, Kansas, and Senator Frank Carlson, of Concordia, Kansas.

The evening began with a banquet in the Lodge dining room prepared by Assembly No. 216, S.O.O.B. Don E. Robinett, Master of the Lodge, served as Master of Ceremonies.

The 50-year pin recipients were presented and following some introductory remarks by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard A. Porter, Kansas.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, as reported in the official publication of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Kansas, gave a short talk on the application and value of the tenets of Freemasonry in the computer age, and noted that the organizations, taken together, currently dedicate more than $1,250,000.00, per day to philanthropic endeavors and are thus the greatest philanthropy known to mankind.

Brother Tibbits and Senator Carlson were presented with appropriately engraved desk sets commemorating the occasion by Worshipful Master Don E. Robinett, as gifts of the Lodge. Worshipful Master Robinett also presented Senator Carlson with a personal letter from the President of the United States. Brother Tibbits was raised to the Third Degree of Masonry on March 3, 1927, and Brother Carlson June 4, 1934.
The Grand Encampment-sponsored trip to Hawaii began on Wednesday, January 16, 1985, for seven days and seven nights on the pacific island of Oahu in the city of Honolulu. The Pacific Beach Hotel, right on Waikiki Beach, set the scene for this one-week vacation trip. Templars on the trip were from all over the country, including North Carolina, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and New Jersey, among others. Sir Knight W. Boyd Sibold, Aide to the Grand Master, served as the Grand Master’s Representative for the Pearl Harbor Memorial Service.

This service was held on Sunday, January 20, 1985, in the pavilion at Pearl Harbor. The day began at the hotel where those attending the service gathered in the hotel for coffee and rolls at 6:30 a.m. and boarded the bus at 7:00 a.m. The service was held at the west end of the pavilion with a cross and a wreath of flowers. Chaplain (Captain) William C. Glaser, stationed in Hawaii, conducted the service which began at 8:00 a.m. (pictured at left with Sir Knight Sibold at left and Chaplain Glaser at the right). His message was based on the meaning of life and death. The service was concluded at 8:30 a.m. with the playing of taps by Lance Corporal Raymond Williams. At the actual memorial site, located in Pearl Harbor above the U.S.S. Arizona, eight Sir Knights from Honolulu Commandery No. 1 helped form lines where Sir Knight and Grand Master’s Aide W. Boyd Sibold presented the cross of flowers and placed them at the site. After a brunch at the Tripler Officer’s Club, the group then proceeded to the Punchbowl to present a wreath at the National Memorial Cemetery located there. A picture of the group was taken on the steps of the National Memorial Cemetery (pictured top right). The Most Eminent Grand Master Ned E. Dull and his wife Margaret, along with Sir Knight Max L. Clark, East Central Department Commander, and his wife Lusina, caught up with the group on Monday, January 21. The Most Eminent Grand Master had been attending the Southeastern York Rite Conference, which had taken place in Cypress Gardens, Florida, the same weekend as the memorial service at Pearl Harbor. Most Eminent Grand Master Dull is pictured at right along with East Central Department Commander Clark and their ladies as they visited Naalehu, located at the southern tip of the big island of Hawaii.
Silver Anniversary for Moreno Lodge

Moreno Valley Lodge No. 804, F. & A.M., California, has entered its twenty-fifth anniversary year. To commemorate this event, the Lodge commissioned the Harry Klitzner Co. to strike a coin appropriate for the occasion. The coin was cast with an increased thickness to enhance the quality of the reproduction. The front face of the coin identifies the Lodge and displays meaningful symbols of the Craft, while the obverse shows the geographical location and the commemorative information. The coin is one and one-half inches in diameter and is finished in antique bronze. It is of interest to note that the coin shows the location as Sunnymead, California; however, by a vote of the people, the area was incorporated and on the third of December 1984 it officially became the city of Moreno Valley, Riverside County's second largest city. According to Wayne L. Schooler, P.M. and Secretary, “We would like to share our joy of celebration by offering our coin for order by mail along with a hearty invitation to visit us whenever a Brother finds himself in the Southern California area.”

Mail orders may be sent to: Moreno Valley Lodge No. 804, F. & A.M., P.O. Box 444, Sunnymead, California 92388-0444.

Knight Named DeMolay of the Year

The International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, on January 20, 1985, named Brother Michael Patrick Knight as the International DeMolay of the Year for 1984. Brother Knight is the son of Mr and Mrs William G. Knight of Lansing, Illinois. Sir Knight William G. Knight is currently serving as Generalissimo of Chicago Heights Commandery No. 78.

Competition for this distinction included outstanding young men from throughout the United States and several foreign countries. The selection of Brother Knight was based upon his achievements in all areas of endeavor — DeMolay, community, school, church and home. His record of service, according to the Supreme Council, is “truly exemplary of the precepts and ideals of the Order of DeMolay.”

Brother Knight will be honored at the 66th Annual Session of the International Supreme Council in Seattle, Washington, on May 15. He will address the members of the International Supreme Council at the Grand Master's Banquet and will receive appropriate recognition at that time as the International DeMolay of the Year for 1984. Brother Michael Knight presently holds the office of Master Councillor of the DeMolay Association of Northern Illinois and is the National Chairman of the National Law Enforcement Explorer Committee. A member of Stanley Garrity Chapter, he is a student at Thornton Community College.
Minneapolis S.O.O.B.

Mrs. Mary Jane Behning was installed on December 15, 1984, as the new worthy president for 1985 of the Social Order of the Beauceant, Minneapolis Assembly No. 46. Sir Knight John L. Simons, Pilgrim Commandery No 3, New Mexico, and Illustrious Potentate of Ballut Abyad Temple of New Mexico, brother of the newly installed leader, presented a silver gavel in the spirit of the greatness of the Masonic family. Using the latter as a central emphasis during the past 12 months, Sir Knight Simons, in his address to the group, cited the fact that without a deep respect, willingness to work together, and strength of united service, Masonry cannot go forward. Accompanying both of these leaders was Sir Knight Michael Simons, another brother, who is a member of the Minneapolis York Rite bodies. In attendance was Sir Knight Leonard G. Mathison, Grand Commander, Minnesota.

In the picture above, from left to right, are Sir Knight and Dr. John L. Simons, Mrs Mary Jane Behning, worthy president, Beauceant Assembly No. 46, and Sir Knight Michael C. Simons.

Oklahoma Indian Outdoor Degree

For the second time on the West coast, the Oklahoma Indian Degree Team will portray their Third Degree “in their own inimitable style” on Saturday, August 24, 1985, in Redding, California.

The thirteen members of Creek, Cherokee, Oneida and Saskatchewan tribes include eleven Past Masters and one past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, and the team’s director is also the Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

The team, first organized in 1955, has portrayed degrees in Iowa, Colorado, New Mexico for the annual Carlsbad Caverns meeting, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Illinois, Georgia, Florida, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Brea, California with 2,200 in the audience.

Reading Lodge No. 254 of Redding, California, are bringing this group to their area with a barbeque starting the festivities around 3 p.m. with the degree following at 6:30 p.m. Reading Lodge No. 254 hopes to assemble some three thousand Master Masons for this historic degree.

Tickets for this degree may be ordered from Mike Sanders, Oklahoma Indian Outdoor Degree Committee, P.O. Box 437, Palo Cedro, California 96073 at a donation of $21.00 each. Cut-off date for ticket sales is March 30, 1985, after which orders will be honored only if space is available. Tickets will not be sold at the event. Only the first 2000 tickets sold will be guaranteed seats at the alternate rain site in case of rain. In that case, the first 2000 tickets will be given seats, and all others will have to stand and observe the degree by closed circuit television or receive a refund.
Sir Knight Charles J. Wilson

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, A.F. & A.M., of Minnesota, Charles J. Wilson, died on January 23, 1985, as the result of an automobile accident near Glencoe, Minnesota.

Visitation for Sir Knight Charles J. Wilson, a member of Hutchinson Commandery No. 40, Hutchinson, Minnesota, was held on Thursday, January 24 and Friday, January 25. The Masonic Memorial Service was held at 7:30 p.m. that Friday evening.

A funeral service was conducted at the Philip Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Minnesota, on Saturday, January 26.

Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects. — Will Rogers

The Great Smoky Summer Assembly

At an altitude of 4,522 feet, in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, York Rite Masons from practically every state and several countries have gathered over the years to hear outstanding speakers at the Masonic Shrine. The pilgrimage to the shrine marker is a highlight of the Great Smoky Mountain Summer Assembly, begun in 1935 at Waynesville, North Carolina. Originally a Grand Council function, North Carolina’s York Rite unity manifests itself — the meeting is now a joint venture with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. The bodies alternate the privilege of presiding.

A divine service, an ice cream social, introduction of distinguished guests, short addresses by keynote speakers, a question and discussion period, an annual banquet, aims and concerns of the three general grand bodies, sightseeing, shopping trips and coffee for the ladies, plus unparalleled fellowship are but a portion of this gathering.

The fiftieth consecutive Summer Assembly will be held July 14-16, 1985, and plans are well under way to assure that this will be an outstanding and memorable event. Two coins are being struck in commemoration of this anniversary, one in bronze, the other in silver. The emblems of the Blue Lodge and the three York Rite bodies will be on the face with the Masonic marker depicted on the reverse. The coins are available from the Grand Secretary-Recorder, Masonic Temple, 80 Broadway, Asheville, North Carolina 28801, at a cost of $5.50 for the bronze, including handling and postage, and $31.00 for the silver which includes postage, handling and insurance.

According to Robert Kraus of the Great Smoky Summer Assembly Committee, several motels in the area are already filled for the 1985 assembly. Those interested may contact Kolen Flack at the above address for reservations. In addition, says Sir Knight Kraus, “be a part of ‘history-in-the-making’ by attending this Fiftieth Anniversary celebration!”
Jean Paul Marat was born in Boudry, Neuchatel, was the oldest of six children, and left home at the age of 16. He is said to have studied medicine at the University of Bordeaux, but it remains vague as to how and where he obtained his medical degree. Settling in England at the age of 25 years, his early interests included writing. He wrote two essays, “The Human Soul” and “Philosophical Essay on Man.” His basic premise was the duality of the body and soul — evidently early on he was a man with a healthy respect for religion. He later served in the French Parliament (1774) and wrote The Chains of Slavery. He also wrote treatises in medicine, but those were not approved by the French Academy of Medicine. The group was the sine qua non of medical talent. His rejection by this prestigious group led to bitterness, but historians have looked upon him as a charlatan in both medicine and science. His Chains of Slavery was an acrimonious attack against all monarchs. He believed there should be but one religious sect in a state, and this should be linked with the political organization of the state.

In spite of this, Brother Marat lived in the age of enlightenment during the great accomplishments of Newton, Locke, Montesquieu, Voltaire, and Rousseau, among others. His treatise, Chains of Slavery, was the partial basis for the political and bloody French Revolution. He eventually attacked religion because he felt it counterbalanced despotism. However, as a logical consequence of his belief in the sovereignty of the people came his sympathy for the poor and needy. Perhaps this was a virtue that he acquired from the Craft.

Jean Paul Marat was made a Mason in England; the Grand Lodge certificate of his membership was issued on July 15, 1774. He later became a member of the Loge la Bien Aimee at Amsterdam, Holland.

Dr. Marat had a profoundly suspicious nature that made it difficult for him to credit any opponent to his views with honest and sincere intentions. He attempted to reach social and political heights but to no avail. As an example, he frequently wrote to Brother Frederick the Great (The Second), but all of his...
letters were ignored. (Jean Paul Marat played off St. Augustine who said, "Lord, grant me chastity and restraint, but not yet.")

In anger and frustration, Marat turned from the healing arts to the foisting of conquests of new worlds and devoting himself to the bloody French Revolution. Although it is risky to understand an eighteenth century person in the light of twentieth century thinking, this terrible conflict and its attendant rage might well have led to Dr. Marat's eczema. This terrible generalized skin disease led to intense itching and necessitated long hours in vinegar baths. This offered no cure but only relief. It was in the bath that Charlotte Corday trapped Dr. Marat and sank a long knife into his chest. (Brother Marat had destroyed Charlotte Corday's relatives.)

Dr. Marat's flirtation with political intrigue and the horrors of death by the guillotine led him, like a frightened fox, to his long periods of hiding, most usually in England. He looked upon his new-found challenge like this:

At the outbreak of the revolution, wearied by the persecutions that I had experienced at the hand of the French Academy of Science, I eagerly embraced the occasion that presented itself of defeating my oppressors and attaining my proper position. . . . Strongly convinced of the absolute perversity of the supporters of the old regime and the enemies of liberty, I felt nothing could be obtained from them except by force.

Marat time and again urged popular executions. He called for a preposterously large number of beheadings, varying from 500 to 100,000, with 500,000 suggested as a possibility.

Eleven months ago five hundred heads would have sufficed; today fifty thousand would be necessary; perhaps five hundred thousand will fall before the end of the year. France will have been flooded with blood. . . .

Charlotte Corday gained access to Marat's quarters and presented him with the names of alleged counter-revolutionists.

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She rose; the interview was over; she had gorged Marat with names of men she honored and trusted. At last (Marat) stopped, raised his head: "Good," he exclaimed, "we'll soon have them all guillotined in Paris."

With these words, death took him. Charlotte had seized her knife and in one straight, unflinching blow, "with all the power of her virgin soul," had struck deep into the naked breast. Marat cried out chokingly, A moi, ma bonne amie, a moi. (To me, my good friend, to me!) He died almost instantly.

Albert Einstein said, "The existence and validity of human rights are not written in the stars. . . . They have been conceived and taught by enlightened individuals. They have resulted from the craving for beauty and harmony, have been readily accepted by most men, and regrettably, they have been trampled upon by people under the pressure of primitive instincts. This struggle is one in which a final victory is never won. But to tire in this struggle would mean the ruin of society." Not all men are of equal mark or measure. The single most unique mark of mankind is his need for a belief and for an ideal deity. Brother Francis Marie Arouet de Voltaire stated, "If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him."
What mode of man directs him from the great and highly appetizing beauty of life, of nature, of friendship, and of goodness is similarly mystifying. Why mankind perverts the morality of goodness of our Supreme Being to lesser and patulous gods similarly remains a mystery.

Our Craft offers many lessons in life, symbols of goodness, tomes of great wisdom, opportunities for fraternity, charity, faith, hope, and cogent rules by which to live. The lessons of Masonry can only be offered and not forced. Therefore, the burning desire for the Craft must originate from the very depths of the psyche. It must pervade and prevail, else it is lost in the menage of man’s desire for existence.

When we arrive in this world, no one has promised us a rose garden. Should we find such, we will also find the sharp thorns of rose stalks. Even here goes great opportunity for beauty and fragrance, but we must pick and choose to avoid the thickets and morass of life’s barbs. In truth, all of life is a similar equity—a constant struggle from without and within of good versus evil.

Sir Knight Irving L. Lasky, M.D., 33°, lives at 11920 Dorothy Street, Los Angeles, California 90049.

Holy Land Pilgrim

The Grand Commandery of Wisconsin sponsored The Reverend David R. Worm of the Onalaska United Methodist Church on a religious pilgrimage to the Holy Land in conjunction with the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. He is also sponsored by La Crosse Commandery No. 9, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Reverend Worm followed an itinerary especially designed for Christian ministers and visited biblical sites such as the birthplace of Jesus and the Garden of Gethsemane.

Reverend Worm joined other ministers at the New York Airport where they departed on Monday, February 18 and returned Thursday, February 28.

Pictured above from left to right are Sir Knight Alex Winslow, Commander, La Crosse No. 9, Sir Knight Franklin Neumann, Past Grand Commander, Wisconsin, Pastor David R. Worm, Sir Knight Harold Ludeman, Grand Captain General, Wisconsin, and Sir Knight Paul Hersh, Generalissimo, La Crosse No. 9.
Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending February 8, 1985. Currently in first place is Texas with a total of $67,831.70; the miscellaneous category is currently 2nd, and Georgia ranks 3rd.

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La Crosse Assembly No. 215, S.O.O.B.

A fire in the Masonic Temple at La Crosse, Wisconsin, in May destroyed all of the paraphernalia of the Beauceant Assembly; however, it didn’t keep these Beauceant sisters idle very long, reports Mrs Martin Callaway, Guardian of Bethel No. 27, La Crosse, in a letter to the Editor, “They are deeply grateful for the paraphernalia sent from Ponca City Assembly and were pleased to initiate Mrs Jeffrey Wing into the order at their meeting.” Other activities included the baking of cookies for the Veterans Home and also gifts for each for Veteran’s Day. Contributions were received for the renovation of the Statue of Liberty as well as one for the little town of Barneveld, which was destroyed by a tornado. The annual Christmas party with the Sir Knights, along with the official visit of Mrs Mihal, Supreme Worthy President, helped Mrs Wesley Denny, Worthy President, “end her year with a feeling of happiness and accomplishment.”

Wyoming, ............................ 754.31
St. John’s No. 1, ...........................
Wilmington, Delaware .................. 30.00
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks, Alaska ...... 75.00
Porto Rico No. 1, Puerto Rico .......... 473.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska ................ 1,130.00
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Dover, Delaware ....................... 180.00
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The title of this article happens to be one of the most misused and abused statements in our Fraternity.

Supposedly, it gives the Brethren a legal and an easy excuse for failing to attend Lodge meetings. It gives some members the excuse they need to stay home and watch TV or to attend other functions that may not even be of much interest, but to attend them nonetheless because some friends might want them along.

Of course, other Brethren may simply say, "I don't feel like going to Lodge tonight."

When the obligation of membership was taken, this statement pertained to illness or to such occurrences as one's employment, family involvement, matters of distress, and many others too numerous to mention. But for some, after a certain period of time, the meaning of that statement assumes a much broader and more liberal meaning.

How many times have you attended a Lodge meeting and seen the same Brethren there? Many times, no doubt. If it were not for these stalwarts in many of the Lodges across the country, where would Masonry be today?

When approached to go to a Lodge meeting, many of our Brothers who habitually do not attend say, "Oh, I haven't the time to go through the chairs" and "it is not necessary to go to a meeting just to sit by the side and watch."

But, in fact, it is those members on the sidelines that make the Lodge. Without them, the Lodge officers may as well stay at home also.

A candidate receiving the Degrees and Orders does not just want to see a few officers. He expects to see a Lodge that is made up of many good and worthy fellows. But how many of us have declined attendance at a conferral of the Degrees with the excuse, "Well, I don't know the candidate, so I'm not going tonight"?

Just stop and think back, Brethren, to the day that you were brought from darkness to true Masonic light. You saw your Brethren on the sidelines, and it really made you proud to be counted in their number. And the same is true of new candidates coming in.

Many members use the excuse that Lodge meetings are simply "the same thing over and over again." No, my Brothers; it is not or should not be "the same thing". Every day, every year that goes by, the Masonic Culture Chairman can inform you on new changes made by your Grand Lodge, and the Lodge Secretary is continuously reading communications from Grand Lodge.

What is the reason for our apathy? Hopefully, it is not because of a loss of interest in Masonry or its precepts. Rather, in many cases, it seems that once a Brother is Raised, he feels he has already achieved his "goal" in Blue Lodge Masonry and that he can now devote time to his own personal gain.

These examples pertain not only to the sideline members but also to a great many Past Masters. All too many feel that once they have finished going through the chairs, their part is finished and it is time to "let someone else do the job now." Of course, these Past Masters are
needed just as much if not more so because of the knowledge they have acquired en route to the East.

Let me end, Brethren, with a few words of encouragement: Attend your Lodge meetings — as many and as often as you possibly can. Let your fellow members know who you are and that you care about the Craft and are proud of the role you play in this most noble of endeavors.

Sir Knight Washkevich is Past Master of Lake Lodge No. 434 in Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania. His address is Box 1110, RD No. 1, Fredonia, Pennsylvania 16124.

The most agreeable of all companions is a simple, frank person, without any high pretensions to an oppressive greatness — one who loves life, and understands the use of it; obliging alike at all hours; above all, of a golden temper, and steadfast as an anchor. For such an one we gladly exchange the greatest genius, the most brilliant wit, the profoundest thinker.

Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

DeMolay International Re-establishes Alumni Association

The Order of DeMolay has re-established the International DeMolay Alumni Association. The original International DeMolay Alumni Association was founded by the Grand Council (now the International Supreme Council) at the 1928 session.

Dad Frank S. Land, speaking at the 1928 session regarding the alumni association, said, “I think we have all realized and regretted the loss the Order has incurred in the large number of boys who have annually retired because of having reached the age of twenty-one years.”

In a 1930-31 pamphlet by the International Alumni Association Dad Land said, “The Alumni membership’s attitude toward the order shall be one of helpfulness and service. Members of the Alumni are willing to help, when called upon, in any DeMolay activity. Above all else, the Alumni are intended to maintain interest of the former DeMolays in the ideals for which the order stands, to renew their contact with former brothers “who breathe a common air and catch light and heat from each other’s thoughts.”

The purpose of the association as stated in the bylaws is to promote the fellowship and comradeship of former DeMolays, recognize the success of Senior DeMolays in leadership roles in their communities and to develop a strong support group for the continued growth of DeMolay International.

All Senior DeMolays are eligible for membership. Friends who are not Senior DeMolays but over the age of 21 are eligible for Associate membership. Membership fees are a minimum of $100 for lifetime membership, unless the applicant is less than 25 years old. For them, lifetime membership will cost $40. Charter lifetime membership is available to the first 10,000 who enroll in the Association.

Application for lifetime membership in the International DeMolay Alumni Association may be made by writing to James Bratton, Exec. Dir., DeMolay Int’l, 1805 Grand Ave., Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64108-1815, (816) 471-8333.
56TH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.
August 10-14, 1985 in Cincinnati, Ohio

The Hyatt Regency and Netherland Plaza Hotels in Cincinnati, Ohio, will serve as Co-Headquarters for the 56th Triennial Conclave which starts Saturday, August 10, 1985, and concludes Wednesday, August 14, 1985.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Placing your order for tickets with the committee before July 15 will minimize delay and confusion when you arrive in Cincinnati. You may use the Order Form in this program to make advance reservations. Make your check or money order payable to “56th Triennial Conclave, Inc.” PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH!

When you arrive in Cincinnati, your packet of tickets, badge, program, and other materials will be ready for you at the Registration Area in the Continental Room at the Netherland Plaza Hotel.

To save time on arrival, it is recommended that the appropriate form shown on page 27 be used for activities reservation. Mail the form to Sir Knight George R. Fitez, Masonic Temple, 34th North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

For Housing Information, write to the Housing Bureau, Greater Cincinnati Convention & Visitors Bureau, 200 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

PROGRAM

(All Events are scheduled on Eastern Daylight Time.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1985
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — Registration for all visiting Sir Knights and Ladies at the Netherland Plaza Hotel.
Meetings as scheduled. Drill Team Judges will meet at 12:30; Drill Team Captains meet at 4:00.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 (continued)
6:30 p.m. — Ohio Dinner at the Netherland Plaza Hall of Mirrors. (Reservations required.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1985
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — Registration for all visiting Sir Knights and Ladies at the Netherland Plaza Hotel.
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Drill Team Competition, Center Bay of the Convention Center.
7:30 p.m. — Parade and Review of all Drill Teams, followed by Exhibition Drill of Detroit Commandery No. 1 and presentation of Drill Team awards—all to be held in the Center Bay of the Convention Center. Tickets for each registered Sir Knight and Lady will be included in the Registration Packet. (Additional tickets will be available at the Registration Area.)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1985
8:00 a.m. — Beauchante Breakfast at Netherland Plaza Hotel — Pavillon. (All Ladies are invited; tickets required.) Texas Breakfast will be held at the Netherland Plaza Hotel.
10:00 a.m. — Divine Service at the Hyatt Hotel Main Ballroom under the direction of The Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, K.T., U.S.A. Detroit Drill Team Brunch will follow Divine Service.
Noon to 4:00 p.m. — Registration of all visiting Sir Knights and Ladies at the Netherland Plaza Hotel.
5:00 p.m. — 45′ers Social Hour and Dinner at the Hyatt Hotel.
5:30 p.m. — Mutual Guild Meeting at the Netherland Plaza Hotel. Dinner to follow.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 (continued)
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. — Reception of Grand Master Ned E. Dull at the Netherland Plaza in the Pavillon-Caprice Ballroom (by ticket only).

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1985
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — Registration for all visiting Sir Knights and Ladies at the Netherland Plaza in the Continental Room.
9:00 to noon — Convening of the Grand Encampment, including Reception of Grand Officers and Distinguished Guests in the Hyatt Main Ballroom. (Ladies invited.)
Noon (12:00 p.m.) — Ladies Luncheon and entertainment (by advance reservation; tickets are $12.50) in the Netherland Plaza Pavillon-Caprice Ballroom.
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Grand Encampment Session reconvenes in the Hyatt Main Ballroom.
Evening Reserved for State Dinners and Special Functions.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1985
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — Registration for all visiting Sir Knights and Ladies at the Netherland Plaza Hotel.
9:00 a.m. to Noon — Grand Encampment Session; Election of Officers. Held in the Hyatt Main Ballroom.
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Grand Encampment Session reconvenes in the Hyatt Main Ballroom.
7:00 p.m. — Grand Master’s Banquet in the Convention Center, North Room. (By advance registration ticket — $25.00.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1985
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. — Grand Encampment Session; conclusion of business in the Hyatt Main Ballroom.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 (continued)
11:00 a.m. — Open Installation of Grand Officers in the Hyatt Main Ballroom.

Additional Badges, Commemorative Medallions and Souvenir Program Books may be purchased in the Registration Area in the Continental Room of the Netherland Plaza Hotel.

NOTE: State dinners, organizational meetings, breakfasts, luncheons, etc., may be separately scheduled through Sir Knights Martin West and Robert E. Holden.

Locations and times are NOT to conflict with Official Grand Encampment Activities as shown in this schedule.

Tickets will be on sale in the Registration Area to members of Red Cross of Constantine, K.Y.C.H., H.R.A.K.T.P., A.M.D., Beauceant, and other groups for their special meetings.

TOURS: Numerous tours of Cincinnati and vicinity will be available. Check on these tours and make reservations at Registration Area in the Netherland Plaza Hotel when you register.

ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT MUST ALSO REGISTER WITH THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE REGISTRATION AREA.
VOTING DELEGATES Order Form

For Registration Fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Friday, August 9, 1985, at the Continental Room, Netherland Plaza Hotel, and held for my arrival.

Name ____________________________
Title ____________________________
Address __________________________
City ________ State ________ Zip ______
Lady (first name) ___________________
Arrival Date ________________________

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL ADVANCE ORDERS IS JULY 10, 1985, after which date tickets will be for purchase only at the Registration Area, Netherland Plaza Hotel.

Registration Packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 56th TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, tickets for you and your Lady to the Saturday evening Entertainment, tickets for you and your Lady to the Grand Master’s Reception, tickets for you and your Lady to the Grand Master’s Banquet, a Souvenir Program Book, and additional informative materials.

Registration Fee .................. $50.00
Additional tickets may be purchased for the following:

......Ladies Luncheon
       Monday at Noon
       @ $12.50 each ......................

......Grand Master’s Banquet
       Tuesday Evening
       @ $25.00 each ......................

TOTAL WITH CHECK FOR $ ................
Made payable to “56th TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE, INC.,” and mailed to Sir Knight George R. Fitze, 34 North Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

NON-VOTING DELEGATES Order Form

For Registration Fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Friday, August 9, 1985, at the Continental Room, Netherland Plaza Hotel, and held for my arrival.

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City ________ State ________ Zip ______
Commandery ________________________ No. ______
Lady (first name) ___________________
Arrival Date ________________________

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL ADVANCE ORDERS IS JULY 10, 1985, after which date tickets will be for purchase only at the Registration Area, Netherland Plaza Hotel.

Registration Packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 56th TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, tickets for you and your Lady to the Saturday evening Entertainment, tickets for you and your Lady to the Grand Master’s Reception, a Souvenir Program Book, and additional informative materials.

Registration Fee .................. $30.00
Tickets may be purchased for the following:

......Ladies Luncheon
       Monday at Noon
       @ $12.50 each ......................

......Grand Master’s Banquet
       Tuesday Evening
       @ $25.00 each ......................

TOTAL WITH CHECK FOR $ ................
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HISTORY OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Chapter XII (continued)

THE PERIOD OF CIVIL STRIFE
AND RECONSTRUCTION

Nineteenth Conclave

Perhaps the greatest act of legislation at the nineteenth Triennial Conclave was the adoption of the "Code of Statutes" based mainly upon the collection of approved Grand Masters’ decisions. This code of Templar Law was reported by a special committee consisting of Sir Knights James H. Hopkins and Josiah H. Drummond. The digest, covering thirty-nine pages, was printed with the Proceedings of that year.

Further efforts were made to include the degrees of Royal and Select Master as additional requirements for the Orders of Knighthood, but the proposition was again rejected.

So pronounced had grown the practice of elaborate display and parade and competitive drill at the Triennial Conclaves, that the Grand Encampment adopted the following resolution in 1874, which is still one of the statutory laws of the Order:

"Resolved, That the Grand Encampment will hereafter accept no invitation to unite in a parade during its sessions; and it hereby prohibits any of its members from participating in a Templar parade during such sessions, except to escort the Grand Encampment to the Asylum at the opening of the Triennial Conclave."

However, this prohibition was not directed against orderly processions and display but only when they were carried out to such an extent that they interfered with the work of the Conclave. This was evidenced by the fact that the Grand Encampment accepted an invitation from the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania to participate in a Templar parade at the opening of the Centennial Exposition to be held in Philadelphia in 1876.

At the election, Sir Knight James H. Hopkins was advanced to the office of Grand Master.

Chapter XIII

THE PERIOD OF GROWTH

1874-1916

This period can well be called the period of growth, for the Order made remarkable strides, not only in membership and in new commanderies, but in the various fields of constitutional revision, jurisprudence, foreign relations, rituals, uniform and other perplexing problems.

After the effects of the Civil War had passed away, there was a rapid extension of the Order of Knighthood throughout the entire nation. Many new Commanderies were established and those in new territories and states soon applied for warrants to form Grand Commanderies. There were thirty Grand Commanderies in 1874 and forty-seven in 1916. Only Nevada and Delaware were left without a Grand Commandery. Each Triennial Conclave established new records in membership. Starting with 43,104 in 1874, the number of Sir Knights rose to the surprising total of 230,261 in 1916.

Not only did the Order spread to every
corner of the United States, but it was reaching such far distant places as Alaska, Porto Rico, Panama, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, and Mexico.

Visits by the Earl of Euston and his staff from the Great Priory of England and Wales and by Sir Knight John B. Tresidder and others of the Great Priory of Canada to the Grand Encampment lead to more friendly relationships with these foreign jurisdictions. Later visits by Sir John Corson Smith and by Grand Master William B. Melish to England, Scotland and Canada established recognition of these Grand Bodies, and a Treaty of Amity was adopted, uniting all the Sir Knights of the English-speaking world.

With the year 1916 came the anniversary of the formation of the Grand Encampment of the United States. From the modest beginning in New York in 1816, the Order had grown beyond all expectation, reaching all parts of the nation and extending beyond its shores. This anniversary was appropriately celebrated at the Triennial Conclave in 1916 at Los Angeles, California. With the passing of the years, interest in the early history of the Order was stimulated by the results of the investigation of Sir Knights Benjamin Dean and James H. Hopkins, which were presented at the meetings of the Grand Encampment. Reprinting of the early proceedings of the Grand Encampment was ordered, that all might have an opportunity to study the records of the early days of the Order.

Many of the questions and problems which beset the Grand Encampment for the last ten or twelve Triennial Conclaves were at last brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The rituals for all the Orders were revised, printed, and distributed, and their use made mandatory in all subordinate commanderies. The question of the Templar uniform was finally settled by allowing each Grand Commandery to regulate the character of the uniform in its own jurisdiction, with the Grand Encampment dictating the insignia used thereon.

From time to time the Constitution was revised to conform with the growth of the Order. Affiliation with the lodge and chapter was finally declared necessary for continued membership in the commandery. This had become an increasingly difficult problem, and there was a trying period of readjustment before it was finally settled.

The Spanish American War in 1898 did not cause much disturbance, but the developments of the early days of World War I in 1916 were beginning to have the attention of the Grand Encampment. Peace measures were considered and funds appropriated for Masonic War Relief.

With the passing years, many leaders who had endeared themselves to the hearts of all the Sir Knights by their devotion to the Order and whose names will long be remembered were called to their stations in the Asylum above. Among them we find Sir Knights William S. Gardner, Vincent L. Hurlbut, Benjamin Dean, John Q. A. Fellows, James H. Hopkins, Henry W. Rugg, Hugh McCurdy, R. E. Withers, Henry L. Palmer, R. H. Lloyd, John P. Gobin, Arthur MacArthur, and W. L. Thomas.

In 1886, the pleasant custom of sending a toast to the Grand Master on Christmas and having his response was established. This has grown with the years, and now it is an established custom for all Sir Knights to assemble on Christmas Day for that purpose. The celebration of Easter Day was also looked upon with favor.

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.
I have a long model, Knight Templar uniform (black) that I have grown out of and would like to swap for a larger size with a Commandery still using this style of uniform. This is one of the high-collared, 100% wool, long-tailed, formal models that was popular many years ago. I inherited it from a great-uncle. This outfit is in outstanding condition, and is sized as follows: Coat — 39-40 in; Pants — 36” waist, 32” inseam. I wear a size 44-46 long jacket and 38 waist, 34-35 inseam, pants. I would like to trade my uniform for the same style (in equally superb condition) in my own size.

Also, I have a small, 10 k gold, Blue Lodge ring for sale. The ring is about 1.5 cm. by 1.5 cm. square. It has gold square & compass and letter G. inlaid in red stone. Ring is solid and in good condition. I am asking $95 for it. Please contact: Russell C. Brown, 8110 Creekbend, No. 209, Houston, Texas 77071, or call (713) 271-2365, eves. or (713) 754-7756, day.

I am seeking information on Daniel Foster. Daniel was born circa 1784 in Maine. He was raised at Canaan, Maine for the Massachusetts Militia for the War of 1812 on September 14, 1814. He was among the first person taxed in Skowhegan, Maine. Daniel married Sarah Sawyer, raised a large family and died in Skowhegan March 10, 1869. If anyone has information on the parents birthplace, siblings or ancestry of this Daniel Foster, I would be most grateful. Carroll P. Foster, R.F.D. No. 1, Box 322, Tilton, New Hampshire 03276

I need information on my family roots history. I have it as follows: Father, Everett Clyde Dobson (3-12-1897 to 2-17-1957); Grandfather, George A. Dobson (11-6-1870 to 12-12-1956); Great-grandfather, John W. Dobson (5-11-1832 to 6-15-1894) born Lewis Co., WV; Great-greatgrandfather, George W. Dobson (1-22-1811 to ?, place of birth possibly Harrison Co., West Virginia). It is my understanding that the family may have migrated either from Calpeper, Virginia or North Carolina (possibly Dobson, NC) or both. Any information will be greatly appreciated and I will be glad to pay any postage or certificate expenses. “John” Clyde W. Dobson, 603 34th Street, Vienna, West Virginia 26105

I would like to place an item for sale in Knight Templar. It is a 78-point diamond and yellow gold Shriners ring, size 10. The original cost of this ring was $3,200.00. I am asking $1,600.00 for it. My address is David Chambers, Jr., 3459 Fayetteville Hwy., Griffin, Georgia 30223

Needed: Information concerning the Jarvis family; Field Jarvis born April 25, 1756 in Westmoreland Co., Virginia, was in the Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War and moved to what is now Monroe Co., West Virginia in 1781. Believed to have fathered John Franklin Jarvis born 1791 and Field A. Jarvis born 1800. Any genealogical information would be appreciated. L. W. Jarvis, Rt. 1, Box 97, Capron, Virginia 23829
- Wanted — Shrine or Masonic items for old autos. I drive an old car (50 years old) in many Shrine parades, shows, etc. I would like to buy radiator cap ornaments, tags, etc. C. Perry, 1001 Perry, Wichita, Kansas 67203 — (316) 263-2712

- Recently, I’ve started saving hunting stamps. If you are a hunter and have old licenses around, I’d appreciate it if you would donate them to my collection. If you save something, I’d be happy to respond to your request, if possible, if you would make it known to me when sending your old license. Please do not remove stamp from license as stamp can be damaged. Thank you for your response to my request. Ed Rankin, 12640 North Oak Hills, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810

- I am a Sir Knight who is interested in Civil War reenacting, and would like to hear from anyone who could provide information on Masonic jewelry, insignia, etc., worn by soldiers during the war. I am also interested in anecdotes concerning Masonic communications between the armies, and between individual soldiers. Thank you. Howard L. Bahr, P.O. Box 673, Oxford, Mississippi 38655

- Six grave lots, plus monument space — Masonic section in Valhalla Memorial Park, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for sale. Current value $3,400.00. Best offer will be accepted. If interested, contact Lloyd Mannigel, 825 Cass Avenue, Kingsford, Michigan 49801

- Am seeking information concerning Andrew Donald, born September 16, 1870 in Savannah, Missouri. He lived in the Savannah – St. Joseph area until early 1900s. Worked for Great-Western R.R. and in stockyards. Rumor is that he went to San Francisco about time of earthquake. I am seeking location and/or family members. Robert Donald, 1709 Windham Court, Norman, Oklahoma 73071

- As chairman of the “Hayward Family” committee, and a Templar of long standing, I am deeply interested in hearing from anyone who might be a Hayward or know anything about someone that is. I read the “Knight Voices” department with avid interest each month when I receive my copy of “Knight Templar.” I have done substantial research of genealogical tracings into our background, and would very much appreciate help from any direction, whatever. My deepest thanks. Sir Knight Everett Hayward, 10 Jeanne Avenue, Brockton, Massachusetts 02401

- I am a Knight Templar, a member of Apollo Commandery No. 26, stationed at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Recently, I read somewhere that Freemasons in Germany during the Hitler regime wore small blue “Forget Me Not” pins as a form of recognition amongst each other without revealing their Masonic status. If any reader has information in regard to this I would appreciate hearing from them. Especially if anyone knows where and how such a pin might be obtained. I would be most grateful for the information. Dean W. Stauffacher, 177 Braybrook Drive S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

- I need proof of marriage of my great grandfather Nathaniel Frampton. He was born in Pennsylvania and died in 1883 at the home of his son David at Richmond, Ray Co, MO. Nathaniel’s third wife was Laura Brusli. Nathaniel’s father was a Revolutionary War Veteran. This proof of marriage is my missing link. Mrs. Elsie Frampton Wilson, 715 N. 36th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma 73505

- For sale, two grave lots in the Masonic section of Brooklyn Heights Cemetery located in Cleveland, Ohio, less than $300.00. Write E. W. Rike, 4311 Regan Road, Bay City, Michigan 48706 or call (517) 684-5990 after 6:00 p.m.
Brother Harold Lloyd in "Safety Last."