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The Most Eminent Grand Master
Ned E. Dull and Lady Dull

CINCINNATI—HERE WE COME!

While I do not normally engage in prognostication, I feel quite safe in making one short-term prediction as the days "dwindle down" to the Triennial Conclave. As I gaze toward August, I see a hubbub of activity in the Triennial city of Cincinnati, Ohio. Sir Knights George H. Thomas and Robert F. Schoedinger, Triennial Conclave Committee Co-Chairmen, are making last-minute plans with their committee members: the convention center is ready for the Drill Competition, religious service and entertainment; the headquarters hotels — the Netherland Plaza and Hyatt Regency — are gearing their staffs for one of the largest conventions of the summer; the banquet facilities have been re-checked; and the caterers have their orders. Everything is in place — down to the last detail.

Everywhere I go in my state, I see the enthusiasm and positive attitudes of triennial workers. Every one of Ohio's eighty-four Commanderies is involved; the force of volunteers and committeemen is, in a word, phenomenal. The women of Ohio, too, have been busy preparing the varied ladies' activities, the highlight of which will be the Ladies' Luncheon on Monday, August 12. In short, we anticipate one of the grandest, most exciting Triennials in recent Grand Encampment history.

However, I have been made aware that I have neglected one important task. Last month when I was visiting the Sir Knights of Texas at their annual Conclave, one young man came up to me and said, "I have heard you talk about the coming Triennial Conclave in Cincinnati. I would really like to attend and see how this organization is run. But," he said, "I didn't know if I was invited. Somehow I got the impression that you had to be a state officer or at least a Past Commander." I looked at this fellow Templar, gave him my hand, and said, "Consider this my personal invitation to you. I'd be delighted to see you at Cincinnati in August."

Of course, after I spoke with this Templar, it occurred to me that there might be other Sir Knights who weren't certain whether they could attend the Triennial.

Lest there be any doubt, let me extend to one and all the Grand Master's personal invitation to join us August 10-14 for the 56th Triennial. Whether you sport a gold badge as a voting member of the Grand Encampment or a non-voting silver badge, your participation is encouraged. Those attending will be able to see firsthand just how the Grand Encampment works, how the policies come into being, how legislation is passed, and how the future of Templary is shaped. And, on behalf of my Lady Margaret, I extend a very cordial invitation to the ladies to accompany their Sir Knights to Cincinnati. We both are anxious to meet and welcome each and every one of you.

The Triennial is not — repeat, not — a closed meeting for just the "titled" Templar Mason. It is open to the observation and comments of all Sir Knights. It is the culmination of the term in office of one Grand Master and the beginning for another. It is an important function and one which should not be ignored by any Sir Knight.

Once again, my prediction for the summer of 1985 is: perfect weather, excellent facilities for lodging, tours, and banquets, and Templar fellowship that is incomparable. If you are twenty-one or eighty-one, a "sideliner" in your Commandery or a Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, come and witness Templary past, present and future. Come for the pride of it; come for the pleasure; come for progress. Cincinnati awaits!

Yed E. Dull

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

JUNE: Our June magazine for 1985 features an invitation from the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Ned E. Dull, to attend the 56th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment which will take place in Cincinnati August 10-14, 1985; his message extends a personal invitation to all. *Knight Templar Magazine* announces *Masonic Americana, Volume II* on page 15 with prices and ordering instructions; the original *Masonic Americana*, now known as *Volume I*, has also been reprinted and is available for purchase. Among our features this month, Sir Knight Walker brings us a disturbing word, and Sir Knight Clifford Hopewell tells the story of a Texas duel.

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EDITOR'S JOURNAL

New Candidacy Announced: The Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi have announced their intention to nominate Sir Knight James Ward, a member of Mississippi Commandery No. 1, Jackson, Mississippi, as a candidate for the Grand Encampment office of Grand Captain General. The election, to be held at the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave, will be held in August. Sir Knight Ward is the Right Eminent Department Commander for the Southeastern Department.

Cathedral in the Pines: The annual St. Johns Day Service, held at the Cathedral in the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, will be taking place this year on Sunday, June 23, 1985, at 11:00 a.m. Sir Knight David Aiken, Past Grand Commander, New York, writes, "The grand line of all the Masonic bodies in New Hampshire will be there, and there will be many visiting dignitaries as well. We usually have upwards of one hundred Sir Knights performing the duty of honor guard. All states in the Northeast participate in this effort."

Back Issues: The Grand Encampment office presently has numerous back issues of *Knight Templar Magazine* which we are now offering for sale at the price of twenty-five cents a copy. Back issues are available from 1980 to the present only. In addition, a whole year of magazines may now be purchased for \$2.50; the following years only: 1984; 1983; 1982; 1981; 1977. All whole years are subject to prior sale.

Chicago Anti-War Rally Clarification: Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas, author of "The Chicago Anti-War Rally of 1940" which was published in the March *Knight Templar*, writes, "It should be made clear [in the article] that while Lindbergh flew fifty combat missions as a civilian aide to the Army Air Force during WWII and was awarded many honors for his supportive military service, Brother Charles A. Lindbergh was actually awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by an act of Congress in 1927 for "displaying heroic courage and skill as a navigator, at the risk of his life, by his nonstop flight in his airplane, the *Spirit of St. Louis*, from New York City to Paris, France."

Sir Knight Rigas is referring to the phrase "He [Lindbergh] served as a civilian aide to the Army Air Force, flew fifty combat missions, and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and many other honors for his supportive military service." This sentence made up a part of the original article on Lindbergh.

Moving? If you are going to be moving, inform your local Recorder six to eight weeks before you actually move so that *Knight Templar Magazine* can greet you in your new home — uninterrupted. *Knight Templar* is sent to hundreds of thousands of Sir Knights across the country, and address changes are a continuing concern. If you are not at the address where *Knight Templar* is being sent to you, it will be returned to us — at a cost of thirty cents. Help us keep costs down — do your part by informing your local Recorder of your coming address change six to eight weeks ahead of time!

SAM HOUSTON FIGHTS A DUEL

by
Sir Knight Clifford Hopewell
Tancred Commandery No. 82, Dallas, Texas

The rolls of Masons and Knights Templar who have distinguished themselves in the fields of business, entertainment, politics and the military are lengthy indeed. None, however, has had a more illustrious career than that of Sir Knight Sam Houston. In his career Sir Knight Houston became a major general in the Tennessee Militia, twice congressman, governor of Tennessee, commanding general of the Texas Army in that state's revolution against Mexico, its first president of the Republic of Texas, senator from Texas and then governor of that state. He is the only man in our nation's history who has been governor of two states.

Houston's Masonic career was lengthy and varied. He was a York Rite Mason who, at the age of twenty-four, received his Entered Apprentice degree in Cumberland Lodge No. 8, Nashville, Tennessee, on April 19, 1817. Passed to degree of Fellowcraft June 20, 1817, and raised to Master Mason July 22, 1817. He demitted from Cumberland Lodge No. 8 on November 20, 1817, but on June 21, 1821, re-affiliated with Cumberland. After he left the governorship of Tennessee he again demitted from Cumberland Lodge on January 20, 1831, and on November 13, 1837, affiliated with Holland Lodge No. 1 at Houston, Texas, and became a charter member of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas that same year when that body was organized. He demitted from Holland Lodge on July 14, 1842, but then became a member of Forrest Lodge No. 19 at Huntsville. While a United States senator

from Texas, General Houston became a Knight Templar at Commandery No. 1 in Washington, D.C. and demitted in 1856.

Sir Knight Houston, in his long political career, was seldom stranger to controversy. Most of these eventually

"It is astonishing that the murderous practice of duelling should continue so long in vogue."

Benjamin Franklin

blew over but one case had serious ramifications and resulted in a duel.

In 1826 the office of postmaster of Nashville became vacant. Secretary of State Henry Clay asked President John Quincy Adams to appoint John P. Erwin, a brother of Clay's son-in-law and also editor of the Nashville *Banner and Whig*, to the post.

When Andrew Jackson, an old enemy of Clay's, heard about the proposed nomination, he was furious; in a brief letter to his friend, Houston, he wrote: "attend to this matter." Sam was in his second term as congressman and the vacant postmastership was in his district. He promptly swung into action and in a letter to the president recommended B. Y. Currey be given the position. He also made a series of accusations against Erwin's moral character, claiming he did not pay his debts although well able to do so, and stated he had been detected eavesdropping late at night at the window of a gentleman of character. He then continued his campaign → → →

against Erwin on the floor of the House, but his opposition carried no weight and Adams appointed Erwin to the vacancy.

The matter did not rest there. Erwin naturally took offense at Houston's remarks and on the latter's return to Nashville in August wrote him inquiring if, while in Washington, he had "impeached the integrity of his conduct." Sam, in his reply, willingly admitted he had. Erwin replied that owing to ill health in his family further correspondence would be suspended.

In the early days of our nation dueling was still in fashion to settle affairs of honor. Under the code one could not directly challenge an intended opponent; all negotiations had to be handled through a "second." Houston was Nashville's most popular citizen and Erwin had difficulty finding a second to deliver his challenge until a professional duelist from Missouri calling himself by the odd name of Colonel John Smith, T, showed up.

In the Nashville public square Smith found Colonel McGregor, Houston's



Duelling pistols were an art form based on deadly accuracy.

Smith left but returned shortly with General William A. White, a Nashville lawyer, and was armed. Instead of going through McGregor as protocol dictated, he accosted Houston on a sidewalk of the Nashville Inn, and requested Sam to step aside out of the hearing of those nearby. The two walked a short distance away, and Smith handed Sam his note. Houston refused to open it and General White decided to get into the act.

"Colonel," White said to Smith, "I reckon he will not deny having received it."

"I have not received it," Houston insisted. "I do not know its contents. I will not open it, but will refer its contents to Colonel McGregor. But I will receive one from you, General White, with pleasure."

"I will receive one from you, General Houston."

"The saddle is on the other horse, General, and that is enough to be understood between gentlemen."

"If I call on you there will be no shuffling, I suppose."

"Try me."

After a blast or two at Houston in the *Banner and Whig*, Erwin apparently decided discretion was the better part of valor and withdrew from the contro-



General Sam Houston's House in Houston, Texas, before he moved into a mansion.

second, and tried to present him with Erwin's challenge. McGregor refused to accept the note on grounds the whole affair was a local matter and that Smith, being from out of state, had no legitimate interest in the matter. From then on the affair had all the elements of the Keystone Kops.

versy. A few letters passed between Sam and Smith, then the latter departed for points west. On September 12, 1826, in an article in the *Banner and Whig* addressed "To The Public," Houston presented his side of the controversy as it pertained to himself, Erwin, Smith, and White. With Erwin mum and Smith gone, that left White holding the bag. He decided to challenge Sam, who reluctantly assented. Being the challenged he had the choice of weapons and selected pistols at fifteen feet. The date was set for a week hence. Houston started practicing with pistols and went to Andrew Jackson for advice. Jackson, one of the most experienced men in the state when it came to dueling, advised Sam to bite on a bullet as he fired. It would help steady his aim.

At daybreak on September 22, 1826, two men who had no valid quarrel with each other met on a farm owned by Sanford Duncan, just across the Kentucky border. According to the rules, each principal could fire one shot. Whether biting a bullet helped steady Sam's aim is unknown, but when he fired he put the bullet in his opponent's groin. White missed Sam. As White sank to the ground Houston rushed to his side. White, who thought he was dying, feebly whispered: "General, you have killed me." Houston replied: "I am very sorry, but you know it was forced upon me." "I know it, and forgive you," White responded.

White survived, although it took him four months of convalescence to recover from his wound. Houston was indicted by a Kentucky grand jury but was never arrested, let alone tried. He was vastly relieved when his opponent recovered, but the whole affair left him with a disgust for dueling. Although challenged from time to time he managed to make a jest to his would-be opponents and laughed them off with his quick wit.

Later in Texas he quipped to a despised political opponent: "I never fight downhill."

Houston's attacks against Erwin and his duel with White had repercussions among the Masonic Fraternity as all three men were Masons. Nashville's Cumberland Lodge No. 8 charged him with impeaching the integrity of Erwin and suspended him for twelve months for fighting the duel with White. While governor, the general appealed the decisions to the Grand Lodge



General and Sir Knight Sam Houston

of Tennessee. In the case of Erwin, the Grand Lodge recommended the decision of Cumberland Lodge be reversed, but they upheld Houston's 12-month suspension for fighting the duel.

Sir Knight Houston died at Huntsville, Texas, July 26, 1863, and was buried in Huntsville Cemetery, where his remains now rest. He was a patriot and a strong believer in the Union, and refused, as governor of Texas, to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy. As a result the office of governor was declared vacant and he retired from public life.

Sir Knight Clifford Hopewell resides at 11915 Chapel Forest Drive, Dallas, Texas 75234.

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. Purkapple, 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.

Shawnee Inspection

The Most Eminent Grand Master Ned E. Dull attended the 1985 inspection of



Shawnee Commandery No. 14. In the photograph above are, from left to right, Sir Knight Boyd Sibold, Aide to the Most Eminent Grand Master; Sir Knight William E. Sweet, Eminent Commander, Shawnee Commandery No. 14, Lima, Ohio; Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Most Eminent Grand Master; and Sir Knight William Ammer, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the State of Ohio.

Father Installs Son as Commander

San Jose Commandery No. 10, San Jose, California, installed Sir Knight James E. Gable as their Eminent Commander. At age thirty-one, he is the youngest Eminent Commander in the state of California. Pictured at right, Eminent Commander James E. Gable is second from right. He was installed by his father, Sir Knight James G. Gable, pictured second from left, who is a Past Commander of the same Commandery. Representing the Grand Commandery of California at this installation were Grand Generalissimo Thomas Storer (far right), and Grand Captain General George Frank (far left).



A DISTURBING WORD

by

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

The dictionary defines discipline as "training that develops self-control, character, or orderliness and efficiency." The word "discipline" is a disturbing one in our permissive society. In homes, schools and colleges discipline is disparaged. It is conspicuous by its absence and as a consequence our society is haunted by the spectre of delinquency, education that does not educate and spending, personal and government, that is out of control.

Without discipline we sacrifice the possibilities of our lives on the altars of self-indulgence. We spend too much for too little; waste our minds and weaken our wills. Nothing worthwhile or of significance is accomplished, however, without "training that develops self-control" and qualities of character worthy of respect.

The third beatitude is a mystery to many: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Its meaning becomes clear, however, when we see that the word "meek" used in the Gospel text is the same word used by Xenophon to describe domesticated animals, "horses broken to bridle," or wild animals tamed and trained. Meekness is energy channeled into creative usefulness. It is the wild horse trained to use his strength for plowing a furrow, the half-wolf Alaskan husky dragging a sled over the snowy wastes. It is strength and knowledge, spirit and will harnessed to creative purpose.

It is fair to say, "Blessed are the disciplined, for they shall inherit the earth." Who else could possibly win the earth? Certainly not the untrained and the

untamed. The human spirit unbridled is a fearful thing, raging through the earth like a forest fire to destroy the fruit of centuries of growth and toil. It is those who have learned the art of discipline who create and build. Their trained minds and dedicated spirits make progress possible.

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Fortune always favors the disciplined mind searching for truth by way of the scientific method: observation, reason and experiment. Innovation and invention do not emerge from a vacuum. On the contrary, they are the result of unrelenting pursuit. Ideas occur to trained minds, not to minds wandering unguided into fantasies. Disciplined minds developed the radio, TV, Scotch tape, Elmer's glue, calculators and a thousand gadgets we use every day.

It is significant to notice that discipline, "training that develops self-control" and character is a product of dedication to something. Commonly we speak of self-discipline, as if somehow we could put bridles on ourselves and by sheer power of will determine the way of our going. In reality, however, self-discipline is a contradiction in terms. It is like trying to pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps. We are disciplined by the values, ideas or visions that have mastered us.

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Michelangelo was disciplined by his dedication to art and Fritz Kreisler by his commitment to music. When random wishes invaded their minds, they pushed them aside saying, quite literally, "I would rather pursue my music than waste my energy on the unimportant." The Psalmist put the matter in perspective when he wrote, "I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness" (Ps. 84:10b KJV). His "I had (would) rather" was the motive for curtailing his random wishes.

Our dedicated "I would rather's" are the key to what we do or do not do, to the way we manage our lives. We may say "I would rather keep my weight under control than indulge in apple pie." Or, "I would rather control my spending than to be insolvent." We choose between alternatives day after day by the light of the values or ideals we have set as priorities. In short, we are disciplined by our dedications.

The description of John Keats at a table in the school dining room with a volume of Burnet's *History of His Own Times* resting on his lap for perusal is suggestive of the way Keats moved to poetic power. There was a touch of the hazardous in conveying food across an open book, but there is a hint also of the disciplined passion for knowledge which enabled Keats to inherit the literary world of his time. He won all the honors and prizes available at his school and went on to greatness.

Discipline is a word our free-wheeling, permissive and over-spending society needs.

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

Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club:

Ohio No. 20 — Richard H. Palm
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Massachusetts No. 16 — John Kastrinakis
Texas No. 54 — Sam L. Dennison
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Grand Master's Club:

No. 588 — Joseph F. Darnell, Jr. (TX)
No. 589 — Margaret Moynelo, (MD)
No. 590 — Clinton W. Davies (AL)

How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge 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.



LINES OF COMMUNICATION

by

Sir Knight Leland J. Ameen

St. Bernard Commandery No. 16, Saginaw, Michigan

My message herein will be found to be slanted toward those sentimental relationships that seem, nowadays, to be missing between fathers and their sons, or between grandfathers and grandsons, or uncles and nephews. It is a message about the lost art of "personal sponsorship" of young people in general and about the Masonic Order of DeMolay for Boys in particular which has for years attempted to revive that lost art.

Many times parents lose their lines of communication with their children. As the years pass and a son grows older, a father cannot comprehend where the mistakes were made. Upon discussing the unhappy situation with their clergy, or some other counsel, parents may affirm that they have made every possible effort to maintain a respectful and understandable rapport with their young sons. But have they? On closer examination, the answer may be "no." And if you doubt this answer, I invite you to interrogate any authority on the tender subject of "today's youth."

Perhaps this subject matter does not apply to your family, your children. If that is the case, then you deserve our applause and our respect. But think for a moment: How many parents in the world today can say that their son would be a good influence on a less fortunate boy?

Many parents often do not realize when the lines of communication are failing. They do not take the time to share in their boy's victories or defeats, nor do they participate in public with him at least twice monthly. And too often, when a boy accomplishes something

that deserves a parent's personal notice and attention, Mom and Dad are nowhere around.

Masonry's writers, its editors, and speakers, simply cannot understand why fathers can't "connect," seriously and solidly, with an organization that teaches their children to love their mother and father, their country, and their community — and all in that related order. What they can understand, regrettably, is the visual reminder of the nearly total absence of parental participation; and, sadly, this uncompromising lack of concern on the part of the real parent adds a shadow of hypocrisy to every loving and respectful act performed by a Chapter "Dad."

Masonry's leaders are awed when they consider that they have provided us and our children with a veritable theater of performing arts, some of which cost hundreds of thousands of dollars — yet parents still continue to ignore such spiritual and moral invitations that emerge from these Temples of Masonry. Is it possible that, with this continuation of adult apathy, such invitations could cease, that someday some interested person might surface to inquire whatever became of our DeMolay Chapters? Perhaps a Mason's young son may even wonder aloud at home about this situation. Would the parent be compelled to resort to evasive answers, answers that point away from parental negligence as the contributing factor for DeMolay's untimely demise?

In my opinion, one thing is factual: The children of today have not changed. It's the parents that have changed. → → →

In DeMolay, our children are provided every element available for the development of manly little hearts, and at the same time they take part in proper programs and activities which do not interfere with schoolwork. In fact, DeMolay accelerates youth to higher levels of achievement in schoolwork and at home.

Now is the season, and these are a few of the reasons, for some real giving. I'm suggesting that we all make a serious, adult, effort to give of *ourselves* to some youth, whether he belongs to us or not — that we provide the sponsorship that will enable a boy to experience DeMolay. The cost is less than something bought from a store downtown. And this gift — this giving — endures forever. The small monetary fee for a boy's lifetime certificate is in some cases not more than the annual dues for Symbolic Lodge or one of its appendant bodies. The act enables one to promote and practice friendship, and develop fellowship, with someone that you probably love dearly. (This is also a fine gift from grandparents who sometimes are lonely and are secretly wishing for ways to get closer to their grandchildren.)

DeMolay is not hurting from the lack of Blue Lodge sponsorship, or even from monetary problems, but it suffers from those pangs of paternal apathy that *only you* can rectify — by your own personal attendance and attention.

Please accept this invitation:

*It's careful men we pray to be
For a little fellow follows we.
Let us not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.*

*We cannot once escape his eyes.
Whate'er he sees us do, he tries.
The base in us, he must not see,
This little chap, who follows we.*

*He thinks we Masons are good and fine,
And believes our every word and sign.*

*A Widow's Son, he strives to be.
This little chap, who follows we.*

*We pray thy blessings on the man,
We've raised and structured to thy plan.*

*O MASTER, grant our promise be
In that little chap, who follows we.*

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Stillwater Assembly No. 124

Mrs. Paul E. Mihal, Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, at her official visit to Stillwater Assembly No. 124, Stillwater, Oklahoma, presented Mrs. R. G. Hanson her fifty-year membership pin. The Supreme Worthy President also presented a twenty-five year citation card to Mrs. Fred Mullendore. Past Supreme Worthy Presidents Mrs. Homer P. Peck, Enid Assembly No. 5 and Mrs. A. B. Harrison of Stillwater Assembly No. 124 were also present for the visit and the Supreme Worthy First Vice President, Mrs. Maurice Roney. Ponca City Assembly No. 43, Ponca City, Oklahoma, has recently consolidated with Stillwater Assembly No. 124. Three of their members were recipients of the fifty-year pin and Mrs. Hanson was able to attend this special visit.

In the photograph from left to right are Mrs. Maurice W. Roney; Mrs. Homer P. Peck; Mrs. Paul E. Mihal; Mrs. R. G. Hanson; Mrs. Fred Mullendore; and Mrs. A. B. Harrison.



Danny Thomas Awarded Medal of Freedom

Brother Danny Thomas, who is a member of Gothic Lodge No. 270, Hamilton Square, New Jersey, was awarded the presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest decoration a civilian can receive from the United States of America.

Danny Thomas was made a Mason on March 15, 1984, taking all three degrees in one day.

Brother Thomas has been deeply involved with the Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, which works with children suffering from serious illness. One year ago, Danny Thomas aided the Masonic Service Association in their production of their film, "When the Band Stops Playing."

President Reagan bestowed the presidential medal of Freedom on the 71-year-old Mason in a ceremony in the White House April 16, 1985. Brother Danny Thomas is an entertainer who has worked extensively on television as well as doing charitable work. It is Freemasonry's many charitable endeavors that led him to become a Mason.



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Holy Land Pilgrimage Letter

To: P. Fred Lesley, Co-Chairman, Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee

Dear Brother Lesley:

Now that things have finally settled down and my body has recovered from jet-lag, I wanted to write you a note to express my heartfelt thanks for the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage.

The entire journey was, for me, far more than a trip — it was definitely a pilgrimage. I found my faith renewed and revitalized by actually seeing the area and the traditional sites of our Lord's ministry.

As a Knight Templar, I find myself feeling great pride in the organization because of this tremendous gift that is being provided to clergy each year. As I traveled with many young clergymen on the trip, I realized that for each one of us, this pilgrimage would have an impact on our ministry for the rest of our lives.

Please express my fraternal thanks and love to the brethren for this wonderful gift of a renewed faith that they have given me.

In fraternal love,
Sir Knight Kenneth N. Kent

Cross and Crown Cookies

Sir Knight Ralph A. McCracken has designed a cross and crown cookie and the cookie cutter that makes them. These cookies, decorated with red and yellow sugar, have been "a big hit at our



Commandery dinners and buffets." Sir Knight McCracken has designed a method of making the cookie cutters by hand. "Any man who likes to make things can make them, no soldering required," says Sir Knight McCracken. The patterns, along with directions, may be ordered by sending \$2.00, an order and address to Ralph A. McCracken, Box 55, Riverside, Pennsylvania 17868; proceeds to go to the Eye Foundation.

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Hanford Lodge Coin

Grand Master Roy J. Henville, F. & A.M. California, with fifteen of his officers, was present to help Hanford Lodge No.



279 of Hanford, California, celebrate their 100th year on March 30, 1985. About 250 members and guests were present for the occasion. The Lodge had a centennial coin cast which is available at \$4.00 each, postpaid. To order, make check payable to Hanford Lodge No. 279 and send to Robert L. McCrady, 2031 Short Drive, Hanford, California 93230.

The Joy of Reading — a Letter

Dear Assistant Grand Recorder Neumann:

I would appreciate so much your adding my name to your special complimentary list for widows — my husband, Charles Bartley Hart, and I, have together over the years greatly enjoyed *Knight Templar Magazine*. The last ten years of his life he was unable to read — so, I've had the joy of reading for him and looked forward for the *Knight Templar*.

Thank you in advance for that special part of his good and gentle life you are sharing with me.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Charles B. Hart
Tyler, Texas

MASONIC AMERICANA

Volume II

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America proudly announces *Masonic Americana, Volume II*, with illustrations and index. Compiled in the same spirit as *Masonic Americana, Volume I*, this book is a collection of the best articles from *Knight Templar Magazine* from 1976 to the present. The volume contains over three hundred pages of articles on prominent American Masons. Divided into twelve chapters by subject, this book includes titles on the rise of Freemasonry in America and its influence on the American revolutionaries and patriots as well as articles on Masonic statesmen, who brought America its great Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Masonic heroes of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries also receive coverage — articles on Kit Carson and John A. LeJeune, organizer of the modern U.S. Marine Corps, among others. Masonic humanitarians such as the Mayo brothers with their famous Rochester clinic and Brother Luther Burbank's agricultural experiments receive their own section. A whole chapter is reserved for Masonic artisans such as James Hoban, Masonic architect of the White House, musician John Philip Sousa, and Gutzon Borglum, creator of the Mt. Rushmore monument. This entire volume is dedicated to an exploration of the American Masonic spirit in all of its incarnations.

All of the best articles from the voice of Templary are collected here in one place; an exhaustive index has been included to make *Masonic Americana, Volume II* even more useful in a Masonic library or research setting. *Masonic Americana, Volume II* is available for purchase at \$3.00 a copy.

In addition to *Volume II*, the original *Masonic Americana (Volume I)* is being reprinted in an attractive new softcover design to match *Volume II*, making a matched set. Having already sold 35,000 copies, *Volume I* is a well-known and important collection of Masonic literature. It was originally published for the bicentennial celebration of the United States of America; it now has been reprinted and is once again available after being out of print for approximately eight years. An exhaustive index has been added to this reprint, which was originally offered in 1974 and 1976. This first volume features articles on the fourteen Masonic presidents of the United States of America, including Brother Gerald Ford, who became a Master Mason in 1976. The book contains numerous articles which originally appeared in *Knight Templar Magazine*, including articles by noted Masonic authors such as Sir Knight James R. Case, Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer, Sir Knights Harold Blake Walker and Wylie B. Wendt. A matched set of *Masonic Americana* would be a valuable addition to the library of any Sir Knight.

Matched sets of *Masonic Americana* which include both *Volumes I & II* are available for \$5.50 a set. Individual copies of either *Volume I* or *II* are \$3.00 each. To place your order, make check or money order out to "The Grand Encampment" and send to "Masonic Americana" c/o The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, Suite 1700, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please allow six to eight weeks for delivery.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Havre Spring Festival

The York Rite bodies of Havre, Montana, held a spring York Rite festival on Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, 1985, during which all of the York Rite degrees from Mark Master through the Templar degrees were exemplified.

The Templar degrees were conferred on Saturday on three candidates for DeMolay Commandery No. 15: William J. Dunlap, Robert A. Mikkelson, and Richard H. Schlatter. A courtesy conferral was held for one candidate from Glasgow Commandery No. 13: Gerald T. Archambeault.

At 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening, a dinner was enjoyed by a large group of members and their ladies at Bummer Dan's Banquet Room in Havre, Montana. Past Grand Master of Masons and Sir Knight Emil K. Eliason was the emcee for the evening. A "very interesting program" on comets was presented by Sir Knight W. Carl Shellenberger, presently High Priest of Havre Chapter No. 19, R.A.M.

"It was a very receptive class and the degree work went exceptionally well," according to Virgil A. Klein, P.C., Recorder.

Letter - April Magazine

Dear Grand Recorder Rodenhauser:

Each month I look forward to receiving a copy of *Knight Templar*, for I think it is the best fraternal publication I've ever read. Especially the issue dated April 1985 is the very best of all. Thank you for all of the planning and work you put into the magazine.

Sincerely,
Mildred Garlitz

Weiser Commandery No. 7

Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, presented a plaque to Sir Knight Kent Gist, Recorder of Weiser Commandery No. 7 for attaining 100% Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the first to do so in the state of Idaho.



This presentation, pictured above, was made at the Grand Commandery Conclave in Boise, Idaho, on April 22, 1985.

York Rite Patches

Sir Knight Jack T. Dossett is offering York Rite patches for sale at the price of \$3.50, postpaid. These embroidered patches are edged in gold thread and feature the Commandery, Chapter, Council and Blue Lodge symbols. The price of the patches ordered in quantities of between 50 and 149 is \$3.25 each, 150 up to 299 the price is \$3.00 each. Further volume discounts are available from Sir Knight Dossett. Interested parties may order these patches by contacting Jack T. Dossett at 2715 Guess Road, Durham, North Carolina 27705.

Fifty-Year Pins

The Central Coast York Rite Bodies of San Luis Obispo on February 16, 1985, presented Raymond Arthur Sevier,



KYCH, his fifty-year pin.

All three bodies had representatives present; San Luis Chapter No. 62 was represented by George Harris, High Priest, San Luis Obispo Council No. 38 by Forrest Schlottach, Illustrious Master, and San Luis Obispo Commandery No. 27 by Dan H. Wasson, Eminent Commander. Inspector of the district, Fergus K. Smith, KYCH, made the presentation. According to John W. Vance, Recorder for San Luis Obispo Commandery No. 27, "Ray had been involved as an inspector of his district for many years, and a lot of memories were recalled."

McCook Lodge Centennial Coin

McCook Lodge No. 135, A.F. & A.M., Nebraska, has issued a bronze commemorative coin honoring the 100th anniversary of the Lodge. Interested parties may order the coin by sending \$5.00 each, postpaid, to Sir Knight Leo C. Horton, P.O. Box 962, McCook, Nebraska 69001.

Nacogdoches Commandery Coin

Nacogdoches Commandery No. 55, Nacogdoches, Texas, is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary which it commemorates on May 30, 1985. Their original charter is dated April 8, 1910.

In celebration of the event, they have struck a coin which they are offering for



sale at \$5.00, postpaid. Interested parties may mail orders to Nacogdoches Commandery, 129 N. Fredonia, Nacogdoches, Texas 75901. The coin is pictured above.

Needlepoint Kits Available

Several years ago the Grand Encampment began offering needlepoint kits for sale. These kits include a printed canvas with the Knight Templar emblem in red, white, yellow and black on a white background. Kits are still available and include the printed canvas, needle and yarn (finished size is 10 by 10 inches). The cost of a single kit is \$10.00 postpaid, or \$9.50 each in lots of three or more. Orders may be sent to Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., 14 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Grand Encampment
 Roll Call of Honored Dead
IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Lloyd E. Roulet
 Ohio
 Grand Commander — 1939
 Born September 15, 1891
 Died February 6, 1985

Roland Jehial Bishop
 Vermont
 Grand Commander — 1980
 Born July 10, 1910
 Died April 2, 1985

Dallas T. Alford
 Iowa
 Grand Commander — 1963
 Born September 24, 1895
 Died April 5, 1985

Stanley Daniel Sundeen
 Nevada
 Grand Commander — 1963
 Born October 22, 1909
 Died April 18, 1985

Jerry Clifford Angel
 Illinois
 Grand Commander — 1959
 Born September 19, 1894
 Died April 21, 1985

Archibald Morrison Dullnig
 Texas
 Grand Commander — 1958
 Born March 19, 1905
 Died April 22, 1985

John B. Prater
 Arizona
 Grand Commander — 1971
 Born July 25, 1891
 Died April 30, 1985



Archibald Morrison Dullnig

Sir Knight Archibald Morrison Dullnig, a member of Ascension Commandery No. 25, died on April 22, 1985, in Tyler, Texas. He was eighty years old.

Sir Knight Dullnig served as the Grand Commander of Texas in 1958. He was a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Finance and served as Chairman of the Committee on Finance from 1976 to 1979. Sir Knight Dullnig also served as the Chairman of the Grand Commandery of Texas Committees on Templar Jurisprudence (for six years), and the Committee on Triennial Conclaves (for three years). In addition to his Templar activities, Sir Knight Dullnig also served as Worshipful Master of Canton Lodge No. 98, A.F. & A.M., (1935), and Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. (1967). He was the Sovereign of St. Austin Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine in 1967, and Preceptor, Redeemer Tabernacle No. IX, HRAKTP, 1965. He held the office of Potentate of Sharon Temple, AAONMS, 1968, and Imperial Representative to the Imperial Council, AAONMS. Sir Knight Dullnig was also a member of Waco Consistory, A. & A.S.R., S.J., U.S.A.

Mark B. Davis, Honorary Past Grand Master

Most Eminent Knight Mark B. Davis, Past Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, died on May 15, 1985, just four days short of his eighty-fifth birthday.

Most Eminent Knight Davis was made an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A., in 1976. Davis was raised in Tasker Lodge No. 454, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, serving as Worshipful Master in 1944. He was consecrated a Knight Templar in Beothic Preceptory No. 71, serving as Presiding Preceptor in 1953; Provincial Grand Prior in 1964, and Grand Master in 1973.

FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT

by

Sir Knight C. Bruce Hunter, Jr.

Cyrene Commandery No. 5, Asheville, North Carolina

Ours is a Fraternity steeped in tradition. Since the qualities that define humanity transcend time, it is only natural for an organization concerned with the human condition to value truths and practices that have been vindicated in earlier generations. And as Masons we all respect the traditions of our Craft.

But one of our traditions is so commonplace that it may go unnoticed. It comes at the end of the meeting and passes so quickly that we may overlook the marvelous way it fits into the overall plan of Masonry.

This tradition is the call from labor to refreshment. When the work of the Lodge is finished, we leave labor behind and have an opportunity to enjoy the company of our Brothers. Whether it be coffee and doughnuts after the meeting, a Lodge-supported gathering or merely a few moments of informal fellowship, the refreshment we have with our Brothers is an enjoyable and valued activity. But Masonically, it can and should be more than just casual socializing.

Refreshment is a meaningful reward for our Masonic labors, for this is a time that allows us to do more than share a few doughnuts and a cup of coffee with the members of our Lodge. It is a time for us to share the accumulated wisdom of full and noble lives.

Look around the Lodge and you will see men who have become masters of life through long years of experience. They can remember bits of history most people know only from books. And they have learned well from their experiences. These men not only have interesting

stories to tell; they also have a well-earned perspective on life. In earlier times, disciples would sit at the feet

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of such men to learn the affairs of the world and the lessons of moral philosophy.

Inside the Lodge, we follow the methods of the old operative guilds. Although we no longer learn the practical skills of building in stone, our speculative Lodges retain the ancient system of transmitting the Craft's wisdom. Apprentices receive instruction from the more experienced masters. And it is precisely these old “masters” of our Lodges who have the greatest wisdom to communicate outside the Lodge as well.

More than most organizations, our Fraternity attracts men of character and builds on that character. Clearly, those who have lived most of their lives by Masonic principles are worthy of study and emulation. Few organizations can boast such a collection of select people.

When the Lodge closes and the Craft is called from labor to refreshment, we should take advantage of their presence. After all, it is not only in the Lodge and the rituals that we receive the noble lessons of the Craft. There is also much to be learned when we are called from labor to refreshment.

Sir Knight C. Bruce Hunter's mailing address is P.O. Box 2038, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27515-2038.

Dear *Knight Templar*:

My name is Stephen Eric Mitchell and I have recently been receiving the very well written *Knight Templar Magazine*. I was knighted at St. John's Commandery No. 1, Rhode Island. I find that the magazine that I am currently receiving has a special Connecticut section, which I assume is a filler for each state. If that is the case, I would appreciate receiving the Massachusetts/Rhode Island edition as my membership in the Commandery is with that state as is my Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite affiliation.

Of all of the various Masonic publications that I do receive, I enjoy this one the best. I was especially delighted to read about the article that dealt with Native Americans and Freemasonry as I am a member of the Penobscot Indian Nation from Maine, and as far as I am aware, the only member [of that group] who belongs to all Masonic bodies.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

Fraternally,
Stephen E. Mitchell

Tall Cedars of Lebanon — New Supreme Tall Cedar

The Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America elected Sir Knight Samuel T. Atkinson of Alexandria, Virginia, as their Supreme Tall Cedar during ceremonies of their 82nd annual meeting. He was officially installed during public ceremonies on January 19, 1985, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the organization's Mid-Winter Conference.

As Supreme Tall Cedar, Sir Knight Atkinson is the highest elected officer of the Tall Cedars and serves as Chairman of its Board of Directors. He is also head of the organization's charitable undertaking, the Tall Cedar Foundation which expresses itself publicly through support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic-affiliated organization with some 31,000 members in 108 Chapters throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1951, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA); It has the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to MDA.

Atkinson served as Master and Secretary of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219, A.F. & A.M., Mount Vernon, Virginia. He also served the Grand Lodge of Virginia as Grand Tiler, Grand Director of Ceremonies and numerous other committee appointments.

He is a member of Temple Forest No. 136 of the Tall Cedars where he served as Grand Tall Cedar in 1973. He has served the Supreme Forest of the Tall Cedars in many capacities prior to his election as Supreme Tall Cedar. Sir Knight Atkinson is a member of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11 in Alexandria, Virginia.



Former Senator and Sir Knight Sam J. Ervin, Jr., the self-styled "country lawyer" who presided over the Senate Watergate hearings that led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon, died Tuesday, April 23, 1985. He was 88.

Sir Knight Ervin, whose homespun humor, animated eyebrows and love of the Constitution made him a folk hero, died of respiratory and kidney failure at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

His defiance of political classification made him a natural choice when Senate leaders cast about for someone to chair the sensitive and potentially explosive hearings on Watergate in the summer of 1973.

To the North Carolina Democrat, the scandal that led to the resignation of a president was the biggest tragedy to befall the nation since the Civil War.

One of Sir Knight Ervin's most celebrated quotes came in response to criticism of his questioning of a witness in the Watergate hearings. "I'm just an old country lawyer, and I don't know the finer ways to do it. I just have to do it my own way," Sir Knight Ervin told his critic.

After he retired from the Senate in 1974, Ervin wrote a book, *The Humor of a Country Lawyer*. He also wrote his own account of the Watergate days, *The Whole Truth*, and an autobiography, *Preserving the Constitution*, published this year.

Sir Knight Ervin's abiding respect for the Constitution began in the North Carolina foothills town of Morganton, where he was born September 27, 1896, one of ten children.

His father, Samuel James Ervin, Sr., was a self-taught lawyer who, Mr. Ervin once said, "hated the oppression of government, and I guess instilled in me the idea that, after all, the greatest threat to our liberties comes from government, not from others."

Sir Knight Ervin attended the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. In World War I he was wounded twice and was decorated for gallantry in France.

He received his law degree from Harvard in 1922, returned to Morganton and married Margaret Bell. Burke County elected him to the state legislature, where he helped defeat a bill that would have prohibited the teaching of evolution in public schools, saying, "Such a resolution serves no good purpose except to absolve monkeys of their responsibility for the human race."

He was elected to Congress in 1946, and in 1948 he was appointed an associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. In 1954, he was appointed to fill a U.S. Senate seat vacancy. He was elected in his own right that year and thereafter often was returned to the Senate without opposition.

In 1961, Sir Knight Ervin became chairman of the Civil Rights Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee and in the following decade he was known for carrying a pile of law books in to the Senate and filibustering against civil rights measures.

Sir Knight Ervin was a member of Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, North Carolina; Catawba Chapter No. 60, R.A.M., Hickory, North Carolina; Lenoir



Commandery No. 33, Lenoir, North Carolina, and held the 32°, A.A.S.R., S.J., at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sir Knight Sam J. Ervin, Jr., is survived by his wife; a son, Sam J. Ervin, III, a Superior Court judge in Mecklenburg County; and two daughters, Laura Smith of Morganton and Leslie Hansler of Pennington, New Jersey. As reported in the *Chicago Tribune*.

Reception for Northeastern Department Commander Thurman Pace

A reception for Northeastern Department Commander Thurman Pace was held on April 20, 1985, at Salaam Temple in Livingston, New Jersey. The reception was sponsored by the Grand Commandery of New Jersey.

Pictured at right are Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and Lady Dull (left), and Sir Knight Thurman C. Pace, Jr., with Lady Betty Pace standing in front of a large caricature of Sir Knight Pace at the reception. In attendance were 300 Sir Knights and ladies including over 100 from out-of-state. Fourteen states were represented including nineteen Sir Knights who served as Grand Commanders during the 1982-85 triennium. Amstar Corporation, Pace's employer, had a large delegation present.



Festivities of the evening included a social hour, banquet, entertainment, presentations and talks. Sir Knight Gordon Brenner, P.G.C. and Grand Encampment Chairman of Religious Activities Committee, served as general chairman and emcee. He was assisted by Sir Knight Harry Weiskopf, P.G.C., Lady Mildred Brenner, Lady Joan Weiskopf and Sir Knight William Schoene, Northeast Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest.

Sir Knight Wallace Gage, P.G.C., reactivated the "Jersey Continentals" to serve as the honor guard and for the flag presentation. This bicentennial group functioned during Sir Knight Pace's term as Grand Commander in 1976 and served as honor guard that year for Sir Knight Roy Riegle at the Triennial Conclave held in Kansas City.

Master Mason-DeMolay Night



Sir Knight A. Robert Preston (third from left), a member of Alhambra Commandery No. 48 in Alhambra, California, and Master of Palm Spring Lodge No. 693, had an open meeting on Monday, March 25, 1985, at which time the Palm Springs

Chapter, Order of DeMolay convened. This was done in support of DeMolay Week. Brother Rick Bertrand, P.M.C. of Palm Springs Chapter, is "Chapter Dad," and afforded those in attendance an "evening to remember." According to Sir Knight Thor Fredericksen (far right), a member of Riverside Commandery No. 28, Riverside, California, there were a good number of Masons in attendance representing their various Masonic organizations. Sir Knight Fred Scurlock (third from right), Southwestern Department Commander, represented the Most Eminent Grand Master Ned E. Dull and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Other Masons attending and pictured in the photograph above were: Roy J. Henville, Grand Master of Masons in California (fifth from right); Phillip Hooper, Illustrious Past Grand Master of California, Cryptic Masons (eighth from right); Jack Douglass, Past Grand High Priest (second from right), and others.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Seventeenth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending April 12, 1985. Currently in first place is Texas with a total of \$123,794.68; second place is currently held by Louisiana, and Ohio now ranks third. The cumulative total at the end of the 23rd week stands at \$986,579.23.

Alabama	\$8,001.37
Arizona	11,046.73
Arkansas	8,198.34
California	11,849.99
Colorado	31,608.40
Connecticut	20,702.89
District of Columbia	8,806.50
Florida	16,793.58
Georgia	57,086.50
Idaho	4,362.79
Illinois	20,897.74
Indiana	7,425.90
Iowa	16,167.00
Kansas	3,250.92
Kentucky	17,012.36
Louisiana	109,945.24
Maine	3,524.01
Maryland	13,414.50
Mass - R.I.	36,554.86
Michigan	26,744.18
Minnesota	11,962.00
Mississippi	4,834.00
Missouri	8,706.00
Montana	7,541.34
Nebraska	2,661.40

Nevada	5,344.05
New Hampshire	5,575.47
New Jersey	5,460.60
New Mexico	2,382.33
New York	15,012.52
North Carolina	7,328.77
North Dakota	1,222.00
Ohio	107,465.11
Oklahoma	2,564.45
Oregon	8,627.57
Pennsylvania	56,642.28
South Carolina	17,901.43
South Dakota	2,078.24
Tennessee	38,950.90
Texas	123,794.68
Utah	3,312.14
Vermont	4,529.04
Virginia	21,583.67
Washington	3,526.05
West Virginia	6,769.12
Wisconsin	6,328.23
Wyoming	5,011.60
St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware	125.00
Panama Canal No. 1 Balboa, Panama	1,600.00
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks, Alaska	170.00
Porto Rico No. 1, Puerto Rico	988.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska	1,130.00
Tokyo No. 1, Tokyo, Japan	30.00
Bavaria No. 3, Germany	75.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	1,375.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, Delaware	309.66
Giacomo DeMolay UD, Leghorn, Italy	33.00
Miscellaneous	60,234.78

In Gratitude - The Knights Templar Cross of Honor

Dear Grand Master Dull:

On April 6, 1985, at the grand session of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon, I was presented the Knights Templar Cross of Honor by your represen-

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tatives Sir Knight M. J. Sweet and Sir Knight Howard Lumbar, Northwest Department Commander. It came to me as a complete surprise, and I felt most humble and deeply moved and speechless. The two officers representing you were most excellent in their presentation and I will always remember them.

There are times when one cannot find words to express one's feelings and this is one time for me. I do wish to say to you, Most Eminent Grand Master, as well as to Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer and those Sir Knights responsible in selecting me for this high honor and award, I wish to extend to each of you my most respectful gratitude and appreciation for this honor. I shall wear it proudly with honor, and cherish it always. I will continue, to the best of my ability, to work for the good of the York Rite bodies – especially the Knights Templar – and make these the finest in Masonry.

Thank you for allowing me to write you personally, and once again, my deepest appreciation.

Respectfully and fraternally,
Merle L. Henigh, P.C., Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2
Eugene, Oregon

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grants – Research Description and Letter

Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, has forwarded this description of the ophthalmological research being done at the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, which was the recipient of a \$20,000.00 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant.

Following the brief medical description is printed a letter from the recipient of another grant – this one in the amount of \$17,250.00 – the Retina Research Foundation, led by Dr. Alice McPherson, president.

Early Detection of Strabismus and Amblyopia in Infants

Strabismus (“crossed eyes”) and the typically associated condition of amblyopia (“lazy eye”) afflict more than one in twenty-five children and are responsible for the second highest number of hospital admissions for strabismus surgery of all eye-related conditions, regardless of age. The current approach to treatment of these conditions and the conclusions now drawn as to what constitutes feasible treatment effectiveness, have been based on results of treatment of child patients whose condition was first detected by their parents. That is, the condition was sufficiently obvious, and thus presumably well-advanced, that even the parent could detect it. Both conditions are developmentally related, and a growing body of evidence indicates that early treatment is necessary to achieve optimum results, particularly with regard to binocular vision. It thus seems likely that earlier detection than by parents would improve at least the binocular results in these patients. Existing research findings suggest detection should be made early enough for therapy to be instituted, and perhaps completed, by twenty-four months of age.

The only feasible method for achieving such early detection is via mass vision screening of infants. One proven screening method is a test for the presence of normal stereopsis, or “3D” vision, by means of a test known as the random dot stereogram (RDS). Screening and clinical studies of children have established that if stereo vision is not present, there is reason to suspect the presence of amblyopia and/or strabismus.

Comparative studies indicate in fact that RDS screening is more reliable at this detection than such traditional alternatives as visual acuity testing. In the present study, infants will be screened by means of a computer-based movie-like version of the RDS test. Response to the test display is determined from analysis of the infant's eye movement by means of a television-based eye tracker. Infants receiving the screening are then retested 1-2 years later to determine if they develop strabismus or amblyopia. The study's hypothesis is that the early treatment of infant patients made possible by screening detection will result in better visual function outcome, particularly with regard to binocular vision, than will be found for the parent-detected cases.

Letter from the Retina Research Foundation

Mr. G. Wilbur Bell
Executive Director
Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Dear Mr. Bell:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Retina Research Foundation, I respectfully submit a progress report on the work of Helen Mintz Hittner, M.D., F.A.C.S., Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

It has been approximately four months since the Knights Templar Eye Foundation submitted a contribution of \$17,250.00, the second of three payments toward Dr. Hittner's project entitled "The Human Retina: Effects of Antioxidants on the Preterm Infant and Neonatal Screening." We truly appreciate your generosity and support for this very worthwhile project.

As you are aware, Dr. Hittner's project is a basic research and clinical study of the effects of vitamin E and selenium administration to reduce the incidence and severity of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) in infants not responding to the treatment of vitamin E alone. The goal of the project, as a whole, is to establish treatments and preventives through continued basic research of retinal damage caused by oxidative dysfunctions and damage. This research will rationalize aggressive early surgical intervention as the optimal means for reducing ROP in preterm infants.

This year, the primary emphasis of the project will be to write publications and submit eight major series of experiments. Data also will be prepared to understand the efficacy of cryotherapy and the dynamics of retinal development related to ROP and vitamin E efficacy.

Presently, a leading pharmaceutical company is proceeding to market appropriate forms of vitamin E for ROP, both orally and intramuscularly. A study to determine the best oral vitamin E form to be used for ROP will be conducted, and the selenium clinical study will begin at the Jefferson Davis Hospital on infants up to 1500 grams birth weight.

We are extremely pleased with the knowledge that has been gained from Dr. Hittner's basic research and clinical study and we look forward with great enthusiasm to even greater progress being made as this project continues.

We wish to take this opportunity to again express our profound appreciation for the support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for this high priority endeavor.

Your generous contributions have helped make the gift of sight a reality for hundreds of children. We sincerely thank you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Alice McPherson, M.D.

Overwhelming Knight Voices Response

Dear *Knight Templar Magazine*:

I have just completed replying to all of the responses I had to my letter which you published in your March issue. I could not believe the number of people who helped or offered to. Your publication sure reaches a fine cooperative group of people – best on earth!

One of those who responded was a long lost World War II buddy whom I had last seen in 1956 and thought was gone forever. How about that? Great, isn't it?

Here is the letter I sent thanking everyone:

Dear Friends and Brothers:

The response to my inquiry in the *Knight Templar Magazine* concerning the use of the Forget-Me-Not flower pin as a means of Masonic identification during the Hitler days in Germany has been overwhelming. When I returned home from spending March in Arizona, replies had been pouring in from my request in the March issue, and I had a bushel basketful of them. It is absolutely unbelievable that so many fine people have spent so much time, effort, and money to provide me with this information.

To date, I have received 197 letters from 40 states, three foreign countries, and every mail delivery brings more. Many have telephoned me from all over the country and I have been sent 71 pins – some even from Germany. The wealth of information provided, and the offers for further assistance in obtaining more, is simply amazing.

There is no way I can reply and thank all of you with any degree or promptness except through this duplicated letter. I apologize! Your courteous help deserves a more personal message, but this is the best I can do to respond to so many at once. I marvel at the Masonic spirit which is evidenced by this magnificent response.

Just as it is impossible for me to personally reply to all these communications, so it is impossible for me to contribute to all the appeals I have received in connection with them. I am, however, making a contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as an expression of my thanks and appreciation. To all who have been so kind and helpful, I only wish that I could meet each and every one of you face-to-face and shake your hand in fraternal friendship and gratefulness!

Again, my thanks and gratitude.

Fraternally yours,
Dean W. Stauffacher



Sir Knight William E. Brenneman, Recorder for Lebanon Commandery No. 33, sent in several photographs to *Knight Templar Magazine* in order to share with the Grand Encampment the Masonic happenings in Missouri.

The photographs show Past Grand Commander Robert Bird presenting forty-year certificates to Sir Knights Farron Atkins and Max Turk (top left). Additional forty-year certificates were presented by Past Grand Commander Robert Jenkins to Sir Knight Joseph Knight and Sir Knight Joseph Doggett (top right).



Recent installations in Springfield, Missouri, include the installation of E.C. Virgil Klein, who was installed by Companion Thomas E. Blankenship, P.G.H.P., and assisted by Everett Phillips, M.I.M., P.G.M., Cryptic Masons (middle left). Illustrious Master Dr. J.E. Blinn, Zabud Council No. 25, Springfield, was installed by Illustrious Master Everett Gloyd, I.P.G.M., Zabud Council No. 25, Springfield (middle right). Illustrious Past Grand Master Everett Gloyd presented the gavel to Dr. J. E. Blinn, Illustrious Master of Zabud Council No. 25, Springfield, Missouri (bottom right).

HISTORY OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Chapter XIII (continued)

THE PERIOD OF GROWTH

Twenty-Third Conclave (continued)

The custom of observing Easter and Ascension Day by Sir Knights attending Divine Worship in full uniform was also given official sanction by the Grand Master.

The differences that had arisen between the Great Priory of Canada and the Grand Encampment were finally adjusted. The Grand Master reported that the Great Priory of Canada had been granted independence from the Convent General of England by the Grand Master of England, H. R. H., the Prince of Wales. After correspondence had passed between Grand Master Withers and Great Prior MacLeod Moore, official representatives were exchanged. Sir Knight James A. Henderson of Ontario was the first representative from the Grand Encampment near the Great Priory of Canada, and R.E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson was the first representative of the Great Priory to the Grand Encampment.

At this Conclave, upon the insistence of Deputy Grand Master Roome, the rituals of the Order of Red Cross and the Order of the Temple were adopted. Some revision had been made to make the work smoother and the sequence more regular, but the essential features had been preserved.

The parades and social features of the Triennial Conclave were again the subject of consideration, and the Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

It has been charged that these festivities have interfered with that

calm and deliberate action which was to be expected of the Grand Encampment. We believe, in spite of all the criticism, temperate and intemperate, that the present splendid degree of efficiency in drill, elegance and approximation to uniformity in costume, the great growth in numbers, in zeal, in fraternal feeling, cemented by personal intercourse and acquaintanceship, are very largely owing to public parades, and festal reunions. The social features of our organizations are not by any means to be neglected * * * At the same time, we cannot but recognize the fact that the proportions, variety and attractiveness of entertainments during the Conclaves, have so increased that prudence demands a halt.

However, the Grand Encampment took no further action.

In a lengthy report, Sir James H. Hopkins presented the subject of the supremacy of the Grand Encampment stating:

Such State Grand Encampments or Commanderies as then existed, came, and there were but three, voluntarily under the control of this Constitution, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment; and all subsequently formed derived their powers, drew the breath of life, from this common and prolific mother. And the elements out of which the Grand Commanderies grew were molded by the Grand Encampment in nearly every State of the Union.

Isolated Commanderies were formed in unoccupied territory; the banner of our Order was set up in scores of outposts; the garrisons were watched over, encouraged, strengthened; others were added, and in due time grouped together under one State organization — all done by the Grand Encampment . . . Inasmuch, then, as all the Grand Commanderies, except three, derived their warrants, all the powers they exercise from the Grand Encampment; and the three which existed before the formation of the Grand Encampment, voluntarily came under its banner and vowed loyalty to it, why is it not the supreme and sovereign organization? With what reason or justice can its creatures deny its complete authority and undertake to hedge in and circumscribe the limits of its power?

The matter of uniforms, which was still causing trouble, was again taken up. The following resolution was adopted, which was to go a long way in solving the problem:

The uniform of Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, and Knights of the Red Cross, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

“Each Grand Commandery shall have full power and authority to prescribe the uniform to be worn by those belonging to its own jurisdiction, except that the insignia of rank shall always be under the exclusive control and regulation of the Grand Encampment.”

An interesting resolution, adopted at this Conclave, was introduced by Sir Knight Reuben H. Lloyd of California:

Resolved, That all Knights Templar, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, be, and they are hereby prohibited from using any Templar emblem, insignia, symbol, device, word, or abbreviation for a word, on any business card, sign, or in any business advertisement or publication. All Grand Commanderies and all Grand Commanders shall be, as soon as possible, furnished by the Recorder of this Body with a copy of this resolution, and they are requested to have it enforced in letter and spirit.

At the election, Sir Knight Charles Roome of New York was elected Most Eminent Grand Master, and Sir Knight William B. Isaacs of Virginia was elected Very Eminent Grand Recorder.

Twenty-Fourth Conclave

The twenty-fourth Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in the Masonic Temple in Washington, D.C., on October 8, 1889. Thirty-seven Grand Commanderies and twenty-two constituent subordinate commanderies were represented. The parade of Sir Knights along the broad avenues of Washington did not create the interest or excitement it did in other cities, probably because the Capital City had been the scene of so many beautiful pageants and impressive processions that it was no longer a novelty. A special reception by President Harrison to the assembled Sir Knights, however, gave recognition to the great Order of Knighthood.

Grand Master Charles Roome presented a most detailed report of his difficulties in having the new ritual adopted by the various Grand Commanderies. This was especially true in the case of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, which refused to use the ritual.



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- I am trying to locate descendants of and history about the Veitch and Jenkins families. John Veitch came from Germany by way of Lumberton, North Carolina, raced sulkies in Birmingham around the turn of the century. Joseph Solan Jenkins came to Bessemer, Alabama by way of Cartersville, Georgia. Henry Jenkins lived in Atlanta, Georgia with two daughters, one son was in athletics and died as a result of a football accident. Andrew Jenkins lived in Chattanooga, Tennessee. His father Ephram Jenkins lived with them until his death. Also Mary Cook of England, Cathrine Ponder, Amanda Brigman. *John W. Brigman, III, 752-Chestnut Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35216, (205) 823-6264 after 7 p.m.*
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- Information wanted on ancestry of Thomas Baker, Sumter County, South Carolina. He was married to Rachel Furman, daughter of Dr. Richard Furman, about 1800. They had five children, Wm. F. (d. ca. 1834), C.R.F., Maria, Thomas McDonald and Mary L. Wm. F. married Lucretia (maybe Finney), Maria married John M. Taylor and Mary L. married Charles C. Jackson. After Thomas (d. ca. 1838) and Rachel's (d. ca. 1845) death, Lucretia with three sons moved to Fayette County, Tennessee. Her sons were W.R., Robert M. and Edwin Marion. On December 11, 1855, she along with partner T.E. Finney (maybe her brother) bought some land one mile southeast of Somerville, Tennessee. She died about 1858, and the boys sold their share of land to Finney and moved to Memphis and on to Arkansas. *W. F. Baker, 321 South Worthington Drive, West Memphis, Arkansas 72301*
- Thanks to each and everyone that answered the ad for my husband's sword. I had so many requests I can't possibly write to each. *Leonora H. Dunn, Largo, Florida (formerly of Deltona, Florida)*
- I have a Knight Templar sword and scabbard that I will sell for \$100. It is of excellent quality and in good condition. I also have a large "New Standard Alphabetical Indexed Bible - School and Library Reference Edition" for sale. It would be suitable for a Lodge room. Price negotiable. *Herschel S. Kile, 2200 Croley Drive, No. 6-G, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001; (505) 522-5906.*

□ I need information on my "fourth" great grandfather, George Sparkman, Bertie County, North Carolina (Windsor). He married the first time in 1786 (10/1) to Ruth Holley and the second time to Martha Bryant (2/22/1791). His children were: 1) Lewis 2) Rutha 3) Nancy 4) William 5) George 6) Bryant (my third great grandfather) 7) Polly 8) Solomon 9) Tabitha 10) Patsy 11) Aggey 12) Elizabeth. If anyone has any information, please help me. My name is *Julius M. "Sparkie" Sparkman, Sr., 3652 Shamley Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35223.*

□ I would like to buy certain booklets (parts) of the *Collectanea*, the official publication of the Grand College of Rites. Please write me if you have any of these booklets. I will contact you. *K.D. Lindley, 2317 Western, Farmington, New Mexico 87401 or (505) 325-7180*

□ I am searching for ships company personnel who were connected with N.A.T.T.C. AMM School, Norman, Oklahoma, during WWII — officers, instructors, waves, cooks, barracks, personnel, etc. A reunion is being planned for the year 1987. Contact *Carl E. Smith, 1520 Haywood Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38127*

□ I need a reasonably priced silver or chrome Commandery sword. I cannot afford a new one. If you have one, or know of someone who does, please contact me. All I ask is that it be in decent shape or be repairable. *H. A. Kent, P.O. Box 11, Gratz, Kentucky 40327*

□ I am interested in corresponding with descendants of my grandfather Patterson's brothers and sisters who lived in Philadelphia in the mid-1800's: James, Anne, John, Lem, Reanie (?), Nessie (?), Robert, Margaret. Also: Isabelle Patterson Outhit, wife of Dr. George M. Outhit of Wilmot, Annapolis. Would like to know names, birthplaces, all information available on those people and their parents. *M.E. Ingebretsen, 3635 Arbolado Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121*

□ Can you help? Tradition holds that historic Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, one of the oldest Masonic Lodges in America today, was formed with a warrant from an Irish Military Regiment Lodge, which may have been stationed at old Fredericksburgh during the 1730s or possibly as early as 1725. Unfortunately, the Grand Lodge of Ireland does not have documented proof of this. According to existing records in Virginia, it is known that the Lodge was active prior to 1752, but research has not revealed its actual date of origin. Some historians believe that it was founded as early as 1725 — but it is not recorded under which Masonic authority the Lodge functioned prior to 1758. Existing records do support the contention that the Lodge at Fredericksburgh did exercise some of the powers of a Grand Lodge with at least two known Lodges being instituted by it. These two Lodges were Botetout Lodge instituted in 1757 (later chartered by the Grand Lodge of Virginia), and a Lodge formerly existing at Falmouth, Virginia.

There have been contentions advanced that Fredericksburgh Lodge may have instituted warrants for other Lodges. This has been supported, to some extent, by a claim that a framed warrant from the Fredericksburgh Lodge was reportedly spotted hanging somewhere in a Kentucky Lodge room, or possibly in Missouri, by a visiting Virginia Freemason. He gave the warrant little attention because of the old spelling of Fredericksburg, which had the letter "h" at the end.

This writer is attempting to further document the origin of the Lodge at Fredericksburgh — the mother Lodge of George Washington — and is seeking information about Lodges which may have been instituted by warrants from the Lodge at Fredericksburgh in early frontier territories, or possibly Virginia-originating Lodges that later relocated.

Your cooperation and contribution to this important historic research will be most appreciated, and will be properly acknowledged. Kindly send your "leads," or documented information to *Thomas Rigas, MPS, 2600 West Farwell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60645*



One of the most celebrated duels in American history is the one between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton in which Hamilton was killed. The 1804 confrontation is pictured above in an engraving; Hamilton is at right. Lesser known is the duel fought between Brothers Sam Houston and General White; story on page 5.