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Our Most Eminent Grand Master  
Donald Hinslea Smith



*A new beginning . . .*

## ***The 56th Triennial Conclave***

At the Grand Encampment's 56th Triennial Conclave held in Cincinnati last month, the Templars of Ohio paid a tremendous and lasting tribute to their Past Grand Commander and our Past Grand Master Ned E. Dull, who has served all of us so faithfully as a dedicated, enthusiastic working Knight Templar for so many years; and in particular, throughout the past Triennium.

Sir Knights can pick up the History of the Grand Encampment and read the names and exploits of the forty-seven Grand Masters from DeWitt Clinton to the present and feel a great pride. Looking upon the six living Past Grand Masters, I think of what each has given me in terms of instruction and encouragement in Templary. I first met John Crofts when he visited the Sesquicentennial celebration of Kentucky's Webb Commandery No. 1; I was Commander of Richmond Commandery No. 25 then and was thrilled to be able to meet and talk to our Grand Master. Ned Dull was the East Central Department Commander when I was elected into the line of Kentucky's Grand Commandery, and he served as our installing officer that year. Roy Riegle installed me as Grand Commander of Kentucky while he was Grand Master. Willard Avery honored me by appointing me Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation. I can never even estimate how much I have learned from service with Wilbur Bell, Kenneth Johnson and Ned Dull. I can only say to each of them, thank you, and I know that each of you will continue to serve as very close advisors to the office of Grand Master.

I want to commend all chairmen and members who served on the Conclave Committees. Their work was more than outstanding; it was in the spirit of Ohio Templary. Although it will be difficult to equal their effort, we will do our best to marshal the special attributes of Kentucky, the Blue Grass State, for the 57th Triennial Conclave in Lexington in 1988.

An installation in a Masonic organization is the beginning of a term of office; but often this can ignore that the newly installed officers are the continuation, and, I hope, the perpetuation of all that we feel is good in our great fraternal order. Twenty other Past Grand Commanders have been installed with me in elective and appointive offices to assist in serving and leading this great Christian Masonic order for the next three years. Each of them has pledged to give his best for this order. I know that they will honor their pledges because they are true Templars.

These newly installed officers will ask for the assistance, ideas, and advice of the 25,000 officers, past and present, of Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies, in accomplishing our mission. I, too, will do my best to begin those changes that may be necessary to lead our order into the twenty-first century, strong and searching for our Grail. I shall be happy to hear your constructive ideas for these changes.



# Knight Templar

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

**SEPTEMBER:** *Knight Templar Magazine* welcomes our new Most Eminent Grand Master, Donald H. Smith, to its pages; his first of many monthly messages appears on page two. A biography of Grand Master Smith appears on page five, and he also appears on our cover for September. The rest of the Grand Encampment officer biographies begin on page six. These biographies make up the bulk of the magazine this month; the 56th Triennial's divine service sermon by The Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, former Grand Prelate, is included on page 19.

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# EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**Salute our new Grand Master:** Newly-elected Grand Master Donald Hinslea Smith gives us his first message of his triennium on page two; biography of our Most Eminent Grand Master is printed on page five. His name joins the masthead on page three, along with the new Grand Recorder.

**Grand Recorder Neumann:** *Knight Templar Magazine* salutes our new Grand Recorder, Charles Richard Neumann, who was elected at the 56th Triennial Conclave. He replaces Past Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer in the position. Sir Knight Neumann has fulfilled his appointment as Assistant Grand Recorder in the Chicago office during a period of thirteen months, beginning July 1, 1984, as announced in the August 1984 *Knight Templar Magazine*. Sir Knight Neumann, as a result of his being Assistant Grand Recorder, is now well-acquainted with office procedures. All mail for the Grand Recorder is to be sent to: Charles R. Neumann, Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604-2293. A biography of Grand Recorder Neumann is printed on page ten.

**Rodenhauser receives high honor:** Sir Knight Paul Charles Rodenhauer was honored with the title "Honorary Past Grand Master" at the 56th Triennial Conclave in Cincinnati. This honor was recommended by then Most Eminent Grand Master Ned E. Dull, and it was approved and adopted by the Sir Knights attending the session. A complete report on this honor bestowed upon the Past Grand Recorder is printed on page fifteen, along with biographical information.

**Triennial News Coverage:** The 56th Triennial Conclave ended August 14, too late for *Knight Templar* to furnish a complete news report on the Conclave. A full report on triennial events, along with photographs, will be published in the October edition. Coverage of newly elected officers begins on page five.

**Pentagon Ceremony:** A ceremony held in the Pentagon on July 1 honored a famous Sir Knight. The "General John J. Pershing Conference Room" was dedicated in the ceremony. Remarks were made by Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr., at the dedication. Among other remarks, Marsh said, "It is most appropriate in the year of leadership that we would seek to honor one who is rated as one of the great military captains of the world." Chief of Staff General John A. Wickham, Jr., made the decision to rename the army chief of staff conference room and served as host. Also attending was retired Army Lt. Col. John W. Pershing, who cut the ribbon at the doorway to the conference room. Lt. Col. Pershing said, "I'm proud to be here to represent my grandfather, my family, my father, and all the other Pershings who have fought since 1740." General John J. Pershing was Raised on December 22, 1888, in Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska. He was a member of Mount Moriah Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, Lincoln, Nebraska, which he joined on December 3, 1894.

**Behrens article:** *Knight Templar* is pleased to offer a final article from former editor Joan Behrens entitled "Alias Artemus Ward." This fine article is printed on page twenty-three.



# **Donald Hinslea Smith, Kentucky** **Elected new Leader of Templar Masonry**

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Our new Grand Master is a retired army officer and registrar of Eastern Kentucky University, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in Detroit, Michigan. When Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941, Grand Master Smith was called to active duty in the Michigan State Troops. The following year, he enlisted in the army, and in 1943 he graduated from Infantry Officer Candidates School as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. Lt. Smith went overseas during World War II, took part in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Belgium Fourrequerque. Later he served during the Korean conflict, and prior to his retirement in 1964, he held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Military Police.

After service, Grand Master Smith entered Eastern Kentucky University and graduated with honors in history in 1966. He went on to earn a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice at ECU. He was an Assistant Professor of Police

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Grand Master Smith is a deacon in the Berea, Kentucky, Baptist Church where he has taught a Men's Bible class for twenty years. He and his wife Kay have two sons: The Reverend Donald H. Smith, Jr., of Homer, Michigan, and Mark M. Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Originally Raised in Atlanta Lodge No. 59, Atlanta, Georgia, Grand Master Smith is now affiliated with Richmond Lodge No. 25, Richmond, Kentucky, an affiliation he has held since 1962. He served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1977. He is a member and past presiding officer of the York Rite Bodies of Richmond, Kentucky. He has served terms as Grand Chaplain of both the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. and Grand Council, R.&S.M., Kentucky. He served Kentucky Templars as Grand Commander in 1974.

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## **Marvin Fowler elected Deputy Grand Master**

*In 1980, Marvin E. Fowler, P.G.C., District of Columbia, was appointed by then Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson to complete the unexpired term of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment. He was elected to the succeeding office of Grand Generalissimo at the 55th Triennial Conclave in Arkansas. At the 56th Triennial Conclave in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler was unanimously elected to the office of Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.*

Marvin E. Fowler, a member of the Masonic Fraternity for more than fifty-seven years, was born in Salisbury, Missouri, and matriculated at Central College, Fayette, Missouri, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then attended George Washington University and completed studies for his M.A. in 1931.

He was Head Pathologist and Chief, Division of Forest Disease Research, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, retiring from government service in October 1963. Following that tenure, he accepted the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, which post he retained for another fifteen years.

A member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, Deputy Grand Master Fowler is a Past President of the Holindale Citizens Association and the International Arborists Association. He and his wife Roberta reside in Alexandria.

Sir Knight Fowler was Raised in Hebron Lodge No. 354, Mexico, Missouri, in 1927, and today he is a member of LaFayette Lodge No. 19 in the District of Columbia. He served as Worshipful Master of LaFayette Lodge in 1940, and in 1950 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Ldge of the District. He was admitted to the ranks of Royal Arch and Chivalric Masonry in Mexico, Missouri, and he now holds membership in the D.C. York Rite. He has served terms as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons,



D.C., and General Grand Principal Sojourner and Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter International; also Grand Master of Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, D.C., and Grand Commander of Knights Templar in D.C. For many years he served the Grand Encampment as Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Committee. He is currently Grand Secretary of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council in the District of Columbia.

He holds the 33<sup>o</sup>, Scottish Rite, S.J., served as presiding officer of all four Scottish Rite bodies, and is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine; KYCH; and Knight Masons, U.S.A. Since 1953, he has served as Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.



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## ***Blair C. Mayford elected to Grand Line***

*Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General to start in the grand line of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar on the third vote at the election of the 56th Triennial Conclave which was held on August 13, 1985. He was installed on the following day.*

Right Eminent Grand Captain General Blair Mayford was born in Illinois, graduating from Wood River Community High School, and later from Washington University. He is Assistant Manager, Insurance Division, of John S. Swift, Co., Inc. (lithographers) and has been associated with this company for thirty-four years.

Sir Knight Mayford and his wife Dorella were married at Alton, Illinois, and are the parents of one daughter, Christy Ann.

Sir Knight Mayford has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for more than thirty-five years, and his affiliations are extensive and varied. He was Raised in Pomegranate Lodge No. 95, St. Louis, Missouri, then transferred to University Lodge No. 649, Clayton, Missouri. He served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1974.

Mayford is past presiding officer of St. Louis-Missouri Chapter No. 1, R.A.M.; and is currently Chairman of the Educational Committee of Missouri's Grand Chapter. He is Past Master of Hiram Council No. 1, R. & S.M., St. Louis; and was elected Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri in 1985. Sir Knight Mayford is Past Commander of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, St. Louis, and has served as Recorder of St. Aldemar for nineteen years. He served the state of Missouri as Grand Commander in 1975, and served the Grand Encampment during the 1979-82 triennium as Chairman of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters.



Appendant membership includes St. Louis Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, elected Sovereign in 1984; Moolah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, St. Louis; Lord of Lords Tabernacle No. LI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; also the Royal Order of Scotland. In addition, he is a Past Master of Kadosh, and holds the KCCH in the Valley of St. Louis, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. He also belongs to University Chapter No. 231, of the the Order of Eastern Star and the Missouri Lodge of Research. In the Order of DeMolay International he holds the Honorary Legion of Honor. He is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Ferguson, Missouri.



## ***Gorman re-elected Grand Treasurer***

Sir Knight Harold Sumner Gorman of Reno, Nevada, is the tenth man to hold the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment since that sovereign Templar order was established in 1816. He was first appointed in July 1974 by then Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, and he has been re-elected to the office each Triennial since then. He brings to the office some fifty years of banking experience.

A native of Carlin, Nevada, Sir Knight Gorman moved to Reno as a young boy. After graduating from Reno High School, he attended the University of Nevada. In May 1922, he began his banking career which culminated in 1968 when he retired as chairman of the board of the First National Bank of Nevada.

His professional affiliations include the Nevada Bankers Association (which he served as president in 1949); American Bankers Association; and the Sierra Nevada Chapter, American Institute of Banking. His civic offices have included president of Reno Chamber of Commerce in 1952; president of Rotary Club of Reno, 1944-45; president of the Prospectors Club, 1966; and former director of the United Fund of Washoe County. He is also a member of the Navy League; National Industrial Conference Board; and Small Business Administration. He is currently Treasurer of the Washoe Landmark Preservation, the Nevada Council on Economic Education, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

A longtime supporter of Boy Scouts of America, he is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award and currently a Board Member of the Nevada Area Council in Reno. He is a former Trustee of the Washoe Medical Center and a member of the Advisory Board, College of Education for the University of Nevada.



Sir Knight Gorman was a charter member and first Master Councilor of Nevada Chapter, Order of DeMolay and holds the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He was Raised in Reno Lodge No. 13, F. & A.M., of which he is presently a trustee; and he is Past High Priest of Reno Chapter No. 1, R.A.M.; member of Reno Council No. 4, R. & S.M.; and a forty-nine year member and Past Commander of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1, Reno. In 1967, he was appointed South Pacific Department Commander for the Grand Encampment. Today, he serves the Grand Commandery of Nevada as Grand Treasurer and as Chairman of the Educational Foundation, Division of Nevada. He also serves Grand Encampment as Treasurer of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

His Masonic membership also includes: the Scottish Rite Bodies of Reno; Kerak Temple, AAONMS; St. Matthias Tabernacle No. LVII, HRAKTP; Reno Court No. 33, Royal Order of Jesters; and Royal Order of Scotland. He is also former Intendant General for Nevada, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine.

Sir Knight Gorman and his wife Marguerite are the parents of two sons — Richard and Robert.



# ***Our Grand Recorder, Charles Neumann***

*Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann was appointed Right Eminent Assistant Grand Recorder on July 1, 1984, by Grand Master Ned E. Dull, after it became apparent that Right Eminent Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer would no longer be able to fulfill the duties of the office of Grand Recorder due to suffering a stroke and other difficulties which eventually led to arterial surgery early in 1984. Having served in that office for over a year, he was elected Right Eminent Grand Recorder at the 56th Triennial Conclave on August 13, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was installed on August 14, 1985.*

Grand Recorder Charles Richard Neumann was born in Chicago, later moving to Arlington Heights where he attended high school. He received the degree of doctor of naprapathy from the National College of Naprapathy in 1962.

In addition to practicing naprapathy from in 1962 to 1974, he worked as a System Coordinator for Waukegan Steel Company and from 1980-84 was branch manager, then salesman for Midwest Welding Supply Company.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights, Illinois, he has been married to his wife Karla since 1972.

Sir Knight Neumann was Raised in Arlington Heights Lodge No. 1162 in Arlington Heights, Illinois, on January 26, 1963, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1972. He received the degrees of Royal Arch Mason in November of 1963 and is a member of Palatine Chapter No. 206, Palatine, Illinois. He served as Excellent High Priest in 1968 and as a member of the Grand High Priest Address Committee during 1983-84. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Cryptic Council No. 46, Elgin, Illinois, in 1964 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1969. He currently is Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard for the Illinois Grand Council. He was Knighted in 1963 in Bethel Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar, Elgin, Illinois, serving as Eminent Commander in 1967.



In 1975 at the age 34 he served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. He also served as an aide to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment during the 1982-85 triennium.

He holds the 32°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Chicago. He became a member of Medinah Temple, AAONMS, in 1963, at Chicago.

Additional Masonic affiliations include Knight Masons, U.S.A.; Illinois Priory No. 11, KYCH; Order of Eastern Star; Order of the Amaranth; DeMolay Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

At the 56th Triennial, he was elected Secretary of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and of the Educational Foundation.



# ***The Reverend Walter Merritt McCracken***

*Following his installation as Grand Master, Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith announced the appointment of The Reverend Walter M. McCracken, Staunton, Virginia, as Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment for the 1985-88 triennium. He succeeds The Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, Huntsville, Ohio, in that office.*

The Reverend Walter M. McCracken was born in Chicago, Illinois, and was educated at various schools throughout this country and in Canada, including Trinity College, Toronto, and Northwestern University, Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois. He is an Episcopalian priest, and has worked as an Army Chaplain and a boy's boarding school teacher.

Sir Knight McCracken was Raised in Sibert Lodge, Gatun, Canal Zone (under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts), in 1951. He served as Master of Lodge Han Yang in 1955, and as the Chaplain of Staunton Lodge No. 13, Staunton, Virginia. He is currently the Senior Warden and Chaplain of Bicentennial Lodge. He is also the Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Grand Prelate McCracken has served as the Grand Chaplain or Prelate of every grand body in the York Rite. He currently is affiliated with Union Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., Staunton, serving as High Priest in 1968. He belongs to Rolla Council No. 39, R. & S.M., Rolla, Missouri.

Grand Prelate McCracken was Knighted in Porto Rico Commandery No. 1, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and is currently affiliated with Maryland Commandery No. 1, Baltimore, and Stevenson Commandery No. 8, Staunton, Virginia, Commander, 1967; Prelate since 1969. He served the Grand Commandery of Virginia as Grand Commander in 1974, and is currently the Grand Historian of the Grand Commandery, as well as Grand Archivist.



Other Masonic affiliations include Garden of Gethsemane Tabernacle No. 11, Past Preceptor, HRAKTP; Valley of Virginia, A.A.S.R., S.J., holding the 32°; Abou Ben Adhem Temple, Springfield, Missouri, AAONMS.

Grand Prelate McCracken served twelve years in the National Guards of California, Colorado and Illinois, as well as the Canadian Militia; he was commissioned a Chaplain in the U.S. Army, serving four years during World War II in the Southwest Pacific, as well as two years in the Korean War. He retired as Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) in 1960. He taught at Staunton Military Academy for seventeen years, including seven years as chairman of both the ancient and modern language departments, and was voted Honorary Associate of the Parish by Trinity Church, Staunton.



# ***Elected and Appointed Officers for 1985-88***

*The ceremony of installation for new officers of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, took place at 11 a.m. on the morning of August 14, 1985, as the final activity of the 56th Triennial Conclave at Cincinnati, Ohio. Four Most Eminent Past Grand Masters comprised the installation team, with Willard M. Avery as installing officer, Ned E. Dull and John L. Crofts, Sr., as installing Marshals, Kenneth C. Johnson as installing Recorder, and G. Wilbur Bell as installing Prelate.*

*Elected by the Grand Encampment:*

## **Most Eminent Grand Master**

Donald Hinslea Smith, 1041 Idylwild Drive, Richmond, Kentucky 40475

## **Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master**

Marvin E. Fowler, 1904 White Oaks Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22306

## **Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo**

William H. Thornley, Jr., 3080 South Race Street, Denver, Colorado 80210

## **Right Eminent Grand Captain General**

Blair C. Mayford, 9761 Durham Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63137

## **Right Eminent Grand Treasurer**

Harold S. Gorman, P.O. Box 11007, Reno, Nevada 89510

## **Right Eminent Grand Recorder**

Charles R. Neumann, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

*Appointed by the Grand Master:*

## **Right Eminent Grand Prelate**

The Reverend Walter M. McCracken, P.O. Box 479, Staunton, Virginia 24401

## **Right Eminent Department Commanders**

Northeastern: John C. Werner, II (VA)    North Central: William Jackson Jones (IL)  
Southeastern: Edward R. Saunders (VA)    South Central: James M. Willson, Jr. (TX)  
East Central: Clyde Curtis (KY)    Northwestern: Lawrence A. Blanchard (CO)  
Southwestern: Ralph Emerson (NV)

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## **Most Eminent Past Grand Masters**

John L. Crofts, Sr. (1967-70)

G. Wilbur Bell (1970-73)

Roy Wilford Riegle (1973-76)

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Willard M. Avery (1976-79)  
Kenneth C. Johnson (1979-82)  
Ned E. Dull (1982-85)

**Right Eminent Past Grand Treasurer**  
Edmund F. Ball, P.G.C. (Indiana)

**Right Eminent Past Grand Recorder and Honorary Past Grand Master**  
Paul C. Rodenhauser, P.G.C. (Pennsylvania)

### Planned Regional Conferenced for 1985-86

South Central: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas; September 7-8, 1985, in Tulsa, Oklahoma

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Northwestern: Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming; October 18-20, 1985, in Boise, Idaho.

Southwestern: Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah; November 8-9, 1985, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Southeastern: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, August 15-16, 1986, Dothan, Alabama.

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## **Past Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser Honored as Honorary Past Grand Master**

Sir Knight Paul Charles Rodenhauser was awarded with the title of Honorary Past Grand Master at the 56th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Cincinnati, Ohio. Then Grand Master Ned E. Dull recommended Sir Knight Rodenhauser to receive the honor, and this was affirmed by the unanimous acclamation of the Sir Knights in attendance at the session.

Sir Knight Rodenhauser has served the Grand Encampment as Grand Recorder for nineteen years, being elected to continuous terms of office beginning in 1967 and continuing to his final election to the office of Grand Recorder in 1982. Past Grand Recorder Rodenhauser has served as the Chairman of Publications since 1966, and was editor of *Knight Templar Magazine* from the beginning of the every member mailing in 1969 until his retirement from the office of Grand Recorder. Secretary of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation, he has also been Secretary of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

He is a graduate of Millersville University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. In addition to syndicated radio writing for Star Radio Programs in New York City (later for Radio Writers Laboratory) from 1936 to 1942, he was a writer, promotion and production manager from 1935 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Baltimore and New York City, and television program and production manager from 1949 to 1966 when he resigned to become Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

He was Raised in Columbia Lodge No. 286 in 1946, and is a member of the York Rite Bodies of Columbia and Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He served the Pennsylvania Templars as Grand Commander in 1963. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lancaster and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and is an Honorary 33°, from the Supreme Council, N.M.J. He belongs to both Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, and Medinah Temple, Chicago, AAONMS; he is Grand Recorder Emeritus Ad Vitum, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, K.G.C., H.P.G.S. He is Past Preceptor, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He holds the Honorary Legion of Honor from DeMolay International and is a National Sojourners Honorary Member in Perpetuity. In the Grand Encampment office in Chicago, Sir Knight Rodenhauser introduced many modernizations in his nineteen years as Grand Recorder. Among these were the computerization of the membership rolls as well as directing the every-member mailing for the magazine. As editor, he expanded the role of our magazine, bringing in articles of historical Masonic interest, as well as introducing news of Templar activities across the country. Sir Knight Rodenhauser also introduced the 47 state supplements. This nationwide and local coverage is unique among Masonic publications, and *Knight Templar Magazine* salutes the Honorary Past Grand Master in recognition of his contributions.





# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## Centennial Coin Issued

Anderson Commandery No. 32, Anderson, Indiana, celebrated their centennial on April 29, 1985. An antique



bronze medal was commissioned to commemorate the event. This coin is one and a half inches in diameter with a cross and crown on the front and an outline of the state of Indiana on the reverse. This medal may be obtained for \$5.00, postpaid, by writing to Sir Knight William Bussel, Recorder, 224 Elva Street, Anderson, Indiana 46014.

## Commandery Escorts for Job's Daughters

Kina J. Wells, daughter of Sir Knight and Mrs. Jerry Wells, of Quincy, Illinois, was installed as Honored Queen of Bethel No. 82, International Order of Job's Daughters. The ceremonies were held on Saturday, June 15, 1985, at 2 p.m. in the Masonic Temple. Escorts were members of Quincy Commandery No. 77, Quincy, Illinois. Commander Webb Hetzler was assisted by Sir Knight Wells, Past Commander of Quincy Commandery and Monarch of Ghazze Grotto; Sir Knights Phillip Lambert and Dale Hobbs, brothers-in-law of the Honored Queen; Sir Knight Arthur Connors, Jr.; and Sir Knight Walter Wickliffe.

## Sir Knight Mann receives Purple Cross

Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation for the Grand Encampment for the 1979-82 and 1982-85 trienniums, received the Order of the Purple Cross on Saturday, August 3, 1985, in Orlando, Florida, at the annual General Assembly of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Gordon Stuart, Grand Governor General, of Ontario, presided at that meeting, where Howard P. Bennett was elected the new Grand Governor General.

Sir Knight Mann is a Past Grand Commander of Alabama, and is presently Grand Secretary-Recorder of all three York Rite Grand Bodies of Alabama. In addition, he is currently Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the U.S.A. At the 56th Triennial Conclave held in Cincinnati, Sir Knight Mann was elected a trustee of the Permanent Fund.

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## Texarkana Confers Knighthood

On July 6, 1985, Texarkana Commandery No. 64, Texarkana, Texas, along with Couer de Leon Commandery



No. 6, Texarkana, Arkansas, joined forces at the Texarkana, Texas, Masonic Temple. The three orders of Christian Knighthood were conferred on the following Sir Knights: from Texarkana Commandery No. 64 were John A. Bridges, Jr., Russel L. Fuglaar, Jr., John H. Hicks, Jimmy D. Johnson, James Lewis Melton, Jr., and William K. Wilkins; from Couer de Leon Commandery No. 6 were Walter Bailey, Wiley H. Fultz, Daniel Jackson, Lantz Lurry, Jr., and Larry Powell. These newly created Sir Knights are pictured in the photograph above.

*Cicero was the first who observed that friendship improves happiness and abates misery, by the doubling of our joy and dividing of our grief.*

Joseph Addison



## Clinton Commandery Parade

On June 29, 1985, Clinton Commandery No. 66, Clinton, Illinois, marched in the Clinton parade, pictured below, which celebrated the sesqui-



centennial of that city. DeMolay Commandery No. 24, Bloomington, Illinois, and Constantine Commandery No. 51, Lincoln, assisted the group which was led by the Commander of Clinton Commandery No. 66, Ben North.

## El Paso Centennial Coin

El Paso Chapter No. 157, Royal Arch Masons, and El Paso Commandery No. 18, Knights Templar, both celebrated their 100th anniversary this year. As part of their joint celebration, they have struck a coin which is now being offered on a limited basis for \$4.00, postpaid. The coins are being offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders are being taken by Sir Knight Robert Redic, 1505 Magruder Street, El Paso, Texas 79925. Only checks and money orders are being accepted.



Grand Encampment  
Roll Call of Honored Dead  
**IN HALLOWED MEMORY**

**Eric Bunyan Oldham**  
North Carolina  
Grand Commander — 1956  
Born February 1, 1894  
Died June 23, 1985

**Max Leon Clark**  
Michigan  
Grand Commander — 1973  
Born March 21, 1918  
Died July 5, 1985

**Vivian Pierce Patterson**  
South Carolina  
Grand Commander — 1966  
Born November 19, 1897  
Died July 10, 1985

**William Cliff Sanders**  
Georgia  
Grand Commander — 1960  
Born April 27, 1897  
Died July 25, 1985

**The Reverend Eugene Chable —  
former Grand Prelate**

The Reverend Eugene Chable, Right Eminent Grand Prelate for the 1955-58 triennium, died on July 27, 1985, in Venice, Florida. He was appointed by Most Eminent Grand Master of that triennium, Walter Allen DeLamater. He served as Grand Chaplain for DeMolay in 1974-75 under John L. Crofts, Sr., P.G.M., and was Past Sovereign for Miami Conclave, R.C.C. (1979). The funeral service for Sir Knight Chable was held on Thursday, August 1, 1985, at the United Church of Christ in Venice, of which Chable was the founding minister.

**Max L. Clark, Department Commander**

Sir Knight Max Leon Clark, Right Eminent Department Commander for the 1982-85 triennium, died in office on July 5, 1985; he served the East Central Department.



From the state of Michigan, Clark resided in Jackson. He was born in 1918 in Indiana, and was educated at the Purdue University Extension and the General Electric Technical School in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He was retired from being president of the Jackson Welding Supply Company, as well as from being a registered representative of the New York Stock Exchange for Smith, Hague and Co., Inc.

Sir Knight Clark was Raised in Home Lodge No. 342, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was a member of Jackson Lodge No. 17, Michigan, at the time of his death. In the York Rite, he was a member of Fort Wayne Chapter No. 19, R.A.M., Indiana; Clinton Council No. 47, R. & S.M., Tiffin, Ohio; and Jackson Commandery No. 9, Michigan, where he served as Commander in 1961. He served Michigan Templars as Grand Commander in 1973. He was coronated an Inspector General Honorary, 33°, A. & A.S.R., N.M.J., in 1978. Sir Knight Clark was a member of the United Methodist Church, and is survived by his wife Lusina and five children: Ken, Gary, Steven, Mona and Gregory.



# Run to Win

by

The Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, former Grand Prelate  
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

*This message from the former Grand Prelate was delivered at the divine service on Sunday August 11, 1985, at the 56th Triennial Conclave in Cincinnati in the Hyatt Regency Hotel. We now share it with those who were unable to attend.*

*TEXT: You know (do you not?) that at the sports all the runners run the race, though only one wins the prize. Like them, run to win! I Corinthians 9:24 NEB*

In the immortal words of Leo Durocher, "Nice guys finish last." And you and I certainly do not want to finish last. So, what do we do? What does it take to win?

Success, according to a current TV commercial advertising a big brokerage firm, requires a winning attitude. And we get other advice from the news media and books. But let's give St. Paul a chance; he has some views on the subject — and they are well worth hearing and heeding. Paul says in our text from I Corinthians, "Run to win."

In recent years, fraternalism in general (for many reasons) has slowed up and there has not been too much growth. Many Commanderies have become depressed and lack a true spirit. My brethren, aside from the Church, we have a heritage to fulfill dating back to the early centuries of Christianity, when our predecessors, the Crusaders, fought and gave their lives for the preservation and continuance of the Christian faith.

Paul's advice applies to any enterprise we believe to be worth the investment of our time and energy. So let's look at some of his rules for winning.

Paul mentions three things. First, "having a goal." "I run with a clear goal before me," Paul wrote. Paul's goal was to be an apostle. The word apostle means

"one sent." Paul was determined to be worthy of this calling and sending by our Lord. His life had been transformed by his encounter with Jesus. He took as his goal the task of preaching to the whole world the good news of what God had been doing for him and for all of us through Christ.

Paul was determined to get as many people as he could to understand that message. "Am I not an apostle?" he asks in I Corinthians. "Did I not see Jesus our Lord? Are not you my own handiwork, in the Lord?"

Paul knew what he wanted to do with his life; and he ran with that clear goal before him.

There are a few things more important than having a clear goal for one's own life. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus said to His disciples; "Let us move on to the country towns in the neighborhood; I have to proclaim my message there also: that is what I came to do." Humanly speaking, he had a clear goal for his life. He was a man with a purpose.

And if you and I are going to be successful of living and promoting the work of the Church and Templarism, the first thing we ought to do is to clarify our goals. What ought we be doing with our lives? What → → →



do we want to do? What are we able to do well? What gives us satisfaction? What is right and good to do? What is useful to our community?

By attending to such questions as these, we can discover what God is calling us to do. All these questions do

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not converge on a single point. We are to witness with our lives, our conduct and as Christian Sir Knights. God often calls us to do what we do not want to do. But we need to ponder these questions until a goal emerges, even out of conflicting answers. Winning in life begins there.

The second element is training or discipline. "I am like a boxer," wrote Paul, "who does not beat the air; I bruise my own body and make it know its master." There is no success without hard work.

Everyone knows how essential training is to an athlete. Practice is equally essential to a musician. The great Polish pianist and patriot of the last generation, Ignaz Paderewski, used to say that if he missed only one day's practice, he knew it; if he missed two days, his wife knew it; if he missed three days, his public knew it. Any kind of mastery requires a lot of work.

The poignant truth of the matter is that any achievement probably requires more expenditure of time and effort than seems worthwhile. The peculiar and agonizing dilemma of life is that either we do not exert ourselves, and then achieve nothing; or we spend ourselves too extravagantly to accomplish what may seem like too little.

Is that sentiment too bleak? Consider Jesus himself. God's own Son spent long hours in prayer, as we are reminded

over and over when we read the Gospels. He died on the cross after a life which was short by our standards and seemed to produce few results. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" He said with almost his dying breath.

Paul himself died a martyr. Prophets rarely die in bed. It is an extravagant expenditure with little to show for it. And if we are going to run to win, it will take discipline and training, and a greater investment of ourselves than we're likely to want to make. Yet winning requires it. When you run to win, you have to train hard.

The third ingredient in the winning attitude is expectancy. In that race which Paul had in his mind's eye, all the contestants expect to win, although there's only one prize — one perishable wreath of victory. If you don't expect to win, it's not very likely that you will.

That element of expectancy is another theme which exemplifies Jesus. Jesus, when he spoke with God, did so with confidence, expecting his prayer to be heard. Remember the time Simon Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever? Jesus came promptly and stood over her, and, rebuking the fever, helped her to her feet. No shadow of doubt that she would be cured. No hesitation nagged at his firm faith. He expected the healing to take place.

A study of prayer in the Bible would show that what distinguished prayer in Israel from prayer in other nations was its "certainty of being heard," as someone has put it. Repetitious incantations are not necessary. God "knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking," as we pray in a familiar collect. What was effective in producing those cures was faith, not in the sense of orthodox belief but in the sense of confidence that healing would come.

What is true of healing is true in almost every endeavor. Confidence breeds

success. You run the race, counting on winning. You hold on for dear life, running in pain, almost unable to draw the next breath, sure that you will win even if you don't see how you possibly can. Expectancy is the third component of winning.

There is a fourth, final component in winning, not mentioned in the text. It is the one component, the basic element which makes this a Christian sermon. It may seem to contradict all that we have said so far, but the contradiction is only apparent. In fact, this element is to be found in creative tension with all others. When it is present, it validates and completes them. When it is absent, the other elements will be found to be illusory, self-defeating, and even destructive.

The fourth component, the Christian component of winning, is this: put everything into God's hands. At a very deep level, a Christian, by an act of resignation, leaves everything to God. "Father," said Jesus on the cross at the very end, "into thy hands I commend my spirit."

We have spoken a great deal about human exertion and human effort. We noted the identification of a goal; the need for training, discipline and work; the crucial recruitment of expectancy. Those are all essential. Without them we cannot

would be possible only because in this race, winning is a gift, the gift of grace. Where we run to win, we have to do all that we can do — winning is not given to us apart from our best efforts — but our efforts do not secure or guarantee it. Winning comes only by the mercy of God. We can only pray for it.

How do we live, according to St. Paul's advice? We run to win! We set a goal. We train hard and work hard. We set the sights of expectancy high: all of these. Apart from them, nothing will happen.

But then, as the crucial, paradoxical, and necessary last step, we leave everything to God. We "let go and let God." At the end, winning is in His hands, and He bestows the prize — the imperishable crown of eternal life in communion with Him.

"Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
And press with vigor on;  
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
And an immortal crown,  
And an immortal crown.

Run to win!

The Reverend Buxton has served the Episcopal Church in Ohio for more than fifty years. Currently Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Sidney, he resides at 5945 Road 39, Huntsville, Ohio 43324.

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The solution to this month's crossword puzzle, featured on page 26, is printed below.

**"How do we live? We set a goal; we train hard and work hard; and — we run to win!"**

run to win. But at the end, winning is in God's hands. Winning is not ours to command or control or achieve.

In the race which St. Paul uses as his analogy, there was only one winner. In the race of life which concerns us in this sermon, there may be many winners. We hope and pray by the mercy of God that all will be winners. But such a result

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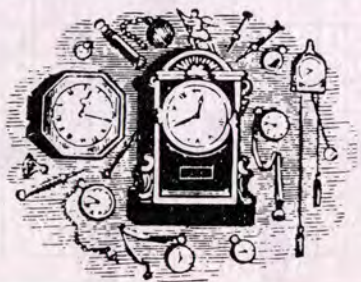


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Information is available from G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Master, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois, 62705.



A series of devastating earthquakes ravaged large sections of Chile early this year, and the International Red Cross, the Chilean Government, and church relief agencies came to Chile's aid, immediately going into action to provide basic necessities of clothing, food and medicines for the thousands of victims. The Lodges throughout Chile offered such support as they could find for their members. The Grand Lodge of Chile also went into action to relieve the distress.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Chile requested help from the Masonic Service Association of the United States when it became apparent to him that more help was needed. Within hours, the M.S.A. had issued an appeal for assistance to all Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada. The response was almost instantaneous and is continuing. Grand Lodges made contributions from their charity funds, emergency and contingency funds, and some circulated the appeal to their Lodges. In just a few short weeks, more than \$33,000.00 has been raised and forwarded to the Grand Master of Chile by M.S.A., for distribution.

The contributions, whether large or small, are truly appreciated, says the M.S.A. When making contributions, checks should be made payable to M.S.A. Disaster Relief Fund and should indicate to which disaster the funds should be applied. Every cent contributed is sent to the Grand Lodge for which the appeal was issued. The administrative costs of such appeals are borne by your Masonic Service Association which carries out its tradition of "Freemasonry's Servant." Contributions may be sent to the Masonic Service Association, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-4785.

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# Alias Artemus Ward

by

Joan E. Behrens, former Editor

*He was young, cheerful in manner, tall and slender, not quite up to date in style of dress, yet by no means shabby. His hair was flaxen and very straight; his nose, the prominent feature of his face, was Romanesque — quite violently so, with a leaning to the left. His eyes were blue-gray, with a twinkle in them; his mouth seemed so given to a merry laugh, so much in motion, that it was difficult to describe . . . It seemed as though bubbling in him was a lot of happiness which he made no effort to conceal or hold back. When we were introduced, he was sitting at his writing table; he gave his leg a smart slap, arose and shook hands with me, and said he was glad to meet me. I believed him, for he looked glad all the time. You couldn't look at him but that he would laugh. . . . (James F. Ryder, 1857)*

The above description outlines the physical characteristics of one Charles Farrar Brown, born April 26, 1834, in Waterford, Maine. Brown would have been about 23 years old when James F. Ryder was introduced to him in the office of the Cleveland *Plain Dealer*, and one might think from this description that Brown (later changed to Browne) was himself possessed of sufficient comic appendages that he would not need to invent an alter ego. But young Brown did create a "second self," and he gave him the name "Artemus Ward."

If the character of Artemus Ward is an enigma in 19th century American literature, his creator is no less so. Charles Brown came from a literate home, though his formal education was minimal. His father, Levi, of whom little is said in Charles' writings, was "a liberal minded Congregationalist" who held offices as selectman and later State Legislator from Waterford. Mrs. Brown, always referred to as "Caroline" by her famous son, was considered a "free-thinker" and said by Charles to have possessed a fine wit.

When Levi died, Charles was but 13. The boy was described as unexceptional, a bit mischievous, and little destined for

fame. Mrs. Brown had only the modest house left by her husband — not enough to keep either son at home. Cyrus was the first to learn the printer's trade, and Charles soon followed.

Before he was 17, Charles had served as "printer's devil" or apprentice on several small papers. In 1851, he traveled to Boston and joined *The Carpet-Bag*, a short-lived "comic weekly" where he set type and did his first creative writing. Brown had been with *The Carpet-Bag* for almost two years when he made the decision to head West.

The tall, lanky young man traveled as far as Tiffin, Ohio, in 1853, before he settled as a printer on the Seneca *Advertiser*. Later that same year, he became "local" editor on the Toledo *Commercial*. His big "break" occurred in 1857 when, at age 23, he took over as city editor on the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* at a salary of \$10 a week. Three months after his arrival, "Artemus Ward" was born.

Artemus Ward was an itinerant showman who traveled across America with an act consisting of a menagerie of animals and a collection of "moral wax figgers." In January 1858, the first → → →



Artemus Ward letter was printed as "filler" in the *Plain Dealer*. It was written by a common man, an American who felt himself to be the equal of any other, a free man in a free country endowed with the right to think and act as he pleased. Ward was literate — barely so. He spelled totally phonetically, a style known as cacography, considered quite humorous at the time.

*Pittsburg, Jan. 27, 18&58.*

*The Plane Dealer:*

Sir:

*i write to no how about the show bisnes in Cleevland i have a show consist- ing in part of a Californy Bare two snakes tame foxies &c also wax works my wax works is hard to beat, all say they is life and nateral curiosities among my wax works is Our Saveyer Gen taylor and Docktor Webster in the ackt of killing Parkman. now mr. Editor scratch off few lines and tel me how is the show bisnes in your good city i shal have hanbils printed at your offis you scratch my back i scratch your back,*

*Artemus Ward*

*p S Pittsburg is a 1 horse town. A. W.*

Ward considered himself a serious businessman. While his vocabulary is at times impressive, he lacked even the basic niceties of syntax and punctuation. And this made his speech all the more comic. The Ward letters appeared for the next two years. They were datelined from various towns, but just as he was to arrive in Cleveland, he was waylaid.

Within two years of Ward's first "letter," Charles Browne actually "assumed" the character of Artemus Ward. That is, Ward took to the lecture circuit.

The lecture was a popular form of entertainment in the days before motion picture theatres and radio. Of course, Ward gave up his bears and snakes and "wax figgers" in the new endeavor. His first lecture, untitled, was given in Toledo on October 22, 1860. It was a humble

beginning for a new undertaking, and Ward was equal to the task. That same year, Browne was invited to syndicate the Artemus Ward letters to New York's comic sheet *Vanity Fair*. The publisher of the *Plain Dealer* disliked the idea, and Browne agreed to write solely for the Cleveland

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paper if his salary was raised. But the publisher didn't think even A. Ward was worth the extravagance.

When Browne reached New York, he found even a more receptive audience than anticipated. He not only contributed Ward pieces; he was hired as an editor for \$20 a week. By May of 1861, Browne was managing editor. At the same time, Browne was planning Artemus Ward's first book and refining material for his lectures.

As Artemus Ward "matured," his character changed slightly. He became a bit more educated as a speaker and, as was perhaps inevitable, he came to voice the opinions of his creator during a very schismatic period in American history. It should be noted that Browne was not a politician or a crusader. In fact, he disliked radicals on either side of the political spectrum. As a lecturer, Artemus Ward had something to say about everything, but he spoke without anger, gently railing against extremists, be they radical abolitionists, feminists, or reformers of any type.

In politics, Browne has been called a "moderate Democrat." Like many northerners, Browne did not believe that slavery was an issue on which to risk the sanctity of the Union. In the election of 1860, Browne backed Stephen Douglas, but when Lincoln won, Browne gave the tall Illinoisian his (and Artemus') support. One of Ward's best known stories is titled "Interview with President Lincoln" and

describes a fictitious meeting between the showman and the politician soon after the election. Ward presents himself to the President-elect at his home in Springfield, Illinois, only to find the place filled with "office seekers." Says Ward, "i found the old feller in his parlor, surrounded by a perfeck swarm of office seekers. . . . Sum wanted post orfices, sum wanted collector-ships sum wantid furrin missions, and all wanted sumthin."

By April 12, 1861, when Confederate Commander P. G. T. Beauregard ordered his troops to fire on Ft. Sumter, Artemus Ward had a national reputation. President Lincoln never personally met "Artemus Ward," but he did find much needed "comic relief" in Ward's first collection of writings published in 1862 under the title *Artemus Ward: His Book*. In fact, the "showman" was a major participant in one little known episode during the Civil War. Secretary of War and Brother Edwin M. Stanton later recounted the story. It took place September 22, 1862.

Lincoln had called a sudden cabinet meeting. Stanton, the last to arrive, was amazed to see the President amusedly preoccupied with a small book. Eventually, says Stanton, Lincoln spoke: "'Gentlemen, did you ever read anything from Artemus Ward? Let me read you a chapter that is very funny.' Not a member of the Cabinet smiled; as for myself, I was angry, and I looked to see what the President meant. It seemed to me like buffoonery. He, however, concluded to read us a chapter from Artemus Ward, which he did with great deliberation, and, having finished, laughed heartily, without a member of the cabinet joining in the laughter. 'Well,' he said, 'let's have another chapter,' and he read another chapter, to our great astonishment. I was considering whether I should rise and leave the meeting abruptly, when he threw his book down, heaved a sigh, and said: 'Gentlemen, why don't you laugh? With the fearful strain that is upon me night and day, if

I did not laugh I should die, and you need this medicine as much as I do.' He then put his hand in his tall hat that sat upon the table, and pulled out a little paper. Turning to the members of the Cabinet, he said, 'Gentlemen, I have called you here on very important business. I have prepared a little paper of much significance. I have made up my mind that this paper is to issue; that the time has come when it should issue; that the people are ready for it to issue. . . .' He then proceeded to read the draft of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The following year, Browne expanded his lecture, intending a full western tour. But before he left New York, he sought admission to the Craft in Manhattan Lodge No. 62. He took his degrees in September and October, and beyond that little is known of later affiliations. It is known, though, that Browne encountered and befriended many another Mason on his famous western tour.

By the time Browne arrived in California, via the Isthmus of Panama, Ward's reputation had preceded him. He was welcomed like a prince in the gold- and silver-mining towns. His lectures, which were variously titled "Children in the Woods," "60 Minutes in Africa," "Ghosts," and "Artemus Ward Among the Mormons," were delivered in a dry, straight-faced, serious manner. Of course, the "lectures" usually had very little in common with the titles.

When he appeared in Nevada Territory, Governor and Brother James W. Nye appointed Ward "for the term of his natural life," "speaker of pieces" to the people of Nevada Territory. It was also in Nevada that Browne met 28-year-old Samuel Clemens, who had been Raised a Master Mason in 1861, and fellow humorist Bret Harte. Browne was apparently quite impressed with Clemens' potential as a humorist. He even invited Clemens to write a "western skit" to be included in

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# September Crossword

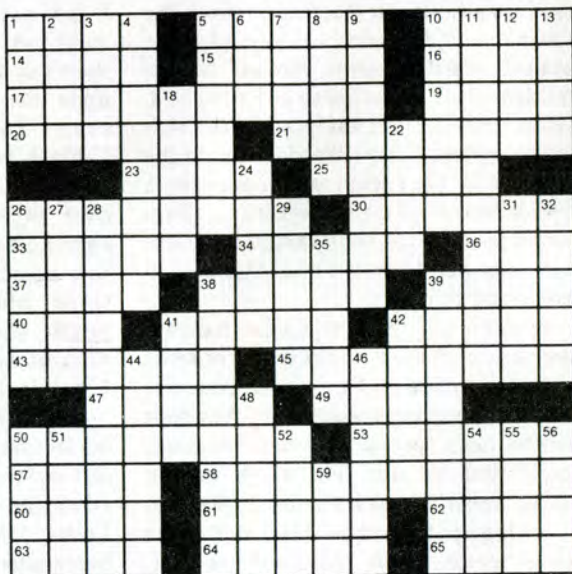
for  
Citizenship Day  
September 17

## ACROSS

- 1 A nonvoter is as crazy as a ----
- 2 Memento
- 10 Cake froster
- 14 Citizens' defense team
- 15 Woman's name
- 16 Humble
- 17 What citizens do (wd., place abbr., wd.)
- 19 Journey
- 20 Citizens' governing body
- 21 Citizens are -----
- 23 Breeding places for insect eggs
- 25 Irritates
- 26 ----- Islands
- 30 Readjusts, as clocks
- 33 Zodiac sign
- 34 Tough row ---- (2 wds)
- 36 Meadow
- 37 Lab container
- 38 Part of HUD
- 39 Scottish group
- 40 Great emancipator
- 41 High falutin' ones
- 42 Beauty's mate
- 43 Describes founding fathers and mothers
- 45 Sail the -----s (2 wds)
- 47 Gaiety, in song (2 wds)
- 49 Citizens' gains after expenses and taxes
- 50 E.R.A. proponents - to - Constitution
- 53 Actor Whitman
- 57 Warmth
- 58 A citizen ----- flag (2 wds)
- 60 Inactive
- 61 Little bit (2 wds)
- 62 Something unique
- 63 Auctioned off
- 64 Courts ---- out justice for all
- 65 Lather

## DOWN

- 1 Asian country
- 2 "To be - not to -"
- 3 Sign
- 4 Patriotic ball player (?) (place abbr. + name)
- 5 Grey-green color
- 6 Unit of length
- 7 Jump



- 8 Washington: "First ----, first in peace" (2 wds)
- 9 Commercial alloy (2 wds)
- 10 What marriage does (2 wds)
- 11 Edible young stems
- 12 Give off
- 13 Elected to House by citizens (abbr.)
- 18 Water, power companies (abbr.)
- 22 American patriot (init. & name)
- 24 Beginning
- 26 Terrorist group
- 27 One rustic (2 wds)
- 28 With - and justice for -"
- 29 ---- Ferry, New York
- 31 Rib
- 32 Yule character
- 35 ----pfeffer, rabbit stew
- 38 Every American's relative (2 wds)
- 39 ----- the U.S., population count (2 wds)
- 41 Thailand's old name
- 42 Ms. Davis
- 44 What many politicians did July 4
- 46 ---- interests
- 48 "What's in ----?" (2 wds)
- 50 "---- is my country"
- 51 Perform again

- 52 Doctor of Literature (abbr.)
- 54 ---- time, never (2 wds)
- 55 Flightless, S.A. bird
- 56 President's tenure in office
- 59 Shoshonean

The solution to this month's crossword puzzle is published on page 21.



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Ward's second book, *Artemus Ward: His Travels*. The book was already at press when the "skit" arrived in New York; it came too late. Browne's publisher was less enthused by the story and turned it over to the editor of the *Saturday Press*. November 18, 1865, the East Coast was introduced to Mark Twain's "Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

From Nevada, Ward went on to Utah where he met and performed for Brigham Young and also where he came close to dying from "mountain fever." He recovered and headed southeast, and in January of 1866 he presented "Artemus Ward Among the Mormons" to a capacity house in the New Orleans' Masonic Temple. The lecture, for which Browne was later criticized when he returned North, was a benefit "for the relief of those who had suffered from the war."

In the last year of his life (1866-67), Browne took Artemus Ward to England and was once again well-received by the critics — despite what A.W. said about 14th century English poet Geoffrey Chaucer: "It is a pity that Chawcer, who had genius, was so uneducated. He's the wuss speller I know of." His lectures at London's Egyptian Hall lasted only six weeks. An already spent constitution coupled with his "bacchanalian habits" and the rigorous performance schedule combined to fell the tall man with the giant wit. By the end of January 1867, he was bedridden with consumption. He died in Southampton March 6, 1867, at age 32.

In 1861, while still affiliated with *Vanity Fair*, Charles Browne wrote the following in a letter to a young boy in his hometown: "humorous writers have always done the most toward helping virtue on its pilgrimage, and the truth has found more aid from them than from all the grave polemicists and solid writers that have ever spoken or written. . . ." He spoke of a bold ideal not easily live up to.

In his lifetime, Browne/Ward published two books, and a third, *Artemus Ward in London*, was published posthumously. As a lecturer, he endeared himself to his audiences and helped his countrymen laugh at their follies and excesses. At his best, he was a humanist as well as a humorist, and had he lived, Browne and Artemus Ward might have matured along with the country that gave the "itinerant showman" birth.

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### Holland celebrates 150 years in Texas

On March 13, 1985, Holland Lodge No. 1 commenced the celebration of 150 years of Masonry in Texas. About 225



Masons and guests were on hand for the celebration of the event, which was led by George R. "Bob" Scott, Grand Master of Texas Masons. In anticipation of this event, the Lodge cast a coin. These coins are still available at \$4.00 each, postpaid. To receive a coin, orders may be sent to Walter A. Chatham, 4911 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77006; checks are to be made payable to Holland Lodge No. 1. The coin is pictured above.



# History of the Grand Encampment

## Chapter XIII (continued)

### THE PERIOD OF GROWTH

#### Twenty-Seventh Conclave (Continued)

On the occasion of the annual social meeting of the Great Priory of England and Wales, the Great Priory of Ireland, and the Chapter General of Scotland, held in Edinburgh in April 1898, Sir Knight John Corson Smith, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, attended the meeting by direction of the Grand Master, and extended Knightly and courteous greetings from the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Smith reported a most friendly reception by these Grand Bodies, and the Committee on Foreign Relations recommended an exchange of representatives with the Great Priory of England and Wales, the Great Priory of Ireland, and the Chapter General of Scotland.

The death of three Past Grand Masters, Vincent L. Hurlbut, Benjamin Dean, and John Q. A. Fellows, was reported with appropriate expressions from the Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Hopkins renewed his efforts to have the Grand Encampments establish a permanent headquarters. While the necessity of having a fixed home for the Grand Encampment was generally recognized, it was the sentiment of the majority that Templary benefited to a great degree by the Triennial visitation of the supreme body to the various sections of the nation. This contention was well shown by the impetus which each Triennial Conclave gave to the Order. Thousands of Sir Knights attending the Conclave were

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rejoiced by the presence of Templars from every state and territory and returned to their respective commanderies with increased enthusiasm and renewed zeal. To these visiting thousands, the Grand Encampment came to be a part of themselves rather than the supreme power from which all authority flows. There was much to say on both sides of the question, but it was decided that the present plan had served its purpose and had done much to promote the growth of the Order.

Templar membership had been increasing by tens of thousands, and many new Commanderies had been formed. Since the last Triennial Conclave, Grand Commanderies had been established in Indian Territory, District of Columbia, and Oklahoma Territory.

At the election, Sir Knight Reuben Hedley Lloyd of San Francisco was elected Most Eminent Grand Master, and Sir Knight William H. Mayo of St. Louis was reelected Very Eminent Grand Recorder.

#### Twenty-Eighth Conclave

The twenty-eighth Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in the Girls' High School Building in the City of Louisville, Kentucky, on August 27, 1901.

The statute in regard to non-affiliation proved to be a storm center of protest, which required more than half of the

decisions of Grand Master Lloyd to enforce it in the various Grand Commanderies. In the early years of the Grand Encampment, such a ruling could easily have swept the supreme body out of existence, but now with the wise, courteous and firm attitude of the Grand Master, it became a tried and satisfactory law of Templary.

The revision of the Code of Statutes in 1898 made voluntary non-affiliation in the lodge and chapter for a period of six months an offense punishable by deprivation of membership in the commandery. The law is, in reality, a tribute of loyalty to symbolic and capitular Masonry, intended to strengthen those founts whence come all the postulants to the altar of Masonic Knighthood. The percentage of non-affiliates in lodge and chapter among the members who were in good standing in the commandery was large, and growing larger. Evidently, and it had been noticeable for many years, thoughtless persons had simply used the lodge and chapter as stepping-stones to the commandery and having passed those steps, ignored them by demitting. The lodge and chapter suffered, and while there was no Masonic cause for the commandery to complain, there was the tie that bound all branches of Masonry which should not be, and which was not, ignored. The Grand Encampment could solve the problem of what to do with affiliates, and it did so by adopting the drastic course referred to. Non-affiliates must seek affiliation or lose their standing in the commandery. They must be dues-paying members all along the line or lay aside chapeau and sword and fall out entirely.

The stand of the Grand Master obtained the endorsement of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the approval of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Master reported that he had been asked to authorize the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery

of the District of Columbia to make a Templar on sight. It appears that the symbolic and capitular degrees had both been conferred "at sight" upon this important individual. The Grand Master, however, refused the request, and was upheld in his decision by the Committee to which this matter was referred. After an exhaustive investigation, and a review of the history of the Order of the Temple, they found no evidence of a Grand Master exercising such authority.

An exchange of representatives was effected between the Grand Encampment and the Great Priory of England and Wales. R.E. Sir Knight John Corson Smith of Illinois was appointed by the Great Priory as its representative near the Grand Encampment; and the Earl of Euston, Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales, was appointed by Grand Master Lloyd as representative of the Grand Encampment near the Great Priory.

In grateful appreciation of the amity existing between the two jurisdictions, the Great Priory of England and Wales created its representative, Sir Knight John Corson Smith, a Knight Commander of the Temple. He was the first American to receive this honor.

Lost rituals became an ever-increasing problem, and finally the Grand Master issued an official order requiring that the Grand Recorder of each Grand Commandery report the number of rituals in its possession and make such reports with the annual returns. Requests for new rituals to replace those worn out or lost were now to be made by the Grand Commander to the Grand Master, returning the old ritual or giving evidence of an adequate investigation of its loss.

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## KNIGHT VOICES

### READER INQUIRIES



To place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to "Knight Voices," The Grand Recorder, Suite 1700, 14 E. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60604.

- ▣ Albert Jackson Flinn: looking for birth, marriage, death, or Masonic records. Lived in Elk County, Kansas, probably died there in 1889. Wife was Mary Catherine Travis 1834-1894. Daughter was Alice Geneva Flinn Richmond, born Alhambra, IL, 24 Nov. 1860, died Cottage Grove, OR, 7 Dec. 1924. *Robert S. Richmond, 332 Barnard Ave., Asheville, NC 28804.*
- ▣ Two burial plots are offered for sale in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Mason City, Iowa. These two plots are not adjacent and are offered at one-half assessed value. Please write for information to *Phil Porter, 2224 - 47th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544.*
- ▣ Wanted — single copies of the following Royal Arch Mason Magazines: Volume III No. 2 June 1949, No. 6 June 1950, No. 7 Sept. 1950, No. 9 March 1951, No. 10 June 1951 and No. 11 Sept. 1951. May also consider bound copy of Volume III. Please advise price. Also have other single copies in case trade is desired. *Edward Lisy, 87 Carmita Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey 07070.*
- ▣ For sale: size 7¼ chapeau w/long bill, white feather missing; 38 inch belt, black and gold, complete with chains; 28 inch sword. Carrying case for chapeau and sword. Price \$100.00 complete. Shriners fez size 7¼, price \$25.00. *Mrs. Charles Garrison, Route 5, Box 227, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653, phone (501) 425-3348.*
- ▣ I would like to hear from anyone who is a descendant of Joseph Parkhurst, one of the first settlers in Plainfield, Ct. I am especially interested in finding who my great-great Grandfather was. My great grandfather Rawson Parkhurst was born in Plainfield, and his birth was never recorded. *Raymond H. Parkhurst, 136 Hunters Road, Lot No. 93, Norwich, Connecticut 06360.*
- ▣ We are tracing the history of the Testament family. In looking at 1800-1850 census records on microfilm, there is reason to believe the family name could also be spelled Testerman or Testaman. My grandfather was born around 1840 (named James Jeam Testament) in Ashe Co., North Carolina and later moved to Cabell Co., West Virginia. In the 1880 census for Cabell Co., there is a James Testament, 40 yrs. old, wife Margarite, 28 yrs. old, born in Kentucky. In Ashe Co., N. Carolina, a Thomas Testerman was an author and biographer. The 1800 census of Ashe Co. listed a family head, Thomas Testament. An old history of Ashe Co., 1799, population 2,783, lists Thomas Testament and a Thomas Testerman. Possibly both were the same person, in so small an area. The 1830, 1840 and 1850 Virginia census show Testaments in Gray and Lee counties. Any help would be appreciated. *The R: W. Testements, 1740 Pine Valley Drive, No. 203, Ft. Myers, Florida 33907.*

□ I have been researching the Williams family for twelve years. I have found my family descends from Silas Williams, Sr., born in Henry County, Va. 4-6-1761. He was married to Lucy Haley of Henry Co., Va. on 7-24-1783. Miss Lucy Haley was born 2-7-1763, in Henry County, Va. Silas Williams, Sr., was a private in N.C. militia, Salisbury District, Salisbury, N.C. Before 1800 Silas Williams, Sr., brought his family to Grainger Co., Tenn., now Claiborne Co., Tenn., and settled on Williams Knob. I would like to know who the parents are of Silas Williams, Sr., and Lucy Haley Williams. I would be glad to exchange information. *John Miller Davis, 11201 Gilbert Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922.*

□ Seeking Masonic and flying mementos and publications, particularly York Rite through Shrine. Especially don't fragment estate belongings to relatives and acquaintances who don't belong to the Fraternity and may not fully appreciate history or who don't fly. Let me put your items in my library/museum, identified by source, and willed as a whole on my demise. *William D. Erickson, 3905 Cherrywood Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003.*

□ My husband's great grandfather, George Washington Benton, was a Mason in Missouri in late 1800. George W. Benton was born in Sandusky County, Ohio, January, 1843. He enlisted in the Civil War on the Union side at Freeport, Stevenson County, Illinois. A Levi Benton enlisted at the same time. We believe this was his brother. The Bentons of Mass. and Conn. were Masons (1600s), and we believe George was related to them. In 1900 census George gave his father's place of birth as Mass. and his mother's Virginia. Anyone that could help us find his mother and father would be greatly in our debt. *Janice (Mrs. Homer) Hendrickson, 7706 East 43rd, Hutchinson, Kansas 67502.*

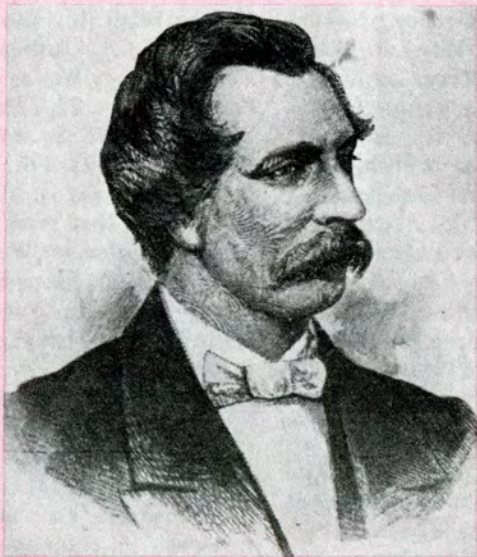
□ I am seeking information on the following: parents of Joshua Pettit (b. 1734 Schuykill, N.J.; d. before Sept. 15, 1786, Spartanburg, S.C.) and Rachel Monroe Pettit (b. 1736 in N.J.; d. Spartanburg, S.C.). Joshua fought in the Revolutionary War as did his son, Henry Pettit I (b. Jan. 22, 1763, Schuykill, N.J.; d. Oct. 12, 1838; married Mary Anna Poole [b. Feb. 22, 1763; d. Sept. 6, 1845, in Gilmer Co. Ga.]). Also information on H. W. Pettit that made Fruit Jars (hand-made) in Salem or Westville, N.J. Need information on the parents of Joseph and Ensley Anderson. Joseph Anderson b. April 23, 1811, in N.C.; d. Apr. 19, 1861, in Gilmer Co. Ga.; married (1) Rebecca Blackwell Nov. 12, 1836, in Lumpkin Co., Ga.; married (2) Millison Ayers Apr. 2, 1854, in Gilmer Ga. Ensley Anderson, b. Apr. 4, 1813, in N.C.; d. Mar. 16, 1841 in Gilmer Co. Ga.; married Mary Ann Blackwell in Lumpkin Co. Ga. Have information on some of the descendants and will be glad to share. *Eugene Anderson, Route 5, Box 205, Ellijay, Georgia 30540.*

□ I have a Dudley Masonic watch for sale. It has never been carried, and I have the original bag in which the watch was purchased. Interested brothers may contact me: *Robert M. Monroe, 1001 Willetts Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554.*

□ I am researching the family name "DeBARTOLO." Would appreciate hearing from anyone with this family name or from anyone having done any research on this name. Please write *Frank R. DeBartolo, 903 W. Blue Springs Ave., Orange City, FL 32763.*

□ Copy of 1953 Annals of Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, needed to complete my set. Please write: *Herbert A. Fisher, 533 Caren Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452.*





Charles Farrar Browne, alias "Artemus Ward," was a Mason who earned his living impersonating this comic character while entertaining Americans of the Civil War era. Story on page 23.