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The Chicago Gallery
of Masonic Mayors



Our Philanthropy at Christmas

"Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted." These tenets of our order have a special meaning as we approach the celebration of the birth of our blessed Savior, a time when the love of God comes to the face of every child, when happiness is the gift of the day. Kay and I join the officers of the Grand Encampment and their dear ladies to wish every Templar family a joyous Christmas season.

I feel that we could be even happier if our joy were shared with the less fortunate, with those who have no family or those who have no joy. We can do this in many ways—food baskets to needy families, clothing to needy children—all in the name of our blessed Savior whose love is beyond our comprehension. We can also take note of the beginning of the 18th Annual Voluntary Campaign of our Eye Foundation. We can begin to work to bind up the wounds of the afflicted, as we have for so many years. Last year our cooperative work efforts raised over one million dollars in the 17th campaign. What a great outpouring of love to our fellows who are not as fortunate as we! Because of the varied costs involved, it is not possible to tell you how many thousands of blind or near-blind people God has helped by using us as His instruments. We do know that we, you and I, have helped provide for the treatment of over 35,000 of our fellow children of God and funds of almost two million dollars for research in the prevention of blindness. What a gift to us to know that so many have been blessed through our work and our gifts!

If you are not a Life Sponsor or a Patron, contact your local Recorder. Tell him that you want to give yourself a gift, a gift of giving for the years to come. This will make your Christmas happier and will go toward that million-dollar campaign you joined. A Merry Christmas is a gift from God, and your work for others is your gift to God.



Ronald H. Smith

Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

DECEMBER: On our cover this month, we feature six mayors of Chicago who were members of the Masonic Fraternity. From upper left going clockwise, they are: John Wentworth; DeWitt Clinton Cregier; Carter Harrison; Anton Cermak; William Thompson; and Fred Busse. Every year in December the Grand Encampment publishes a list of the recipients of the Cross of Honor; this listing begins on page five. Other articles, including one on Brother Robert Peary by Sir Knight James Case, are included for this Christmas month. D.M.M.

Merry Christmas!

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Editor's Journal



Voluntary Campaign: December 1, 1985, marks the beginning of the 18th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. This fund-raising campaign will continue through April 30, 1986. Monthly progress reports in *Knight Templar Magazine* will be printed during this period delineating funds raised by each state. Further information on donations is available through your Commandery, and at the conclusion of the campaign, detailed information about the funds raised will be printed in *Knight Templar*. A listing of the Grand Commandery chairmen for the 18th Voluntary Campaign was printed on page twenty-three of the November issue of this magazine. News on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., appears on page thirteen along with the monthly listing of Grand Master's and Grand Commander's Clubs. Enrollment information on these Eye Foundation memberships is included on that page as well.

Season's Greetings: *Knight Templar Magazine* wishes its readers a very Merry Christmas. A word about the real meaning of Christmas comes from the book of John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. . . . The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:1-5, 14 NIV

Walker Honored: Sir Knight and Dr. Harold Blake Walker, a frequent contributor to *Knight Templar Magazine*, has been honored by having a chair established at a major theological seminary in Chicago. See page seventeen for story.

Sir Knight Rigas: A frequent contributor to *Knight Templar Magazine*, Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas has penned the cover article for this month of December, entitled "Chicago Gallery of Masonic Mayors"; it appears on page seven. Sir Knight Rigas is currently serving as Worshipful Master of the Illinois Lodge of Research. *Knight Templar Magazine* applauds the efforts of Sir Knight Rigas to bring attention to the lives of both famous and lesser-known Masons who have made an impact on the world.

Clausen retires: The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, has held their biennial meeting at Washington, D.C., on the week of October 20, 1985, at the House of the Temple. At this meeting, Sir Knight Henry C. Clausen, Sovereign Grand Commander, a member of California Commandery No. 1, San Francisco, stepped down from the leadership position of the council which he had held for sixteen years. Sir Knight Clausen delivered his allocation on October 21, in which he noted an increase in membership due to the use of "Clausen Improved Rituals." Replacing him is Sir Knight C. Fred Kleinknecht, a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland, who previously held the position of Secretary General.

The Knights Templar Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the 1985 recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated and have been rewarded for meritorious service. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year, the Grand Commanderies have selected fifty-two Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor, including one from a subordinate Commandery in Mexico City, Mexico.

Alabama

Bobby C. Park, DeMolay No. 14

Indiana

John C. Fulton, Noblesville No. 61

Arizona

Elston R. Dibble, Crusade No. 11

Iowa

Dwaine A. Johnson, St. Aldemar No. 30

Arkansas

Clarke J. McLane, Jacques DeMolay No. 3

Kansas

Conrad F. Johnson, Hiawatha No. 13

California

"O" Reed Bollin, Golden West No. 43

Kentucky

Dallas C. Nichols, Moore No. 6

Colorado

Jack B. Phillips, Georgetown No. 4

Louisiana

John M. Wood, Palestine No. 23

Connecticut

Richard A. Egner, St. John's No. 11

Maine

Gilbert E. Boynton, St. John's No. 3

District of Columbia

Walter H. Kitts, Washington No. 1

Maryland

William A. Stansburg, Beauseant No. 8

Florida

Joseph E. Bronson, St. Lucie No. 17

Massachusetts/Rhode Island

Kenneth A. Tweedie, Boston No. 2

Georgia

J. Sheffield Thompson, Douglasville No. 40

Michigan

Marvin Bruce, Lexington No. 27

Idaho

Clem Shorb, Idaho No. 1

Minnesota

Clarence W. Fagerstrom, Damascus No. 1

Illinois

James W. Whiteley, Mizpah No. 53

Mississippi

Milton D. Burns, St. Cyr No. 6

Missouri

George W. Bush, St. John's No. 20

Montana

Ned C. Murray, St. Elmo No. 7

Nebraska

Virgil M. Doudna, Mt. Nebo No. 11

Nevada

L.C. "Butch" Barone,
Edward C. Peterson No. 8

New Hampshire

Dwight Taylor, North Star St. Gerard No. 4

New Jersey

Harry F. Suter, Cyrene No. 7

New Mexico

Kelley D. Lindley, Shiprock No. 15

New York

Robert Montgomery, Apollo No. 15

North Carolina

Earl A. Luton, Griggs No. 14

North Dakota

Charles H. Peterson, St. Aldemar No. 3

Ohio

Ted B. Pheneger, Ivanhoe No. 54
Joseph P. Kish, Sr., Niles No. 79

Oklahoma

William L. McBride, Trinity No. 20

Oregon

Merle L. Hennigh, Ivanhoe No. 2

Pennsylvania

Charles M. Dale, Mt. Hermon No. 85
Ray O. Dreihaupt, Trinity No. 58

South Carolina

David H. Minshall, Myrtle Beach No. 22

South Dakota

Oscar J.J. Cable, Schrader No. 9

Tennessee

Bonner L. Gray, Union City No. 29

Texas

Andrew E. Killion, Sr., Stamford No.
William H. Bowen, Midland No. 84
Charles E. Treadwell, Alpine No. 90

Utah

Roy L. Denning, Malta No. 3

Vermont

Phillip D. Goss, Palestine No. 5

Virginia

Rucker A. Johnson, DeMolay No. 4

Washington

Stephen J. Beveridge, Olympia No. 2

West Virginia

Ralph Watson, Pilgrim No. 21

Wisconsin

Gottfried Biegel, Eau Claire No. 8

Wyoming

Lewis H. Russell II, Clelland No. 12

Subordinate K.T.C.H. — 1985

Francisco Ripoll, Ivanhoe No. 2
Mexico City, Mexico



Chicago Gallery of Masonic Mayors

by

Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas

St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago, Illinois

Over the years, Chicago has hosted many dynamic and colorful Freemasons. They have been very much a part of the social, business, and political fabric of the city, and have contributed much to the progress that has made Chicago one of the world's leading cities. Among these Freemasons, six went on to become mayor of this midwestern city.

John Wentworth (1815-1888) was the first known Freemason and first Republican to serve as mayor of Chicago. He held that office from 1857 to 1858, and again from 1860 to 1861. He was a big man who stood six feet six inches tall, thus earning the nickname "Long John."

Life was never dull in Chicago while Brother Wentworth was mayor! His administrations were highlighted by his attempts to combat the lawless elements in Chicago. He fired the entire Chicago police force, and personally captured and arrested gamblers. He lost a fist fight with a private detective named Allan Pinkerton, who had organized the well-known private guard agency. He introduced the Prince of Wales by practically slapping him on the back. He tore down advertising signs which offended him, and illegally demolished an entire neighborhood.

"Long John" Wentworth was born at Sandwich, New Hampshire, in 1815, the son of Paul Wentworth, a dairy farmer and politician, and Lydia (Cogswell) Wentworth, both of old-stock Yankee Congregationalists. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1836 and headed west, ending up in Chicago the same

year, barefoot. At age twenty-one, he immediately assumed the editorship of the city's oldest newspaper, the *Chicago Democrat*. Four weeks later, he was sole owner of the newspaper. By the spring of

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1837, besides being a newspaper owner and editor, he became a school inspector and aide-de-camp to the governor. In 1841, he attended lectures at Harvard Law School and returned to be admitted to the Illinois bar.

Reportedly, he attended the first meeting considering the propriety of organizing the town of Chicago into a city, and he did much to procure the city's charter.

He served as U.S. Congressman from 1843 to 1851, 1853 to 1855, and again from 1865 to 1867, where he quickly established himself as an ardent expansionist and the chief agitator for harbor improvements on the Great Lakes. Various political alignments led to his becoming one of the founders of the Anti-Slavery party, out of which grew the Republican party. During this period, he built the *Chicago Democrat* into the leading newspaper in the northwest, and was its publisher, owner, and editor until 1861.

In 1862, he was elected to the Illinois Constitutional Convention and again to the U.S. Congress from 1865 → → →

to 1867. During this term, while chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, he sided with the radical Republicans and championed the Freedman's Bureau bills, and the Fourteenth Amendment. In 1870, he unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator.

Brother Wentworth's two terms as mayor were only a part of his active political life.

Brother Wentworth became a member of Chicago's Oriental Lodge No. 33 in 1841.

After a short siege of paralysis, he died in 1888 and is buried at Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery beneath a sixty-five-foot tombstone of his own design. Today, few people remember Brother "Long John," which is really unfortunate, because he was an American original.

DeWitt Clinton Cregier (1829-1898) served as mayor of Chicago from 1889 to 1891. He was a Democrat whose administration annexed a large area of territory, making Chicago the second largest city in America.

A civil engineer, Brother Cregier came to Chicago in 1853 to install and supervise the city's pumping machinery for the first public water supply system. This eventually led to his long association with municipal politics, which culminated in 1889 when he was nominated by the Democratic party for mayor.

Brother Cregier was born in 1829 at New York City, the son of John L. and Anne E. (LeFort) Cregier of Franco-American ancestry. Orphaned in 1842, he lived with relatives and received less than a grade school education in New York City.

He later became well-situated in Chicago, serving as chief engineer of the north side water pumping station until 1880, and was subsequently appointed city engineer, superintendent of the West Chicago Street Railway Company,

and became an active member of the Western Society of Engineers.

In 1867, the Grand Lodge of Illinois was invited to lay the cornerstone of the now-famous Water Works Tower (Chicago Water Tower). This was a magnificent event and the many participating Freemasons were the pride and admiration of every citizen of Chicago. In addition to several Masonic Lodges present, other participants in the line of march included the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., and the Grand Council, R. & S.M., with Apollo and Chicago Commanderies serving as escort, under the command of Sir Knight Wiley M. Egan. Grand Master Jerome R. Gorin conducted the ceremonies according to Masonic custom.

During Brother Cregier's term as mayor, plans were made to bring the World's Fair of 1893 to Chicago, and he was president of the citizens' organizing committee, a director of the Columbian Exposition and chairman of the committee on buildings and grounds.

One of the showplaces in the city during the exposition was the newly-completed Masonic Temple building in the central business district, for which Daniel H. Burnham was the principal architect. As the world's tallest commercial structure at that time, the exposition visitors enjoyed the thrilling elevator ride to the top for a view of the city. The Masonic Temple building was very ornate and the construction marvel of the day. Very impressive Masonic and civic ceremonies took place during the laying of its cornerstone in 1890. It took a force of more than 200 police to hold back the great crowd which had surrounded the Masonic Temple building for blocks in every direction in 1891 when the capstone was put in place.

Sir Knight Cregier's Masonic career began in 1860, when he received the degrees in Chicago's Blaney Lodge No. 271, serving as Master of that Lodge from 1864 to 1867, and again in 1874, 1884,

1885, and 1886. He was a member of Chicago's Apollo Commandery No. 1, and served as its Commander. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. & A.M., from 1870 to 1871, and was an outstanding and capable person who left an enduring impression on the Craft. For his outstanding service, the Grand Lodge of Illinois presented him with a beautiful jewel in 1871, when his term as Grand Master was completed. He,

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in turn, bequeathed the Cregier Jewel to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and every Grand Master since then has worn the jewel during his term of office.

After he left the mayor's office in 1891, Sir Knight Cregier resumed his civil engineering career. He died in 1898, after a two-year illness, and was buried at Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery with impressive Masonic honors.

Carter Henry Harrison, II (1860-1953), a Democrat, was the city's first mayor to be born at Chicago. A highly successful politician like his father, he was a five-term mayor of Chicago, serving from 1897 to 1905, and again from 1911 to 1915, when he lost badly in the primary to factional opponents that he and his father had thwarted through the thirty-five or so years they dominated the Democratic party in Chicago.

Harrison's greatest accomplishment was saving the city's streetcar lines from the clutches of traction magnate Charles T. Yerkes, by helping prepare the way for municipal ownership of the streetcar lines. He also aided in the implementation of the "Burnham Plan," which trans-

formed Chicago's lakefront, park, and boulevard system. He is probably best known, especially among the cruder elements, for closing the city's elite brothel, the Everleigh Club.

Brother Harrison was born in Chicago in 1860, the son of Carter Henry and Sophorbsa (Preston) Harrison, I. His parents were both from Kentucky and relocated to Chicago in 1858, just after spending their honeymoon there.

He graduated from Chicago's St. Ignatius College (today Loyola University) in 1881, and went on to earn a law degree from Yale University in 1883. He then practiced law; engaged in the real estate business; and, from 1891 to 1894, he and his younger brother, William Preston Harrison, served as editor and publisher of the *Chicago Times*, using its columns to support his father and other Democrats, as well as liberal political causes.

After his father's assassination, Brother Harrison revitalized his father's political organization and in 1897 ran for mayor. He attributed his political success to following astutely his father's formula of emphasizing the need for "the fullest measure of personal liberty consistent with the maintenance of public order." This approach, plus his ability to speak German and his attendance at Catholic schools, attracted strong support for Brother Harrison among Chicago's German, Irish, and Bohemian voters.

He lived a full and eventful life and died in 1953 at age ninety-three. He is buried at Chicago's Graceland Cemetery.

Brother Harrison was a member of Chicago's Auburn Park Lodge No. 789, having been raised a Master Mason in 1898.

Fred A. Busse (1866-1914) was the first Republican mayor of 20th century Chicago, and the first mayor to serve a four-year term, from 1907 to 1911. The famous Burnham Plan of → → →

1909 was presented to the city while he was mayor, and to start implementation, he established the Chicago Plan Commission, which eventually saved Chicago's beautiful lakefront for parks and recreational use.

Brother Busse was born at Chicago in 1866, one of three children of Gustave Busse, a Prussian immigrant, and Caroline (Gross) Busse.

He became interested in Republican politics early, and spent most of his adult life in elected office, holding a variety of posts. President and Brother Theodore Roosevelt appointed him postmaster general of Chicago from 1906 to 1907.

Brother Busse's greatest contribution to the city was establishing the Chicago Plan Commission to implement Burnham's Plan of Chicago.

He left office as mayor in 1911, suffered from a lingering illness, and died in 1914. He is buried at Chicago's Graceland Cemetery.

Brother Busse had begun his Masonic career in Wrights Grove Lodge No. 779, but in 1903 he affiliated with Oriental Lodge No. 33. Both are located in Chicago.

William Hale Thompson (1867-1944) was the last Republican mayor of Chicago. He was one of the most colorful and

“Those who loved Thompson praised even his faults. Those who hated him denied even his virtues. But no one could say that he gave sparingly of his ardor.”

controversial mayors in Chicago's history. With his charisma, he appealed to all classes of voters, but a great base of his political strength was the black voter. His push for public works construction earned him the sobriquet, “The Builder.” He served as mayor from 1915 to 1923, and again from 1927 to 1931, when he

was defeated in his re-election bid by Sir Knight Anton J. Cermak, a Democrat.

A noisy, high-spirited man, Sir Knight “Big Bill” Thompson, as he was known, became the tumultuous mayor of Chicago in a wild and incredible era. At the start of his political career, Chicago was a city of opportunity—no place for the weak, the docile, or the squeamish. Sir Knight “Big Bill” came to town at a time when the city seemed ripe for the kind of man he was. In his political life, he was sometimes tender, sometimes rapacious. Those who loved him praised even his faults. Those who hated him denied even his virtues. But no one could say that he gave sparingly of his ardor. Nor was his romance with the city of Chicago ever dull.

Born in 1867 on Boston's Beacon Street, he was the first son of a wealthy man, William Hale Thompson, Sr. (believed to have been a Freemason), who was an able and successful Boston businessman.

Relocating to Chicago, young Bill's father selected the real estate business, becoming quite wealthy. He developed a taste for Republican party politics and was elected to the Illinois state legislature.

Young Thompson spent most of his early life avoiding education. At age fifteen he journeyed west to work on ranches, and eventually to manage a family ranch in Nebraska. After his father's death in 1891, he returned to Chicago to assist his mother in administering the family business.

His outgoing nature attracted him to politics, and he launched his career as an alderman, a career in Chicago politics which lasted until 1931 when Chicago voters rejected his bid for re-election as mayor.

Sir Knight Thompson's administrations were characterized by publicity-oriented pronouncements. His isolationist, pro-German, anti-British stance earned him the title of “Kaiser Bill” during his first

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Order of the Eastern Star Assembly

by

Past Grand Master Willard M. Avery
Knightstown Commandery No. 9, Knightstown, Indiana

The Thirty-Eighth Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was held at the Seattle Center Coliseum, Seattle, Washington, on October 28 through October 31, 1985, with many Eastern Star activities preceding and following the Assembly.

The business sessions were presided over by Carol Strizek of Seattle, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and David J. Miller, of Elkhart, Indiana, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

More than 10,000 members were registered with the Credentials Committee, with more than 1,200 voting delegates participating in the official business of the sessions.

The 1982-1985 triennium was of special interest and importance to Templars in that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was chosen by the Grand Matron and Grand Patron as their "No. 1" charitable priority.

A special Order of the Eastern Star Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee was appointed at the beginning of the triennium consisting of: Willard M. Avery (Indiana), Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Chairman; and the following committee members: Marguerite C. Butler, Utah; Maxine G. Ginn, Oklahoma; Mildred S. Martin, Maryland; Howard T. Miller, Iowa; Eleanor J. Mitchell, Canada; William C. Morgan, Washington; Grace Patterson, North Dakota; J. Willard Register, Georgia; Dr. Charles A. Sebastian, Ohio; Dorothy E. Stackhouse, Florida; and Pearl Stehley, Colorado.

The Committee reported \$594,075.33 contributed by members of the Order of the Eastern Star to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as of June 30, 1985, at the time of the closing of the books of

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the Right Worthy Grand Secretary; it was estimated that at least \$75,000.00 had been collected for the foundation since the closing of the books. The grand jurisdiction of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star, was first in contributions with a total of \$81,456.06. The public relations value of the committee's work for the foundation and Templary during the Triennium was most substantial.

A highlight of the Assembly was the report of this committee by the chairman at the Tuesday afternoon session; fifty-six Knights Templar in full Templar uniform under the command of Howard P. Lumbar, Past Department Commander of Washington; John T. Frater, Grand Commander of Washington; and Herbert G. Roach, Grand Commander of Indiana, formed lines at the time of the committee report. Donald H. Smith, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and Ned E. Dull, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, participated in awarding plaques to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and members of the committee for their loyal support and

work for the foundation. Past Grand Master Dull made a very brief report of the work done and services furnished by the foundation.

Helen D. Roquemore of Forest Park, Georgia, was elected Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Ray W. McRoberts of Sierra Vista, Arizona, was elected Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for the 1985-1988 Triennium. They have designated the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as one of the charities to be supported by the members of the Eastern Star during their tenure in office.



Past Grand Master Avery may be reached at P.O. Box 56, Knightstown, Indiana 46148.



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

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Morrow Award

On Friday, October 18, 1985, Carl L. Fox, a member of Lawton Commandery No. 18, Lawton, Oklahoma, was presented with the Morrow Award by John J. Petrick, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for



Oklahoma. Sir Knight Fox has been a member of Lawton's Chapter No. 44, Council No. 21, and Commandery No. 18 for over twenty years. During that time he served as Excellent High Priest of the Royal Arch, Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council, and Eminent Commander of the Commandery. He is a member of Triangle Masonic Lodge No. 548, also located in Lawton.



Eye Foundation Launches Campaign

The 18th Annual Voluntary Campaign runs from December 1, 1985 to April 30, 1986

Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club:

Michigan No. 17 — Gerald W. Jackson
Ohio No. 23 — William F. Grimm
California No. 33 — Stanley B. Stuteville

Grand Master's Club:

No. 612 — Norman E. Keigler (MD)
No. 613 — Rev. Silas J. Hirte (NY)
No. 614 — Mrs. W. D. Sensabaugh (TN)
No. 615 — William D. Sensabaugh (TN)
No. 616 — William E. Boell (CA)
No. 617 — Mr & Mrs H. Dean Smith (CA)
No. 618 — Rev. William L. Burger (ME)

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.



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Eye Foundation Grant for West Virginia

Deputy Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler handed a check for \$20,000.00 to Grand Commander David E. DeMent,

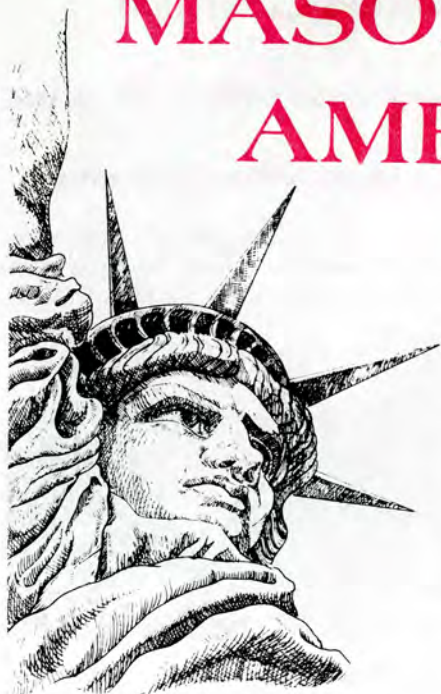


West Virginia, earlier this year for presentation to Dr. Vernon Odom of West Virginia. This grant was presented to Dr. Odom in Clarksburg, West Virginia, on May 17. Dr. Odom is with the West Virginia University Medical Center's Department of Ophthalmology and will use this grant for research in the study entitled "Development of Stereoacuity Global Stereopsis: Electrophysiological and Psychophysical Measures." Presentation of the check by Deputy Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler to Grand Commander DeMent is pictured in the photograph above with Sir Knight DeMent at right.

1986 Voluntary Campaign Goal

Each year, the Eye Foundation sets its sights on a goal above and beyond the previous year's campaign tally. Last year's tally set a record at \$1,021,381.45. With the help of all Sir Knights across the nation, we can continue the fight against eye diseases by surpassing last year's total!

MASONIC AMERICANA



In Praise of Masonic Americana

Dear Sirs:

The announcement of this second volume of *Masonic Americana* was a great thrill for me. I have been saving many of the articles for several years for use as instruction for the three degrees in Masonry and was gradually running out of room! The knowledge gained from your writers has resulted in an excellent impression of the Fraternity so essentially necessary for our candidates. Well done!

Fraternally,
Sir Knight Sumner C. Widell

Masonic Americana, Volumes I & II

Masonic Americana, Volume II is being offered in an attractive softcover design to match *Volume I*, making a matched set. An exhaustive index has been added to both volumes. The first volume features articles on the fourteen Masonic presidents of the United States of America, including Brother Gerald R. Ford, who became a Master Mason in 1951. Both books are made up of numerous articles which originally appeared in *Knight Templar Magazine*.

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, post-paid. 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, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please allow six to eight weeks for delivery.



Master of a Forgotten Craft

excerpted from *The Triple Triangle*,
newsletter for Danville Royal Arch Chapter No. 239, Danville, Pennsylvania

If you will examine the Charter of Calvary Commandery No. 37, in Danville, Pennsylvania, you will find that the frame is of hand-carved walnut wood. Across the top, enclosed in Masonic emblems, is carved in Old English print the quotation, "Be Ye Faithful Unto Death and I Will Give You a Crown of Life." This is the handiwork of Olaf Olsen, who was a long-time faithful Companion of Danville Chapter No. 239, R.A.M., and a Sir Knight of Calvary Commandery, serving as Commander in 1939.

Olaf was an artist in wrought iron and in wood carving. His artistic skill in working wrought iron is almost a lost art today. Olaf was born on a farm in Denmark in 1864 and learned his trade there. He came to America in 1890, and his girlfriend, Anna Birk, followed in 1891, and they were married. Their son, Victor, was born in 1893.

They lived in Brooklyn where Olaf worked in an ornamental iron shop making ornamental doors and objects for homes in Brooklyn. He is said to have made the ornamental doors for the office building of the Brooklyn Bridge. Olaf and his son joined the Blue Lodge and Chapter in Brooklyn.

In 1913, he moved to Danville to work in the Danville Iron and Steel Company. In 1922, Victor and Leonard Foulke started the Danville Art Bronze and Iron Works. Victor was vice president and Olaf was chief artist. The company was located at Fourth and Walnut Streets. It made the wrought iron work for the Junior High School, and beautiful iron work for the Villa and for the Old German Catholic Church. The old light standards for Mill Street in Danville were cast there. The company ceased operation in the 1950s. Olaf lived with his son and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Foulke Olsen. She played the piano for the Eastern Star for many years. Victor Olsen was an administrator in World War II and received two Certificates of Merit from President Truman. He died in 1959, and was buried in the Old Reformed Cemetery in Danville. "Jim" Hartman regularly brought Sir Knight Olsen to Chapter and Commandery until Olaf died in 1962 at the age of 98. He is buried in Hagerstown, Maryland. Mrs. Olsen's home is filled with beautiful examples of Olaf's handiwork.



A floor-lamp base



A spray of iron roses

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

250 Years of New Hampshire Masonry

St. John's Lodge No. 1, F. & A.M., Portsmouth, New Hampshire, will celebrate 250 continuous years of active Masonry in New Hampshire during 1986. The Lodge has commissioned a commemorative coin for this event. This coin, pictured below, has an antique bronze



finish and is one and one-half inches in diameter, with the original Lodge seal on the front and a special 250th anniversary logo on the reverse. This coin may be obtained for \$3.50, postpaid, from St. John's Lodge No. 1, P.O. Box 669, Greenland, New Hampshire 03840.

Square and Compasses Plaques

Sir Knight Ernest M. Johnson, Pilgrim Commandery No. 9, is again offering square and compasses plaques for sale as he did last year. These specially-made plaques depict a square and compasses on a 5/4" square blue-white tile pinned onto a 6 1/2" square wooden base.



A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this item will be going to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, according to Sir Knight Johnson. Plaques may be ordered for \$10 each by writing to Ernest M. Johnson, 114 Treble Cove Road, North Billerica, Massachusetts 01862.

Davis receives 60 year pin

Sir Knight H. Winn Davis, a member of Bethany Commandery No. 28, Mendota, Illinois, was honored on September 24, 1985, for sixty years of membership in that Commandery. Sir Knight Davis was raised a Master Mason in February 1925.

Presenting the Chapter pin was James DeBates, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Third District, North. Sir Knight Frank W. Smith, Deputy Grand Commander for Illinois, presented the Commandery pin. Both pins were for sixty years of membership. A plaque



bearing Davis' name and the dates was presented as well. Pictured in the photo above are, from left to right: Sir Knight Ventley O. Carter, Commander; Frank W. Smith, Deputy Grand Commander; Richard D. Higgins, High Priest; H. Winn Davis, sixty-year member; Richard Rollo, Grand Junior Warden; and James DeBates, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

— Ben Franklin

FROM THE FAMILY OF MASONRY

Lounsbury's 109th Installation

On October 27, 1985, at 5:30 p.m., Lounsbury Lodge No. 751, A.F. & A.M., Barrington, Illinois, held its 109th Public Installation. Serving in the installation (and pictured below from left to right)



were, as Installing Master, Kenneth P. Johnson, St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago; Installing Secretary, Sir Knight Burt Polk, St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chief Rabban, Medinah Temple, AAONMS; Installing Chaplain, Oather Polsgrove; Installing Marshall, Edward LeSeur; and Installing Senior Deacon, Charles R. Neumann, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

Convent General Coin

The Convent General held their fiftieth annual Conclave in Toledo, Ohio, on August 31, 1985, and an antique bronze medal was commissioned to commemorate the event. This coin, decorated with the Masonic emblems of the York Rite, is one and a half inches in diameter and may be obtained for \$3.00, postpaid, by writing to Sir Knight Harry N. Young, R.R. No. 2, Holgate, Ohio 43527.

Seminary Establishes Chair for Walker

McCormick Theological Seminary, located in Chicago, has established a chair in pastoral theology in honor of Sir Knight and Dr. Harold Blake Walker. Sir Knight Walker, a well-known religion writer, is a frequent contributor to *Knight Templar Magazine*.

This chair will provide for the teaching of pastoral understandings and skills to be used in the life of the church. Topics such as preaching, stewardship, pastoral care, evangelism, and the policy and program of the church will be included.

Sir Knight Walker was born in Denver on May 7, 1904. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Denver in 1925 and a master's degree from Boston University in 1927. He graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1932, after having been an Associated Press editor in Kansas City, Missouri, from 1927 to 1930. He is the recipient of honorary doctorates from half a dozen colleges and universities.

He has held pastorates in Presbyterian churches in Chicago, Illinois; Utica, New York; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Evanston, Illinois, where he now resides.

Sir Knight Walker was raised in Utica in 1938, and later affiliated with Evans Lodge No. 528, Evanston, Illinois. He is a member of the Valley of Chicago and was coronated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., in 1971.

Sir Knight Walker wrote a column in the *Chicago Tribune's Sunday Magazine*, as well as for the Tribune-New York News Syndicate, for many years, and he has authored a number of books and innumerable articles in various publications, including *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Grand Encampment
Roll Call of Honored Dead
IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Robert Moore Anderson
Mississippi
Grand Commander — 1956
Died October 2, 1985

Albert J. Terhune
New Jersey
Grand Commander — 1977
Born February 23, 1905
Died October 15, 1985

Adam Shafer Riffin
Indiana
Grand Commander — 1963
Born January 14, 1899
Died October 17, 1985



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.

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Alexandria, Virginia 22301



We can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds them all different. No one has a double in friendship.

— J. C. F. von Schiller

Polar Explorer Peary

by

Sir Knight James R. Case, KTCH

Grand Historiographer of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut

On April 6, 1909, Brother Robert E. Peary, in his final successful attempt to reach the top of the world, arrived at the North Pole along with the last relay of a support team. Displaying the several flags brought along in anticipation of victory, the leader photographed the group. Matthew W. Hansen (PHA), Peary's long-time personal attendant, held the flag of the United States; Peary held the "polar flag" that he had taken along for fifteen years; the Eskimo Ooqueah held the banner of the Navy League; Ootah held the banner of DKE, Peary's college fraternity; Egingwah held the World Ensign of Liberty and Peace; and Seegloo held a flag which displayed a white Cross of Malta on a field of red.

Peary had completed his formal education at Bowdoin College in 1877, second in his class, with highest honors in engineering. Commissioned in the U.S. Navy, he was engaged in surveying a possible trans-isthmus canal route across Nicaragua, ending his tour of duty as chief of party. He had other technical assignments in the navy when not on leave for his arctic quest.

Reports of others' adventures in the far north excited his interest, resulting in an ambitious determination to be first to reach the pole. His trial venture into the arctic region was on a whaling vessel. Teaming up with a Danish companion, he explored the Greenland ice cap, was introduced to sub-zero cold, and observed how his instruments behaved.

After obtaining sufficient financial support, Peary's first organized expedition

was undertaken in 1891-92. In the party were his wife; Hanson; and Dr. Frederick A. Cook, a physician and surgeon. Tra-



Peary adopted Eskimo gear for survival
versing the Greenland ice cap confirmed the insularity of that land mass. In addition to his scientific observations, Peary determined that the long-proven Eskimo practices of dressing heavily → → →

must be adopted to insure success in traveling and survival. His northern-most point this first time did not break any records set by those who had gone before him.

A few years later, Peary again took a vessel into arctic waters, exploring an approach to the pole over the floes, observing tide and ice conditions. On his return he brought with him the Cape York meteorites (two of which were later given to the Grand Lodge of New York), but again broke no northern-most point records.

On his next trip his vessel became ice-bound, and over the winter he continued his study of methods his predecessors had used which had proven insufficient for successful operation. He also recovered the records of the ill-fated Greeley expedition of 1887, but again made no record in latitude.

Convinced of the impossibility of reaching the pole by water or land, in 1905 he went north by vessel to study the obstacles which he would have to surmount in crossing 500 miles of shifting ice by dogsled. The final assault was undertaken in 1908, when the expedition departed in July in the specially-designed steamer *Roosevelt* provided by the Peary Arctic Club in New York City. He now had vigorous presidential endorsement, adequate financial support, and encouragement from several scientific societies, including the National Geographic Society.

Peary's plan was to go as far north as possible with the steamer and organize the approach over the ice. Using Eskimo dogs on sleds of special design, he established stations to advance by stages, guaranteeing shelter and supply on the return trip. Eskimo dress was adopted by all participants and sustenance concentrated on pemmican and tea. Reindeer and musk oxen were hunted to provide fresh meat for men and dogs, the latter also consuming surplus meat and weaker teammates.

The determined dash began March 1, 1909, when full sunlight was about to

return, and the ice, they hoped, would be fairly stable for a precious few weeks. Nineteen sledges with 133 dogs, handled by Eskimos, began the outward journey. Captain Bob Bartlett was the back-up man on the final effort made from the last depot. At each relay station, igloos were built, and some personnel returned to the base at Cape Coubia, leaving a

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proportionate amount of provisions which would assist in the return of each relay and the polar party.

The goal was reached by Peary, Hanson, four Eskimos, forty dogs, and five sleds on April 6, 1910. During thirty hours at the determined location of the pole, the area was traversed a short distance at all points of the compass to insure it had been covered. A sounding through the ice found no bottom at 9,000 feet. No wonder, as years later the submarine *Nautilus* cruised in water 13,410 feet deep in the vicinity.

The discovery party hastened back to the *Roosevelt*, taking catnaps in the relay station igloos, replenishing their food supply, and abandoning impedimenta as they hurried along on the 400-mile return over the drifting and rafting ice cap, soon to break up. Not until six months later was a telegraph station reached in Labrador, from which news of success went out to the world.

Just a few months earlier, Dr. Cook, Peary's companion on his first expedition, announced he had reached the pole a year ahead of Peary and submitted cooked-up data in evidence. His claims were initially taken at face value until critically reviewed by scientists, when he was completely discredited. The dispute caused a lot of uneasiness for Peary and

his supporters until Peary's own chronology and observations were proven accurate.

The first explorer of the pole being officially acknowledged, Peary was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral. He went into dignified retirement at Washington, but during World War I was chairman of an advisory committee on coast defense by air.

Brother Peary's Masonic membership was in Kane Lodge No. 454 in New York City, known as the "Explorer's" Lodge. He received his degrees in February and March of 1896. There is no record of any Templar activity and research shows that the flag with a Maltese Cross flown at the pole was an improvised emblem of the American Red Cross.

Brother Peary died on February 20, 1920. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery. At the last minute, his Lodge was accorded no more than attendant recognition at the ceremony. His monument is a granite terrestrial globe, supported by bronze pillars at the cardinal points. On top of the globe, where the latitude attains 90° (the fourth part of a circle) there is a five-pointed star, representing the pole to uninitiates, but a guiding providence to Freemasons.

Sir Knight Case lives at 55 Masonic Ave., Apt. No. 302, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492.

Pacifica Conclave Receives Charter

The United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, issued a charter to Pacifica Conclave, located in Santa Barbara, California, on September 15, 1985. Pictured in the photograph at right are Clarence K. Jones, K.G.C., Grand Sovereign, presenting the charter, J. Wilbur Reed, Charter Sovereign, receiving the charter, and Harry L. Maynard, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, K.G.C., Past Grand Sovereign. Also pictured (front row) are William Leeson, K.C.C., Int. Gen., California Northern (far left), Dr. William Peacher, Past Sovereign (second from left) and David Slayton (far right).

Scottish Rite Medallion

A "one-of-a-kind" bronze coin has been issued by West Kentucky Consistory in honor of acquiring the Temple located in Madisonville, Kentucky. This coin, designed by E. W. Johnson, 32°, KCCH,



was especially designed with a "selective characteristic of its own to bring out the beautiful silhouette of the West Kentucky Consistory Cathedral and compare it to the Scottish Rite seal, which is shown on the other side."

West Kentucky Consistory is named for the approximately thirty counties in Western Kentucky that make up this Masonic jurisdiction.

Chartered on October 24, 1963, West Kentucky Consistory has commissioned this coin and is offering it for sale at the price of \$5.00, postpaid. This coin may be obtained by sending check or money order to West Kentucky Consistory, Box 74, Dixon, Kentucky 42409.



St. Louis Century of Commerce Club honors local Templars

Scrolls were presented at the Regional Commerce and Growth Association annual luncheon to representatives of sixteen local organizations honored for one hundred or more years of service to the community, including locally-prominent Knights Templar.

The scrolls denote membership in the RCGA's Century of Commerce Club. It is the RCGA's way of saying "Thank you" for contributing to the economy of metropolitan St. Louis for more than a century.

The annual luncheon was held Tuesday, June 11, 1985, at the Cervantes Convention Center. Speaker for the luncheon was F. James McDonald, President and Chief Operating Officer for General Motors Corporation. Over 1,100 people were present.

Present at the luncheon to receive the recognition for the Knights Templar and a scroll were Sir Knight Andre T. Smith, ninety-five years old, who has been a member of the Fraternity for sixty-five years, and Sir Knight Morning G. Collins, Commander of St. Louis Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. Pictured in the photograph from left to right are Robert C. West, Chairman, RCGA; Ted C. Wetterau, Chairman, Century of Commerce Club, RCGA; Sir Knights Andrew T. Smith; and Morning G. Collins.

Capsule histories of those organizations receiving scrolls were included in a news article published in *St. Louis Commerce*. The history of the Knights Templar in the area was taken from the history of St. Louis Commandery No. 1, St. Louis, published in 1947 as part of the Centennial Celebration of St. Louis Commandery No. 1. The one hundred year history was authored by Ray V. Denslow, then Grand Recorder for the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

The first asylum occupied by St. Louis Commandery No. 1 in late 1846 was in the Masonic Hall. Larger quarters were located a year later over the banking house of J. J. Anderson Co. The Commandery stayed there until 1849. The Commandery made moves to larger halls in 1849, 1868, and 1873, 1896, and 1926.

An influx of candidates following World War I resulted in the formation of the New Masonic Templar Association and the purchase of 150 feet of frontage on Lindell Boulevard between Grand Boulevard and Spring Avenue in St. Louis. On this spot was erected an imposing \$4.5 million building, a highly visible St. Louis landmark that is 300 feet long and 175 feet high.

St. Louis Commandery No. 1's seventh asylum, on the temple's top level, has a forty-eight-foot-high vaulted ceiling that is elaborately paneled. In each of twelve bays are illuminated leaded glass windows commemorating historic episodes, placed around the one-hundred-foot-long-hall.

Among the sixteen area organizations receiving a scroll in recognition for many years of service was St. Louis Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar—the only fraternal organization so honored.



On Saturday evening, August 24, 1985, seventy-two Sir Knights and their ladies gathered at the Scottish Rite Temple in Orlando, Florida, to assist Right Eminent Grand Commander Edward E. Moore in showing appreciation to the Grand Chapter of Florida, by forming an escort for the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

A plaque was presented at this event to Cleo C. Raynes, Past Grand Matron, and C. Wayne Parr, Past Grand Patron, 1984-85. This plaque was given in recognition to the Grand Chapter, O.E.S., for using the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as their philanthropy, raising \$81,456.06.

Other dignitaries honored at the event were Lois Kent, Past Grand Matron, and Lewis Kent, Past Grand Patron, now committee members of the General Grand Chapter, O.E.S.; Past Grand Matron Virginia Boyte and Brother Harvey Boyte, all present grand line officers, as well as all present and Past Matrons and Patrons.

Grand Commander Edward E. Moore extends a special thank you to all Sir Knights and ladies involved; members of the Order of the Eastern Star and their families; and to Toni Lott, chairman and emcee of the event.



Letter on the Holy Land Pilgrimage

My Dear Christian Friends, the Knights Templar of Virginia:

How can I express my gratitude for your generosity? You have given me what I could not give myself. You have gone the extra mile to exhibit your love for the Christian Faith.

Just now I am thinking of one of ten persons whom Jesus healed. I must return thanks. The privilege of taking my Holy Land Pilgrimage will forever be a part of my life. I will be a stronger witness for Christianity because of your love. When I think of the emotion that overwhelmed me at the Garden of Gethsemane, I am reminded of Jesus' last hours with His disciples. I am mindful of that great detailed event of His arrest when the mob of Roman soldiers and temple police came with spears, torches, lanterns, swords, and clubs, in the dark of night to arrest one poor street preacher who had only eleven friends and who was the very essence of love and compassion. When I recall standing inside the tomb, my heart seems to feel the pulse of that day when those women came and found it empty. The message of the angel is clear: "Come on in and see for yourself. Now go out and tell that Jesus is raised as He said." I did go in and relive that experience of long ago. I was able to see with my mind's eye and understand. From now on, as long as there is the breath of God with me, I will go into my world, telling them what I have seen and heard.

While in Jerusalem, I chanced to meet and worship on a Sunday morning with a Methodist clergyman from England. A few days later our group of preachers sailed the Galilean lake. While aboard the ship our group met the English group and had an old-fashioned hymn sing, sailing across Galilee. On our last full day in Israel we traveled

the coastal road to Caesarea, stood in the aged Roman amphitheatre and again we sang praises to our Lord. As I stood there, I recalled Acts 24, 25, and 26, when the brave witness Paul stood before Governor Felix, Festus, and King Agrippa.

Our last night was at Tel Aviv. The highlight there for several of our party was to see the Grand Lodge of Masonry of Israel. That evening we visited Sharon Lodge No. 7 and witnessed a Master's degree in English.

I say to you that you are spreading the Gospel by your acts of love. Each preacher you send to the Holy Land will come back a permanently changed person. The Bible will come alive for him. I've been thinking that if every member of the Knights Templar of Virginia gave only one dollar per year, more of the clergy of Virginia could have this awesome experience. For some it could be their only opportunity to make such a visit. I thank you for this great gift to me. My ministry has taken on a deeper dimension because you Templars have chosen this outstanding benevolence; therefore you have become a part of my ministry. Please lift me up in your prayers.

Morris Bennet, Pastor
Newport-Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church

Beauceant Breakfast at the 56th Triennial Conclave

The Social Order of the Beauceant served a breakfast for the first time at a Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, which was enjoyed by 112 Beauceant members and wives of Sir Knights attending the 56th Triennial in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The breakfast was jointly sponsored by the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, and Columbus Assembly No. 79. Numerous other Assemblies contributed to making the breakfast a success.

Mrs. John R. Williams, President of Columbus Assembly No. 79, welcomed all of the ladies to the breakfast.

Mrs. Paul E. Mihal, Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly, spoke on the theme of tending Beauceant friendships with loving care and developing new friendships within our "Beauceant Garden."

The gracious presence of Marge Dull, the wife of the Most Eminent Grand Master Ned E. Dull, was enjoyed by everyone, according to Mrs. Garry B. Lee, Columbus Assembly No. 79. The group also enjoyed the emcee, Mrs. James A. Schmidt, and fine music was provided by Mrs. George W. Scott and Mrs. John R. Williams.

Mrs. Garry B. Lee, general chairman for the breakfast, wishes to thank all of those who participated. Mrs. Lee hopes that this fine idea can become a tradition for future Grand Encampment Conclaves.



Palmer-Wauwatosa Commandery No. 51 Produces Grand Officers

Henry L. Palmer-Wauwatosa Commandery No. 51, stationed in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, believes that they have a unique situation. Sir Knight Howard L. Doty, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Wisconsin, and

Sir Knight William A. Genet, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin, are both Past Commanders of this Commandery. In addition, and even more unusual, according to Sir Knight Robert C. Schmidt, Recorder for the Commandery, the three dais officers of the Commandery are beginning in the progressive lines of the three York Rite grand bodies. Captain General Charles E. Flaum is the Grand Master of the First Veil in the Grand Chapter, Generalissimo Gene H. Schaber is the Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council, and Commander John J. Oik is the Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery. Furthermore, their Junior Past Commander, Armin E. Tretow, is Arch Master of the First Arch for the Grand Council. "We are pleased that these Sir Knights from Henry L. Palmer-Wauwatosa Commandery No. 51 have been chosen to lead us in these grand bodies," says Recorder Schmidt.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT STAFF



Top center: Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder; in rows from upper left: Ruth Bar-Ilan, Publications Assistant; Helen Blustein, Clerk-Typist; Joe Buklis, Mailroom; Violet Carlson, Executive Secretary; Elaine Christensen, Mailroom; Loretta Cruz, Receptionist; Judy Farris, Data Base Operator; Marlene Kernan, Data Base Operator; Michelle Metrich, Data Base Operator; Daniel Morgan, Editor, *Knight Templar Magazine*; Jim O'Connor, Editorial Assistant; Audrey Potter, Secretarial Assistant; Jim Potter, Comptroller; Bernice Powell, Accounting; Carol Prestidge, Data Systems Controller.

Monthly Crossword

Halley's Comet

ACROSS

- 1 With 10A, observatory where subject was Astronomer Royal
- 6 Moon ---
- 10 See 1A
- 14 Passageway
- 15 Bull
- 16 Female deer (2 wds.)
- 17 Plants
- 18 Subject's specialty
- 20 Catches sight of
- 22 He held up world
- 23 Spring mo.
- 25 Join together
- 26 Three (comb.)
- 27 Arrest (2 wds.)
- 29 Comet called by ----- (2 wds.)
- 33 All in ----- work (2 wds.)
- 34 Compensated
- 36 Seize firmly
- 37 Japanese coin
- 38 ----- comet
- 41 Bachelor of Sci. in Ed.
- 42 Plant part
- 44 Fishes' eggs
- 45 ---gow, jail
- 47 Properties
- 49 Comet's meteoric material falls to earth
- 50 Particular thing
- 51 How toxins are measured (abbr.)
- 53 Supersonic transport (abbr.)



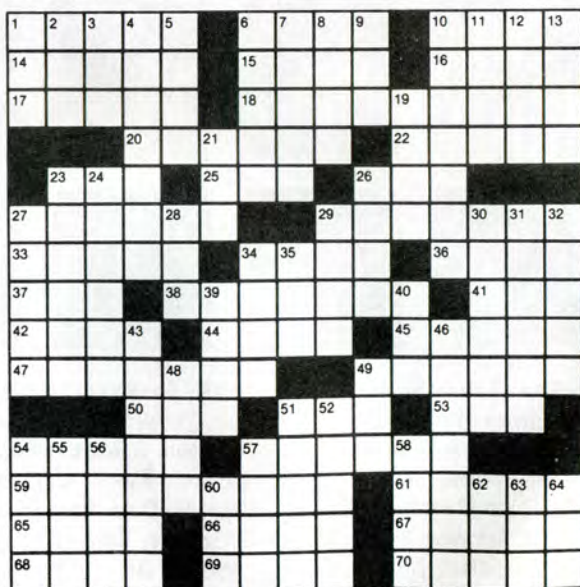
"We had the computer evaluate every facet of our Christmas party and all systems are GO!"

- 54 Agitate
- 57 Atmospheric phenomenon
- 59 Subject's instrument
- 61 Comet's path
- 65 Wing part
- 66 Cultivating implements
- 67 Stop
- 68 Jokes
- 69 Comet once thought to mean world's ----
- 70 Car mishaps

DOWN

- 1 Part of comet's composition
- 2 Retirement income endowment (abbr.)
- 3 Ship's dir.
- 4 Retirees, usually
- 5 Cape or Loch
- 6 Dignified
- 7 Watered
- 8 Scraps
- 9 High hill
- 10 Desiring
- 11 False god
- 12 Comet's head
- 13 Expressions of surprise
- 19 Rowing implements
- 21 Cooking utensil
- 23 Examinations of accounts
- 24 Heavenly body circling sun
- 26 Neat
- 27 Dissect
- 28 Relating to (suff.)
- 29 Hastens
- 30 Shaded places
- 31 Comet due; don't -----
- 32 Dueling swords
- 34 Of an Arab terrorist org.
- 35 Type of beer
- 39 War god
- 40 His companion
- 43 Boundary guides
- 46 One can ----- comet with naked eye
- 48 Golfer's needs
- 49 Business alias (abbr.)
- 51 Fluted
- 52 Iron
- 54 Comet resembles one with naked eye
- 55 Related to sun (comb.)
- 56 Testing place (2 wds.)
- 57 Earth has one
- 58 Spur
- 60 --- Guevara, revolutionist
- 62 Prohibit
- 63 Following Darwin or social
- 64 Teletypewriters (abbr.)

The solution to this month's crossword puzzle is printed on page 12.



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term. His election of 1927 was sparked with "America First" and anti-King George V slogans.

After his terms as mayor, he spent his remaining years tragically in illness and melancholy. He died in 1944 and is buried at Chicago's Oak Wood Cemetery beneath a very impressive tombstone.

He was a member of Hesperia Lodge No. 411; St. Bernard Commandery No. 35; and Medinah Temple, all of Chicago.

Anton J. Cermak (1873-1933), a Democrat, was elected Chicago's mayor in 1931, despite a bitter campaign marred by ethnic bigotry. Backed by Chicago's reform groups and his own Democratic machine, he had defied the odds and a lifetime of obstacles to reach Chicago's city hall.

History has treated Sir Knight Cermak rather poorly, but like no other Chicago politician, he wielded his power to begin the reign of the Democratic machine, fathering the ethnic coalitions that have since held Chicago politics together.

Sir Knight Cermak was born at Prague, Bohemia, in 1873, coming to Illinois as an infant with his parents in 1874. At age sixteen, he left the coal mines at Braidwood, Illinois, where the Cermaks had settled, and relocated to Chicago's west side—a tidy, working class neighborhood of Czech immigrants.

Sir Knight Cermak, who had no formal education beyond the third grade, associated himself with Democratic ward politics after having become a successful businessman. He rose through the political ranks, serving as state representative, Chicago alderman, and municipal court bailiff, and in 1922 was elected president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. It was during this next decade that he organized the modern Democratic machine in Chicago. Sir Knight Cermak put his political muscle behind many of Chicago's unique lakefront features:

Soldier Field, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, and the Field Museum.

In 1928, he became chairman of the Cook County Democratic party, a key political post, but by 1931, Chicagoans were ready for a change in the city's administrations. So, Brother Cermak went back to political fundamentals and solidified alliances. He collected the ethnic and racial loose ends of the city—the people with no influence—to build the Chicago Democratic machine, which elected him mayor in the 1931 campaign.

Politics and economics led him to his death in 1933. Needing financial aid for the city, he knew that only the federal government had the resources to meet the city's needs. He reasoned that if President and Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt could be convinced to help, the city's financial problems might end. So he went to Florida to meet with Brother Roosevelt.

At Miami's Bayfront Park on February 15, 1933, as Brother Cermak stepped forward to shake the president's hand, five shots rang out from behind him. Brother Cermak and two onlookers were wounded. Hospitalized at Miami, he took a turn for the worse, slipped into a coma, and died. He is buried at Chicago's Bohemian National Cemetery.

Sir Knight Cermak's legacy to Chicago was a financially stronger city than when he entered office, and a Democratic party more powerful than any in the nation.

He was a member of Chicago's Lawndale Lodge No. 995, and Columbia Commandery No. 63.

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More than half a century has passed since the last Freemason served as mayor of Chicago. Hopefully, this brief narrative will help keep their memories alive, and inspire upcoming generations of Freemasons to accept the challenges and opportunities of government leadership.

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

History of the Grand Encampment

CHAPTER XII (continued)

THE PERIOD OF GROWTH

Thirty-First Conclave (continued)

At the last Conclave, the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence was charged with the duty of revising the Constitution and Statutes. This report was presented and with some amendments adopted and published with the Proceedings of the Conclave of 1910.

At the election, Sir Knight William B. Melish was elected Grand Master, and Sir Knight John A. Gerow was reelected Grand Recorder.

Thirty-Second Conclave

The thirty-second Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in El Jebel Temple in the City of Denver, on August 12, 1913. The Templar hosts of Colorado and the citizens of Denver gave the visiting Sir Knights a most hearty welcome. Special decorations and unusual electrically illuminated structures along all the principal streets of the city made Denver a marvel to all who attended this Conclave. No effort or expense was spared in the attempt to make this the most splendidly decorated of all Triennials: "Night was turned into day, and Templars and their ladies, and the citizens of Denver stood in amazement as they gazed from street to street in what seemed like Fairyland." The great parade on the opening day was a grand spectacle with over 12,000 Sir Knights in line.

The Grand Master, Sir Knight Melish, gave a detailed account of his accomplishments and activities through a busy three years. Dispensations had been granted for commanderies in Alaska and in the Canal Zone. The union of the Grand Commanderies of Indian Territory and Oklahoma had been brought to a successful conclusion. Early in October 1911, the Grand Master had made a special visit to Oklahoma and took part in the consolidation ceremonies. The consolidated Grand Commandery was to be known as the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. The business of this special conclave was carried out so satisfactorily that the Grand Master reported that "the happy ending of the controversy of years' standing speaks volumes for the new era of Templar prosperity into which the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma enters."

Early in 1912, the Grand Master received an invitation to attend the meeting of the Great Priory of England and Wales. In May of that year, he made the trip to England and was splendidly received with full honors as the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States. While there, the highest honor of the Great Priory of England was conferred upon him by creating him a Grand Cross Templar of England.

Following the meeting of the Great Priory of England, the Grand Master attended the Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Governing Bodies of the Order of the Temple held in Edinburgh, Scotland. Representatives from the Great Priorities of England, Scotland and Ireland were present. Sir Knight Melish represented the Grand Encampment of the United States. This was the first time the

Grand Encampment had been represented. The Order of the Temple was reported in a most flourishing and prosperous condition all over the world.

In 1912, the Grand Master attended the twenty-ninth Annual Conclave of the Sovereign Great Priory of the Order of the Temple of Canada, where he was most cordially welcomed.

The Pro Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales, the Earl of Euston, who had visited the previous three Conclaves of the Grand Encampment, was ill at the time of the Grand Master's visit to England and consequently was unable to attend the meeting of the Great Priory to greet him. After a long continued illness, he died on May 10, 1912.

At the election, Sir Knight Arthur MacArthur was elected Grand Master. On account of illness, Sir Knight John A. Gerow declined reelection to the office of Grand Recorder, a position he had held for fifteen years. Upon resolution of the Grand Encampment, he was made Grand Recorder Emeritus with a salary of \$1,000 per year for the remainder of his life. Sir Knight Frank H. Johnson of Louisville, Kentucky, was elected Grand Recorder.

Thirty-Third Conclave

The thirty-third Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in the Scottish Rite Temple in the City of Los Angeles, California, on June 20, 1916. Due to the untimely death of M.E. Sir Arthur MacArthur, the Grand Master, the meeting was opened by R.E. Sir Lee Stewart Smith as Acting Grand Master. Sir Knight MacArthur had been attending to the duties of his office regularly, and his sudden and unexpected passing on December 27, 1914, came as a shock to the entire Templar Order.

Los Angeles made elaborate preparations for the Conclave with "miles of streets beautifully decorated in the

American colors, the black and white of Templary, and the Maltese cross, the cross and crown, sword and shield, and other striking emblems." A magnificent electric pageant, "The Flight of the Hours," was presented consisting of fifteen floats representing historic scenes of interest to the Knights Templar.

This Conclave came during the early period of World War I when the European nations were engaged in mortal conflict. Appeals for relief from distressed Masons and their families were answered by the Masonic Fraternity throughout the United States. Sir Knight Bernard G. Witt made a stirring address emphasizing the necessity of the Knights Templar taking a part in this movement, stating: "I want you to realize that this is a movement actuated by the basic principles of Masonry." The Grand Encampment voted that \$5,000 be given to the Masonic War Relief.

It was the hope of every Knight Templar that the war would soon be over, and "Peace on Earth" be again established. To this end, Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, as Acting Grand Master, in a letter to Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, offered the services of the Order of Knights Templar in any movement that he might feel would bring this conflict to a happy conclusion. The President in his reply stated: "I am watching for opportunities and studying very carefully the nature of them, so as to know what is the wisest way to act when the proper movement emerges."

The question of uniform asylum tactics was again presented by the resolution of Sir Harry A. Raser, P.G.C. of Washington, which resulted in a Committee of three experienced military members of the Grand Encampment being appointed to study this subject and develop a universal system of Templar tactics.





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□ For sale: a ½ carat diamond in a yellow gold Shriner's ring, size 9½. The jeweler placed \$1,500.00 value on my late husband's ring. I will sell the ring for \$600.00. *Mrs. E. G. Landen, 4883 Roswell Rd., N.E. Apt. J-5, Atlanta, GA 30342.*

□ I recently purchased a collection of Masonic medals. Found among them was the 50-year medal of Frank Locke, given by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, dated 1928-2-6. There are also ten Commandery medals, mostly centered around the date of the 26th Triennial of 1895, most from Massachusetts. There are also six Shrine medals. Considering that these pieces were mounted on "old" blue cloth, I believe that they were the personal collection of Frank Locke. Any suggestions as to what to do with them would be helpful. *Wesley L. Marple, Box 70, Liberty, ME 04949*

□ For Sale: Masonic ring 14kt yellow gold size 9-9¼. Diamonds set into design of compass. Flap mounted on side to cover engraving area (clear—never engraved). Asking \$320. Call *Lewis, (305) 723-4055.*

□ Seeking info on Rear Admiral John Adolphus Bernard Dahlgren, Commandant, Washington Naval Shipyard, April 1861. Commander of Federal South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, July 1863. Also interested in son Ulric, d. March 2, 1864, during siege of Richmond, or in descendants of either. Write for more details. *Carl A. Dahlgren, Jr., P.O. Box 11081, Dallas, TX 75223.*

□ Help: Thomas S. Ely Commandery No. 30, Jonesville, Va., was constituted and received its charter on September 15, 1984, and needs swords, chapeaux, uniforms, and the paraphernalia needed to confer the three Orders. Any Commandery or Sir Knight having any of these items that are not being used, and who would like to donate or sell them to this enthusiastic new Commandery, please contact *Wildel J. R. Canter, Recorder, Thomas S. Ely Commandery No. 30, Route 4, Box 284, Jonesville, VA 24263.*

□ I would like to purchase a solid gold Mark Master's keystone watch fob. Prefer one of the heavy fobs that were popular in the 1930s and 40s. I do not want to pay over \$50 for the fob, and it does not have to be in perfect condition. Also, interested in buying a 10kt gold 14th Scottish Rite ring. *R. C. Brown, 8110 Creekbend, No. 209, Houston, TX 77071. Call (713) 271-2365 after 5:00 p.m.*

□ I have two silver pitchers. One is engraved "Presented by St Pauls R.A. Chapter to M. E. Gilbert Nurse their Past High Priest 1832"; the other, "St. Andrews R.A. Chapter to Companion Robert Keith 1832." If these Chapters are still in existence, I would like current addresses and a communication from the Secretary of each Chapter. Any information would be appreciated. *Keith C. Nourse, 9960 Fairway Villas Lane, Pensacola, FL 32514.*

□ Interested in purchasing an old or antique Masonic "puzzle ball." I believe they were popular around the turn of the century as a charm or key. They were approximately ½" in diameter, made of gold, and opened to reveal Masonic symbols. If you know of one for sale, please be in contact. *James A. Vytal, 7 Galway Rd., Windham, NH 03087.*

□ Seeking information on Jim (James?) Anderson and wife Druzlia Elizabeth Johnston Anderson. Jim b. circa 1830 somewhere in Miss., probably Jasper or Jones Co. area. Their children were Vincent, Richard Allen, Stacy, Jesse, and one daughter, Willie. Any information would be appreciated. *Steve Anderson, 224 Main St., Louisville, MS 39339.*

□ I am searching for the parents of Robert ("Robin") Montgomery, b. 1780 in Del., migrated to Ga. and thence to Gibson Co., Ind., about 1810. m. Patience Marvel; eleven children: William, Prettyman, John, Nancy, Elizabeth, Samuel, James, Lavina, Robert Jr., George, and Thomas. Robert d. 1846 in Posey Co., Ind. Any information appreciated. *B.D. Montgomery, 1497 Heather Ridge Rd., Dune-din, FL 33528.*

□ Last year a reader asked for help on a Peter Cheatham of Va. I laid this issue aside and lost it. I would like to hear from this Knight. Write to me, *Theron E. Barnett, P.O. Box 292, Greer, SC 29652.*

□ I have a small mail order business in antique documents, paper, and ephemera. Occasionally, I find some Masonic material, but only infrequently. I would be grateful if the Brethren would send me names and addresses of anyone who deals in old Masonic books and documents. I will compile a list for any interested party later. *Paul L. Whitfield, P.A., 1500 E. Fourth St., Charlotte, NC 28204.*

□ Chapeaux — wish to purchase, size 7-3/8 or 7-1/2. Must be in good condition. Phone (703) 326-2521 or write: *Jack A. Brewster, 20 Sedgewood Townhouse, Bluefield, VA 24605.*

□ I am interested in purchasing any type of antique Masonic watches. Please write with details and price to *Gary J. Brookins, 20720 Germantown Dr., Fairview Park, OH 44126.*

□ Trying to buy a size 12 Masonic dial watch to replace one stolen from me. I don't care if it runs or not, as I can fix it. I am also a 100% Disabled Veteran and would like to have any old pocket watches to work on. Can pay nominal price and postage. *Robert H. Hanna, 2717 Prairie, Fort Worth, TX 76106. Phone (817) 626-8127 (after 5:30 p.m.).*

□ Unusual opportunity in Nikon photographic equipment. F2AS Body and Finder — normal, wide angle, and zoom lenses. All A.I. brand new, factory-packed with its corresponding warranties. Please write or call *Albert E. Keen, 6051 Lindley Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356. Phone: (818) 342-9467.*

□ I would like to purchase old wooden shaft golf clubs for my collection, especially the Burke Brand manufactured in Newark, Ohio, in the early 20's and late 30's. Anyone having these items please contact *Arnold "Bo" Griffin, 903 St. Andrews, Humble, TX 77339, phone (713) 358-3960.*

□ Seeking info about members of the Ward family. My g.father was Armsted (sometimes spelled Armstead), b. Kentucky c. 1/5/1833, d. Georgetown, Ill., 8/15/1916. His father was named Bennett. Bennett's wife was Nancy Boggs. The name of Bennett's father, birthplace, and any information relative to him also sought. *Bernard A. Ward, 4300 Sunny Lane, Apt. 1205, Holiday, FL 33590.*

□ I have a ladies silk handkerchief imprinted with "26th Triennial Conclave, Boston, August

27th, 1985," and a picture of the harbor and of Boston of that day. Beneath the picture is "Boston Commandery Knights Templars original 1802 chartered 1806." I would like to know who was Grand Master at the time and any other details of the session, and hope to hear from anyone who has one like it. *Jean (Mrs. Ronald) Simpson, 323 E. Main St., Green Town, IN 46936.*

□ Have two volumes of Mackey's Freemasonry Encyclopaedia. Mint condition — \$50. Can't read very well any more. *Lester May, 5934 Jacksonburg Rd., Trenton, OH 45067.*

□ Seeking info on g.grandfather Jacob Leightenheimer (could be spelled: Lightenhamer, Lightenhammer), b. 1846 in Cincinnati, Oh., d. 10/13/1883 in Portsmouth, Oh. m. Sarah Jane Ford, b.1842 in Portsmouth, Oh., d. 8/20/1907 at home, in Portsmouth. Jacob's father, Bernard, m. Catherine Babs. Write for more details. *Carl Leightenheimer, 1618 Long Dr., Richmond, TX 77469.*

□ For sale: a Knight Templar Sword which belonged to my deceased husband. Reasonable price. Please contact *Mrs. Lawrence Gray, 2518 Park Lane Ct., Birmingham, AL 35223.*

□ Need words to one of the songs from the *William Tell* operetta. Please forward anything you can add to my remembered part below: "That's the worst of brothers, and sisters, and others. / They'll run and tell your mother, and she'll tell your pa. / I wonder what will William tell. / I wonder then if all is well. / I wonder what will William tell / When he gets home to ma." *Mrs. Sara P. Boyette, 400 S. Gordon Ave., Adel, GA 31620.*

□ I have a complete file of "Knight Voices" September 1977 to date (Volume XXIII, No. 9 to Volume XXXI, No. 5) that I will send to anyone willing to pay the book rate postage. I am short of space but hate to throw them away. *William A. Lang, 2290-0 Via Puerta, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.*

□ I am seeking information about Hartwell Barham, who moved from Tennessee to Dunklin County, Missouri, in 1867; d. 1869. He served two years in the state legislature in Tennessee prior to his move. His son Neil S. Barham resided in Malden, Missouri. Write for more details. *Eugene A. Barham, P.O. Box 157, Oak Ridge, LA 71264*



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