



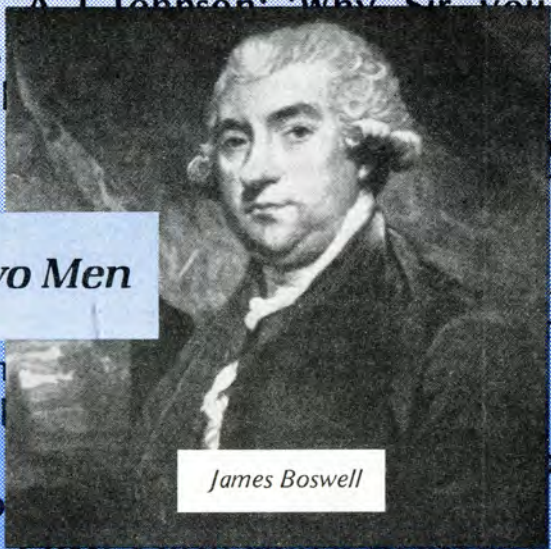
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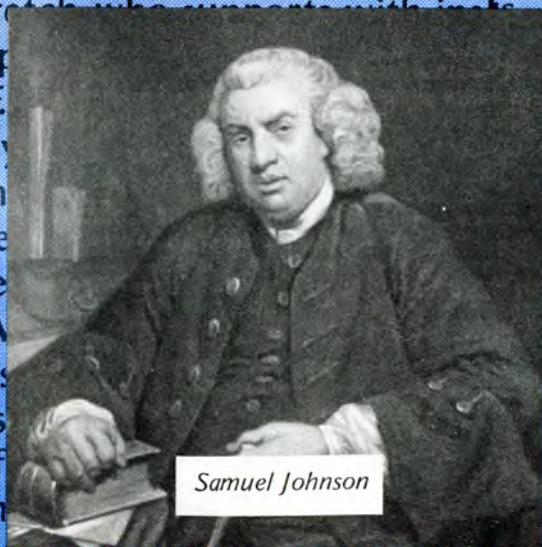
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Reflections of Two Men



James Boswell



Samuel Johnson

Looking to the Future

The year 1986 is a decade marker in the history of modern Templary. We celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Holy Land Pilgrimage project, having sent more than 130 ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ to visit the holy places and to renew the enthusiasm of their calling. We celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, with special thanks to God for giving us the opportunity to help over thirty thousand of His children save or regain their eyesight, and to be able to assist in the needed research for the prevention of blindness with grants of over one and one-half million dollars. We celebrate the 170th anniversary of the first Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. It was at that first Triennial Conclave that Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton was elected our first Grand Master, and he served in that office until his death in 1828.



In all those 170 years, we have never put down the roots of the Grand Encampment or set our banner in front of a permanent homesite. We have been a wandering band, transient, always under the proverbial canvas of field service and never under the dome of a temple like our Fratres of old, from whom we have taken our name.

I believe that, as we near the twenty-first century, it is time to procure such a place. A place where we can have our heritage on display, our library open for our present use and information, and a site for our administrative offices. I believe that most of the Templars who read this will agree with me.

I think that it should be located near the center of Templar population, near scheduled transportation, and near the interstate highway system. It should be dedicated to the principles of our order and be a credit to them and to the surroundings. It should be a monument to the ideals and service of the thousands of Christian Masons who have served as Templars since our formation as a Grand Encampment 170 years ago and before.

I believe that this can be achieved as a gift from a Templar or a friend of Templary and its philanthropies. If you can agree with me, then I ask you to join me in asking Our Lord in prayer, each time you have your regular prayers, to send us the giver and the gift. Do you believe? I do!

I wish everyone who reads these words a very special, happy, and most prosperous 1986.

Ronald DeWitt

Knight Templar

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

JANUARY: For the New Year *Knight Templar Magazine* offers articles for all interests. James Boswell and Samuel Johnson are the subjects of our cover feature this month, complemented by articles on the membership decline and the history of our religious freedom in America. Beginning this month are the running state totals for donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, which runs its 18th Annual Voluntary Campaign from December 1, 1985, to April 30, 1986.

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Editor's Journal



Paul C. Rodenhauer Honored: Past Grand Recorder and Honorary Past Grand Master Paul C. Rodenhauer was honored at the annual assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, which was held in Sudbury, Ontario, from August 24-27, 1985. Sir Knight Rodenhauer was named an Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory. Sir Knight Rodenhauer served the Grand Encampment as Grand Recorder and Editor for nineteen years.

Joseph Lewis Honored: Sir Knight Joseph S. Lewis, a member of Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, Ponca City, Oklahoma, was elected a "Grand Cross" of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. A maximum of three 33^o members of the jurisdiction can be elected to receive the honor of Grand Cross during any one biennium. This honor was decided upon at the October session of the Supreme Council. Sir Knight Lewis is a recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. He is also Chairman of the Committee on Wills and Bequests for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

What is written without effort
is in general read without pleasure.

—Samuel Johnson

A New Approach: The Masonic Service Association informs us that the Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, Sir Knight Lawrence Inglis, a member of Waukegan Commandery No. 12, Libertyville, Illinois, has published his *Trestleboard for 1985-1986*. In this book, which is for Illinois Masons, he has established new goals and procedures, guidelines for Lodge officers, protocol, and so forth, in a "challenging" manner. Sir Knight Inglis' *Foundation Builders Program* is a logical, well-planned approach to revitalizing Masonry in the state of Illinois. The Masonic Service Association recommends that Grand Lodges take a long hard look at his designs on the future.



Reprint: *Knights Templar Magazine* and former Editor Joan E. Behrens have been honored by the Maine Lodge of Research, which reprinted Ms. Behrens' article entitled: "Alias Artemus Ward." Charles Farrar Brown, a native of Waterford, Maine, was the subject of that article, which was reproduced in leaflet form and distributed with the Lodge's newsletter, which is put together by Sir Knight C. Weston Dash, Secretary of the Lodge. This article had originally appeared in the September 1985 issue of *Knights Templar Magazine*.

Easter at the Masonic Memorial

by

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

The 56th Easter Sunrise Memorial Service will be held on the main entrance steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial on Sunday, March 30, 1986. This is the same site as last year's service and you will enjoy further improvements in the facilities and the program.

The service will be the highlight of the Easter weekend events which include the reception for our new Grand Master, the state delegation dinners, tours, and the breakfast at Twin Bridges Motel after the service.

Headquarters Hotel will once again be the Hotel Washington, as it has been for many years. For reservations, contact Ms. Debbie Cochran at 1-800-424-9540, or George Fulmer's office. The reception for Most Eminent Grand Master Donald Hinslea Smith and Mrs. Smith, who will be joined by the officers of the Grand Encampment and their ladies, will be held in the Sky Room of the hotel from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday. Dress is informal and all are invited to this event.

Sunday morning, promptly at 6:00 a.m., buses will depart from the Hotel Washington for the service site in Alexandria, Virginia. Delegations from other hotels and motels should furnish their own transportation. The parade of uniformed Sir Knights up the entrance drive will begin at 7:00 a.m. The service will be modified slightly and the sermon will be delivered by Right Eminent Grand Prelate Walter M. McCracken. Music for the parade and the service will be furnished by the combined bands of Kena and Almas Shrine Temples. The combined Chanters of these Shrine Temples will lead the singing during the service. Parking is provided for buses and cars on the site.

After completion of the service, beginning about 9:15 a.m., the Grand Encampment will sponsor a breakfast at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motel. The cost of this breakfast, including tax and gratuity, is \$8.25 per person. Tickets are available from Marion K. Warner, Chairman of the Easter Sunday Breakfast Committee. His address is 1127 Tiffany Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904. Phone number is (301) 622-0912. Tickets can be reserved in advance and can be paid for in the hotel lobby from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29.

Grand Commanders, delegation chairmen, and committeemen are requested to contact George M. Fulmer, General Chairman at Box 94B, Lusby, Maryland 20657 or by phone (301) 326-3221, to be placed on the list of those to receive all mailings from George Fulmer. Parade orders will be furnished to delegation chairman in the month of February. Their use is mandatory. George Fulmer's office is at your service and will assist you in any request.



**Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
Eighteenth Voluntary Campaign**

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending December 6, 1985. The total amount to date is \$17,091.71.

Alabama	\$25.00
Arizona	0.00
Arkansas	0.00
California	675.90
Colorado	20.00
Connecticut	0.00
District of Columbia	0.00
Florida	1,140.00
Georgia	2,430.00
Idaho	0.00
Illinois	340.00
Indiana	505.00
Iowa	765.00
Kansas	35.00
Kentucky	733.00
Louisiana	20.00
Maine	0.00
Maryland	0.00
Mass. - R.I.	500.00
Michigan	1,720.00
Minnesota	25.00
Mississippi	240.00
Missouri	157.50
Montana	0.00
Nebraska	35.00
Nevada	0.00
New Hampshire	42.00
New Jersey	0.00
New Mexico	540.00
New York	750.00
North Carolina	40.00
North Dakota	0.00
Ohio	312.50
Oklahoma	270.00
Oregon	0.00
Pennsylvania	30.00
South Carolina	1,618.00
South Dakota	0.00
Tennessee	1,455.00
Texas	899.00
Utah	0.00
Vermont	0.00
Virginia	501.24
Washington	205.00
West Virginia	0.00
Wisconsin	10.00
Wyoming	70.00
Miscellaneous	982.57

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation
New Club Memberships**

Grand Commander's Club:

- Indiana No. 19 - Robert Sweitzer
- Pennsylvania No. 19 - Donald J. Panichi
- South Carolina No. 5 - Arthur Keighley, Jr.
- Alabama No. 12 - Clarence F. Rhea
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- No. 625 - George W. Schierman (UT)

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.



Reflections of Two Men

by
Daniel M. Morgan, Editor

The twentieth century has seen a revival of praise for Samuel Johnson and James Boswell. Boswell in particular has come into his own special and individual attention apart from Johnson. He was known only from his published works, and is regarded as the greatest biographer of all time, a fact which the discovery of his journals at Malahide Castle in the 1920s only amplifies. He is, as well, one of the greatest diarists known.

Samuel Johnson suffered critically at the hands of nineteenth century critics who down-played the merits of his literary contributions; specifically *Rasselas* and *The Rambler* and the *Idler* essays. Today, however, his reputation continues unblemished, though he is virtually unknown outside the English-speaking world. Samuel Johnson was a vastly intelligent scholar and witty conversationalist.

Together, the relationship these two men had marks one of the most celebrated of friendships. The relationship is well-documented in Boswell's *Life of Samuel Johnson, LL.D.* and *The Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides, with Samuel Johnson, LL.D.* Both books reveal, in a significant manner, the friendship shared between these two men.

Sam-Johnson.

Samuel Johnson was born at Lichfield, Staffordshire, on September 18, 1709, to Michael Johnson, sheriff of the city of Lichfield at the time of Samuel's birth. He was a sickly child, and may not have lived except for a succession of doctor's

visits. At his mother Sarah's insistence, a journey to London to be touched by Queen Anne was taken. Though no medical benefit was claimed, the gold amulet that the Queen hung around his neck remained there until his death.

Johnson entered school in 1717, demonstrating remarkable intelligence in academic matters, even though he sometimes disliked completing his academic tasks. Both of these aspects stayed with him his entire life. Later, after publication of the dictionary and many other works, Dr. Boswell, James Boswell's uncle, was to describe Johnson as "a robust genius, born to grapple with whole libraries."

Johnson found himself at Pembroke College, Oxford, in 1728, but had to leave thirteen months later because he ran out of money. Samuel had applied at this time to be an assistant teacher at Stoubridge shortly before his father's death, but he did not get the post. He did, however, achieve a position as undermaster in a grammar school at Market Bosworth.

Through an old grammar school chum, Edmund Hecktor, Johnson was given a translation job, working on *A Voyage to Abyssinia* by Father Jerome Lobo. This entailed a trip to Birmingham where he met Elizabeth Porter, the widow of Harry Porter. She was twenty years older than Johnson, and they were married at Derby in 1735 when Johnson was 24 years of age. She brought with her a reputed dowry of £700.

Backed by this dowry, he set up a school for young gentlemen at Edial, near Lichfield, which was → → →

to teach Latin and Greek, but it failed two years later because only several boys enrolled (one of whom was David Garrick).

Upon the failure of his school, Johnson moved to London, embarking upon a long program of literary toil to make his living. He began writing a column for *Gentleman's Magazine* in which he included poetry, dissertations, and criticism. He also began writing a tragedy called *Irene*.

He traveled to London with David Garrick (his former pupil, with whom he

"A syndicate of booksellers suggested that Johnson compile a dictionary, a request which reflects growing esteem."

had become friends) and they entered London together. That both Johnson and Garrick entered London together and unknown is noteworthy; both men in their lifetimes were to be the toast of London in their respective fields: Johnson in literature and Garrick on the stage. Garrick became the leading actor of his generation; he is, furthermore, a documented Freemason.

Johnson worked hard on *Gentleman's Magazine*, eventually being entrusted to write pieces in prose and verse, including criticism and biographies. In 1737 he returned to Lichfield and finished *Irene*. He then brought his wife to London with him, and his poem "London" was published, which garnered praise from Alexander Pope. None of his publications earned enough money to support Johnson and his wife, however.

At the time, Johnson commiserated with Richard Savage, another close friend, in his poverty. Savage was a well-known poet (*The Wanderer*, 1729), who is also a documented member of the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to Richmond Lodge No. 55. Johnson

included Savage, who died in 1743, in his *Lives of the Poets*. When published in 1744 this original account of Savage's life captivated the public.

Over these early years, Johnson's reputation as an author slowly grew. A syndicate of booksellers suggested to Johnson that he compile a dictionary of the English language, a request which reflects the esteem to which he had grown in the eyes of the London literati.

By this time, Brother David Garrick, now a member of St. Paul's Lodge No. 194, was a well-known actor, and he had also become manager of the Drury Lane Theater. Garrick agreed to mount a production of Johnson's tragedy *Irene*, but it ran only seven nights and has never been revived.

The contract for *A Dictionary of the English Language* had been signed in 1746. Despite his hard work at this project (along with the help of several assistants), he did not have enough money to live on during the eight-and-a-half years of work it took to finish.

These monetary problems led him to writing his *Rambler*, a two-penny sheet published twice a week and containing one anonymous essay; this enabled him to pay his bills. *The Rambler* appeared for two years (from 1750 to 1752) and is a tribute to his remarkable literary mettle, since he was working on the dictionary during this same period. As Johnson himself said, "No man but a blockhead ever wrote, except for money."

Several days after Johnson completed his work on *The Rambler*, his wife died. This deepened his melancholy and his feelings of loneliness, afflictions which he had struggled with his whole life. His wife had provided a relief from this fathomless depression in which he would, at times, be lost.

In 1755 Johnson's most remarkable feat was revealed to public acclaim: *A Dictionary of the English Language*. This dictionary was not the first dictionary,

but its preciseness of definition and the addition of literary illustration made it original, unique, and more useful than any other preceding it. Johnson's *Dictionary* contained 40,000 words and brought him much fame, but still did not bring solvency. Because of this, he continued writing articles, prefaces, and edited copy—all for money. He wrote many political pamphlets and began another weekly essay project entitled *The Idler*, which appeared in the *Universal Chronicle*.

During the week preceding his mother's death, one of Johnson's most important works, *Rasselas*, was written, in January of 1759. This book is a moral fiction about an Abyssinian Prince who searches for truth. This prose work attained wide popularity within Johnson's lifetime, and is now recognized as his most durable work of prose.

In 1763 Johnson met James Boswell in the back parlor of Thomas Davies' bookshop in Covent Garden; he was fifty-three at the time, and Boswell was a young twenty-two. Boswell had been trying to meet Johnson for some time, and despite a rather brusque encounter with Johnson at the bookshop—"Boswell: 'I do indeed come from Scotland, but I cannot help it.' Johnson: 'That, Sir, I find, is what a very great many of your countrymen cannot help.'"—Boswell stopped by Johnson's house a week later. He offered apologies for dropping in, to which Johnson interjected, "I am obliged to any man who visits me."



James Boswell's life had barely begun at the point where he met Johnson. He was an aristocratic son from a Scottish family from Auchinleck, and was born on October 29, 1740, in Edinburgh. His father achieved the judicial title of Lord Auchinleck in 1754.

From the beginning, James' career was forcefully directed through family ambition. His father wanted him to become a lawyer in his own tradition, and Boswell succumbed to this pressure in 1758 by beginning to study law at the University of Edinburgh, but his heart was not in it. He did not finish, but ran away to London, entertaining ideas of becoming a Roman Catholic monk (which was again in rebellion against his family's strictly Scottish Presbyterian heritage).

He discovered in London a metropolitan fondness for culture, high-spirited conversation, and women. In May of 1760 Lord Auchinleck journeyed to London to fetch Boswell from his mis-directed ambitions. James had been trying to obtain a position with the footguards in order to stay in London.

Lord Auchinleck placed James in a program of law study at the family home from 1760 to 1763. Through an agreement with his father, he passed the law examination, entitling him to an annuity from his father of £100, allowing him to go to London to seek a position. It was during this visit to London that he met Johnson.

In Boswell's diary, he says of Johnson, "His conversation is as great as his writing." No one else in history was to learn this more deeply than Boswell himself. They developed a friendship, Johnson being charmed by Boswell's awed, agreeable nature. They enjoyed suppers and conversation, and, early on, a deep and growing attachment is evidenced by Johnson's accompanying Boswell in a coach to Harwich, from where Boswell was embarking on a European tour.

Johnson urged Boswell to keep a diary, the discovery of which is the main reason for the marked improvement of Boswell's reputation in the twentieth century. In the *Life of Johnson*, Boswell had appeared impressionable and fatuous to critics; but his diaries have uncovered a greater depth of character and → → →

understanding than his amplification of Johnson in his biography revealed.

Further study in civil law at Utrecht, The Netherlands, led him to travels in Europe, meeting both Rousseau and Voltaire. Boswell is well-known for his desire to meet and become friends with famous people. Boswell went to Italy, spending nine months sightseeing. When he toured the island of Corsica in the autumn of 1765, he met and interviewed Corsican chieftain Pasquale Paoli.

Returning to Edinburgh, he was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates on July 26, 1766, and for seventeen years practiced law there, making frequent, though not annual, trips to London.

In 1768 Boswell published *An Account of Corsica, The Journal of a Tour to That Island; and Memoirs of Pascal Paoli*, which garnered him widespread recognition through England and France. The book was immediately translated into French, German, Italian, and Dutch.

Brother Boswell married Margaret Montgomerie, his first cousin, in November 1769. He was an active husband for the first few years of his marriage, following the career prescribed for him by his family, looking to a possible Scottish judgeship in the future, and perhaps a seat in Parliament. Over the years, however, when his law practice did not become more notable, he returned to problematic drinking behavior, which was a throw-back to his younger years.

Boswell persuaded Johnson to travel through Scotland, to the western islands, with him. A complete success, the tour helped the two men become closer friends. Both Boswell and Johnson wrote a book on the experience.

"Clubbable" Natures

In Samuel Johnson's life, loneliness and melancholy were pervasive moods; they had plagued him throughout his life.

Johnson dealt with this loneliness and melancholy largely with the clubbable aspects of his personality. Johnson created a society around him which gave him an arena for companionship and also an opportunity to exercise his celebrated need for argumentative opinion-making.

It was a matter of great pride to Boswell when Johnson and his "Literary Club" accepted him for membership in 1773. Johnson said Boswell was a social person, and deserved to belong—he had a *clubbable* nature, a new word which Johnson invented on the spur of the moment.

This Literary Club had been formed by Sir Joshua Reynolds around Dr. Johnson in 1764, and among its members were documented Freemasons James Boswell; Edmund Burke, a British statesman; David Garrick; Edward Gibbon, a historian—author of *Decline of the Roman Empire*; a famous non-Freemason member was Oliver Goldsmith.

The Literary Club influenced the literary opinions of the London populace; when the club's opinion of a book was revealed, it could affect the sales of that volume. The Literary Club's influence lasted years after Johnson's death.

During this period, James Boswell served twice as Master of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, and declined nomination for the Grand Mastership of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He was a member of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge which is located in Edinburgh; he was raised on October 14, 1759, and served as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland from 1776 to 1778. In February of 1777 he was made an honorary member of the Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1.

Albert Mackey says, regarding Samuel Johnson's possible Masonic membership: "the probabilities in favor of his having been one are much weightier than the probability against." There was a Samuel

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Crusade for Survival

by

Sir Knight Paul L. Fleming

St. John's Commandery No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware

Declining membership is a continuing problem that is being addressed nationally in various Masonic publications, including *Knight Templar*. In reviewing a small sample of these published articles, four basic categories of thought appear concerning the causes of decline. The following terms have been arbitrarily chosen for classifying them in this article: the *sociological* view, which looks at the interrelationships of historical and sociological events; the *moralistic* view, which states that the cause is the result of the deterioration of individual and group morality; the *operational* view, which suggests that the cause is the result of administrative and structural faults within the fraternity; and the *functionalistic* view, in which it is believed Masonry lacks direction, purpose, and relevance.

Sir Knight S. B. Morris, a prolific Masonic writer on the topic of declining membership, argues from the sociological and the operational positions. In a *Royal Arch Mason Magazine* article in June of 1983 he described our current attitude in dealing with our problems in this way: "We are like small children whimpering during a thunderstorm: Unaware of what is really happening, unsure of what to do, and frightened by the apparent chaos of nature." Morris reveals the fallacy of attempting to increase membership through solicitation by reviewing the gradual demise of the Odd Fellows. (The specific topic relating to the Odd Fellows and the decline of other fraternity memberships was discussed in *The Northern Light*, November, 1983). Furthermore,

from the operational perspective, he discusses some of our self-imposed limitations: regulations against dual membership

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in some bodies; Grand Lodge's support and encouragement of ritual perfection, but comparatively weak encouragement of education and research; lack of reward other than for presiding or ritual; a "Puritanical stiffness in our affairs"; and failure of membership fees to keep pace with shifts in the economy.

Another Morris article in *Royal Arch Mason Magazine* in April of 1982, analyzed the data collected in three studies of Masonry—a 1978 Texas survey, a 1975 Master's thesis, and a 1977 Kansas Grand Lodge survey. Based on the results of those studies, he describes a statistical rendering of a contemporary Mason and his family. Morris also lists several of the public's misperceptions of Masonry. He concludes that the public's distorted view of Masonry is the result of our "virtues of silence and circumspection" and our lack of involvement in community activities that are generally associated with fraternities and community clubs.

Another sociological view comes from Sir Knight L. L. Walker, Jr., who, in commenting on a Morris article in *Royal Arch Mason Magazine*, states that the fluctuations in membership → → →

are related to, and follow, great national crises: i.e., World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, and the Vietnam War. Due in part to changes in attitudes in recent years concerning self-evaluation, he concludes that eligible applicants do not apply for membership in Masonic Lodges because "Masonry is simply not a factor in the equation of life." His argument would be more plausible if Masonic Lodges around the world reflected a similar cause-and-effect relationship in membership fluctuations. In England, however, the converse appears to be true. It is reported that individuals are on waiting lists to receive degrees.

Sir Knight Willard Billingsley's articles in *Knight Templar* of July and November, 1984, "Something Masonic to Think About (Parts I and II)," develop the viewpoint that decline is directly related to a national deterioration in morality. There may be some validity in this if it can be demonstrated that individuals abandoning or rejecting the Fraternity are amoral and hence incompatible with moralistic Masonic Brethren.

A similar perspective on the moral decline is presented in an article by Sir Knight C. C. Faulkner, Jr., in *The Indiana Freemason* in December of 1984. He states that there has been "[for] . . . nearly three decades . . . a decline in the priority given to high moral, social, and educational standards . . . [which] . . . erodes the base of men who would have an appreciation for our Fraternity." His reasoning seems flawed, though. Even if we accept his premise, it does not explain the abrupt inactivity of newly-initiated Brothers, or Brothers of long standing who only pay their membership fees.

Sir Knight Jerry G. Tart, writing in the Summer 1984 issue of *Royal Arch Mason Magazine*, typifies the moralistic view in his article "Freemasonry—Friend of Mankind." In summary fashion he puts forth a list of introspective questions that an operationalist might ask himself. He

then states a moralistic solution, recommending a return to a life based on the Holy Bible and the principles of Freemasonry. Here again, though, the moralistic view has not explained the loss of the newly-raised Brethren or the non-participation of fee-paying members who never return to Lodge.

Sir Knight S. C. Wyllie, Jr., writing in a *Royal Arch Mason Magazine* (Winter 1984) article "Freemasonry Too Free?" presents an operationalist viewpoint. He says, "Freemasonry has its hierarchy, and while some say we pay too much attention to titles, I believe we pay too little attention—too little in that we promote an officer because he is available, rather than on his merits." Wyllie appears to be suggesting that a more rigid method of selecting officers be established since, in some cases, the wrong individuals are being singled out for honors and awards.

Another operationalist viewpoint can be found in the September 1984 issue of *Knight Templar*, in an article by Sir Knight Donald L. Dorward entitled "Membership! What For?" He discusses the lack of public awareness due to "Masons . . . cut[ting] . . . their exposure to the public." He also mentions dull meetings, lack of participation in community events, failure to support our youth groups, inefficient use of buildings, and closed social affairs—all questionable policy decisions.

The functionalistic views of Sir Knight Noell's article in the May 1984 *Knight Templar Magazine*, "A Masonic Crusade for Youth," discusses the success of non-Masonic youth organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America, in stabilizing their memberships. He observed that these non-Masonic organizations have programs which are meaningful to the needs of the times while maintaining their original principles and goals—this at a time when our Masonic youth organizations are dying.

In summary, perhaps our declining membership is the result of all the factors

mentioned and also additional factors not yet teased from the complexity of the times in which we live. Each organization and each Mason must look within.

As a first step, we might attempt to determine why our lifeblood drains away. If it is true that men petitioned Lodges because they were prompted by observation of, or interaction with, members of the Lodges, we might do well to ask why they no longer attend or have dropped

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their membership. Isn't it essential to know what brought about their loss of desire to participate? If the Fraternity wasn't what they expected (assuming they hadn't been prompted by idle curiosity), what was it they did expect?

Does the answer rest in what the newly-raised Brother experiences upon entering Masonic meetings? Does he readily observe empty sidelines, a minimal line of officers, and a lack of excitement and enthusiasm? If he attends only once a year, does he see and hear unvarying programs monotonously repeated? Does he find a lack of sincerity in involving him in Lodge activities? Does he find that once he has proven his proficiency at catechism, there is no longer any interest in him? If our new Brother becomes involved in Blue Lodge, does he see and hear the practice of situational ethics, bickering, and power struggles? If he does, does he continue (for a time) believing that he can be effective in bringing about a positive change? Sir Knights, consider this: who is the last person you can name who was successful in dealing with any of the issues presented here?

As part of our introspective evaluation we might ask ourselves if we have kept faith with our forebearers who made

Masonry a living entity of significance in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Or is it that we simply do not have the insight and ingenuity to give the knowledge of our ancient heritage meaning in the twentieth century? Are we in awe, or do we fear that in order for us to meet the challenge of our changing times we must sacrifice our basic principles and goals? If so, perhaps we are not the caretakers of the immutable universal truths some may think we are.

Are we passing on our knowledge in a meaningful way? Has the Scottish Rite format of biannual two-day spectacles, as practiced in some jurisdictions, been in the best interests of Masonry? Is the adage “fast track to the Shrine” telling us more than we wish to hear? Or should we update presentations with professional video productions of our work to ensure consistent and high-quality interpretation?

Perhaps we should consider being purists: a return to full participation in degrees; elimination of all short forms; and long periods of training and study, making achievement of degrees a lifetime pursuit. Successful achievement would be evidence that the “light” obtained was truly desired, earnestly sought, thoroughly understood, and constantly practiced. Perfection requires diligence.

Extreme views? Perhaps. Extreme measures? Perhaps. But perhaps our more recent forebearers were in error in making speculative Masonry so readily available. The eighteenth and nineteenth century *form* of speculative Masonry, as seen with twentieth century vision, may have become only shadowy images of original intents and purposes, while the *function* of speculative Masonry may have become the self-aggrandizing stage of a few men. Perhaps we are only perpetuating the problem by maintaining the status quo as the appendant bodies wither and die in noble isolation. It is just possible that in identifying and treating our own ills we will be → → →

identifying and treating the ills of the appendant bodies.

My Brother Sir Knights: *Groups* do not survive. *Causes* do. A group inspired by a burning, consuming cause *will* survive. Men who are the mental, moral, and physical demonstration of a worthy cause will draw men of like kind to that cause.

We have before us a cause vital to us and to the future of Masonry—a new crusade, if you will. The issues have been identified. They await our action. Are we willing to overcome our apathy and fears and move forward, or are the words and voices of our vows to be recorded in history as only hollow echoes in the empty halls of Masonry? Will the last legible lines in the crumbling facade of Masonry read “They were not equal to the task”?

Sir Knight Fleming lives at 26 Newbrook Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19711.



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

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Three Generations of Knights Templar

At the official inspection of Blanquefort Commandery No. 13, Ellsworth, Maine, Eminent Commander



Carl Rogers Knighted his grandson Clifford Rogers with the assistance of Edward Rogers, who is Commander Rogers' son and Clifford's father. Edward is a Past Commander of Blanquefort Commandery No. 13, and Carl is a Past Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Maine.

This is the first occurrence of this nature in the history of this Commandery. Several grand officers were present at this Knighting, including John O. Bond, Sr., Right Eminent Grand Commander. Past Grand Commanders Ralph C. Rackliff, Jr., C. Wilfred Brann, and Kenneth O. Petch were present as well. Inspecting officer was W. Percy Rowe, Eminent Grand Captain General.

In the photograph above are, from left to right: Clifford Rogers, John O. Bond, Sr., Carl Rogers, W. Percy Rowe, and Edward Rogers.



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, postpaid. 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.

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The United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, held a regional assembly in Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, on October 25-27, 1985. In the photograph below are, from left to right, G.



Wilbur Bell, Grand Recorder; William A. Carpenter, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania; and Clarence K. Jones, Grand Sovereign. At the regional assembly, elected Sovereigns and Viceroyes are coronated and consecrated; candidates also receive the Constantine orders in full form. The ceremonies are followed by a banquet for ladies and Knights Companions. This is the oldest continually held regional assembly in the Red Cross of Constantine.

Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.

—Samuel Johnson

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Seventy Years in Masonry

Sir Knight Clyde Fulton, a member of Charlotte Commandery No. 37, Charlotte, Michigan, served as Comman-



der of that Commandery in 1921. He was honored recently when he was presented with a plaque commemorating seventy years of service to Templary. Sir Knight Fulton was Knighted on May 25, 1913. Shown in the photograph above are, from left to right, Donald G. McDonald, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Erwin W. O'Dell, Past Grand Commander; Jud Richardson, Past Commander; Philip Darling, Commander of Charlotte Commandery; Lloyd Darling, Past Commander; and Herman Vogt, Past Commander. Sir Knight Fulton is shown in the foreground with Ricard Webb, Deputy Grand Commander, who made the presentation.

Cryptic Coin

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California is celebrating their 125th anniversary during the 1985-1986 year. To commemorate this event, they have struck a coin, which is available to collectors through the Grand Recorder, David Campbell, 801 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, California 90813 for \$5.00 each.

Cunningham Chapter Coin

Cunningham Chapter No. 187, Royal Arch Masons, Lakewood, Ohio, has been in existence since 1910. To celebrate their seventy-fifth anniversary, they have issued a commemorative coin. This coin is 1½ inches in diameter and is finished in antique bronze. The face of



the coin has the triple tau and triangle Royal Arch emblems; the reverse depicts the Lakewood Masonic Temple.

This coin may be obtained by interested parties by writing to Cecil Hamilton, 1283 Beach Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. The cost is five dollars, postpaid. Proceeds realized from the sale of the coin will go to their Temple endowment fund, says Brother Hamilton.

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Candle Sale

October was Knights Templar Candle Month for the city of Martinsville, Indiana. Mayor Guy Fogleman made the proclamation in the presence of Sir Knight Monon Nortman, Grand Sword Bearer of the state of Indiana, and Robert Mehringer, Grand Commander's Aide. Proceeds of this candle sale have gone to Knights Templar projects—the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

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Eye Foundation Donation

The Grand Court of the Order of the Amaranth for the state of Alabama has donated \$1,292.87 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Shown in the photograph below are Elizabeth



Belter, Chairman for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for the Order of the Amaranth of Alabama, and Sir Knight Charles W. McDonald, Recorder, Eminent Grand Junior Warden for the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

Masonic Postal Chess Club

The Masonic Postal Chess Club is offering information about memberships to interested parties. This club is a group of Masons who share the common interest of playing chess by mail. Open to any Mason who likes to play chess, the yearly dues entitle a member to a monthly newsletter and the privilege of playing as many games of chess as he can handle. "This is a great way for Masons to meet other Masons who share the joy of playing chess, and can lead to lasting friendships," says Barry Richards. Inquiries may be directed to Brother Richards at P.O. Box 55022, Sherman Oaks, California 91403.

Warren Assembly Celebrates 50 Years

Members and husbands of Warren Assembly No. 77, Social Order of the Beauceant, friends from other Masonic bodies, and guests from Beauceant Assemblies in Youngstown and Cleveland, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, gathered in the Warren, Ohio, Masonic Temple recently to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Warren Assembly No. 77.

A dinner was served by members of Morning Light Chapter No. 80, Order of the Eastern Star, and then the guests assembled in the Blue Room for the program, emceed by Mrs. John C. Swinehart. She read greetings from Mrs. Paul E. Mihal, Supreme Worthy President of the order.

The first president of Warren Assembly went on to become the Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant.

A music program was presented by a group called "Friends," and the evening concluded with a reception in Burton Hall.

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Errata

In the November issue of *Knight Templar*, a line of text was inadvertently omitted from the article entitled "Gilbert and Sullivan." Following the word "Pinafore" five lines down in the first column on page six, the sentence should read, "which was a satire on the British Navy's system of appointing unqualified civilians to head the service. The *Pirates of Penzance* followed,". *Knight Templar* regrets the error.

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

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Grand Commander—1979
Born March 26, 1914
Died November 20, 1985

James I. Carter

West Virginia
Grand Commander—1965
Born September 30, 1902
Died November 21, 1985

Charles O. Shiflet

Wyoming
Grand Commander—1985
Born August 31, 1909
Died November 25, 1985

Harrison C. Hartline

Pennsylvania
Grand Commander—1960
Born March 18, 1909
Died December 2, 1985

James L. Allen

Alabama
Grand Generalissimo—1985
Born August 24, 1921
Died December 3, 1985



Ohio Sponsors Special Olympians

Ohio Masons are once again sponsoring 1,500 youths to the Ohio Special Olympics 1986 Summer Games. Last year, Ohio Masons sponsored more than 1,300 youths at a total cost of nearly \$40,000. A single sponsorship costs \$30.

The Special Olympics is a worldwide program of athletic training and competition for the mentally retarded. The Ohio Summer Games will be held on June 27-28, 1986, in Columbus. The deadline for contributions is April 1.

Grand Master Hilmer W. Neumann is encouraging Masons to get involved in the Special Olympics at the local and district levels. "Donating money is important," he said, "But our responsibilities as Masons to help our fellow man go much further. Become a volunteer in your local Special Olympics program."

Bus Trip to Hawaii

The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, has the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as one of its philanthropic projects. LaNora B. Lance, Past Matron, appointed Sir Knight Edward Peterson, a member of J.E. Abbott Commandery No. 40, Englewood, Colorado, to the position of chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee for Areme Chapter No. 124, Colorado. Sir Knight Peterson created and promoted Areme Chapter's "First Annual Bus Trip to Hawaii." A certificate suitable for framing was presented to all who purchased a round-trip ticket on this "Bus Trip to Hawaii." Certificates were sent as far away as California, Washington state, and Florida. Sir Knight Peterson raised \$261.00 with this project. Next year? Perhaps a trip to the moon!

Our Heritage of Religious Liberty

by

Sir Knight Thomas Rigas, Worshipful Master
Illinois Lodge of Research, Normal, Illinois

Religious toleration, based on the well-accepted concept of separation of church and state, has been one of the cornerstones of the freedom that we all enjoy so well today in America.

January 16, 1986, will mark the 200th anniversary of the passage, by the Commonwealth of Virginia, of the Statute for Religious Freedom, which guarantees its citizens universal religious belief and practice. The passage of this most important statute was a pivotal episode in the long struggle for separation of church and state in America.

It was at Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1777 that Thomas Jefferson and other revisors of the laws of Virginia met to change the laws of the former colony to conform to the letter and spirit of the Declaration of Independence, which had been signed only a half a year before. Jefferson's committee, consisting of George Mason, Edmond Pendleton, George Wythe, and Thomas Ludwell Lee, drafted the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, which established the principle that ". . . no man shall suffer on account of his religious opinions or beliefs."

The First Amendment to the federal Constitution, which prohibited religious establishment or infringement of religious liberty on the national level, helped to commend the example of Virginia to its sister states, which eventually followed Virginia's lead.

Thus, from its inception, the U.S. Constitution proved to be the wisest instrument of government the world has ever known.

At a time when minds and hearts are preoccupied with how to square religious beliefs and ethics with modern concepts and duties in a pluralistic democratic society, all Americans, and especially

"Freemasons should find time to better understand and appreciate the influences of the time-tested concept of separation of church and state."

Freemasons, should find time to better understand and appreciate the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the major influences of the time-tested and most valid concept of separation of church and state.

The American colonies had inherited from England a concept of society where the church and the state had been ideally regarded as parts of a greater and divinely sanctioned social order, and owed mutual support to each other. Under such prevailing influences, few in the American colonies enjoyed genuine religious freedom, even though the Puritans and other sects emigrated to America partly to practice their particular religious faiths without fear of molestation. In the later colonial period, connections between church and state persisted, although toleration of dissenting religious sects was often a practical necessity. The Church of England was legally established in the southern colonies, while the Protestant churches were supported by public funds in most of New England. Non-Protestants remained under civil

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disabilities in some states until well into the nineteenth century.

The American Revolution, however, accelerated the long-term evolution of a concept of society in which political and religious life existed separately, and in which religion withdrew, theoretically at least, into the private sphere of activity. During this period, ideas emphasizing the sanctity of the individual conscience, inspired during the Enlightenment, became influential as the impetus behind the separation of church and state, most notably among the leaders of the disestablishment struggle in Virginia, including Thomas Jefferson.

The American Revolution, however, eventually brought new state constitutions and a withdrawal of British support for the Anglican establishment, which hastened the reform of the relationships between church and state. In the period following the Declaration of Independence, Virginia's action was particularly significant. One of the largest and most important states in the new Republic, and the seat of the most deeply-rooted of the Anglican establishments, Virginia took the lead in moving toward religious liberty and complete separation of church and state.

Revolutionary Virginia inherited a strongly antiestablishment sentiment, marked historically by disputes over clerical salaries and the long struggle by Baptists and Protestants against Anglican domination. The Declaration of Rights, adopted by the Virginia legislature three weeks before the Declaration on Independence, asserted that ". . . all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion, to the dictates of conscience. . . ." Later in 1776, penalties against those of dissenting religious persuasion were repealed, and dissenters were exempt from contributing to the support of the still-established Church of England. In 1779, the Virginia legislature moved in the direction of disestablishment by

discontinuing the payment of salaries of clergy of the Church of England in Virginia.

Jefferson's full-fledged Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom, proposed in 1779, immediately encountered "vicissitudes," and it was not until January 16, 1786, that it was adopted and became law as the Statute of Religious Freedom.

Although Jefferson wrote the statute with the conditions prevailing in the colony of Virginia in mind, its appeal is patently universal:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, that no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested or burthened, in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge or effect their civil capacities.

To this very day, the Statute for Religious Freedom, as written by Jefferson, has not met an equal in the constitutions of other nations, although parts were adopted and adapted by certain countries.

The statute became imbedded in the Code of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Virginia's General Assembly reaffirmed the act in 1919, without change; and, on January 16, 1981, it was reaffirmed once more by Senate Resolution No. 31, at which time it was especially recommended for study by all elementary and secondary school children in Virginia.

When the U.S. Constitution was being written, the essence of this impressive statute was forged into the federal document as Article the Third in 1789, even-

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1986 Conference Dates for Masonic Organizations

THE GRAND COUNCIL, ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

February 15 Washington, D.C. (annually)	Current Sovereign Grand Master: Tam L. Shumaker P.O. Box 99 North Wilkesboro, NC 28659	Contact: Marshall Dilling, Jr. Grand Secretary P.O. Box 8 Gastonia, NC 28053
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ADDITIONAL MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 14-16 Washington, D.C. (annually)	The Philalethes Society Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D. Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath of the U.S.A. Ye Antient Order of Corks The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, H.R.A.K.T.P.
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CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA

February 16-19 Arlington, Virginia (annually)	Current Conference Chairman: C. David Haacke Masonic Temple 224 N. Charles Baltimore, MD 21201	Contact: Raymond H. Bachman Exec. Sec./Treas. 1400 Taylor Street Joliet, IL 60435
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April 26-28

Elmhurst, Illinois
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Contact:

Audrey Aguilar
Supreme Secretary
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May 12-15

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(annually)

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Bettendorf, IA 52722

Contact:

Dorothea E. Shaffer
Supreme Worthy Scribe
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Romulus, MI 48174**GRAND COUNCIL, LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA**

May 18-23

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May 29-June 1

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(annually)

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May 29-June 2

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Contact:

Geraldine Neely
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(annually)

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Contact:

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Contact:
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NATIONAL COURT, ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS

June 30
Los Angeles, Calif.
(annually)

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Des Moines, IA 50309

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June 30-July 4
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(annually)

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July 22-24
Bismarck, N. D.
(biennially)

Current Supreme Worthy Advisor:
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2026 S. Terrace Drive
Wichita, KS 67208

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YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA

July 30-August 2
Calgary, Alberta
Canada
(annually)

Current Governor General:
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SUPREME GUARDIAN COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS

August 10-16
Canton, Ohio
(annually)

Current Supreme Guardian:
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Supreme Secretary
2515 St. Mary's Avenue
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SUPREME CAULDRON, DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA

September 9-13
Rochester, N.Y.
(annually)

Current Supreme Mighty Chosen One:
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Chosen One
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SUPREME COUNCIL, 33^o, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., U.S.A.

September 21-25
Cincinnati, Ohio
(annually)

Current Sovereign Grand Commander:
Francis G. Paul
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Lexington, MA 02173

Contact:
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Executive Secretary
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SUPREME ASSEMBLY, SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

September 22-26
Indianapolis, In.
(annually)

Current Supreme Worthy President:

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Waco, TX 76714-8763

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Supreme Recorder
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ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND, U.S.A.

September 25
Cincinnati, Ohio
(annually)

Current Provincial Grand Master:

Marvin E. Fowler
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CONVENT GENERAL, KNIGHTS YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

October 3-4
Charleston, S.C.
(annually)

Current Grand Master-General:

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Contact:

Stanley Wakefield
Grand Registrar-General
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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL

September 19-25,
1987
Orlando, Florida
(triennially)

Current General Grand High Priest:

Walter H. Winchester
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Contact:

Chas. K.A. McGaughey
General Grand Secretary
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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS, INTERNATIONAL

September 21-25,
1987
Orlando, Florida
(triennially)

Current General Grand Master:

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Contact:

Bruce H. Hunt
General Grand Recorder
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THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33^o, A.&A.S.R., S.J., U.S.A.

October 19-21,
1987
House of the Temple,
Washington, D.C.
(biennially)

Current Sovereign Grand Commander:

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Contact:

William E. Eccleston
Grand Secretary General
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.

August 13-17,
1988
Lexington, Kentucky
(triennially)

Current Grand Master:

Donald Hinslea Smith
1041 Idylwild Drive
Richmond, KY 40475

Contact:

Charles R. Neumann
Grand Recorder
14 E. Jackson Blvd.,
Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60604

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

November, 1988
Atlanta, Georgia
(triennially)

Current Most Worthy Grand Matron:

Helen Roquemore
c/o Agnes Ray
5453 Alder Lane
Forest Park, GA 30050

Contact:

Virginia M. Jones
Grand Secretary
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Annual Conclaves for 1986

Date	Grand Commandery	Conclave Location	Representative
Feb. 28-March 2	New Jersey	Ocean City	William H. Thornley, Jr.
March 9-11	South Carolina	Greenville	Donald H. Smith
March 13-15	Arkansas	North Little Rock	Charles R. Neumann
March 21-22	Mississippi	Meridian	Marvin E. Fowler
March 23-25	North Carolina	Elizabeth City	Charles R. Neumann
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April 5	Nebraska	McCook	William H. Thornley, Jr.
April 7-8	Louisiana	Baton Rouge	G. Wilbur Bell
April 11-12	North Dakota	Fargo	Donald H. Smith
April 11-14	Texas	Abilene	Donald H. Smith
April 12	Oregon	Corvallis	Marvin E. Fowler
April 12	Connecticut	Danbury	Blair C. Mayford
April 18	New Mexico	Las Cruces	Ralph H. Emerson II
April 19-21	Oklahoma	Shawnee	Marvin E. Fowler
April 20-21	Idaho	Kellogg	Walter M. McCracken
April 22	Philippines	Manila	G. Wilbur Bell
April 26	Tennessee	Nashville	Charles R. Neumann
April 30	California	Sacramento	Donald H. Smith
May 1-3	Indiana	Vincennes	Marvin E. Fowler
May 4-5	Maine	South Portland	Blair C. Mayford
May 9	Missouri	St. Joseph	Blair C. Mayford
May 9-10	Virginia	Norton	Donald H. Smith
May 10	Dist. of Columbia	Washington	Marvin E. Fowler
May 10	Utah	Ogden	Harold S. Gorman
May 14	Maryland	Hagerstown	Donald H. Smith
May 14-15	Georgia	Athens	Charles R. Neumann
May 15-17	Kansas	Wichita	Blair C. Mayford
May 16-17	West Virginia	Huntington	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 17-18	Washington	Fife	Marvin E. Fowler
May 20	Florida	Winter Haven	Donald H. Smith
May 30-June 2	Pennsylvania	Champion	Marvin E. Fowler
June 1-2	Vermont	White River Junction	Charles R. Neumann
June 5	Montana	Lewistown	Donald H. Smith
June 5-7	Iowa	Ottumwa	Blair C. Mayford
June 5-7	Michigan	Flint	William H. Thornley, Jr.
June 11	Nevada	Reno	Charles R. Neumann
June 19-21	Wisconsin	Milwaukee	William H. Thornley, Jr.
June 26-28	Minnesota	Fairmont	Blair C. Mayford
August 2-3	Illinois	Peoria	Blair C. Mayford
September 5-6	Colorado	Lakewood (Denver)	G. Wilbur Bell
September 7-9	South Dakota	Sioux Falls	William Jackson Jones
September 12-13	Wyoming	Cheyenne	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 14-15	Kentucky	Louisville	Clyde Curtis
September 19-21	New York	Kerhonkson	G. Wilbur Bell
October 4-5	New Hampshire	Merrimack	Donald H. Smith
October 9-11	Ohio	Mansfield	William H. Thornley, Jr.
October 17-19	Mass./R.I.	Mansfield	William H. Thornley, Jr.
October 23	Arizona	Tucson	Harold S. Gorman

Monthly Crossword

A Potpourri
of the Famous

ACROSS

- 1 Author Edna
- 5 Myrna and others
- 9 Dwell
- 14 God of love
- 15 Wings
- 16 Rip and ebb
- 17 Airport transp.
- 18 American humorist (2 wds.)
- 20 First four words of quote by 18A
- 22 Robert E. and Pinky
- 23 --- Baba
- 24 Shed ----; weep (2 wds.)
- 26 Some degrees
- 28 Cabbage Patch phenomenon
- 32 60s boxer Patterson
- 33 Leave at the altar
- 34 Ed. org.
- 35 Statutes
- 36 Baltimore/Indiana team
- 37 North and Weddell
- 38 Cockney's pad

LOST AND FOUND



"What proof can you show me
that this is your dog?"

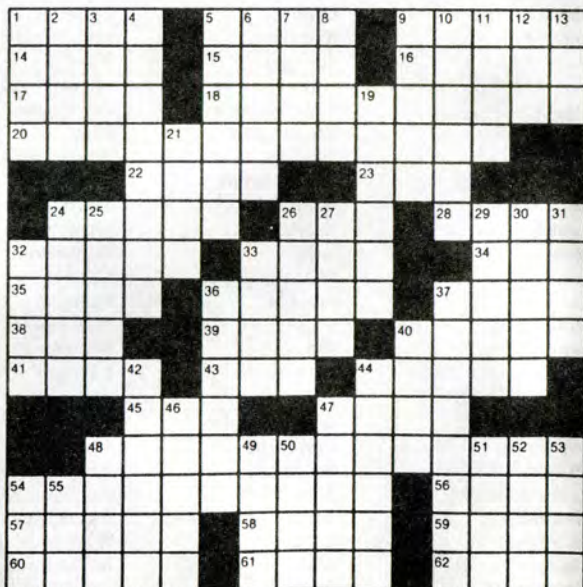
- 39 Boy Scout outing
- 40 Intended
- 41 Game on the fairways
- 43 Whatever quantity
- 44 Rome's Seven ----
- 45 Goal
- 47 Famous Ranger
- 48 Next three words of quote by 18A
- 54 End of quote (2 wds.)
- 56 Domesticate
- 57 Basic beliefs
- 58 Jib, e.g.
- 59 Writer Hunter
- 60 A Lena
- 61 Chiding words
- 62 Fender scar

DOWN

- 1 "---- Hai"
- 2 Give off
- 3 An amount
- 4 Streetcars
- 5 Barrister
- 6 Mixed bags
- 7 Korean river
- 8 Emerson's "---- -Reliance"
- 9 Bikini, e.g.
- 10 Playful adult? (2 wds.)
- 11 March time
- 12 With 27D Adenauer
- 13 Double curve
- 19 Dean Martin specials
- 21 Guide

- 24 Texas memorial
- 25 Bath accessory
- 26 Opaline
- 27 Part of 12D
- 29 Tatum
- 30 Inclines
- 31 Omega
- 32 Whip
- 33 Sign up
- 36 Joe Louis and Ali
- 37 Picked
- 40 Certain skirt
- 42 Has dropped
- 44 The Ritz and others
- 46 ---- la Cite (2 wds.)
- 47 Lawful
- 48 Mimic
- 49 Kiln
- 50 Hawaiian feast
- 51 Preserve
- 52 "---- old cow hand"
(2 wds.)
- 53 Mailed
- 54 German exclamation
- 55 Golf course VIP

The solution to this
month's crossword puzzle
is printed on page 14.



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tually to become the much-discussed First Amendment, which reads, in part:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press[.]

Today, the Thomas Jefferson Religious Freedom Monument at Fredericksburg, Virginia, commemorates the meeting of Jefferson, Mason, Pendleton, Wythe, and Lee. Located in the Fredericksburg National Historic District, this monument to religious liberty was unveiled in public ceremony in 1932, with representatives of sixteen leading religious denominations in the United States participating in the commemoration. Annually, at the site of this historical monument (this year on January 13), historic Fredericksburg pays homage to Thomas Jefferson and his farsightedness in ensuring the religious freedom of each Virginian, and each American.

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

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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Johnson who was a member of Old Dundee Lodge No. 18 of Wapping, London. He was proposed May 14, 1767, and made a Master Mason July 9, 1767; his name appears on the records twenty-one times. Johnson's being surrounded by Masons in club and social life does heighten the possibility that he joined the Fraternity.

Samuel Johnson died on December 13, 1784, and Boswell decided to take his time in writing the *Life*, but to publish his journal of the Hebridean tour as a first installment. This journal is regarded, by some, as being better than the *Life* because it reflects a happy time for both Boswell and Johnson.

The *Life of Johnson* was published on May 16, 1791, two years after Boswell's wife had died on June 4, 1789. Boswell lived to see the second edition of the work go to the press in July 1793 and was at work on the third when he died on May 19, 1795.

The great legacy left by both Boswell and Johnson is two-fold: it is first a record of great minds, and secondly, it is the record of a treasured friendship. That the two are often connected and regarded as having one of the most celebrated of friendships is indicative of the greatness of the both of them, and, perhaps, a fitting tribute to their lives.





Samuel Johnson's birthplace in Lichfield, Staffordshire, England, is now a Johnson Museum. Situated on Market Square, it faces a statue of Johnson. A statue of James Boswell also stands in Market Square; story on page seven.

History of the Grand Encampment

CHAPTER XIII (continued)

THE PERIOD OF GROWTH

Thirty-Third Conclave (continued)

A memorial was presented by the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, praying that the Cryptic Degrees be made a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, but action was deferred until the next Triennial Conclave.

In order that the Order of the Temple be properly emphasized, it was ruled that the Order of Malta should be conferred before the Order of the Temple. This established the rule of succession which is in use today.

The Committee on Templar nomenclature prepared an elaborate report covering 131 pages upon the correct titles of the officers of the various bodies, the use of the titles "Sir" and "Sir Knight," and the plural form of "Knight Templar." This report, after considerable discussion, was adopted by the Grand Encampment.

The George Washington Masonic Association received high praise from Sir Knights Bernard G. Witt and William F. Kuhn in their proposal to erect a Memorial Building to house the priceless Masonic relics of George Washington and of Alexander Lodge. The Grand Encampment appropriated \$5,000 toward that building fund.

After several petitions had been presented, a dispensation was finally granted the Sir Knights in Puerto Rico to establish a commandery at San Juan.

The deaths of M.E. Sir Arthur MacArthur, Grand Master, and M.E. Sir Warren L. Thomas, Past Grand Master, were announced, and appropriate memorials were prepared by the Committee on Necrology.

At the election, R.E. Sir Lee Stewart Smith of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Acting Grand Master, was elected Grand Master. Sir Knight Frank H. Johnson was reelected Grand Recorder.

In order to remedy the situation when the Deputy Grand Master is called upon to serve as Grand Master, following disability or death of the Grand Master (often for a major part of the recess period), the Constitution was amended so that when the Deputy Grand Master succeeded to the office of Grand Master he shall be installed as Grand Master and at the expiration of his term of office be entitled to the rank of Past Grand Master.

This being the One Hundredth Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Encampment, a program of Centennial and Devotional exercises was held on June 18, closing with the Centennial address by R.E. Sir Hutson B. Colman, Past Grand Commander of Michigan. In his address, Sir Knight Colman reviewed the history of the Templar Order and the formation of the Grand Encampment and closed with this vision of its future:

In the future, as in the past, our noble Order will stand unshakenly for universal education and individual, civil, and religious "Liberty with Law." Under the banner of our blessed Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, it will constitute its full influence and be a potent

factor, with all the other mighty spiritual forces of the world, to usher in the "Golden Age" which shall be the substantial reality of Tennyson's enraptured dream:

"When swords shall be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."



Chapter XIV

PERIOD OF MATURITY

1916-1949

This period brings the Order of Knighthood to its full stature. Templary has passed through its growing stage and is now in its maturity. Its influence is far-reaching, and its contribution in the moral and spiritual field is everywhere noted. The purpose for which Templary was founded is now being fulfilled. Its plan to bring stability in times of confusion and uncertainty is most welcome. Its policy as a Christian organization to maintain peace and order is a stimulating and strengthening influence in the lives of men and in the affairs of our nation.

Two World Wars and a serious depression during this period brought trials and difficulties to the Order, but these only served to bring to light the real strength and serious purposes of the valiant Sir Knights united under the banner of Christian faith. World War I brought contributions to the Red Cross, the Young Men's Christian Association, and to the Fund for French War Orphans. World War II brought contributions to the Masonic War Service Association and the purchase of war bonds.

In 1916 there were forty-six Grand Commanderies, with nine other commanderies subordinate to the Grand

Encampment. In 1918, a Grand Commandery was established in Nevada, leaving Delaware to be the only state without a Grand Commandery. There were 243,590 Sir Knights in 1,413 subordinate commanderies in 1916. The peak in membership was reached in 1927 with 453,836 Sir Knights in 1,695 subordinate commanderies. After the financial crash in 1929 and the depression following, there was a steady loss in membership, reaching a low point in 1943. At that time there were only 219,368 Sir Knights in 1,576 Commanderies. From 1943 to 1949 there was a gradual increase, and in 1946 there were 272,019 Sir Knights in 1,584 commanderies. Also in 1949, there were eleven commanderies subordinate to the Grand Encampment: two in Mexico and Alaska, and one each in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Honolulu, Manila, Shanghai, Panama, and Delaware.

The ritual prescribed by the Grand Encampment came to be accepted everywhere. The decision that only one triangle could be used for the fifth libation put an end to any mass production of Knights Templar. The greatest problem had been with lost rituals. Asylum tactics were left to the Grand Commanderies, while the Drill Regulations were set forth by the Grand Encampment.

The uniform was still the subject of considerable discussion at each Conclave. Attempts were made to do away with the uniform altogether, especially during the war years when it was difficult or impossible to obtain them. A growing tendency to modify the present uniform was noted in many jurisdictions. Finally at the Conclave in 1949, the uniform was made optional.



The Committee on Templar History has plans to prepare an updated history of the Grand Encampment, continuing where Sir Knight Scully left off. When completed, the updated history will be announced in the KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE.



Knight Voices

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.

□ Trying to locate descendants and history of the Abercrombie family. Came from Scotland, probably by way of Penn., to Laurens, S.C., and then to Ga. Abercrombies were granted land around Laurens, and a survey map dated 1820 shows an Abercrombie mill on Reburns Creek. I would like to hear from anyone named Abercrombie, and will be glad to exchange info. *Larry L. Abercrombie, Sr., 305 8th St. S., Cordele, GA 31015.*

□ Seeking info on my grandfather, William Marian McDaniel, b. May 10, 1850, in Ala., d. Aug. 30, 1921, in Crayson Co., Tx. His father and only brother may have died in Civil War, but unable to find his father's name. My father's name was William David Buchanan of Sherman Lodge. *Mrs. L. C. Wills, Route 1, Box 310, Hillsboro, TX 76645.*

□ For Sale: Masonic Books—*Proceedings of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge 1882, History of Freemasonry Throughout the World, Symbolism and Freemasonry.* This is a sample of my entire library, which is for sale. On receipt of a stamped envelope I will send a list. *Raymond H. Patterson, 516 N. Main, Nixa, MO 65714.*

□ Anti-Aircraft Training and Test Ctr., W.W.II, is looking for shipmates from the A.A.T.&T. Center, Dam Neck, Va., who served from 1942 to 1945, for possible reunion. Contact *Frank Cashman, 1022 Courtney Rd., Baltimore, MD 21227. Phone (301) 242-8366.*

□ My Commander's gold-plated sword has been stolen and I am desirous of getting it back. It is 30 inches and has my name on the blade, with my initials interlaced on the hilt. It has great sentimental value for me. A reward will be paid. *Luther Bee, 947 Cresceus Road, Oregon, OH 43616.*

□ Has anyone any info on Gardner's syndrome? It's an inherited condition of which very little is known. Will you please send any info to me? *Jesse Gardner, P.O. Box 793, Blytheville, AR 72315.*

□ One of my Brethren has found a Knights Templar pin in good condition. It bears the legend "32nd Triennial, Denver Commandery No. 25, K.T." A cross enamelled in color is pendant from a pin bar. Is anyone who attended that Triennial, or a member of Denver Commandery, interested in having the pin? *Morris L. Rinehart, 15778 Brandiron, Ramona, CA 92065.*

□ Seeking info on the history of the McMath, Galbreath, and Everhart families. The McMaths and the Galbreaths came from Scotland and the Everhart family came from Germany. Also, does anyone have any info on the McMath reunion? Write to: *Mrs. W. N. Everhart, R. R. No. 4, Seymour, IN 47274.*

□ Need info on my late grandfather, Frank Lorne MacFarlane or McFarlane, b. Sept. 26, 1888, and m. first time in Kankakee, Ill. area. I don't know name or number of his lodge. Write for more details. *Louis MacFarlane, 1370 Brands Court, Pickering, Ontario, L1V 2V4 Canada. Phone (416) 839-0385.*

□ Need info on William Pybus, b. in 1814 in Penn., m. Sarah C. Hunter in Sumner Co., Tenn., on Aug. 23, 1849; One son, Robert M.

I have a book printed in 1892 which gives names, and sometimes a description, of all known Sir Knights in Tenn. Any Sir Knights needing info on a relative who may have been in the register having been Knighted prior to 1892? I will be happy to look them up, if they will send a SASE large size. The book contains the engravings of the thirteen Past Grand Masters and brief histories of the Subordinate Commanderies of that date.

I also have back issues of *Knight Templar Magazine* with Ky. supplement, and some issues of *Royal Arch* dating from 1969. Will trade all for a Knight Templar fob or other such personal Knight Templar item. Having moved into retirement, I am running out of space. *W.B. Pybas, 4343 Lebanon Rd. No. 1102, Hermitage, TN 37076.*

□ I have the largest collection of rare books on Freemasonry in the state of Indiana. As a result of my years of collecting, I have several duplicates which I am willing to trade. Persons with books on Freemasonry to trade may write to *David Northcutt, P.O. Box 42, Ridgeville, IN 47380, or call (317) 857-2077.*

□ Info wanted on ancestry of John Orick of Claiborne and Campbell Co., Tenn. John m. Martha Burchill in 1847; one son, John. This John had a son whose name was James Orick, b. in the 1800s. Any info on these families would be greatly appreciated. *Jerry W. Orick, Rt. 1, Box 207, Greenwood, AR 72936.*

□ Trying to trace ancestors of Thomas Rogers, a Master Mason in good standing in Rushville, N.Y., Lodge No. 377, on Oct. 19, 1868. Where would I write for a copy of any forms he filled out for the Masons showing biographical info? Do you have a record of his date of death? Any help would be appreciated. *Mrs. Patricia Scott Garmon, 28111 Mountain Meadow Rd., Escondido, CA 92025.*

□ Seeking info on the first encampment of Knights Templar in the U.S.; researching Dr. John Barnard Swett, Harvard graduate 1767, in *American Medical Biography or Memoirs of Eminent Physicians Who Have Flourished in America* (1828). Does anyone have any info on this first encampment and on Dr. Swett's Masonic connection and history? Any info would be appreciated. *Robert S. Sands, 3223-A Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215.*

□ For Sale: two Knight Templar swords with scabbard and buckler. Handsome engravings. Also leather suitcase and sword case. For info contact *William E. Luhr, 11204 S.E. Home Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97222. Phone (503) 659-0523.*

□ I would like to contact former members of Navy Air Transport Squadron 23 (VR-23), which was formerly Air Transport Squadron 21, stationed at NAS Agana, Guam, between 1951 and July 1952. Contact *William L. Gaines, Jr., 4825 Old Spartanburg Rd., Taylors, SC 29687.*

□ Seeking info on Jacob Huffman, who may have sat in the same lodge as George Washington. We have traced Jacob to Greenup Co., Ky., circa 1806. His birthplace is listed as Va., but unable to locate him there. Does the Masonic Order have an archive department for info of this type? We have reason to believe Jacob was born in the 1760s. Any help will be greatly appreciated. *Frances J. Todd, 101 E. Strada Patania, Tucson, AZ 85704.*

□ I am interested in corresponding with anyone with the surname Fancher. This is my

middle name, and I know very little about the family.

Keep up the good work with *Knight Templar Magazine*. It is by far the finest Masonic publication in circulation today. *Malcolm F. Lovejoy, 3314 Elmdale Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102.*

□ Am interested in corresponding with any Freemason with the surname Kuhner. Also any Freemasons who served with the 24th Infantry Division during WW II. *Wallace F. Kuhner, 1637 Falmouth St., Charleston, SC 29407.*

□ Seeking info about my g. grandmother, Sarah Indiana Jane Bentley, b. Feb. 18, 1857. Parents, James E. Bentley, b. Mar. 24, 1834, in Ga., and Marguerite. Lived with Starrs at Logansville, Ga.; m. Timothy E. Grant, Sept. 5, 1872(3) in Rome, Ga. Also would like info on Anderson or John Webb and Martha Bowers Webb. Their children were Claud Quinton and Dovie Webb. Write for more details. *Mrs. James Noe, 1308 Carter, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.*

□ Seeking info on Jehu Hank, my g. grandfather, who lived in Monroe Co., W. Va. at time of Civil War. My grandfather Wilbur F. Hank moved to Summers Co. when my father William C. Hank was a boy. I have lived in Summers Co. W. Va. most of my life. I would appreciate any info. *A. C. Hank, P.O. Box 491, Hinton, WV 25951.*

□ Info wanted on Henry W. Burton, Aroostook Co., Me., b. April 22, 1860, d. March 30, 1943. Farmed in New Limerick, Me.; m. Mary E. Nickerson, b. Nov. 19, 1869, d. Feb. 1, 1951. Three known brothers: Steve and Dan, who lived and farmed in New Limerick, Me., and Edward, who went to the California gold fields and was never heard from again. *James W. Burton, P.O. Box 493, Houlton, ME 04730. Phone (207) 532-6838, after 7 p.m.*

□ Seeking info on my g. grandfather, Dr. Benjamin Dexter Wheeler, b. circa 1814 in Orange, Mass. Was a dentist in 1848 in Cincinnati, Oh; d. March 24, 1877, in Cincinnati. m. Eliza A. Allen in 1843. His office and home were at 75 W. 7th St. I would like to document his full name and that of his parents, Zaccheus and Betsy Dexter Wheeler of Orange, Mass. Write for more details. *Mrs. Lawrence Avery, P.O. Box 7391, Atlanta, GA 30357.*

□ I would like to exchange genealogical info with anyone with the surname Stillion, Stillions, Stillyon, Stallion, Stillian, etc., and Suter and Sutter (Swiss) in their family tree. Please write for more details to *Carol Stillion, 4055 Londonderry Ave., Columbus, OH 43228.*