

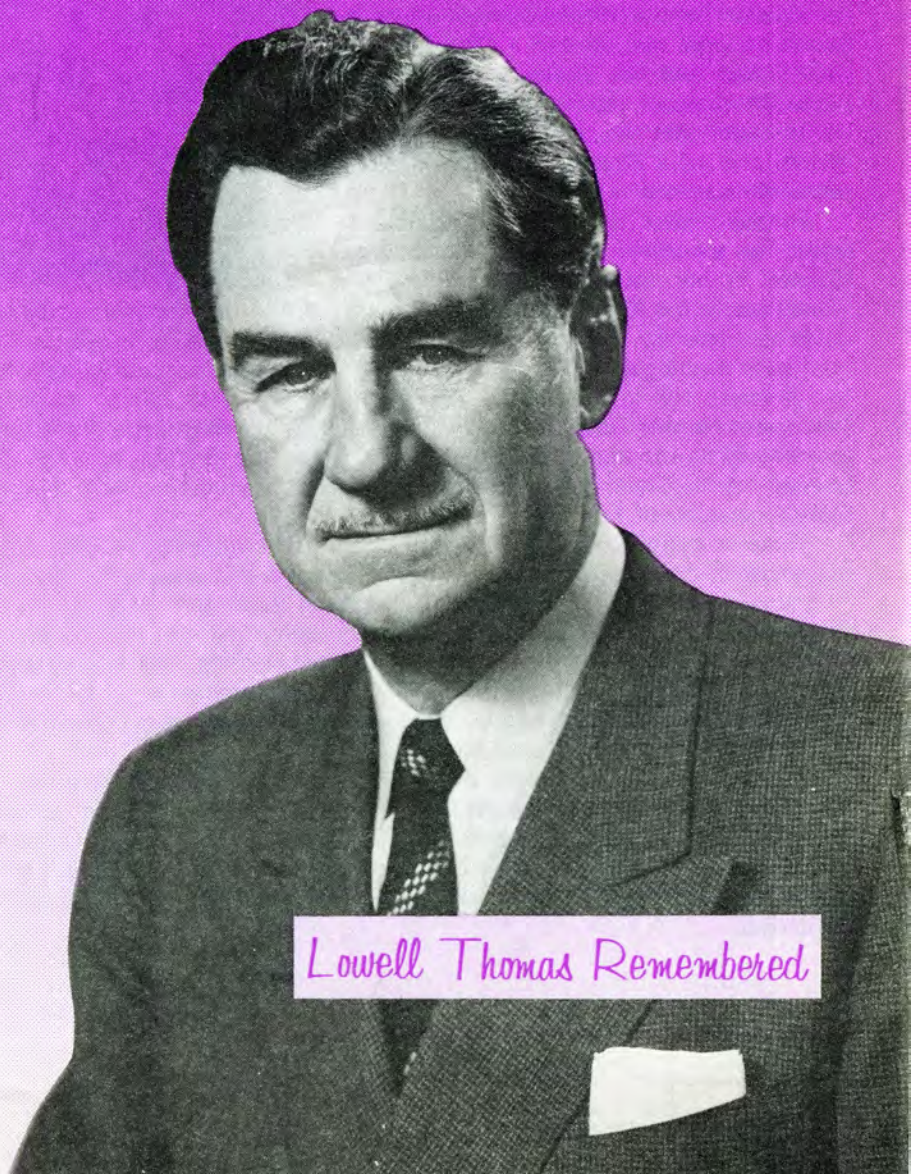


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Lowell Thomas Remembered

Easter Approaches

Easter Sunday will be the last Sunday of this month, somewhat earlier than usual; but it is still ten days after the vernal equinox. It is a holiday filled with the message of our salvation through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and comes at the time when all nature is awakening from the long sleep of winter in this hemisphere. It is fitting that we of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar should demonstrate to the world at large that we are a Christian order that is ever ready to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in our actions and in our hearts. It is at Easter that we as individual Commanderies and as a Grand Encampment should show those around us this truth.

For more than fifty years the Grand Encampment has sponsored a national Easter Sunrise Service in our nation's capital. It was first conducted at the Walter Reed Army Hospital and then for fifty years at the Arlington National Cemetery. For the past three years we have been watching the sunrise in the east over Washington, D.C., from the George Washington National Masonic Memorial on Shooter's Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. It is a marvelous sight to see hundreds of uniformed Knights Templar marching up the hill to take their places in the seats which are erected on the steps of the memorial and which face the rising sun. The music, the message of the Grand Prelate, and the sheer joy of the morning make this one of the most memorable of Templar events.

Those of you who have not visited our beautiful capital city recently should take advantage of this Easter weekend of Templar events in Washington, D.C. In addition to the sunrise service there is a reception at the Hotel Washington for the Grand Encampment officers, to which you are all invited to come and visit with us on Saturday afternoon. Following the sunrise service on Easter morning there is a breakfast for all who wish to attend. In all this there is the great opportunity to see the sights of the city and its suburbs. It will be a weekend you will not soon forget because of the good will and fellowship you will experience.

We owe much to the efforts of the Sir Knights of the Washington area, led by the General Chairman, Sir Knight George M. Fulmer, P.G.C. (District of Columbia), and Sir Knight Marion K. Warner, P.G.C. (District of Columbia), Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Breakfast Committee for our national Easter gathering. I hope all of you who read this will take advantage of these wonderful reasons to visit with us Eastertide.



Ronald H. Brett

Knight Templar

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

MARCH: We remember Brother Lowell Thomas this month in an article by Sir Knight Thomas Rigas which begins on page five. Along with the regular Templar news we also present a special report on a trip to Tomar, Portugal, by a group of Sir Knights—photos and story begin on page eleven. Let's not forget the 18th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, which is continuing, soon to draw to a close on April 30, 1986. *Knight Templar Magazine* wishes its readers a happy and meaningful Easter!

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Editor's Journal



Annual Conclave Change: The Grand Commandery of Wisconsin has changed the location in which its annual Conclave is to be held. As listed in the January *Knight Templar Magazine*, the Conclave is to be held June 19-21, 1986. However, it is to be held in the city of Brookfield, Wisconsin, rather than the city listed previously. This change was related by Sir Knight Robert C. Guenther, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin.



"Knight Voices" Success: Sir Knight Norman Retherford, a member and Past Commander of Riverside Commandery No. 28, Riverside, California, writes to relate a success with *Knight Templar Magazine's* "Knight Voices" feature. His letter reads as follows:

Thanks to all who sent information from directories, phone books and other sources on the names Retherford and Rutherford. I'll accept any more, as I have many charts incomplete. I have established my grandfather, his brothers and his sister. I have also completed these three Brother's lines down to June 1985! I met a cousin I had never known on July 27-28 at Corvallis, Oregon, at a reunion. I'll attend another line reunion next year at Tryon, Oklahoma. Thanks to *Knight Templar Magazine* and "Knight Voices"!

Norman Retherford
Riverside, California

Appreciation: Sir Knight Dale C. Johnson, Senior Warden of Redford Commandery No. 55, Dearborn, Michigan, writes to express appreciation for the Masonic accomplishments of a fellow Sir Knight. This Sir Knight is Andrew Barton, who, at the age of ninety-three, is still active in his Commandery as Prelate. He helped raise the funds to have the Masonic building built. He has been active in all functions of the York Rite, according to Dr. Johnson, including Eminent Commander. He is a Past Grand Commander for the state of Illinois. He has also been active in the Scottish Rite, holding the 33^o, and he attends every Commandery meeting, according to Sir Knight Johnson, making him "a great Mason who deserves recognition."

Sir Knight Speaks at Conference: Sir Knight Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, Eminent Past Commander of Mizpah Commandery No. 53, Blue Island, Illinois, was honored with an invitation to address the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, which was held from February 10 to 15, 1986, in New Orleans.

The subject of Sir Knight and Dr. Greenberg's talk was "The Automobile Seat Belt and Human Rights—A Forensic Approach." This was a presentation from the other side of the question of which the general public is unaware—the injuries and fatalities that have resulted from seat belt usage in passenger automobiles.

Sir Knight and Dr. Greenberg is an Associate Professor of Pathology at the Chicago Medical School.

Lowell Thomas Remembered

by
Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas, Worshipful Master
Illinois Lodge of Research

During his era, Brother Lowell Thomas was probably the most influential radio broadcaster in the English-speaking world. His radio sign-off—"So long until tomorrow"—became a nightly ritual for millions of people who were once dependent on his booming voice to make sense of world events. For decades, his voice was the best known in American broadcasting.

A prolific journalist, pioneering broadcast commentator, author, and explorer, Brother Lowell Thomas traveled around the world to far-away places some thirty times. His most publicized trip was to the "forbidden city" of Lhasa, Tibet, during which this modern-day Marco Polo was accompanied by his son, Lowell Thomas, Jr. Named in Brother Thomas' honor were a mountain range in the Antarctic, an island in the Arctic, and a school in the Himalayas.

Throughout his broadcasting career he maintained an upbeat news style, complaining that other journalists during his era concentrated too much on bad news.

Brother Lowell Jackson Thomas was born near Woodington, Darke County, Ohio, in 1892. He was the only son of Harry George and Harriet (Warner) Thomas, who were both country school teachers. His father went on to become a physician and surgeon, and later joined the U.S. Medical Corps during World War I.

The first eight years of young Brother Lowell's life were lived at Woodington, but in 1900 the family relocated to Cripple Creek, Colorado, where his father became a surgeon in what was then a gold mining boomtown. At the age of eleven,

young Brother Lowell briefly worked a variety of jobs as a gold miner, a range rider, and even peddled newspapers



Lowell Thomas as a radio news-caster with NBC in 1932.

before becoming a mining camp newspaper reporter and editor.

It was his association with all sorts of colorful characters and adventurers in that boomtown environment, and the stories told, that first aroused young Brother Lowell's imagination of the world's far-off corners.

His father's home possessed what was said to have been one of the finest private libraries west of the Mississippi River, and the home environment was → → →

one of refined culture. His father had a dislike for poor diction, and to his insistence on correct speech has been attributed a good measure of Brother Lowell's subsequent success on the



Lowell Jr. (far left) poses with his father and Tibetan nobles at the Dalai Lama's palace in Lhasa.

lecture platform and in radio and TV broadcasting.

The future globe-trotter and newscaster worked his way through the University of Indiana, completing a four-year course in two years and earning a B.S. degree in 1911. He then returned to Cripple Creek to become a reporter on a local newspaper, and, soon thereafter, city editor. He also attended the University of Denver, where he earned both B.A. and M.A. degrees in 1912.

A major step in his educational progress began in 1912 when he went to Chicago to attend Kent College of Law for two years, during which time he was appointed to the faculty as a teacher of oratory and also worked on the *Chicago Journal*, where one of his colleagues was Ben Hecht. Also working at the *Chicago Journal* at the time were Booth Tarkington and Edgar Lee Masters. Brother Lowell Thomas often teamed up to cover news stories with a rival reporter named Carl Sandburg. According to him, it was one

of the greatest opportunities of his entire career to have been part of Chicago journalism during that period.

In 1914 he attended Princeton University for postgraduate study in constitutional law, with his expenses being met in part by teaching English there. His M.A. degree from Princeton in 1916 was the last of his personally-earned degrees. Later, he became the recipient of more than twenty-five honorary degrees from various colleges and universities. He was also elected a *chevalier* of the French Legion of Honor.

It was between academic terms at Princeton in 1915 that Brother Thomas made the first of his many expeditions to relatively unknown parts of the world. The place was Alaska, which he researched with camera and notebook. Later, with the help of Dale Carnegie, he developed his research material on Alaska into an illustrated travelog, and began his first tour, appearing first before small groups and, eventually, before such organizations as the Smithsonian Institution. It was at one of his "shows," as he preferred his speaking engagements to be known, that Brother Lowell Thomas was called to the attention of President Woodrow Wilson. This resulted in his being named head of a civilian mission assigned to prepare a history of World War I.

During that war, Brother Lowell Thomas and his staff were attached to various Allied army units spreading from the North Sea to the Persian Gulf, including the command of General Edmund H. H. Allenby in the Middle East. At the capture of Jerusalem, he also met the fabulous Colonel T. E. Lawrence, the leader of the Arab revolt against the Turks who was much better known as "Lawrence of Arabia." After spending many months

with the "modern Arabian knight," Brother Lowell Thomas produced an illustrated lecture on Lawrence that was a financial bonanza.

Toward the end of the war, he became one of the first persons to enter Germany, from which he brought back an eye-witness account of the revolution which overthrew Kaiser Wilhelm II; at the Versailles Peace Conference, he was called upon by

Thomas' shows on Allenby and Lawrence were so well-attended that they were continued at Madison Square Garden.

President Wilson to make a special report to the delegates.

In the spring of 1919, he returned to New York and packed theaters to fill capacity nightly for three weeks with his motion pictures and talks entitled "With Allenby in Palestine," and "With Lawrence in Arabia." The presentations were so well-attended that they were continued at Madison Square Garden, and in August of that same year they were repeated at the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden, London. After this followed a world tour, during part of which he accompanied the Prince of Wales on his visit to India in 1922.

As an author, Brother Thomas was credited with fifty-five books during his lifetime. His first and most famous was *With Lawrence in Arabia* which was published in 1924 and went into three printings with 500,000 copies sold. His last book was about aviation pioneer Jimmie Doolittle.

He started his radio broadcasting career in 1925 at radio station KDKA at Pittsburgh and began daily broadcasts in 1930 for CBS. This led to a most success-

ful career in radio broadcasting, and he is credited with having been a radio broadcaster longer than anyone else. By the time he retired from radio broadcasting in 1976 at age eighty-four, it was estimated that he had a total audience of seventy billion listeners over the forty-six year period. Most of his CBS broadcasts actually originated from his 500-acre estate at Pawling, New York, which he had fitted with complete broadcast facilities.

Also, for a period of fifteen years starting in 1932, he was associated with NBC, having switched over from CBS because of friction with the *Literary Digest*, which sponsored his daily news broadcasts. His new sponsor at NBC was the Sun Oil Company, and apparently their chemistry was agreeable in what proved to be a mutually-satisfying relationship.

Brother Lowell Thomas was noted for his virile-voiced, typically American, and otherwise carefully-balanced commentaries, and his face was as well-known as his voice through much of his career. In 1935 he became the voice of the 20th



T. E. Lawrence—the well-known "Lawrence of Arabia"—at left with Lowell Thomas in World War I.

Century-Fox *Movietone* newsreel. For seventeen years, motion picture audiences saw him in newsreels before the era of television. In 1937 he covered the coronation of King George VI → → →

for NBC, and he also reported from Paris and Rome on the mounting war threat in Europe.

When television became popular, he readily entered the field in 1939 and broadcasted, for NBC-TV, the first tele-

“His world travels had taken him to the bush country of Australia among the pygmy tribes, tiger-hunting in India, and then to the arctic.”

vised news program, although his books, lectures, and travels were of more interest to him.

His world travels, by then, had taken him to the bush country of Australia, among the pygmy tribes, the Himalayan strongholds of upper Burma, tiger-hunting in India, and again to the arctic regions.

Throughout the World War II period, Brother Lowell Thomas continued to be one of America's most widely-heard newscasters, covering virtually every battle-front and touring both the European and Pacific theaters of war, broadcasting from or near the scenes of action. During this conflict, he traveled around the world, broadcasting from London, Paris, Luxembourg, Rome, Cairo, New Delhi, the Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Chungking.

His broadcast describing Berlin under flames as viewed from a P-51 Mustang fighter plane was a factor in winning for him the A. I. du Pont Radio Award for Best News Broadcasting of 1945.

In 1947, he left NBC to return to CBS, with Proctor and Gamble soap products being his new sponsor. In that same year, he began work on a 900,000-word history of the world, conveyed in some 300 biographies of outstanding personages, which was entitled *Story of Mankind*.

One of the highlights of his eventful career came in June 1949, when he received from the Dalai Lama an invitation to visit Tibet and its once-forbidden capi-

tal of Lhasa. This was the realization of one of his lifelong ambitions. At the time, only about a half-dozen Westerners had ever been there and come out to tell about it. He made the expedition accompanied by his son, Lowell Thomas, Jr. The return journey, however, almost cost Brother Thomas his life. He fell from his horse in the Karo Pass, broke his leg, and was saved from falling over a cliff's edge by the alert and swift action of his son. In 1950, the father-and-son team wrote a six-installment article for *Collier's*, which was followed by the son's book, *Out of This World*.

On his last broadcast for the CBS radio network in 1976, at age eighty-four, he changed his parting words for that special occasion to, “So long for now,” and insisted until his death that he would never retire. In 1976 he broadcasted on PBS television a 39-week series entitled *Lowell Thomas Remembers*.

In 1977, the one-time Chicago newspaper reporter was honored as the “Press Vet of the Year” by the Chicago Press Veterans Association. Brother Lowell Thomas always acknowledged that “Chicago played a big part in my life. I really got my start there.”

Throughout his long career, he maintained an upbeat news reporting style. Typical of his positive outlook was his response when he was asked which of his years were his best. “The best years of my life have been all of my years,” he insisted.

Even in his advanced age, Brother Lowell Thomas was an active participant in life, and somewhat of a whirlwind. He was a major stockholder in a company owning television and radio stations, and looked after his interests in several ski resorts.

In keeping with his pledge not to retire, in 1980 Brother Lowell Thomas, no longer a newscaster, began a new radio show, “The Best Years,” which was targeted at

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Reducing Our Membership Losses

by
Sir Knight Albert R. Masters, P.G.C., Iowa
Chairman, Committee on Membership

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Most Eminent Grand Master, has issued a challenge to the Committee on Membership to lead the way in the goal of reducing the loss of membership in the Grand Encampment.

It is our belief that we must change our attitude from pessimism to optimism. We are always ready to offer reasons why we are losing members. Now it is time to offer ways we can reduce the losses and then show a gain in membership. If we really believe it is possible, we can get the job done.

We have a fertile field for new candidates. It is our belief, and also that of the Grand Master, that each of us must become more deeply involved in our Symbolic Masonry. We must go back to our Blue Lodge and work to keep it strong. Without a strong Blue Lodge we will never have a strong York Rite and, especially, a strong Commandery. Remember, there has never been, or never will be, a Knight Templar who was not first a Master Mason.

This is our first challenge: Become more active in our Symbolic Lodge.

The second challenge is to Knight more candidates. When we meet the first challenge of strengthening our Symbolic Lodge, we will have the candidates we need.

The third challenge in reducing membership losses is to reduce the number of demits and suspensions. Are we forgetting that as we worked for candidates, and throughout their Knighting, we laid out the red carpet to make them welcome? How soon after they became one of us

did we almost forget they exist? How many of our senior Templars are living on a small fixed income, or are in poor health, and have a real problem in paying their dues?

We must have personal contact with our members who have not paid their dues to find out the reason they have not done so. If it is inability to pay, we should remit their dues. It is a small thing for us to do to say "thank you" for their effort in maintaining the Commandery in past years so that we may enjoy it today.

Conclaves of our Commanderies must be made interesting so the membership will want to attend. There is nothing more boring than "reading the minutes and paying the bills." Boring meetings do nothing to maintain interest in Templary. If interest is not generated, it is a small wonder the demits and suspensions are so high.

These challenges are the "secrets" in reducing our losses in membership and then to finally show a gain: Cooperation with our Symbolic Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and the Scottish Rite to improve our total image of Masonry. We must Knight more candidates, and reduce suspensions and demits. Become involved in our communities and live our daily lives so that the light of Masonry shines out to those less-informed. When others see us act as Masons and learn the true meaning of Masonry, they will want to join with us in this great Fraternity.

The greatest challenge facing your Committee on Membership is to motivate each Sir Knight to do the very things he

knows need to be done. Every Grand Commander in every Grand Commandery must take up the challenge to motivate each Commander of each constituent Commandery in his jurisdiction to do something about the loss of membership. Every Commander of each Subordinate Commandery must motivate his officers to do likewise.

One Grand Commander has taken up the challenge and established a promising membership program in his jurisdiction. He is Sir Knight Lawrence R. Breletic, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. A kit has been prepared to help each constituent Commandery obtain new candidates and retain their old members.

This kit consists of instruction sheets for the Commander, Recorder, and the Membership Committee Chairman. These are detailed instruction sheets so nothing is left to chance and it is filled with optimism. Also included in the kit are cards for identifying prospective members showing names, addresses, and the dates the degrees were received in the Blue Lodge so that a file of prospective candidates will be available. A certificate is presented to the Master Mason explaining the York Rite as well as the Scottish Rite.

After the candidate is Knighted, he is presented a beautiful "Certificate of Membership in the York Rite of Freemasonry" listing the dates he received his degrees in the Blue Lodge, Chapter, and Council, along with the Orders of the Commandery. Any newly-created Sir Knight would be proud to frame this certificate and display it in his home or office.

Sir Knight Breletic notes in his instruction sheets that he would like everyone to show enthusiasm or, if they cannot, say nothing.

The parameters of this article will not allow a description of the full details of his program. However, I am sure he

would be happy to share it with you, or you can contact your Committee on Membership.

If there is any other Grand Commander who has developed a detailed program on membership (and I am sure there are many) and would like to share it, we would be most happy to hear from you. All programs will not work in all jurisdictions. Each program must be tailored to the local situation. However, it is possible that an idea might start your thoughts toward a program that will work for you.

Send any ideas you might have relating to membership to:

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This is a task that no one Sir Knight or committee of Sir Knights can do alone. It involves the cooperation of all Knights Templar. Let us roll up our sleeves and go to work!

Remember—if it is to be, it is up to me.

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

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Knights Templar in Tomar

by

Sir Knight Paul B. Kerr

Nazarene Commandery No. 99, Montrose, Pennsylvania

In the May 1985 issue of Knight Templar Magazine, Sir Knight and Dr. Paul Kerr wrote an article entitled "Tomar, Portugal, Reverses Templary." He described the history of the town of Tomar and his visit there. For this issue, Sir Knight Kerr relates the experiences of a group of Knights Templar visiting the town and describes their special ceremonies at the historic sites. Experiences with the local people have made this a memorable trip for these Sir Knights, says Sir Knight Kerr, demonstrating the spirit of international friendship.

From May 29 through June 6, 1985, fifty-seven Knights Templar with their friends and relatives visited Tomar, Portugal, site of two beautifully preserved twelfth century churches built by medieval Knights Templar under Grand Master Gualdim Pais, a Northern Portuguese.

With the leadership of Sir Knight Warren R. Williams, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander, Pennsylvania, the group occupied thirty rooms in the modern Hotel dos Templarios in Tomar, population 17,000, and enjoyed the all-out hospitality of a town that has, for almost nine centuries, revered Templary.

On the day of arrival, the group assembled in the beautiful sixteenth century *Camara* (city hall) to hear an address of welcome by Mayor and Dr. Murta, after which was given the proper response. After dinner, an address was given by Sra. Gabriella Botelho of Lisbon, both a guest and member of the group, and cousin of an American friend.

The following day the group visited the colorful weekly market of local farmers and craftsmen. Every day except Sunday there was opportunity for shopping for such splendid Portuguese products as silver filigree, shoes, rugs, and hand-made clothing. They then visited

the ruins of the twelfth century Christian castle in Leiria. The Sir Knights were especially interested in the Masonic marks



Our group at the Crusader Church.

still evident on dressed stones and in a Roman tombstone, transplanted into the walls of the castle when it was built.

The members of the group were guests that evening of the Rotarians of → → →

Tomar and their ladies, with President Luis Salazar welcoming the Knights Templar to the Templar city of Portugal. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Carson from Lisbon. Mr. Carson is First Secretary of the United States Embassy and a native of Chicago. He spoke both in



Sir Knights saluting the flag of Portugal in front of the statue of ancient Grand Master Gualdim Pais.

Portuguese and English. Sir Knight and Dr. Paul Kerr read a little speech in Portuguese, and Sir Knight Warren Williams presented the Sir Knights by their titles. Presents were exchanged (the Carsons received a jug of maple syrup from Pennsylvania) and several American Rotarians in the group exchanged Rotary flags with President Salazar. Following an excellent dinner at the Hotel of the Templars, the Rotarians treated the group to music and folk dancing by people from the nearby village of Pedreira. Some of the Americans joined in the singing and dancing.

On Saturday the two busloads of Americans visited the sixteenth century Aqueduct of Pegoes, an intact two-tier water course five miles long that still carries water, originally to supply the monks of the Convento Christo, Successors of the Knights Templar.

In the afternoon the group were guests of brother, Rotarian Joco and Rancher Jose Salvador, at their family Ranch of

the Falcon, where bulls are bred for the Touradas (the Portuguese bullfight, which features superb horsemanship; the bulls are not killed, but no bull ever enters a ring more than once). Rui Salvador, foremost Portuguese bullfighter, gave a stunning demonstration of the Tourada, using in turn three superbly trained horses. Further hospitality and fellowship followed in the coach house of the ranch.

The group then enjoyed dinner, folk dancing, and Fado (the remarkable and unique Portuguese song style) at the Ethnographic Center in nearby Carregueiros. Again the Americans were invited to participate in the dancing by the friendly folk entertainers.

Sunday was the very special day for the Knights Templar, who had been granted permis-

sion to import their swords, march in the streets of Tomar, and worship at the triangle table in the beautifully preserved round Templar Church (Charola) built by the ancient Grand Master, Gualdim Pais. Twenty men of the group marched under the leadership of Sir Knight W. R. Williams, Jr., accompanied by the two Bands of Tomar, the Band of Nabantina and the Band of Gualdim Pais. Both bands had specially practiced, and played "Onward, Christian Soldiers" very well indeed, and then did a mini-concert in the beautiful town square. In the town square the uniformed Americans did sword salutes to the flag of Portugal and to the statue of the Grand Master, Gualdim Pais.

Regrouping at the ancient castle, the Sir Knights marched through the box gardens, up the grand steps, and entered the rotunda (Charola) where a lectern and triangle table were prepared.

The formal worship service included prayers, the credo, and three readings, as well as twelve toasts, at the

Templary in the Eyes of the Tomar Media

The following is a direct translation from the Portuguese of a June 7, 1985, article in *Cidade de Tomar*:

We have recently had among us an extremely nice group of Americans, who chose our town as a center of departure for various visits.

This visit to Portugal was organized by a physician from the city of Montrose, Pennsylvania, Rotarian Dr. Paul Kerr and his wife, Donna Kerr.

It was in 1983 that Dr. Kerr and his wife first visited us. They stayed at "The Hotel of the Templars," a name which aroused their interest, as did also "The Convent of Christ," for in his country Dr. Kerr belongs to a society called the "Knights Templars"—*Cavaleiros Templários* in Portuguese—which is a Christian brotherhood for charity of British origin dating back to the eighteenth century. It seeks to better the living conditions of the community, especially in the ophthalmic field. The Knights Templar Society organizes dinner parties, among other initiatives, to obtain funds for surgery for the blind and helps to solve other sight problems.

When he first came to Portugal, Dr. Paul Kerr suggested to the Rotary Club of Tomar that there be started a student exchange, and this was accepted. For this reason, an American student is due to arrive in Tomar in September and is to stay here at the homes of Rotarians during the school year.

At the moment, the Rotary Club of Tomar has not yet found a student who meets the conditions to study for a year in the U.S.A. with no accommodation expenses, for like the American student, he or she will stay at the homes of American Rotarians.

At that time, Dr. Paul Kerr talked about a possible future visit of the Knights Templar and their families to Tomar and asked the Rotary Club of Tomar for their support in the planning of their stay. After much correspondence between Mario Goncalves Pereira (R.C. Tomar) and Paul Kerr (R.C. Montrose) and the very valuable collaboration of Rotarian Raul do Coito (Tourist Board), it was possible to overcome some difficulties and prepare for the coming of the lovely American group. . . . These fifty-seven American citizens returned to the United States yesterday, but we were able to conclude from their visible satisfaction that all their contacts will say how very welcome they were made in Tomar.

end of which the glasses were turned over.

The group was then treated to an extensive tour of the church, monastery, cloisters, and castle ruins, followed by a sumptuous banquet in the medieval banquet hall of the monks, joining with local friends. After that, the Band of Gualdim Pais performed a splendid and talented concert in the largest cloister (of Toralva).

In the next three days the group did bus tours to nearby attractive sites, with stops for catered lunches and shopping. Sites visited included the walled city of Obidos, the market at Caldas da Rainha, and the Templar Castle of Almoural, set on an island in the Tagus River. The army permitted us to cross on a pontoon bridge they recently built. (Hearsay would have it that President Reagan asked for this for our convenience, on his visit to Portugal three weeks previously).

Other visits included the great monasteries of Alcobaca and Batalha, the unique fishing village of Nazare, and the Basilica of the Miracle at Fatima.

And we visited the Roman baths at Conimbriga and the undercity streets from Roman times, in Coimbra and the marvelous medieval Library of the University of Coimbra with its beautifully carved tables of Indian mahogany, teak, and ebony woods.

The Tuesday evening choral concert by the Tomar "Canto Firme" Choir → → →

is a cherished memory. It was sung mostly *a capella*, in the ancient Santa Maria dos Olivais Church where lie buried Gualdim Pais and scores of his successors. The choir is superb and, combined with the ringing acoustics of this church, made us feel very close to heaven for a little time.

Our home for a week was the superb four-star Hotel dos Templarios in Tomar,



with large modern rooms and facilities, every room with a private balcony. The foods and wines are outstanding. The table wines of Tomar have recently won Gold Medals in European competition. The management of the hotel was responsive to our every need, providing a head table for our nightly banquets and adjusting the serving hours to our schedules.

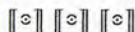
At our last evening banquet we were honored by the presence of many new friends from Tomar, including the Mayor, Dr. Murta, the President and President-elect of the Rotary with their wives, and Rotarian Mario Goncalves Pereira and

members of his family. Sr. Pereira has for two years corresponded with Dr. Kerr in Pennsylvania and worked with the city fathers, tourist office, Nabantur agency, bands, and Rotarians to plan the success of our visit. He is our great and true friend.

The Rotarians made available a photo album by virtue of overnight photo service, and the local newspaper presented a copy of the weekly paper with the story of our visit and an insert in English to our group members before departure.

It was not easy to say goodbye to our new friends. At the end of our last day about fifty schoolchildren encountered our group and practiced that day's English lesson: we were all asked, "What time is it?" and then asked for autographs, and finally, Portuguese kisses (both cheeks). It was a symbolic finale to our journey!

Sir Knight Paul B. Kerr lives at 13 Grow Avenue, Montrose, Pennsylvania 18801.



Hermitage Tokens

Hermitage Lodge No. 356, A.F. & A.M., located in Albion, Illinois, still has available some 125th anniversary tokens.



They may be obtained at the price of \$.60 each, postpaid, from L. D. Aulvin, 116 South 8th Street, Albion, Illinois 62806.

Cyrene Commandery holds Class Honoring Past Grand Recorder Rodenhauer

Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauer, pictured front row, far right, was honored by Cyrene Commandery No. 34, located in Columbia, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1986, at ceremonies held at the Masonic Temple on Locust Street in that city. Nine candidates received the Order of Red Cross, conferred by Sir Knight Gerald E. Johns, Past Commander. The candidates in the honor class were Samuel F. Seibert, Elmer Appley, Rollin C. Steinmetz, Ernest Hill, Paul E. Gumbert, Harold C. Swartz, Harry Schuederberg, Robert A. Saam, and Marlin Frymoyer. Shown in the photo in the first row (from left to right): Sir Knight Robert P. Mackey, Sr., from Elizabethtown, Eminent Commander; Candidate Steinmetz; Candidate Saam; Candidate Schuederberg; and Sir Knight Rodenhauer. In the second row, from left to right: Candidate Gumber, Candidate Seibert and Candidate Swartz. In the back row, from left to right: Sir Knight Johns; Candidate Frymoyer; Candidate Appley and Candidate Hill.



Sir Knight Rodenhauer, a native of Columbia Pennsylvania, is a Past Commander of Cyrene Commandery; a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; the Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A., serving from 1966 to 1985. He was elected Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at the 56th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in Cincinnati last August. This honor was the first received by a United States Sir Knight in the entire 169-year history of the Grand Encampment. He also holds the title of Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada. Sir Knight Rodenhauer, a former program director for WGAL-TV, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, also has served as president of the Lancaster Exchange Club; a board member of Columbia Hospital; president of the Columbia Historical Society; and Chairman of the Lancaster County American National Red Cross. He organized the Columbia Little Theater and served as director of many community theater productions. He received citations from Elizabethtown College and the Pennsylvania Department of Instruction. He is a Past Master of Columbia Lodge No. 286, and is a member of Zembo Temple Shrine, AAONMS; Penn Priory, KYCH; and Triune Tabernacle, HRAKTP. He is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason.

Knight Templar Filing

The Grand Encampment offers for sale plastic collapsible "cut-corner" files for those who wish to have a method of filing back issues of *Knight Templar*. The files are a quality product—sturdy and durable. They are colored blue and measure 8½ by 2½ by 6 inches. Each file will comfortably accommodate up to thirty-six copies — a three-year supply. A clear plastic slot for an identification label is located across the spine of the file. These files are shipped flat for snap-up construction upon receipt. The non-scratch files are available for \$4.50 each, postpaid; \$3.75 each for three or more, by writing the Grand Recorder, Suite 1700, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604-2293.

Highlights

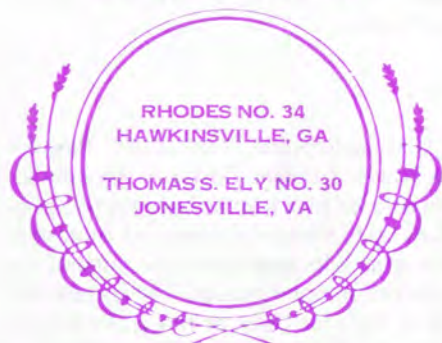
Grand Commander Knights Son

On Saturday, January 26, 1986, Sir Knight John O. Bond, Sr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, along with the Grand Commandery officers, conferred the



Order of the Temple upon the Grand Commander's son, John O. Bond, Jr. This event took place at a special Conclave of St. Amand Commandery No. 20, West Kennebunk, Maine. Pictured in the photograph above are Sir Knight John O. Bond, Jr., (left) and his father, Grand Commander Bond.

100% LIFE SPONSORSHIP KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION



General Grand High Priest Becomes Eminent Commander

Sir Knight Walter Winchester, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, was installed as the Eminent Commander of Springtime Commandery No. 40 on Saturday, January 4, 1986. This is his home Commandery, located in Clearwater, Florida. His installing officers were as follows: as Grand Commander, Duane B. Yong, P.D.D.G.C., and P.G.H.P., Grand Chapter, Florida; acting as Marshal, Marvin Gerhard, G.Jr.W., Grand Commandery, Florida; acting as Prelate, Ralph Swanker, P.C., Damascus Commandery No. 95, Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

Prior to his installation, Walter Winchester had acted as the installing officer for the High Priest of Clearwater Chapter No. 45, R.A.M., and Illustrious Master of Clearwater Council No. 34, R. & S.M.



Missouri Commandery Coin

Sir Knight Thomas W. Lingle, Recorder of Missouri Commandery No. 36, Marshall, reports that a limited supply of commemorative coins, struck in 1982 for the Commandery's centennial, may still be ordered. The nickel-silver coin carries the Knight Templar emblem and words "In Hoc Signo Vinces" on the front and the Commandery name and anniversary dates on the reverse.

Checks for \$3.50 each (postpaid) may be made payable to Missouri Commandery No. 36 and mailed to Sir Knight Lingle at 621 North Franklin, Marshall, Missouri 65340.

from the Masonic Family

200% Life Sponsorship!

Medina Commandery No. 84, Medina, Ohio, has the honor of being the first Commandery ever to obtain the title of "200% Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation." This percentage was achieved on December 26, 1985, according to Sir Knight Robert Keifer, Recorder for the Commandery.

Medina Commandery was chartered in 1967 and shortly thereafter attained the goal of 100% Life Sponsorship in the Eye Foundation. In addition, they have enjoyed the honor of being awarded a yearly plaque for contributing in excess of \$5.00 per capita to the Eye Foundation since 1974.

According to Sir Knight Keifer, these achievements were envisioned and guided into reality by Sir Knight W. Millard Bower, Past Commander for the Commandery, who died on August 1, 1985. Though he did not live to see his goal attained, as the father of the Commandery he is well-remembered.

The listing of the Commandery on page eighteen of the February magazine in the Life Sponsorship emblem did not reveal the full story of the first Commandery to achieve 200% Life Sponsorship. The Commandery has a membership of 190.

Nothing astonishes men
so much as common-
sense and plain dealing.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



100th Anniversary Letter Opener

DeMolay Commandery No. 13, Ft. Collins, Colorado, has issued a six-inch letter opener commemorating their 100th anniversary, which will be celebrated on September 18, 1985. The proceeds of this sale will go to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The letter opener has a white oval ceramic stone bearing the gold crown and red cross of the Commandery on the handle, with the dates 1885-1985 engraved on the blade. The reverse of the handle is engraved DeMolay Commandery No. 13.

This "unusual yet practical" collector's item may be ordered by sending a check for \$8.00 made payable to DeMolay Commandery No. 13 at 225 Oak Street, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80521.

Tri-State Festival

A tri-state festival will take place in the asylum of Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, Connecticut, on Saturday, March 15, 1986. Springfield Commandery No. 6, Springfield, Massachusetts will confer the Order of the Red Cross at 9:00 a.m. The Order of Malta will be conferred by Washington Commandery No. 1 followed by a lunch break. Bethlehem Crusader Commandery No. 53, White Plains, New York, will confer the Order of the Temple right after the lunch break. Luncheon and dinner (at a nominal fee) will be served. The best possible ritual, according to Sir Knight David Aiken, Past Grand Commander for New York, will be performed by these Commanderies, who are well known for their expertise in conferring the Commandery Orders.

Grand Encampment
Roll Call of Honored Dead
IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Richard D. Unger
Grand Commander – 1967
Indiana
Born November 27, 1915
Died January 12, 1986

Riverside Coin

Royal Arch Chapter No. 67, Riverside, California, has entered into its one hundredth anniversary year. To commemorate this event, the Chapter has issued a coin. This is a ten gauge, one and one-half



inch coin, featuring the triple tau surrounded by a wreath and banner on one side, in high relief; the flip-side displays the emblems of KYCH, the Riverside York Rite emblems and their York Rite number assignments.

Morton S. Saultz, Secretary-Recorder, cordially invites all Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights to visit the Riverside York Rite Bodies when in the Southern California area. Collectors and interested parties may obtain the coin by sending a check or money order for \$5.50, postpaid, to Morton S. Saultz, P.O. Box 154, Moreno Valley, California 92388.

Ten Years of the Illinois Research Lodge

The year 1986 marks the tenth anniversary of the Illinois Lodge of Research. It was during the nation's bicentennial year, 1976, that the Illinois Lodge of Research received its charter from the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Illinois, with Brother Louis L. William, MPS, and Alphonse Cerza, FPS, playing important roles.

Brother Louis L. Williams served as the first Worshipful Master of the Illinois Lodge of Research and has since given dedicated service and support to its activities and publications. Brother Alphonse Cerza, a past president of the Philalethes Society, served as Editor of the Illinois Lodge of Research Bulletin from its inception in 1976 until his retirement in 1984 and now serves as Editor Emeritus.

Presently, the Illinois Lodge of Research has a nationwide membership from twenty-eight states, with the addition of members from eight countries abroad.

Membership in the Illinois Lodge of Research is open to all Freemasons who are in good standing in a regular Masonic Lodge, and also to Masonic Lodges, appendant bodies, and libraries. Annual dues are modestly set, according to Sir Knight Thomas Rigas, Worshipful Master, at \$8.00, \$15.00 for two years if paid in advance. Currently, there is no initiation fee to join the Lodge.

For additional information about the Illinois Lodge of Research and membership petition, write to Worshipful Master Thomas Rigas, 2600 West Farwell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60645.



The Goose and Gridiron Society

by

The Reverend William H. Stemper, Jr.

President-General, The Goose and Gridiron Society of the United States

Knights Templar in particular and Freemasons in general should be aware of the good work being done among fraternal leaders by the Goose and Gridiron Society of the United States. The "G & G," as it is sometimes called, was organized by a group of younger Master



President-General
William Stemper, Jr.

Masons and their friends in New York City on June 24, 1975. Its purpose was to perpetuate the spirit and customs of ancient Craft fraternalism present during the period of the foundation or "revival" of Freemasonry in eighteenth century London. The same period saw the rise of insurance syndicates, newspapers (*The Spectator*), the popularization of the theater, and the growth of the English Enlightenment.

At present, the Goose and Gridiron Society encompasses a national network of younger professionals, experienced fraternal leaders, and eminent scholars of fraternalism in the United States and the United Kingdom. While the motif and symbolism of the society honors Freemasonry as an ancient fraternal tradition, the organization is neither Masonic, appendant, concordant, nor in any way allied to the Masonic Fraternity nor to any other order. The society admits non-Masons and Masons *pro honore causa*. Eminent national and international leaders of the Elks, Moose, Odd Fellows,

and Red Men are members of the Goose and Gridiron Society. The society also elects leaders of national college fraternities and distinguished younger men who evidence both commitment and promise in the area of fraternalism.

Just as the society is named for the famous ale-house wherein regular Freemasonry was organized as the Grand Lodge of England, June 24, 1717, so does the society meet annually in "assembly and feast." This session is held in a distinguished club in Washington, D.C., concurrently with other Masonic-related and non-Masonic organizations in February.

The Goose and Gridiron Society is governed by an executive committee, or "General Council" including the following officers: President-General, Vice President-General, Warden-General, Chancellor-General, Bursar-General, Secretary-General, and Chaplain-General. Members-at-large of the General Council are also designated.

The society also encompasses a "Society of Red Cross Knights," who serve as the electors of the General Council. The "Red Cross" motif commemorates a pervasive set of symbols in the *hautes grades* tradition in Masonic legend and history. The Masonic Rosicrucians, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Scottish Rite, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Templar Orders—all—contain some reference to the Red Cross as an important tradition. Thus, the Goose and Gridiron Society preserves within its structure a theme → → →

which is consistent with the highest philosophical and symbolic traditions of fraternal history, as well as the convivial traditions of the festive board.

The Goose and Gridiron Society is organized into several categories of membership, as follows: members of the General Council, including officers; Members for Life; Fellows; Active Members; and Associate Members. Members for Life are characteristically distinguished national leaders of major fraternal traditions. At present this class includes men who have attained the following offices: a Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks; Grand Master of Masons; Sovereign Grand Master of Odd Fellows; Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R.; General Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons; General Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite; Grand Master General of the Knights York Cross of Honor, Great Chancellor, C.B.C.S.; and four internationally recognized fraternal scholars, among others.

Fellows are elected for distinguished and unique scholarly contributions to fraternalism other than national officerships.

Active Members are admitted in recognition of notable interest and commitment to the ideas of fraternalism,

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notably the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

Associate Members are distinguished younger professionals and accomplished fraternal leaders with notable service records.

The purpose of the society is to promote brotherhood among the nations, and specifically to illuminate the enormously positive role institutional frater-

nal orders and fraternities play in our culture. The sessions of the General Council are characterized by good fellowship, lively discussions on the future of fraternalism, and concrete suggestions and plans to promote the cause of fraternalism in the world.

An important service the Goose and Gridiron Society performs is to introduce promising younger fraternal leaders to distinguished veterans of fraternal service. This is done through the annual assembly and feast and at other times deemed appropriate. Admission to the fellowship of the society is never offered to any person, except when the General Council is persuaded that the best interests of the society and of fraternalism will be advanced. The society is never to be used for commercial purposes or professional gain.

The colors of the Goose and Gridiron Society are red and green, exemplified by a ribbon worn by officers of the General Council, and rosettes worn by members. The members of the General Council who are Red Cross Knights display a black rimmed, green rosette with a red dot. Other classes of members wear minor variations of the same design. The general emblem of the Goose and Gridiron Society is "Goose athwart gridiron with coal fire," the traditional sign of the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house in St. Paul's Cathedral Churchyard.

The society publishes occasional private papers for the reflection of its members. These are based upon the proceedings of the annual assembly and feast and are circulated to stimulate the thinking of members and to shape fraternal policy as appropriate. Frequently papers are referred to committees of the General Council for deliberation and appropriate action.

Dress for sessions of the General Council is formal for evening events, and morning attire for day. In the case of luncheon sessions, the dress appro-

prate to the particular environment is accepted. The society always gathers at festive board in honor of the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house tradition of excellence.

Membership in the Goose and Gridiron Society is by invitation. The General Council is, however, always pleased to receive nominations from members of recognized national fraternal orders who wish to point out either the achievement of fraternal leaders, or to bring younger, promising leaders to the attention of the society for recognition and encouragement. Letters detailing the nominees' backgrounds may be forwarded to The Reverend William H. Stemper, Jr., F.R.S.A., President-General, The Goose and Gridiron Society of the U.S., 48 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016.



Draughton Nominated to Directory

Sir Knight Scott Draughton, a member of Trinity Commandery No. 20, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was recently nominated to *The International Directory of Distinguished Leadership*. This honor is given in recognition of being the founder of The Financial Hotline (TM), the world's first round-the-clock referral and advisory service providing generic financial advice to the needy elderly at no charge to the participants. Draughton, a Cherokee Indian, was the keynote speaker at the Economic Resources Workshop on October 8, 1985, for the 42nd Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians held in Tulsa.

Sir Knight Draughton is an attorney/stockbroker, whose practice emphasizes assisting minority (particularly American Indian) and women-owned businesses in financing, legal, marketing, and public relations services.

Lecture Bars

The Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Ohio, has developed Lecturer Bars under the direction of its Grand Master, Hilmer W. Neumann, M.D. These Lecturer Bars are bright gold with inlayed gold enamel with the dark portion of the bars being



black enamel. The bars measure one inch in width and the entire set is one and three-quarters inches in length. The cost for the Lecturer Bar is \$3.00; also available are Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Masons Bars, which sell for \$2.50 each. An entire set may be ordered (from addresses outside of Ohio) for \$11.00 from the Grand Secretary, P.O. Box 629, Worthington, Ohio 43085-0629.

St. Johns Chapter Medallion

St. Johns Chapter No. 19, Royal Arch Masons, located in Baltimore, Maryland, recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. In recognition of this event, a commemorative medallion has



been issued. This medallion is 1½" in diameter, one-sided, with an antique bronze finish. The triple tau and triangle are centered on its face as shown in the photo above. This coin may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Roy Rayman, E.P.C., Crusade Commandery No. 5, 7847 St. Fabian Lane, Dundalk, Maryland 21222. The cost is \$4.00, all proceeds will go to Royal Arch research and assistance.

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

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending February 7, 1986. The total amount to date is \$305,589.20.

Alabama	\$3,533.89
Arizona	1,732.00
Arkansas	917.50
California	11,809.52
Colorado	4,996.99
Connecticut	1,270.39
District of Columbia	4,406.00
Florida	6,526.50
Georgia	25,612.50
Idaho	112.00
Illinois	7,184.29
Indiana	1,891.00
Iowa	1,843.00
Kansas	1,352.64
Kentucky	5,199.30
Louisiana	1,558.00
Maine	2,528.25
Maryland	3,587.60
Mass. — R.I.	10,572.50
Michigan	10,371.18
Minnesota	4,301.30
Mississippi	3,758.00
Missouri	2,194.00
Montana	7,725.35
Nebraska	738.00
Nevada	2,118.10
New Hampshire	2,096.50
New Jersey	1,909.05
New Mexico	2,643.50
New York	7,895.40
North Carolina	1,930.00
North Dakota	401.00
Ohio	9,014.98
Oklahoma	2,524.00
Oregon	3,097.35
Pennsylvania	10,625.79
South Carolina	4,576.00
South Dakota	1,086.00
Tennessee	11,657.20
Texas	54,047.22
Utah	3,190.00
Vermont	982.11
Virginia	15,908.93
Washington	2,046.60
West Virginia	1,615.00
Wisconsin	1,074.01
Wyoming	991.80
St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware	170.10
Porto Rico No. 1,	

Puerto Rico	500.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska	1,080.00
Tokyo No. 1, Tokyo, Japan	192.00
Bavaria No. 3, Germany	2,090.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	150.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, Delaware	20.00
Miscellaneous	34,234.86

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation
New Club Memberships**

Grand Commander's Club:

Missouri No. 12—Chester H. Hazen
Georgia No. 10—Wallace C. Pryor
Michigan No. 20—Wayne G. Rice
Oregon No. 7—John A. Friedrichsen

Grand Master's Club:

No. 653—Herbert D. Poole (TX)
No. 654—Thomas T. Lanman (OR)
No. 655—Donald Ray Tapia (AZ)
No. 656—Jan R. Bloser (FL)

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.



On the Masonic Newsfront ...

New York Rite Masons

On February 1, 1986, in the York Rite Temple in Oklahoma, twenty-six Master Masons received their Royal Arch degrees of Capitular Masonry and Cryptic Mason degrees of York Rite Masonry. Pictured in the photograph are, in the first row (from left to right): Martin Halterman, Duncan; Orlan Jenkins, Oklahoma City; Warren Barnum, Rapid City, South Dakota; Bedford Roland, Jr., Altus; Randal DeBusk, Lawton; Timmy West, Ardmore; David Rouse, Ardmore; Ronald Webber, Hobart; F. D. Srifres, Ardmore; in the second row (from left to right): Preston Thornton, Carnegie; J. Mike Brown, Duncan; George Moody, Lawton; Keith Hollinbeak, Duncan; James Brewster, Elk City; Charles Coker, Duncan; Byrd Hamrick, Del City; Harvie Kaylor, Altus; in the third row (from left to right): Robert Cleveland, Norman; Doyle Nation, Fredrick; Stanley Arendall, Lawton; Gary Payne, Oklahoma City; Samuel Petty, Lawton; Robert Malin, Lawton; Robert Davis, Mt. View; Bobby Laws, Altus; Leroy Nipper, Oklahoma City.



Landmark York Rite Festival

Sir Knight Richard Sagar, Supplement Editor for the Grand Commandery of Georgia, is publicizing his state's first "General Grand Officer's Class." On October 31 and November 1, 1986, this special class will be held, for which the York Rite grand bodies in Georgia desire a candidate list of five hundred Masons. Nearly three years ago, tentative plans for this occasion were laid, and the then General Grand King, General Grand Chapter; General Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council, and the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment blocked off these dates for this special occasion. According to Sir Knight Sagar, "Various setbacks and changes occurred, but all difficulties now seem to have been ironed out, and the time has come for major national publicity to be given to this great festival."

The aim of this class, according to Sir Knight Sagar, is to "show that peace and harmony reign in all branches of the York Rite, and with this in mind, the three General Grand presiding officers will participate in the work, but *not in their own discipline*."

Specific information is as follows: the Chapter and Council degrees will be conferred on Friday, October 31, and the Commandery Orders on Saturday, November 1, 1986. This is to be held at the Atlanta Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Auditorium at Atlanta, Georgia. Candidates are invited to come from all over the United States and the world. All candidates must be pre-registered no later than October 1, 1986, by letter under the seal of their respective Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder, and it will be presumed that they have already been elected by their respective bodies and that permission has been granted by the appropriate grand presiding officer. Candidates will

receive an appropriate program as well as a specially-cast bronze commemorative medallion. More information may be obtained from the General Chairman of this event: Richard S. Sagar, 2824 Norgate Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30034; (404) 241-4976.

Stemper Organizes Royal Visit

William H. Stemper, Jr., Chairman and Executive Director of the Forum for Corporate Responsibility, Inc., and Episcopal Vicar for Corporate Affairs of the Diocese of New York, organized and managed the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Kent to the Forum for Corporate Responsibility, Inc., on October 15, 1985, at a luncheon gathering of major corporate, religious, academic, and fraternal leaders in New York City. The event was held at Saint Peter's Church located in midtown Manhattan.

Prince Edward George Nicholas Paul Patrick, born October 9, 1935, was present in the United States in his capacity as Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, with Princess Katharine Lucy Mary. The limited guest list included the Episcopal Bishop of New York, the chief executive officers of several New York-based corporations, and numerous social, religious, and educational leaders in New York with interest in British/American relations. Since Prince Edward is Grand Master of Freemasons in England and Wales, prominent leaders of the Masonic Fraternity were present.

The principal corporate sponsors for the luncheon were Avon Products, Inc., and Exxon Corporation, founding members of The Forum for Corporate Responsibility, Inc., an educational organization active in corporate public affairs.

The purpose of the luncheon was to present successful models of British organizations prominent in increasing the level of understanding between and among the leaders of major religious, corporate, and other organizations for the benefit of American leaders.

Sir Knight Stemper is a Past Commander of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 23 located in New York City and is the author of the article printed on page nineteen of this magazine.

Letter Thanking the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Dear Executive Director Bell:

I am having great difficulty putting into words my thoughts at this moment; just thanking you seems so inadequate.

I am a recipient of two eye operations, funded by your organization, but to impress upon you the magnitude of what your help has meant to us, I must explain my situation as it was a little more than a year ago.

My wife, who suffers from a form of mental illness and memory problem, had her most severe setback in fifteen years to the point where she didn't even recognize me and required my constant attention. At this precise time, my vision deteriorated so badly that I was unable to drive, and later progressed to the point where I was unable to see streetlights where I was walking.

Unable to work, taking care of a seriously ill wife, for the first time in my life I learned what it was like to live on foodstamps, and in a small furnished apartment. You can imagine the despair and futility I was feeling.

Just when everything seemed hopeless, I heard of your organization. I can remember my first interview with Ernest Biladeau, a member of Pilgrim Commandery No. 10,

Laconia, New Hampshire. I was feeling quite embarrassed about asking for help and in just a few minutes he made me feel like I was doing him a favor letting him help me. He is certainly a credit to your organization. He gave up so much of his time taking me to the doctor's, making sure all the forms were filled out correctly and giving me encouragement. I shall never forget his unselfishness and kindness he showed to me.

In two weeks I will be getting my glasses and will be able to go for interviews again. In the past six months my wife is amazing the doctors with almost total recovery.

So, I guess I just found out what I was trying to say at the beginning of the letter: tell your members that they did not only pay for an operation, but they also put a person's life back in order.

So, in this tiny town of Wiers Beach, New Hampshire, is a middle-aged couple starting literally from scratch again, but feeling like a couple of teenagers with the whole world out there waiting for us.

I thank God for my wife's recovery, and I thank you members for your most precious gift (my eyesight).

Sincerely yours,
Bill Donnelly
Wiers Beach, New Hampshire

Dillon Raised to Master Mason

David S. Dillon was raised a Master Mason at an extra meeting of Butler Lodge No. 272, Butler, Pennsylvania, on December 12, 1985. Dave is a Senior DeMolay from Lorraine Chapter, Order of DeMolay, sponsored by Lorraine Commandery No. 87, Butler. He holds the degree of Chevalier, the Representative DeMolay, and two Blue Honor keys for membership. The conferring team was made up entirely of Senior DeMolays and Advisory Board members. Acting as Worshipful Master was William D. Dillon, Past Master for Butler Lodge, Past Commander of Lorraine Commandery, Chairman of the Advisory Board, and Dave's father. Among the members of the degree team were eight Senior DeMolays (two Past Master Councilors and three Chevaliers) with initiation dates from 1936 to 1969; seven Lodge officers (five of whom were Past Masters), seven Advisory Board members, seven members of all York Rite bodies (three current officers and three Past Commanders), three DeMolay Chapters and two Knights of the York Cross of Honour. The evening demonstrated the importance of youth to Freemasonry and the importance of Freemasonry to youth, according to Edward P. Fair, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Lorraine Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Pictured in the photograph above are (from left to right) in the back row: Adrian K. Hassler, James Keefer, John R. Stokes; in the middle row: Dennis Dillon, John R. Woods, F. Arthur Rauschenberger, Edward P. Fair; in the front row: William D. Dillon, David S. Dillon, David L. Gilliland.



Monthly Crossword

Animal Kingdom

ACROSS

- 1 Popular musical
- 5 Dullards (animal homophone)
- 10 Actor's part
- 14 Newspaper item
- 15 Violinist Mischa
- 16 Theatre sign
- 17 Ms. Korbut
- 18 Make amends
- 19 Flat-topped hill
- 20 Walk unsteadily
- 22 Natural endowment
- 24 Home of 17A
- 27 Young animal
- 28 Relish
- 30 Nocturnal animal
- 32 Man-made fiber
- 36 Court name
- 37 Strait
- 39 Intl. Coop. Admin.
- 40 Farrow of film
- 41 Wily creature
- 42 Lion
- 43 Exclamations
- 44 --- for the course



"I'm no doctor, but I know that eating your broccoli reduces the risk of trauma to the gluteal muscles."

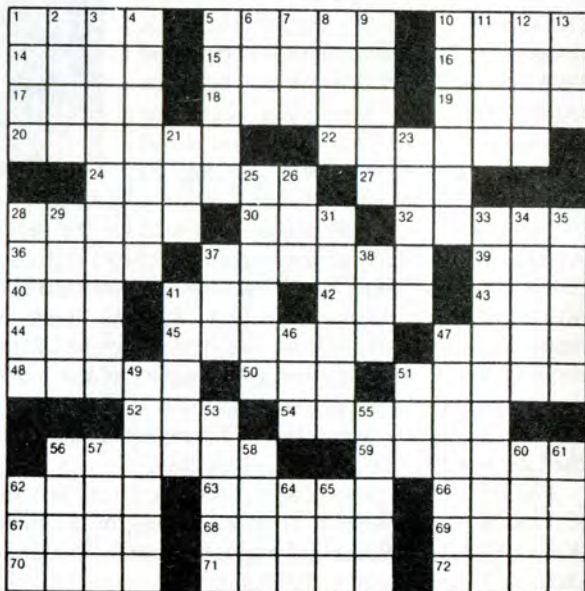
- 45 Novel by Michener
- 47 Regarding (2 wds.)
- 48 Joint
- 50 Sloth, e.g.
- 51 Pays, in poker
- 52 Largest of deer
- 54 Christie of mysteries
- 56 Tail
- 59 Smiled
- 62 Primates
- 63 "Our Miss Brooks" star
- 66 Vital fluids
- 67 Wipe out
- 68 Part of AWOL
- 69 Cut
- 70 Hooters
- 71 Ire
- 72 Feudal worker

DOWN

- 1 Duck-like bird
- 2 Fit
- 3 Man-eater (2 wds.)
- 4 Law
- 5 Polar and grizzly ----
- 6 Rumanian river
- 7 I love (Lat.)
- 8 Carry on
- 9 Underhanded person
- 10 Cure
- 11 Beasts of burden
- 12 Grocery memo
- 13 Greek letter

- 21 Dir.
- 23 Dialect
- 25 Mountain climbers
- 26 Swiss river
- 28 Florida city
- 29 Laos native
- 31 Surface in bath-rooms
- 33 Circus performers (2 wds.)
- 34 Earthy yellow or red
- 35 Headlands
- 37 --- cat
- 38 Education assn.
- 41 ---- mouse
- 46 Narrow inlet
- 47 Hurriedly (2 wds.)
- 49 Rents
- 51 Dined
- 53 Quantas symbol
- 55 Capp character
- 56 Cast out, as lava
- 57 Netherworld
- 58 Small, brown singer
- 60 Shamrock land
- 61 Titled lady
- 62 Stir
- 64 Shred
- 65 First name of 63A

The solution to this month's crossword puzzle is printed on page 10.



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an older audience and featured stories of the many notables he had interviewed. These included Brother Henry Ford, Pablo Picasso, baseball legend Connie Mack, and John D. Rockefeller, just to mention a few. "Here I am in my eighty-ninth year," he said, "and I am basically starting a new career."

Over the years, Brother Lowell Thomas was the recipient of many honors and awards, and his humanitarian activities were extensive.

In 1917, he married Frances Ryan of Colorado, and they had one child, Lowell Thomas, Jr., an author, lecturer, and former lieutenant governor of Alaska. After his first wife's death in 1975, he married Marianna Munn in 1977.

Brother Lowell Thomas began his Masonic life in 1927, when he was raised a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge, A.F. & A.M. at Boston, Massachusetts. He remained a member of his Mother Lodge for almost fifty-five years, but also became affiliated with Kane Lodge No. 454, F. & A.M., at New York City in 1941. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Boston, and received the 33° in 1979.

After his death in 1981, Norman Vincent Peale, who was his close friend, said in his eulogy, "From Marco Polo to Daniel Boone, from Buffalo Bill to Will Rogers . . . I rate Lowell Thomas among the greatest of men."

Without a doubt, Brother Lowell Thomas was a Freemason who contributed greatly to the generation in which he lived. His personal achievements and service to society will endure in the hearts and minds of future generations of Americans as well.

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

A Knight to Remember

On December 4, 1985, the stated Conclave for Malta Commandery No. 3, Las Vegas, Nevada, was held, which honored a Sir Knight who has been a Knight Templar for nearly sixty-six years. The "James G. Griswold Night" was held at the Masonic Temple in Las Vegas.

Sir Knight Griswold was Knighted on March 15, 1920, in Elko, Nevada, and later affiliated with Malta Commandery No. 3 on January 7, 1953. According to Sir Knight Arthur Neitzke, Sir Knight Griswold "is really one of the corners of the base that the Masonic



Fraternity is built on. Anything and everything he has to say is always on the positive side, and he has no other way of looking at life. He was and is a great inspiration."

In the photograph above are, from left to right, Sir Knight G. Michael Urso, Recorder; Sir Knight James G. Griswold; Sir Knight Richard Strubich; and Eminent Commander Harry D. Christopher.

Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives, and remembering what one receives.

Alexandre Dumas

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History of the Grand Encampment

CHAPTER XIV

Period of Maturity

1916-1949
(continued)

Thirty-Fifth Conclave

The thirty-fifth Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in the Shrine Mosque in the City of New Orleans on April 25, 1922. The Sir Knights were greeted with typical "Southern Hospitality," and all the places of historic interest in that area were on the tour of inspection provided by the city. The parade was an attraction, "the like of which New Orleans had never before witnessed."

The meeting was opened by M.E. Sir Joseph K. Orr, the Grand Master, who in his address gave his suggestions for a Knight Templar Educational Loan Fund, the greatest activity for the education of underprivileged students ever undertaken by any fraternal organization. He had sent out over 500 questionnaires and on the basis of the answers received presented the following recommendations for his plan:

1. Templary can be a constructive force without departing from any of the principles or traditions of its honored past.

2. That we agree to enter upon some plan that will be helpful to young men and young women of hungry minds seeking to improve their conditions by obtaining a better education.

3. That inasmuch as this Grand Encampment is not organized for

gain, it shall retain only so much of its present financial resources as are needed for a reasonably safe working capital.

4. It shall here and now transfer the surplus beyond this to a fund that shall be known as "The Educational Fund" for such disposition and purpose as shall be later determined.

These suggestions received the approval of the Committee on the "Forward Movement" and the Committee on Finance to which they were referred. The plan was then formally adopted by the Grand Encampment, and thus was established one of the most worthwhile movements of Templary.

New Commanderies were instituted in Havana, Cuba, and in Tampico, Mexico. Due to dissension and friction in the Masonic lodges in Mexico City, which had disrupted the commandery established there not so long ago, it was finally decided to permanently arrest the charter of Mexico Commandery No. 1.

An attempt was made to amend the Statutes so that additional dues amounting to ten cents for each member be collected in order that the Grand Encampment might pay mileage and per diem for all officers and members of the Grand Encampment and the Representatives attending the Conclaves. Objections were raised by the larger Grand Commanderies, who stated that they would be paying large sums for the benefit of the Past Grand Commanders from the smaller jurisdictions. It failed in adoption.

By a General Order, the Grand Master set forth regulations for the distribution of the revised ritual. In the event that

rituals became lost, it was required that the Grand Recorder of each Grand Commandery reporting such a loss pay to the Grand Encampment the sum of \$10 for each lost ritual.

The Committee on Asylum Tactics brought in a full report covering fifty-five pages in the Proceedings. Long Beach Commandery exemplified, in full ceremonial form, the floor work in the opening ceremonies. It was well received and the tactics were adopted.

The Grand Master reported a "Notable Event" in the Knighting of President-Elect, Warren G. Harding, in Marion Commandery, Ohio, on March 1, 1921. The Grand Master personally knighted the candidate. After the conferring of the Orders, Sir Knight Harding made a short address, stating:

I came tonight to the temple of this splendid Knighthood and find it teaching me and emphasizing those things I have been thinking. And so I have come to the new assurance and new confidence in the knowledge that the manhood of America which bears the stamp of Masonry is back of me. I am mindful tonight that three days hence I am to take an oath — a solemn one, one that no man can approach without solemn thought. I mean to take that obligation to defend and preserve in humility and faith, and in the love of truth.

At the election, Sir Knight Leonidas P. Newby of Knightstown, Indiana, was elected Grand Master, and Sir Frank H. Johnson was continued as Grand Recorder.

Thirty-Sixth Conclave

The thirty-sixth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Seattle on July 28, 1925. Three years of endeavor

had gone into the plans for the reception of the Sir Knights and the Officers of the Grand Encampment. Elaborate electric displays and street decorations dressed Seattle in holiday attire for the reception and enjoyment of their honored guests.

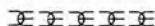
In his address, the Grand Master, M.E. Sir Leonidas P. Newby, stressed the wearing of the Templar uniform, stating:

The Order of the Temple historically and legally is a Uniformed one and no Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, has the right to eliminate the uniform or to create a "Civilian Rank or Order" within the Order of Templar Masonry.

He also decried the attempt of some Commanderies to put on military pageants instead of the usual Knight Templar parade by using "insignia of rank" simulating U.S. Army insignia.

The Grand Master visited France in June 1922 to check on the beneficiaries of the War Emergency Fund. He found that "more than 800 War Orphans had been supported, educated and fitted for the activities of life, and the praise of Templar Masonry of America is being sung all over that unfortunate country." It was his belief that "every American Templar should feel proud of the fact that this beloved Order of ours has a part in this great work and know that the history and purposes of the Order of Templar Knighthood are being vindicated and carried into practical effect."

A Committee previously appointed by the Grand Master to prepare a schedule for the Competitive Drills to be held at this Conclave indicated the importance of this Triennial feature. Beautiful prizes and trophies were arranged for the first five winners. California Commandery No. 1 of San Francisco took first prize.





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.

☐ Mighty Moo Festival Rendezvous for WWII CVL Sister Aircraft Carriers. COWPENS, South Carolina, June 18-22, 1986. Contact *Gerald B. Shaw, P.O. Box 560505, Miami, FL 33156.*

☐ Seeking info on the siblings, parents, grandparents, and descendants of my wife's g. grandmother, Charlotte Frances Jarvis, b. Nov. 3, 1839, in Green Co., Ky.; father, William?; m. Mar. 31, 1858 to William Brown in Green Co., Ky. Also would like to hear from anyone of surname Gair. Please write for more details. *Albert W. Gair, P.O. Box 132, Fraser, MI 48026.*

☐ Seeking info on the Masonic career of my grandfather, John F. Nuner, a Mason raised in a Lodge in or near the South Bend/Mishawaka, Ind., area. May have been a Sir Knight, since my father has childhood memories of seeing his sword and chapeau. He lived all of his adult life in the South Bend, Ind., area, and d. about 1910. Any info would be greatly appreciated. *John F. Nuner III, 719 New England Rd., Cape May, NJ 08204.*

☐ I am developing charts on the "Retherfords" in America. I have over 200 charts encompassing 2,700 Retherford names. When any Retherford sends me their history as far back as they can go (first, middle, and last name, date of birth, marriage, and children), I will compare with charts that I have and send a set of charts, if connected, free of charge. *Norman Wesley Retherford, 6402 Alton St., Riverside, CA 92509.*

☐ Wanted: Dudley Masonic watch. Please state condition and price expected. *Fred C. Iliff, Jr., 156 Main St., Newton, NJ 07860.*

☐ For sale: 175th anniversary medallion (1 1/4"). Write for more details. Send \$6.00 and SASE to *Vincennes Lodge No. 1, F. & A.M., P.O. Box 1, Vincennes, IN 47591.*

☐ I would like to purchase a Newcomb genealogy book (1874 or 1923 edition) for my

family. *Donald C. Newcomb, Box 84A, Eagle Grove, IA 50533.*

☐ Seeking any info on the Gillaspie family. John R. Gillaspie, b. in N.C. and his sons Elijah and Silvanus were b. in Surry Co., N.C. in 1830. This family moved to Mo. in 1836 and to Neb. in 1855. Some members moved into Ia. and Kan. about 1870. I would like to hear from anyone who carries the Gillaspie surname. *Robert Gillaspie Brown, R.R. 3, Box 278, Perham, MN 56573.*

☐ The many Sir Knights who are coin collectors might be interested in the centennial coin minted for Doric Chapter No. 66, R.A.M., San Leandro, Calif., and should know that this attractive antique bronze medal is still available for only \$5.00 each from *Ed Courtwright, 1445 Trojan Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579.*

☐ A small group of Companions are starting a new Royal Arch Chapter of Masons in New Port Richey, Fla., and would appreciate any usable equipment that might be available. If you know of any source of supplies, please write with description and prices to *Seth K. Walworth, 2802 Raintree Dr., New Port Richey, FL 33552.*

☐ Researching the families of Arron Bentzel and his wife, Sarah Yeatts Bentzel. Arron d. 9-13-1893; Sarah, 8-25-1930, both in Springfield, Oh. Arron belonged to Clark Lodge No. 101, Chapter No. 48, Council No. 17, and Commandery No. 33. Write for more details. *Verna M. Lehde, 10008 E. Canyon Rd., Puyallup, WA 98373.*

☐ For sale: I have four burial plots in the Garden of the Blessed area of Jefferson Memorial Park, Pittsburgh, Pa., which I will sell very reasonably. They are Lot No. 115-B, Block 11, and I am sure the cemetery management will show the lots. Please write or call *W. E. Wotring, 101 Seville Court S., Plant City, FL 33566; phone (813) 752-4132.*

I am looking for info on the whereabouts of my uncle, Billy Underwood (possibly Billy Bass). Born around November 1932. Lived in Plant City, Fla., with his mother's brother, Frank Bass. Please write S. L. Underwood Wade, Rt. 1, Box 698-D, Morganton, GA 30560.

Have for sale over 5,000 First Day Covers. Lot in sets—buy what you like, or all of them. All like new. D. L. Williams, 3140 N. Drake, Chicago, IL 60618; (312) 267-0085.

Wanted: Past Commander's coat with shoulder lapels and/or jewel, size 48, or just the shoulder lapels or jewel by themselves. Please send prices. Also I have just started a new hobby of sea shells collecting; if anyone, anywhere, has sea shells they would be willing to sell me, or knows of someone who might, I would be most thankful. George Crippen, 50 Runsey St., Bath, NY 14810.

I am looking for the relatives of E. M. Bishop, b. early 1800s in Ga.; moved to Mo., and settled in the town of Billings, Mo. Was sheriff of Christian Co. in 1921. Write R. L. Bishop, 6741 E. 10th, Tulsa, OK 64112, or Jim Bishop, 9408 Stark, Kansas City, MO 64138.

For sale: chapeau in box with gloves, the and drill regulation book. Mfg. Co. Pettibone Brothers. All in excellent condition. Size 6 3/4; price \$80.00. Write to Mrs. Anna Meyers, 719 S. Carpenter Ave., Orange City, FL 32763.

Wanted: twenty-five year Masonic lapel pins from all grand jurisdictions for display in a Masonic Temple museum. Will gladly pay any cost involved—cost of pin, mailing, etc. Contact F. Earle Taylor, P. O. Box 274, Greenville, SC 29602; phone (803) 288-6745.

Seeking info on Elias Rudd, b. Charleston District of S.C. His will dated May 13, 1847 listed his wife as Elizabeth, son as George W. Rudd, and daughters as Amelia Ann, Mary C., Margaret, Talitha Bradwell, and Catherine Long. Any info will be appreciated. Write for more details. H. L. Rudd, Sr., 112 Live Oak Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628.

If there is anyone who has a pipe, or pipes, I would like very much to have them for my collection. They would not be sold. I will pay postal charges. If they have a history, I would like that, too. Charles F. Patterson, 1326 N. Plum St., Springfield, OH 45504.

For sale: many pieces of Masonic glassware and other Masonic items from my extensive personal collection that I have obtained over the

last thirty years. Please send a SASE for a complete list. George B. Spielman, Rt. 2, Box 86C, Knoxville, MD 21758.

I am interested in obtaining counted cross-stitch patterns for Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Order of Eastern Star, Rainbow, and Shrine emblems suitable for framing. Any info, please mail to J. Lavin, 218 Pinewood Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27530.

For sale: Morgan Dollars, consisting of ninety-eight coins: all of the Carson City and New Orleans, all of the Philadelphia except 1895, and all of the San Francisco except 1893. Coins are extra-fine to unc. Also includes 1882 O/S, 1878 flat and round breast, and 1878 with seven and eight tail feathers. All of the above are Morgan Dollars, and the price is \$7,500.00 for the lot. Kenneth A. Van Vorst, 5017 Royal Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89103.

Are there any Masonic family members interested in stamp club by mail? No money to join; just postage. Details with photo of dues cards. Raymond S. Walli, 1418 N. French St., Apt. No. 2, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

For sale: size 7 1/2 chapeau with long bill, excellent condition. Complete with carrying case, \$100.00. Size 7 1/2 Shriner's fez (Medina Temple), beautiful condition, \$50.00. Also, Illinois Knight Templar Commandery uniform bag—name your price. Ms. R. Horne, 22600 Middlebelt Rd., Trailer F-13, Farmington Hills, MI 48024; phone (313) 477-7319 weekends and evenings.

Leslie V. Burris would like info on Stephen Burris, b. Jan. 7, 1832 in Oh.; m. Nancy Jane Langford on Feb. 5, 1857. Stephen left Oh. and lived in Ill., then homesteaded in Kan.; d. there Feb. 16, 1911. Need names of Stephen and Nancy's parents. Leslie Burris, P.O. Box 328, Rolla, MO 65401.

For sale: two burial plots in Masonic area of Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Columbus, Oh. Spaces 5 and 6 of Lot 132, \$450.00. Call or write Thomas B. Gaskins, 5806 Cardinal Way, Greensboro, NC 27410; phone (919) 668-7163.

Am looking for any info on John Sparks McDonald. Was a Mason in Miss. Olive Branch Lodge No. 43 in 1843 in Covington Co., Miss. Was m. in Williamburg, Covington Co., Miss. in 1843 to Sarah Matilda Gere. John was in the Confederate Army. Write for more details. Glen R. McDonald, 4834 24th, Lubbock, TX 79407.



The brisk winds of March signal the approach of Easter with the promise of spring. Our annual Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria, Virginia, embodies Templary's highest meaning: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. See the Grand Master's message on page two.