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Langford's Gift

Bright With Freedom

It is hard to believe that we will celebrate our country's 210th birthday on this Fourth of July. Ten whole years have passed since we drew together in the great bicentennial celebration in 1976, when the bands played and the tall ships sailed into New York harbor; when there was a new pride in our citizenship that some of our people had misplaced in the preceding decade. There are few countries on earth that have maintained the same form of government for so many years. There are few countries that have done it with such a diversified group of immigrants. Except for our native Americans, we are all descended from immigrants. That in itself should give us all a sense of accomplishment. A feeling of patriotism, of belonging to something great, something productive, and something to be grateful for.



In all of our national celebrations, we, as Freemasons, should never forget for one minute the part that our Fraternity has played in the establishment of this great nation. Freemasonry traveled westward to these shores with the immigrants from the old countries, and it traveled in our westward movement on horseback and in the wagons of the pioneers. It established schools and taught government. It gave a sense of brotherhood in places where men arrived alone. Freemasonry still does these things after 210 years, but we need to let others know it by showing them our past and present gifts to our fellow citizens along with our hope for their future well-being.

The holiday air will be full of the music of patriots—"The Star-Spangled Banner," "God Bless America," "America the Beautiful," "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," and so many more will be heard. Everyone who knows the lyrics will sing out at picnics and parties, in parks and backyards. Fireworks will brighten the sky and Old Glory will fly from ten thousand poles that usually are empty. What a holiday—what a country! The heart sings!

Samuel F. Smith said it this way in the fourth verse of "America":

Our father's God, to Thee, author of liberty,
to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God our king.

With that song and that prayer, I wish everyone a very enjoyable Independence Day with family and friends.

Ronald Smith

Knight Templar

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

JULY: Our cover this month is a scenic vista of Lower Yellowstone Falls from Yellowstone National Park, which is the subject of the article this month printed on page five regarding Brother Nathaniel P. Langford's involvement with the park. In these summer months in which Commandery asylums are dark, communications between Commandery members can often fall off. The state supplements printed on pages twenty-eight and twenty-nine can serve as a vital link between members. Read and use these pages—they are printed for your own state's benefit!

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• **Eye Foundation Campaign:** The Knights Templar Eye Foundation's 18th Annual Voluntary Campaign came to a close as of April 30, 1986. All campaign tallies are now in and printed beginning on page nine. Georgia has finished the campaign in first place, with Texas taking second place; this is the first time in ten years that Texas has not held the number one spot at the finish of this campaign. Included in the report are listings of constituent Commanderies which have achieved \$5.00 per capita.

The Eye Foundation celebrates its thirtieth year in 1986. For thirty years the Eye Foundation has been helping the blind to see through its philanthropic endeavors. The following grants for this year have been announced by Executive Director Bell: from Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Richard Lewis, \$19,517.00; Dr. John S. Penn, \$19,920.00; and Dr. Shao-Ling Fong, \$20,000.00. Also receiving grants were Dr. Jay S. Pepose, Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute, \$19,987.50; Dr. Wilson G. McWilliams, Johns Hopkins Hospital, \$20,000.00; Dr. Paul Sternberg, Jr., the Emory Eye Center, \$20,000.00

On page fourteen is printed specific news on a Florida grant and a special report on research done by Dr. Shao-Ling Fong into retinoblastoma and its treatment. Appearing on page fifteen is a news item on the first Subordinate Commandery to achieve 100% Life Sponsorship in the Eye Foundation. This special news, added to the final tally of the campaign—\$810,026.90—can serve to inspire us not only to work harder for next year, but to assure us that we are making a difference in this world.

• **New York Templar Parade:** The Grand Commandery of New York is seeking publicity for a Knight Templar parade which they are organizing to help celebrate the city of Albany's tricentennial festivities. Sir Knight George E. Thomas, Chairman for the Committee on Masonic Groups for this celebration and Past Commander of Temple Commandery No. 2, is calling for as many Sir Knights as possible to travel to Albany and help swell the ranks for the parade, which will take place on Saturday, July 19, 1986.

• **Red Cross of Constantine Assembly:** The United Grand Imperial Council held its 114th Annual Assembly in Reno, Nevada, on May 31, 1986. Past South-eastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment J. Willard Register was installed as Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council. The sessions were presided over by Grand Sovereign Clarence Jones. Reelected at the Assembly were Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment G. Wilbur Bell as Grand Recorder, Past Department Commander of the North Central Department Alvin Crump as Grand Treasurer, and Past Department Commander of the Northeastern Department Thurman C. Pace, Jr., as Grand Chancellor. Arthur Vos, Jr., was elected to the bottom of the grand line as Grand Almoner. Our Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Ned E. Dull was elected to the number two office of Grand Viceroy. The 115th Annual Assembly will be held in Columbus, Georgia, at the Columbus Hilton on June 4-6, 1987.

Langford's Gift

by
Daniel M. Morgan, Editor

Brother Nathaniel P. Langford, a bank clerk from St. Paul, Minnesota, became the guiding light in the preservation of one of our nation's most precious natural resources—Yellowstone National Park. By escaping the collapse of his family-run bank in July of 1862 and ending up in the Montana territory in his quest for gold, he became entranced with the awesome discovery and high adventure of this magnificent territory, organizing a small group of explorers, and, later, directing the park in its preservation; along the way he managed to demonstrate the beneficial influence of the Masonic Fraternity.

It was upon his arrival in Montana that Langford met Brother Samuel Thomas Hauser, a gold-hunter who spoke glowingly of a wilderness beyond Yellowstone City through which clear water flowed across sparkling vistas and over precipitous ledges. Langford was so enthralled with the story that he wrote home to Minnesota, telling his relatives about it and making it appear that he had been on the trip himself.

Masonically, Brother Langford was a potent force in the Montana area. At the time of his arrival, the territory was violent and ruled by the law of the gun. Langford is the well known founder of the "Vigilante" movement in this part of the country, as demonstrated by his organization of local men against murderers and robbers who often made victims of the citizens of these isolated towns. In his book he describes how he brought together the Masonic contingent in the frontier town of Bannack, Montana

Territory, to perform a Masonic burial, which took place on November 13, 1862. The discovery of many Masons in the town led to the cohesive bonding of these Freemasons, who, previously unknown to each other, formed a solid base for civilized living in that town. According to Brother Langford, all the men who revealed themselves to be Masons that first day were all the respected men of the town, and with these men he was able to turn the outlaws—the "roughs" as they were then called—away from their prominent place of power in the area. Indeed, says Langford, the enormity of the Masonic Fraternity itself was awesome in the eyes of these outlaws, and its representatives there carried with them a respect garnered from respect for the strong breadth of influence the Fraternity had in America at that time. In this case, Masonry proved to be, in a very demonstrable way, a force of change and stability in an isolated society. Said Langford,

[The roughs] learned from what they saw [witnessing the Masonic burial] that here was an association, bound together by bonds of brotherly love, that would stand by and protect all its members in the hour of danger. . . . It is a remarkable fact that the roughs were restrained by their fear of the Masonic Fraternity from attacking its individual members. Of the one hundred and two persons murdered by Henry → → →

Plummer's gang, not one was known to be a Mason.

By December of 1862, the territorial legislature of Montana Territory gave a charter to Langford to form a company which was to operate a stagecoach between Virginia City and the "head of navigation" on the Yellowstone River. Langford's company was incorporated in 1865. The company, however, failed when Indian trouble from the Sioux Nation became too hostile for the stagecoach road to be built, let alone be used. The plan was ambitious, having been planned to extend some 1,500 miles through Montana and Wyoming.

This failure drew Langford into an association with Jay Cooke in Philadelphia in June of 1870, and Cooke involved Langford with his financial company, which was then involved in financial negotiations with the Northern Pacific Railroad. Langford's motivations in the undertaking of the promotion of Yellowstone are traced by some authors to Cooke's financing the National Pacific Railroad, which was looking for publicity for the region in order to build a rail line through this largely uninhabited territory. This, say some, was an initial impetus and the one which led Langford to realize this incredible region of North America needed to be protected.

Representing Jay Cooke & Co., Brother Langford traveled back to Helena, Montana, stopping in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he interviewed General Winfield S. Hancock for the purpose of obtaining the help of a military escort for protection from Sioux and Crow Indians in an exploration of the Yellowstone region. General Hancock commanded the military department of Dakota, of which Montana was then a part. Favorable in his response, the general promised an escort, and Langford traveled on to Helena, arriving on July 27.

The burgeoning exploration party, which now included the earlier explorer of Yellowstone, Langford's old friend Brother Samuel Hauser, enrolled twenty men around the first of August, with Langford being the spark that ignited the men's interest. However, word that Crow Indians were restless on the Upper Yellowstone River led to most of the men dropping out except for eight "stalwarts." Langford and Hauser then wrote to frontiersmen in the area enlisting their support, admitting that some of them were "likely to lose their hair."

Meanwhile, General H. D. Washburn, a resident of Montana Territory, managed to enlist Gustavus Doane, second lieutenant U.S. Cavalry, to lead the military escort. General Hancock authorized this escort, and the expedition was "on," set to leave on August 13 at 8 a.m. The team did not actually converge completely until August 22, due to overlong parting celebrations in Bozeman and miscellaneous problems with pack horses and supplies. The party gathered at Fort Ellis, at the edge of the Yellowstone wilderness, numbering nineteen: the leader, Brother Henry D. Washburn, a former major general in the Union Army, now surveyor general for the Montana Territory; Brother Nathaniel P. Langford, ersatz "governor" of the Montana Territory (a title never made official); Brother Samuel T. Hauser, Langford's old acquaintance, now president of the First National Bank of Helena, a civil engineer by training; Warren C. Gillette, merchant; Benjamin F. Stickney, mining and freighting businessman; Truman C. Everts, former assessor of internal revenue for the Montana Territory; and Walter Trumbull, his assistant (both recently ousted from their positions by the patronage shuffle after Grant's ascendance to the presidency); Brother Cornelius Hedges, young lawyer and correspondent for the *Helena Herald*; and Jacob W. Smith of the Montana Hide and Fur Co. In the military

escort were Second Lieutenant Gustavus C. Doane, Sergeant William Baker, Privates John Williamson, George W. McConnell, William Leipler, and Charles Moore. Following up the lead were forty horses and mules, a dog named Booby, rations for thirty days, a tent, arms and ammunition, and cigars.

Here the expedition members began their trek which was to take them three hundred miles across some of the most inaccessible territory on the continent, at a time when this region was unmapped and unknown (seemingly unimaginable to us now in this age of satellite mapping). The men were in high spirits.

Camping along the way every night they journeyed along through the wilderness, making slow progress with all of their gear. They did sight Indians the second or third day, but no confrontation occurred. The explorers named peaks and formations as they encountered them; they came to a waterfall which they named "Tower Falls" for the sharp peaks surrounding it. Said Doane of Tower Falls: "Nothing can be more chastely beautiful than this lovely cascade, hidden away in the dim light of overshadowing rocks and woods, its very voice hushed to a low murmur." Hauser's engineering skill enabled them to measure the falls at 115 feet.

At this point, members of the expedition were beginning to feel the effects of exertion from climbing peaks and clambering through ravines and the underbrush; Doane developed an inflammation in his thumb which eventually required "on-the-spot" surgery by Langford, and Booby became so sore-footed that he had to be fitted with moccasins.

Due to the difficulty of the terrain, the team split up, with General Washburn leading the advance team and Lieutenant Doane heading the pack team. For the remainder of the trip the men were trying to keep in contact with each other's

group, because the layout of the land made becoming lost a constant danger.

Reaching Yellowstone Falls, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, and climbing what is now "Washburn's Peak" left the men groping for words to describe the panoramic beauty of their surroundings.

The next several days led to finding a mud geyser, in which Langford nearly was boiled alive: "As I was unconcernedly passing by the spring, my weight made the border suddenly slough off beneath my feet. General Washburn noticed the sudden cracking before I did. . . . and by his shout of alarm . . . [I] had sufficient presence of mind to fall suddenly backwards at full length upon the sound crust, where I rolled to a place of safety."

Everts became lost on September 8, and though search parties were sent out, he was not found until October 6, long after the team had completed their expedition and sent help from Helena—he was nearly dead from exhaustion and exposure when found in the snow.

The team progressed around Yellowstone Lake and came upon the area of the great geysers. They were riding by the Upper Geyser Basin when they saw Old Faithful's steam plume rise above the trees; they rushed over just in time to see the water sink back into the ground. They were not disappointed for long, however, since Old Faithful erupts approximately every sixty-five minutes. General Washburn is credited with naming the famous geyser.

The group explored the numerous large geysers in that area, and though not all spouted at that time, they did see a number of geysers which are no longer active today. They also found Grand Prismatic Spring and the pool which was Excelsior Geyser (now inactive), which they did not see erupt.

Heading downriver, the two groups ended up at Fort Ellis and → → →

Helena by September 26, hungry and short of supplies; Langford, down thirty-five pounds from his trip, organized a search party then for Everts from Helena, and things were not settled until Everts was found on October 6.

Here began an ambitious program by Langford and Ferdinand V. Hayden, head of the U.S. Geological Survey of the Territories, of vigorous lobbying of Congress to turn the area into a national park, including lecture tours by Langford, as well as articles by him published in eastern publications such as the *New York Times* and *Scribner's*; General Washburn was also widely quoted from the *Helena Herald* in the *New York Times*. Through their active lobbying, which included talking personally to every member of Congress, the designation of national park status came in early 1872, and on May 10, 1872, Brother Nathaniel P. Langford was notified of his appointment as superintendent without salary of Yellowstone National Park, a post he held until 1877. He steadfastly kept out private leases (provision for which existed in the congressional bill), and major roads.

He did enter the park with a major survey led by Hayden, funded with \$75,000 given by Congress. In this survey, peaks and formations were officially named. The Hayden Survey successfully reconnaissance-mapped 9,000 square miles of previously unknown territory.

Various arguments have sprung up as to who actually was the originator of the idea of national parks in general, and for Yellowstone in particular. One fact is, however, documented fully: the park was indeed set up and remains today a tribute to the Mason who was in large part responsible for its national park designation and the supervision of its earliest years as a national park.

Said Brother Langford in his book *Vigilante Days and Ways*:

The upper portions, both of the Missouri and Yellowstone, pass through a country abounding in some of the grandest, most unique, and most richly diversified scenery on the continent. Of themselves the rivers are very beautiful—their waters pure, cold, broken into frequent rapids; at one moment passing through tremendous canyons and gorges; at the next, babbling along widespread meads; and anon, as if by a transformation of enchantment, dashing into the midst of a desolation which realizes all the descriptive horrors of Dante's *Inferno*—affording to the eye a greater variety of picturesque beauty than any of the other great rivers of the continent.

Brother Nathaniel Langford was a member of Pacific Lodge No. 10, St. Paul, Minnesota, and later affiliated with Helena Lodge No. 3, Helena, Montana, serving as its second Master in 1867. He participated in forming the Grand Lodge of Montana in January 1866 and was its first Grand Historian. He served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana in 1869. Brother Langford died in 1911.

It was a peculiarity of the Wild West that small, evil men became widely and notoriously infamous, while good men such as Brother Langford rested in obscurity. While he was a strong force in the preservation of one of our nation's greatest wonders, he was also a force of good in the raucous towns in which he lived. If Langford had not been involved in the creation of Yellowstone, perhaps his story of Freemasonry's influence over the Wild West would never have been told, as perhaps many such stories have never been told. Mount Langford, overlooking Yellowstone Lake in the oldest of our national parks, is a worthy monument to a timely explorer and Freemason.

Eye Foundation Campaign Closes

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is reporting a contribution total for the 18th Annual Voluntary Campaign: \$810,026.90. In addition, 20 more constituent and Subordinate Commanderies than ever before relayed contributions in excess of \$5.00 per member. Number of Commanderies participating rose this year: 1148, up 41 from last year's total of 1107.

Texas has been dethroned as the reigning No. 1 contributor by the state of Georgia, though Texas has achieved the second place position. Pennsylvania holds the number three spot this year. Top Grand Commanderies listed on a per capita basis retain two from last year: District of Columbia and Colorado in spots one and two, respectively, followed by Utah; Louisiana does not appear in the top three compared to last year's finish as number one in this category.

Plaques are being prepared for the 241 constituent and Subordinate Commanderies that reported contributions of \$5.00 or more per member; these Commanderies are listed on the following pages.

TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS

No. 1	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA John C. Werner II, Chairman	\$15.06 per member	Total—\$9,292.00
No. 2	COLORADO Howard R. Caldwell, Chairman	\$9.67 per member	Total—\$26,758.06
No. 3	UTAH H. Scott Hamill, Chairman	\$7.54 per member	Total—\$7,063.78

TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY ON A PER CAPITA BASIS

Bavaria Commandery No. 3, Munich, Germany	
\$21.17 per member	Total—\$2,180.00

TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS

No. 1	GEORGIA Joseph P. Suttles, Chairman	Total—\$73,459.72
No. 2	TEXAS William D. Snipes, Sr., and Edward T. Bloomquist, Co-Chairmen	Total—\$66,294.32
No. 3	PENNSYLVANIA John L. Winkelman, Chairman	Total—\$61,467.64

TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY IN DOLLAR TOTALS

Anchorage Commandery No. 2, Anchorage, Alaska
Total—\$5,770.50

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES REPORTING \$5.00 OR MORE PER MEMBER

ALABAMA: DeMolay No. 14, Decatur; Lee No. 45, Phenix City.

ARIZONA: Phoenix No. 3, Phoenix; Yuma No. 10, Yuma; Crusade No. 11, Chandler; Scottsdale No. 12, Scottsdale; Montezuma No. 14, Cottonwood; Burning Taper No. 15, Sierra Vista.

ARKANSAS: Chandos No. 14, Helena; Osceola No. 32, Osceola.

CALIFORNIA: Visalia No. 26, Visalia; Ukiah No. 33, Ukiah; Vacaville No. 38, Vacaville; Merced No. 69, Merced.

COLORADO: Denver-Colorado No. 1, Denver; Central City No. 2, Central City; Pueblo No. 3, Pueblo; Georgetown No. 4, Georgetown; Pikes Peak No. 6, Colorado Springs; Gunnison No. 8, Gunnison; Ivanhoe No. 11, Durango; DeMolay No. 13, Fort Collins; Salida No. 17, Salida; Glenwood Springs No. 20, Glenwood Springs; Palestine No. 22, La Junta; Temple No. 23, Grand Junction; Highlands No. 30, Denver; Coronal-Ascalon No. 31, Denver; Delta No. 34, Delta; Jefferson No. 39, Golden; St. Bernard No. 41, Denver.

CONNECTICUT: New Haven No. 2, New Haven; Clinton No. 3, Norwalk; Columbian No. 4, Norwich; Cyrene No. 8, Middletown; St. Elmo No. 9, Meriden; Crusader No. 10, Danbury.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Washington No. 1, Washington; Columbia No. 2, Washington; Potomac No. 3, Washington.

FLORIDA: Oriental No. 9, Daytona Beach; Sunshine No. 20, St. Petersburg; Emmanuel No. 36, Deland; Winter Haven No. 37, Winter Haven; Triangle No. 38, Eustis.

GEORGIA: Georgia No. 1, Augusta; St. Omer No. 2, Macon; St. Aldemar No. 3, Columbus; Coeur de Lion No. 4, College Park; DeMolay No. 5, Americus; Rome No. 8, Rome; Atlanta No. 9, Atlanta; Ivanhoe No. 10, Fort Valley; Tancred No. 11, Newnan; Plantagenet No. 12, Milledgeville; Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14, Athens; Pilgrim No. 15, Gainesville; St. John's No. 19, Dalton; St. Elmo No. 21, Brunswick; St. Bernard No. 25, Covington; Olivet No. 27, Dublin; Arnold de Troye No. 31, Buford; Griffin No. 35, Griffin; Blue Ridge Mountain No. 37, McCaysville; DeKalb No. 38, Decatur; Trinity No. 39, Blakley; Douglasville No. 40, Douglasville; Amicalola No. 41, Jasper.

ILLINOIS: Sycamore No. 15, DeKalb; Dixon No. 21, Dixon; St. Bernard No. 35, Chicago; Mt. Olivet No. 38, Paxton; Damascus No. 42, Havana; Coeur de Lion No. 43, El Paso; Chicago Heights No. 78, Chicago Heights; Austin No. 84, Glenview.

IOWA: Ascension No. 69, Ames.

KENTUCKY: Moore No. 6, Hopkinsville; Paducah No. 11, Paducah; Ryan No. 17,

Danville; Shelby No. 32, Shelbyville; Elizabethtown No. 37, Elizabethtown; Williamsburg No. 50, Williamsburg.

LOUISIANA: Indivisible Friends No. 1, New Orleans; Jacques de Molay No. 2, New Orleans; Ivanhoe No. 19, New Orleans; C. A. Everitt No. 29, Slidell.

MAINE: St. Amand No. 20, West Kennebunk.

MARYLAND: Jacques de Molay No. 4, Frederick; St. Elmo No. 12, Hyattsville; Carroll No. 17, Westminster.

MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND: St. John's No. 1, Cranston, Rhode Island; Boston No. 2, Boston; Newburyport No. 3, Newburyport; St. Bernard No. 12, Boston; Calvary No. 13, East Providence, Rhode Island; Haverhill No. 14, Haverhill; South Shore No. 31, East Weymouth; Trinity No. 32, Marlboro; Coeur de Lion No. 34, Medford; Athol No. 37, Athol; Cambridge No. 42, Cambridge.

MICHIGAN: Detroit No. 1, Detroit; Pontiac No. 2, Pontiac; Peninsular No. 8, Kalamazoo; St. Johns No. 24, St. John; Howell No. 28, Howell; Ithaca No. 40, Alma; Damascus No. 42, Detroit; Highland Park No. 53, Madison Heights; Redford No. 55, Dearborn.

MINNESOTA: Bayard No. 11, Stillwater; Luverne No. 22, Luverne; Fairmont No. 27, Fairmont.

MISSOURI: Fountain City No. 74, DeSoto.

MONTANA: Helena No. 2, Helena; Calvary No. 14, Lewistown.

NEBRASKA: St. John No. 16, McCook.

NEVADA: DeWitt Clinton No. 1, Reno; Edward C. Peterson No. 8, Carson City.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Trinity No. 1, Manchester.

NEW JERSEY: Delta Damascus No. 5, Union; Cyrene No. 7, Cherry Hill; Olivet No. 10, Millville.

NEW MEXICO: Santa Fe No. 1, Santa Fe; Shiprock No. 15, Farmington.

NEW YORK: New York No. 1, New York City; Monroe No. 12, Rochester; Malta No. 21, Binghamton; Hugh de Payens No. 30, Hamburg; Washington No. 33, Saratoga Springs; Batavia No. 34, Batavia; St. Augustine No. 38, Ithaca; Poughkeepsie No. 43, Poughkeepsie; Rome No. 45, Rome; Norwich No. 46, Norwich; Bethlehem-Crusader No. 53, White Plains; Cyprus No. 67, Middletown; Trinity No. 68, Flushing; Huntington No. 70, Huntington; Nassau No. 73, Hicksville; Otsego No. 76, Cooperstown.

OHIO: Toledo No. 7, Toledo; Shawnee No. 14, Lima; Athens No. 15, Athens;

Highland No. 31, Hillsboro; St. Luke's No. 34, Newark; Fremont No. 56, Fremont; Elyria No. 60, Elyria; Cuyahoga Falls No. 83, Cuyahoga Falls; Medina No. 84, Medina.

OKLAHOMA: Guthrie No. 1, Guthrie; DeMolay No. 7, Chickasha.

OREGON: Ivanhoe No. 2, Eugene; Malta No. 4, Ashland; DeMolay No. 5, Salem; Eastern Oregon No. 6, La Grande; Pendleton No. 7, Pendleton; Melita No. 8, Grants Pass; Pacific No. 10, Coos Bay; Bruce No. 17, Corvallis; Delta No. 19, Tigard; St. Elmo No. 20, Woodburn; Lincoln No. 25, Newport.

PENNSYLVANIA: St. John's No. 4, Philadelphia; St. Johns No. 8, Carlisle; DeMolay No. 9, West Reading; Jerusalem No. 15, Phoenixville; Hugh de Payens No. 19, Easton; Allen No. 20, Allentown; Baldwin II No. 22, Williamsport; Mt. Olivet No. 30, Erie; Mary No. 36, Philadelphia; Calvary No. 37, Danville; Knapp No. 40, Ridgway; Reading No. 42, Reading; St. Alban No. 47, Springfield; Tancred No. 48, Pittsburgh; Clarence No. 51, Corry; Kensington-Kadosh No. 54, Jenkintown; Trinity No. 58, Bradford; Huntingdon No. 65, Huntingdon; Potter No. 69, Coudersport; Nativity No. 71, Pottstown; Duquesne No. 72, Pittsburgh; Mt. Vernon No. 73, Hazleton; Gethsemane No. 75, York; Shamokin No. 77, Shamokin; Samuel S. Yohe No. 81, Stroudsburg; Germantown No. 82, Philadelphia; Bethany No. 83, DuBois; Mt. Hermon No. 85, Sunbury; Bethlehem No. 90, Bethlehem; Lincoln No. 91, Wilkesburg; Beauceant No. 94, Allentown; Damascus No. 95, Lansdale; Mizpah No. 96, Doylestown; Bethel No. 98, Hanover; Nazarene No. 99, Montrose.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Orangeburg No. 9, Orangeburg.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Capitol City No. 21, Pierre.

TENNESSEE: Coeur de Lion No. 9, Knoxville; Lookout No. 14, Chattanooga; St. Omer No. 19, Bristol; Chevalier No. 21, Oak Ridge; Morristown No. 22, Morristown; Kingsport No. 33, Kingsport; Millington No. 39, Millington.

TEXAS: Nacogdoches No. 55, Nacogdoches; Kingsville No. 70, Kingsville; Lufkin No. 88, Lufkin; Kilgore No. 104, Kilgore.

UTAH: Utah No. 1, Salt Lake City; El Monte No. 2, Ogden; Malta No. 3, Midvale; Ivanhoe No. 5, Provo; Charles Fred Jennings No. 6, Price.

VERMONT: Beauceant No. 7, Brattleboro; Taft No. 8, Bennington.

VIRGINIA: Charlottesville No. 3, Charlottesville; DeMolay No. 4, Lynchburg; Portsmouth No. 5, Portsmouth; Appomattox No. 6, Petersburg; Dove No. 7, Danville; Lynn No. 9, Marion; Harrisonburg No. 10, Harrisonburg; Scott No. 13, Gate City; Arlington No. 29, Arlington; Thomas S. Ely No. 30, Jonesville; George

W. Wright No. 31, Martinsville.

WASHINGTON: Vancouver No. 10, Ridgefield.

WEST VIRGINIA: Kanawha No. 4, Charleston.

WISCONSIN: Wisconsin No. 1, Milwaukee; Ivanhoe No. 24, Milwaukee; Marinette No. 26, Marinette; Burlington No. 50, Burlington.

WYOMING: Constantine No. 9, Cody.

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES REPORTING \$5.00 OR MORE PER MEMBER

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA: Panama Canal No. 1, Balboa.

PUERTO RICO: Porto Rico No. 1, San Juan.

ALASKA: Anchorage No. 2, Anchorage.

GERMANY: Bavaria No. 3, Munich.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Eighteenth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the last week of the campaign, ending May 16, 1986. The final cumulative tally of this 18th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is \$810,026.90. Complete tally information for this campaign can be found in this month's magazine on page 9.

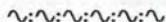
Alabama	\$13,447.41
Arizona	11,449.90
Arkansas	6,313.12
California	19,212.49
Colorado	26,758.06
Connecticut	10,392.95
District of Columbia	9,292.00
Florida	20,900.50
Georgia	73,459.72
Idaho	3,241.01
Illinois	17,568.20
Indiana	4,294.15
Iowa	4,251.03
Kansas	3,391.61
Kentucky	16,387.97
Louisiana	9,203.80
Maine	8,521.84
Maryland	11,761.65
Mass./R.I.	37,913.15
Michigan	23,797.17
Minnesota	18,585.40
Mississippi	5,422.87
Missouri	4,665.55
Montana	8,317.96

Nebraska	3,711.52
Nevada	4,198.93
New Hampshire	4,754.50
New Jersey	5,272.40
New Mexico	4,264.84
New York	19,966.42
North Carolina	7,362.50
North Dakota	951.50
Ohio	49,063.11
Oklahoma	4,106.76
Oregon	12,180.31
Pennsylvania	61,467.64
South Carolina	17,462.00
South Dakota	2,327.00
Tennessee	46,014.54
Texas	66,294.32
Utah	7,063.78
Vermont	4,113.49
Virginia	26,027.11
Washington	3,757.96
West Virginia	2,959.00
Wisconsin	8,822.53
Wyoming	4,070.72
St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware	371.35
Panama Canal No. 1, Balboa, Panama	2,090.00
Porto Rico No. 1, Puerto Rico	1,334.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska	5,770.50
Tokyo No. 1, Tokyo, Japan	222.00
Bavaria No. 3, Germany	2,180.00
Hermann Von Salza No. 1, Germany	100.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	2,060.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, Delaware	163.00
Harry J. Miller No. 5, Germany	60.00
Kalakaua No. 2, Kailua, Hawaii	79.00
Miscellaneous	60,834.66

Most Eminent Grand Master Donald H. Smith presented a check for \$20,000 to Dr. Avery H. Weiss of the University of South Florida on May 20, 1986, as a grant from the Knights Templar Eye



Foundation. Dr. Weiss is involved in eye disease research. This presentation was made at the York Rite grand sessions which were held in Winter Haven, Florida. This grant is the second which has been issued to Dr. Weiss. In the photograph above are Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Florida, Ralph T. Miller; in the back row at left is Dr. Avery H. Weiss, and at right, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Donald H. Smith.



Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club:

Colorado No. 9 – Robert L. Bartholic
Iowa No. 8 – Albert R. Masters
Iowa No. 9 – Ted Molgaard
Iowa No. 10 – James W. Gould
Iowa No. 11 – Max McDowell
New York No. 21 – Howard A. Kaiser
Michigan No. 22 – Melvin J. Reinhard

Grand Master's Club:

No. 675 – Thomas C. Martin, Jr. (TX)
No. 676 – Mrs. J. D. Brance (TX)
No. 677 – Robert W. Stevens (NH)
No. 678 – William G. Peacher (CA)
No. 679 – Robert D. Holleman (NC)

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, IL 62705.

Report on Dr. Fong's KTEF-Supported Research

Retinoblastoma is one of the two most frequent intraocular tumors, the other being choroidal melanoma. The tumor occurs unilaterally in about 65% of cases and bilaterally in about 35%. The majority of cases occur with a negative family history.

Males and females are equally affected. Retinoblastoma can cause blindness and death. Treatment is usually destructive and results in loss of vision. In the bilateral cases, radiotherapy may actually raise the incidence of second tumors, such as osteosarcoma. There is considerable interest in the use of Vitamin A compounds for cancer prevention or treatment.

Vitamin A compounds are water-insoluble molecules. The transport of Vitamin A between the cells or inside the cell requires specific carriers which are called retinoid-binding proteins. Through the support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., we demonstrated for the first time the presence of an extracellular retinoid-binding protein in retinoblastoma tumors.

Due to the unavailability of tumor tissue, we have turned our attention to the retinoblastoma cell lines. Seven new established retinoblastoma cell lines were obtained from Dr. Brenda Gallie, University of Toronto, Canada. We found that the new cell lines are very similar to each other in terms of the amounts of retinoid-binding proteins, but the well characterized Y-79 retinoblastoma cell line differs strikingly in this aspect.

The findings of retinoid-binding proteins in retinoblastoma and the established efficacy of retinoids in treatment of certain types of malignant neoplasms suggest that this area needs to be explored more systematically. The present cell lines clearly require further characterization with respect to differentiation and possible subpopulations for the production of retinoid-binding proteins.

by Shao-Ling Fong, Ph.D.

Anchorage Commandery Reaches 100%

Anchorage Commandery No. 2, Anchorage, Alaska, is a Subordinate Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. It has reached a significant milestone in its support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by having 100% of the 375 Commandery members become Life Sponsors of the Eye Foundation. Eminent Commander Sir Knight Richard Morrison expressed his personal thanks and appreciation, as well as that of the Commandery, for the dedication of the Eye Foundation Chairman, Sir Knight James W. Morton, in his noble efforts to bring great distinction to his Commandery in the philanthropic endeavors of Templary. While there are a number of constituent Commanderies under the jurisdiction of Grand Commanderies which have 100% Life Sponsorships, Anchorage Commandery is the only Subordinate Commandery to attain this distinction. Sir Knight Morton is also the Chairman of his Chapter and Council philanthropies, the Royal Arch Research Program and the Arteriosclerosis Research Program, and is obtaining a significant number of Life Sponsors for these programs also. Pictured in the photograph above are Sir Knights Sir Knights James W. Morton at left, and Sir Knight Richard Morrison on the right.



DeMolay Grand Master Installed

At the meeting of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay which was held in Jackson, Mississippi, on April 17-23, 1986, Henry



E. Stickney was installed as the new Grand Master of the International Supreme Council. Shown in the photograph above are Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, at left; Sir Knight Henry E. Stickney, Grand Master, International Supreme Council; and Sir Knight Clarence K. Jones, Past Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Sir Knight Stickney is a member of Redlands Commandery No. 45, Redlands, California, and also belongs to Redlands Chapter, R.A.M.; Valley Council, Cryptic Masons; and Al Malaikah Shrine Temple. Sir Knight Stickney is president and chief executive officer of Western Medical Specialties Corporation in San Bernardino, California.

Washington Drill Team

The Washington drill team performed at the York Rite grand sessions held at the Executive Inn at Fife, Washington, on May 18-22, 1986. The photograph below shows the group as they paraded the

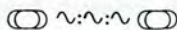


colors prior to the York Rite Easter Observance which was held under the direction of the Everett York Rite Bodies. Sir Knight Marc W. Pratt, Publicity Chairman for the Grand Commandery of Washington, reports that Reverend Ernest Hastings, Pastor, delivered an "inspiring Easter message." The Everett Bodies hosted a complimentary breakfast for all Sir Knights in the Seattle area after this Easter Observance.

This drill unit is under the direction of Sir Knight Al Ausman, Drill Master, who belongs to Rainier Commandery No. 28, Renton, Washington.

A state which dwarfs its men, in order that they may be more docile instruments in its hands even for beneficial purposes—will find that with small men no great thing can really be accomplished.

John Stuart Mill



from the Masonic Family

West Virginia Conclave Luau

The 112th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia was something special this year—a Hawaiian



Luau in outdoor dress, Hawaiian style. This event was held under a tent at the Holiday Inn in Huntington, West Virginia, on May 16 and 17, 1986. Pictured above from left to right are Brother Golden W. McCallister, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., West Virginia; Mrs. McCallister; Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment; Mrs. DeMent; and Sir Knight David E. DeMent, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia.

All minds that reason and all hearts that beat act in one empire of one king; and of that vast kingdom the law the most sweeping, most eternal, is the law of loving-kindness.

David Swing

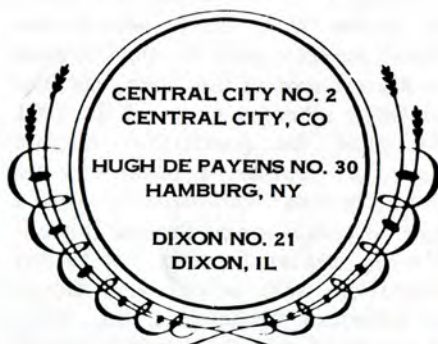
Carpenter Receives KTCH

Concordia Commandery No. 42, Concordia, Kansas, is recognizing one of their members who was presented the Knights Templar Cross of Honor by the Grand Commandery of Kansas. Sir Knight Corvon Carpenter, the Eminent Commander



for Concordia Commandery, was accorded this honor at the 117th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kansas on May 15, 16, and 17. Sir Knight Carpenter has served as Master of St. John's Lodge No. 113, A.F. & A.M., Concordia, and currently serves as an officer in Concordia Chapter No. 45, R.A.M., as well as his office in the Commandery. He is currently District Deputy Grand Master of the 40th District of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, and a Noble in Isis Temple, Salina.

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IN MEMORIAM



John McKeever Sipe
New Mexico
Grand Commander—1976
Born April 28, 1909
Died May 11, 1986

Franklin B. Trusdell
Arkansas
Grand Commander—1968
Born July 19, 1900
Died May 15, 1986

Stephen L. Van Norden
Florida
Grand Commander—1978
Born March 9, 1904
Died May 23, 1986

Brother Doyle Offers Masonic Print

In 1901 the M.G. Lilley Company of Columbus, Ohio, distributed a print entitled "The Light of Masonry." Though the name of the artist who drew the print is unknown, the symbols and history of the Craft are correctly presented in beautifully drawn detail and color, says Brother W. C. Doyle, who is now offering the color print for sale. The print was discontinued in the 1930s, and Brother Doyle inherited a copy of the 1901 print from his grandfather. Because this print provides a place to enter Masonic records, many have expressed a desire to obtain copies; Brother Doyle is offering copies for sale. For further information, write or call W. C. Doyle, c/o Cablesan Publications, Inc., 1512 Crums Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40216; (502) 448-7410.

San Diego Centennial Coin

San Diego Commandery No. 25 is celebrating its centennial on July 26, 1986. In commemoration of the centennial, two medallions have been minted in a proof-like finish. One is of one troy ounce .999 fine silver and the other of copper. The coins, pictured below, are approximately one and one-quarter inches in diameter and are serially num-



bered. They bear the Knight Templar insignia on one side and a mounted knight and dates on the reverse. A certificate of authenticity bearing the serial number and name of the holder will be furnished, according to Sir Knight Roy Asher, Recorder for San Diego Commandery. They may be obtained by a check or money order (for \$20.00 for the silver and \$5.00 for the copper ones) sent to the Recorder, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, California 92108-3683. More information may be obtained by calling (619) 297-1331.

Needlepoint Kits Available

Several years ago the Grand Encampment began offering needlepoint kits for sale. These kits (not pictured) include a printed canvas with the Templar emblem in red, white, yellow and black on a white background. Kits include the 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, 14 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Is Freemasonry Evil?

by

The Reverend and Sir Knight Don R. Long
Colorado Commandery No. 4, Austin, Texas

"Lord, is Freemasonry evil as some have said and is it wrong for me as a Baptist minister to be a part of the Fraternity of Freemasonry?" This was my earnest prayer in October of 1983. The Honorable R. H. "Bob" Waters had called me and asked if I would serve as Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1984. I also had just received some anti-Masonic letters and materials as a result of an article published in the October 1983 *Knight Templar Magazine* entitled, "Masonry and My Ministry As a Baptist Preacher." I first thought that I would just throw all of the letters and material away without really studying them, but that would be violating what Freemasonry had taught me. Therefore, I read the letters again and studied the booklets and pamphlets which sought to "expose" Masonry.

Needless to say, I was very disturbed by what I read. I spent many hours and days with the prayer that introduced this article on my heart. I did not want to do anything which would disgrace God. I read the scriptures, and in the epistle of James it said, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him" (James 1:5, KJV).

I also read in Philippians 4:6-7, "Be careful"—the Greek here literally means, "do not worry"—"for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through

Christ Jesus." I followed these instructions because I needed peace in my own heart about Freemasonry.

I recalled what was quoted from the scriptures in the Entered Apprentice

"I asked for wisdom and understanding. I sought God's answer. I examined His Word and the experiences of life to give me His answer."

Degree: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7, KJV).

I asked for wisdom and understanding. I sought God's answer. I examined His Word and the experiences of life to give me His answer.

Not many days after being installed as Grand Orator, the District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic district where I live called and asked if I would hold the religious services for a Brother Mason. The deceased Brother had been ill for some years and did not have a church home in the area, but was a member of a Baptist church in his former hometown. I readily agreed to help this Brother Mason's family. The District Deputy did the Masonic memorial service after I conducted the religious services. The family was very appreciative.

Later, a friend who was Secretary of one of the Lodges in the city where I now live called and asked if I would conduct the religious services of a member of his Lodge. Again I agreed and → → →

later received one of the sweetest letters of appreciation from the deceased Brother's widow that I had ever received in my thirty years as a pastor.

I was called upon several times during the year to conduct Masonic memorial services. On one occasion I asked to do the service because the deceased Mason was the step-father of a man who had worked for me some twenty years before. This brought us close together again.

I was asked to do the graveside services for a Brother in my Lodge, and a few days later his brother-in-law died. At the family's request, the Lodge graciously permitted me to conduct Masonic services for this worthy Brother, as well.

I was able to minister to these families because I was a Mason. I asked myself, "Is the Lord trying to tell me something?"

I went to a Grand Master's conference and afterwards spent the night in the home of a Brother Mason. Several who were at this conference along with the Grand Master spent the night in this home. As we sat, we began to talk about some personal things. I listened and then shared an experience I had had in 1958 when I had a complete physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual breakdown. At the time, I had to spend several weeks in the hospital and resign from the church where I was pastor. I then shared how God had used the scripture that says, "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Corinthians 12:9, KJV). After some three years I was able to return to pastoring a church. (By the way, the first church I pastored after this breakdown was named "New Hope.")

After the lights had been turned out that night, one of the Brothers said to me that he was very glad that he had been there to hear of my experience because it had opened up the scriptures in a new and practical manner and he now began to see how they could speak to his needs as they had done to mine.

The Lord was answering my prayer!

At the Grand Masters' conferences I attended in 1984, Grand Master Bob Waters asked me to give the invocation and benediction. A Brother who attended several of these conferences came up to me and said, "I sure do like to hear you pray. I feel like you really lead us all to the throne of God and that we have a real worship experience in prayer."

One morning at the breakfast table, I was sharing with my wife a dream that I had had. She has really heard some wild ones over the thirty-four years of our marriage. But this one was a little different. It was about one of our Past Grand Masters. In fact, he had been in two of my dreams that night. I did not think much more of the dreams. However, during that day as I worked in my study, this Past Grand Master kept coming to my mind. I tried to put him aside, but all during the day thoughts of him just kept coming back. That night I dreamed of him again. The next morning I wrote to him, saying that I didn't know if anything was wrong, but that God had been putting him on my heart for two days. I assured him that I was praying for him. A couple days later his wife called to say that she was going into the hospital the next day to have serious surgery. I had special prayers said for her and her family at church, and she came through the surgery and recovered beautifully.

This experience let me know that God was giving me more light as to the answer to my prayer.

Then came the Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas and the time to give the grand oration. After the oration was over, a wife of a Past Grand Master came up to me and said, "Don, when I came into the auditorium this morning I knew that God was going to speak to me today through the grand oration. I know that it was supposed to be for the Grand Lodge, but I knew He

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Involve Your Community!

by

Sir Knight Andres E. Moynelo, P.G.C., Chairman
The Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities

Your Patriotic and Civic Activities Committee's responsibility is to foster and supervise activities of a patriotic and citizenship-enhancing nature. This committee should demonstrate good citizenship and promote patriotic principles. Our general concerns and interests as Knights Templar are in four significant areas: Christianity, country, community, and Commandery. This committee has been charged with providing suggestions for Templar programs and projects in the categories of country and community.

What Can a Grand Commandery Do?

1. Encourage and assist each Commandery to plan and execute at least one appropriate project during the Templar year.

2. Enlist a panel of informed and able speakers on patriotic and historical subjects in each section of your state who will be available to speak at Commandery Conclaves and at Commandery-sponsored meetings where non-Templars might be invited to attend.

3. Plan and supervise statewide patriotic observances at historical sites and patriotic shrines within the state.

What Can Constituent Commanderies Do?

1. Select a local police officer, fireman, or citizen who has made an outstanding contribution to your community and make a presentation of a "Certificate of Appreciation."

2. Contact your town, city, county, state, or federal government agencies to

provide you with a speaker for a civic activities program.

3. Contact the public relations department of a large company in your community to provide you with a speaker for a planned civic activities program. Almost all large companies have people trained for such programs.

4. Plan a dinner with a patriotic theme, patriotic speaker, patriotic decorations, and patriotic music.

5. Join with other organizations in patriotic parades and public patriotic displays.

6. Encourage your members to assist all youth organizations such as DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.

7. Provide speakers to carry the message of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights Templar Educational Foundation to service clubs, youth organizations, parent associations, medical societies, local women's clubs, and similar organizations.

8. Seek a community need: visit local hospital patients, nursing home patients, and so forth.

You may already be aware of an excellent program being used by the Grand Commandery of Utah which was formulated by Sir Knight Jay R. Newman, Past Department Commander of the Southwestern Department and a former member of this committee.

Sir Knight Newman made arrangements with the Boy Scout executives to have two Knights Templar → → →

in uniform "troop" the colors and a Silver Beaver make a presentation of an American flag to each new troop as it is chartered. The flags presented are flags which have been flown over the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. (These flags are available through one's congressman upon request at a cost of around \$8.00 each.)

He also presented a framed Bill of Rights or Constitution of the United States to the Masonic Temples in his jurisdiction which did not have them.

If a Grand Commandery wishes to engage in such an activity but does not have the funds to purchase flags and copies of the Bill of Rights and Constitution, the Masonic Services Association in each state usually has funds for a donation for such a purpose.

The committee urges each Grand Commander to inform us of the name, address, and telephone number of the person he has appointed as his Chairman for Patriotic and Civic Activities so that this committee can communicate with him.

Sir Knight Moynelo is a member of Potomac Commandery No. 3 in the District of Columbia and can be reached at P.O. Box 260, Shady Side, Maryland 20764.

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

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DeMolay Officers Named

Robert E. Screws of Arvada, Colorado, and Jack E. Carlson of Lewistown, Montana, were installed in their respective positions of International Master Councilor and International Congress



Secretary at the installation ceremony for the 19th International Congress for the Order of DeMolay held on April 19, 1986. Screws was installed as the 20th International Master Councilor.

Robert Screws is a sophomore electrical engineering student at the University of Colorado in Denver. While in college he was a student ambassador for the "People to People" program and a counselor for a field biology program.

Jack Carlson is a 1984 graduate of Fergus County High School and currently serves Montana as State Master Councilor.

The International DeMolay Congress is an annual convention held prior to the order's International Supreme Council Session. At the convention, more than one hundred young men, the top DeMolay leaders in their jurisdictions, met in various committees, discussing issues facing the order and making recommendations to the Supreme Council.

Pictured in the photograph above are Robert Screws at left and Jack Carlson at right.

On the Masonic Newsfront . . .

Bellamy's Pledge Receives Tuneful Rendition

Sir Knight Louis A. Burns, a member of Empire Commandery No. 66, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York, wrote a letter to *Knight Templar Magazine* in 1985 and described his niece, Joyce Rickard Girardet, who had written a tune to the words of the Pledge of Allegiance. She wrote it in ten minutes onto a copy of then-Eminent Commander John W. Davis' General Order No. 1. This general order contained a short message on patriotism and, in particular, on Flag Day, June 14. At the bottom of the page was printed the Pledge of Allegiance, upon which Miss Girardet wrote her musical notations. As of June of 1986, approximately three years later, the song has been heard in musical concerts and by First Lady Nancy Reagan, according to applause and congratulations wherever it is heard.

The words to the Pledge of Allegiance were written by Francis Bellamy in 1892. The words "of the United States of America" and "under God" did not at first appear in the original pledge as written by Bellamy. Brother Francis Bellamy was a member of Little Falls Lodge No. 181, Little Falls, New York, and lived from 1855 to 1931. An article on Bellamy appeared in *Knight Templar Magazine* in the June 1977 issue and has been reprinted in *Masonic Americana, Volume II*. These few words have become among the most often spoken in America, being recited in schools, churches, for government gatherings, and many other places. Miss Girardet has set these words to music because, in her words, "people begin to feel the full power of words when music becomes its partner, since it can touch, embrace, lift, and transform the listener. . . the moment we hear music with a message that strikes a responsive chord, words automatically penetrate, and then the mind inaudibly recalls them as the music is rendered."

Miss Girardet has been very active in sending her song out to those who might enjoy hearing it. Among the comments she has received are: "The president joins me in sending our heartfelt appreciation for sharing . . .with us. . .We look forward to enjoying it now and will keep it for inclusion in the future presidential collection."—Nancy Reagan. "I am always delighted when anyone thinks enough about the Pledge to publicize it and give credit to its author, Frances Bellamy, [my husband's father] . . . Let me congratulate you on having such a rewarding reception of your masterpiece."—Rachel Bellamy. "We were all quite impressed by both your composition and your patriotic fervor."—Leigh D. Steiger, United States Air Force Band. "It is stirring music and should certainly deepen the fervor of any patriot."—Wiley L. Housewright, Professor Emeritus, Florida State University School of Music.

The song was performed by the Ocala Festival Orchestra of Ocala, Florida, in their "All-American Concert," conducted by Gene A. Lawton, on February 24 and 25,



Joyce Rickard Girardet,
"Pledge" Composer

1985. It was also featured at the Thirty-fifth Annual Memorial Day Service recognizing the fortieth anniversary of "V-E Day" in Europe, on May 27, 1985, in Orlando, Florida. In addition, says Carl S. Casto, Col. USA (rtd.), Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee for National Sojourners, Inc.: "I have used it at several Sojourner Chapter meetings and at the last meeting we were fortunate to have several ladies who quickly had us singing. It was most effective." Says Miss Girardet: "The National Sojourners was the first to use 'The Pledge of Allegiance.'"

Miss Girardet, who is seventy years old, began studying the organ when she was eleven and played in her church in Middleburgh, New York, until 1933. She left there to attend Syracuse University where she graduated in 1937 and later joined the staff of John Wanamaker, a major New York organ builder. She is a member of the American Guild of Organists.

According to the *Orlando Sentinel*, which has twice written on this song's story, "Girardet first performed the piece in public while tutoring a student at a local church. The church had been empty for several hours after a service. When she finished the song, she turned and to her amazement saw thirty people applauding her. At that point, she said, 'It clicked.'"

Sixty-First Annual Session, Order of the Amaranth

The Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth, Inc., held its annual session entitled "Believe in Your Dreams" at the Quality Inn and Conference Center in Chicopee, Massachusetts. In the picture at top right are, from left to right: Raymond W. Williamson, 33^o, Active Member for Massachusetts, Supreme Council, 33^o, Scottish Rite, and his lady; Sir Knight Gentry O. Deck, Grand Royal Patron, Order of the Amaranth, Inc., of the commonwealth of Massachusetts; Dr. Salvatore P. Russo, Aleppo Temple, AAONMS, Boston, administrator for the Shriner's Burn Institute, Boston Unit, Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. Brother Williamson and Dr. Russo each received gifts of \$100.00 for their respective charities from Honored Lady Martha R. Paige, Grand Royal Matron. In the middle



photo from left to right are Brother William C. Rose, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts; Honored Lady Sue Ann Fulton, Royal Matron of Laurel Court No. 1, Order of the Amaranth, and grand representative; Frank P. Haydon, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts; Sir Knight Stanley W. Folta, Grand Sentinel, Order of the Amaranth. In the bottom photo, from left to right, are Honored Lady Roberta V. Bouffard, Laurel Court No. 1, Order of the Amaranth, who is escort for Miss Sandra J. Marshall, Supreme Deputy for Massachusetts, Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; Miss



Lisa Wells, Grand Worthy Advisor; Honored Lady M. Janette Paige, P.R.M., Grand Page, Order of the Amaranth. Miss Marshall and Miss Wells were recipients of \$100.00 checks each for their charity, Grand Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. In addition to these pictured events, a \$500.00 "Miss Amaranth" nursing scholarship was presented to seven Massachusetts girls by the members of the Miss Amaranth Fund Committee escorted by Honored Lady Rhona M. French, who serves as chair of the committee.

Stemper Hosts South African Bishop

Sir Knight William H. Stemper, Jr., Past Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 17 and Associate Grand Prelate of New Jersey, hosted a luncheon conversation with the Right Reverend Desmond Tutu, Anglican bishop of Johannesburg, South Africa, with the corporate and business leadership of New York City and the metropolitan area at Saint Peter's Common, Citicorp Center, New York City, Thursday, May 29, 1986.

The meeting, which was closed to the press, was held under the auspices of the Corporate Forum of New York, Inc., an association of corporations, churches, foundations, and individuals founded in 1974 by Sir Knight Stemper to promote cooperation in the area of corporate public affairs and social responsibility.

Bishop Tutu, recently designated archbishop of Capetown, South Africa, gave an address on current trends in South African affairs and discussed his interest in the South Africa Students Refugee Fund. The purpose of the meeting was to allow senior corporate officers an opportunity to discuss these and related issues at a time of crisis in South African affairs related to the government's policy of apartheid.

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. 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 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.

Monthly Crossword

Working World

ACROSS

- 1 Office authority figure
- 5 Good advice: do your ----
- 9 Defense against mashers
- 13 Border on
- 14 Noisy
- 16 Heavy hair
- 17 ---- in their fields, experts
- 18 Business rival
- 20 Understand
- 21 Dial area ---- first
- 22 ---- scout
- 23 European river
- 25 Place for business records
- 26 Lucifer
- 28 Pool, lake
- 29 Welcome ---
- 32 Building signs
- 33 Some employees feel this way
- 35 Client, to a lawyer
- 36 Dir.
- 37 Movie dog
- 38 Office's electronic equipment (2 wds.)
- 41 Older and ----, hopefully
- 42 Steno takes one (abbr.)



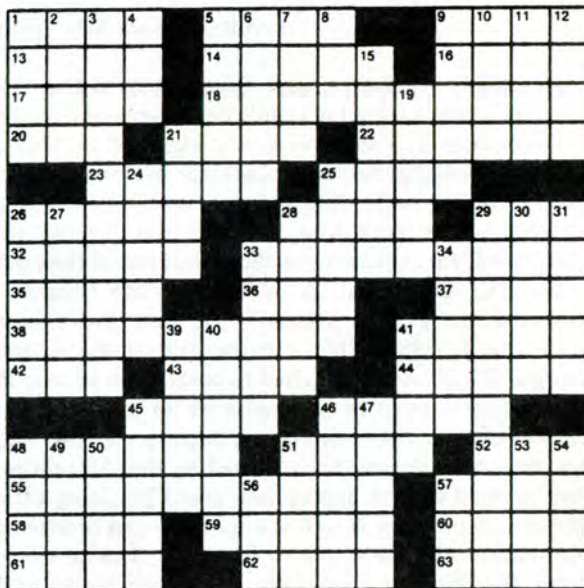
"I'll be on vacation for two weeks, Ms. Garrett. While I'm gone, clean up my act."

- 43 Makes a choice
- 44 The unique
- 45 All work and no ---
- 46 Brilliance
- 48 Beware this long arm (2 wds.)
- 51 Mil. addresses
- 52 What products should be (abbr.)
- 55 Business communication
- 57 Withered
- 58 Dry
- 59 "---- In the Army Now"
- 60 Ireland
- 61 Business profits
- 62 Units of weight
- 63 Venomous snakes
- 25 Less
- 26 Sticker
- 27 Precise
- 28 Lawgiver
- 29 Business communications carriers
- 30 Fall Flower
- 31 Russian rulers of old
- 33 ---- cash
- 34 Singer Frankie
- 39 Pivotal
- 40 --, up, and --
- 41 Hard times
- 45 Drudges
- 46 Reject
- 47 Workers' "castles"
- 48 Treasury agent (hyph.)
- 49 This place
- 50 Eject
- 51 Duet
- 53 Business ----
- 54 Lairs
- 56 Negative word
- 57 Red or Black, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 Belfry inhabitants
- 2 Instrument
- 3 Work crew's boss
- 4 Map abbrs.
- 5 Workers bring this home
- 6 Destroy slowly
- 7 Indefinite amount
- 8 Light blow
- 9 Employee's best facial feature
- 10 Avoid being this on job
- 11 Soon
- 12 Lively
- 15 What some workers do at 65
- 19 Old German coin
- 21 Mountain range passes
- 24 "---- again," football yell (2 wds., sl.)

The solution to this month's crossword puzzle is printed on page 22.



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had a personal message for me. And He did speak to me. There has been a spiritual drought in my life, but not anymore, after your grand oration to me."

Yes, the Lord was faithfully answering my prayer all year long. I have come to believe, however, that His clearest answer came later.

I was asked to attend the signing of the governor's proclamation designating August 25, 1984, as "Masonic Awareness Day" in Texas. As the Grand Master and several other grand officers waited in the reception room of the governor's office, I was in conversation with a Past Master of one of the local Lodges. He asked me what church I pastored. I told him and he said that his wife had been secretary of that church several years before, and wondered if I knew her. Of course I knew her, because she had been *my* secretary when I had pastored the church. A friendship began that day between this Past Master and myself. Some time later I invited him and his family to attend the services of the church I pastored. He lived some thirty miles away and I really did not think he would come. One Sunday, though, he and his family attended. I was out of town that morning and when I returned Sunday afternoon and saw the visitors' cards and realized this Past Master had been there, my heart sank. But his wife and he returned for the evening services. They began to attend regularly with their children. Soon she moved her membership by letter from another Baptist church and I had the privilege of baptizing him into the full fellowship of our church. His wife is now a substitute teacher, choir member, and helps with the organ. He is our assistant Sunday School director and the children faithfully attend with their parents.

Surely I cannot deny that God has answered my prayer. I have peace in my heart about Freemasonry and my relationship to the Fraternity of Freemasons. To

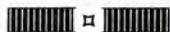
those who seek to tell me how wrong I am to be connected with Freemasonry, I do not argue, but simply reply to them, "Read I Corinthians 4:2-4." This Scripture reads,

Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

As I look back on 1984 and the experiences and impressions from God and in light of my study of the great light in Masonry, I have to believe with all my being that God did answer my prayer. The answer went something like this: "Don, Freemasonry is not an evil thing as some might say, and I *will* use you as My instrument and My minister in the Fraternity of Freemasonry and in the church where I have placed you as My under-shepherd."

All I can say to the Lord is, "Thank you, Lord. So mote it be!"

The Reverend and Sir Knight Don R. Long lives at 2030 Hoeke Lane, Austin, Texas 78744.



Errata

An error occurred in the April issue of *Knight Templar Magazine* in the article entitled "1986 Masonic Conferences Convene." On page nineteen, in the second column, Paul E. Bovee is listed as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. This is incorrect; Brother Ron W. Hart is the Grand Master of Manitoba. *Knight Templar* regrets the error.

History of the Grand Encampment

CHAPTER XIV (continued)

Period of Maturity

1916-1949

Forty-First Conclave (continued)

The Educational Loan Foundation continued its good work, though there were still difficulties reported in the management of the fund by several of the Grand Commanderies. To prevent this fund from being used for other than purely educational purposes, an amendment to the Constitution was adopted which provided that it shall be continued under the supervision of the Grand Encampment and not used for any other purpose than that for which it was created.

The Committee on Templar History gave an extensive report of their activities. Much material had been collected, catalogued and indexed for use in the preparation of the proposed history of the Order. Much of the preliminary groundwork had been covered, and an outline prepared for the work necessary to locate and abstract early documents, records, and books pertaining to the beginning of Templary. Unfortunately, the war in Europe postponed the research planned in France, Scotland, and Ireland. A review of the history of the religious and military Orders of Knights Templar and Knights Hospitaller, endeavoring to establish a connection between those Orders and the modern Chivalric Order of Freemasonry, was prepared and presented by Sir Knight William Moseley Brown, a member of the Committee on Templar History. This

material was later published by the Grand Encampment in book form under the title of *Highlights of Templar History*.

The proposal of Sir Knight J. I. Taylor of Oklahoma to permit a Master Mason to petition the Chapter and Commandery at the same time was presented, and the amendment to the Constitution necessary to provide for such procedure was adopted. It was suggested that the council degrees could be included if desired. It was thought that this would build up a greater interest in York Rite Masonry and bring about better cooperation between the Council, Chapter, and Commandery.

Difficulty in obtaining uniforms, as well as their cost, continued to demand attention. Attempts to dispense with the uniform requirements were made. Claims were presented that the uniform was no longer attractive to the young men of the day and that the cost of the uniform was seriously interfering in getting candidates for the Order. An amendment to the Constitution to waive the uniform requirement failed to be adopted.

The death of Sir Knight Joseph K. Orr, Grand Master in 1919-1922, was reported. His sudden passing on September 18, 1938, brought to completion a useful life, well worthy of imitation.

At the election, Sir Knight Harry G. Pollard of Lowell, Massachusetts, was elected Grand Master, and Sir Knight Adrian Hamersly was reelected Grand Recorder.

Forty-Second Conclave

The forty-second Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in the Gold Ball Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel in the city of Chicago, on

May 24, 1943. This was a short business session lasting only two days and streamlined because of wartime restrictions on travel. Only the grand officers, members of the committees, and representatives of the subordinate jurisdictions were in attendance. All the usual program of social events and entertainment for the Sir Knights and their ladies, as well as the elaborate decorations and parades, were eliminated.

The theme of this Conclave was built upon the patriotic activities of Templary. The Chairman of the Committee on Knight Templar Patriotic Activities, Sir Knight Robert B. Gaylord, called for Templary to justify its pretensions in the world crisis. The Grand Encampment responded by authorizing a contribution of \$2,500 per year to the Masonic Service Association for the duration of the war. Most of the Grand Encampment Permanent Fund and the Educational Loan Fund was invested in war savings bonds, to aid the government in carrying on the war effort.

Another attempt was made to amend the Constitution in order to transfer the Educational Loan Fund from the Grand Encampment to the various Grand Commanderies. Much was said for and against the proposed change, but the final vote maintained the Fund as a permanent Trust Fund of the Grand Encampment.

Due to the difficulty in obtaining uniforms during the war, there was again a demand for the removal of the uniform requirement at least for the duration of the war, if not permanently. An amendment was introduced to make this change effective, but it failed to be adopted. It was still maintained that the Knights Templar were members of a uniformed Order, and that the ritual was built around the uniform.

It was pointed out that the influence and favorable impression upon the public and the prospective candidate was largely due to the distinctive uniform.

The Committee on Templar History found its work greatly limited and handicapped by the exigencies of the war. An effort had been made to have each Grand Commandery prepare a history of its own organization and development. A number were completed and others were reported in preparation. It was hoped that more propitious times would again permit further work on the history of the Grand Encampment.

At the election, Sir Knight Charles Noah Orr of St. Paul, Minnesota, was elected Grand Master, and Sir Knight Adrian Hamersly was again reelected Grand Recorder.

Forty-Third Conclave

The forty-third Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in the Music Hall of the Sam Houston Coliseum in the city of Houston, Texas, on October 28, 1946. With the war over and wartime travel restrictions lifted, a large attendance was expected, and this expectation was fully realized. It was a joyous occasion for the Sir Knights to be able to assemble again.

The "Preservation of the Peace" was the keynote of this Conclave. The lack of unity at home and abroad, the oppression of unprotected peoples, the spreading of false doctrines and the selfishness and greed of evil men all added to the confusion to be found in the American way of living. The Grand Master, with great concern, gravely referred to these calamities, setting them forth as a challenge to each Knight Templar to be vigilant, brave and forthright in his duties, and as a true Christian to keep the faith and hold fast to all that is eternal, for without Christian ideals in the souls and lives of men there can be no peace.





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.

▣ Seeking info on Elkaney, or Elkanah Lady, who was a cabinetmaker and carpenter in the area of western Tenn. (d. prior to Civil War and was buried in Nashville). Was m. to a Lucretia Baxter. Please write *Joseph A. Roberts, P.O. Box 177, Santa Fe, NM 87501; phone (505) 982-4605.*

▣ For sale: large 11"x13 1/2"x2" leatherbound book: *Photo Souvenir—26th Triennial Conclave—Boston 1895.* Of historic value and in perfect condition. Photos of individuals, groups, and events. Anyone interested please write or phone *Robert M. Lavalley, 46 Bickford Hill Rd., Gardner, MA 01440; phone (617) 632-5947.*

▣ Frustrated Irishman needs Scottish bagpipes and accessories. *Louis Long, 1411 Halsted Rd., Rockford, IL 61103; phone (815) 877-7792.*

▣ Want to know where John Nunn, Jr., m. Eliz Ann Henderson (circa 1815) and how a Francis Nunn got to Newbern, N.C., and what happened to his son William (b. 1713). The last we know is that the court of Chester Co., S.C., ordered in 1787 that William be permitted to pass to Georgia. Please help relieve my ancestral curiosity. *Rudell Nunn, 1810 S. 22nd St., Louisville, KY 40210.*

▣ U.S.S. Midway CVB is looking for shipmates for possible reunion latter part of September in Las Vegas. Contact *Walter Calef, 216 Encinal Dr., Red Bluff, CA 96080.*

▣ My grandfather's Commander's sword was stolen from my brother's home in Dyer, Ind., in August 1985. The name on the blade is "Duane L. Taylor" and "DLT" is carved on the hasp. It has great sentimental value and a substantial reward will be paid for info leading to its return. Contact *R. D. Kuenzig, 1285 Thames Crescent, Yardley, PA 19067; phone (215) 493-6409.*

▣ Wanted—one copy of Dr. Francis J. Scully's *History of the Grand Encampment.* Please send

info regarding this to *Blair C. Mayford, 14 Duffy Court, St. Peters, MO 63376.*

▣ Attention Masonic coin collectors: I would like to sell or trade my complete set of sterling-proof "International Fraternal Commemorative Society" Masonic coin/medals (about the size of silver dollars). Famous Masons such as General MacArthur, Harry Truman, Theodore Roosevelt, George Washington, etc., engraved by famous sculptors. All fifty pieces in beautiful display cases with complete set of "newsletters" giving the history and Masonic career of each. *Judson D. Tracy, 174 5th Ave. S., Carrington, ND 58421; phone (701) 652-3058.*

▣ In our Masonic Lodge No. 47, Tifton, Ga., we have a new Commandery. Eligible candidates hesitate to come in because of the high cost of equipment. We can get black suits, but we need at least eight or ten chapeaux and swords. If there is a Commandery with extra used equipment, or anyone who can help us, please write *R. H. McMillan, Jr., Coastal Plains Commandery No. 42, 417 N. Park Ave., Tifton, GA 31794.*

▣ For sale: size 7 1/2 chapeau, excellent condition; Knight Templar uniform, size 42 long (like new—I am now size 46). No reasonable offer refused. *Chet Harriman, 1448 Grandview Road, Arnold, MD 21012; (301) 757-3371.*

▣ Would like to hear from anyone who may know of Joseph William Mullins (d. Panama City, Fla., Feb. 1944). Obituary indicated Mason but did not indicate York Rite. Also interested in hearing of Charles William Mullins, son of Joseph William and Hazel Porter, probably 45 to 50 years old now; residence may be Ala. *E. K. Boyington, 111 Lynn 503, Ames, IA 50010.*

▣ 6147th Tac. Con. Gp. Korea "Mosquito" reunion, July 10-13, 1986. New Imperial House Motel, Dayton, Oh. Contact *Ruey W. Blackburn, 16 Edgewood Dr., Winchester, KY 40391.*

♣ Searching for record of parentage, birth, and marriage of my great-grandfather, William Davenport Latner (perhaps b. Greenville district, S.C., 1813); m. Catherine Richardson (daughter of Fred Richardson) before leaving S.C. Also need info on William Richardson and wife Mary Ann Magdalene Guignard, who may be related. Any info will be appreciated. *Wayne D. Latner, Rt. 10, Box 349-B, Vicksburg, MS 39180.*

♣ Seeking parents of George W. Davidson, b. circa 1820 in Tenn., probably in Henry Co. He m. Mary H. Daniel in 1939/40. Moved to Tex. 1941 in Cass Co. area. Children: Nancy (Winney) Adeline, Susan C. (Lenora), James Robert, Martha C., Madison Calvin, Franklin, Mary L., and Amanda M. I would appreciate info on any Davidsons in and around N.E. Tex. in early times. *David Davidson, Box 187, Star Route, Poteet, TX 78065.*

♣ For sale: Ring—gold, rubystone, inlay of Masonic emblems. Size 9—\$60. Watches—railroad approved Bulova Accutron. \$50 each. Many Masonic emblem pins. *Mrs. Robert Barrett, 12233 Villa Rd., Spring Hill, FL 33526; (904) 683-6966.*

♣ Writing family history of descendants of Jacob Rickard (d. 1796) who lived in German settlement on Abbott's Creek, Rowan Co., N.C. (now Davidson Co.). Sons John and Leonard in Revolutionary War. Grandson Peter Rickard went to Pike Co., Ind., in 1835. Peter's three sons, Casper, John, and Andrew, went to Benton Co., Ore., in 1853. Write for more details. *Mrs. Edgar Rickard, 370 Elk Drive, Cottage Grove, OR 97424.*

♣ For sale: two burial plots in Meadowlawn Memorial Gardens in New Port Richey, Fla. They are lot no. 55B, spaces 1 and 2—Masonic Gardens. Price \$350.00. Write to *O. M. Tutor, 1183 Normandy Blvd. E., Deltona, FL 32725.*

♣ Seeking info on my grandfather Louis H. Dayton, b. Ulster Co., N.Y. The 1880 census for Hudson, N.Y., shows his age as 30 years. He m. Nellie Wattles. *Fred A. Dayton, 723 N.W. 5th St., Grants Pass, OR 97526.*

♣ For sale: Commandery dress uniform (complete black dress uniform with coats, with and without tails, pants, and cap) size 36-38. Purchased in 1921. Excellent condition. Any offers? Write or call *Robert Bittle, 10 Warfield Place, La Vale, MD 21502; (301) 729-0122.*

♣ Tracing the name "La Hiff" in the United States and Ireland. Have heard that the ancestors were originally from France, but can find evi-

dence only from Ireland. Local check of phone books reveals many from Australia and England. Send what info you have; if I can, I'll send you matching info without charge. *John La Hiff, 3317 Covered Wagon Court, Sacramento, CA 95827.*

♣ I collect automobile vanity plates from all states and would like to correspond with other collectors. I have plates to trade. *Ronald D. Langille, 121 Charles River St., Needham, MA 02192.*

♣ Researching the ancestors of Rufus Money (b. 12/31/1850; m. Carrie Greer, 1880; d. 6/6/1904, Tipton, Mo.). Carrie Greer (b. 1852; d. 1934, Sedalia, Mo.) daughter of Rev. Thomas Vining Greer (b. McMinnville, Warren Co., Tenn.; d. 1879, Cooper Co., Mo.). Carrie's mother Nancy b. Shelby Co., Ky.; d. 3/4/1873, Otterville, Cooper Co., Mo. Please write for more details to *Ernest A. Money, D.V.M., 5221 Piccadilly Circle, Westminster, CA 92683-4838.*

♣ Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Bill Ferrero: you are needed for 40th year reunion. Before July 5, 1986, please contact *John D. Osborne, 915 Riverbend Rd., Clinton, TN 37716.*

♣ For sale: Commandery coat, size 40; chapeau, size 7 1/8; Red Cross cap, size 7 1/8; sword, leather case, and belt; and Commandery suit case. \$125.00. *Mr. Romayne Holz, 7010 W. Carmen Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53218; phone (414) 466-6878.*

♣ Wanted to buy: Past Commander's swords and regular Commandery swords for my collection. Call *Mike Johnson in the evening—(307) 486-2268—or write Box 575, Crowheart, WY 82512.*

♣ Seeking a Knights Templar sword that belonged to George W. Porter, who was active in Masonry in New Albany, Ind., from the 1850s to the 1870s. He was Grand Commander and the sword was presented to him by New Albany Commandery No. 5. He moved to the New York area in his later years. Contact *Gary K. Fentress, 2206 Poindexter Lane, Sellersburg, IN 47172.*

♣ Hess Lodge No. 93, F. & A.M., Dyersburg, Tenn., is seeking to complete its collection of photographs of the Past Masters of the Lodge. We need photos of Past Masters from 1848 to 1901. Anyone having a photo of any of these men or having info that could lead to our obtaining a photo, please contact *Jerry D. Smith, 1762 Johnson St., Dyersburg TN 38024.*



Old Faithful erupting is one of America's beautiful features forever protected in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and Montana; read the story of Brother Nathaniel P. Langford's role in the creation of this park on page five.