

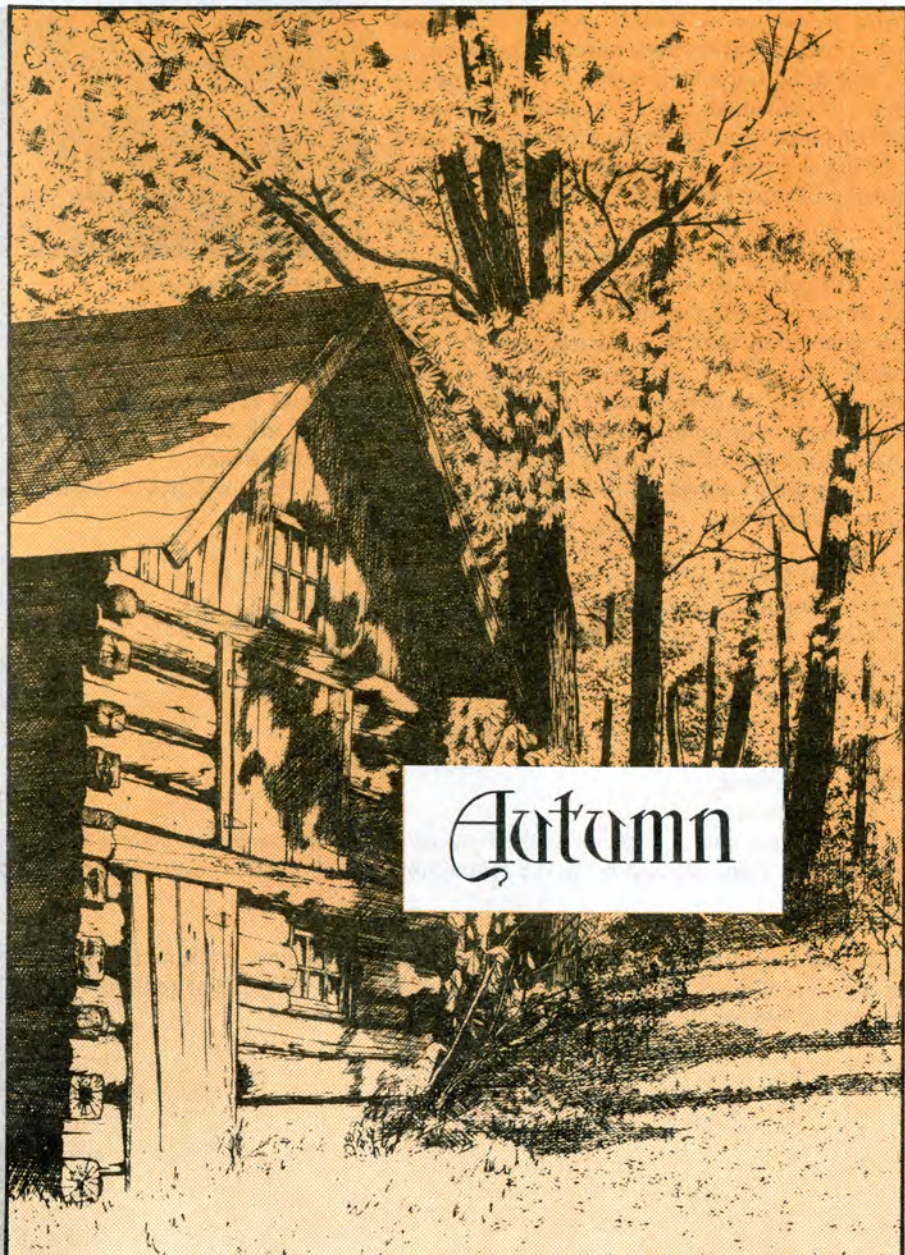


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## Discovering Fellowship

I believe that the great reward of Freemasonry and all its appendant bodies is fellowship. It means that wherever we go in this great land of ours we can find a Brother of like mind and understanding. It means that however far from home we are we can find a haven of understanding. It means that we need never be lonesome.

One definition of fellowship is the companionship of individuals, in a congenial atmosphere and on equal terms, who share common interests. I think we can say that among the foundation stones of our Fraternity, fellowship is the one that can hold our Brothers together for the longest time—a lifetime. Yet today we hear that it is difficult to get our members together because of the pull of television or the lack of desire to get together. I cannot believe that men have changed so much in the last generation that they do not seek the company of others. Men are gregarious by nature and our Fraternity has always fostered this desire for companionship. Is it possible that we have forgotten how to have a gathering of Brothers that is more than just a reading of minutes and a lamentation? Are we still able to get the strong feeling that a firm handshake and a smile can produce? I know that we are!



The word "fellowship" is divisible into components which will truly explain it as a foundation stone:

F is for friend,  
E is for equal,  
L is for love,  
L is for loyalty,  
O is for outgoing,  
W is for welcome,  
S is for sociable,  
H is for honest,  
I is for involved, and

P is for prosper (which we will surely do if we will remember why we are Freemasons and Templars and bring the fellowship with us into our every encounter with each other).

As we celebrate Christopher Columbus' voyage of discovery this month, let each of us try to rediscover the true meaning of Masonic fellowship. That rediscovery will be something well worth a celebration.

*Ronald Brett*

# Knight Templar

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

**OCTOBER:** Autumn is upon us once again and the Commandery year is just getting underway. Sir Knight Thomas Rigas returns with a two-part article on Masons involved in the insurance business. A unique philanthropic idea applied to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by a member is described on page thirteen. In addition, biographies of Sir Knights C. Fred Kleinknecht and Francis G. Paul, leaders of the Scottish Rite's respective jurisdictions, are printed on pages fourteen and fifteen.

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# Editor's Journal



• **Unique KTEF Offer:** The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has announced a unique donation program being instituted through Templar benefactor Sir Knight Eugene Maillard. This program is designed to increase both charitable contributions and Commandery membership. Read about this original philanthropic idea on page thirteen.

• **Grand Generalissimo Injured:** Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, suffered a compression fracture of the lumbar vertebra on August 21. After eleven days of recovery in the hospital, Sir Knight Thornley is now at home, having cancelled all appointments and activities through January 1987. Get-well cards and good wishes may be sent to Grand Generalissimo Thornley at 3080 South Race Street, Denver, Colorado 80210. *Knight Templar* sends Sir Knight Thornley best wishes for a speedy recovery.

• **Subscriptions:** Subscriptions to *Knight Templar Magazine*, the official publication of the Grand Encampment, are available for the price of \$3.00 a year; Canada and Mexico subscriptions are \$7.00 a year; and for anywhere else are \$8.50 a year. Subscriptions are available by sending a check or money order (for the appropriate amount in American funds made payable to the Grand Encampment) to the Grand Recorder, Suite 1700, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-2293.

• **Sir Knights Lead the Scottish Rites:** Two Sir Knights are now leaders of the two national Scottish Rite groups. The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, both elected new leaders at their respective national meetings last fall. Biographies of Sir Knight C. Fred Kleinknecht, Sovereign Grand Commander, Southern Jurisdiction, and Sir Knight Francis George Paul, Sovereign Grand Commander, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, are printed on pages fourteen and fifteen. *Knight Templar Magazine* wishes them both successful terms of office.

• **Masonic Americana, Vols I & II:** Orders for *Masonic Americana Volumes I & II* are now being received from all over the country. This exciting new publication of the Grand Encampment was announced in the June 1985 issue of the magazine. As printed in that issue, matched sets of *Masonic Americana Volumes I & II* are available for \$5.50. Individual volumes are available for \$3.00 each. Volume I, originally printed in 1974, has now been reprinted in an attractive new softcover design to match Volume II. Volume II is an all-new compilation of the best articles from *Knight Templar Magazine* from the past eight years. To place your order, make check or money order out to "The Grand Encampment" and send to "Masonic Americana" c/o The Grand Encampment, Suite 1700, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please allow six to eight weeks for delivery.



**I**n the early days of our beloved Masonic Fraternity in England, many Lodges met in London's ale-houses, taverns, and coffee-houses. In those days, the early eighteenth century, these were places of elegance and culture where the best citizens met to exchange ideas and views and to conduct business.

Out of such a society of London taverns and coffee-houses emerged the modern insurance industry, and no doubt many energetic Freemasons of that era were early participants in insuring unexpected risks.

Insuring risks is a career more than 4,000 years old. Traders in Babylonia had a kind of insurance to protect their caravans against robbers and other risks. Merchants have been insuring their goods, in one way or another, ever since.

Life insurance goes back to the Roman empire, when men formed burial clubs

insurance premiums to be based on the age of the person to be insured. Before that time, premiums were the same for persons of all ages, and this was unfair to the younger persons.

Liability insurance started in the 1880s, and the first Workmen's Compensation Act was passed in England in 1897, with other forms of insurance following to meet the changing nature of protecting against risks of all kinds.

The insurance industry we know today is an outgrowth of individual London businessmen, known as underwriters, who would take the risk of insuring people. A number of underwriters would often band together to take the risk for an especially large policy. As early as 1690, meetings of underwriters, shipowners, and merchants were held in the coffee-house of Edward Lloyd, and by 1744 the underwriters formally banded together. What resulted was the now-famous Lloyd's of London, which even today is only a group of individuals, any of whom may share the risk on any given policy.

In America many dedicated Freemasons have contributed their God-given talents to the insurance industry. Three names are especially well known and respected for their many achievements as insurance executives and community leaders. They are the names of Brothers Mecherle, Kendall, and Stone.

# Masons at Risk

by Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas

that paid for their funeral expenses and made payments to their families. In the Middle Ages, the workmen's guilds protected their members against losses from fire, shipwreck, and pirates.

About 280 years ago Edmund Halley, who is better known as an astronomer, reportedly compiled the first table of life expectancy. This made it possible for

## Sir Knight George Jacob Mecherle

It was in Bloomington, Illinois, that a Freemason was stubborn enough to stick with an idea that he thought was good and ended up becoming the founder and first president of the State Farm Insurance Companies. Sir Knight George Jacob Mecherle was a dynamic insurance executive who guided State Farm to national prominence and a leader in the insurance field, but also found time to devote to our beloved Masonic Fraternity.

Mecherle was born on a farm in McLean County, near Merna, → → →



Illinois, in 1877. He was the fifth of six children of an immigrant farmer who came to America in 1852 from Germany. His parents were Christian Mecherle, a Quaker, and Susan Hull Mecherle. Young George received his early schooling from his mother and at age thirteen he passed an examination entitling him to a teacher's certificate. He improved his education at



*Sir Knight George Jacob Mecherle creatively introduced unique automobile insurance ideas.*

Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois, and became a teacher, in addition to working on his father's farm.

At age twenty-two, he started on his own by tilling 174 acres of rented farmland, working to purchase it. In 1901 he married Edith Mae Perry of McLean County, who joined him on his farm east of Bloomington. Within a few years he became one of the leading farmers in McLean County and a real power in farm circles. At age forty-one, when he owned and operated one of the finest farms in the county, he was forced to retire from his rigorous farm-life because of his wife's arthritic condition. He decided to lease his farm and move to Bloomington although for a brief period they lived in Florida, thinking that the climate there would be good for his wife.

Returning to Bloomington, unable to sit idle, Sir Knight Mecherle accepted a job selling insurance for a small company.

He was very successful as an insurance salesman, particularly among the farming community, and became one of his company's top agents in a very short time.

Accustomed to being his own boss and running things his own way on his farm, he pushed his superiors for changes in what he considered an unfair philosophy toward rural people. When he complained about certain company policies, a company official laughed at him and said, "If you don't like the way we run things . . . start your own insurance company." Thus the seed was planted.

He turned to selling farm tractors, and within a year set a new company sales record. As he drove about the country in his Model T Ford selling tractors ideas for a "better kind of insurance company" began to form. In dealing with farmers, he again sensed their dissatisfaction with

high automobile insurance rates charged by large eastern stock companies which were dictated by the loss experience of city motorists, where chances for accidents were greater.

Sir Knight Mecherle felt farmers needed adequate protection against financial loss from automobile accidents at reasonable and affordable rates. Thus the seed solidly took root as he saw the opportunities even clearer. He was convinced of the feasibility of creating an automobile insurance company under the framework of a farmer's mutual. He envisioned his company as a state farm company, owned by its policy-holders, with policies written for the life of the risk, membership fees to be paid only once, with semi-annual premiums and a central office for billing and collecting premiums. This, he reasoned, would save agents' time and result in further economies for policyholders.



"Too radical," said the experts. Many thought his scheme was crazy, impractical, or wild, but the idea persisted and his plans continued. "I guess if I can sell one policy, I can sell a million," was the way George Mecherle put it when asked how many policies he would be able to sell for his new company. As we can now see, his confidence was well-founded.

He presented his plan for a company to be known as "the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company" to the Illinois Association of Farm Mutual Insurance Companies. The idea was endorsed. State approval followed, and the company was formed. Now faced with the difficult task of obtaining two hundred written applications before being granted a license to operate, George Mecherle and his first few agents set out to make his vision a reality.

In spite of spring rains, limited assistance, and a bad case of mumps for Mecherle, the applications were written and the company was launched on June 7, 1922, when State Farm issued its first policy. This date was also George Mecherle's forty-fifth birthday, and you might say State Farm Mutual was his birthday present to himself.

Working through various county Farm Bureau organizations, his company experienced steady growth until 1941 when it became the nation's largest automobile insurer. Under Mecherle's guidance as president and chairman of the board, other insurance affiliates were formed, and State Farm Insurance Companies grew into a position of national prominence.

Sir Knight George was an active participant in the social, political, and economic fabric of McLean County until his death in 1951. He took an active interest in politics on state and national levels and served as a delegate to Republican national conventions for a number of years.

His Masonic life included membership in Bloomington Lodge No. 43, A.F. &

A.M., DeMolay Commandery No. 24, and Bloomington Chapter No. 26, R.A.M., all of Bloomington, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Bloomington, having received the 33° in 1943. He was also a member of Mohammed Shrine Temple, AAONMS, of Peoria, Illinois.

Sir Knight Mecherle perhaps contributed more toward modernization of the automobile insurance industry in America than any other single person.

### **The Kendall Brothers**

Sir Knights Harry and George Kendall founded the Washington National Insurance Company, which today has become part of the multi-billion dollar Washington National Corporation, a financial service holding company headquartered in Evanston, Illinois, which owns insurance and other related subsidiaries in Illinois, Arizona, New Jersey, and New York.

George R. Kendall was born on a farm in Jeffersonton, Kentucky, in 1882, to Preston Biscoe and Adelia Scarce Kendall. Preston Biscoe Kendall had completed only the Entered Apprentice Degree in Freemasonry, but he and Adelia became the proud parents of six active Freemasons and successful insurance executives. Their sons were Brothers Harry R., J. Walter, James S., Claude P., Albert W., and George R. Kendall. The family relocated

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**"Sir Knights Harry and George Kendall founded the Washington National Insurance Co., now a part of their multi-billion dollar firm."**

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to Louisville, and after graduating from high school, George attended business college. In 1900 he became a clerk in the local office of the Prudential Insurance Company, following in the footsteps of his older brothers. He demonstrated his ability and quickly earned promotions to agent, assistant district superintendent, and superintendent of more → → →



important offices in Kentucky, Indiana, New Jersey, and Ohio.

In 1906, while working in Steubenville, Ohio, he married Edna M. Woods of that city. In 1908 he was transferred to the Seattle, Washington, Prudential office. The following year, son George Preston was born. By this time, his business feathers had grown to such an extent that

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he made up his mind to do a little flying on his own account. Illinois seemed to offer the opportunity he was looking for, since there were no industrial health accident companies in the state at that time.

It was in November 1911 that George Kendall, now aged 29, paid \$500 for the charter of a small fraternal insurance society in Springfield, Illinois. Choosing for his inspiration the name of a beloved Freemason, he founded (with his older brother Harry as his partner) the Washington Health and Accident Association. The original home office occupied a single room in the Springfield Bank Building; rent was \$5 a month.

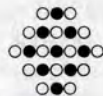
The first policy was sold on the morning of November 7, 1911. Sir Knight Kendall typed out the policy himself and returned that same day to deliver it. Assets of the company increased to \$517.40 by the end of the year—just \$17.40 more than the original investment. In March 1912 Sir Knight Kendall hired his first agent. By 1917, there were forty agents working twelve Illinois cities, and the company relocated to Chicago in order to more efficiently serve its growing number of policyowners.

George's brother Harry Kendall was an executive of vigorous mentality, untiring energy, and of personality traits so dominant that he made an outstanding

figure in any environment. His aggressiveness, however, was tempered by a sympathetic understanding of human nature. Born in 1876 at Chaplin, Kentucky, he started his insurance career in the local office of the Prudential Insurance Company in New Albany, Indiana, which led to a successful association with Prudential which lasted for thirty years; for twenty-five years he was the highly successful manager of the Louisville territory. He resigned that position with Prudential to form his own insurance company, Fidelity Life and Accident Insurance of Louisville.

In 1926 George and Harry's joint company, Washington Health and Accident Association, took a major step forward when it merged with the Louisville Fidelity Life and Accident Insurance Company (founded by George's brother Harry, who served as president). Harry relocated to Chicago and became chairman of the board of this newly formed company. Also that year, the two brothers bought the United States National Life and Casualty Company of Chicago, and renamed the new organization the Washington Fidelity National Insurance Company. In 1930, the word "Fidelity" was dropped from the title, and Washington National Insurance Company was firmly established. The company relocated its home office to Evanston, a northern suburb of Chicago, in 1936.

*Next month, Part II—The conclusion of the Kendall's success story and the tale of Sir Knight W. Clement Stone's rise to national prominence with his insurance company.*



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Masonic items, especially books,  
are often lost when their owner fails  
to provide for their fate after  
he is gone.

# Don't Leave Your Books in a Bind!



During his lifetime, a Mason accumulates a variety of fraternal objects. Most of us have a ring and a few lapel pins. Very active Masons may have a drawer full of regalia, souvenirs, and perhaps even a few books.

In fact, there are more Masonic books around than most of our Brothers realize. A sizable literature has built up around the Craft. For three centuries, both proponents and critics have published books and pamphlets about Freemasonry. New books appear occasionally, and the old classics are sometimes reprinted.

Thus many Masons accumulate a small library over the years. When they die, however, those books may be dispersed



along with their other possessions.

Fortunately, heirs are often sensitive to the fate of Masonic items. A non-Masonic friend tells of the family gathering which followed the death of his uncle. The widow was giving some of her husband's belongings to relatives, and my friend admired a ring and asked if he might have it. The widow, sensitive to the importance the

Craft places on its tokens, replied that this was a fraternal ring and should be worn only by a Freemason. No doubt she saw to it that the ring found its way to a member of our Fraternity.

But this is not always the case. Often the mementoes of a lifetime enter the second-hand market. Books, → → →

by  
Sir Knight C. Bruce Hunter, Jr.



especially, may be found at yard sales or in neighborhood stores.

However, not all of these books are then lost. Many still have a long and useful life. Since Masonic books are not "mass market" items, specific titles can be hard to find, and the dusty shelves of a quaint store are sometimes the only source of older volumes.

In fact, there is an active collectors' market for Masonic books and memorabilia. This secondary market provides interesting treasure hunts for scholars and makes out-of-print classics available to people who otherwise might never see them. In addition, it benefits those who are not yet Masons. No doubt many of our Brothers originally discovered the Craft in the pages of an accidentally found book.

Still, we should make an effort to keep our books in the Fraternity. Many Masons would like to read about the Craft, but don't know where to find books on the subject. A friend might treasure a book left to him by a lifelong Brother, and many Lodges value the small libraries they have inherited over the years.

If you want to be sure your fraternal items stay in the Fraternity, take a little time to make your wishes known to your family and friends. A clause in your will or instructions to your wife and children will insure that your books and other artifacts of our Craft will not be dispersed needlessly.



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## MSA Announces Replacement

The Executive Commissioners of the Masonic Service Association of the United States announce that they have accepted the resignation of Brother Stewart M. L. Pollard as Executive



Secretary/Treasurer of the association with reluctance effective December 31, 1987. Pollard is a member of Helena Commandery No. 3, Palmyra, New Jersey.

From several potential replacements, the Executive Commissioners have selected Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Masons in Vermont, to be the next Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Fletcher is a member of Burlington Commandery No. 2, Burlington, Vermont. The selection was announced on September 1 by Robert A. Hockstad, Past Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, Chairman of the MSA's Executive Commission.

Sir Knight Fletcher, fifty-two, is currently Senior Vice President in Treasury/Property Management with the Chittenden Bank, a commercial bank headquartered in Burlington, Vermont, and is Past President of the Northern Vermont Chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

Sir Knight Fletcher belongs to Burlington Lodge No. 100, holds membership in York and Scottish Rite bodies, and is a member of Mt. Sinai Temple, AAONMS.

A 33° Scottish Rite Mason, Brother Fletcher has received many honors, awards, medals, and distinctions in various Masonic bodies and Masonic youth groups. He is an accomplished Masonic writer. Says the MSA, "He will bring many talents to the Masonic Service Association when he joins the MSA family in August 1987."



**A positive approach  
in dealing with people  
is far more likely  
to produce positive results.**

## Avoiding Negativism

by Sir Knight Dr. Bobby J. Demott

Though the Bible does not mention “negativism,” as such, in the Ten Commandments—nor is there likely a civil law against such an attitude—a man possessed of such a characteristic might very well be doing a grievous wrong against himself and persons with whom he comes into contact. Such a mental attitude could be considered similar to having a problem with smoking cigarettes or drinking alcohol to excess.

The dictionary definition of negativism says it is an attitude characterized by ignoring or opposing suggestions or orders from others. This can be expanded to include one’s general method of guiding others in their activities; for example, the parent who, in an effort to protect a child against harmful actions, says “*don’t* do that,” as opposed to telling the child what to do to replace the forbidden act. The employer/employee relationship can also be seen in this light.

In the workplace, negativism shows its presence in a boss who fails to be positive in the handling of his employees. Telling an employee what *not* to do tells him nothing about what he is expected to do. Repeated rejection of the employee’s efforts without constructive criticism is cruel negativism.

Sir Knight Dr. Norman Vincent Peale recognized the harmful effects of negativism upon the individual. He wrote the book *The Power of Positive Thinking* in an effort to defeat this threat to happiness. Sir Knight Dr. Peale suggests the substitution of positive thoughts for negative ones. Complete substitution of one for the other may be ideal, especially in one’s own mind, but something less than total replacement might be in order in everyday dealings with others.

Negativism causes discouragement, despair, hopelessness, and idleness. Such things result in non-productive employees and breed contempt and disloyalty for those causing these conditions.

In order to overcome these negative attitudes, the following actions could be helpful:

1. Be positive. Try to substitute another word for *don’t*.
2. Be consistent. When a decision is made, it should apply to all others in the same work group.
3. Be straight-forward and open with people, not concealing. If a boss relates suggestions for improvement or success in the task at hand, his employee will proceed with zeal.

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4. Be courteous. An employee will long remember a good-natured act. A polite, considerate act or remark will elicit a feeling of belonging and loyalty. In our fraternal gatherings—much more frequently than in other social groups—we shake hands. This simple act is a way of showing courtesy to our Brothers.

5. Be likable. Develop an attitude that inspires others to expand their normal

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levels. A sour-faced, bulldog expression should be replaced with one of happiness and pleasantness.

6. Be congenial, not aloof. If an employee learns that the boss came from a background similar to his own, or that the two of them have other things in common, there will be developed a camaraderie and loyalty which will yield great returns.

7. Be interested in others. A boss may say to an employee: "I noticed your daughter's picture in the paper among those who are getting married," or "How is your son getting along on the football team?" The employee will know by such comments that the boss is interested in him and his family, and greater loyalty and productivity will result. In fraternal affairs, each of us inquires about the well-being of the other's family, with the result that a feeling of caring prevails.

8. Unselfishly help others. Selfishness and greed are soon discovered by their victims. On the other hand, an employee who can be assured that his boss will help him to attain an objective or goal, at no expense to fellow workers, will work diligently toward that goal.

9. Be honest. All dealings should be aboveboard and open, without favoritism or prejudice. To tell a story which degrades

a fellow employee in the mind of the boss, for example, is among the worst transgressions against one's compatriots. In the Lodge hall, every person is given an opportunity to speak, and on special occasions emphasis is placed upon the healing of differences which might have arisen between Brothers, in order that peace and harmony might prevail throughout.

If the feelings of compassion, helpfulness, and brotherhood expressed in the Lodge hall could be extended to the workplace—and to society in general—all persons would benefit mentally, morally, spiritually, and physically. Such is a sincere compliment to our Fraternity.

Sir Knight Demott lives at 5439 Lance Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, and is a member of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 9 of Knoxville.



### Greenville Coin

Greenville Chapter No. 50, Royal Arch Masons, located in Greenville, North Carolina, recently celebrated the 100th



anniversary of their charter and designed a bronze coin to celebrate the occasion. The coin is pictured above; collectors and other interested parties may obtain the coin by sending \$5.00 postpaid to L. Bryant McGlohon at 406 Lee Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27858.



## Templar Benefactor Offers Grand Master's Club Membership for Petitions

Sir Knight Eugene C. Maillard, a member of Pasco Commandery No. 21, Pasco, Washington, has announced his sponsorship of a unique donation program through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Sir Knight Maillard will donate one Grand Master's Club membership in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for any Sir Knight who obtains five petitions for membership in a Commandery of Knights Templar. These five petitions must be certified by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of the state in which the Sir Knight obtained them, and the candidates must be Knighted before the petitions count toward the Grand Master's Club membership. These petitions and Knightings must be achieved within a twelve month period. This limited program will be instituted beginning on October 1, 1986, and continue until available memberships have been exhausted.

Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., said, "This is a unique opportunity for us to increase our capacity to help those of us in need and at the same time bring more worthy men into our beloved Knights Templar."

Correspondence concerning this unique offer, as well as complete information, is available from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

### Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Memberships

#### Grand Commander's Club:

Georgia No. 11—In Memory of Edwin W.  
Raymond

#### Grand Master's Club:

No. 684—William G. Naef (CA)  
No. 685—Maurice E. McCain (AL)  
No. 686—Irma J. Williams (MD)  
No. 687—William J. Williams (MD)  
No. 688—George E. Rehmer (UT)  
No. 689—Richard Patrick Giffin (CA)  
No. 690—Charles I. Rauworth (IL)  
No. 691—James E. Conner (TN)

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 Comman-

der'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.



Culture is the passion for  
sweetness and light, and (what  
is more) the passion for making  
them prevail.

Matthew Arnold



*Two Sir Knights have recently come into prominence as leaders in the two different jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite, Northern and Southern. Knight Templar Magazine here prints their biographies in the interests of introducing them to the readership.*

### C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°

Sir Knight C. Fred Kleinknecht, a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland, advanced to the post of Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, in October 1985.

He was born on February 14, 1924, and graduated from the public schools of the District of Columbia. His major interest was writing and business, and he pursued further education in these fields at Benjamin Franklin University. World War II interrupted his education, and he served in the United States Navy.

He is married to the former Miss Gene E. Kamm, and they have four children: Gene Ellen, Henry, Scott, and Joan. Sir Knight Kleinknecht is a member of St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church in Silver Spring, Maryland.

In the Masonic Fraternity, Sir Knight Kleinknecht is a member of Silver Spring Lodge No. 215, A.F. & A.M., at Silver Spring, Maryland. In the York Rite, Sir Knight Kleinknecht holds membership in Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons; King David Council No. 19, Royal & Select Masters; and St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar. He belongs to Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and to the Valley of Baltimore, A. & A.S.R., S.J. He holds honorary memberships in the Scottish Rite Bodies of Miami, Florida; Nemesis Temple, AAONMS, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Kalif Temple, AAONMS, Sheridan, Wyoming; and the National Sojourners, Inc. He has received a certificate of appreciation from the American Military Scottish Rite Bodies, NATO Area, Frankfurt, Germany, and is an Associate Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

Sir Knight Kleinknecht was coronated an Inspector General Honorary, 33°, in 1959, having been invested with the rank and decoration of the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1955. Sir Knight Kleinknecht has been a participant and representative of the Mother Supreme Council at International Scottish Rite Conferences, the European Conference of Sovereign Grand Commanders, English-Speaking Conferences of Sovereign Grand Commanders, and Reunions of Sovereign Grand Commanders of the Americas. The Supreme Councils for Turkey and for France elected him an honorary member. Kleinknecht has been a member and worker for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, for almost forty years. He began his career as an assistant in the office of the Grand Secretary General of the Southern Jurisdiction; in 1966 he was appointed assistant to the then-Sovereign Grand Commander, Luther A. Smith. In January 1967 he was appointed Acting Grand Secretary General; at the biennial session in October of that year he was elected and installed Sovereign Grand Inspector General at Large and Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, a post he held until his advancement to the office of Sovereign Grand Commander in October 1985.





Sir Knight Francis George Paul, a member of Malta Commandery No. 21, Binghamton, New York, advanced to the post of Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, in September 1985.

He was born on September 11, 1921, to Wilbur B. Paul, 32° (a member of the Valley of Allentown, Pennsylvania) and Caroline Schaible Paul. He is a native of Easton, Pennsylvania. He attended Easton Public Schools, where he graduated from high school in June 1939. He then attended the Farragut Naval Academy in Toms River, New Jersey, graduating in 1940.

Sir Knight Paul attended Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, receiving a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in June 1946. At Cornell he was a member of the U.S. Army ROTC, being called to active duty in April 1943. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Navigator, in the U.S. Army Air Force early in 1944. He served with the 8th Air Force in England, earning the Air Medal. On November 26, 1943, he married Lillian Elizabeth "Bette" Grube of Easton, Pennsylvania and they have five children. Upon his graduation from Cornell, Sir Knight Paul joined the IBM Corporation at Endicott, New York, and stayed with IBM for thirty-eight years. He retired early in 1985 from the post of corporate resident manager for the New York area, located in Endicott.

In the Masonic Fraternity, Sir Knight Paul was raised a Master Mason in Friendship Lodge No. 153, F. & A.M. at Owego, New York, in April 1948 and has served as Master of his Lodge. In 1985 he was named to the post of Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma near New York. He joined New Jerusalem Chapter No. 47, being exalted a Royal Arch Mason on June 21, 1948. He was greeted a Cryptic Mason on January 16, 1950, in Southern Tier Council No. 16, Elmira, New York, then became a charter member of the Owego Council No. 30 in 1950; he has served as its Thrice Illustrious Master. He is a member of Malta Commandery No. 21, Royal Order of Scotland, and Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, serving as Sovereign of Christian Conclave, Binghamton. Sir Knight Paul joined the Valley of Binghamton, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., in April 1961. That same year, he became a Noble in Kalurah Temple, AAONMS, Binghamton, serving as Potentate. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Binghamton Court No. 61. In 1980 he was honored by the Order of DeMolay and received the Honorary Legion of Honor.

Sir Knight Paul was coronated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, honorary member of the Supreme Council in Detroit, Michigan, September 16, 1973. In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 29, 1977, he was made an active member of the Supreme Council. He was elected to the office of deputy for the state of New York in September 1981; in addition, Paul has been a member of primary committees such as Finance and General State of the Rite, heading the latter as chairman. He is the Grand Representative of the Supreme Council for France near the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. In September 1982 at St. Louis, Missouri, he was elected to the office of Grand Lieutenant Commander of the Supreme Council, leading to his advancement to the post of Sovereign Grand Commander at Detroit in September 1985.





## Oklahoma Knight Templar Receives National Sojourner's Award

Sir Knight Kenneth Lowmiller, Senior Warden of Lawton Commandery No. 18, Lawton, Oklahoma, was the 1986 recipient of the Houghton Memorial Award for the most outstanding contributions to National Sojourners, Inc., in a single year. The award was presented at the annual national convention held this year in Seattle, Washington. Sir Knight Lowmiller serves on four national committees and is in the Heroes of '76 national line, National Sojourners, which is committed to supporting all Masonic patriotic endeavors, developing true patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation and keeping a strong national defense. Sir Knight Lowmiller is also High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 102, Tipton, Oklahoma, and Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Oklahoma, as well as Deputy Master of Tipton Council No. 60, Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. In addition to his extensive York Rite and Sojourner activities, Sir Knight Lowmiller is very active with Guthrie Valley Scottish Rite and Blue Lodge in his hometown of Lawton, Oklahoma, where he resides with his family.



## Knights Templar Eye Foundation Board of Directors Meets

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation's board of directors met in Springfield, Illinois, on July 26 and 27 to discuss key



points in the Eye Foundation's business. Among the items which came up for discussion were 1987 grants for eye research, financial eligibility requirements for applicants, and the unique proposal by Sir Knight Eugene Maillard involving Commandery Knightings and Grand Master's Club memberships (see news article on page thirteen). In addition, elections were held for the coming year: Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell was re-elected Executive Director, Alvin Crump as Assistant Executive Director, and Charles Neumann as Secretary. Newly appointed to be a consultant for the Eye Foundation was Sir Knight Gene Bracewell, Past Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Pictured in the photograph above are, from left to right, Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master Donald H. Smith, Grand Recorder Charles R. Neumann, and Assistant Executive Director Alvin Crump.

Time: That which man is  
always trying to kill, but  
which ends in killing him.

Herbert Spencer





## Lord Chapter DeMolay

On Saturday, June 21, 1986, George Ulee Lord Chapter, Order of DeMolay,



Niceville, Florida, installed their officers for the June to December 1986 term. Leader of the Chapter is Master Councilor Richard W. Goode, Jr., son of retired Major (U.S.A.F.) Sir Knight and Mrs. R. W. Goode of Shalimar. He will be a sophomore at Choctawatchee High School. The two other officers elected are Senior Councilor James D. Tislow, son of Niceville City Councilman and Mrs. Terry Tislow, a high school junior, and Junior Councilor is Russell Kwasigroh, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Lawrence Kwasigroh of Shalimar, a sophomore. In the photograph above is Master Councilor Richard W. Goode, Jr., receiving his gavel of office from his father Richard W. Goode, Sr., a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

To make your children capable of honesty is the beginning of education.

John Ruskin

## Pennsylvanians Sponsor Free Booth

The Commanderies of Division 2, Pennsylvania, sponsored and manned a



free booth at the Highland Drive Veterans Administration Hospital's Annual Carnival/Fair. This took place on July 19 at the hospital grounds, which are located in Pittsburgh. According to Sir Knight James H. Richards II, a member and Past Commander of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Pittsburgh, "The patients enjoyed and appreciated the cold drinks and personal items (pencils, pens, combs, and toothbrushes) that were given to them. We are looking forward to participating in this event next year."

## Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., York Rite Festival

All the degrees and orders of York Rite Masonry will be conferred on Friday and Saturday evenings, January 16 and 17 and January 30 and 31, 1987, at the Masonic Temple, Oakland, Pittsburgh, which is sponsoring the Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., York Rite Festival for Western Pennsylvania. All Western Pennsylvania Master Masons are invited to participate. Further information is available from Roland C. Fisher, 258 Grandview Way, Charleroi, Pennsylvania 15022. Sir Knight Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., is a member of Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 of Pittsburgh. All out of state visitors are welcome.



# IN MEMORIAM



**Robert E. Radeke**  
Grand Commander—1983  
Born May 29, 1915  
Died September 5, 1986

**Leslie Leon Farmer**  
Grand Commander—1976  
Born September 22, 1917  
Died August 10, 1986

**James Lee Robert Fuller**  
Grand Commander—1972  
Born September 23, 1905  
Died August 10, 1986

**Edwin W. Raymond**  
Grand Commander—1967  
Born January 2, 1905  
Died August 16, 1986



## 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 Knight Templar emblem in red, white, yellow, and black on a white background. Kits are still available and include the printed canvas, needle, and yarn (finished size is 10 by 10 inches). The cost of a single kit is \$11.50 postpaid, or \$10.50 each in lots of three or more. Orders may be sent to Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

## Masonic College

Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research is sponsoring a Masonic College at the Seattle Scottish Rite Temple. This college will begin September 13 and conclude on June 13, 1987. All Master Masons are welcome to attend; the fee for the entire year is only ten dollars. This helps to pay for the refreshments during the coffee break, according to a news release sent out by the Lodge. In addition, this college meets from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Occasionally topics are controversial, but they are never suppressed or censored. Further information is available from the Seattle Scottish Rite Temple, 1155 East Broadway Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98102.



## Cunningham Coin

Cunningham Chapter No. 187, Royal Arch Masons, Lakewood, Ohio, is continuing to offer the commemorative



coins which it struck for its 75th anniversary. These coins are 1½ inches in diameter and have an antique bronze finish. As pictured above, the coins contain Royal Arch symbols. These coins are offered for sale at the price of \$5.00 postpaid; \$4.00 each in lots of ten or more. Orders may be sent to Cecil Hamilton, 1283 Beach Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107.



The exaltation of  
the Marquis de Lafayette and  
his son George Washington Lafayette  
is a little-known chapter of Royal Arch history.

# Lafayette Exalted

by  
Sir Knight William A. Brown  
Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, Alexandria, Virginia

Although there is some question as to where the Marquis de Lafayette received his symbolic degrees, there is no question as to when and where the general received his Royal Arch Degree. Lafayette was an American-made Mason, as there is little doubt that he received his symbolic degrees in America. We can assume that Lafayette's great intimacy with Brother George Washington led him to desire to become a member of the Fraternity.

You might wonder why the time and place of his having received the first three degrees of Masonry should not have been well recorded, but there is uncertainty only because the stories told were embellished and changed to make the teller important.

Where was it? Morristown, New Jersey, or Albany, New York? Could it have been Newburgh? All three claim to be the home and birthplace of Lafayette's Masonic life.

Most authorities agree that Lafayette was in his twentieth year when he received his degrees in the Symbolic Lodge, which, oddly, is the same age at which Washington received his first degree in Fredericksburg Lodge, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The most popular story, and the one most quoted, claims that Lafayette received his degrees in a room over the bar of the old Freeman's Tavern in Morristown, New Jersey. They also state that Brother Washington himself presided at the ceremony as Master; of this there is no proof, but it made a good story and may be true. The concession and probability is in favor of the degrees being conferred in some military Lodge at some time prior to the capitulation of Yorktown, for it is recorded that Washington, Marshall, Lafayette, and Nelson attended Lodge No. 9 immediately after the surrender.

It was in 1784 that Lafayette, on a visit to America, made a special trip to Mt. Vernon to visit Washington and Martha; they were like a father and mother to him and he loved them dearly. On that visit he presented to Washington a beautiful Masonic apron—the handiwork of Madame de Lafayette—and also a handsome rosewood cabinet, beautifully inlaid with emblems of the order, in which to store the apron. The apron is now the property of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the box is on display in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, → → →



Virginia, and the property of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.

In 1824, on an invitation of the Congress of the United States, Lafayette made his last visit to America. Lafayette arrived in New York on August 15 in what proved to be a triumphant journey through the twenty-four states. All parts of the country desired to do homage to him. Masonic bodies in the various states which he visited extended him invitations and in most instances he accepted, as is recorded in the proceedings of those many Lodges and Grand Lodges.

But ultimately it was Jerusalem Chapter No. 8 which had the honor of extending him the first Masonic honor after his arrival in New York. On this last visit, Lafayette was not alone; accompanying him was his son, George Washington Lafayette whom he had named for the father he had "adopted," and also M. L. Vasseur, who served Lafayette as his secretary during the trip.

In September 1824, two interesting events are recorded in the minutes of Jerusalem Chapter No. 8. On the 8th of September, Brother George Washington Lafayette, son of the great Marquis, was proposed, and at a special meeting held the next day, all the degrees were conferred upon him. According to their minutes, "It was also voted to present him with a gold medal as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the members of this Chapter." Three days later, the Marquis himself was

proposed and elected, and received the degrees at one convocation.

When Lafayette had arrived in New York, for some days he was entertained by the city authorities with great hospitality. He traveled to other cities in the east and returned to New York in September when he was invited to the Grand Lodge to participate in a great celebration

in his honor. This was given on September 20. It was recorded in the minutes of Jerusalem Chapter that the Chapter entertained him and conferred the capitular degrees upon him eight days earlier than the reception given to him by the Grand Lodge.

The following account is from a Tennessee newspaper, after Lafayette's visit to that Grand Lodge:



*Most Excellent High Priest and worthy Companions: It was in this city where I first met with that kind reception and those cordial welcomes which I have repeatedly experienced in the progress of my late journey through the twenty-four states of the union. It was here within these walls that I first received admission to the higher orders of Masonry, and I may, therefore, justly regard this Chapter as the cradle of my Masonic life, having been, by your kindness, enabled to visit the various Masonic institutions throughout the United States. Indeed I may justly be regarded as one of the greatest Masonic travelers in this country, having, in my late tour with my son, George Washington Lafayette, and my worthy companion, M. LaVasseur, visited all*



## Lafayette in Templary

There is one more question which has been asked again and again, and no one appears to have the correct answer: "Where and when did Lafayette receive the Order of the Temple?"

By accident, I stumbled upon some affidavits which have finally answered the question completely.

I, Adolphus Andreas, now residing on 86th Street in New York City, certify as follows: I was born in the city of New York, was initiated, passed, and raised in German Union Lodge No. 63, October 14, 1819; was made a Royal Arch Mason in Rising Sun Chapter No. 16 in 1824, and Knighted in Morton Encampment No. 4 in the year 1824. That at the same time and place were Knighted the Marquis de Lafayette and his son George Washington Lafayette; that I received my orders with him at St. John's Hall, then situated in Frankfort Street. That Sir Knight Dr. William H. Piatt was Eminent Commander; Sir Knight Richard Pennel was Generalissimo; that Sir Knight Jared L. Moore was Captain General; and Sir Knight Lebbeus Chapman was Recorder at the time; that I fully recollect the occasion, it being that time an event to indelibly fix itself upon the memory.

This Conclave being of the character described, the members of other encampments were invited to be present, and were so; and I have no doubt that this fact has given rise to the impression of the Orders of Knighthood having been conferred in another than Morton Commandery.

I distinctly remember the names of the following Sir Knights who were present at the time.

Jared L. Moore, William E. Ross, Samuel Maverick, Henry Reill, of Columbian No. 1, John W. Timson, John Gairen, Lebbeus Chapman (Recorder at the time), and Robert P. Morris, who was the composer of the ode sung at the banquet given by the Grand Lodge to the Marquis and his son, at Washington Hall, then on the corner of Broadway and Reade Street.

I also remember that on the evening of conferring the Order of Knighthood on the Marquis de Lafayette, the Order of Red Cross was also conferred.

I was afterwards Recorder of Morton Commandery No. 4 and distinctly remember having many times

*the Grand Lodges and higher Masonic bodies of the United States, with great pleasure and satisfaction. I am also happy to state that I found, in my travels, the Masonic Fraternity flourishing and harmonious, and held in high public respect and honor. Even in some of the more recently settled portions of the country, in Cincinnati and particularly in Nashville, it was with no less surprise than pleasure that I observed the Masonic societies had made improvements so creditable to themselves and honorable to the order.*

*The harmony and respectability of Masonry throughout this extensive country may well be regarded as affording an important pillar of support and union to its free institutions and happy form of government.*

*Accept, therefore, in return for your kindness, my sincere thanks for having afforded me the facilities of being so honorably received and accepted by all the higher Masonic institutions in the twenty-four states of this republic.*

Although New York was to be the first to entertain Lafayette, he received an invitation by the citizens of Alexandria, Virginia, to be their guest as soon as possible. Thus, on the 16th of October 1824, Lafayette was received with an ovation, and Lodges Nos. 22, 47, and 8 extended him their hospitalities. The streets of Alexandria were decorated and the → → →



seen the signatures of the Marquis and his son to the bylaws of the encampment.

A. Andreas  
New York, January 1889

I, John W. Timson, a Sir Knight of Manhattan Commandery, do certify that at that time I was a member of Morton Commandery No. 4 and was present on the occasion mentioned above, and that the statement of Sir Knight Andreas is true in every respect.

John Timson, Sr.

Sir Knight Adolphus Andreas and Sir Knight John W. Timson did affirm the facts above before me.

Wesley B. Church, Notary  
August 14, 1876

I do certify that Wesley B. Church was Recorder of Morton Commandery No. 4 and was also a Notary August 14, 1876, and that Sir Knight Adolphus Andreas and Sir Knight John W. Timson did appear before him on that date and affirm to the facts above.

John W. Keeler, P.C.  
January 26, 1889

There is a post-script which I found interesting:

The first information I had of a meeting of Masons in this city was June 1799 at the City Hotel, corner of Broadway and Thomas Street; the next was in old Tammany Hall, corner of Spruce and Nassau, opposite the Tribune building, southeast corner, also old St. John's Hall at No. 8 Frankfort Street, also at Oliver and Henry Streets in 1823; [I am] aged between eighty-nine and ninety years, will be ninety in June 1889. I was at the funeral procession of George Washington carried in my mother's arms.

In June 1889 I will be in Masonry seventy years and now feel that I have as much interest in Freemasonry as I ever had.

Adolphus Andreas  
January 28, 1889

For those who might be interested, the foregoing material with affidavits are on file in the library of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

*William A. Brown*

whole city turned out for their very distinguished guest. Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Brook Lodge No. 47, and Evangelical Lodge No. 8 were his official hosts.

After the ceremonies were over, Lafayette found time to visit the tomb of Washington at Mt. Vernon and pay a silent tribute to the memory of his beloved mentor.

From Alexandria, Lafayette went on to visit the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in late October and from there he traveled among the Grand Lodges of the states. Upon his return to Alexandria on the 21st of February 1825, a farewell party was given for the Lafayette party, at which Lafayette presented to Alexandria-Washington Lodge the key to the Bastille, which has been in their possession ever since. Many presents and tokens were presented to Lafayette during the banquet at Gadsby's Tavern that night.

Madame de Stael wrote of him: "You can with certainty predict what he would do under any and all circumstances; brave yet tender, firm yet gentle, a pillar of light to Masons and to all mankind.

"Brother Lafayette died May 20, 1834, just ten years after his last visit to America.

"The chosen friend and dear adopted son of the Brother of our Craft, George Washington."

Sir Knight William A. Brown  
lives at 2404 Valley Drive,  
Alexandria, Virginia 22302.



## Erratum

On page fifteen of the September issue of *Knight Templar Magazine*, the Commandery of Sir Knight Charles McGaughey was incorrectly named. Sir Knight McGaughey is a member of Richmond Commandery No. 19 of Richmond, Kentucky. This is the same Commandery to which our Most Eminent Grand Master Donald H. Smith belongs. *Knight Templar* regrets the error.

## Mineola Coin

Mineola Lodge No. 502, A.F. & A.M., Mineola, Texas, is offering commemorative coins and trowels for sale. These items commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the creation of Mineola Lodge. Interested parties may send \$5.00 for each coin or trowel to R. C. Williams, Secretary/Recorder, P.O. Box 126, Mineola, Texas 75773. According to Sir Knight Williams, many members of this Lodge are active members of Ascension Commandery No. 25, Tyler, Texas.



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## Fifty Years for Williamsport Conclave

Williamsport Conclave, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary this year. A special Conclave will be held on Thursday, November 6, 1986, at the Genetti-Lycoming Hotel in Williamsport. The festivities will begin with the opening of the Conclave at 5:00 p.m.; in attendance will be Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign J. Willard Register. Dinner and entertainment, with the ladies invited, will follow the Conclave at 6:30 p.m.

## Beauceant Celebration

Carthage Assembly No. 98, SOOB, Carthage, Missouri, celebrated the fortieth anniversary of its constitution on July 27.

Constituted on July 18, 1946, nine charter members are still living. Eight were present at this celebration: Mrs. Willard Scroggs, Mrs. John Still, Mrs. Harold Eber, Mrs. Alfred York, Mrs. William Duckwall, Mrs. Jean Burns, Mrs. Carroll Hendrickson and Mrs. Paul Harter. Sir Knight Glenn Payton, P.C., Jasper Commander No. 31, Carthage, original sponsor, attended, along with assembly families and friends.

## Crossword Puzzle Solution

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# On the Masonic Newsfront ...

## Winrod Reception

The 10th Division, Council for Templar Advancement of Ohio, will be sponsoring a reception in honor of Sir Knight F. Dean Winrod, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. This will take place on Saturday, October 18, 1986, at the Steubenville, Ohio, Masonic Temple.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.; the dinner is limited to four hundred attendees. The deadline for reservations is October 11, 1986; the tickets are priced at \$7.00 per person, and the reservations are to be made with John Monroe, 661 Arden Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio, 43952. Checks are to be made payable to 10th Division, C.T.A. Forty hotel rooms are available at the Holiday Inn on a first-come, first-served basis, and reservations must be made with Mr. Arthur Michael, R.D. No. 1, Box 158, Steubenville, Ohio 43952; (614) 283-2284.

## Letter to the Editor from Scotland

Dear Editor:

It has been a great pleasure for me on a number of occasions to have passed on to me editions of your wonderful publication from a fellow member of my Knight Templar Preceptory.

I and many other Knights here in Scotland look forward with keen anticipation to perusing what we regard as an enlightening and informative magazine, especially as we have no similar publication here in Scotland.

Although there would appear to be many basic differences between "Temple" Masonry here and its counterpart in the United States, it is held in the same high esteem by its members in Scotland.

Please find enclosed payment for the *Masonic Americana, Volumes I & II* as advertised in your June 1986 edition.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,  
David Niven

## Mortgage Burning Forges Coin

Los Altos Lodge No. 712, F. & A.M., Los Altos, California, is offering for sale commemorative coins struck in honor of the mortgage burning ceremony held on August 22, 1986. This ceremony was conducted by the Grand Lodge of California and Hawaii, with Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Driskell presiding.

In attendance at this unusual occasion were seventeen out of twenty-nine Grand Lodge officers, with an audience of approximately three hundred Lodge officers, Past Masters, members, wives, and friends. The ceremony was preceded by a steak dinner catered by the Los Altos Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay bodies. The



# Monthly Crossword

Poetic License

## ACROSS

- 1 Period
- 4 Stupid person
- 7 One written by 66A (2 wds.)
- 12 Figure of speech with 14A
- 14 See 12A
- 16 Present occasion
- 17 Metrical foot
- 18 Bull
- 19 Violin maker
- 20 Pick up the tab
- 22 Dutch symbol
- 24 5 and 10, e.g. (abbr.)
- 25 Drink with straw
- 27 Fixed pattern in poetry
- 29 Della and Pee Wee
- 32 Nun
- 35 Clerics (abbr.)
- 36 Alias (abbr.)
- 38 Pavarotti, e.g.
- 40 Ta-tas
- 41 Mollusks
- 44 Shakespeare's verse form  
(with 75A) or male offspring
- 45 Subject of many poems
- 47 Nabokov woman
- 48 Soapy water



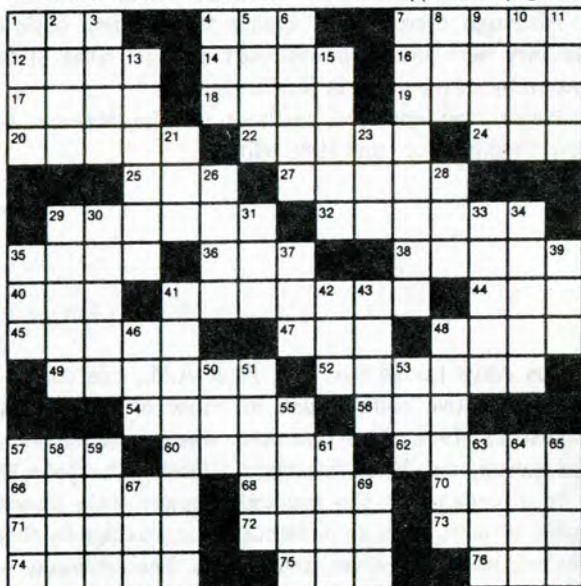
"Glad you dropped in, Sam.  
Do you have a twenty to spare  
until payday?"

- 49 Roman or Austro-Hungarian
- 52 Circular currents
- 54 Tennis stroke
- 56 Purpose
- 57 Prohibit
- 60 Join
- 62 Hoarder of wealth
- 66 Poe, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 68 Greek god of love
- 70 Citrus tree
- 71 French annuity
- 72 Sub----: secretly
- 73 Correct
- 74 "In a ---- -nighted December"  
-Keats
- 75 With 44A or fisherman's need
- 76 Before

## DOWN

- 1 Give off
- 2 Bring up child
- 3 "Look ----," Mathis hit line  
(2 wds.)
- 4 Choose
- 5 Relax in ---- tub (2 wds.)
- 6 Discussion hall
- 7 Certain poetic meters
- 8 Pom- ---
- 9 Son of Judah
- 10 External (comb.)
- 11 ---tersingers: guilds cultivating  
poetry and music
- 13 Demeans
- 15 Acting parts
- 21 Bobby Burns' contraction

The solution  
appears on page 23.





mayor of Los Altos, Brother Roger Eng, was present and greeted the Grand Master on behalf of the city.

This coin may be ordered by sending check or money order to Los Altos Lodge Temple Association, c/o W. B. Pruitt, 14101 Manuella Road, Los Altos Hills, California 94022. The price has been set at \$3.50, postpaid.

### Utah Buckle and Bolo

The York Rite Bodies of Salt Lake City, Utah, are offering a unique collector's piece: A solid, cast-brass belt buckle and matching bolo with the York Rite emblems and an inscription reading "York Rite, Utah," forming the decorations. These buckles are being sold for \$9.00 each (plus \$1.10 postage and insurance); bolos are \$6.50 each (plus \$0.90 postage and insurance); or \$13.50 for the set (plus \$2.00 postage and insurance). Orders may



be directed to Sir Knight Herbert H. Dailey, 2093 Hazelwood Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121, or to the office of the Secretary/Recorder, 650 East South Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102. The set is pictured above.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear *Knight Templar Magazine*:

It was not very long after my husband passed away on April 4, 1986, that I was sent a form to fill out that entitled me to a copy of your *Knight Templar Magazine* since I was a widow. I did not have the time nor the energy to read the magazine at the time, but saved it and since then have read it with great pleasure, especially the educational articles of people and their achievements in life such as Lowell Thomas and others. Mr. Kramer was an avid reader, and Past Master of a Lodge in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was a wonderful father of four children. It was very painful to lose him after fifty years together.

If I am still entitled to your magazine, I will greatly appreciate it. This would please Mr. Kramer that I was so interested.

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. Ena Kramer

### 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 office of the Grand Recorder, Suite 1700, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-2293.



# History of the Grand Encampment

## CHAPTER XV

### THE FORMATION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERIES AND THE COMMANDERIES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT (continued)

There are still eleven Commanderies subordinate to the Grand Encampment. All except St. Johns No. 1 in Wilmington, Delaware, are outside the continental boundaries of the United States. The organization of each of these is also presented.

- St. Johns No. 1—Wilmington, Delaware.
- Porto Rico No. 1—San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Honolulu No. 1—Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.
- Far East No. 1—Manila, Philippine Islands.
- Canal Zone No. 1—Ancon, Canal Zone.
- Alaska No. 1—Fairbanks, Alaska.
- Anchorage No. 2—Anchorage, Alaska.
- Havana No. 1—Havana, Cuba.
- Tampico No. 1—Tampico, Mexico.
- Ivanhoe No. 2—Mexico City, D.F., Mexico.

### ALABAMA

On September 4, 1860, a dispensation was granted by Grand Master B. B. French to representatives of four Commanderies to establish the Grand Commandery of Alabama. Sir Knight William Field of Rhode Island, as proxy of the Grand Master, instituted the Grand Commandery at Montgomery on December 1, 1860. Sir Knight Richard F. Knott was the first Grand Commander.

The first Commandery in Alabama, Washington No. 1, was established at Marion by a dispensation issued on January 2, 1841. At the meeting of the Grand Encampment on September 12, 1844, a charter was granted. Washington No. 1 made no returns after August 1, 1854, and was probably inactive at the time of the formation of the Grand Commandery in 1860.

In the Proceedings of the Conclave of the Grand Encampment of September 14, 1829, mention is made of Barker Encampment in Alabama. The occasion is an appeal by Sir Knight Perez Snell seeking reinstatement in that Encampment from which he claimed he was unjustly expelled. There is no further mention of Barker Encampment until September 16, 1847, when a charter was to be granted to Barker Encampment at Claiborne, Alabama, as soon as they complied with the requirement of the General Grand Constitution and had made returns to the General Grand Recorder. There is no mention or date of when the dispensation was granted. Barker Encampment evidently became dormant for no further mention is made in regard to it.

Mobile No. 2 at Mobile received a dispensation from Deputy General Grand Master J. K. Stapleton on April 7, 1848. On September 13, 1850, at the Conclave of the Grand Encampment, the dispensation was renewed, and the Grand Master was authorized to issue a charter when proper returns had been made. The charter was granted on March 18, 1851, and the Commandery was constituted on May 21, 1851, by Sir Knight William Hendrix, the Eminent Commander of Washington No. 1.



Tuscumbia No. 3 at Tuscumbia received a dispensation from Grand Master W. B. Hubbard on August 1, 1848, and a charter on September 12, 1850. The Commandery was constituted on October 12, 1850.

Montgomery No. 4 at Montgomery, was granted a dispensation on October 21, 1850, by Charles W. Moore, General Grand Generalissimo, and a charter on September 16, 1853.

Selma No. 5 at Selma, was formed on May 13, 1858, and was granted a Charter on September 16, 1859.

In 1948 there were 24 Commanderies and 6,133 members.

## ARIZONA

On October 21, 1893, a petition from the three Commanderies in Arizona was received by the Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy, praying for authority to establish a Grand Commandery in Arizona. The Grand Master issued a warrant designating Sir Knight George J. Roskruge, a Past Eminent Commander of Arizona Commandery No. 1, to act as his proxy in constituting the Grand Commandery. This was carried out at the convention held in Phoenix on November 16, 1893.

The first Commandery in the state of Arizona was No. 1 at Tucson, established by a dispensation issued by Grand Master Benjamin Dean on February 22, 1883. A charter was granted on August 23, 1883, at the meeting of the Grand Encampment.

Ivanhoe No. 2 at Prescott received a dispensation on February 17, 1891, and Phoenix No. 3 at Phoenix on May 11, 1891. Both were granted charters at the meeting of the Grand Encampment on August 11, 1892.

In 1948 there were 7 Commanderies and 905 members.

## ARKANSAS

On February 24, 1872, Sir J. Q. A. Fellows, the Grand Master, granted the petition of the four Commanderies in the state of Arkansas, and authorized the organization of a Grand Commandery. On March 25, 1872, at a convention held in Fort Smith, the Grand Commandery of Arkansas was constituted. Sir Luke E. Barber of Little Rock was elected the first Grand Commander.

Hugh de Payens No. 1 at Little Rock was the first Commandery to be established in Arkansas. A dispensation granted by Grand Master W.B. Hubbard on December 20, 1853, designated Sir Knight Albert Pike as the first Eminent Commander. The charter was granted on September 10, 1856.

More than ten years elapsed before Bertrand du Guesclin No. 2 at Camden received a dispensation on April 13, 1867, from Grand Master Henry L. Palmer. A charter was granted on September 18, 1868, at the meeting of the Grand Encampment.

Jacques de Molay No. 3 at Fort Smith received a dispensation from Grand Master W. S. Gardner on December 30, 1868, and Baldwin No. 4 at Fayetteville on April 28, 1871. Both received a charter at the meeting of the Grand Encampment on September 22, 1871.

In 1948 there were 15 Commanderies and 2,537 members.

## CALIFORNIA

On May 16, 1858, a dispensation was granted by Grand Master William B. Hubbard for the formation of the Grand Commandery of California. The Grand Commandery was organized on August 10, 1858, and Sir Knight Isaac Davis was chosen as the first Grand Commander.







# 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.

□ For sale: complete needlepoint and cross-stitch kits for emblems of the Masons, Scottish Rite, Shriners, Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, and others. Price \$15 each; includes canvas, yarn/floss, needle, instructions, and postage. *C. A. Adams, Box 34, Mount Holly, VT 05758.*

□ Interested in tracing my g.g.grandfather Julius Jacob James (b. 1795, London, England) to a Masonic Lodge in London. He bought land in Dearborn Co., Ind., in 1817, and was active in Masonry there; m. Huldah Scranton (6/14/1818, Rising Sun, Ind.); d. in Switzerland Co., Ind., 1/26/1848. I need the name and address of a London Lodge to help trace his family history. *Mrs. A. J. Kuenle, 2815 Grace Ave., Dayton, OH 45420.*

□ Want to locate my father's silver Templar sword, leather scabbard, belt, chapeau, and carrying case. His name was Donald Winchester Acer of Medina, New York, and he belonged to the Buffalo York Rite. Contact *John W. Acer, 100 W. Clarendon, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85013; (602) 944-3679 or (602) 248-0964.*

□ For sale: a Crusade Commandery No. 5 sword. Like new—about 66 years old. *Mrs. Joseph Younger, 3633 Elm Ave., Baltimore, MD 21211.*

□ I need an Illinois chapeau, size 6 7/8, and a sword and scabbard, length 28 inches. *Tyler H. Haynes, 1201 N. Douglas, Peoria, IL 61606.*

□ Seeking info on name of Avarilla, maiden name of wife of my g.grandfather William Townsend (b. circa 1809) of Fairmount, Gordon Co., Ga. John C. (my grandfather) is one of their children. I also seek to document Cherokee ancestry of my father Phillip Byrd through his mother, Martha Avarilla Lewis of Bartow Co., Ga. For more details, please write *Tarlton Byrd Townsend, 1519 2nd St., Sanger, CA 93657.*

□ For sale: one Dudley Masonic watch—all Masonic emblems. \$6000; a showpiece. *Charles*

*S. Adkins, P.O. Box 2125, Payson, AZ 85547; (602) 474-5068.*

□ Reunion—U.S.S. Hansford—APA 106 at Nashville, Tenn., June 1987. Former shipmates may write or call *Joseph H. Digby, 803 Woodbourne Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15226.*

□ I would appreciate any info about the parents and birthplace of Elias Bennett, my grandfather (b. 10/14/1812, S.C.). He was married to Sarah Elizabeth Pearson on 1/2/1866 in Miss. *R. D. Bennett, 1326 Sunny Glen, Dallas, TX 75232; (214) 339-0343.*

□ Need any data on ancestry of Julius Dicken(s) and Elizabeth "Betsy" Gallian, who were married in 1818 in Surrey Co., N.C. Julius was born about 1795 in N.C. *Mrs. R. L. Shelton, 762 Nevada St., Gridley, CA 95948.*

□ I am the 11-year-old girl who had a letter in *Knight Voices* for rocks to make a collection from each state. I have received 180 rocks and letters from most of the states, but do not have one from Nebr., Del., or R.I. Thank you so much for being so kind and thoughtful in helping me with this project. I can never repay you for your kindness and for wanting to help me. I have all the names and addresses and if I am ever in your state I want to meet you and thank you. I love all of you and thank you again. The Knights Templar are a great group of people. My grandfather and I say so. *Shannon Simpson, 2102 College View Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37130.*

□ Seeking name and address of a Brother who announced that he and I were relatives at the 6:30 banquet, 10/18/1943 in the Masonic Temple at Albuquerque, N.M. We both had attended the 66th annual communication of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of N.M. His surname could have been Baze, Ervin, Greenwood, Kizer, Maples, or Weldy, or some relative of the above. I am writing my own Masonic history and need his name. *Albert E. Baze, 3532 Socorro Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76116.*



☐ Stolen in St. Louis area—parade boot knife. Black leather sheath, black handle, silver blade and mountings. York Rite and Blue Lodge emblems inlaid in gold on one side of handle; Scottish Rite and Shrine emblems inlaid in silver on the other. REWARD. *H. W. Brentz, 298 N. First, Farmington, IL 61531.*

☐ For sale: Four burial plots in Chapel Hill Gardens, South Lot No. 485-A, Section 8, in the Masonic Garden. \$700. Write to *W. D. Smith, Cedar Dr., Rt. 2, Box 250, Ashburn, GA 31714.*

☐ Seeking info on my father, Clancy Flood (b. circa 1894). Construction worker. Last seen in Boothbay Harbor, Me., in 1942. Had friends or relatives in Ga. and Kan. Please write *G. C. Flood, RFD 1, Box 580A, West Buxton, ME 04093.*

☐ I would like to hear from anyone who was aboard the U.S.S. Albany between 1945-1948, especially "S" Divisions. *Neil M. Mills, 2485 Cherokee Dr., Morristown, IN 37814.*

☐ Seeking info about my husband's ancestors, of Scottish descent, in America since 1685. The surname is spelled as Kerr, Carr, Karr, and Kehr. They are: Walter Ker (b. 1656, Dalsersf, Scotland; d. 1748, Freehold, N.J.); John Ker (b. circa 1695, Freehold; d. 1742, Salem, N.J.); Joseph Kerr (b. 1734, Freehold; death, unknown); Joseph Harvey Kerr (b. 12/19/1770; d. 4/19/1856, Northumberland Co., Pa.). Write for details. *Mary P. Kerr, 5672 S. Utica, Tulsa OK 74105.*

☐ For sale: anniversary envelope to celebrate the 100th year of Prosperity Lodge No. 567, F. & A.M., Riegelsville, Pa. Only 500 envelopes will be sold. Send \$1.00 for each envelope, with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, to *Harry L. Burger, RD 2, Box 16, Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972.*

☐ I have in my possession: "Knights of the Maccabees" sword with "E. R. Boise" on the reverse side. I would part with to a family member. Write to *Bruce Kamhoot, P.O. Box 222, Lake Oswego, OR 97034; (503) 636-3833.*

☐ I have a watch fob with a 1-inch square York Rite Commander emblem that has three small diamonds in the sword handles. I also have a smaller York Rite pendant (no chain) with the York Rite Commander emblem. Both are better than 14K gold. Our local jeweler said both pieces weigh 22.9 DWT, or approximately 34 grams of gold; they are truly antique and are in excellent condition. Appraised at least \$500. Write for more details. *H. A. Starnes, P.O. Box 683, Riverview, FL 33569.*

☐ Looking for World War II shipmates who served on the U.S.S. LST 292 and U.S.S. LST 39 for a possible reunion. Contact *Ted R. Maloof, P.O. Box 1368, Clayton, GA 30525; (404) 782-6270.*

☐ Researching ancestors of William Markham Hunter (b. 2/22/1849, Shenandoah Co., Va.). William came to Tex.; in 1897 met and married Martha Ellendor Edwards, Willis, Montgomery Co., Tex. William's sister Mary married a Union soldier named Wray, Ray, or Rhea. William died 2/1916; Martha, 3/1950. Any surviving relatives of Mary Wray (Ray? Rhea?) please write for more details. *Ernest Edwards Hunter, 505 Gay Dr., Conroe, TX 77301; (409) 756-4040.*

☐ Wanted: artifacts of Masonry—can be commemorative coins, tie pins, patches. Not interested in extremely valuable items but request donations. Also interested in Odd Fellow and Knights of Pythias fraternal items. *J. W. Brigman III, 752 Chestnut St., Birmingham, AL 35216-1912.*

☐ Close-out sale: over 5,000 F.D.C.s, most in sets. Fifty cents per F.D.C. (no Masonic F.D.C.s). Send SASE for list to *David Williams, 3140 N. Drake, Chicago, IL 60618.*

☐ Seeking the date of death and burial site of my grandfather, James William Caldwell (b. circa 1857, Owen Co., Ky.). He was a college professor but turned to religion, preaching up and down the Mississippi River Valley. *Mrs. Oswald Bartlett, 13048 Del Monte Dr., Apt. 42H, Seal Beach, CA 90740.*

☐ Seeking info on Martha Middlebrooks, listed in Red River Co., Tex., in 1870. Children: Columbus, George, Jane A., and Susan. Need name of her husband and any info on the children. *J. R. Middlebrooks, 903 S. Petty St., Gaffney, SC 29340.*

☐ Buying police, sheriff, marshal, and other law enforcement badges and patches. Police medals, handcuffs, and all other law enforcement memorabilia also desired. *Larry Baird, P.O. Box 444, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.*

☐ Will share info with anyone researching the Combs family name. Especially interested in Joseph Combs, who was in southwest Pa. in late 1700s and early 1800s. Probably died in Oh. *Robert C. Combs, Rt. 1, Box 315, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.*

☐ I would like to hear from anyone with the Richardson, Livingston, Priscock (or Prysock), and Kinard names—especially those who left S.C. for Miss., Tex., and points west. I am tracing my family tree. *Marvin E. Richardson, P.O. Box 6902, Jackson, MS 39212.*





It was around 1690 that Edward Lloyd's London coffeehouse, similar to the one pictured above, housed a burgeoning center for shipping underwriters. Lloyd's of London has since become the world's largest insurance organization. Some American insurance companies were organized by members of the Masonic Fraternity; see story on page 5.