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## 1846 Monterey

Rear Admiral John D. Sloat  
Takes Possession of California

## **Saluting Our Own**

Every organization is started with the idea of lasting for an uncounted number of years. Whether any organization lasts is up to its membership and their interest and enthusiasm for the goals and precepts of that organization. This year, as most of you know, is the 170th anniversary of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. The two Grand Commanderies that formed the Grand Encampment are, of course, older. They are the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts/Rhode Island and the Grand Commandery of New York. This proves that for at least the past eight generations there have been (and still are) men in every part of this growing country who have an interest and an enthusiasm for this charitable order of Christian Freemasonry.



I want to recognize in a special way the Grand Commanderies that will celebrate their centennial during this triennium and, if possible, I want to be with them when they hold their 100th Annual Conclaves. Interestingly, the four Grand Commanderies that will be celebrating are all in the far Northwestern United States.

In precedence of rank, they are the Grand Commandery of Oregon, chartered April 13, 1887; the Grand Commandery of Washington, June 2, 1887; the Grand Commandery of Wyoming, March 7, 1888; and the Grand Commandery of Montana, May 14, 1888. These Grand Commanderies received their charters from our fourteenth Grand Master, Sir Knight Charles Roome of New York.

Today these four centennial Grand Commanderies represent over 5% of the Commanderies in the Grand Encampment and almost 4% of the membership. Their contributions to the Eye Foundation campaigns as a group are above average. The Sir Knights of these states do their work in an area of great distances. Together they constitute over 10% of the area of the United States, over a varied terrain that ranges from the rolling plains to the Rocky Mountain peaks to the coastline of the Pacific.

I am proud to salute these Grand Commanderies and the Sir Knights of these great states as we celebrate their special anniversaries. I ask God that they will be blessed with the enthusiasm and desire for service that will bring them to their bicentennials in 2087 and 2088.

This year—as every year on our national day of Thanksgiving—I give thanks for the Templars of this world and for the privilege we are given to help the less fortunate. May the blessings of your Thanksgiving dinner be the happy memories of your gifts to others.

*Ronald H. Smith*

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

**NOVEMBER:** *Knight Templar Magazine* wishes its readers a Happy Thanksgiving for 1986. This month our magazine offers the conclusion to "Masons at Risk" by Thomas Rigas, as well as the little-known story of the takeover of Monterey in 1846 by Rear Admiral John Drake Sloat, a Mason from New York. Our traditional November salute to Grand Commanders begins on page nineteen. News of Eye Foundation activities is sprinkled throughout the magazine, heralding the 19th Annual Voluntary Campaign, set to begin December 1.

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# Editor's Journal



• **19th Annual Campaign:** The Knights Templar Eye Foundation's 19th Annual Voluntary Campaign begins on December 1. Information on your Grand Commandery's Eye Foundation Chairman is printed on page twenty-five. This campaign will continue through April 30, 1987; complete information is available from your local Recorder or Commander. This month, the information on the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's Clubs is printed on page ten. Information and Eye Foundation leaflets on the 19th Annual Campaign are available from your local Recorder or the Grand Encampment office.

• **Maine Lodge of Research Reprints:** The Reverend Sir Knight William H. Stemper, Jr., and *Knights Templar Magazine* were honored this month by having the Maine Lodge of Research Newsletter reprint the article entitled "An Analysis of Conflicts." Sir Knight C. Weston Dash, a member of Dunlap Commandery No. 5, Bath, Maine, is the editor of this publication. This article originally appeared in the August *Knights Templar Magazine* and was well received across the country, with Sir Knight Stemper receiving approximately fifty letters responding to his views.

The last article reprinted from *Knights Templar Magazine* by the Maine Lodge of Research Newsletter was "Alias Artemus Ward" by former *Knights Templar* editor Joan E. Behrens. A controversy has arisen over a piece of information in this article, which the Maine Lodge of Research has been exploring in an attempt to clarify Browne's Masonic affiliation. A news report on this will be printed next month.

• **Membership Statistics:** The Masonic Service Association has issued its annual report on the membership statistics of the United States Grand Lodges for 1985. This report reveals that Blue Lodges in this country lost a total of 77,662 members by death or suspensions in 1985. The only Grand Lodges with memberships remaining at or above the 200,000 level are the Grand Lodges of Ohio, numbering 210,678, and Texas, with 200,808. Total Masonic membership in this country stands at 2,914,421.

Only two Grand Lodges showed a gain in membership: Alaska, with a gain of 132 (92 of which were attained by the transfer of Adak Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Washington to the Grand Lodge of Alaska) and Nevada, with a gain of seven.

Membership in the Grand Commanderies of the Grand Encampment stands at 315,760, as of the end of the 56th Triennium. Chairman of the Committee on Membership, Sir Knight Albert Masters, has a special report on membership loss. This article, entitled "Acting Now," is printed on page nine.

• **Assembly Anniversary:** Steubenville Assembly No. 59, SOOB, Steubenville, Ohio, celebrated its sixtieth anniversary on June 28 with a dinner party in their Masonic Temple. Mrs. Charles Mellott, Worthy President, was emcee for the event. Noted Masons attending the event were Sir Knight Dean Winrod, D.G.C., and Sir Knight Jay Fotheram, Associate Deputy Commander of the 10th Division. According to Mrs. Andrew White, Jr., "It makes one proud to be a member of this fine organization with such fine ideals."

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# Step By Step

by

**Sir Knight Dr. Russell H. Anthony  
Imperial Potentate, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine**

To selectively invite or not selectively invite—that is the question. Masonic leaders who participated in the first Shrine Mason Conference held at International Shrine Headquarters August 3-5, 1986, addressed this question in an aggressive manner. All attendees were of the unanimous opinion that the long-standing issue of Masonic solicitation versus non-solicitation be resolved once and for all. Because of this decision, outstanding God-fearing men, both young and old alike, will have the opportunity to join the Masonic Fraternity.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana addressed the issue of the solicitation of candidates for Freemasonry in 1983 and they did so by an edict. The edict stated that there is no objection to a neutrally worded approach being made to a man who is considered a suitable candidate for Freemasonry. There can be no objection to his being reminded once after the initial approach was made. The potential candidate should then be left to make his own decision without further solicitation.

The Mother Grand Lodge of England likewise addressed the solicitation issue by edict on November 27, 1981, and the Grand Lodge of Florida voted to permit solicitation in its entire jurisdiction in 1984.

The Florida Grand Lodge issued the following preface before balloting on the issue of inviting candidates into Freemasonry:

For hundreds of years it has been a written and unwritten law of Masonry that no one was ever invited to join the Fraternity. It was a matter of pride with us to say that no man ever became a Mason except upon the condition that he for himself at first sought admission to membership—and it was also a matter of equal pride with us that we did not publicize our charities in this age of blaring publicity for other organizations and the high-pressure salesmanship conducted by other groups for members. The qualities, virtues, and basic beliefs of Freemasonry were too often unknown to many good men who would have found happiness in our good work and joy in our fellowship.

In Louisiana it is estimated that less than ten percent of the Masons know that they were permitted to solicit, even though it has been permissible to do so since 1983. The failure of Masters of the Lodges to communicate → → →

the message to their members, the lack of attendance at Lodge meetings on the part of Brothers, and the failure of the Grand Lodge to provide the information to all Masons in Louisiana were reasons given for the low percentage of awareness.

The Grand Lodge of England has had to go to the media to defend vicious attacks brought against it by the Methodist Church. One would think that such attacks would result in a general loss in membership. Such is not the case, however, as an increase in membership can be attributed to the implementation of the solicitation rule in 1981.

It is believed that the ritualistic question, "Is it of your own free will and accord?" is responsible for much of the misunderstanding with regard to recruiting new candidates for Masonry. Masonic leaders worldwide know that this Masonic ritualistic question is a symbolic one, nothing more and nothing less. They also know that as responsible leaders, they must no longer allow Brothers to interpret this in a literal sense. It must be interpreted in a symbolic sense. All of Masonry, including its ritual, is purely symbolic.

There is a fear among Brothers that, given a free hand in recruiting, undesirable candidates will creep into our beloved Fraternity. This is pure

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nonsense for several valid reasons. First and most important is the right of free association which is determined by the use of the ballot box. This right is and has always been the very basis for our Masonic Fraternity. It allows us to choose whom we want as Brothers. Secondly, good Masons will not invite candidates to join the Fraternity if they don't possess necessary qualifications to become good Masons.

The time-honored statement that we want high-quality, upstanding men of integrity and good morals as Brother Masons is as true today as it was in 1717 when our Mother Grand Lodge was formed. The type of men who make up our Masonic Fraternity today will see to it that only those candidates who are "worthy and well-qualified" will be asked to join.

An interesting fact was presented and deserves much attention. There is a morbid fear among almost all Brothers that if they are caught soliciting they will be severely disciplined; most believe there would be Masonic charges filed and they would be dropped from Masonry. Masonic leaders were quick to point out that such fears on the part of the Brothers are entirely unjustified, as no such charges have been filed in any Masonic jurisdiction for years, if ever. They also agreed this information should be supplied to all Brothers, which would eliminate such fears.

Instances of overzealous recruitment are not evident when solicitation is permitted by Masonic law because constant pressure or harrassment of the candidate is not allowed. A candidate is invited to join and he is allowed time to make his decision. He is approached a second time and if his answer is no, he must be left alone thereafter.

The Masonic leaders who represented all parts of Masonry from various geographical jurisdictions at the Shrine Mason Conference are determined Brothers. They are going to disseminate knowledge regarding selective invitation (a phrase coined to replace the word solicitation) to all Brothers in their respective jurisdictions. They are going to do it via bulletins, brochures, publications, edicts, voting procedures, and oratory.

International Shrine is going to aid all Masonic jurisdictions in their task by

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# Sloat Takes Monterey



by Daniel M. Morgan, Editor

The state of California is unique from every edge of its border; from the scrub-covered hills of Los Angeles to the clear, sunny beaches along the San Diego shore to the rockily cragged shoreline of the northern coast. In California is awesome grandeur, seen in the stalwart face of Half-Dome's peak in the moonlight, the echo of carving glaciers felt in the rumbling of its waterfalls. California exists in lush and desolate tones, speaking of both life and death.

The territory of California in the 1800s was governed by Mexico, and included the area which now encompasses the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, and parts of New Mexico, Wyoming, and Colorado. The annexation of this territory by the United States in 1864 was the largest at that time since the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

Brother John Drake Sloat can claim the responsibility for the annexation of this magnificent territory through his actions in Monterey in 1846. As a minor figure in United States history, much detail is not readily available about Brother Sloat, his youth, and his military

career. Even the act for which he is known is surrounded by some confusion, as various versions of the takeover exist in different reports.

Brother Sloat was born on July 26, 1781, in the city of Sloatsburg, located in Rockland County, New York, a few months after his father, Continental Navy Captain John Sloat, was killed. His mother did not live to see his first birthday, and Sloat was reared by his maternal grandparents.

At the age of nineteen, Sloat attained a midshipman's appointment aboard the first crew of the frigate *President* in the West Indies "quasi-war" against the French; he was discharged in the 1801 peacetime naval retrenchment. Following this, he entered merchant sailing service as the commander of his own merchant ship, though he ended with heavy financial losses in the venture.

However, on January 12, 1812, he returned to the navy with the rank of master on board the frigate *United States*, and participated in a battle with (and subsequent capture of) the British war-ship *Macedonian*, and was → → →

awarded a medal for "conspicuous gallantry" on October 25, 1812. By July 24, 1813, he had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant, but the engagement with the *Macedonian* ended his involvement in the War of 1812 because his ship was blockaded in the port of New London, Connecticut, where it remained until the end of the war.

During the next few years, Sloat was involved in a number of activities. On November 27, 1814, he married Abby Gordon (1795-1878) who was to bear him two sons and a daughter. He furloughed as master aboard the merchant schooner *Transit* from 1815 to 1816, and he served the navy with shore duty in New York from 1816 to 1820 and in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, from 1820 to 1821. He sailed in the Pacific with the *Franklin* in 1821 and 1822.

The capture of a Caribbean pirate, named "Cofrescinus," the last of the West Indies pirates, took place on the *Congress*, aboard which he served as first lieutenant in 1822-24.

At the age of forty-two, Brother Sloat achieved his first naval command with the schooner *Grampus* and during 1824 and 1825 engaged in further anti-pirate work among the Windward Islands of the Caribbean.

On March 21, 1826, he was promoted to master-commandant. He was involved marginally in the Peruvian revolution, sailing aboard the sloop *St. Louis* in 1829 and 1830, when he protected several Peruvian officials aboard his ship. He spent some time at the New York Naval Rendezvous; he was detached in 1837. On February 9, 1837, he attained the rank of captain. From 1840 to 1844 he commanded the Portsmouth yard.

In August 27, 1844, he was chosen commander of the Pacific Squadron, a position of considerable responsibility, considering the state of relations between the United States and Mexico at the time. It was this assignment which gives

Brother Sloat his place in the history books. He arrived for duty in Mazatlán, Mexico (located on the Gulf of California), on November 18, 1845, with the flagship *Savannah*.

With the United States' eye on the territory of California, Sloat had been notified of a secret agreement between Great Britain and Mexico calling for the British to take temporary possession of California in the event of hostilities between the United States and Mexico. Upon entering the Mazatlán harbor, Sloat found the British 80-gun warship *Collingwood* at anchor, under the command of Admiral Sir George Seymour.

In a peculiar episode in American history, one Commodore Thomas ap Jones, on October 20, 1842 (four years before), had invaded Monterey on the mistaken supposition that hostilities between the United States and Mexico had begun. They had not, and Jones found himself in the strange position of having invaded a nation with which his own country was at peace. Two days later, Jones realized he had made a colossal blunder and reneged the occupation, holding a formal dinner party to apologize to the Mexican governor Manuel Micheltoarena. He was, needless to say, relieved of his duty.

In February of 1846, Captain Sloat had received confidential orders from Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft calling for the occupation of Monterey and its territory upon the declaration of war with Mexico.

Over a seven-month period, Captain Sloat watched the *Collingwood* for a sign that it might sail for California. Remembering Jones' disgrace, Sloat wanted to be sure that a war had indeed begun before moving to take Monterey, so he sent Fleet Surgeon Dr. William Maxwell Wood, a speaker and writer of Spanish, on a dangerous journey overland through Mexico to find out about any news of

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**S**ir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Most Eminent Grand Master, has expressed his desire to reduce our membership losses to zero. When the losses are reduced to zero, we can start to work on the project of showing a gain in membership.

Some of our Grand Commanderies have shown a significant reduction in losses based on a five-year average compared to 1985-1986. It might appear that some of the reductions are small, but they *are* reducing their losses. The Grand Commanderies showing a reduction in losses, based on a five-year average, are:

State	Five-Year Average	1985-86
Arizona	-42	-4
California	-420	-373
Colorado	-114	-54
Dist. of Col.	-51	-36
Florida	+121	0
Kansas	-256	-183
Kentucky	-63	-3
Mississippi	-103	-74
New Jersey	-78	-4
New Mexico	-80	-58
Oklahoma	-86	-56
Vermont	-12	-1
West Virginia	-78	-60

Will your Grand Commandery be among those listed in the next report?

We all know the secret to reducing losses. We must Knight more Master Masons. Fewer Knights Templar should be dropped from the Fraternity for non-payment of dues or by demit. We must increase our Knightings and decrease our demits and suspensions if our great Christian order is to remain strong.

Many may feel the results of this past year are not too bad: "We only lost one hundred or so in our state." Did you stop to think that a loss of one hundred for a period of ten years grows to one thousand? Think about it, Sir Knights. In the past fifteen years many of the Grand Commanderies have lost twenty-five

## Acting Now

by Sir Knight Albert R. Masters



percent of their membership. If this continues, many of the Grand Commanderies will be extinct in just a few years. Is this the way we want to treat the legacy our forefathers left for us?

Now is the time for action, before it is too late. Many areas of the country have experienced severe economic depression, and it is hard for our members to pay their dues. When you are faced with the loss of your farm or business, it is hard to think about paying dues. We must embark on a program of personal contact with those members whose dues are not paid to find out if we can be of help. Have we forgotten our obligations in all of Masonry to help a worthy Brother? Are we willing to "go the distance of forty miles" to help a worthy Sir Knight? Many of our members are too proud to ask for help, but through personal contact, the situations become quite clear and open the door for us to remit their dues.

The time when we "let George do it" for us is over. "George" is gone. It is now an imperative that if it is going to be done, you and I will have to do it.

All it takes is that sometimes dreaded four-letter word, "work."

Sir Knight Albert R. Masters is the Chairman of the Committee on Membership and a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa. He can be reached at Box 456, Newton, Iowa 50208.

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hostilities between the U.S. and Mexico. In these days before the telegraph was invented, news traveled extremely slowly.

On June 7, 1846, Wood returned with the news that hostilities had begun between the two nations, the battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma having been fought on the 8th and 9th of May, with the Mexicans invading Texas.

This same day, it was observed that a dispatch was received by the *Collingwood*, whereupon the *Collingwood* hauled anchor and nearly vanished from view by the time Sloat got his own ship underway. The American ship and its companion war sloop were much quicker than the *Collingwood*, however, and they passed the British fighting ship under the cover of darkness.

The *Savannah* arrived in Monterey waters on or around July 2, with the *Collingwood* nowhere to be seen.

It was totally understandable that Captain John Sloat should wait to act for just a few days upon his arrival in Monterey to make sure that the hostilities between the two nations existed; taking appropriate action was his concern. He has been accused by some of indecisiveness, but time has proven this hesitation to be military shrewdness.

After consulting with the American consul in Monterey (who counselled the postponement of any action) and after examining the defenses of the town and preparing official documents, he directed a detachment of men, led by Captain William Mervine, in the hoisting of the American flag over the customs house and the reading of a proclamation taking possession of California for the United States, extending the laws of this country over the newly-acquired territory. This entire takeover was accomplished without a single drop of blood being shed.

On July 6, he dispatched a group to take over San Francisco, and in a few

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## Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Memberships

### Grand Commander's Club:

Texas No. 56—Jon C. Williamson  
Oregon No. 8—David O. Johnson  
California No. 36—Harold A. Schoepf, Jr.

### Grand Master's Club:

No. 692—William W. Pedersen (TX)  
No. 693—Donna M. Pedersen (TX)  
No. 694—In Memory of Aubrey C.  
Martindale (TX)  
No. 695—Elmer T. McGaw (AZ)  
No. 696—Walter P. Henderson (TX)  
No. 697—Mr. & Mrs. Otto Vondrasek (IL)

How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is no Commandery credit given for participation.

Information is available from G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Master, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois, 62705.



*The October installment in this story about Masons involved in the insurance industry told about Sir Knight George Mecherle and the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company, and Sir Knights Harry and George Kendall, who founded the Washington National Insurance Company, which today has become part of the multi-billion dollar Washington National Corporation. Part II begins with a description of Washington National Insurance Company as it exists in the latter part of this century, under the leadership of Sir Knight G. Preston Kendall, Sr.*

The early years were marked by growth through the acquisition of the business, and the outright purchase, of other companies. The strongest period of acquisition was during the 1930s. By 1951 Washington National held policies that originally had been placed through no less than seventy other insurance organizations.

Growth of the company throughout its history has been remarkably steady and rapid. Even through the war years and

Sir Knight George Preston Kendall, Sr., was born in Seattle, Washington, in 1909, the son of George Rose and Edna Woods Kendall. From 1918 to 1928 he completed his basic education at Chicago, and in 1931 earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois. During World War II he served as first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry and was decorated with the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge.

As chairman of the board of Washington National Corporation (until retiring in 1982) he was largely responsible for expanding the company's horizons in directions that produced remarkable growth and prosperity, and in 1974 the company stock began trading on the New York Stock Exchange. For the first time in the history of the Washington National Corporation and Washington National Insurance, they were listed in the *Fortune 500* directory of America's largest corporations. During this period, the company's assets grew to the multi-billion dollar level.

Sir Knight Preston, Sr., has been an active participant in the social and economic life of Evanston, Illinois, and has continued the well-earned respect of the Kendall name in American insurance circles.

All three Kendalls were involved in the Masonic Fraternity, but in different capacities. Sir Knight George was a member

of Steubenville Lodge No. 45, F. & A.M., Union Chapter No. 15, R.A.M., and Steubenville Commandery No. 11, all of Ohio; he also belonged to Medinah Temple, AAONMS, in Illinois.

The Masonic life of Harry R. Kendall began in 1898 when he was raised in Social Lodge No. 86, F. & A.M., at Terre Haute, Indiana. In 1903 he → → →

# Masons at Risk

## Part II

by Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas

economic depressions and recessions, progress has been continuous. In 1968 Washington National Corporation was established as the parent company by Washington National Insurance Company, and under the capable leadership of Sir Knight G. Preston Kendall, Sr., the corporation has achieved continued growth and prosperity.

organized Shibboleth Lodge No. 750, F. & A.M., at Louisville, Kentucky, and served as its first Worshipful Master. In 1952, in recognition of his many years of dedicated Masonic service, Shibboleth Lodge was renamed Harry R. Kendall Lodge No. 750 in his honor. In addition, Harry was founder and first High Priest of Highland Chapter No. 150, R.A.M., a member of DeMolay Commandery No. 12, a 33° member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Louisville, and a Noble of Kosair Temple, AAONMS, all of Louisville, Kentucky.

Sir Knight Preston was raised in 1957 in Evans Lodge No. 520, A.F. & A.M., of Evanston, Illinois. In 1958, he also became a member of Evanston Chapter No. 144, R.A.M., Augustus N. Gage Council No. 124, R. & S.M., and Evanston Commandery No. 58, all of Evanston. He is also a member of St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, the Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago, and Medinah Temple, AAONMS, all of Chicago.

Today, the names of Kendall and Washington National are highly respected in the insurance industry and in our beloved Masonic Fraternity.

### Sir Knight W. Clement Stone

At age six, Sir Knight W. Clement Stone was a scared kid selling newspapers on Chicago's tough South Side. It wasn't easy. Competition was keen, especially with older newsboys yelling louder and usually controlling the better corners, often threatening him if he tried to encroach on their turf. This young kid needed money, however, and that was strong motivation to keep him trying. And try he did.

With \$100 in savings, he established his own insurance agency in Chicago at the age of twenty. To bolster his spirits, he learned to hype himself with what he called "self-motivators": "Success is achieved by those who try"; "Dare to aim high"; "Do it now!" Corny or not,

the method worked for him. Over the years, Sir Knight Stone has become the leading exponent of what he calls PMA, or Positive Mental Attitude. PMA holds that "With every adversity there is the seed of an equivalent or greater benefit."

Sir Knight Stone went on to build—during both good and bad times—an impressive insurance business. It was the

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dark days of the Great Depression of the 1930s that stimulated his tiny insurance company to become one of the largest sellers of non-cancelable, guaranteed-renewable accident insurance in the world.

By putting stock in individual enthusiasm and energy, and through astute expansions and acquisitions, Stone's Combined Insurance Company of America has grown to a multi-national insurance holding company with reported assets in excess of \$2.4 billion, known as Combined International Corporation, of which he is presently chairman of the board.

As a successful insurance company founder and executive, civic leader, publisher, author, and 1981 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Sir Knight W. Clement Stone has guided and motivated thousands of people across the country by sharing his PMA philosophy through his self-help books, articles, and magazine, *Success Unlimited, the Magazine for Achievers*. As a philanthropist, he has reportedly given away more than \$100 million to worthy causes including Chicago's Illinois Masonic Medical Center, the world's largest fraternally-sponsored medical facility.

Sir Knight Stone was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1902, the son of Louis and Anna M. Gunn Stone. Before he was three years old his father died, leaving the family impoverished by his gambling losses. At age six, Stone began selling

newspapers on the streets while his mother worked as a dressmaker. By the age of thirteen he ran his own newspaper stand and devoured books, including all the Horatio Alger stories available.

Even though he was raised in a poor, run-down neighborhood, he reportedly was a happy youngster, living with his mother in the home of relatives. His relationship with his mother was very close, but she became very disturbed that he was keeping "bad company," had developed the habit of smoking cigarettes, and was playing hooky from school. To expose him to a more wholesome environment, for two homesick years he was enrolled for "disciplinary reasons" in Spaulding Institute, a parochial boarding school in Nauvoo, Illinois.

Back in Chicago with his mother again, the young lad earned spending money by building a *Saturday Evening Post* and newspaper route. During his early teens he attended Chicago's Senn High School and in the summer months worked for his stepfather in a small insurance agency.

When he was sixteen his mother relocated to Detroit, Michigan, to operate a small insurance agency representing the United States Casualty Co., and eventually began to build a state-wide sales organization under the trade name of Liberty Registry Co.

His second high school summer vacation was spent in Detroit with his mother, where he learned to sell accident insurance office to office at the Dime Bank Building. Before long he was doing well enough to drop out of high school so that he could devote more time to his insurance business. Although timid at first in his approach, he began to develop the sales techniques and motivational ploys that eventually contributed to his success in the insurance industry.

Although self-taught to a great extent, in 1920 he did take some courses at night at the Detroit College of Law. Returning to Chicago at age twenty, he established

his own insurance agency with capital of \$100; at twenty-one, he married his high school sweetheart, Jessie Verna Tarson; and by attending night classes finished high school at Chicago's Central YMCA. At the same time, he advertised for salesmen, first in Illinois and then in other states, and by 1930 about a thousand agents throughout much of the country were selling insurance for him as representatives for large casualty companies.

His national sales organization flourished, and as the Great Depression waned he began to carry out ambitious plans for expansion. In 1939 he acquired the management contract for the American Casualty Co. of Dallas, Texas, of which he became president, and also organized Combined Mutual Casualty Co. in Chicago. In 1940 he became president and general manager of Combined Casualty Co. of Des Moines, Iowa. He then was in search of a stock company licensed to sell accident and health insurance nationally, and this he located in 1946 in the Pennsylvania Casualty Co. of Philadelphia, which was losing money at the time.

"OPM"—other people's money—was how Sir Knight Stone acquired Pennsylvania Casualty Co. He borrowed money from Commercial Credit Co. of Baltimore, which owned the money-losing Philadelphia insurance firm. In other words, he used the seller's money. Three days after he acquired Pennsylvania Casualty Co., he was elected its president; in 1947 he changed its name to the Combined Insurance Company of America, into which he merged his Combined Mutual Casualty Co. of Chicago later that year. In 1949 he relocated the company headquarters from Pennsylvania to Illinois.

Every \$10,000 invested in 1951 in the Combined Insurance Co. of America, Sir Knight Stone once estimated, had earned several million dollars by 1968, when the company's assets exceeded \$150 million.

While Stone seems to have a Midas flair for making money, he is → → →

also equally skilled at giving millions of dollars to worthy causes. Groups concerned with mental health, youth welfare, religion, and education have been the chief recipients of the charitable contributions channeled through the W. Clement and Jessie V. Stone Foundation. A firm believer that people must be motivated to help themselves, he sometimes requires recipients of his grants to raise specified sums of money through their own efforts.

Giving much time and money to political causes, Sir Knight Stone was the largest political contributor in the United States until Congress passed a law limiting individual contributions to a federal candidate to only one thousand dollars a year. He is a member of the Republican National Finance Committee and the United Republican Fund of Illinois.

"Study, think, plan, act" is one of his favorite mottos. A deeply religious person, he asks for divine guidance before setting out on any new venture and regards the Bible as "the world's greatest self-help book." Sir Knight and Mrs. Stone worship at the First United Presbyterian Church of Evanston, and he is a director of the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Sir Knight Stone's Masonic affiliations include memberships in Evans Lodge No. 524, A.F. & A.M., of Evanston, Illinois, the Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago, where he is a 33<sup>o</sup> member, and Evanston Commandery No. 58 in Evanston.

Many, many more Freemasons have been outstanding participants in America's insurance industry and have helped countless policyholders of all economic levels achieve a measure of financial security and peace of mind.

Masons at risk, in deed!

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informing Shrine Masons how to actively recruit all Masons without violating any Masonic law, implied or otherwise. A brochure entitled "Step by Step" will be sent to all Shrine Temples. It will outline in a simple, straight-forward manner how a prospective candidate can become a Mason, a York Rite Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shrine Mason.

It has often been stated that the best lessons are the most expensive ones. The more than one-million-member loss from Masonry since 1960 is an expensive lesson for all Brothers to learn. Our Masonic leaders are ready to turn this loss into a gain. Let's help them by selectively inviting new candidates into our beloved Fraternity, step by step.

Sir Knight Dr. Russell H. Anthony is a member of Apollo Commandery No. 26, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and can be reached at 801 A Avenue, N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.



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

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Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas is a member of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 of Chicago, Illinois. He lives at 2600 W. Farwell Ave., Chicago, IL 60645.

## Knights Templar Eye Foundation of Iowa

A very special guest of Grand Commander Eugene Aldrich and Lady Lillian at the Iowa 122nd Conclave was Sarah Graham of Clinton, Iowa. Two-year-old Sarah had strabismus affecting both eyes, and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation provided for corrective surgery. With her sparkling personality and bright blue eyes, she stole the hearts of the three hundred Sir Knights and ladies present, according to Sir Knight Aldrich.

Sarah assisted Grand Commander Aldrich by presenting membership certificates in the Grand Commander's Club to four Sir Knights for their service to the Grand Commandery of Iowa. Those honored were Sir Knight Albert R. Masters, P.G.C., Grand Recorder; Sir Knight Max W. McDowell, Grand Treasurer and Recorder of Malta Commandery No.

31, Ottumwa, Iowa, for twenty-five years; Sir Knight Ted Molgaard, Grand Third Guard, who has attended the Iowa Grand Commandery for the last forty years; and Sir Knight James W. Gould, in recognition of the outstanding job of putting together the 122nd Annual Conclave as its general chairman. These presentations were made in lieu of table favors.

Mrs. Maurice Roney, Supreme President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, holding Sarah, was very touched by the successful surgery provided by the KTEF which her organization so enthusiastically supports, says Sir Knight Aldrich.

These activities highlighted the great philanthropy of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and served as a great opportunity, according to Grand Commander Aldrich, to see first hand the effect

contributions can have not only for the child but also for the loving family. Says Sir Knight Aldrich, "Thank you, George and Mary Graham, for sharing Sarah with us at the Grand Commandery's Annual Conclave." Pictured in the photograph at top right are (from left to right) Grand Commander Eugene Aldrich, Sarah Graham, and Lady Lillian. Pictured in the bottom picture are Mrs. Maurice Roney, distinguished guest, president of the SOOB, and Sarah Graham.



All books are divisible into two classes:  
the books of the hour, and the books of all time.

John Ruskin

## Wilmer Receives Grant

The Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine was the recipient of \$19,987.50



in first-year funding for research by Dr. Jay S. Pepose. This research grant proposal is as follows: to determine the anatomic site(s) and mechanisms for prevention of herpes simplex chorioretinitis by inoculation of mice with the herpes virus (HSV); to investigate the specific immune sites of protection of the retina following reconstitution with T-Lymphocytes with ultimate goal of prevention of neonatal ocular herpes simplex virus.

In the photograph above is Most Eminent Grand Master Donald H. Smith (left) presenting the check to Sir Knight Edward J. Warwick, Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Maryland. Later, Sir Knight Warwick presented the check to Dr. Jay S. Pepose of the Wilmer Institute in the company of Dr. A. Edward Maumenee. Dr. Maumenee is the 1982 recipient of the Knights Templar National Award.

One half of the world cannot understand the pleasures of the other.

Jane Austen

## South Florida Grant

The University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, is the recipient of a KTEF grant to study the relationship



between oxygen therapy and retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) by use of spin-labels and spin-traps to monitor changes in endothelial cell structure by oxygen-derived free radicals. This research is continuing at the School of Medicine's Department of Ophthalmology, and is being led by Dr. Avery H. Weiss. In the photograph above are Dr. Avery Weiss (left) receiving the grant from Most Eminent Grand Master Donald H. Smith on May 19, 1986.

## Crusaders Print

Sir Knight Victor M. Villazon, P.G.C., Florida, has executed a painting entitled "The First Crusaders" which depicts the medieval Knights Templar beginning their first crusade. Net proceeds from the sale of these color prints will go to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The prints are being offered at the price of \$10.00 each, and orders may be sent to James B. Terry, Assistant State Chairman, KTEF, 1056 Madison Street, Largo, Florida 33540. Supplies are limited.



# from the Masonic Family

## Valley Lodge Coin

On December 14, 1987, Valley Lodge No. 93, A.F. & A.M., Benhams, Virginia, will celebrate one hundred years of Masonic service. In commemoration of



this occasion, a coin has been minted. Pictured above, the coin features Masonic emblems and information regarding the anniversary of Valley Lodge. The Lodge was chartered December 14, 1887. Interested collectors may purchase these coins for the price of \$4.00, postpaid, by sending a self-addressed and stamped envelope to Sir Knight James D. Baker, 253 Dishner Valley Road, Bristol, Virginia 24201; checks are to be made payable to Valley Lodge No. 93.

## DeMolay Headquarters Receives Award

The International Order of DeMolay has been selected as one of twenty-five organizations in the Kansas City, Missouri, area to receive a 1986 "Commitment to Kansas City" award. These awards are presented annually to those businesses and organizations in Kansas City that help expand visibility and bring new job opportunities to the area. Cornerstone laying ceremonies for the new International DeMolay Service and Leadership Center begin on Thursday, November 13, with the DeMolay Hall of Fame banquet. The cornerstone ceremony itself will be on November 14 at 10:00 a.m. Various Masonic dignitaries will be present.

## Sir Knight Spins Black Sheep Yarn

Sir Knight Frank E. Walton, a member of Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles, California, writes, "Would the readers of *Knight Templar* be interested in knowing that a fellow Sir Knight is the author of the book entitled *Once They Were Eagles?*"

After leaving Los Angeles in 1959 to accept a position with the U.S. Department of State, Sir Knight Walton spent twelve years in the foreign service, seven of those years in Vietnam. Now retired, he has been living in Hawaii and writing. He has had several articles and short stories published in magazines, but this book is a major effort, the result of nine year's work.

The flyer for the book reads, in part, "To set the record straight comes the true story of the Black Sheep Squadron. . . *Once They Were Eagles* tells how and why the squadron was formed, provides brief sketches of every member, and creates a vivid picture of the exciting but deadly aerial sorties over the South Pacific."

The book is available from the University of Kentucky Press, 102 Lafferty Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0024, for \$18.00.

While preparing this book, says the book jacket, Sir Knight Walton located the thirty-four survivors of the original fifty-one Black Sheep. In a unique series of interviews, former pilots share their thoughts and recollections about those days of high adventure and their experiences in the years following.

Reading maketh a full man;  
conference a ready man; and  
writing an exact man.

Francis Bacon

# IN MEMORIAM



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

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

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

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

**Herbert E. North, Jr.**  
New Jersey  
Grand Commander—1985  
Born May 13, 1912  
Died September 7, 1986

**Thomas William Richards**  
Illinois  
Grand Commander—1970  
Born July 4, 1913  
Died September 19, 1986

**Morris Bernard Carroll**  
Maryland  
Grand Commander—1974  
Born June 1, 1908  
Died September 23, 1986



**J. D. Penley, Past General Grand Master**

Sir Knight James Dewey Penley, Jr., a member of Rock Hill Commandery No. 15, Rock Hill, South Carolina, was born in Hickory, North Carolina, on July 17, 1928, and died at York, South Carolina, on July 30, 1986. He was a distinguished Mason, serving as General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International during the years 1981-1984.

Sir Knight Penley served two terms as Grand Master of Masons, was honorary Grand High Priest, and served two terms as Grand Master of Cryptic Masons. He was also an honorary Past Grand Commander. He was a member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and at the time of his death was serving as their Grand Master-General of the Convent General.

He received many awards, including: Order of the Purple Cross, York Rite Sovereign College; Henry Price Medal, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal, Grand Lodge of Maine; Christopher Champlin Medal, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal, Grand Lodge of South Carolina; Phillip C. Tucker Medal, Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; and the Meritorious Service Medal, Grand Lodge of Italy.

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# Saluting Our Grand Commanders

Congratulations are extended from our Most Eminent Grand Master, Donald Hinslea Smith, and the grand officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., to the forty-eight newly elected Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies under their jurisdiction. As part of this salute to their dedication and tireless service to Templary, *Knight Templar Magazine* is printing the names and pictures of the Sir Knights who will serve as Grand Commanders for the current Templar year.

These Grand Commanders, whose pictures appear on these pages, will be the guiding hands on the rudder of the ship of Templary, navigating their vessel faithfully through the uncharted waters ahead.



George Tremelling  
ALABAMA



Minor G. Rhodes  
ARIZONA



Harvey I. Mize  
ARKANSAS



Thomas W. Storer  
CALIFORNIA



A. Lynn Sanburg  
COLORADO



Russell D. Ramette  
CONNECTICUT



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Joseph P. Suttles  
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IDAHO



Frank W. Smith  
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IOWA



Carveth K. Neer  
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KENTUCKY



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LOUISIANA



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MAINE



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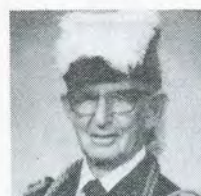
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Theodore Bjerkreim  
MONTANA



U. Wesley Fox  
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Stuart E. Pirie  
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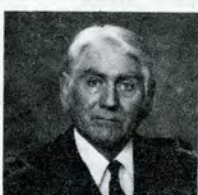
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Opinion is ultimately determined by the feelings and not by the intellect.

Herbert Spencer

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# On the Masonic Newsfront ...

## Canadian Assembly Held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

The 103rd Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, August 23 through 26, 1986.

Most Eminent Knight Donald A. King, Supreme Grand Master, presided over the assembly. Past Supreme Grand Master Frederick C. Morrison acted as the Deputy Grand Master due to the illness of Right Eminent Knight Huie S. Lamb.

Distinguished guests from all Masonic bodies across Canada were introduced. The Sovereign Great Priory was also pleased, according to a news report by Most Eminent Past Supreme Grand Master Dr. Clinton Alexander Bell of Port Stanley, Ontario, by the presence of Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A. Accompanying Grand Master Smith were Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, who also functions as the Grand Representative of the Sovereign Great Priory near the U.S.A., and also Right Eminent Grand Recorder Charles R. Neumann, Grand Encampment. Grand Master Smith was made an Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of Canada.

On Sunday, according to Most Eminent Knight Clinton Bell, the annual church service and parade was well attended.

The 104th Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada will be held in the capital of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, in August 1987.



## Black Horse Troop Reactivated

For the first time in several years, according to a report by Sir Knight David S. Tanner, Recorder for Hugh de Payen Commandery No. 7, Lander, Wyoming, the horse troop of the Commander has become active. The troop escorted Grand Commander Marvin E. Austin and Deputy Grand Commander Kenneth S. Watts to the Masonic Temple in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on September 13, 1986, to start the Grand Commandery of Wyoming's annual Conclave. They later performed drills in front of the Temple for a large crowd of spectators.

The black horse troop was formed in 1965 by then-Grand Commander A. W. "Ab" Cross, now deceased, as a search and rescue unit on the upper Wind River.

The first public showing of the black horse troop was to escort the dais officers and visiting dignitaries to the Sheridan Shrine Temple, where the devotional ser-



vice was held in 1965. In 1966, the troop escorted Brother and Governor Cliff Hansen to the capitol, and Commandery leaders to their Conclave. They performed in a number of places in the Northwest during these years.

Under the leadership of Sir Knight Dave Brant, Troop Commander, Sir Knight Mike Johnson, Deputy Commander, and Doug Johnson, Troop Public Relations Director, the troop has come alive and with their black and white Morgan horses is once again the pride and joy of Hugh de Payen Commandery, stationed at Dubois, Wyoming. Pictured in the photograph on the preceding page are, from left to right, Sir Knights Harold Albright, Jim Wilson, Kenneth Watts, Marvin Austin, Doug Johnson, and Keith Koch.

### Utah Cornerstone Ceremony

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Utah, Sir Knight Jesse R. Barnes, and the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Utah, laid the cornerstone of the addition to Rowland Hall-St. Mark's Lower School in Salt Lake City recently.

Sir Knights representing three Utah Commanderies of Knights Templar formed an honor guard for this occasion: Sir Knights Gilbert M. Crill, P.C., Utah Commandery No. 1, Salt Lake City; Frank Harper, E.C., Utah Commandery; Durwood M. "Pat" Lowell, P.C., Ivanhoe Commandery No. 5, Provo; Walter J. Miller, P.C., Utah Commandery; Joe Nava, Malta Commandery No. 3, Midvale; Anthony F. "Tony" Russo, P.C., Malta Commandery; H. Scott Hammill, P.G.M. and P.C., Utah Commandery, Platoon Leader.

Rowland Hall-St. Mark's School, a private school, is owned and operated by the Episcopal Church and has an enrollment of approximately eight hundred children. Sir Knight Jesse R. Barnes, M.W.G.M., is pictured above at the ceremony.



### Illinois Past Commanders Association

In a ceremony performed for the first time on August 2 in Peoria, Illinois, 241 candidates received the Illinois Knights Templar Past Commanders Degree and were welcomed into the membership of the newly-formed Illinois Knights Templar Past Commanders Association. Exemplar of the class was the Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Reverend Sir Knight Walter M. McCracken, P.G.C.

Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Richard L. Graff had been instrumental in initiating formation of a Past Commanders Association in Illinois. According to a news release describing the event, "Sir Knight Graff's thoughts were that the association should confer a degree for Past Commanders that would exemplify the highest standards of performance in ritual work, one suitable in encompassing all of the degrees and orders from Entered Apprentice to the Order of the Temple."

A committee consisting of Past Commanders Wesley J. Bucey, Warren Mara, Richard T. Carnall, and John R. Opyt was requested to organize the association.

Elected officers of the Illinois Past Commanders Association who were installed by Past Grand Commander Graff include Richard Carnall, President; John Opyt, Senior



Warden; Ronald Fullerlove, Junior Warden; and Wes Bucey, Recorder. As its first official act, the members voted to donate \$1,000 to the Illinois Knights Templar Home Building Fund in accordance with one of the purposes of the association, which is to promote charitable activities through support of the Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged and Infirm, located in Paxton, Illinois.

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# Monthly Crossword

See How They Run

## ACROSS

- 1 Revere
- 6 Totals
- 10 Land measure
- 14 TV show in summer
- 15 Paid athletes
- 16 Weather word
- 17 Large antelope
- 18 Makes running possible (2 wds.)
- 20 Senility
- 22 Openings
- 23 Turmoil
- 25 Affirmative votes
- 26 Each
- 27 One who oars (2 wds.)
- 29 Dots
- 33 Dresses
- 34 --- of bad luck (2 wds.)
- 36 Run like a horse
- 37 With up, down, on, or off
- 38 Abilities
- 41 Roman 601
- 42 Inner (comb.)
- 44 Bird home
- 45 Showers month
- 47 Esau descendant



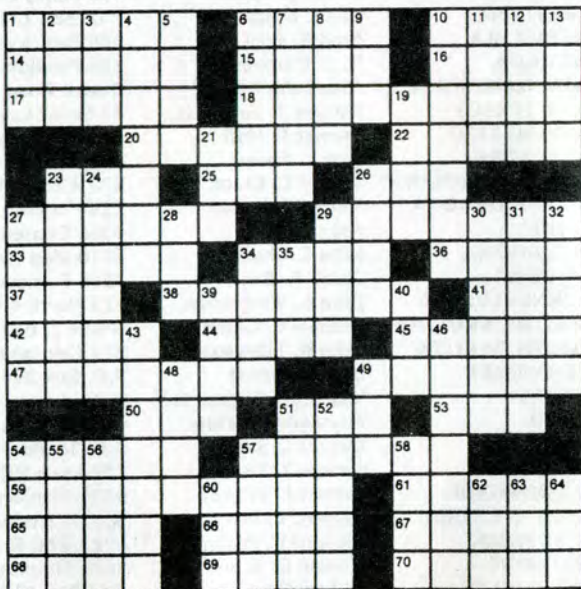
"No problem, Ms. Kvetch. But just in case, take one of these placebos after each meal for three days and then call me."

- 49 Free- ----- (hyph.)
- 50 Run --- in newspaper (pl.)
- 51 No seats left (abbr.)
- 53 Sheep
- 54 Run --- country - (2 wds.)
- 57 Brief bursts of activity
- 59 ----- the race (3 wds.); lost
- 61 Four-base run
- 65 Sweeten the pot
- 66 Kangaroo
- 67 Incensed
- 68 Float
- 69 Paradise
- 70 Blind
- 27 Consent
- 28 NY time
- 29 Kick football
- 30 Win, lose, ----- (2 wds.)
- 31 Tame
- 32 ----- waters run deep
- 34 Not aweather
- 35 Matter, in law
- 39 Picnic pests
- 40 --- Paulo
- 43 Baseball figure
- 46 Helps run mail better
- 48 Thought
- 49 Run --- office
- 51 Steeple
- 52 ----- the bank (2 wds.)
- 54 Saudi, e.g.
- 55 Before factory or script
- 56 Run ----; meet
- 57 Buttonlike earring
- 58 Not that
- 60 --- Dick run
- 62 Mutilate
- 63 Greek letter
- 64 Member of Congress (abbr.)

## DOWN

- 1 Exists
- 2 One of orig. 13
- 3 Mouths
- 4 Summary
- 5 Inside (pref.)
- 6 Run of ---- (2 wds.)
- 7 Sediment
- 8 Viennese magistrate
- 9 An NCO
- 10 Run -----; give chase (2 wds.)
- 11 Abel's brother
- 12 Run ---
- 13 Birds
- 19 Run ---
- 21 Viscous liquid
- 23 Run -----
- 24 ----- brass tacks (2 wds.)
- 26 Confined

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



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days, all California north of Santa Barbara was in the possession of the United States.

On July 16, Commodore Robert F. Stockton arrived with his 60-gun frigate *Congress*. Ill and unable to continue his duties (according to some reports, he was outranked for the governorship of the territory), Sloat resigned his command of the U.S. forces in the Pacific to Stockton, and sailed away from the scene of his triumph on July 23.

Brother Sloat arrived in Washington, D.C., in November of that same year, and was commended by Secretary of the Navy Bancroft, who described the military movements of Sloat and his successor (who completed the conquest of California) as "ably conceived and brilliantly executed."

Thus ended Sloat's involvement with California, and the conquest of the entire territory and the conclusion of the war with Mexico was left to Commodore Stockton.

In later years, Brother Sloat continued his involvement with the Navy, though in a limited capacity. He was commandant of the Norfolk navy yard from 1848 to 1851, and was on special duty in 1852 through 1855 with the Bureau of Construction and Repair, part of this time spent connected with the building of the Stevens Battery in Hoboken, New Jersey. On September 27, 1855, he was placed on the reserve list at the age of seventy. In 1862 he was promoted to commodore and in 1866 to rear admiral, both on the retired list. He died at Staten Island, New York, on November 28, 1867, at the age of eighty-six, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

In 1910 a statue to his memory was unveiled at the Presidio in Monterey, California, where the landing and capture are celebrated on regular anniversaries.

Brother Sloat was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 3, New York City,

New York, on May 13, 1800, but was declared "off" in July 2, 1800. The Grand Lodge of New York has the certificate issued to him by St. Andrew's Lodge, according to Brother William R. Denslow. Apparently he later became a member of St. Nicholas Lodge No. 321, New York City, and was buried with Masonic services by this Lodge and by Tompkins Lodge No. 471, Stapleton, New York.

If it had not been for his shrewd action in Monterey in 1846, it is possible that the whole of California and surrounding states would now be in the hands of Mexico. For this we can thank the steady hand of one of Masonry's stalwart heroes, Rear Admiral John D. Sloat.



### Springtime Hosts Reception

Springtime Commandery No. 40, Clearwater, Florida, hosted a special program honoring all its Past Grand Commanders on October 23. This program also honored the Past Grand Commanders of Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. The Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida, Sir Knight John B. Fletcher, Jr., was present. Special guest speaker for the event was Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Donald H. Smith. According to Doc Holliday, General Chairman for the event, "the Commandery was extremely honored" to have Sir Knight Ralph T. Miller, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Florida, in attendance. Dr. Walter H. Winchester, current General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International, is the current Eminent Commander of Springtime Commandery.

# History of the Grand Encampment

## CHAPTER XV THE FORMATION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERIES AND THE COMMANDERIES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

(continued)

### CALIFORNIA

(continued)

San Francisco No. 1 at San Francisco received a dispensation from Grand Master W. B. Hubbard on November 10, 1852, and was granted a charter on September 19, 1853.

Sacramento No. 2 at Sacramento was granted a dispensation by Grand Master W. B. Hubbard on May 23, 1853. The charter was granted at the meeting of the Grand Encampment on September 19, 1853.

Pacific No. 3 at Columbia received a dispensation from Grand Master W. B. Hubbard on February 20, 1856, and was granted a charter on September 10, 1856.

In 1848 there were 65 Commanderies and 13,915 members.

### COLORADO

The Grand Commandery of Colorado was the first Grand Commandery to be formed in a territory. A dispensation was granted on February 10, 1876, by Grand Master James H. Hopkins. The Grand Commandery was constituted on March 14, 1876, by Sir Knight Webster D. Anthony of Denver. Sir Knight Henry M. Teller was the first Grand Commander.

The first Commandery, Colorado No. 1 at Denver, was granted a dispensation on January 13, 1866, by Grand Master Henry L. Palmer. On November 8 of the

same year, he granted a dispensation for Central City Commandery No. 2 at Central City. Both received their charter at the meeting of the Grand Encampment on September 18, 1868.

Pueblo No. 3 at Pueblo, received a dispensation from Grand Master J. Q. A. Fellows on August 17, 1874, and was granted a charter on December 3, 1874.

In 1948 there were 36 Commanderies and 3,839 members.

### CONNECTICUT

Organized Templary was established in Connecticut with the formation of an Encampment at Colchester in July 1796 by three Sir Knights hailing from three regular Encampments. Application was made to London for a charter, which was granted in 1801. This Commandery was known as Washington No. 1. At the second meeting of the General Grand Encampment, a charter of recognition was granted on September 16, 1819. In 1825, Washington Encampment No. 1 asked the General Grand Encampment for authority to hold its meetings in different towns in the state. This request was denied by Sir Henry Fowle, and when attempts were made to organize a new Encampment in the state, Washington No. 1 opposed it as injurious to them. However, New Haven No. 2 was granted a dispensation November 5, 1825, by the Grand Master, DeWitt Clinton. A charter was granted on September 19, 1826. Clinton No. 3 at Washington was formed by a dispensation issued February 9, 1827.

While Washington No. 1, now at Hartford, had opposed the formation of other Encampments in the state, they

voted to send representatives for the purpose of organizing a state-wide Grand Encampment. Accordingly, representatives of these three Encampments met in New Haven on September 13, 1827, and organized the Grand Encampment of Connecticut. Sir John R. Watrous was chosen as the first Grand Master. At the meeting of the Grand Encampment on September 15, 1829, the Committee on the Activities of General Grand Officers reported that "from the documents presented it appears that there has been established with the approbation of the M.E. Deputy General Grand Master (Sir Jonathan Nye) a Grand Encampment in the State of Connecticut."

In 1948 there were 12 Commanderies and 4,033 members.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The first Commandery organized in the District of Columbia was Washington No. 1 in Washington City, which was granted a charter on January 14, 1825, by the Deputy General Grand Master, Sir Henry Fowle. At the meeting of the General Grand Encampment in 1826, the Commandery was given the privilege of holding its meeting anywhere in the District of Columbia. The anti-Masonic excitement, coming soon after its organization stopped all work for nearly ten years. Even at the meeting of the General Grand Encampment held in Washington in 1835, it was reported that the officers elected has not been installed. By action of the Grand Encampment, Sir Jonathan Nye was authorized to install their officers. Evidently the revival was temporary, for it was reported at the Triennial Conclave in 1847 that Washington No. 1 was reorganized by Sir Knight Joseph K. Stapleton, the General Grand Generalissimo. Sir Knights Albert Pike, B. B. French, and Albert Mackey were members of this Commandery.

Columbia No. 2 at Washington, was granted a dispensation from Grand Master B. B. French on January 13, 1863, and a charter on September 6, 1865. Potomac No. 3 at Georgetown received a dispensation from Grand Master W. S. Gardner on March 11, 1870, and was granted a charter on September 21, 1871. DeMolay No. 4 at Washington was granted a dispensation from Grand Master J. Q. A. Fellows on February 19, 1872, and a charter on December 3, 1874. This was the first mounted Commandery. Orient No. 5 at East Washington was granted a charter on August 29, 1895, on presenting a petition to the Grand Encampment at its meeting on that date. It was instituted on October 19, 1895, by Sir Frank H. Thomas, the Grand Captain of the Guard as proxy for the Grand Master. Washington No. 1, Columbia No. 2, DeMolay No. 4, and Orient No. 5 met in convention on January 14, 1896, and organized the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia by authority of a warrant issued by Grand Master W. La Rue Thomas on December 2, 1895. Potomac No. 3 joined with the other Commanderies on January 14, 1896, at the organization meeting. Sir Knight Noble D. Larner was elected as the first Grand Commander.

In 1948 there were five Commanderies and 2,322 members.

### FLORIDA

On March 17, 1851, DeMolay Encampment No. 1 at Quincy was granted a dispensation by Grand Master W. B. Hubbard. At the meeting of the Grand Encampment on September 19, 1853, this dispensation was continued. In 1856 the Grand Recorder reported that he had received no report or returns from this Encampment. However, in March 1857, returns were made with a remittance of fifty dollars for dues. The Grand Master on March 17, 1857, therefore, continued the dispensation to 1859.



# 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 g.g.grandparents: Martin Cocklin—b. 3/27/1806; d. 9/5/1884; m. 1829, Cumberland Co., Pa., to Mary, a Cochinoo Indian—b. 6/18/1811; d. 12/8/1887. Moved to Burton City, Baughman Twp., Wayne Co., Oh., 1833. Thirteen children. Need Martin's cause of death and Mary's correct maiden name and tribe. Write for more details. *Charles W. Cocklin, 350 Elizabeth S.W., Massillon, OH 44646.*
- Need info on parents of George Washington Crow (b. 11/25/1820, Ky.; d. 1892). His father is listed in Holt Co., Mo., in 1880 as being from Ga.; mother from Ind. George was a judge who went to college in Ind. Was Senior Deacon at founding of Oregon Lodge No. 139, 5/31/1855. Son Edward Coke Crow was Attorney General of Mo. 1896-1904. Write for more details. *David A. Crow, 6728 Deer Spring Ln., Middletown, MD 21769-6634.*
- Are you a Shaw, Schaw, Shawe, or Schawe, or perhaps an Ayson, Adamson, Esson, MacAy, MacHay, Shiach, Sheach, Sheath, Seith, Seth, Skaith, Scaith, or Shay? Then you ARE a Shaw and you have a legacy—not a legacy in dollars and cents, but a rich legacy steeped in Scottish history and tradition. For further info about our clan, please contact *Meredith L. Shaw, 14211 Pear Tree Ln., Apt. 22, Silver Spring, MD 20906.*
- Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! Play chess! No matter how poor or good, we have a place for you in the Masonic Postal Chess Club! It's more than a game; it's corresponding with other Freemasons. Write *Robert D. Deitrich, Drawer K, Santa Rosa, NM 88435.*
- USS Kankakee AO-39 is looking for shipmates who served from 1942-1946 for second reunion. Contact *Steve Duplichan, Rt. 2, Box 1, Kinder, LA 70648.*
- Seeking info on descendants of Simon Wehr, who settled in Northampton-Lehigh Co., Pa., after 1740. In some states the name is Ware, Weir, or Waire. Will exchange data. *Myron P. Wehr, 2114 Allen St., Allentown, PA 18104.*
- For sale: Knight Templar Past Commander's sword. Approximately 100 years old; recently refinished. Decorated ivory handle. Price \$150 including leather scabbard. *Phillip S. Neal, 80 Medinah Dr., Reading, PA 19607.*
- Seeking birth records of my father, William Ray Dale, and my mother, Addie Florene Johnston, m. in Lowell, Benton Co., Ark., on 9/11/1914, one day after his 18th and a few weeks before her 17th birthday. My grandparents were Will and Effie Marie Cushman Dale (m. at Storm Lake, Ia.). They raised their family around Lowell and Rogers, Ark. Please contact *Mrs. W. J. Hill, 5503 Emil, Amarillo, TX 79106.*
- Reunion in 1987 of USS Motive Minesweep (1942-45). Shipmates, where are you? John Warren Carroll, Elmer Herbert Mullen, Leo Edwin Titus, Ernest William West, or Lawrence Max Whitlock: anyone knowing the whereabouts of these persons, please contact *Troy Trout, 1101 N. Belair Dr., Mount Vernon, WA 98273; (206) 424-7688.*
- Want to buy cross stitch chart of Knights Templar emblem. Please contact *Sarah Hemphill, Rt. 6, Rock Crab Lot 21, Shallotte, NC 28459; (919) 754-7339.*
- For sale: I have four burial spaces in Allegheny Co. Memorial Park in Pittsburgh, Pa. According to cemetery personnel, the current value of the property is \$600 per space. I would like to sell any or all of the lots for \$325 each. They are Section 1479 in Block E. Please write or call *Mrs. Eloise McPhillimy, 1421 E. Vermont, Phoenix, AZ 85014; (602) 274-1341.*
- USS Yosemite AD19, WWII, looking for shipmates for possible reunion May 1987. Contact *John R. Smith, 4430 N. Slauson Circle, Montgomery, AL 36106.*
- Need genealogical info on R. D. Hardy of Jackson, Miss. (b. 2/17/1832; d. 6/1/1879). I believe he was a member of St. John's Lodge No.

162, A.F. & A.M., and/or Pearl Lodge No. 23, and possibly Mississippi Commandery, Knights Templar. I would appreciate any info. Please contact *R. L. Selman, 128 Robanna Shores, Seaford, VA 23696.*

□ For sale: Lot 613-C, Masonic Garden (four spaces), Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Columbus, Oh. \$400. *Jerrold Newman, 2601 S.E. Snapper St., Port St. Lucie, FL 33452.*

□ Want to hear from descendant of James, David, Amos, or Thomas Nichols; left Ga. 1820-1830 for points west. *Sol Nichols, P.O. Box 451, Baxley, GA 31513.*

□ Seeking info on my grandfather, Andrew Phillips of Manhattan Commandery No. 31. What became of Manhattan Commandery No. 31? *Norman I. Phillips, 83 W. 45th St., Bayonne, NJ 07002.*

□ Looking for info on my nephew Donny and nieces Nona Jane, Merry Joe, and Pennie Cunningham. Donny is about 30 years old. I believe his name has been changed to "Casabote." Their mother was Betty Cunningham, last name now unknown. I would like to get in touch with all of them. They were last known to be in Ind. If anyone knows where they are, please contact *Robert Earl Cunningham, P.O. Box 23, Hemphill, TX 75948; (409) 787-2498.*

□ Seeking info in regard to descendants of Edmund Freeman and William Brewster. Related names are McCracken, Hall, and Cary (or Carey). Will exchange info. *B. H. Peterson, 352 Gardenia Rd., Venice, FL 33595.*

□ Seeking the family of my g.grandfather, Selah Temple House (b. 1815, N.H.). He migrated to Essex Co., Va., and m. Frances Ann Faver there in 1839. I have the complete family history from 1939. Will share it. Please write *Edward L. House, Maryland Masonic Home, Cockeysville, MD 21030.*

□ Would like to contact Air Force personnel who soldiered with me at Keesler Field, Miss.; BTC, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Redistribution Center, Miami; Richmond Air Base, Richmond, Va.; and 154 Weather Recon., Bari, Italy, 1942-1945. *William L. Baldrige, H.C. 72, Box 166, East Point, KY 41216.*

□ For sale: one Past High Priest, R.A.M., ring. 14K gold, size 9. Heavy shank—never been sized. One side heavily engraved with the emblem of the Chapter and the faint initials "H.T.W." This ring was presented to me in 1957. It's a beautiful ring, not a lightweight. Write for more

details. *Arthur Sudbrock, 3969 Fillmore, St. Louis, MO 63116; (314) 352-7924.*

□ For sale: six choice grave spaces in Minnesota Acacia Park Cemetery in Mendota Heights, Minn. Lot 5, Block 14, Laurel Section. Grave numbers are 9-10-11 and 14-15-16. Asking \$450 each or reasonable offer. *Leonard Strobel, 1102 12th Ave. N.E., Brainerd, MN 56401; (218) 829-3698.*

□ Seeking info on the Nathaniel Kinnison and Christopher Guice families of Miss. These families migrated from Va. about 1800. Also looking for info on Riser, Beck, and Thigpen families of La. and Tex. Thank you in advance. *A. E. Kinnison, 5412 Moffat Rd., Mobile, AL 36618.*

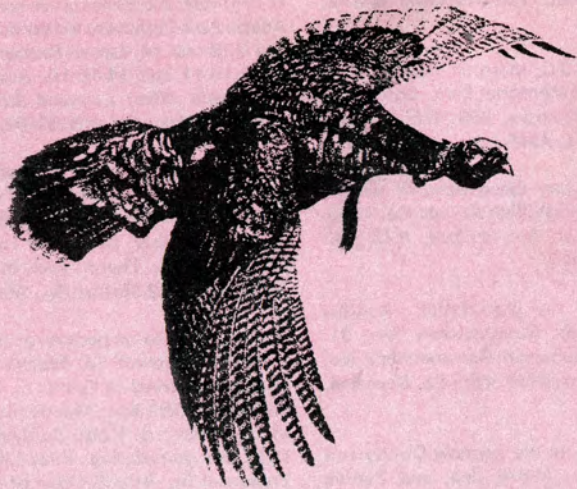
□ Seeking info on parents of my g.grandfather, John F. Treadwell (b. Wayne Co., Tenn., 3/7/1836). He served in Comp. E, 2nd Ark. Cavalry during the Civil War. Moved his family to Boise, Id., in 1881; d. Boise Soldiers' Home 10/23/1917. My grandfather, First Lieut. Roscoe Cage Treadwell (m. Alice S. Warn of Boise, 1900) was killed in combat in Leyte, Philippines, 9/10/1906 at age 31. Write for more details. *George L. Simpson, Jr., 3521 Humboldt St., Norfolk, VA 23513.*

□ Trying to locate former members of Saigon Chapter No. 409, National Sojourners. Please contact *Maj. (Ret.) Richard W. Williamson, Rt. 1, Box 157, E. Tabor Ave., Fairfield, CA 94533; (707) 425-2045.*

□ Interested in locating my father's Knight Templar Commander's sword—gold with an ivory handle, as I recall. Initials "H.E.D." inscribed on handle; name on blade was either "H. E. Dunlap" or "Herschel E. Dunlap." Sword was last seen in Salt Lake City, Utah. Am willing to pay good price. *H. Ellison Dunlap, 1211 Lavon Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84106; (801) 486-6656*

□ Need info on father of Jonathan Wells (b. Sudbury, Mass., 5/7/1791; d. Niles, Mich., 7/5/1866). Mother was a Cushing. Need this info to authenticate document believed to have come from Boston Tea Party. Contact *Charles C. Wells, Wells Family Assn, Midwest, 735 N. Grove Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302; (312) 572-8196 office, (312) 524-0695 home.*

□ Seeking info on Samuel J. Hook—b. in La., 4/11/1821; d. 10/23/1882, St. Landry Parish, La.; m. 8/4/1851 to Laura DeVillier Cummings, daughter of Frank DeVillier. Was Samuel's father Samuel, Benjamin, George, Jacob, Simon, or John? Any info would be appreciated. *L. R. Delancy, Rt. 2, Box 588, Braxton, MS 39044.*



Wild turkeys can still be seen in the wild, though such sightings are rare due to the cunning nature of this bird which Brother Benjamin Franklin once suggested as our national symbol. Once again, Thanksgiving Day arrives to remind us of the values we hold in our lives, which are important to acknowledge, usually done through the traditional turkey dinner.

Happy Thanksgiving!