



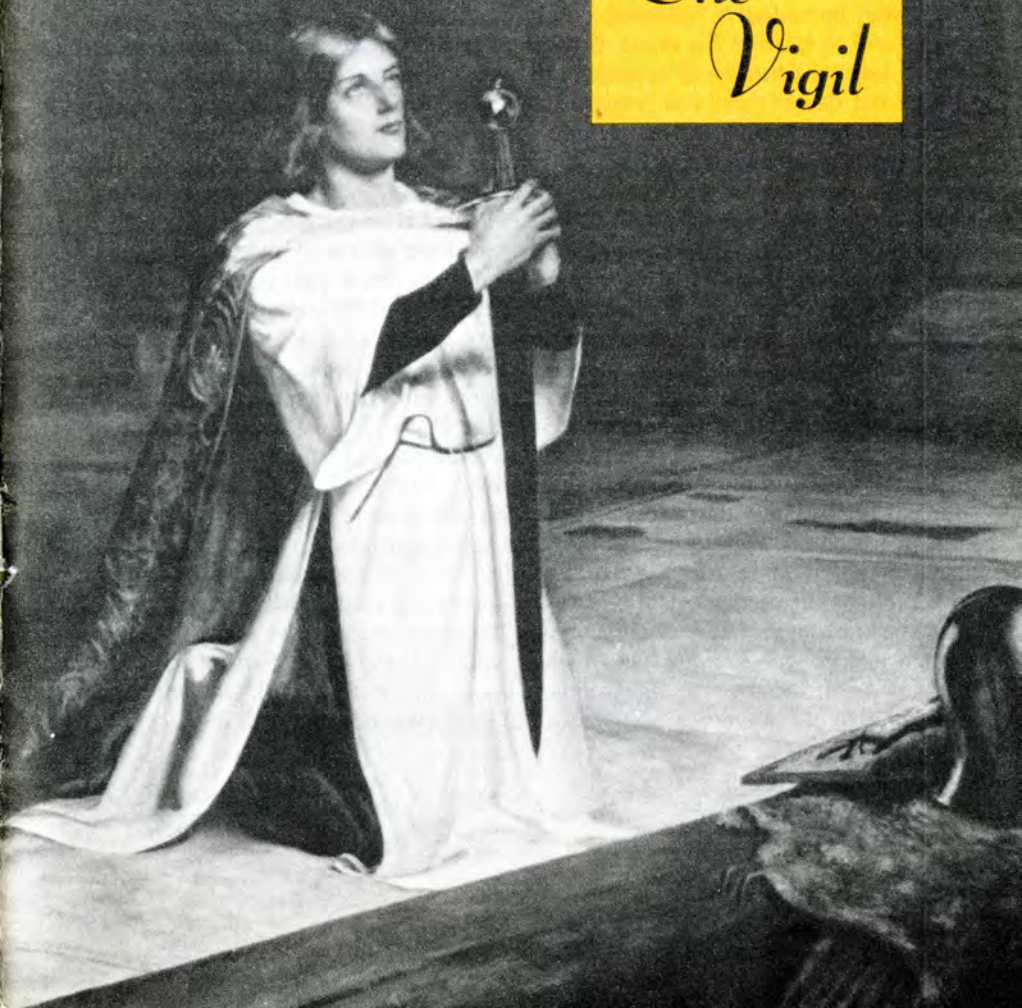
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*The
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April Thoughts

April brings us our national Easter Sunrise Service with its gathering of Templars and their families from all over our nation in our capital city. This year we will also observe the anniversary of our Knight Templar Chapel, which is high in the lofty tower of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on Shooter's Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. The Chapel was dedicated thirty years ago this Easter. This sacred room is one symbol of our dedication to our Christian order, the completion of the great York Rite of Freemasonry. During this Easter weekend, uniformed Templars will be stationed in the Chapel during normal hours to greet visitors and to give them special information concerning our Chapel and its artifacts. On Easter, immediately following our Sunrise Service, there will be a short program in the Chapel to observe the event. Because of limited space, only a few will be able to attend, but our Chapel will be open to the public during the rest of Easter Sunday.



The last day of April will bring to an end our 19th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Eye Foundation. This year we have two special new ways to help us attain the goal of five dollars per member. The first is the award of a membership in the Grand Master's Club given by Sir Knight Eugene C. Maillard to each Templar who is the first-line signer on five petitions for the York Rite (awarded after the petitioners are Knighted). His thousand dollar donations reward each of those who work to make the York Rite grow and further the work of your Eye Foundation. The second way is that now donations toward membership in the Grand Master's or Grand Commander's Club will be counted toward the member's Commandery's total during the campaign. These two methods work together. Try them—you cannot lose with them.

When I consider the work of our Eye Foundation, I am reminded of its true depth. I think of the story in the gospel of St. Mark (Mark 10:46-52 KJV) regarding blind Bartimaeus. When Jesus asked him what He could do for him, Bartimaeus said, "Lord, that I might receive my sight." Jesus answered, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." Immediately Bartimaeus received his sight and followed Jesus in the way. We have accepted the work of healing the blind as our knightly Christian duty. Let us, like Bartimaeus, follow Jesus in the way, and I trust that all who receive the benefits of His love through our charity will also learn to follow Him. I can think of no greater reward than the knowledge that we work for Him that others may receive their sight.

It would be wonderful to see all who read this at the Easter Sunrise Service on the 19th of April. I know that this is almost impossible, but I do ask that we remember each other in our prayers on that wonderful day as we remember His love.

Ronald H. Smith

Knight Templar

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

APRIL: Spring has arrived and with it comes *Knight Templar Magazine*. Our cover this month features a detailed close-up of the painting entitled "The Vigil." This painting is a copy painted by Henry Cooper from a copy hanging in a rotunda at Gettysburg College. The original, painted by John Pettie, hangs in the Chantry Collection at the National Art Gallery in London. This copy hangs in the main lobby of the Harrisburg Scottish Rite Cathedral. Evocative of medieval Knights Templar, it depicts a knight keeping a vigil in the chapel the day before he is knighted.

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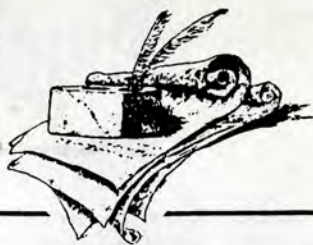
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Editor's Journal



• **Executive Director Injured:** Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., was injured on February 19 while attending the Allied Masonic Degrees meeting in Washington, D.C. Sir Knight Bell was hospitalized in Illinois Masonic Memorial Hospital in Chicago for surgery to repair a ruptured quadriceps tendon.

Now recovering in Springfield, Sir Knight Bell would like to express appreciation for all the cards and get-well wishes he received during his hospitalization.

• **Triennial Session of General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council:** The Oklahoma-Florida Triennial Committee, under the direction of Walter H. Winchester, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International, and Bernard F. Mandlebaum, General Grand Master, General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International, has finalized plans for their triennial sessions, to be held September 20-24, 1987.

Orlando, Florida, will be the center for the convention with its many attractions, foremost being Walt Disney World and Epcot Center.

According to a news release from this committee, all reservations must be made prior to May 10, 1987. Reservation forms and more complete information is available from the Oklahoma-Florida Triennial Corporation, 918 Curlew Road, Dunedin, Florida 33528.

• **Eye Foundation Campaign Continues:** The Knights Templar Eye Foundation's 19th Annual Voluntary Campaign continues. Fifteenth week totals nationwide are printed on page twenty-two. Currently in first place is the Grand Commandery of Georgia with \$60,393.00, followed by the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania with \$39,242.42. Ohio follows in third place: \$38,270.13. This year, for the first time, membership in the Grand Commander's and Grand Master's Clubs will count toward campaign credit.

According to the unique donation program sponsored by Sir Knight Eugene C. Maillard, a Grand Master's Club membership will be bought in the name of any person who is the top-line signer on five petitions. At time of printing, forty-seven Sir Knights have achieved Grand Master's Club memberships through this program. Specific information is printed on page twenty-four.

• **Red Cross Assembly:** The United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, is planning their annual assembly to take place on June 4-6, 1987, in Columbus, Georgia. Columbus is a town of approximately 170,000 people located on the extreme western border of the state of Georgia. Nicknamed the "city of fountains," it is also situated at the navigational head of the Chattahoochee River, Georgia's longest river. The annual assembly will be presided over by Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign J. Willard Register, K.G.C., a resident of Columbus and a Sir Knight in St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, Columbus.

Through Adversity to Success

by

Sir Knight Irving I. Lasky

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If values are the soul of a culture, then true greatness is the personification of those values and epitomizes the heroic pivotal figure in that culture. Heroes are the great motivators, the magicians, the persons to be counted on when things get tough. They have unshakeable character and style. They do things everyone else wants to do but is afraid to try. They dramatically show that the ideal of success lies within the human capacity.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a great symbolic and mystical individual. But what makes a man great? Freud referred to Moses when he wrote "... that all the characteristics with which we equipped the great man are paternal characteristics. . . . The decisiveness of thought, the strength of will, the energy of action are part of the picture of a father. . . . but above all the autonomy and independence of the great man, his divine unconcern which may grow into ruthlessness. One must admire him, one may trust him, but one cannot avoid being afraid of him too."

The great historian, the honorable Will Durant, said, "If writing and historical events last more than fifty years, they are considered worthwhile or successful. Time is probably the best judgment we have of such excellence, but far from infallible. Probably more than one gem

has sunk beyond recovery." However, the luster of the story of Roosevelt only grows with the passing of time.

Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt, born in 1882, was an only child and was brought up at a beautiful Hyde Park, New York, estate. He went to Harvard in 1900, and then became a lawyer and the trustee for the J. P. Morgan and Astor families. The future president was tall, handsome, with fair hair and blue eyes, wore pince-nez, and had a definite personal charisma. It was said, "No one would suspect behind the highly polished exterior the quiet force of determinism that sent cold shivers down the spine of the entrenched and powerful Tammany Hall political machine." He served during World War I as a lawyer and coordinator for supplies.

In 1921 he took his family to the island of Campabello for a summer vacation. A forest fire occurred on one of the neighboring islands and both he and his family volunteered to fight the fire. Exhausted after helping to extinguish the blaze, he went for a cool swim and then jogged home. He again swam in the icy waters of the Bay of Fundy. Thereafter, he had a severe chill, high temperature, and acute pain in his left leg. The latter was the first symptom of poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis. The → → →

dreaded acute anterior poliomyelitis had struck Brother Roosevelt. The severe pain persisted and spread to the right leg and his lower back. Paralysis quickly settled into these areas. Although the paralysis spread to his back and arms, the affliction in these areas later subsided.

Although eighty percent of polio victims recover, such was not the case, and the future president was left with paralyzed and useless legs.

However, this tragic illness, necessitating the use of heavy steel braces, transformed Brother Roosevelt from a rather dilettantish socialite and amateur politician into a serious and ambitious democratic leader. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, his wife, wrote: "Franklin's illness proved a blessing in disguise; for it gave him strength and courage he had not had before. He had to think out the fundamentals of living and learn the greatest of all lessons—infinite patience and never-ending persistence."

Thus began the struggle *per aspera ad astra* ("through adversities to success"). As the result of polio, Roosevelt's lower limbs had become spastic and painful. Earlier this had been treated with the "Sister Kenney" treatment. This Australian nurse used hot, moist packs to relieve the pain and spasticity.

In the autumn of 1924, Brother Roosevelt's friend George Peabody, a New York banker, told him about a warm pool which he had bought in Warm Springs, Georgia. The womb-like warmth and saline buoyancy of Warm Springs served to sooth the patients and help them to learn the use of weakened muscle groups. Thus was developed the Warm Springs Foundation.

In 1927, the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation was organized by Roosevelt and four other men. The foundation grew rapidly, and funds soon flowed in to build new buildings and provide increasingly sophisticated treatment programs for polio victims. Patients came from all

over the United States and even from foreign countries. It was a happy place, a place of renewal and of hope. National recognition came even before the founding of a National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in 1938, which mounted massive fund-raising campaigns to support the

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research which eventually led to the polio vaccine in 1954.

In 1954, the vaccine used to cure polio was given to the world by Dr. Jonas Salk; Albert Sabin followed with his preventative live virus vaccine in 1959. Each worked separately, but through their efforts a disease first described in 1774 was virtually obliterated from the face of the earth. Here too was an example of powerful influence encouraging and funding the extensive research for this endeavor. In great part if not entirely, this came from the persuasiveness and power of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a member of Holland Lodge No. 8, New York City, and on April 13, 1934, became the first honorary Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay.

He died on April 12, 1943, while posing for a painting at Warm Springs, Georgia. Brother Roosevelt was a true hero of our modern-day society. As "movers and shakers" go, he was likely the very best. He personified the struggle through adversity and served his country through most of four terms as president of the greatest republic in the history of mankind. There was a strong belief in Brother Roosevelt of a great mission, a

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The officers are all present and in uniform (or, in the other bodies, properly clothed). The Commander looks about the asylum just before beginning his opening ritual and realizes that, other than his line officers, only four sideliners are present. What a way to get off to a well-publicized stated Conclave or conferral of an order!

Any real enthusiasm for a stated Conclave or order conferral is sure to be dampened by poor atten-

ing their Commandery's event. In other words, they ask themselves if what will be received is really worth the effort required to dress and travel to the meeting location. If this question is answered in the negative, the Sir Knight most likely will stay away, unless, of course, there is some requirement placed upon him to attend. To get a relatively consistent "yes" answer, the meetings must be sufficiently attractive so that after they're over they will leave the

Solutions for Commandery Attendance Problems

dance. Yet all of us know this happens in a good many York Rite bodies much of the time. It doesn't have to be that way. But first, we must ask ourselves why attendance is low, and then secondly, what can we do to improve the situation?

In Masonry we have two major types of meetings—the stated or business meeting and the special or called meeting with degrees or orders conferred. Specific solutions for the lack of attendance at these two entirely different types of meetings are not the same. However, the causative factors are identical.

In the most basic sense, many of our members do not attend because they have more important or entertaining opportunities for the use of their time which outweigh the perceived benefit of attend-

by Sir Knight Ralph H. Emerson II

member with the satisfaction of having spent his time profitably and enjoyably.

In many cases our meetings simply do not stand up to the aforementioned test. How many times have we attended a Masonic stated meeting and found, other than the opening and closing ritual, the vast majority of the time had been spent by the Recorder or the Secretary droning on with routine business material, which could just as easily have been handled by a committee or simply left unsaid?

After enduring this example of trivial expansionism once or twice and seeing the Commander abdicate meeting control and content in favor of the Recorder, the average member isn't encouraged to go through the same ordeal the following month and stays away. Without → → →

a well planned and publicized program, most presiding officers really deserve the meager attendance they receive.

It's simply not that difficult to arrange for programs and find the solution to inadequate stated Conclave attendance. For example, say a Commandery has ten stated Conclaves a year, two of which involve election of officers and their installation and one which is used for the reception of the Grand Commander. That leaves just seven meetings which require out-of-the-ordinary planning. A program committee of four to seven Sir Knights can be appointed, with each member scheduled to be in charge of one but not more than two programs targeted for specific stated Conclaves. Follow-through by the chairman or Commander should consist of approving the proposed programs and verifying well in advance the readiness of the committeeman to have the program presented on the prescribed date.

What ingredients make up interesting and quality programs for the stated Conclaves of Commanderies of Knights Templar? The answers are probably as varied and numerous as we have Commanderies within our Grand Encampment. The following program suggestions can be used to start your committee members in coming up with ideas:

1. Masonic history, philosophy, or symbolism.

2. Items of municipal, county, or statewide interest, such as traffic problems explained by the city traffic engineer, public school concerns explored by a member of the school board, or legal interpretations by a lawyer of misunderstood or little-known state statutes.

3. Techniques of effective meeting control and public speaking presented by an instructor from a local secondary school or college.

4. Masonic charities—their purpose, size, annual expenditures, and history.

5. Demonstrations and explanations from qualified representatives of Masonic youth groups.

6. Scottish Rite and Shrine nights, with representatives explaining the advantage of membership in their bodies and in turn receiving exposure to our York Rite.

7. Beauceant, Ladies Auxiliary, and Ladies Nights.

The key to the success of these or similar programs and their positive effect on attendance is the consistency of having programs at stated Conclaves. One good program a year will not materially increase participation, but five months of 10 to 30-minute stated Conclave programs will work wonders to reactivate your Commandery. It sounds simple, and it is—if you choose your program committee well, don't overload them with more than two programs each during a twelve-month period, and follow through to avoid cancellations. Needless to say, you'll need good publicity, too—especially until the word gets out that your Commandery stated Conclaves really are interesting.

You'll need to use different methods to increase attendance at Conclaves where

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the Commandery Orders are presented. There is virtually no substitute for well conferred Orders. Properly memorized and rehearsed parts which are dramatically presented please and stimulate all in attendance. That mystic fraternal environment is increased tenfold after an evening of inspiring ritualistic work, as

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Decisions in Limbo

by
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Life is a decision-making process, choosing between alternatives. Hour by hour and day by day we make choices between this and that. Our decisions may be simple ones, like deciding to go to the city on the commuter train or by driving the car, or choosing to have hamburger or fish for dinner. On the other hand, our choices may be between honorable or dishonorable actions or between going into business or becoming a lawyer.

Since making decisions is an inescapable necessity, it is imperative that we learn to make choices without endless inner debate. Unhappily, there are many who are unwilling or unable to make decisions. They find themselves saddled with the anxiety of the unresolved. They often are in the wilderness of indecision even in small matters.

The complaint of a business executive is commonplace: "Jim just can't make decisions," he noted of one of his colleagues. "He hems and haws, hoping someone else will decide and take him off the hook." It was Jim's way of avoiding responsibility for what might be a wrong decision. Unfortunately for Jim, leaving decisions in limbo made him expendable.

No doubt Jim, unable to choose between alternatives, found himself in a state of apprehension attended by sleepless nights and unpleasant days.

Wordsworth painted a word picture of the state of those with unresolved issues on their minds in his poem, "The Affliction of Margaret":

My apprehensions come in crowds,
I dread the rustling of the grass;
The very shadows of the clouds
Have power to shake me as they pass;
I question things and do not find
One that answers to my mind:
And all the world appears unkind.

In the limbo of indecision, the world seems unalterably unkind, forcing us into the position of making choices we would like to avoid.

It should be noted that decisiveness is a habit and so is indecisiveness. The man who cannot decide between lamb and fish at a restaurant probably cannot make business decisions either. He is habitually indecisive. He has gone through life postponing decisions in small matters until his habit of indecisiveness has become ingrained. Every choice becomes a fearsome debate that has no end.

Deciding to decide in small matters and large is the essence of wisdom. Keeping a waitress waiting while you debate whether to order lamb or fish is absurd. Make up your mind! If the issue to be decided is complex and → → →

involved, consider the relevant facts, the possible consequences of the alternatives, and decide.

"I decided! What a relief!"—these words of a woman who made a difficult decision are revealing. She escaped from the anxiety of the unresolved and moved with confi-

"We are haunted by the unresolved while in the wilderness of indecision."

dence into the days ahead. She grappled with the issues, thought them through, and made an intelligent choice. She could do no more. Inevitably, she felt relieved.

The nation's level of anxiety and apprehension would be cut in half if the Reagan Administration and the Congress, considering the welfare of the nation and thoughtfully examining the alternatives, would make decisions dealing with the deficit. We are haunted now by the anxiety of the unresolved while we wander in the wilderness of indecision.

There is a passage in the little book of Joel (Joel 3:14a RSV) which reads: "Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision!" The passage suggests vast numbers of men and women are in the throes of trying to make decisions, haunted by apprehensions and anxieties. The time to decide for each of us is now. Only so can we move ahead to whatever destiny we cherish.

The habit of indecisiveness, leaving necessary choices in limbo, is folly. Decisiveness in small matters and large is the beginning of wisdom.



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The Collingwood Library and Museum

Four miles north of the Mount Vernon estate and on the parkway that connects old Alexandria with the estate of Brother and General George Washington, the National Sojourners has established its headquarters and created a library and museum dedicated "to all that is best in America."

National Sojourners is an organization of officers and warrant officers, past and present, of the uniformed services of the United States, all of whom are Master Masons in good standing. In addition to their patriotic commitments and support of national defense, National Sojourners members are strong promoters of the Masonic Fraternity and its programs. In fact, fifteen Past National Presidents have been Worshipful Masters of their Masonic Lodges, four have been Grand Masters, and many have served as heads of concordant bodies.

The Collingwood mansion stands on nearly nine acres of land on the banks of the Potomac River. It was a portion of Brother George Washington's River Farm which he acquired in 1760 as a major addition to Mount Vernon.

The library is well stocked with volumes on American history and culture and on Masonic subjects. The museum has had a succession of displays including artifacts from the Smithsonian, Freedoms Foundation, and Plymouth Plantation of Massachusetts.

The library and museum is free to the public and is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday and Wednesday through Saturday. Open 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, it is closed two weeks between December 20 and January 5. Support of the foundation is by voluntary contributions—all donations are tax-exempt from federal income tax. Visitors are always welcomed and curators Peter and Emma Pedrotti invite guests to come and browse.

During a lull in the proceedings of a regular meeting of Phoenix Chapter No. 2 in 1977, I casually looked at the car-touches on the walls and recognized the names of two of the pharaohs, leading me to believe that the artwork was more than just a decoration. Mentioning it to a Companion, I drew the attention of several others. Their questions and interest caused the High Priest to request that I study the subject and tell the Chapter of my findings.

My interest in Sir Knight Harry Percy Knowles resulted from research into the historical significance of these decorations of the "Egyptian" Chapter Room on the 12th floor of our Masonic Temple on West 24th Street in New York City. At the time I had never heard of him.

My search began with historical research and the study of hieroglyphics and eventually led me to the Masonic library, the public libraries, the Museum of Art, and finally the Egyptian Travel Bureau and Consulate. I regret to state that most of the sources applied to were neither communicative, cooperative, nor responsive. The best assistance came from the Egyptians, who were so amazed at the decorations of the room that they assisted me in deciphering other names and symbols and gave me a list of the hieroglyphic names of all the pharaohs.

However, certain questions remained. Who was the decorator? Who was the architect? Was he a Mason? He certainly was a scholar, well schooled in history. Inquiries at the Grand Lodge and the Masonic library produced the name of Harry P. Knowles.

I wrote to every architectural society listed in the telephone book. Only two replied; one had no information and the other, the Architectural Council of New York, suggested that I write to the American Institute of Architects in Washington, D.C. The AIA replied that when they looked, they found that some-

Search for a Builder Past

by Sir Knight Leonard Guarnera

one had cut the record out; however, in Withey's guidebook they found a notation. It proved to be erroneous in many facts, was garbled as to Masonry, and gave a birth date of 1871 and a death date of January 11, 1944—both incorrect—but it was a clue.

It took me two years of research to find the true facts. I guess the clerk at the New York Public Library's newspaper section was tired of my searching through every page of *The New York Times* obituaries of 1943, 1944, and 1945, because on April 13, 1982, he finally suggested I look in the "Death Book." I thought he was joking, but the city does publish a Death Book containing death certificates registered in the city of New York. In that book I found "Knowles, Harry, 52 years, January 1, 1923, Certificate No. 299." A quick dash → → →

to *The New York Times* of January 1923 brought results.

The obituary section of Tuesday, January 2, 1923, read: "Knowles, Monday, January 1, 1923, after a short illness. Harry P. Knowles of the Aphthorp Apartments, Broadway and 78th Street. Notice of funeral hereafter."

On Wednesday, January 3, was: "Knowles, on Monday, January 1, 1923, after a short illness. Harry P. Knowles of the Aphthorp Apartments, Broadway and 78th Street. Funeral service in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, 23rd Street and 6th Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, January 4, 1923, at 1 p.m. Hamilton (Ontario, Canada) paper, please copy." Beneath that was: "Knowles—Brethren of Pyramid Lodge No. 490, F. & A.M., New York, New York. You are hereby summoned to attend an emergent communication of the Lodge for the purpose of paying the last tribute and respect to our late Brother, Right Worshipful Harry P. Knowles, at Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, 23rd Street, on Thursday afternoon, on January 4 at 1 o'clock. Brethren will be assembled in the Renaissance Room not later than 12:30. DeWitt Waele, Master; George Irving, Secretary." The notice was repeated on January 4.

This obituary was the magic key. It was the first notice and confirmation of his death date, his Masonic affiliation, his Lodge, and his status as a Right Worshipful Brother. A basis was provided for further information and sources and I was able to reconstruct his Masonic affiliations.

With his death certificate obtained on September 24, 1982, from the archives at City Hall, and his reconstructed birth certificate obtained from Toronto, Canada, on April 2, 1983, and with the aid of the Canadian consulate and with various magazines of the architectural profession, I recreated part of Knowles' life.

Knowles' Masonic application was accepted by Pyramid Lodge and he was

raised on October 2, 1896, at the age of 26. James H. Kennedy was Worshipful Master. That same year he became a Royal Arch Mason, receiving the Royal Arch Exalted Master Degree on November 28, 1896, in Union Chapter No. 180 (which merged with Empire Chapter No. 170 in 1974). He became a Knight Templar on March 7, 1901, in York Commandery No. 55 (which merged with New York Commandery No. 1 in 1968). He was a Noble in Mecca Temple, AAOONMS.

He was Worshipful Master of Pyramid Lodge from 1902 to 1903 and conferred the third degree on March 6, 1903. He served on various Lodge committees and in 1904 was appointed Grand Sword Bearer by Grand Master Frank W. Robinson.

Sir Knight Knowles' vital statistics are confused by conflicting reports, even though both versions are officially documented. His reconstructed birth certificate states that he was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, on July 15, 1870; his death certificate gives no birth date or year but gives his age as 52 and place of birth as Canada. According to this reconstructed birth certificate, his father was *Henry* Knowles and his mother was Josephine Davis. The birthplace of both is not given; likewise for the parents' residence. His father's occupation was cigar maker. Obviously some midwife was indifferent or careless with records, which was not unusual.

His death certificate from the city archives, which I accept in preference as more reliable since the information is obtained from the patient upon admission to the hospital, gives his occupation as architect; his birthplace as Canada; his time of residence in the United States as 25 years; his father as *Thomas* Knowles, born in the United States; and his mother as Josephine Davis, born in Canada. Harry Percy Knowles was admitted to French Hospital on December 21, 1922, and died there January 1, 1923, about 2:30 p.m.

The cause of death was acute gangrenous appendicitis, with a contributory cause of subphrenic abscess. Knowles was buried in Kensico Cemetery on January 4, 1923.

As an example of bureaucratic indifference or incompetency, I cite the following incident. Hoping to get a birth

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date from a tombstone of Harry Knowles, I went to Kensico Cemetery on October 15, 1982. I explained the purpose of my visit to one of the clerks; she insisted that all records previous to 1928 were destroyed in a fire in 1930. She also insisted that there were no Masonic plots in the cemetery. This, upon appeal, was confirmed by the director. I told them that they were mistaken, that there were many Masonic plots in the cemetery, including those of my Lodge. They insisted that I was in error and that there were no records. I told them that I would report the matter to the Grand Lodge and the Lodges, and that they could expect a flood of mail from all concerned. They were adamant.

As I promised, I reported the matter. My Lodge, Consolidated No. 31, immediately gave me the deeds to two lots they possessed. On November 1, 1982, I repaired to the same two persons with my documents. This time they were highly cooperative and all charm. They could not understand where I got the misinformation, nor could they recall our previous meeting, although one recognized her signature on one of the documents. They were now extremely helpful in finding books and records, giving me maps and all details on how to reach the Knowles gravesite. There, on a very plain stone marker, was “Harry Knowles, 1870-1923,” in eternal rest on Pocantico Road.

He came to New York at age 20, which would be in 1890. A definite link was furnished by Charles Savage of the New York Landmarks Preservation Commission, who was interested in the Mecca Temple building, which Knowles designed, as a prospective landmark. In *Keys to the Architects of Greater New York* appears: “Knowles, Harry P. (1871-1923) HD: N. Le Brun & Sons (1899-1901).” Therefore we know that Knowles was a head draftsman for our Brother Le Brun, who built the first Masonic Hall in New York City on 23rd Street. With the death of Le Brun in 1901, Knowles may have established his own company. Possibly because of his association with Le Brun, he was selected to complete the tower of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at Madison Square.

In 1907, he was a member of the Architectural League of New York. That year he was commended for his exhibition in the Galleria of the American Fine Arts Society. Little is known of his professional affiliations or works, though some facts have appeared at random in various architectural magazines.

Being well known in his profession, having worked with the original architect of the Masonic Hall, and being a well known Mason himself, Knowles was selected to build the new Masonic Hall on West 24th Street in 1908. By 1909 his plans and construction were sufficiently advanced to permit professional examination. The *Architect Magazine* of November 15, 1909, wrote: “It is very rarely that one sees so many interesting interiors brought together in a single building as in the Masonic Temple, H. P. Knowles, architect.” The editor then goes on to criticize previous attempts and the failures of other architects:

The case of the Masonic Temple is different. There is something about the building of a great secret order which demands the → → →

bizarre, and the treatment of the eleven Lodge rooms of similar dimensions and character of furnishings in the same style would result in an appalling monotony. The architect has wisely chosen to write in an enduring way a brief history of architecture as seen from his standpoint, but the fact that they are all considered from an individual angle, and that the same mind has dominated the styles (instead of being dominated by them) has resulted in a series of rooms quite different in design, of every period, and yet of singular unity of character.

He then gives an excellent and favorable descriptive criticism of all the rooms, with special praise for the Egyptian Room. He is uncertain as to the symbolic connection of Masonry with the decorations:

A single criticism may perhaps not be amiss. The backs of the settees hide not only the bases of the rooms but of the columns, a thing which though perhaps unavoidable was nevertheless unfortunate. . . . A more interesting collection of interiors I have never seen presented in one building, and while it may be urged that the chance was extraordinary it is not every architect who would have grasped his opportunities so completely.

One could go on with more compliments. The best idea is to visit the Chapter, the Renaissance, the Gothic, the Jacobean, and the other rooms. They are worthy of a guided tour in spite of neglect and discoloration.

In 1915, Harry Knowles was elected a member of the American Institute of Architects. In 1922, he completed and dedicated the Masonic Soldiers' and Sailors' Hospital in Utica, New York. He

had designed and built all the hospital buildings to that date except the original building. Withey refers to Knowles as an architect of Masonic buildings—a natural assumption, because he built so many.

That same year Knowles designed and started the Mecca Temple building in New York City. Unfortunately, Sir Knight Knowles died before the project was completed. In February 1925 *The American Architect* commented:

It was a shrewd and far-seeing group of men who conceived of a large Masonic building, with a spacious auditorium, and selected for its site a location that is in the very heart of what will undoubtedly be New York's most congested section. Mecca Temple by the character of its architecture and the way it has been worked out proclaims the Masonic occupancy of the building. . . . The original plan and the main features of design are the work of the late Harry P. Knowles. Mr. Knowles died January 1, 1923, before the building was more than fairly started. Messrs. Clinton and Russell were appointed the architects, and they have practically confined their work to the carrying forward of the general schemes as outlined by Mr. Knowles.

The style is Arabic—in the facade of the building, the details of the auditorium, the Blackstone Room, the Koran Room, the Veda Room, and the others, and in the great dome which houses the large, eight-foot diameter fan for ventilation.

As *The American Architect* further noted:

The architect's serious, intelligent, and skillful solution deserves recognition. Knowles, aware of his clients' wish to proclaim historic

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Masonic Americana, Volumes I & II

Masonic Americana, Volume II is being offered in an attractive softcover design to match *Volume I*, making a matched set. An exhaustive index has been added to both volumes. The first volume features articles on the fourteen Masonic presidents of the United States of America, including Brother Gerald R. Ford, who became a Master Mason in 1951. Both books are made up of numerous articles which originally appeared in *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Matched sets of *Masonic Americana* which include both *Volumes I & II* are available for \$5.50 a set. Individual copies of either *Volume I* or *II* are \$3.00 each, post-paid. To place your order, make check or money order out to "The Grand Encampment" and send to "Masonic Americana" c/o The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please allow six to eight weeks for delivery.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the article entitled "An Analysis of Conflicts" in the August 1986 edition of *Knight Templar* in which the Reverend Stemper outlines the issues and conflicts leading to the attacks by certain religious groups and individuals on Freemasonry. Some such individuals have even taken the oaths of Masonry, which they have flagrantly violated.

It seems the main issue is the charge that Masons advocate works and good deeds for salvation. Ironic it is that those groups mentioned have as their doctrine and belief that their works, if sufficient, will attain them entrance into heaven. Every Knight Templar has declared that he believes that Jesus died to save sinners. We believe that by faith His death on the cross for us must be appropriated personally in order for us to be able to say that Jesus Christ is our personal savior from sin.

I have brought this matter up in our Blue Lodge and while all stated that they did not believe that being a Mason meant salvation, they also agreed that there are certain phrases in our catechisms and especially in our funeral oration that give a certain amount of credence to the charge that "all Masons think that all Masons are going to heaven because they are Masons!" I would like to see those allegations defused or negated by the removal of those phrases in our catechisms and funeral orations which give such mistaken impressions which arouse misconceptions of Freemasonry.

It is my feeling that Freemasonry would be enhanced, and many fine men could be brought into the Fraternity who, because of such misconceptions, now feel that it would be unscriptural for them to so belong. This issue has bothered my Christian conscience as well and I have confided in other Christian Masons who have become disturbed and disenchanted to the extent they have dropped out of Masonry.

I sincerely hope the Grand Lodge[s] will look into the matter of excising from our rituals those words or phrases that unnecessarily provoke attacks on Freemasonry. Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Fraternally yours,
Sir Knight K. C. Hodges
Damascus Commandery No. 2
Jacksonville, Florida

Concordia Commandery No. 42

Concordia Commandery No. 42, Concordia, Kansas, held a special public



program preceding its regular meeting on January 23, 1987, in order to give special recognition to Sir Knight Richard Zimmerman of Cawker City, Kansas, for being the first Kansas minister to participate in the Holy Land Pilgrimage program of the Grand Commandery. Sir Knight Zimmerman was presented a plaque provided by the Commandery and presented to him by Past Grand Commander Donald B. Hanson. Sir Knight Zimmerman expressed his sincere appreciation for this recognition by his home Commandery.

Shown in the photograph above are, from left to right, Past Grand Commander Donald B. Hanson, Sir Knight Richard Zimmerman, and Commander Robert B. Pfuetze.

Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains.

—Jean Jacques Rousseau

Klamath Falls Recognizes Masons

Masons in the York Rite bodies of Klamath Falls, Oregon, presented anni-



versary pins to three members at a dinner on December 17, 1986. Receiving awards were Vaclav Kalina, pictured above, standing at left; Walter Wiesendanger, P.C., standing at right; and Ivan Ottoman, seated; all for fifty years in Calvary Commandery No. 16, Klamath Falls. In addition, Walter Wiesendanger has sixty-five years in Klamath Falls Chapter No. 35, R.A.M., Klamath Falls.

Needlepoint Kits Available

Several years ago the Grand Encampment began offering needlepoint kits for sale. These kits (not pictured) include a printed canvas with the Templar emblem in red, white, yellow and black on a white background. Kits include the canvas, needle and yarn (finished size is 10 by 10 inches). The cost of a single kit is \$11.50 postpaid, or \$10.50 each in lots of three or more. Orders may be sent to Grand Encampment, 14 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Huntsville Increases Donations

The Sir Knights of Huntsville Commandery No. 7, Huntsville, Alabama, have developed a plan which has substantially increased the Commandery's participation in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. In 1984, the members voted to add a \$5.00 annual assessment to the dues of the members for the three York Rite philanthropies. For the two years prior to that action, the Commandery had raised only \$180.00 for the Templar philanthropy; with the new assessment, the Commandery has been able to donate \$2,450.00. Since the assessment is applied across the three bodies, the other two York Rite philanthropies have benefited as well: only \$25.00 had been raised for the other two funds in the previous two years. Since then, \$2,057.00 has gone to the Royal Arch Research Assistance Fund and \$707.00 has gone to the Grand Council Benevolent Fund. The Sir Knights are enthusiastic in their support for the program. The Commandery's Treasurer, Past Commander Robert Elkin, notes: "This past year we had to review the Commandery's finances and we determined we needed to raise more money. One of the options to do this was to reduce the assessment and use the money for the General Fund. The members immediately eliminated that option and chose instead to increase their dues." Says Sir Knight Thomas Craig, Alabama Supplement Editor, "Although simple, this plan has proven quite effective for the last two years in Huntsville and should continue to provide support for the philanthropies which the Companions and Sir Knights of Huntsville will be proud of."

Garnet Lodge Medallion

Garnet Lodge No. 166, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, is celebrating its 100th



anniversary in 1987 and is offering a 100th anniversary medallion for sale. The medallion is pictured above. These medallions feature the Lodge impression seal and are being offered for \$5.00, postpaid. Orders may be sent to Secretary, Garnet Lodge No. 166, A.F. & A.M., 4923 Stewart Avenue, White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110.

Argus Lodge Plate

Argus Lodge No. 545, Canfield, Ohio, recently celebrated its 100th anniversary and is offering commemorative plates for sale in recognition of this event. These plates are available for the price of \$10.00 each, which includes shipping and handling. A special price of \$19.00 has been set for two plates, also including shipping and handling. Plates may be obtained by including name, return address, check or money order made out to Argus Lodge No. 545, and amount of order and sending them to Robert W. Franklin, Secretary, 239 Marcia Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44515.



IN MEMORIAM



Paul B. Pickering
Utah
Grand Commander—1961
Born May 16, 1899
Died November 7, 1986

David Theodore Ross
Idaho
Grand Commander—1952
Born January 13, 1903
Died February 21, 1987

Kenneth C. Dolbear
New York
Grand Commander—1952
Born September 6, 1900
Died February 27, 1987

Dear God

*Teach me to have Easter
in my heart each day
that I may give gifts
of hope, faith, love
and know peace.*

*Teach me to see a raindrop
a rainbow
a blade of grass
or a lily
that I may know beauty.*

*Teach me to hear
the birds and church bells,
music and laughter
that I may know
the sound of Your voice.*

*Teach me to feel
someone else's tear or smile,
be humble and reverent
and learn about different folk
that I may understand
the scope
of Your Kingdom.*

—Aina L. Anderson

Thanks to Knight Voices

Dear *Knight Templar*:

I can certainly attest to the readership of the magazine!

I recently asked you to publish an ad in "Knight Voices" for my Past Commander's sword. We were on vacation the last week in October. About five minutes after we were back home November 1, the phone rang. It was a lady from Ohio wanting to buy my sword—so we agreed to my terms. She sent me a check and I mailed her the sword.

Since then I have had letters and phone calls from as far away as Montana, Texas, and South Carolina. One letter just contained a check for \$150—no letter or anything else. Of course I returned the check.

Thanks again for the prompt service and beneficial results.

Sir Knight Phillip S. Neal

(Editor's note: All Knight Voices respondents are urged to include all information, printed clearly, with all correspondence.)

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Masonic Conferences Convene

Grand Master's Conference 1987

by Raymond H. Bachman
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held February 16-18 in Calgary, Alberta.

The program started with a get-acquainted hour on Sunday afternoon in the Convention Centre in Calgary. The meeting Monday morning was preceded by a Deputy Grand Masters' breakfast hosted by Brother Robert E. Juthner, Deputy Grand Master of Alberta.

The chairman of the conference was A. Lou Copeland, Grand Master of Ontario, and the co-chairman was John E. Kelly, Grand Master of Texas. The meeting was opened at 8:45 a.m. by the chairman in MacLeod Hall of the Convention Centre, where all meetings of the Grand Masters were held. He was assisted by Brother Charles R. Glassmire, president of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and Brother Robert A. Hockstead, chairman of the Masonic Service Association. The invocation was given by Brother Marion M. Walker, Grand Master of Arkansas. The national flags of Canada, Mexico, and the United States were presented in a very colorful ceremony by a group of Royal Canadian Mounted Police under the direction of Brother Stan Harbin, Past Grand Master

of Alberta. The appropriate odes and songs for each flag were given.

The welcome was given by Brother Norman T. Oslund, Grand Master of Ontario, and the response by Brother Dennis L. Elkins, Grand Master of Connecticut.

The report of the Conference Committee was given by the chairman of that committee, Brother Jack R. Levitt, Grand Master of California. His committee consisted of Marvin E. Leachman, Grand Master of Alabama; Norman L. Hoff, Grand Master of Colorado; Burrill G. Lirgg, Grand Master of Idaho; Ernest H. Curtis, Grand Master of Maine; Ernest Hoffman, Jr., Grand Master of Michigan; John W. Murray, Grand Master of New Brunswick; and Walter T. McCall, Grand Master of North Carolina.

The following slate of officers for the 1988 conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was then presented and elected: Conference Chairman, Robert C. Singer, New York; Conference Co-chairman, Eugene A. Wagner, Jr., Louisiana. On the Conference Committee are Eddie P. Stiles, Chairman, North Carolina; Clifford D. Knauss, Kansas; A. Neil Clark, Manitoba, Canada; Glendon K. Jefferies, Oregon; Marks L. Ewing, Washington; Thomas H. Coughlin, Delaware; George Hayes, Florida; and Joseph H. Burton, Indiana. Serving on the Time and Place Committee are Robert A. Kleindienst, Chair- → → →

man, Arizona; R. Marshall Shields, Mississippi; Kerry R. Keyser, Montana; Paul R. Eveland, Nebraska; Norman L. Getchell, Connecticut; J. T. Henley, Arkansas; W. R. Wellman, Saskatchewan; and Robert G. Slater, Virginia.

A search committee was then appointed to find a replacement for the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the conference, Raymond H. Bachman, who expressed his desire to retire April 1, 1988. This committee consisted of Monroe B. Morton, Oregon; Robert C. Singer, New York; Lawrence D. Inglis, Illinois; John Patience, Quebec; and John E. Kelly, Texas.

An inspiring keynote address given by Brother M. Norman MacIver, P.G.M., Alberta, provided an excellent start for the conference.

Brother Robert C. Singer, Grand Master of New York, gave a short report for the Committee on Drugs. This was followed by the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association.

After a lunch furnished by the Scottish Rite of Canada, all delegates were loaded in buses for a trip to Banff for the Grand Secretaries' Banquet in the Banff Springs Hotel. A stop was made on the way to Banff to see the site of the Olympic ski competition next year. This trip provided some of the most beautiful scenery on this continent. The speaker at the banquet was Brother Gordon L. Kennett, P.G.M. of Prince Edward Island and Sovereign Grand Commander of the A.A.S.R. of Canada.

On Tuesday morning, after a breakfast hosted by the Imperial Shrine of North America, the conference opened at 8:45 a.m. in MacLeod Hall of the Convention Centre with an address by the Imperial Potentate, Russell H. Anthony.

This was followed by the introduction of those from sister jurisdictions. Brother Henry J. Nathan, P.G.M., Victoria, Australia, responded for this group. There

were representatives from France, Italy, Australia, Panama, and the Grand Lodge of Iran in exile.

The report of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer was then given.

A panel discussion was then held, with all members attending, on the subject of communications. This discussion was conducted by Ernest Hoffman, Jr., Grand Master, Michigan; John R. Graham, public relations and advertising consultant; and John W. Murray, Grand Master of New Brunswick.

This was followed by an address on "Freemasonry's Relationships with Denominations" by Wayne B. Williamson, Past Grand Orator of California.

On Tuesday afternoon there were three panel discussions, each one attended by all the delegates. They were as follows: on Youth, Burrell G. Lirgg, Chairman, Idaho; Norman L. Hoff, Colorado; Henry E. Stickney, Grand Master, DeMolay. On Individual Lodges: Jack P. Levitt, Chairman, California; Walter F. McCall, North Carolina; Norman F. Oslund, Alberta. On Membership: Ernest H. Curtis, Chairman, Maine; Marion E. Leachman, Alabama; and Orvil E. Mything, Saskatchewan.

The Grand Masters' banquet was held Tuesday evening and over six hundred guests were delightfully entertained with a musical program followed by dancing.

Wednesday morning nearly all of the delegates attended a "Western Style Stampede" breakfast. They were entertained by a country western band and square dancing.

The conference then convened at 8:45 a.m. after which the officers of the Grand Secretaries' Conference were received and introduced. This was followed by the report of the Commission for Recognition by Brother J. Lewis Beckstead, P.G.M., Manitoba.

The report of the Search Committee was given and it was recommended and approved by vote of the conference that

Brother Robert A. Hinshaw, P.G.M. and P.G.S. of Ohio, be elected as Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Grand Masters' Conference effective April 1, 1988.

The Time and Place Committee then presented their report and recommended that the 1991 conference be held in San Diego, California. This committee consisted of Donald W. Sether, Chairman, Minnesota, Norman F. Oslund, Alberta, Ralph T. Miller, Florida, Durward C. Danielson, Kansas, P. Vincent Kinkead, Missouri; Paul N. Ricker, New Hampshire; and John P. Hoice, New Mexico.

Robert C. Singer gave a report on the Statue of Liberty Project. Reports also were given on the four panel discussions by the chairman of each panel.

The conference closed with a benediction by Brother Marion M. Walker, Grand Master of Arkansas.

Masonic Service Association

by Stewart M. L. Pollard
Executive Secretary

For the first time in its sixty-nine-year history, the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States was held outside of the United States, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on February 16. It was a most successful occasion, with every member jurisdiction represented except the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and the associate member, the Grand Lodge of Japan. Also in attendance were representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the province of Ontario, the Grand Lodges of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Panama, Victoria (Australia), the National Grand Lodge of France, and several other non-member jurisdictions.

The annual meeting was called to order by Brother Robert A. Hockstead, P.G.M., Michigan, and chairman of the Executive Commission of the M.S.A.

Brother William A. Sackett, Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey, was elected to serve as chairman of the annual meeting.

The Executive Secretary, Brother Stewart M. L. Pollard, who had announced his resignation effective at the end of 1987, gave a brief report of his years of service and expressed appreciation for the support and encouragement he has received.

Preprinted reports of the majority of the M.S.A. committees were included in the annual report. The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Brother George Wallinger, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, in which the committee agreed to make an in-depth study of projected expansions of M.S.A. Services and the methods of funding.

The report of the Hospital Visitation Committee was presented by the chairman, Brother Donald Sether, Grand Master of Minnesota. This enthusiastic report concerning the M.S.A. Hospital Visitation Program looked at both the accomplishments of the program and at its great potential as a truly Masonic benevolence. The committee had met the day prior and had viewed the new video presentation, "Others," which is designed to serve as an orientation to field agents and volunteers. The committee recommended an expansion of the distribution of the video.

Under the heading of other business, there was a parade of Grand Masters and heads of other Masonic bodies presenting the generous annual contributions to support the Hospital Visitation Program. Just over \$100,000 was received at the meeting.

Chairman Hockstead introduced Brother Richard E. Fletcher, P.G.M., Vermont, who has been selected to replace Brother Pollard next year. He will join the M.S.A. headquarters staff on August 1, 1987, as Assistant Executive Secretary. Brother Hockstead also summarized the narrative portion of the annual report, → → →

which indicated that the Association is growing in stature and service.

The annual meeting of the M.S.A. was compressed and abbreviated this year to allow for other activities associated with the conference. Brother A. Harold Small, P.G.M., Montana, was reelected for a three-year term on the Executive Commission of the M.S.A. representing the Western Division. The Executive Commissioner for the South Atlantic Division, Brother James Moseley, P.G.M., Georgia, was also reelected.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Nineteenth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending March 13, 1987. The total amount to date is \$576,489.61.

Alabama	\$20,803.00
Arizona	5,948.25
Arkansas	4,352.81
California	18,715.54
Colorado	10,836.95
Connecticut	7,666.75
District of Columbia	4,979.00
Florida	14,627.36
Georgia	60,393.00
Idaho	1,672.00
Illinois	12,221.00
Indiana	11,767.00
Iowa	3,878.00
Kansas	4,758.13
Kentucky	13,052.85
Louisiana	8,502.35
Maine	1,200.00
Maryland	8,369.00
Mass./R.I.	13,315.24
Michigan	15,876.84
Minnesota	4,651.59
Mississippi	699.00
Missouri	4,652.55
Montana	7,532.20
Nebraska	3,794.00
Nevada	1,325.00
New Hampshire	4,141.65
New Jersey	5,636.37
New Mexico	3,353.00
New York	14,833.45

North Carolina	10,105.50
North Dakota	648.00
Ohio	38,279.13
Oklahoma	1,876.00
Oregon	4,964.35
Pennsylvania	39,242.42
South Carolina	8,839.61
South Dakota	2,020.00
Tennessee	20,847.50
Texas	19,593.00
Utah	3,377.00
Vermont	1,434.05
Virginia	18,923.53
Washington	3,221.00
West Virginia	9,364.00
Wisconsin	4,518.00
Wyoming	1,347.09
St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware	1,652.00
Panama Canal No. 1, Balboa, Panama	330.00
Porto Rico No. 1, Puerto Rico	825.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska	200.00
Tokyo No. 1, Tokyo, Japan	30.00
Bavaria No. 3, Munich, West Germany	140.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Heidelberg, West Germany	2,320.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, Delaware	237.00
Miscellaneous	88,610.55

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

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On the Masonic Newsfront ...

Miami Commandery leads Rodeo Parade and forms Honor Guard

The Sir Knights of Miami Commandery No. 13, Miami, Florida, led the annual Homestead Rodeo Parade as a color guard. The parade was held in Homestead, Florida, on Saturday, January 31, 1987. In the reviewing stand with city officials and dignitaries were Sir Knight John B. Fletcher, Jr., Grand Commander of Florida, with his wife Betty, and Sir Knight George A. Chipouras, Deputy Grand Commander, and his wife Alice. The Sir Knights of Miami Commandery have participated annually in this event for more than ten years; the parade is pictured at right.



In addition, the Sir Knights of this Commandery participated in forming an honor guard at the installation of the Worshipful Master of Oleeta Lodge No. 145, Miami Springs, Florida. In the photograph at left is Brother Irwin M. Kirby being conducted to the East as Worshipful Master through the lines formed by the honor guard. The installing team consisted of Brothers Joseph Shurette, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Florida, Installing Officer; Robert A. Wetzel, Past Master, Installing Marshal; and Patrick C. Palmer, Past Master, Installing Chaplain. The installation was held January 8, 1987, at the Oleeta Masonic Temple.



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.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Membership

Grand Commander's Club:

Arizona No. 10—Leslie J. Ross
Ohio No. 26—Thomas S. Hammond
New Hampshire No. 5—Walter A. Stacy
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Maryland No. 21—Alexander Dean Burt III
Maryland No. 22—Eugene Racz
Arizona No. 11—Lawrence M. Schaeffer
California No. 41—Harry W. Lister
Washington No. 2—Col. Albert F. Muehke

Grand Master's Club:

No. 792—Robert D. Emery (FRG)
No. 793—Donald R. Deaton (AL)
No. 794—Stanley W. Champion (AL)
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No. 797—In Memory of Ray L. Erwin (OH)
No. 798—Donald L. Knoop (OH)
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No. 808—George H. Ostrander (RI)
No. 809—Dundee O. Fulford (KY)
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No. 812—William C. Smith (PA)
No. 813—Howard R. Stickler (PA)
No. 814—Theodore C. Burkland (PA)
No. 815—Timothy J. Weir (PA)
No. 816—Hubert M. Gower, Sr. (PA)
No. 817—Alvin C. Heim (PA)
No. 818—E. O. Rochester (GA)
No. 819—S. L. Dennison (TX)
No. 820—In Memory of Arlie Blackburn (AL)
No. 821—Peter P. Kloskowski (MN)
No. 822—Kenneth Steve Rexrode (WV)
No. 823—Elden Donald Leese (WV)
No. 824—Kenneth F. Allin (NM)

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 now Commandery credit given for participation.

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

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. 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."

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

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antecedents, created a totally appropriate and in many ways precursive and exemplary design. Here is a solution to the twentieth century phenomenon of the windowless screen wall. This building, more than the "fantasy realm" suggested by much cinema architecture, is one of the best little-documented buildings: architecture for fraternal pride.

To build the mosque, the Shriners both sold bonds and borrowed money. Unfortunately they over-extended themselves and with the depression of the 1930s were in difficulty. In 1937 Manufacturers Hanover foreclosed on the mortgage and sold their interests to Irving Verschleiser, who attempted to make it profitable as the Mecca Temple Casino, Inc. This failed, and in 1939 the trustees transferred title to the 130 West 56th Street Association, which was eventually foreclosed by the city of New York for back taxes.

When the legal title belonged to the city, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, a member of Garibaldi Lodge No. 542, New York City, assigned Newbold Morris to run a private, non-profit corporation for cultural purposes at low prices. The building was leased to the corporation for one dollar a year as the City Center of Music and Drama. It has since been used for varied cultural activities.

On June 3, 1983, I received a communication and a copy of the report of Charles Savage, in which he states that on April 12, 1983, the Commission accepted his report on Mecca Temple and, "accordingly . . . the Landmark Preservation Commission designates as a landmark the City Center 55th Street Theater, formerly Mecca Temple." He also states in a note that, although assigned to another project, "I am an H. P. Knowles fan and am attuned now to pick up any information I can."

The completed report on Knowles was given at a subsequent ladies night in the Chapter Room, then submitted and read in the Lodge of Research and printed in the Transactions of 1977, which was issued in 1980. In 1980, the Grand Master requested the Lodge of Research to call a special meeting during the May convention so that the delegates could see the decorations and hear the historical explanations. The lecture was well received.

Though the search has been at times difficult and confusing, at last our Brother and Sir Knight, Harry Percy Knowles, truly has a memorable monument to his professional and Masonic contributions to architecture, society, and our Craft.

Sir Knight Leonard Guarnera lives at 44 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York 10462, and is a member of New York Commandery No. 1 of New York City.



Through Adversity—Continued from page 6

strong resilience, and even more so, a special talent for communicating ideas and motivations to the masses.

In the mid-seventeenth century, Sir Thomas Browne wrote, "There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more certain in its success, than to take the lead . . . in a new order of things. Where the willingness is great, the difficulties cannot be great. God is not willing to do everything and thus take away our free will and the share of glory which belongs to us."

Sir Knight Dr. Irving I. Lasky is a member of Golden West Commandery No. 43 in Los Angeles, California, and lives at 11920 Dorothy Street, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

Monthly Crossword

A Trip to the Zoo

ACROSS

- 1 Large cat
- 5 Ship of the desert
- 10 Taj Mahal locale
- 14 In a while
- 15 Came up
- 16 King of beasts
- 17 Street disturbance
- 18 Fight (hyph.)
- 19 Coagulate
- 20 River in Canada
- 22 Tailless amphibians (hyph.)
- 24 Section of Chicago
- 26 Segment
- 27 Ate up
- 31 ----- snake
- 35 Gathers crops
- 36 Little child
- 38 Black gold
- 39 French river
- 40 Southern cornbread
- 41 Relative of etc. (2 wds.)
- 42 Bakery purchase
- 43 Of space
- 44 Coeur d'-----, Idaho
- 45 Street on TV



"Whatever you do, don't scratch."

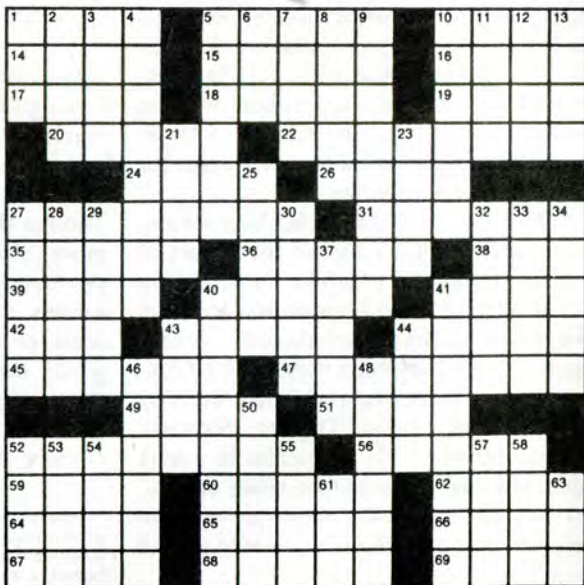
- 47 Headless -----, Sleepy Hollow spectre
- 49 Insect eggs
- 51 Vessel
- 52 Dasher and Dancer
- 56 "A nest of robins ----- hair" (2 wds.)
- 59 Olympic star Korbut
- 60 City in Scotland
- 62 Fast horse
- 64 Shopping center
- 65 -----scope
- 66 Actress Naldi of silents
- 67 Flightless birds
- 68 Dangerous curves
- 69 Try out

DOWN

- 1 Accepted standard
- 2 Monad
- 3 Othello, e.g.
- 4 Horned animal
- 5 Twin of Pollux
- 6 Exist
- 7 Nocturnal insect
- 8 Bar
- 9 Can't change their spots
- 10 Author Louisa May
- 11 Monster of the west
- 12 Cross
- 13 Picnic pests
- 21 We (Fr.)
- 23 Stephen Foster's "Old Dog"
- 25 Type of tea

- 27 Falls
- 28 Hair-raising
- 29 Roof ornaments
- 30 Singer Shore
- 32 Revered symbol
- 33 Vine of rain forests
- 34 Actress Burstyn
- 37 Greek island
- 40 Sham
- 41 Circus performer
- 43 In the center of
- 44 A ----- apple (2 wds.)
- 46 History
- 48 Thick-skinned animals
- 50 Benches
- 52 European capital
- 53 Jack, gunslinger in westerns
- 54 Eskimo home (var.)
- 55 Inlets
- 57 Canal
- 58 No problem for Pied Piper
- 61 Map abbr.
- 63 Vampire

The solution to this month's puzzle can be found on page 22.



Attendance—Continued from page 8

candidates and members take pride in their Commandery and its achievements.

But great performances can be enhanced further. Variations in staging techniques help stimulate interest in the

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Orders and enhance the reputation of the Commandery. Makeup, good costuming, the use of various apartments and rooms in the Temple for different scenes, maximizing the size of escorts, music (live or recorded), individual fifth libations (with appropriately sized classes), and presentation of Knight Templar patents by the Commander or a grand officer should all add to the total effect.

A unique or different location for the conferral of an order or degree is a very useful tool to increase interest and participation. We all know outdoor degrees have always resulted in good attendance and a great deal of fellowship. Although Commandery Orders are not as well suited for outdoor presentation, their impact can be heightened by a change of scene. An excellent example of this was the recent conferral of the Order of Malta in full form by DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1 of Reno, Nevada, in Trinity Episcopal Church. The rector of the church, the Reverend V. James Jeffery, is a Sir Knight of the Commandery and with his cooperation and guidance a very beautiful and impressive Order was presented in the church, which was closed to the public and properly guarded by the Sentinel. The Order immediately followed the stated Conclave in the Temple two blocks away. The candidates were, of course, very surprised when they were escorted away from the Temple and soon found themselves in the gothic surround-

ings of Trinity Church. With all the officers in Malta capes and Father Jeffery acting as Chaplain, the various scenes and features of the Order were inspirational.

That evening has been the subject of discussion many times since, and those who didn't attend know they missed an exceptional interpretation of Christian Masonry. Next time, they'll be there.

Poor attendance doesn't just happen. It is the natural result of non-existent planning, inadequate preparation, and the willingness of the officer corps to let things slide. If you study and interpret the principles just outlined and then see them put into practice, those evenings with the discouragingly low attendance will become a part of the past.

Sir Knight Ralph H. Emerson II is the Southwestern Department Commander for the Grand Encampment, a Past Grand Commander of Nevada, and a member of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1 of Reno, Nevada. He lives at 1740 Fairfield Avenue, Reno NV 89509.

75 Years of Masonry in Arvada

Arvada Lodge No. 141, A.F. & A.M., Arvada, Colorado, has issued a com-



memorative coin honoring its 75th anniversary. The coin, which is pictured above, depicts Masonic symbols along with pertinent Lodge information and dates on the other side.

This coin may be ordered by sending \$2.60 for a single coin or \$5.80 for three coins, postage and handling included. These orders may be sent to "Coins" c/o Neil Colin, 6131 Hoyt Street, Arvada, Colorado 80004.

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CRUCIFIXION

"But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6:14 RSV)

To glory in a thing means to find satisfaction in that thing and boast about it. We are so constituted that we are obliged to glory in something. The natural tendency is to try to find our satisfaction in the things of this world.

In Jeremiah 9:23 God tells us of three things we should not glory in. The first of these is wisdom. This, in the estimation of men in general, is the best of the three. Through the ages a high valuation has been placed on wisdom. However, the wisdom of man is foolishness with God. God pronounces woe upon them that are wise in their own eyes (Isaiah 5:21). Paul tells us in the first Chapter of Romans that men became fools though they professed strong confidence in their wisdom. All the wisdom of man is going to perish. So we have no reason to glory in our own wisdom.

The second thing God tells us not to glory in is might or strength. Samson gloried in his physical strength and came to a sad end. Tennyson says, "My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure." But the heart of man is most deceitful and desperately wicked. Just when we think we are strong morally, we may have a fall which shows utter and unexpected weakness. A number of men whose names appear in the Bible record failed at the point in which they were strongest, for example, Moses, Abraham, and David. There are people who find much satisfaction in and do notable things because of the strength of their personality. But the Word of God tells us that things are done, not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of God. So we have no reason to glory in our might, be it might of body, or moral integrity, or of personality.

The third thing we are not to glory in is riches. A Midas is poor when he has nothing but gold; he cannot eat it or be loved by it. God said, "Thou Fool" to the man whose wealth so increased that he had to pull down his places of storage and build larger ones. If riches increase, we are not to set our heart upon them. Jesus told us not to lay up earthly treasures which we have today and do not have tomorrow. We have absolutely no reason to glory in our riches.

There is nothing in this world that we can glory in, nothing that brings unalloyed satisfaction, nothing that we can depend upon. All that is in the world is going to pass away soon—perhaps much sooner than we know. But we can glory in what our Lord accomplished for us on the cross. When He died there, the power of the world to rule over us was destroyed and we, dying in Christ, became dead to the world—a double death. Moreover, when Christ died, we entered into life. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20 RSV)

The result is true glorying, or finding true satisfaction; for God is the only source of real satisfaction. Not wisdom, might, riches, nor anything this world can offer gives us abiding satisfaction; only God can do that. "But let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord." (Jeremiah 9:24 a, b RSV) Thanks be unto our God for a savior who makes it possible for us to KNOW GOD to the complete satisfaction of every longing of the soul. AMEN.

Dr. Orlando V. "Duke" Ellingson
Grand Prelate

GRAND COMMANDER EIKANAS' FINAL COMMENTARY

Another year has drawn to an end of this Grand Commandery of North Dakota. The disappointing news: not one of the thirteen Commanderies showed a gain in membership. For the favorable report, the Commanderies who are meeting and working are enjoying fellowship and a sense of accomplishment. To make up the deficit in membership, we must work all the harder to Knight more candidates. Please attend the degree work of your Blue Lodges. Let the new Master Mason know what York Rite has to offer.

It has been a pleasure to represent the Sir Knights of North Dakota as I made my official visitations throughout the department.

As always, not all of my goals were realized, and I wish only success to the newly installed Right Eminent Grand Commander and pledge him my total support.

Fraternally,
Loren G. Eikanas
Grand Commander
1986 - 1987

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND RECORDER

As you read this article, the 98th Annual Grand Conclave is history. I'm sure those of you who attended enjoyed the friendship and hospitality for which North Dakota is noted. Hopefully, you came away with inspiration and determination to return to your Commanderies and put forth that extra effort to make your Commandery an active and driving force in the realm of Knight Templary.

On behalf of all of the Sir Knights of North Dakota, I wish to extend our sympathy to P.G.C. Eikanas on the death of his mother on March 4 at Langford, South Dakota. Sir Knight Loren had spent many weeks and months commuting back and forth to Langford, keeping up with his job and doing the visitations required of being Grand Commander. It has been a difficult year for him, and I want him to know we sincerely appreciate his efforts and dedication to Templary in addition to his personal obligations.



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.

□ Relic dug from trash heap: 1770-1790 Kralin clay pipe. Has Masonic emblem on one side; egret on the other with a deer head in the middle. 2½ inches high. Good condition. Make offer. *M. S. Pence, Rt. 3, Box 188, Franklinton, LA 70438.*

□ Searching for history of Matilda Mariette Retherford (Killen) b. 1850, Ky. Daughter of Woods Retherford (Rutherford or Reatherford), Tenn., 1829, and Frances "Fanny" Guinn, Ky. 1824. Matilda married a Killen, and was last heard of in Ia. in 1930. Would like to hear from anyone named Killen who has any info. Write for more details. *Norman Wesley Retherford, 6402 Alton Street, Rubidoux, CA 92509.*

□ Want to buy old Masonic aprons and York Rite Conclave pins and medals. Also still want swords made by Ames Sword Co., Chicopee, Mass. *Mike Johnson, Box 575, Crowheart, WY 82512; (307) 486-2268.*

□ USS Santee CVE 29 is looking for ship's company, officers, and squadron personnel for reunion to be held in Omaha, Nebr., June 1987. For detailed information, contact *William J. Walsh, 205 S. 16th Street, Denison, IA 51442.*

□ For sale: needlepoint and counted cross-stitch kits for the various Masonic degrees and related bodies, including Blue Lodge, Shriners, O.E.S., and many more. The symbols are designed to be framed as an 8" x 10" wall hanging. However, material provided would allow use for a slightly larger pillow or whatever your imagination may dictate. Price of \$15 each includes canvas or Aida cloth, needle, yarn or floss, complete instructions, shipping and handling. *C. A. Adams, Box 34, Route 103, Mount Holly, VT 05758.*

□ I have written a book entitled *Ideology and Economic Crisis—Strategy and Tactics in the East-West Relations*, which will be published in October 1986 in Munich, West Germany, in English. If you are interested, write for more

details to *Dr. George Baltean, Alte Haide 2B, 8000 Munchen 40, West Germany; (089) 361-2837.*

□ I am a 13-year-old Boy Scout who would like to get some Boy Scout patches to start a collection. If you have any you no longer need or want I would sure appreciate receiving them. Thank you. *Tim Tiess, RFD No. 3, Box 252, Dexter, ME 04930.*

□ For sale: 100th anniversary coin, 2" diameter, dated 1/21/1911, from Hiram Lodge No. 8, F. & A.M., Delaware, Oh. Best offer. *Dr. R. M. Jackson, 2626 Goldenrod Lane, Findlay, OH 45840.*

□ Want to purchase used Minnesota Templar uniform. Short coat size 48 or 50. Call *Donald W. Jarvi at (218) 865-6040.*

□ Seeking info on grandfather, Louis Presley McDaniel (b. April 1892 in S.C.). Resided in and around the Atlanta, Ga., area since the early 1920s, especially the Mariette, Ga., vicinity. *R. Emmett Payne, 1660 3rd St. N.W., Birmingham, AL 35215; (205) 856-2427.*

□ The 50th anniversary of U.S. Airborne Troops is in 1990. A reunion is being planned for July 4th weekend of 1990 in Washington, D.C. Former Army, Marine, Navy, and Air Force parachutists, glidermen, and transport or glider crewmen who desire details may contact *Robert L. Oakley, P.O. Box 113, Apache Junction, AZ 85217-0113; (602) 982-0514.*

□ Reunion of USS Copahoe (CVE-12) and VGS-12 September 8-10, 1987, San Antonio, Tex. Contact *Joe H. Downs, Rt. 5, Box 130, Huntsville, AR 72740; (501) 738-6374.*

□ I have double crypts at Westminster Memorial Park (Tier B, Crypt 12, Mausoleum 30) at Westminster, Calif. The crypts are in the Masonic section. Will sell for \$1,200 cash. You pay transfer of change in ownership. Value of the crypts

are \$2,000. *John J. Yergler, Route 1, Box 268B, St. Maries, ID 83861; (208) 245-4737.*

☐ Have for sale Masonic watches, triangles (Dudley and others), Masonic balls, and watch fobs. *C. Clark Julius, 2260 Carlisle Road, York, PA 17404; (717) 764-3067.*

☐ For sale: my collection of 78 rpm phonograph records. These are all in albums; they have been stored upright, so they are not warped. My collection includes around 150 albums, both 10" and 12", and features many famous artists in jazz, classical, swing, and polka. Write for more details. *Earl H. Hall, 797 N. Cascade Dr., Woodburn, OR 97071.*

☐ I have a double cemetery lot in the Masonic section of the Memorial Gardens in Mishawaka, Ind. This is a choice double lot near the altar. I would like to get \$350.00 total for the spaces. Call *Martha Ross collect in Tampa, Fla., at (813) 870-0357.*

☐ I am a avid student of U.S. history, WW II in particular. I would like to inquire if any of your readers might have served during WW II with General George Patton and would be willing to share with me any of their recollections of the general. I am a senior in high school and plan to major in history at college. I would appreciate it very much. *William K. Cashman, 2 New Street, Newburyport, MA 01950; (617) 465-3844.*

☐ For sale: four cemetery lots (near a swan lake). National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Va. Price negotiable. Please contact *E. E. Yowler, R 2, Box 35, Dagsboro, DE 19939; (302) 539-3076.*

☐ Coin banks, still and mechanical, wanted for my collection. Also, trade cards illustrating still and mechanical banks. *Doug Harman, P.O. Box 9146, Winnetka, IL 60093; (312) 732-3992.*

☐ Reunion: 80th General Hospital, WW II. Sanford, N.C., Oct. 1-4, 1987. *George Allred, Box 235, Bonlee, NC 27213; (919) 837-5883.*

☐ The Army Counter Intelligence Corps Veterans, Inc., will hold a reunion August 26-30, 1987, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Francisco, Calif. For information and reservation forms contact *Howard W. Crabtree, 2525 Topaz Drive, Novato, CA 94947 or Mel Thayer, 3726 White Oak Ct., Lake Wales, FL 33853.*

☐ Wanted: shoulder patches from game and wildlife officers in the following states to complete collection: Del., Hawaii, Iowa, Md., Mo., Mont., N.J., Oh., Okla., Oreg., R.I., S. Dak.,

Vt., Wash., W. Va. Also U.S. Dept. of Interior. *Robert H. Jackson, Jr., Rt. 6, Box 254A, Rock Hill, SC 29730.*

☐ Wanted: old hunting and fishing licenses from Pa. All types: cloth, tin (1924-1937), special issues, resident, non-resident, alien, antlerless, archery, D.F.W., and so forth. *Verdon E. Rustine, R.D. 3, Box 3202, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.*

☐ The 3rd annual reunion of the USS Kimberly (DD-521) will be held on October 1-4, 1987, at the Best Western Center Inn in Norfolk, Va. All who ever served aboard this ship are welcome to attend. Reservations can be made by contacting *Art Forster, Chairman, 2312 Nela Avenue, Orlando, FL 32809; (305) 855-5625.*

☐ For sale: Dudley Masonic pocket watch; Write *Lawrence Inglis, Carefree RV Country Club, No. 884, 9705 Lake Bess Rd., Winter Haven, FL 33880.*

☐ Seeking info on the parents of Hugh Laird, (b. in 1801 in Pa.) Married Lucy Meadows in Henderson Co., Tenn., ca. 1824. Moved to Ark. in 1841. Would be interested in corresponding with any descendants. Please contact *George H. Ross, 1805 Imperial Ridge, Las Cruces, NM 88001.*

☐ I have volumes 1, 3, and 4 of *The History of Freemasonry* by Robert Freke Gould and Enoch T. Carson, copyright 1885—leather bound, 8 X 11 inches, in perfect condition. Would purchase volume 2 or will sell those listed above. *Curtis Cook, Rt. 12B, Deansboro, NY 13328.*

☐ For sale: two lots in Meadowlawn Memorial Gardens, with vaults. Masonic section, \$1,000. New Port Richey, Fla. Write to *Clarence E. Morrow, 2449 39th Ct., New Port Richey, FL 33552; (813) 376-5111.*

☐ Seeking info on my ancestor, Benjamin Van Osdol (Van Arsdale, Van Arsdalen, Van Orsdol). Born around 1773 in Fayette Co., Pa. I need to know Benjamin's father's name. Does anyone have a clue? I am also interested in the Jenkins line. They moved from Clark Co., Va., in the early 1800s. *Margaret Hackett, 603 East Houghton, Tuscola, IL 61953.*

☐ Seeking info on General Marcellus Monroe Crocker (b. Franklin Co., Ind., 1833). Was a Union general from Iowa. Died in Washington, D.C., 1865. He was a nephew of my g.g.grandparents, Joseph and Sarah Wollard Craig. *Mrs. Larry D. Nicholson, Box 413, What Cheer, IA 50268.*



The Sir Knights of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1 of Reno, Nevada, are seen here conferring the Order of Malta, not in their Temple but in a local church. This interesting departure from tradition is but one of the ways to improve Commandery attendance; see story on page 7.