"I go where there are no slaves, no hangmen, no oppressors, where faith does not slay, where he who reigns is God."

José Rizal, Martyred Filipino Patriot
A few thoughts from a Templar wife...

On Mother’s Day

We should all be cognizant of the great contribution toward the work of this great order that is made at all times by our ladies—our wives and widows. It is not just that they allow us to be away to attend Masonic functions for men only, but that they make outstanding contributions to the most important part of our fraternal well-being: our fellowship. I have asked my wife Kay, a very strong supporter of our order and of me, to give us her thoughts, in this month of Mother’s Day, on what our ladies do and can do for Templary.

D.H.S.

Dear Sir Knights,

May is upon us, and with May comes Mother’s Day—that one Sunday in the year when we all remember Mama. We send cards and flowers if she is still here; we wear white carnations to celebrate her if she is not. TV ads show us pictures of a sweet old lady reading these cards and smiling benignly as she rocks on the porch of the old family home. A lovely picture, if seldom true.

Today’s Mom is your wife—a Templar wife—busy helping with the activities of your Commandery. She doesn’t have time to rock as she sits on the porch. She’s too busy providing the Templar hospitality for which you and your Fratres are so famous. She’s cooking or setting up a buffet supper or washing the dishes following the supper. A rocking chair? She thinks about one now and then, but that’s about all she has time to do.

Perhaps she’s preparing for the social gathering following your inspections; or she’s on the road with you, going to an Easter Sunrise Service on a bus—and providing goodies for everyone to enjoy as you travel through the countryside.

Rock? Not yet. When she does get a chance to slow down for a moment, she’s knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, painting, cooking—for a boutique at your Grand Conclave. The money goes to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, or to the Holy Land Pilgrimage, or both. From her work comes money to help these great charities continue their wonderful work. She’s quite a woman, that mother of your children, that wife of your bosom.

She’s not your mother, of course; indeed, she may not actually be anyone’s mother. It doesn’t matter; she’s still mothering those who need her.

You’re one of those who needs her, and because you do—and you know it—don’t forget to say “thanks” and “Happy Mother’s Day” for all that she has done for Templary. She’ll appreciate your remembering!

Love,

Kay
MAY: This month Knight Templar Magazine offers an article on a little-known Mason who has been dubbed the “George Washington of the Philippines.” This article begins on page five. In addition, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine Russell Anthony brings us further insights into the membership problem. As Commanderies begin to ponder their dark months, “Keys to Successful Programs” can help officers plan the following year—on page nine. And, as usual, we bring the regular features that our readers have come to enjoy.

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• Eye Foundation Campaign Continues: The Knights Templar Eye Foundation's 19th Annual Voluntary Campaign continues. Nineteenth week totals nationwide are printed on page fifteen. Currently in first place is the Grand Commandery of Georgia with $84,065.00, followed by the Grand Commandery of Ohio with $51,068.04. Pennsylvania follows in third place: $50,712.52. 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, eighty-eight Sir Knights have achieved Grand Master’s Club memberships through this program. Specific information is printed on page fourteen.

• Congressman Broomfield: Sir Knight William Broomfield is the longest serving Republican in Congress; an article on his Masonic heritage appears on page 22.

• Texas Belt Buckle: Brother John E. Jack Kelly, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, writes to inform readers that the Grand Lodge of Texas has an official sesquicentennial belt buckle for sale. This official belt buckle sports appropriate symbols and logos and is available from Fred Allen, P.O. Box 1595, Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455. All proceeds from the sale of the official belt buckle go to the general fund of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

• Convent General Election: The Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, has appointed Harry B. Warnick as the new Grand Registrar-General. He succeeds Stanley Wakefield, who had previously held the position since 1951, and who declined reelection this year. Sir Knight Warnick is the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery and the Grand Council of Washington. He is a Past Prior and Registrar of Evergreen State Priory No. 41, KYCH, Washington. Membership in the KYCH is by invitation and limited to Past Worshipful Masters, Past High Priests, Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, and Past Commanders. There are seventy-two Priories of the order in the United States, Mexico, the Philippines, and Australia, for a combined total membership of over 12,000.

• Roosevelt Errata: In last month's issue in the article called "Through Adversity to Success," the death date given to Franklin Roosevelt is incorrect. The correct date, of course, is April 12, 1945. Knight Templar regrets the error.

• Masonic Americana: The 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution approaches, and the Grand Encampment continues to offer Masonic Americana sets for sale. These books would make appropriate gifts to recognize this anniversary; articles on the Constitution and its Masonic connections appear in both volumes. Ordering information this month appears on page 22.
Poet, novelist, and scholar—
Brother José Rizal fought, in his short life,
to bring a sense of dignity
to the Filipino people.

José Rizal

by

Daniel M. Morgan, Editor

In the turbulent history of the Philippine Islands, many powers have come and gone. The latest of these, of course, was Ferdinand Marcos. Occupying powers have included Spain, beginning in 1521 with the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan (who, incidentally, met his death at the hands of natives in the Philippines). Following the Spaniards, the United States captured the Philippines in the late 1890s during the Spanish-American War. This eventually led to Filipino independence, but also to the strong American influence which continues today.

The voice of the Filipino people has not always been heard as loudly as it has been heard recently regarding the Marcos regime and its subsequent fall through the election of Corazon Aquino. There was a time when the Spanish and Catholic influence was so great that access to the outside world was discouraged—educated, critical, and independent thought was not tolerated. One Mason's influence was to change that forever, and to bring dignity and eloquence to the Filipino language, Tagalog, and to its people.

José Protasio Rizal y Mercado, who is known as José Rizal, was born on June 19, 1861, to a prosperous land owner and his wife. José's mother was one of the most highly educated women in the Philippines at the time, and exerted a powerful influence on his intellectual development. José was educated in schools in Manila, and then traveled to Spain in 1882 to study medicine and liberal arts at the University of Madrid.

Brother Rizal was made a Mason in Acacia Lodge No. 9, Madrid, Spain, in 1884. He continued his studies in Paris, joining a Lodge there the following year, and in Heidelberg. He is, incidentally, also credited with the later establishment of Filipina Lodge in the Philippines and was the Venerable Master of Lakandola Lodge of Perfection in the Scottish Rite.

It was in Spain that José Rizal came into his own as a visionary leader for a group of Filipino students who surrounded him. In 1886, he published a novel entitled Noli Me Tangere ("Touch Me Not"). Written in Tagalog, this book was comparable in influence to Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. The book was a passionate exposure of the evils of the Catholic Church as played out in the repressive manipulations of the Franciscan, Augustinian, and Dominican friars, whose grip had held the islands mired in medieval-style feudalism for over three hundred years. Contrary to one's first impressions, José Rizal was not a revolutionary. He never advocated
Philippine independence; it was the influence of the Church that he regarded as the chief enemy of reform.

Because of this violent diatribe against the Spanish and Church administrations, he was ordered to leave the Philippines upon his return to the islands in 1887. He lived then in numerous countries, including the United States, France, and China, before establishing himself in Hong Kong to practice medicine.

His next book, a sequel to the first, was entitled El Filiusterismo and appeared in 1891. This, coupled with the first, solidly established Rizal as the chief voice of the Filipino reform movement.

Brother Rizal returned to the Philippines once again in 1892 against the advice of his friends and parents to found a nonviolent reform society called the Liga Filipina. He was then deported by authorities to Dapitan in the northwest province of Mindanao. He stayed in exile for four years doing scientific research, including writing a Tagalog grammar and collecting hundreds of specimens of plants and animals to send to European naturalists with whom he corresponded. In addition, he founded a school for native Tagalog boys and a hospital.

Brother Rizal could not be convinced that his attacks on the Church were sinful, as were the friars on the islands and those with whom he stayed in exile. Interestingly, these isolated islands housed many friars who had not come under the influence of the European style of reform begun with Martin Luther. As a result, they were far removed from the European climate of more critical analysis of the religious establishment. Rizal was surrounded by religious fundamentalists theologically living in the Middle Ages.

While planning to travel to Cuba to answer a call for doctors, he was arrested and accused of plotting a revolution along with the Katipunan, a nationalist secret society which had just revolted in Manila. Although he had no connections with this group or any part in the insurrection, he was arrested, tried, and found guilty. He was publicly executed by a firing squad in Manila on December 30, 1896.

On the eve of his execution, he wrote a poem in Spanish entitled Ultimo Adiós which remains a masterpiece of Spanish literature.

Rizal's death convinced the Filipinos that there was no alternative to independence from Spain, and the Katipunan began its revolution against Spanish rule, eventually leading to American troops entering the islands in August 1898, causing feelings of betrayal when the islands were ceded to the U.S. later that year. Thus was the stage set for the problems in the Philippines which continue to this day.

Not only has Brother José Rizal been remembered through an important legacy to the Filipinos in his novels and poems, but a province has been named after him as well. Rizal Province is located in central Luzon on Manila Bay; Manila is located there. Strangely, in addition to being remembered by these legacies, a number of tribal groups in the islands have developed a cult surrounding Rizal and his image as a visionary. Called the Rizalists, they believe in the divinity of José Rizal. Some believe he is still alive, hidden in the mountains to someday return and deliver his followers from poverty and oppression. Indeed, he has been called the "Tagalog Christ," much to the consternation of the still-present Catholic Church and level-headed historians.

In the final analysis, Brother José Rizal can be seen to have been a Mason who was a key influence on the mobilization of Filipino nationalism, an increasingly important factor in today's global politics.
Now on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. (John 20:1 RSV)

In both Mark and Matthew, Mary Magdalene is accompanied by Mary, the mother of James the Less (the son of Alpheus), and Salome; in Luke she is accompanied by Mary, the mother of James, and Joanna “and the other women with them.” John, whom we read today, mentions Mary Magdalene only. She was announced; “... for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.” (John 20:10) Where is their faith? The Lord Jesus had told them on various occasions before His passion that He had to be betrayed and put to death but that He would rise again. But they did not hear. Not long before, Peter said to Him: “You are the Christ, the son of the living God.” And he heard Jesus answer, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,

On the First Day of the Week

by the Reverend
Sir Knight Walter M. McCracken

but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:16-18) Faith such as this was overwhelmed when the Lord was crucified. For Peter believed in the Son of God for only so long, until he saw Him hanging on the cross, until he saw Him pierced with nails, until he saw Him dead, until he saw Him buried. Then he lost what he had possessed. Where is the rock? Where is the stability of the rock? Christ Himself was the rock, but Peter was derived from the rock. The rock had risen again to give stability to Peter, for Peter would have perished if the rock were not alive. In all this, we must remember our Lord’s wordplay: the word “Peter” meant “rock.”

Afterwards, however, when the Lord said to the woman: “Mary,” she turned and said to Him in Hebrew: “Rabboni” (which means teacher, and → → →
which we Royal Arch Masons interpret as "Most Excellent Master"). The resurrection of the Lord was manifested to this woman. What, therefore, did He mean by: "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father"? (John 20:17a) When He appeared to His disciples, and they supposed that they saw a spirit, He said to them: "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see." (Luke 24:38-40) He had not yet ascended to the Father. Yet Matthew 28:8-11 tells of some women, including Mary Magdalene herself, meeting the risen Lord and taking hold of His feet and worshiping Him. We do not know what He meant by: "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father."

It seems evident that the disciples thought that the Lord Jesus was a man, and they balanced their belief accordingly; they did not raise it higher. They walked with Christ on earth. They knew that He had been made man for our sake; they did not know that He made us. Christ himself is the Maker and the One made. See Him as Maker in the prologue to John's gospel: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him." (John 1:1-3) See Him as the One made: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:14a) Consequently, we see Jesus, but it is by means of the faith of the apostles which has been preached to us. What we know they did not know; but they afterwards learned what we now know. They did not yet know that Christ is both God and man; that Christ is the Maker of things and that He was made among things; that Christ is both the creator of man and that He is a created man. As God, Christ is equal to the Father; He is just as great as the Father is; He is such as the Father is; what the Father is, Christ is, but He is not who the Father is.

Realize how different the resurrection appearances were for different disciples. They were unique to that special period of time. So, our experiences will not be exactly theirs. We know that Jesus is also the Christ. Hence, let us praise the Lord who is in heaven; let us praise God; let us say: "Alleluia."

Dear God, help us to see that the hard work of being a follower of Jesus is the work of existing in love with those who profess the same faith, so that out of our common life we might reexperience the presence of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Doric Chapter Coin

Doric Chapter No. 66, Royal Arch Masons, San Leandro, California, celebrated its centennial in 1985. The Chapter still has some antique bronze coins available from this celebration; they are pictured above. Though the supply is limited, some coins are available for the price of $5.00 each, payable to Ed Courtwright, 1445 Trojan Avenue, San Leandro, California 94579.
At this point in time, there has been quite enough said and printed on the trends in Freemasonry toward declining membership. We all are aware of the fact that statistics point toward the eventual extinction of our Craft if no corrective action is taken. However, this brief treatise is not going to be another "gloom and doom" article dealing with all our problems; rather, it is going to suggest some actual programs that any Masonic body can use. But before we do that, a few ideas on planning are in order.

There are certain keys that must be used in order to carry off a successful program. One is enthusiasm. If one can be genuinely excited about a program, that excitement can be electric—permeating the entire membership of the organization. Through enthusiasm, you gain support—which is another important key to success. Once you have support for your program, you need to assess the talent available in order for you to stage your event.

Departmentalization and communication are very important here. You need to define your objective, that is, the type of event. Next, determine what alternatives will work to stage the event, along with coordinating your available resources—which include not only finances but also your list of talented individuals. Establish an effective line of communication, because if this is absent your program will never get past the starting gate. A brief skeleton outline of the stages of planning may come in handy. This will assist you in refining and improving your strategy on an on-going basis.

What are the main objectives we are really striving for? They are mainly the very obvious—increased interest in your organization and membership growth.

Now, we are ready to deal with some of the ideas. (Remember, this is not meant to be an all-inclusive analysis on program planning and development.)

Craft Masonry is vital to the survival of the attendant orders in Freemasonry. Thus, we must help the Lodges. Blue Lodges can effectively use the Table Lodge program to increase interest in Lodge attendance. You would be surprised at the number of Masons who have never experienced attendance at a Table Lodge function. We did two in our Lodge for the first time in 1985 and we filled our dining room with Masons! It was a very successful program for us and it surely increased fellowship. It goes without saying that the Table Lodge has become an annual event in our Lodge as a result. There is plenty of information available on the history of Table Lodges; an excellent article can be found in the February 1986 Knight Templar. You might contact the District Deputy Grand Master or the Masonic Education Chairman of your Grand Lodge to obtain a copy of the ritual if you are interested in this program. (This writer has copies of the work for Florida and New York.) In some jurisdictions, alcohol is prohibited. One can substitute fruit punch for the traditional wine used in the → → →
toasts. This does not detract from the program at all.

Now for our York Rite bodies. A great many bodies “go dark” for the summer months of June, July, and August. Why does all activity have to cease? You have one prominent date over the summer

“More often than not, the weather is good on June 24—St. John’s Day—so why not organize a family picnic or beach party?”

which is a good excuse for a celebration—June 24, the Festival of St. John the Baptist. More often than not, the weather is good on that day, so why not organize a family picnic or beach party? This is not only a great opportunity to get the wives involved, but could also be used as a recruiting tool by inviting a Master Mason and his family. This is not a difficult event to put together and it can take the form of a potluck or a barbecue. Use your imagination! There are many things you can do with this one.

A good fall event is a bus trip to a football game. Here you can involve the family and even pool your resources with another Masonic body. There is nothing wrong with having a joint York Rite/Blue Lodge football trip. This writer has seen an Elks Lodge successfully use this particular event here in Florida and it definitely boosted membership interest and participation.

These are only a couple of examples of what can be done to inspire interest in our organizations. Other types of programs are only limited by your creativity and imagination. And remember, there is plenty of help available for you to call upon. The Masonic family of organizations is just that—a family. Work with your Blue Lodges, Masters and Wardens Associations (if your district has one), Eastern Star Chapters, Shrine Temples, and Scottish Rite Valleys. Many of these organizations have a font of talented individuals on the membership rolls just waiting to become involved in something worthwhile. If you make Masonry fun, the membership problem will turn around because you will make affiliation desirable.

Finally, when you have secured that all-important new member, make that member feel wanted and welcome. Involve him in your organization and encourage new ideas for better programs. Always keep an open mind or else you risk getting into a rut, doing the same shopworn things year in and year out. When that happens, you run the risk of boring your new member and you may well lose him. A positive mental attitude is contagious because once you are in the habit of winning, it becomes fun. You can achieve anything that you set your mind to, and if you can keep that thought foremost in your mind, you will have a happy and growing organization. Success is a state of mind. Remember, Sir Knights, you can plan for success!

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

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ERRS NANA ETAS

may 1987
Even in the early days of our nation, Brother George Washington saw the Potomac River, once clean and clear, losing its natural beauty.

The Polluted Potomac

by

Sir Knight William A. Brown
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What can be more timely a subject than clean water?
The people of fifty states cry out for the government to do something to clean up the waters of our country. Save our rivers and streams! The preservation and conservation of our waters will soon be more than a cry for help; it will very soon be a necessity.

But let me tell you the story of the polluted Potomac and of a man who not only told us about it, but tried to do something about it.

When George Washington brought his bride to Mount Vernon on the Potomac, the water was so clean and clear one could see fish swimming in the channel; the water could be used for drinking and cooking by the settlers.

During the next thirteen years, Washington and his neighbors became aware of the silt which had washed down from the upper Potomac and was filling in the mouths of many of the small creeks. Logs and tree branches tossed into the river above the falls were a constant source of trouble to shipping.

On April 11, 1772, George Washington, then a forty-year-old member of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, became active in the promotion of an act adopted by the House of Burgesses for the improvement of the Potomac River. It was proposed that a program be adopted which would involve the state of Maryland. The two states would enforce river traffic regulation and the flow of debris.

Washington was not alone in this great project of keeping the river clear and clean, but he was the spark-plug.

The Revolutionary War interrupted the program, however, and although both states were very much concerned with the cleaning and development of the river, the program was set aside.

With the end of the war, Washington returned to Mount Vernon and the problem of rebuilding his fortune. Money was owed to him by those who had settled on his lands in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

On September 1, 1784, Washington set out with his nephew, Bushrod Washington, and Dr. James Craik and his son William Craik, upon what was to be his last trip over the mountains to the west. It is fortunate that we have the well preserved ledger of this trip, which gives us a daily account of the journey. By the end of the third day the party had traveled sixty miles from Mount Vernon. At this point, we discover Washington's concern was not entirely financial. He had always been interested in opening the land west of the Allegheny and Monogahela Rivers.

As far back as 1778, Washington was talking with some of his officers → → →
about the future of the country, and he made the following statement: “I believe and feel certain that the future success of our country will be the discovery of a passage between the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers with the Monogahela River. A quick portage at that point will open the trade to the Mississippi Valley. I hope some day to find it.”

On the return trip, Washington noted in a letter to his neighbor Mr. Monroe:

September 28, Harpers Ferry (1784)

Dear friend, I have much to tell you when I return sometime in October, some of which can not wait the passage of time. . . . I am shocked to say our beautiful Potomac is no longer beautiful in my eyes, for I have seen truly beautiful and clear waters west of the mountains, such water that make our Potomac a hazard to a trapper from the west. . . . We were obliged to spend one afternoon clearing tree branches and logs from a narrow passage to get by. Much of the debris show marks of our settlers axe. . . . We must begin now to do something about the enforcement of keeping our rivers free of obstructions. . . . The water is no longer fit to drink from the river. . . .

Washington arrived home October 4, 1784, and was home but a few days when he began to write letters, lobbying for legislature between Virginia and Maryland to authorize the improvement of the Potomac River. As navigation on the Potomac was important to both Maryland and Virginia, they shared a common interest.

A mass meeting was held in Alexandria, November 15, 1784, attended by gentlemen from both Maryland and Virginia. The account in the Alexandria Gazette of the meeting contained an interesting sentence: “This is perhaps a work of more political than commercial consequence, and it will be one of the grandest chains for preserving the Federal Union.” But governments move slowly, and time passed. How much could one man do? In a letter to his friend Major General Benjaimn Lincoln, Washington wrote the following:

Mount Vernon 5th Feby. 1785.

. . . We have nothing stirring in this quarter worthy of observation, except the passing of two acts by the assemblies of Virginia and Maryland for the improving and extending the navigation of the River Potomac from tidewater as far up as it shall be found practicable.

The Maryland-Virginia Joint Commission on the navigation of the Potomac met in Alexandria on March 20, 1785, and continued the meeting at Mount Vernon where the compact was signed March 28, 1875.

The Potomac Company was formed and Washington was named its president. That same summer (1785), Washington and the directors made several inspections of the upper Potomac. They returned with many suggestions concerning breaking through the rocks at Seneca Falls, which would open a few more miles of navigation. A canal around the Great Falls area would provide access between the upper Potomac and the Shenandoah River. Also, a list was drawn up of settlers and settlements who were to be charged with deliberately fouling the river water.

However, it was not to be so easy. If they had been dedicated to cleaning up
the Potomac River alone, the Potomac Company might have made some headway, but from North Carolina Waters to the Elizabeth River, all parties wanted to get into the act, and it became a national interest. Even Pennsylvania was concerned over their Allegheny and Ohio Rivers.

Although Madison on July 26 spoke of the urgency of General Washington on the late negotiations with Maryland, the outcome is part of national history. Both legislatures ratified the compact, but Maryland on November 21, on a motion of Mr. Stone (who had been a signer of the document), asked for a further conference and proposed the inclusion of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Both states accepted and Maryland appointed new commissioners. This was the undoing of the commission.

Although the Virginia legislature under Madison’s direction quickly put through on January 21, 1786, their resolution which ignored Congress and appointed commissioners to meet with such other commissioners as should be appointed, there were too many cooks in the kitchen. Too many had to be satisfied.

Negotiations went on and on. In a letter to Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee, Washington wrote one paragraph which showed his discontent, and which might be written today. The letter was dated Mount Vernon, October 31, 1786.

"...I am mortified beyond expression when I view the clouds which spread over the brightest morn that ever dawned upon any country."

Washington was not just the president of the River Commission in name only. He was personally active and kept a close watch on the progress of all activities. In a letter to James Madison, dated Mount Vernon, December 7, 1787, there is an excerpt which indicates his knowledge of what was going on.

"...Much of the labor except at the Great Falls has been bestowed in the bed of the river in a removal of the rocks and deepening the water at the Great Falls. The labor has indeed been great. The water there is taken into the canal about 200 yards above the cataract, and conveyed by a level cut more than a mile to the lock seats, five in number.

Although the work was begun on the canal under Washington’s direction and supervision, the canal was not in operation until after his death.

To show how weak the Potomac River Commission really was and how important Washington was to the entire project, the entire commission folded up and faded from the picture almost immediately when he was elected President of the United States. Washington had to resign as president of the commission for political reasons in 1789.

If Washington were to return today, no doubt his anger would turn to tears as he viewed the open sewer which now passes Mount Vernon.

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No. 861—James S. DeMond (IN)
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No. 863—Orion A. Finley (IN)
No. 864—Chester E. Fred (IN)
No. 865—Don C. Henery (IN)
No. 866—Walter P. Worland (IN)
No. 867—Larry E. Gray (IN)
No. 868—Charles Trittcher (NJ)
No. 869—Donald J. Panichi (PA)
No. 870—Robert E. Dubois (IN)
No. 871—Harold D. Trapp (IN)
No. 872—John A. Hall (OH)

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

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

Maillard Offer for Memberships

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 is a limited program.

Correspondence concerning this offer, as well as complete information, is available from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Box 579, Springfield, IL 62705.
Millions of people watching the Rose Parade in Pasadena in January got a chance to see the Masonic float sponsored by the Grand Lodge of California. The float was entitled "Freemasonry Supporting the Constitution." Riding on the float were Sir Knights Royal Dano, Ernest Borgnine, and Norm Crosby, all members of Long Beach Commandery No. 40, Long Beach, California; wearing a replica of the apron given to Washington by Lafayette was Sir Knight Joe Dines of Alhambra Commandery No. 48, Alhambra, California. The float was made under the supervision of H. Douglas Lemons of Long Beach Commandery, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California.

KTEF Campaign Tallies

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending April 10, 1987. The total amount to date is $714,635.65.

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Midland Centennial

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary celebration of Midland Lodge No. 623, Midland, Texas, a hard-back book entitled *100 Years of Masonry in Midland* has been written and published by Sir Knight Sam E. Hilburn, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. According to Brother Bob G. Reddin, Worshipful Master of Midland Lodge, “This book would probably be of interest to many Masons.” In addition, bronze coins are also available to celebrate the anniversary.

This book is available for the price of $20.00. The coins are being sold for $5.00 each. Both books and coins may be obtained by sending the appropriate amount to Bob Kiker, Secretary, Midland Lodge No. 623, P.O. Box 1758, Midland, Texas 79702.

Looking for DeMolays

Centurion Daylight Lodge No. 195, Monument, Colorado, is looking for cadets who are at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado to join in its DeMolay activities. If you know someone who is a cadet at the academy who is or was a member of the Order of DeMolay, this group would like to receive his name, class graduation year, and unit of assignment. They are making a roster of cadets with a DeMolay background in order to offer continuing DeMolay activities which the cadets might not have while at the academy.

Centurion Daylight Lodge No. 195 is located at Monument (five miles north on Interstate I-25). The membership of the Lodge is predominantly retirees from the services, mostly air force, according to Col. (Ret.) Harry C. English, 18040 Martingale Road, Monument, Colorado 80132. Replies may be sent to Harry English at the above address or by calling (303) 488-2536.

Ancient Chapter Coin

On May 9, 1987, Ancient Chapter No. 31, Royal Arch Masons, Lafayette, California, will celebrate its 125th anniversary. In commemoration of this event, a coin of antique bronze has been commissioned. The coin, pictured above, shows the names of cities connected with the Chapter and Masonic and Royal Arch symbols. The coins are available for the price of $5.00 each; a limited number of silver coins are available at $20.00. Contact David Shull, Secretary, 23 Crest Road, Lafayette, California 94549.

Oregon Grand Commandery

Historic Knighting

For the first time in its history, the Grand Commandery of Oregon will be Knighting one hundred candidates at one time. This event will take place on May 16, 1987, during the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Grand Commandery. This celebration will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Eugene, Oregon, at 2:00 p.m. A banquet will follow at 7:00 p.m. For more information or reservations, contact Ivan Rinck, P.O. Box 144, Eugene, Oregon 97440.
Murfreesboro Belt Buckle

Murfreesboro Commandery No. 10, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, has for sale large bronze belt buckles with the Knight Templar emblem and appropriate wording raised over a black background. These buckles are available in limited supply from Thomas S. Nelms, Jr., P.O. Box 877, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130. According to C. Doug Thomas, P.C., all profits from the sale of this item will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. In addition, he states, “We in our Commandery appreciate the fine job that [is done] with the magazine!” The belt buckle is pictured above.

Supreme Aide, S.O.O.B.

Mrs. Myrtle Kelly is serving as Supreme Aide of District 15 of the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant. Mrs. Kelly is a Past President of Natick Assembly No. 209, and her visitations cover Assemblies in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. By vote of the Supreme Assembly, 1987 will be the final year that Supreme Aides will serve. Myrtle Kelly is pictured above.

Georgia Holds Most Worshipful Grand Master’s Class

On March 14, 1987, an unusual class was held in Lawrenceville, Georgia, to honor the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons. One unusual part was that the Grand Master was first-line signer on all the petitions, and had a special diploma made up for each candidate.

The other unusual part, according to Sir Knight Richard Sagar, Georgia Supplement Editor, was that there were 116 candidates for the seven Chapter and Council degrees. This of itself was not exceptional, but 98 of them were from Gwinnett County, which has only nine Lodges. In these days, this is indeed a landmark, according to Sir Knight Sagar. Only three months were taken to line up all the candidates (in Georgia, new Master Masons have to learn and take a lengthy catechism before they can be approached about proceeding further), which shows once again what can be done when minds are made up.

Out of these 116 candidates, 20 presented themselves three weeks later for the Orders of the Temple. Of the remainder, some cannot afford the fees at this time, and a number will have come into the regular Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival in May.

Georgia has long been proud of its active past grand officers. On the above occasion, there were in attendance thirty present and past York Rite grand officers; twenty-three of them participated in the ritual work.

Says Richard Sagar, “Maybe this kind of occasion is what is required to maintain our dwindling numbers. The disadvantages are recognized, but are probably outweighed by the advantages.”
IN MEMORIAM

John J. Wilson
Nebraska
Grand Commander—1948
Born June 25, 1903
Died February 23, 1987

Archie W. McPhail
Montana
Grand Commander—1971
Born October 12, 1899
Died March 28, 1987

John Wall Phelps
Louisiana
Grand Commander—1954
Born February 17, 1897
Died March 31, 1987

Riverside Coin

Riverside Commandery No. 28 is celebrating its 100th anniversary year. To commemorate this event, a coin has been commissioned. This ten-gauge, one and one half inch coin features a high relief design of a mounted knight on horseback. The coin is pictured above and is available for $5.50. Collectors and interested parties may obtain the coin by sending a check or money order for the amount due to Morton S. Saultz, P.O. Box 154, Moreno Valley, California 92388.

Humble Lodge Anniversary Coin

Humble Lodge No. 979 in Humble, Texas, is offering to all Knights Templar a 75th anniversary coin for the price of $5.00. A limited amount of coins are available and they may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with the amount due to D. R. Chapman, P.O. Box 235, Humble, Texas 77347-0235. Checks are to be made payable to Humble Lodge No. 979.

New Hampshire Decal

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire is making available a special decal in order to promote the Masonic Fraternity. Three inches wide, it is blue and white, and reads, "Fraternity, Equality, Liberty" along with displaying the square and compasses. Available for $1.50 plus $0.50 postage on orders under fifty. These may be obtained from John Kousman, P.O. Box 256, Cornish, New Hampshire 03746.
A New American Dream?

by Sir Knight Russell H. Anthony

The following article is an adaptation of a speech delivered by Sir Knight Russell H. Anthony at the 1987 Grand Master's Conference held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on February 16-18, 1987. Sir Knight Anthony is the current Imperial Potentate, AAONMS.

It is an honor to be afforded the opportunity to address such an august group of Freemasons and to be allowed to share my feelings and thoughts with each and every one of you about the future direction of our beloved Masonic Fraternity.

Believe me when I say this is the highpoint in my year as Imperial Potentate as the highest ranking Shrine official—I mean it—and what makes my visit even more meaningful is the fact that this year in the Shrine of North America is the year of the Shrine Mason.

This year we are using this phrase to promote unity between all bodies of Masonry and to tell the world that Shriners are Masons also—and proud of it. A Shrine Mason is a fun-loving philanthropist with a firm belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of Man.

It is my considered opinion, my Brothers, that the answer to the membership problems that the Masonic Fraternity has faced for some years now lies in our lack of ability to attract young people from the potential pool for new members. This group of young people is known by many names—they call them the "baby boomers" or the "baby boom generation" or the "yuppies" (the young urban professionals) or the "Pepsi Generation," if you want to go commercial. Whatever we choose to call them, the 25-44-year-old age group represents the largest and fastest growing population segment in our two nations' histories. It now constitutes fully one third of America's population, which represents about 37 million potential Masons—a ready-made pool, my Brothers, upon which we can draw for Masons and Masonic leaders of tomorrow. But they represent more than that. The yuppies or baby boomers—call them what you may—represent the hope of more tomorrows for Freemasonry.

I won't spend time providing you all with statistics—numbers which reflect our decline in membership in the recent years. I won't waste time on projections that forecast a picture of doom and gloom for Masonry and Shrinedom. I'm sure all of you here heard it before and I know you are all fully aware of what is happening in that respect.

Because life in America is changing more rapidly than ever before → → →
and the young people of today are at the center of this change, the values, the attitudes, and lifestyles of the new generation will become the "norm," in effect creating a new American dream to replace the dream of previous generations—to replace the dream of our generation. And, I'm sorry to say, Masonry, as the new generation views it, is not included in this new American dream.

And why is this so? It's because this new generation's values are different from yours and mine, primarily because the experiences that have shaped their lives were unique to their generation. Today's young people were raised in an atmosphere of affluence and the permissiveness of the 1950s and 1960s; they grew up with the television as their "third parent."

Television brought the assassination of a President, violent outbreaks of racial strife, and the unpopular war in Vietnam into the homes of the young generation as they were growing up. They watched as a President of the United States resigned in disgrace and they saw our famous and great American economy brought to its knees by something called an "energy crisis."

Is it any wonder that today's young people underwent and continue to undergo one of the most dramatic changes in values of any generation in any decade?

With traditional ideas and standards shaken, the young people turned to seek other sources of self-fulfillment, and a flood—a literal flood—of new leisure pursuits was the result. They have chosen to be active participants instead of passively taking part in Monday night football or Wednesday night Lodge meetings. Jogging and racquetball have replaced the more mundane activities and, unfortunately, today's young people would rather join a health club than they would a Masonic Lodge.

When Pepsico or like companies set out to embark on a new ad campaign, do they aim their efforts at the 45-65 year old group, to you and I? Oh no, they go after the yuppies, the young people, the movers and shakers of tomorrow, who have the purchasing power and who have the numbers to make a significant impact upon the economy and thus an impact, my Brothers, on all our lives.

Unfortunately for us (and research bears this out) they are less likely than those older than they to feel that it is important to be a part of a group such as the Masonic Fraternity. Many Masons view the new generation as the "lost" generation when it comes to Masonry—because so few men joined our ranks during the late '60s and '70s, when big was bad and institutions such as our beloved Fraternity were looked upon as evil.

Brothers, we cannot accept the premise that this generation is the "lost" generation to Masonry.

If Masonry is to survive beyond the 21st century—and that is only 13 years away—we must move quickly to bring this generation of young people into the fold.

The task will not be an easy one. But then again, nothing worthwhile that was ever accomplished came easy.

In my travels this year as Imperial Potentate, a number of ideas for affecting the turnaround in membership have been brought to my attention—some good, and some not so good. I won't discuss the relative merits of each idea, but I would ask all of you to consider them as I list them.

The number one idea for reaching the new generation of young people and interesting them in Masonry would be to liberalize non-solicitation, so as to make

"When Pepsico or like companies set out on a new ad campaign, they go after the yuppies and the movers and shakers of tomorrow—for the impact."

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On the Masonic Newsfront...

Grand Commandery of Virginia Sponsors Minister on Pilgrimage

The Reverend Jack Raymore, minister of the Presbyterian Church in Clifton Forge, Virginia, recently returned from a tour of the Holy Land. This was made possible by the Grand Commandery of Virginia which had sponsored this minister through the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program. Alleghany Commandery No. 23 of Clifton Forge recommended this minister for the trip. The Commandery writes, “We are sure that the members of Clifton Forge Presbyterian Church are as proud of Jack Raymore as are the members of Alleghany Commandery.”

After the minister’s return, Alleghany Commandery was the guest of the Presbyterian Church for morning worship services on March 8, 1987. Attending were forty-five Sir Knights, including Deputy Grand Commander Mansell Herbert Hopkins, Jr., and Mrs. Hopkins of Blacksburg, Virginia, and Sir Knight Paul Purdy of Roanoke, Virginia, Grand Instructor General. Pictured in the photograph above is the group attending the service, with the Reverend Jack Raymore at center.

Multijurisdictional Tour of Israel

Sir Knights and Companions from across the nation are invited to participate in a “Multijurisdictional Masonic Tour of Israel” from November 2-13, 1987. Organized by the Reverend Sir Knight Douglass Norwood, Grand High Priest of New Jersey, and Sir Knight Leonard Rowell, Past Grand High Priest of New Hampshire, the tour will take pilgrims to the familiar devotional sites of the Holy Land, including a baptism in the River Jordan and holy communion at the Garden Tomb. But several unique features characterize this adventure as well, according to Sir Knight Norwood: the conferral of the Mark Master Degree in the actual quarries of Solomon under the old city of Jerusalem, and visits to medieval Templar locales such as Belvoir, Acre, and Qarantal. Only forty pilgrims can be accommodated on this tour, the price of which has been set at $1350, inclusive. Interested parties may contact Sir Knight Norwood to secure a place on this trip. He may be reached at 849 Brookside Drive, Toms River, New Jersey 08753, or at (201) 341-7729.

Minister Expresses Thanks to Chairman of Holy Land Pilgrimage

Dear Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley,

Once again I would like to express my appreciation to you and the Knights Templar for allowing me to fulfill a dream. The Holy Land Pilgrimage provided me with an opportunity to grow intellectually, spiritually, and in favor with God and man.

I am extremely thankful for a group such as the Knights Templar that recognizes the value of sending ministers on this type of pilgrimage and with the generosity to
make the trip possible. Because of this generosity I have been challenged to do a better job in sharing the gospel and ministering to people of my church. It was also beneficial to be brought together with several ministers from across the country from diverse religious backgrounds. That was as much a part of the pilgrimage for me as seeing the sights of the Holy Land.

While in Jerusalem I stumbled across a park donated by American Jews. While there I became engrossed in watching some Israeli teenagers play basketball. It wasn’t long before they extended to me an invitation to play. The only words exchanged were “Do you want to play?” and my “thanks” at the end of the game. This experience proved to be one of the most meaningful of the whole trip. I am thankful for Knights Templar for giving me the opportunity to play this game.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage will definitely be one of the highlights of my life. Again, let me say, “thank you” for making it possible.

Shalom,

Dr. W. Steven Brown

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, postpaid. 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.

A Masonic Heritage

Representative William S. Broomfield of Michigan’s 18th Congressional District this year celebrates his thirty-sixth year as a Knight Templar. He has been a member of Pontiac Commandery No. 2 of Pontiac, Michigan, since 1951.

Sir Knight Broomfield is the sixth generation of Mason in his family’s long history of participation in the Craft.

The Republican leader of the House Foreign Affairs Committee after thirty years experience in the House—the longest term of service of any Republican member of the
United States Congress—Sir Knight Broomfield fondly recalls being raised a Master Mason at the age of twenty-one by his grandfather, Dur Taylor, in Lodge No. 536 in Berkley, Michigan, in 1941.

Recalling the rich Masonic tradition of his family, Representative Broomfield notes that his great-grandfather Joshua Taylor and his great-great-uncle Daniel B. Taylor were part of a small group of Master Masons who came to Michigan from New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts during the 1820s.

Together, in what is now a suburb of Detroit, they helped found Stoney Creek Lodge in 1828. It was one of the first Masonic Lodges in Michigan and was located in a virtual wilderness.

Meeting in a log schoolhouse along Stoney Creek in Oakland County, these Brethren single-handedly kept Masonry alive in Michigan during the anti-Masonic furor that swept America during the 1830s. In fact, Stoney Creek was the only Michigan Lodge to continue functioning during that hectic decade, and the perseverance of its Brethren sustained the Lodge until it was revived in 1840.

Twice during the 1830s the Lodge meeting had to be changed because of intense feelings in the community, and it was Representative Broomfield’s great-great-uncle Daniel who insisted that the Lodge should always “meet,” even if no one came.

By 1847, the Lodge was again prospering, and in later years Sir Knight Broomfield’s grandfather, Dur Taylor, his uncle Clarence, and his cousin Donald Taylor all served as Worshipful Masters of Lake Orion, Michigan, Lodge No. 46. His great-grandfather, Jay Taylor, and his father, Dr. S. C. Broomfield, were also active Michigan Masons. Such Masonic family tradition is not just a matter of past record, but reflects a proud heritage involving Freemasonry and American history.

Texas and Tennessee Cooperate To Honor Fifty-Year Member

Alexander C. Garrett Commandery No. 103, Dallas, Texas, was presented with a problem in March when one of its members achieved the fifty-year mark, but now lives in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Sir Knight Ralph Fentress Black, P.C., Recorder of A. C. Garrett Commandery, wrote to the Recorder of Murfreesboro Commandery No. 10 to request its presentation.

On March 15, at 2:00 p.m., six members of Murfreesboro Commandery visited the home of Sir Knight Carl S. Makeig to present him the certificate and card celebrating fifty years of membership. Sir Knight Makeig had prepared a little speech upon their arrival and thanked the Sir Knights for visiting him and thanked his own Commandery for the recognition. An impromptu party with cake then was held. Pictured above, left to right: David Bentley, Commander, Murfreesboro Commandery; Carl S. Makeig, fifty-year member; and Jay Snuggs, Treasurer, Murfreesboro Commandery.

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.

Letter, “Step by Step”

Dear *Knight Templar Magazine*:

A man joins a social organization and in the joining, he agrees to abide by the laws and regulations. He then proceeds to find ways to improve the organization to his way of thinking and canvasses for change. It is a common failing—too common. In our fraternal organization, we have laws which have stood the test of time. They are now under attack.

In Sir Knight Anthony’s article, “Step by Step,” in the November issue of *Knight Templar*, he makes a dangerous premise. He states that if we allow the time-honored question, “Is this an act of your own free will and accord,” to have a symbolic meaning only, then we will be able to recruit untold numbers of outstanding men into our Brotherhood. Let us review how important this simple question of free choice is to our Fraternity.

Your petition, which must be signed by you, states that, unbiased by friends, you seek membership wholly of your own free will. This affirmation of your free choice without any solicitation whatsoever is repeated no less than six times in the first degree alone. Your first commitment in your obligation states quite clearly and literally the kind of choice you made. Brethren, do you think that the architects of our great order meant that this question of free choice should be symbolic? Our great Brethren of the past—Washington, Franklin, and Revere—did not think so. In the bad times following the Morgan affair, the Brethren did not wish to stem the calamitous falling off in membership by resorting to eliminating the most important question asked of a candidate. Simply to say “The Grand Lodge of — has changed the ground rules, then so can we,” should not ease our conscience one little bit. Sir Knight Anthony makes the incredible statement, “Masonic leaders worldwide know that this ritualistic question is a symbolic one, nothing more and nothing less.” That must rank, in my humble opinion, as one of the most irresponsible statements ever made. It would weaken the very fabric of our Fraternity—our integrity.

The Grand Lodge of England, states Sir Knight Anthony, has a solicitation ruling, but in England a man is an Entered Apprentice for twelve months and a Fellowcraft for another twelve months, so it is two years before he is voted on to be a Master Mason. With the production-line-like method of making Masons in America, there is no such luxury of two years to determine whether the invited candidate is indeed suitable for our great order. This is still no excuse for violating the written law of a man seeking Freemasonry of his own free will and accord.

He then goes on to make a most astounding statement, “All of Masonry, including its ritual, is purely symbolic.” Of course, what he infers by “symbolic” needs to be defined, but by his very statement that one need not abide to the question of solicitation in the literal sense and thus in the moral sense, then I believe he is saying “If it’s
only symbolic, you need not abide with what you stated in Lodge during your initiation, passing, and raising." By it being symbolic he can selectively choose parts of the ritual which should not be taken literally and that any answer a candidate gives to any part of the ritual is not binding. Does he forget the wonderful statement the Worshipful Master makes to the candidate in the first degree: "Truth is at its center"? Do I take it that that statement is only symbolic also, and should not be taken literally? What does he mean by saying "All of Masonry is symbolic"? That is the most dangerous statement regarding Freemasonry that I have ever seen.

Sir Knight Anthony continues by stating the International Shrine is "... informing Shrine Masons how to recruit all Masons without violating any Masonic law, implied or otherwise." What does he mean, "implied or otherwise"? Is Masonic law a law or not? A law cannot be implied. It is either a law or it is not a law. I, for one, did not imply that I would hold all my vows of secrecy inviolate. I meant it, because I swore an oath to my God. I did not imply that I believed in God. I meant it. Do you remember in the first degree lecture the Master telling you, "You were asked in whom you put your trust, because no atheist can be made a Mason. It was necessary for you then to profess faith in Deity, else no obligation would have been deemed binding upon you." That statement was not implied. It was a statement made in faith, and it should be binding upon you for your life.

Sir Knight Anthony wishes to open the door to our great mysteries, to fill the Lodge rooms again: to increase our membership rolls and increase our treasuries again. At what expense? Should we be so caught up in the numbers game that we should forget our solemn vows? We are here to make Masons. That is our main purpose. If the end justifies the means, then Freemasonry is on the way to being just another social club. Freemasonry is the only system in the world that teaches the brotherhood of Man under the fatherhood of God. Our Fraternity is blessed by God, but I believe that if we begin to imply our faith in God, imply our commitment to our Brethren, imply our commitment to the ancient charges, then we will no longer receive the blessing of God, and we will no longer retain the fellowship we now enjoy. We will certainly not continue to hold the ancient charges sacred.

I thank you for your consideration. I do feel that your magazine should have stressed that the "Step by Step" article did not reflect the views of Knights Templar all over this great country. There are still many Grand Lodges that protect the ancient charges and our great Fraternity.

Yours fraternally and sincerely,
Sir Knight Denis Scott
Crusade Commandery No. 23, Haddonfield, New Jersey

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Monthly Crossword

Ways with Work

ACROSS

1 Employer
5 N.Y. swingers
9 Burn
13 Make happy
14 Molding
15 Circle dance
16 Aesop's point
17 Government agent
18 Portent
19 Map abbr.
20 Fabricated
22 Not perused
24 Exceedingly
25 Soft cheese
26 People work years to do this
29 Sever
30 Business supvr. (pl.)
33 Accumulate
34 Achievements
35 Row
36 -- dixit, dictum
37 Petain's government
38 Duplicate
39 Corp. share
40 Stops progress
41 Alleviates

DOWN

1 Ink --
2 Rows
3 RR abbr.
4 Buyers' needs
5 One reason to work
6 Mild oath
7 In front of race or rain
8 See 5D
9 Routine job
10 There's no place like it
11 Field of operation
12 Money in South Africa
13 Printer's measures
21 Don't raise employer's --
23 Insects
24 Workbench tool

25 Boredom: the ----
26 Often results after better work
27 Bare
28 Duties
29 Cults
30 Fraternal order's member
31 Burrowing clam
32 Meeting
34 Office worker
37 Employee's fringe benefit
38 Interest rate limits
40 Head covers
41 Financial burden of a business
44 Dawn goddess
45 Joins by sewing
46 Kringle
47 Employ
48 Aroma
49 Close by
50 ---- of the realm
51 Star with sudden light increase
52 Employers
53 Spread to dry
56 Ribonucleic acid (abbr.)
58 Cereal grass

The solution to this month's puzzle can be found on page 10.

"...then there's that Friday in '68 when you called in sick and then went to a baseball game..."
it permissible to selectively invite—now get this phrase, please—if you don’t remember one thing in this article, consider this phrase to selectively invite members from this vast pool.

Second, reduce memorization requirements for candidates. The memorization requirements you and I met just don’t have relevance in the lives of the young people today—and more importantly, I’m thinking probably the majority of you believe it is a deterrent to joining our great Fraternity.

Third, we must make better use of the communications media, particularly the electronic media—the videos, if you will—to spread the word about Masonry and its good works. Too many people see Masonry as a secret and a religious society still in this modern day and age.

Next, we must provide incentives to join, such as family activities, sports, and vocational activities. Remember, this is also the “me-oriented” generation, and young people today want to know what’s in it for them if they join. Valid activities would not only provide the incentive for joining Masonry, but they would keep members interested once they join. They would be less likely to become Masonic dropouts.

Fifth and last (but by no means least important), when the new young generation become members of our Fraternity, we must look to get our newcomers involved and encourage them to assume positions of leadership.

Young men today are qualified to take positions of responsibility, and we must let them lead in order to keep them interested. They aren’t going to sit on the sidelines of our Lodge halls very long before you won’t see them. But you will certainly see them if you let them sit in the chairs.

In closing, let me state that I am somewhat of a student of the Bible and also the Koran, and in my studies I came across an interesting fact that is relevant to our respective Masonic leadership roles.

Christ and Mohammed each required disciples as followers, and these disciples were all given in-depth religious instruction until they became very proficient and knowledgeable and very articulate in their respective fields, whereupon they weren’t disciples anymore but were considered apostles—leaders who went forth and filled the leadership roles assigned to them.

So, I leave you with this challenge—to go out and spread the good word that the young men of today who comprise the pool of potential members for our Blue Lodges are better educated, more active, more mature, more responsible, more religious, and are more able to perpetuate the fundamentals of Masonry than you and I were at their age. They possess all the qualities that make young men good Masons. And it’s time we not only stopped ignoring them, but it’s time we actively began to recruit them.

Thank you for letting me address you today and I will hope from the bottom of my heart that you will take at least a little of what I have said back to your respective jurisdictions and help us to begin to attract the new brand of Mason who will be our standard bearer into the 21st century.

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ASCENSION OBSERVANCE MAY 31, 1987

He came as High Priest of this better system which we now have. He went into that greater perfect tabernacle in heaven not made by men nor part of this world, and once for all took the blood into that inner room, the Holy of Holies, and sprinkled it on the mercy seat; but it was not the blood of goats or calves. No, he took his own blood and with it he, by himself, made sure of our eternal salvation. (Hebrews 9:11-12 Living Bible)

On the fortieth day after Easter, He ascended into the heavens. The Grand Commandery of Minnesota celebrates this happening each year by conducting an Ascension Day Observance. On May 31 at 2:00 p.m., a multitude of Minnesota Sir Knights and friends will be gathering at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in special commemoration of the ascension of our Lord.

The message this year will be brought by Sir Knight Ralph Hultquist, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. There will be musical selections by the Osman Shrine Band and the Zuhrah Shrine Chanters.

Sir Knights attending should be in uniform without swords. We are looking forward to your presence and your participation with us on this very meaningful occasion.

"Coming together is beginning, thinking together is unity, keeping together is progress, and working together is success."—Ned E. Dull, P.G.M.

Fraternally,
Donald L. LaValley, Grand Standard Bearer

CURRENT EVENTS

May
2 Commandery festival at Eveleth, 8:30 a.m.
9 Commandery festival at Damascus No. 1, St. Paul, 8:30 a.m.
9 Commandery festival at Zion No. 2, Minneapolis, 8:00 a.m.
14-16 Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Civic Center, St. Paul.
16 Tri-state Council degrees, Marshalltown, Iowa.
23 York Rite College annual meeting, Minneapolis.
25 Memorial Day.
30 KYCH annual meeting, Duluth, noon.
31 Ascension Observance at Fort Snelling, 2:00 p.m.

June
4-6 Grand Commandery of Iowa, Newton, Iowa.
11-13 Grand Commandery of Minnesota, Duluth.

TO ALL MINNESOTA SIR KNIGHTS

To me it seems only yesterday I wrote you after being elected and installed as your Grand Commander. It has been a distinct privilege to serve you. Thanks also to one of the finest groups of grand officers any Grand Commander has had the opportunity to serve with. They have made it a most rewarding year.

A few observations: I have endeavored to make as many inspections and other visitations over the last three years as I was able. Conflicts in dates and previous commitments have not made it possible to attend everything I would have liked. I have noticed a vast improvement in the inspections due, in great measure to our new inspection manual and the best inspection award. The various Commanderies are to be congratulated. Too, over the last few years, more and more Sir Knights are turning out in full uniform. I can remember, not too many years ago, when three grand officers were the only ones present at an inspection in uniform. To me this indicates a greater interest in Templary. Keep it up.
I would invite all Sir Knights and their ladies to attend the Grand Conclave in Duluth on June 11-13, 1987. I am looking forward to greeting all of you there. Thank you for a wonderful year.

Fraternally,
James T. Stark, Grand Commander

Minneapolis Mounted Honors Thornley

On March 11, 1987 Minneapolis Mounted Commandery No. 23 held a Conclave at which they honored their Past Commanders and Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Thornley presented awards to Sir Knight Leonard Peterson, a veteran of many years, and to several of the Past Commanders of Minneapolis Mounted Commandery. Following these presentations the Eminent Commander of Minneapolis Mounted Commandery presented Sir Knight Thornley with an honorary membership in Minneapolis Mounted Commandery along with a beautiful gold presentation saber. This was Sir Knight Thornley's first honorary membership in a Commandery, although he has received many honorary memberships in Grand Commanderies, including one in Minnesota. Sir Knight Kenneth Sulem, Eminent Commander, presided for the Conclave and made the presentation to Sir Knight Thornley as pictured below.

**DULUTH CONCLAVE**

The 122nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota will be held in Duluth on June 11-13. Pictured at left are Sir Knights George A. Lee and Richard Gunnarson, Co-Chairmen of this Conclave. They promise a typical Duluth Conclave with excellent accommodations and a fine program for the Sir Knights and their ladies. Commandery Recorders have the details and the forms for registering for this Grand Conclave.
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.

- Interested in old pre-1930 golf clubs and golf memorabilia (old golf balls, mugs, plates, and so forth. Please describe and state price. R. J. Morgan, 300 N. Brunswick, Wichita, KS 67212.

- For sale: Templar uniform size 42. In excellent condition; cost $140.00, will sell for $50.00. James Chesney, 602 Bascom Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212; (412) 761-3708.

- For sale: two burial sites, Masonic section, Glen Rest Memorial Estates, Columbus (Reynoldsburg), Oh., overlooking the Singing Tower, next to my present double marker. $750.00. E. W. Proctor, 4917 Ravenswood, No. 1200, San Antonio, TX 78227.

- Wanted: shipmates who served aboard battle ships, especially the USS Wisconsin, WW II, in the South Pacific, 1943-45. Robert R. Walls, 362 Pearl Dr., Mansfield, OH 44907; (419) 524-3621.

- For sale: four choice burial spaces in Masonic section of Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, Colo. Spaces are valued at $580.00 each by cemetery; will sell for $350.00 each or will accept any reasonable offer, and will pay transfer fee. Jacques N. Hampton, 6128 Montview Blvd., Denver, CO 80207; (303) 355-0365.

- Would like to purchase a copy of Restorations of Masonic Geometry and Symbols by H. P. H. Bromwell. R. W. Salisbury, 532 S. Poplar St., Centralia, IL 62801.

- USS PCE 846 would to hear from shipmates during WW II. I was your pharmacist’s mate, first class. Dr. Frank H. Caffin, Cabot, VT 05647.


- Looking for WW II shipmates who were aboard USS S. C. 1267 (sub chaser) from January 1943 to April 1945 for reunion this year. Please contact Bob McLees, 1910 S. Willow, Independence, MO 64052; (816) 252-0783.

- Would like to contact members of Hollis, N.Y., Chapter, Order of DeMolay, who were members in the ‘20s and ‘30s. I have located 65 Brothers from all parts of our country and reunions are held each October in Florida. Contact Emmerich J. Baras, Jr., P.O. Box 567, Binghamton, NY 13902; (607) 723-8208.

- For sale: Shrine diamond ring, size 11, with all bands inscribed. 25 points clear diamond, good condition; appraised at $550.00, will sell for $350.00. Interested Brothers please call (702) 362-0403 or write Noble T. Sokol, 4692 Way, No. 168, Las Vegas, NV 89103.

- Wanted: letter openers for my collection. Metal, wood, plastic with name, office, or Lodge number or local business or university. Will buy unusual items. Send description, photo, and price. Charles Glenn, Box 7, Mayfield, KS 67103.

- Help me find my father’s silver Commandery sword, scabbard, belt, chapeau, and carrying case. His name was Donald Winchester Acer of Medina, N.Y., and he belonged to the Buffalo Scottish Rite. To sell, contact John W. Acer, 100 West Clarendon, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85013; (602) 248-0964 or (602) 944-3679.

- Interested in tracing my g. grandfather, Israel Harrison McClure (b. c. 1822, Ind; m. Martha Ford, 1/26/1845, Salem, Washington Co., Ind). Where and when were he and Martha
born? When and where did they die? Who were their parents? Who was his second wife? Write for more details. Lawrence C. McClure, 11975 East 187th Street, Artesia, CA 90701.


Possible reunion—shipmates of WW II USS LSM No. 10. Contact Harry W. Thompson, 1702 Armany Dr., Americus, GA 31709; (912) 924-2220.


Black Hills Chapter No. 25 recently celebrated its 100th anniversary of York Rite Masonry. This Chapter was founded in the days of the Dakota Territories. Commemorative Chapter pennies honoring this occasion may be had for $4.00 each (including handling and shipping) by writing Black Hills Chapter No. 25, Coins, Masonic Temple, 618 Kansas City St., Rapid City, SD 57701.

Seeking information on my g-grandfather James Isacs (b. about 1864; d. Jan. 1923, Hunt, Ark.). He had lived in Ky., and Tex. James Isacs was a preacher and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. Wife Rachel Williams (b. in Tenn.) was also an Eastern Star. Any assistance would be appreciated. Rhonda Butler, 965 E. DeVries Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

Looking for sword belonging to Maurice Brannan (d. early 1950's). Sir Knight Brannan's Commandery is believed to be in the New City, N.Y., area. The sword is to be presented to his son Robert D. Brannan. Please contact Frederick J. Dinninale, 8 Arrowhead Drive, Ledyard, CT 06339-1006; (203) 464-8561.

We have on hand ten long coats, sizes from 36 to 50, 26 fatigue caps, all sizes, and many belts, adjustable in size. If any Commanderies can use these items and will pay the shipping, they can have them. John W. Vance, 859 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Reunion: ship's company, WW II, NATTC, Norman, Okla., will hold a reunion September 18-20, 1987, at the Sheraton Hotel in Norman, Okla. For more info contact Carl E. Smith, 1520 Haywood Ave., Memphis, TN 38127; (901) 367-5734.

Railroad items wanted by collector. China, silver, dining car items, cans, lanterns, photos, paper, or any other things from the railroads are desired. Robert Kautz, 5751 Sweet Rd. S.W., Brainerd, MN 56401.

10th annual reunion of the USS Carina AK-74, Sept. 17-20, at the Holiday Inn, Rapid City, S. Dak. Contact Jim Nance, Rt. 1, Box 123, Colome, SD 57528.

Anyone interested in attending the reunion of the USS Ellyson DD 454/DMS-19 in Oct. 1987 at Virginia Beach, Va., please contact Wray D. Young, Box 65, New Church, VA 23415.

Decals wanted for my collection, especially Masonic and coal companies. Alton Phillips, Jr., Box 704, Oceana, WV 24707.


Attention: All crewmembers of the USN Charles Carroll APA 28. Our second reunion will be held August 14-15, 1987, at the Holiday Inn at Providence (South Attleboro, Mass.). If interested, write or call Thomas Lee, 252 Central St., Central Falls, RI 02863; (401) 725-5037 or Milton C. Smith, Jr., 1818 Crescent Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64506; (816) 279-8728.

Looking for shipmates who served aboard the Coast Guard manned USS Menges (DE 320) for reunion in September 1987. Toney Logan, 1565 Tumalo Dr. S.E., Salem, OR 97301.

For sale: four lots in the Sherwood Memorial Park located in Salem, Va. Lots valued at $1400.00. Thomas B. Bentley, 205 S. Higley, No. 245, Mesa, AZ 85206; (602) 830-5188.

My grandfather, Rowan Jennings (b. 1/24/1818; d. 5/6/1877), believed to have arrived in U.S. between 1840-1845 from Down Co., Ireland. Would like to hear from anyone who has his date of entry. I have pictures of his log home he built when he settled. Want to have marker installed in area. Write for more details. T. H. Jennings, 841 West Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550.
“Touch Me Not,” reads the title of Brother José Rizal’s first novel called “Noli Me Tangere” in Tagalog. It depicts the Philippine Islands as they existed in the 1880s: repressed and exploited. Brother José Rizal became a spiritual leader for his country, but was martyred at the age of 35; see story on page 5.