A Life of Service

We are again saddened so soon by the news of the passing of a loved and respected leader. Our forty-fourth Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegle, died on February 2. After a long illness, he has been called above to his eternal rest.

Sir Knight Roy was dear to so many of us because of his example of dedicated service in all phases of his eventful life. His service to Templary and his church covered the greater part of this century; in public life, he served his community as an attorney and a judge, his state as a leader in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, and our nation as a citizen soldier for over thirty-five years and in two wars. His work for others was never done, because he always found more to do and he did it with a will.

I had the honor of being installed as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky by Sir Knight Roy in 1974 and that special occasion has always been more meaningful to me, if possible, because of his presence there. As old soldiers, we always had a war story or two to tell each other, and he always had time to drop many of us a card on one of his many trips. God was good to us when He sent Roy Wilford Riegle our way and gave us the gift of his service and his example.

To his dear wife of almost sixty-five years, Keith, and to his precious family, this Grand Encampment and every Sir Knight sends sincere condolences in our mutual loss. We offer our services, if needed; our love, which is true; and our prayers for comfort.

Again one of our Fratres has heard those words, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” (Matthew 25:21 KJV)

Non Nobis, Domine, Non Nobis: Sed Nomini Tuo Da Gloriam.

[Signature]

Grand Master

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MARCH: This month we sorrowfully report the death of Past Grand Master Roy Riegel, a man and a Mason with a lifetime record of achievements both within and without the Fraternity. We take a fascinating look at the degrees, orders, and jewels of Freemasonry in the Emerald Isle; a search into time and the ramifications of modern technology to project a future for the Fraternity; and incisive thoughts on a problem that deeply concerns us all—attendance. Also, the program and order forms for the 57th Triennial Conclave appear in our pages, as does a most enlightening and instructive article on the Saints John, those great patrons of Freemasonry.

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• Our Benefactor: Sir Knight Eugene C. Maillard, KTCH, has announced that his Grand Master’s Club Membership Award Program has been completed. In addition to his other numerous and very generous gifts, Sir Knight Maillard has contributed $350,000.00 to our Eye Foundation to assist in the work of our great charity.

Increased interest and incentive were added when Sir Knight Maillard requested us to issue Grand Master’s Club memberships to those deserving Sir Knights who had significantly helped to increase our membership. As a result, 350 Sir Knights received these gifts and were responsible for the addition of 1,885 new members to the rolls of our order. Interestingly, the first and last recipients of memberships were both Sir Knights of Iowa.

In addition, on January 10, 1986, Sir Knight Maillard contributed $10,000.00, which is to be used to issue Grand Master’s Club memberships to future Eminent Past Commanders of Pasco Commandery No. 21 in Pasco, Washington (Sir Knight Maillard’s home Commandery). On October 27, 1987, Grand Master’s Club membership No. 1,076 was issued to Sir Knight Dennis Clapp of Kennewick, Washington, the then-junior Past Commander. The succeeding nine Commanders of Pasco Commandery will receive this honor at the end of their terms.

In the words of Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, “Obviously, there is no way possible for us to adequately thank Sir Knight Maillard for his extraordinary generosity to our Eye Foundation or his dedication to our great order of Templary.” Sir Knight Maillard is now living in a retirement home. If you wish to express your thoughts or thanks to our great benefactor, direct your correspondence to him c/o the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, P.O. Box 579, Springfield, IL 62705-0579, (217) 523-3838.

• Wyoming 1988 Conclave: There has been a change of location for the 1988 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming. The Conclave will be held in Riverton on September 16-17, not Cheyenne, as listed in the January issue of Knight Templar.

• Eye Foundation Campaign Continues: The Knights Templar Eye Foundation’s 20th Annual Voluntary Campaign continues. Totals for the week ending February 5, 1988, are printed on page 18. Currently in first place is the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania with $32,249.87, followed by the Grand Commandery of Georgia with $25,500.00. Tennessee follows in third place: $20,818.88. This year membership in the Grand Commander’s and Grand Master’s Clubs will count toward campaign credit.

• Errata: On the program brochure for the 57th Triennial Conclave, the availability date for pickup of tickets by non-voting delegates at the Hyatt Regency Hotel should read Saturday, August 6, 1988. The correct date appears on the order form for non-voting delegates that appears on page 15, and should be used in lieu of the one in the brochure.
Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegle was born April 27, 1896, near Lyons, Kansas, lived in Paxtonville, Pennsylvania, for nine years, then returned to Kansas, where he became a schoolteacher, lawyer, judge, and legislator. He is survived by his wife, Keith M. Roberts of Nevada, Missouri, whom he married in 1923, and three daughters: Ardis Jean, Jo Anna, and Mary Keith. He was preceded in death by one son, Roy W. Riegle, Jr. Sir Knight Riegle was an infantry private in World War I, and was wounded by shrapnel during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in France; he served continuously in the Kansas National Guard until 1954, progressing from first sergeant to colonel.

Sir Knight Riegle saw active service during World War II, serving from 1940 to 1946 in the United States, Alaska, Southwest and Far Pacific, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan. He was battalion commander; commanding officer, U.S. troops, and post commander at Juneau, Alaska; provost marshal general, Alaskan Department; commanding officer, Civil Affairs, the Philippines; and in military government in Japan. He was the judge advocate general of the Kansas Military Department and a member of the Kansas Military and Armory Boards for nineteen years. He was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with pendant, and fourteen other U.S. medals.

Sir Knight Riegle was a graduate of Washburn University, Washburn University School of Law and the Kansas State Teachers’ College, now Emporia State University. He was the holder of five college degrees: B.S., A.B., A.M., LL.B., and J.D. While at Washburn University he was elected president of the Washburn University Student Council and elected to the Sagamore Society, the highest honor bestowed on a Washburn student. He practiced law in Emporia, Kansas, since 1925, and served as probate and juvenile judge. He was a member of the Kansas House of Representatives and Kansas State Senate for eighteen years. In legislative committee assignments, he was chairman of the House State
Affairs, Public Utilities, and Soldiers’ Compensation Committees. In the Senate he was chairman of the Senate Education, Judiciary, and Military Affairs Committees, in addition to other assignments. He was the majority floor leader in the House from 1937 to 1939.

Sir Knight Riegel was president of the following organizations: Kansas Day Club, Lyon County and Fifth Judicial Bar Associations, the Lyon County Council of Churches, the Lyon County Historical Society and the Kansas State Historical Society. He was a member of Pi Kappa Delta, National Forensic Fraternity; Pi Gamma Mu, National Social Science Fraternity; Phi Alpha Delta, National Legal Fraternity; Kansas Bar Association; the American J udicature Society; and Tau Kappa Epsilon, National Social Fraternity.

Masonically, his record included membership in Emporia Lodge No. 12; Joppa Chapter No. 52, Past High Priest; Emporia Council No. 7, Past Illustrious Master; Past Sovereign, St. Justin Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Preceptor, HRAKTP, River Jordan Tabernacle; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Chapter, National Sojourners; Governor General’s College, York Rite Sovereign College, and awarded the Order of the Purple Cross; Order of the Eastern Star; Order of High Priesthood; Order of the Silver Trowel; Royal Order of Scotland; Great Priory of America (Chevaliers Bienfaisants de la Cite Sainte); Scottish Rite Bodies, Topeka, Kansas, Honorary 33rd, A. & A.S.R., S.J.; member, Arab Shrine Temple, Topeka, Kansas, and its Shriner of the Year, 1976; Honorary Legion of Honor and Honorary member, Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. He was a Past Grand Master, Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Kansas.

Sir Knight Riegel served Templary on committees on tactics and ceremonies, uniform, revision of laws, Triennial Conclaves, York Rite co-operation, and drill regulations. He was captain and drill instructor of the Emporia Knights Templar drill team, 1929 to 1964, during which time the team won first place nineteen successive times in state competition, second twice, and fourth once in national competition. He had been the sole surviving member of Emporia’s original 1921 drill team. Sir Knight Riegel served as Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, 1946-1947, visiting all fifty-eight Commanderies in Kansas during the year and Knighting seventy-five candidates; Grand Encampment Department Commander, West Central Department, 1952-1955; and chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations, 1955-1964. He was chief judge of many Knight Templar drill teams in both state and national competition during the past fifty years.

Sir Knight Riegel was elected Grand Captain General in Philadelphia, 1964; Grand Generalissimo in Detroit, 1967; Deputy Grand Master, in Denver, 1970; and Grand Master in Chicago in 1973. The Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment over which he presided as Grand Master was held in Kansas City, Missouri, in August and September 1976. He held honorary membership in many Masonic bodies, and was made an honorary citizen of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Memphis, Galveston, and of numerous other cities throughout the United States while serving in the Grand Encampment line of officers, 1964 to 1976.

Sir Knight Riegel, for many years, was listed in Who’s Who in the Midwest and Who’s Who in World’s Commerce and Industry.

Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegel passed to his eternal reward on February 2, 1988. Funeral services were held at Robert-Blake-Barnett Funeral home in Emporia, Kansas, on February 5, with burial and interment that afternoon at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kansas.
Exploring the rich traditions of another land can add meaning and depth to the experience of brotherhood.

Jewels of Irish Masonry

by Sir Knight J. David F. McKee

It is clear from reading the letters in "Knight Voices" that there is a healthy interest among American Knights Templar, and indeed among American Freemasons in general, in the subject of Masonic jewelry. I have had the pleasure of submitting articles about Irish Freemasonry to Knight Templar in the past and have found that there is a refreshing attitude of inquiry into Masonry in my right little, tight little island of Ireland. As a result, I thought that I might offer an article about Irish Masonic jewels, a subject that has been for years a matter of particular interest to me. As the Order of the Temple in Ireland has a wider range of jewels than any other branch of the order, perhaps some of my American Brothers could well be interested.

First, a few words about Masonry in Ireland. There are only five branches of the order in existence, and recognized, in Ireland. These are the Craft, the Royal Arch, the Council (the Council of Knight Masons, not the Cryptic Council—with subordinate Councils in Ohio!), the Temple, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite for Ireland (not the Scottish Rite, but a daughter of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, nevertheless). There are about 42,000 Freemasons in Ireland, with about ninety percent in the six counties of Northern Ireland, part of the United Kingdom, and about ten percent in the Republic of Ireland. Headquarters of all branches of the order are in Dublin, and Freemasonry is one of the more encouraging examples of organizations that pay no heed to divisive political boundaries.

Advancement is only as follows: One year as Master Mason for the Royal Arch (and Mark); six months as a → → →
Royal Arch Mason for the Council of Knight Masons; five years as a Master Mason, and two years as a Royal Arch Mason, together with an invitation, to qualify for the Temple; and two years as a Knight Templar, and an invitation, to join the A. & A. Rite at the level of the 18th. The "invitation only" aspect is stressed, as canvassing will disqualify any further advancement to the next stages of the A. & A. Rite, which are the 28th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd. These are not only by invitation again, but depend on vacancies in the officially limited number of members permitted in each of these extremely high degrees, for there may be no more than nine Masons of the 33rd, sixteen of the 32nd, twenty-one of the 31st, thirty of the 30th, and thirty-five of the 28th. Hence, only one hundred and eleven Irish Masons may go beyond the 18th, which is known colloquially as "Prince Mason."

So, to the jewels!

The Craft: There is no formal jewel for the Apprentice, Fellow, or Master Mason. Yet there is a Master Mason's jewel, for I wore one for several years as I approached the East. It consisted of a five-pointed star (in my case, encrusted with paste stones) on a blue ribbon, but it was something of an oddity and forms no common part of Irish Masonic jewels. Practically speaking, the first Masonic jewel is that of the Past Master, which consists of the square and compasses, in the 3rd, with the letter "G" in the center.

The Royal Arch: In Ireland the Mark Master Mason's degree has no independent existence, but forms a subordinate degree in the Royal Arch. There is an Irish Mark Master Mason's jewel, an Irish Royal Arch Companion's jewel, and a Chair jewel known as a Past King's jewel, for in an Irish Chapter the senior office is that of Excellent King, followed by High Priest and Chief Scribe.

There is also a Chair jewel for the Mark Lodge known as a Past Very Worshipful Master's jewel. However, the newly promoted Excellent King receives the Excellent King degree and the Very Worshipful Master degree on the same night, and his year of office is marked by the presentation of a Past King's jewel. The Past Very Worshipful Master jewel is typically awarded for a second year in the Chair or for special services. Unlike Craft jewels, Royal Arch jewels may be of gold.

The Council of Knight Masons: The Council is virtually unique in that each new member formally receives a Knight Mason's jewel. (Other branches leave it to the member to obtain his own!) There is, naturally, a Chair jewel, the jewel of the Past Chief. It is worth noting that in the Craft, Mark, and Royal Arch, the Chair jewel should replace the junior "member's" jewel. In Council, both jewels are worn, one on a green ribbon and one on a crimson ribbon.

The Temple: Knights of the Temple are fortunate in that the Temple jewels, without practical exception, are identical in design to the equivalent jewels of the English Temple. Hence, unlike the Craft, Mark, Royal Arch, and (to a large extent) the A. & A. Rite, there is a ready source of jewels from the other side of the Irish Sea.

I have, in previous articles, written about Irish Templar regalia. Briefly, the only regalia in the Temple is that which resembles what was worn by the ancient knights (predominantly white and red), with an optional version for the Malta degree, very similar but in black and red.

The new Knight Templar is entitled to wear a red enameled breast cross on a ribbon of white with a center strip of red (the "Ribbon of the Order"). He may wear a seven-pointed silver star with a red enameled cross on a white field in the center, surrounded by the well-known
legend, *In Hoc Signo Vinces*. In Ireland it is regarded as appropriate to wear one or the other, while I am informed that in Great Britain both jewels are worn simultaneously.

Our Knight now proceeds through the offices in his Preceptory (as Comman-
deries are called), and soon approaches his year as Eminent Preceptor. It is a requirement that he receives the Knight of Malta degree before he is installed as Preceptor. (The Malta degree, most unusually, is normally conferred on a number of candidates from different Preceptories.) He is then entitled to wear the Knight of Malta jewel, a white enameled Maltese Cross on a black ribbon. The four arms of the cross are separated by lions *passant guardant*. Malta jewels of some age (say, up to the 1920s) alternate lions and lambs; such items are much sought after.

On his installation, the new Preceptor may exchange his Knight’s Star for a Preceptor’s Star, similar except for a Preceptor’s Cross (the “Patriarch’s Cross”) in the center replacing the Latin Cross.

During his year in the Chair, it is expected that the Eminent Preceptor should receive the Prior of Malta degree. This degree is conferred on qualified candidates following the conferring of the Malta degree. There is, in fact, a Prior of Malta jewel consisting of a Maltese Cross in white, but with a crown on top, and is worn from a black ribbon or on a black collarette (or on a black collarette with two thin white edge stripes). This is a very scarce jewel, though not in any way valuable, and is usually prepared by modifying a Knight Commander of the Temple or Knight Grand Cross of the Temple hat badge, which I shall mention a bit later.

In fact, few Knights wear the Prior’s jewel because on leaving the Chair of the Preceptory they are usually presented with a Past Prior/Preceptor’s jewel. This attractive item consists of a large white Maltese Cross on a white field, the whole surmounted by an Imperial Crown and worn on a collarette of the “Ribbon of the Order.”

As I mentioned before, there are a range of hat badges as well. In the Temple, the Knight wears a silver “Cross Patee” in his hat. The Preceptor wears a silver or gold Patriarch’s Cross. Those who have been honored with the rank of Knight Commander of the Temple or Knight Grand Cross of the Temple wear a special hat badge of metal-embroidered gold thread.

For the Knight of Malta (whose uniform is, as I have said, optional; the Temple regalia is acceptable at Malta meetings), there is the Knight’s hat badge, a plain white enameled Maltese Cross. For the Prior, the cross is surmounted by a crown. For those Knights of Malta who are Knights Commander of the Temple or Knights Grand Cross, the hat badge is as for the Prior but with the four lions. (It is this hat badge which may be mounted as a Prior of Malta breast or neck jewel.)

I have referred to Knight Commander of the Temple and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple. These terms refer to honors awarded by the Great Priory of Ireland, but the terminology is directly related to the terms used in the British → → →
orders of knighthood. Membership of these British orders is awarded in several grades: typically "M" (member), "O" (officer), "C" (Commander), "KC" (Knight Commander), and "GC" (Grand Cross). Of these, the last two confer the rank of knight and the prefix "Sir." Different orders are traditionally awarded for different services to the state, and certain ranks in the Civil Service lead—all being well; all noses kept clean and upper lips stiff—to certain grades in certain orders.

Excuse the digression. Returning to the Masonic context, those who are Knights Commander of the Temple or Knights Grand Cross of the Temple wear a special neck cross, common to both grades, and an ornate breast cross for the Knight Commander of the Temple. The star represents a sun in its glory, with a flag-bearing lamb enameled in the center; for the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple, the same center is an eight-pointed star.

The lamb with a flagpole and pennant held over its shoulder might be of some interest to those Sir Knights who are of the Moravian Church, where a very similar symbol is to be found. However, the Moravian lamb bears a flag with a red cross on a white field instead of the black and white beaeant of the Temple.

This article is a brief summary of Irish Masonic jewelry. All these items become yearly more expensive. With the demands of charity leaning ever more heavily upon Lodge, Chapter, and other Masonic funds, silver is now often replaced by silver-plate, and gold by silver gilt or gold-plate. The more expensive items (e.g., Past Prior/Preceptor jewels, at £80.00 to £90.00) are sometimes no longer presented. It is possible, indeed, that some of these jewels may not survive this century as routine presentation items, and Free-masonry may become a little poorer in the texture of its traditions.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Knight Templar:

I am writing to tell how much I appreciate the ad you ran in the “Knight Voices” section of the January Knight Templar Magazine. It was an attempt to get the word out to merchant seamen who were veterans of World War II.

For many of these men it was the only way to get the message to them. So far, more than thirty of them have responded to that ad, which is far more than I expected, as many of these men have literally dug a hole and pulled it in after them. But evidently Knight Templar Magazine reaches a lot of people out there, and we have that many more men who are aware of their veteran status.

Sir Knight Virgil Sharp
Santa Monica Commandery No. 61
Santa Monica, California

Texas Lodge Coin

Milam Lodge No. 2, A.F. & A.M., Nacogdoches, Texas, has sesquicentennial collector’s coins for sale. These coins are die-struck brass, antique silver finish, 1¼ inches round, and are 10-gauge.

The front side has the Lodge seal; the back side has a picture of “the Old Stone Fort.” Only 1,000 coins were made. If interested, send $5.50 to James F. Lee, Secretary, Milam Lodge No. 2, A.F. & A.M., 129 North Fredonia Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961.
The early Christian church adopted the two pagan celebrations of the summer and winter solstices and consecrated them as St. John the Baptist Day in summer and St. John the Evangelist Day in winter. On our modern calendar, these two celebrations fall on June 24 and December 27, respectively.

In later years, as guilds and associations formed, civil law and religious ordinances began to require every chartered body of men to have a patron saint, to observe that saint's day as a holiday, and to "march in procession as a body on that day... dressed in ceremonial clothing and carrying a banner." Consequently, by the sixteenth century Masonry had begun to associate herself with the two Saints John, and it is from this association that our ritual draws that oft-repeated phrase, "... and dedicated to the memory of the holy Saints John." Therefore, it has been quite innocently assumed within the Craft—over a span of several centuries—that these two saints were themselves members of the Fraternity in some form. It was fitting and proper, then, that on June 24, 1717, at the "Assembly and Feast of the Free and Accepted Masons" in London, the first Grand Lodge of Freemasons was formed.

But have we ever taken the time to fully comprehend and appreciate just what this dedication symbolizes?

Although it is certainly appropriate to inquire whether St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were really members of our Craft and whether the "Lodge of the Holy Saints John of Jerusalem" ever really existed, it is not so much the pure fact about which we need be concerned. It is, rather, the truth of the tenets, principles, and ideals of our Fraternity—revealed within a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols—which should interest us.

While Masonic scholars have clearly shown us that the Saints John were not
Masons and that such a "Lodge of the Holy Saints John of Jerusalem" never existed, we cannot completely discard it as fiction. Our connection to these patron saints is an ideal and, to be sure, ideals make our Masonic growth exciting, refreshing, and meaningful. What has

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resulted is our commitment to a perfect and ideal Lodge within an imperfect and unsure world. We therefore dedicate our Craft to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, whose virtues, rectitude of conduct, and philosophies provide us a basis for emulation.

Since those early days, tradition has maintained our observance of the day of our patron, St. John the Baptist, throughout the world, and especially here in Europe. In the not-too-distant past, Knights Templar paraded in full dress in celebration of the day of St. John the Baptist in nearly every major city and town in America. While celebrations continue in North America today, nowhere is more significance and importance placed on St. John's Day than in England and continental Europe. Installations, annual communications, and elaborate feasts are Masonic traditions conducted as near June 24 as possible, providing a unique opportunity to share in the joy and festive activity. These celebrations, especially in what in Germany are called Johannes Logen, are special occasions to behold, and a Mason assigned to or sojourning in Germany during the month of June who does not avail himself of the opportunity to partake in such an activity does himself a great disservice.

The celebration usually begins with degree work in a tiled Lodge and is then followed by a festive board which is not open to non-Masons. After the festive board, family members are invited to join in the celebration. Quite often, the transfer of the Master's gavel occurs on this occasion, and in many areas several Lodges unite to make this an especially meaningful Masonic affair.

Ours is a truly universal, symbolic, and traditional brotherhood. We as American Masons and Knights Templar have lost an important and significant tradition as we have slowly removed St. John the Baptist Day from our trestle-board of activity. How better to revitalize our traditional past, rediscover the lessons to be gained from the life of St. John the Baptist, and to share with one another in reestablishing boundless fellowship than to resurrect an annual celebration of the day of St. John the Baptist within our local Masonic community? Let us all celebrate St. John's Day!

**Sir Knight Lee E. Taylor is a Past Commander of Heidelberg Commandery No. 2 in Heidelberg, West Germany, and can be reached at Box 168, NSSG (80 ASG), APO New York 09088.**

**Own a Piece of Tomorrow**

Supporters of the Order of DeMolay now have the opportunity to "own" a square foot of the land that surrounds the Order's new Service and Leadership Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Each owner receives a personalized "deed," and is considered an investor in the Order of DeMolay and in the young men who are members.

Proceeds will go towards the purchase and endowment of the DeMolay Service and Leadership Center. Each square foot will be sold for $10.00, and is a tax-deductible gift. If interested, checks should be made payable to the DeMolay Foundation and sent to that organization c/o P.O. Box 901342, Kansas City, Missouri 61490-1342.
The Hyatt Regency Hotel will serve as headquarters for the 57th Triennial Conclave in Lexington, Kentucky, which begins Saturday, August 6, 1988, and concludes Wednesday, August 10, 1988.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Placing your order for tickets with the committee before July 5 will minimize delay and confusion when you arrive in Lexington. You may use the Order Form after the program to make advance reservations. Make your check or money order payable to The 57th Triennial Conclave Association, Inc. DO NOT SEND CASH!

When you arrive in Lexington your packet of tickets, badge, program, and other materials will be ready for you at the Registration Area in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

To save time on arrival, it is recommended that the appropriate form on page 15 be used for activities reservations. Mail to 57th Triennial Conclave, P.O. Box 489, Danville, KY 40422.

For housing information, write to: 57th Triennial Conclave, P.O. Box 489, Danville, KY 40422.

PROGRAM

(All Events Scheduled on Eastern Daylight Time)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Registration.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Knights Templar Educational Foundation.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Registration.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—morning and afternoon. Drill team competition.
Lexington Convention and Exhibition Center.
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Tour of Berea College and Craft Industries. Lunch at Boone Tavern. $30.00 per person.
7:30 p.m.—Pass In Review, all drill teams. Exhibition drill—Detroit Commandery No. 1. Drill awards.
Lexington Convention and Exhibition Center.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
7:00 a.m.—Texas Breakfast.
Campbell House.
12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.—Registration.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.
10:00 a.m.—Divine service, under the direction of the Reverend Sir Knight Walter M. McCracken, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, assisted by the Reverend Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Jr.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Shakertown Tour and Lunch. $35.00 per person.
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Historic Lexington tour. $15.00 per person.
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.—Reception of Donald Hinslea Smith, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.
Lexington Convention and Exhibition Center.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Registration.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.
9:00 a.m.—Opening Grand Encampment session.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.
12:00 noon—Ladies' Luncheon.
Lexington Convention and Exhibition Center. (Continued next page.)
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—Picnic at Kentucky Horse Park. Shuttle buses $40.00 per person. (Monday evening normally open for state dinners, hospitality, etc.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9
7:00 a.m.—Honors breakfast—Red Cross of Constantine; KYCH; HRAKTP; KTCH.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Registration.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Frankfort tour. Governor’s mansion and Headley-Whitney Museum. $30.00 per person. Morning and afternoon—General business session.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.
7:00 p.m.—Grand Master’s banquet. Lexington Convention and Exhibition Center.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.—General business session.
Hyatt Regency Lexington.
11:00 a.m.—Installation of officers. Open to guests.
Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Additional badges, souvenir program books, etc., may be purchased in the registration area in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

NOTE: State dinners, organizational meetings, breakfasts, luncheons, etc., may be separately scheduled through Sir Knight Rodney Williams, Jr., c/o Alumni Association, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292; (502) 588-6186.

Locations and times are NOT to conflict with official Grand Encampment activities as shown in this schedule.

Tickets will be on sale in the Registration Area to members of Red Cross of Constantine; KYCH; HRAKTP; KTCH; AMD; Beauchant, and other groups for their special meetings.

TOURS: Numerous tours of Lexington and vicinity will be available. Check on these tours and make reservations at Registration Area in the Hyatt Regency Hotel when you register.

All voting members of the Grand Encampment must also register with the Credentials Committee located adjacent to the Registration Area.

National Camping Travelers

National Camping Travelers, Inc., was founded by Brother Myron Fox and twenty-one other Masonic families in 1966 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The object of N.C.T. is the entertainment of those Master Masons who use tents, trailers, campers, and other recreational vehicles to sight-see, have fun and promote good fellowship, and to make friends along the way.

Its members consist of Master Masons in good standing in a Lodge whose Grand Lodge is recognized by other Grand Lodges of the United States of America, Canadian provinces, and Mexico. The basic unit is known as a Chapter. Each Chapter is led by a Master of Travel, assisted by a Wagonmaster and Secretary/Treasurer. Each Chapter meets once a month at a designated campground.

National Camping Travelers also has district, state, and national rallies. For members with younger children, there is a youth group which is under the direction of a national youth director. There is an official “News to Campers” publication which is sent to each member quarterly.

For further information contact Gerald J. Husinger, 56 Begonia Lane, Levittown, PA 19054.
ORDER FORM FOR VOTING DELEGATES

For registration fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Saturday, August 6, 1988, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, upon my arrival.

Name ____________________________
Title ____________________________
Address __________________________
City __________ State _____ Zip _____
Lady (first name) ____________________
Arrival Date _______________________

Deadline for receipt of all advance orders is July 5, 1988, after which date tickets for purchase only at the Registration Area, Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Registration Packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 57th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, tickets for you and your lady to the Grand Master's reception, tickets for you and your lady to the Grand Master's banquet, a souvenir program book, and additional informative matters.

Registration Fee ____________________ $75.00

ORDER FORM FOR NON-VOTING DELEGATES

For registration fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Saturday, August 6, 1988, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel upon my arrival.

Name ____________________________
Lady (first name) ____________________
Address __________________________
City __________ State _____ Zip _____
Commandery _________________________
Arrival Date _______________________

Deadline for receipt of all advance orders is July 5, 1988, after which date tickets for purchase only at the Registration Area, Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Registration Packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 57th Triennial of the Grand Encampment, tickets for you and your lady to the Grand Master's reception, a souvenir program book, and additional informative matters.

Registration Fee ____________________ $50.00

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Additional tickets may be purchased for the following:

_____ Grand Master's reception, Sunday evening, @ $7.50 .............. $
_____ Ladies' Luncheon, Monday noon, @ $15.00 each .............
_____ Grand Master's banquet, Tuesday evening, @ $35.00 each ....

Berea Tour, Saturday, August 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., @ $30.00 ..........
Shakertown Tour, Sunday, August 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., @ $35.00 ......

Historic Lexington/Henry Clay's Home, Sunday, August 7, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., @ $15.00 ....
Picnic at KY Horse Park, Monday, August 8, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., @ $40.00 ....
Frankfort & Museum Tour, Tuesday, August 9, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., @ 30.00 ....

TOTAL WITH CHECK FOR .............. $

Make payable to "The 57th Triennial Conclave Association, Inc.," and mail to: 57th Triennial Conclave, P.O. Box 489, Danville, KY 40422.
Missouri Job's Daughters

The Job's Daughters of Missouri had chosen the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as their charity project in 1987. Bowl-a-thons, pizza sales, bake sales, and many other activities produced a total of $4,078.94, which was presented to Grand Commander Chester Hazen and Sir Knight Lionel J. Goede, Missouri chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, at their annual session.

The Missouri Job's Daughters have contributed well over $10,000.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Pictured above, left to right, are Edwin Andler, Associate Grand Guardian; Grand Commander Chester H. Hazen and Sir mander and Eye Foundation state chairman Lionel Goede; and Nelda Kaeser, Grand Guardian of Missouri.

Grand Commander Hazen portrays Father Job for Bethels throughout the state of Missouri.

Tri-State Festival

A tri-state festival will take place in the asylum of Bethlehem-Crusader Commandery No. 53, 262 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York, on Saturday, March 26. Springfield Commandery No. 53, Springfield, Massachusetts, will confer the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross at 9:00 a.m., followed at 11:00 a.m. by the Order of Malta, conferred by Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, Connecticut.

At 1:30 p.m. the Order of the Temple will be conferred by Bethlehem-Crusader Commandery. Dinner is available following the Order of the Temple. Coffee and refreshments will be served prior to the Orders from 8:00 a.m. on.

According to Sir Knight David Aiken, Past Grand Commander of New York, the best possible ritualists will confer the Orders.

Colorado Pancake Breakfast

Temple Commandery No. 23, Grand Junction, Colorado, will hold its 13th Annual Pancake Breakfast for benefit of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation on Saturday morning, March 12, 1988. The breakfast will be held at the Masonic Temple, 2400 Consistory Court, Grand Junction, from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for a donation of $3.00; children under twelve half-price.

Past Commander Edgar O. "Tex" Bolton will be in charge, with other Sir Knights of the Commandery cooking the pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage.

If a man can't forge his own will, whose will can he forge?

Sir William Gilbert
Masonic Lord's Prayer

Sir Knight James E. Stratton, Charlotte Commandery No. 2, Charlotte, North Carolina, has acquired the copyright and entire stock of the symbolized Masonic Lord's Prayer prints. The unique painting, created in 1875, is embellished with fifty authentic Masonic symbols.

Antiqued four-color prints on heavy stock suitable for framing are available in two sizes: 8 inches by 10 inches, $2.50; or 11 inches by 14 inches, $3.50 each, postpaid.

According to Sir Knight Stratton, a portion of the proceeds from every print goes to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. To order, send check or money order to James E. Stratton, 7613 Soaringfree Lane, Pineville, NC 28134.

Florida Honor Guard

Pictured here are Sir Knights of Miami Commandery No. 13, Miami, Florida, forming an honor guard at the installation of the Worshipful Master of James Carnell Lodge No. 223, F. & A.M., Miami. Worshipful Master John J. Duhig is being conducted through the lines by Brother Joseph Shurette, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Florida.

The installation was held on Tuesday, December 29, 1987 at James Carnell Lodge at 8:30 p.m., following an 8:00 p.m. dinner.

West Virginia Lodge Coin

Morgantown Union Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M., Morgantown, West Virginia, celebrated its 175th anniversary on December 15, 1987. The Lodge was chartered December 15, 1812, in the state of Virginia, and rechartered January 24, 1867, in the state of West Virginia.

A bronze commemorative coin has been issued in honor of the occasion. Interested persons may obtain one of these by sending $5.00 to Peter Y. Turner, 820 College Avenue, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505.
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
Twentieth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending February 5, 1988. The total amount to date is $281,349.86.

Alabama .................. $7,961.21
Arizona .................. 2,169.94
Arkansas .................. 1,621.48
California .................. 8,512.07
Colorado .................. 2,595.42
Connecticut .................. 2,459.00
District of Columbia ....... 4,666.62
Florida .................. 19,068.40
Georgia .................. 25,500.00
Idaho .................. 641.00
Illinois .................. 7,510.40
Indiana .................. 6,071.75
Iowa .................. 4,332.20
Kansas .................. 2,780.50
Kentucky .................. 7,782.50
Louisiana .................. 11,418.50
Maine .................. 879.19
Maryland .................. 6,765.00
Mass./R.I. .................. 6,577.00
Michigan ............... 14,424.44
Minnesota .................. 5,751.26
Mississippi ............... 1,700.00
Missouri .................. 6,418.16
Montana .................. 5,932.50
Nebraska .................. 1,398.65
Nevada .................. 762.00
New Hampshire .............. 2,450.00
New Jersey ............... 1,159.15
New Mexico ............... 1,315.00
New York .................. 7,178.50
North Carolina ............. 5,618.00
North Dakota ............... 379.00
Ohio .................. 5,902.45
Oklahoma ............... 2,936.00
Oregon .................. 1,839.00
Pennsylvania ............. 32,249.87
South Carolina .............. 6,169.00
South Dakota .............. 2,056.00
Tennessee ............... 20,818.88
Texas .................. 10,581.00
Utah .................. 2,147.00
Vermont ............... 498.00
Virginia ............... 10,751.12
Washington .............. 2,580.00
West Virginia .............. 3,118.00
Wisconsin ............... 2,955.75
Wyoming .................. 1,055.00
St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware .......... 290.00
Honolulu No. 1, Honolulu, Hawaii ............ 30.00
Panama Canal No. 1, Balboa, Panama ........... 0.00
Porto Rico No. 1, San Juan, Puerto Rico ........ 540.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska ............... 0.00
Tokyo No. 1, Tokyo, Japan ............. 70.00
Bavaria No. 3, Munich, West Germany .......... 0.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Heidelberg, West Germany ........ 680.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, Delaware ............ 50.00
Harry J. Miller No. 5, Kaiserslautern, West Germany .......... 0.00
Miscellaneous ............... 9,766.05
Thoughts on Attendance

by

Sir Knight Thomas W. Storer
Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California

Membership and attendance in Masonic bodies, as well as in many similar organizations, has become of major concern. There are several approaches to obtaining new members, all of which have probably been tried. No one way works for everyone. The main ingredients seem to be those of identifying the prospects worthy of membership and the cultivation of interest in our order, as well as personal attention in obtaining the application. We are well aware that unless we increase the number of new members, the present rate of deaths and demits will, in most cases, leave us with a loss.

It is my considered opinion, and that of many others in the Masonic Fraternity, that we simply cannot retain the interest of many new members unless we enlighten our prospects on the interesting and impressive background of Freemasonry. We then must continue this education until the prospect is well-grounded, interested, and intrigued with all Masonry has to offer. It is also my humble opinion that once we establish a better system of programming, administered by knowledgeable members, we will attract better attendance. The better programming must continue to “keep ‘em comin’!” We have a tendency to sit back and let the presiding officer “have his year”—we do nothing or very little to help. Have you considered that the presiding officer may appreciate your expertise in programming, if you but offer? Our Fraternity is one of brotherly love, not the survival of the fittest. Many of our Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights are crying for better direction (also true in DeMolay). We need more interesting meetings! I submit that one big reason why we get the same members down to meetings is because they feel a responsibility to an office they hold; they are deeply dedicated. They like ritual. God bless them, but what of the rest of the membership? What is in it for them? I like ritual as well as the next man, but it is not for everyone. When we improve our programming on a regular basis, we will see an improvement in attendance! We must make our Masonic meetings more appealing. Perform flawless ritual, but go beyond this to appeal to those who are not attending. This improved attendance will not happen overnight—be patient and don’t forget to include the ladies in your programming, for they are many times responsible for getting their husbands to attend. The ladies will attend if there is an interesting program for them. I have not seen a lady who wants to be a member—only ones who want to assist their men.

Another facet of the “good of the order” may be the immediate → → →
recognition of our younger members. Encourage them to take an active part in the operation of the Masonic bodies. Let them have their heads—do not insist that the only way to accomplish a task is written in indelible ink—that we wouldn’t dare do things differently than Grandpa did. I am a grandpa myself several times over, but I believe wholeheartedly in our

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younger generation of Masons. Their operation may have a different approach (particularly as to social events); I am not suggesting that we function any other way except within the law, and the veterans will be present to see that the ancient landmarks and customs are upheld. The new approach may be exactly what we need to need to inspire our members to bigger and better things—to restore our Masonic organizations to the super-active Fraternity they once were. I am confident that as Brothers of the finest Fraternity in the world, we can all work together in the best interests of Masonry. Let’s back our younger members.

A program, for most organizations, should be designed and published to cover the entire year. It does not have to be complete to the last detail; however, the major items should be listed: e.g., meeting dates, projected dates for conferring the degrees and orders, known observances, and so forth, to be updated periodically. This permits your members and any visitors to place those dates on their calendars. It is always a plus to be able to tell a prospective member when he will receive his degrees and orders, or when a social event will occur that he may attend. Tell your charge that you will accompany him (and his lady, if appropriate) and return him home after the event. It is sometimes well to work through the association, if you have one (if not, please consider organizing one), to pool your resources in ritual and social events when appropriate or necessary. The message is to be active for the entire membership: “Plan your work and work your plan!”

This is one concept of how to improve attendance. It may not be new to some, but it is worthy of being retold. Remember—our attendance and membership did not dwindle overnight; neither will they return by the recitation of some magic word. It will take the wits and work of all of us, in our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies. Be patient, but diligent. Train those officers coming up to carry on a good operation, or improve it until it is a good operation.

Now, how do we do these things? I suggest what I call a Five-Year Plan. The initial plan for the first year, followed substantially in succeeding years, is submitted to the presiding officers-elect and presented to the line of elective officers for review and revision if required. These officers are asked to suggest ways to improve the plan and to reject that part they cannot live with. It is not enough to say, “I do not like this portion of the plan.” If this is true, that officer must come up with a replacement for the portion he does not like. When the plan submitted is overhauled and finally accepted by all officers, they have in effect agreed to carry out those plans during their tenure in the line. The plan is not set in concrete; we generally get at least one new officer per year, and he will bring new ideas. There may be only a minor revision or elimination of something that is not producing desired results. After due trial, that portion should be considered for replacement or deletion. Continuity of programming is the big item we do not seem to have in many of our Masonic

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The passage of time invariably smooths out the extremes of human experience.

On the Level of Time

by

Sir Knight R. L. Donathan
Gethsemane Commandery No. 25, Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Time is a mighty force that tends to bring all things back to a certain level. When we see events move toward an extreme, we can expect that sooner or later the movement will be in the other direction. We have been experiencing a long period of time in which there has been a diminished interest in church and Masonic activity alike. Attendance is low and memberships have been dropping. Should we be pessimistic? I think not.

We are in the beginning stages of a return to the solid foundations of eternal and unchanging truth. The evidence is clearly seen in the history of man and in contemporary events. Take heart, those of you who view Masonry as a dying institution, for you have been misinformed. The foundation upon which Masonry stands is eternal. The pendulum of time swings slowly, but it still swings. Truth is ever present, though often only in the hearts of a few. The masses of humanity have always drifted from one extreme to the other. Now let us look at the evidence.

Let us consider two basic rules of human behavior. The first rule is: when he experiences success, man's pride often leads him into failure. The second rule is: failure often drives man to look for a different way.

In the beginning, in the garden of perfection, the basic needs of the soul of man were met by fellowship with the Creator. Our first rule came into play; pride caused man to want to choose his own way. When he determined to rely on his own resources to become "as a god" himself, the pendulum began to swing.

Man's reasoning and philosophical powers mingled with that which was divinely instituted, and paganism came into being. Thus the pendulum swung from early success to failure in meeting man's needs of the heart and soul.

In Greece's "Golden Age," philosophy and reason moved toward replacing all religion, although the masses gave outward devotion to a pantheon of gods. It seems that man has great difficulty in staying on the solid ground of divine truth and at the same time making appropriate application of reason and science. This is true even in the face of the fact that reason and science are among the greatest gifts given to man by the Eternal One. With the failure of paganism and secular philosophy to meet man's innermost needs, we see the second rule coming into play—failure driving man to try a different approach.

The pendulum started back the other way as the spread of Christianity gained momentum. With the movement back to the word of God came a degree of success in meeting man's needs, but the success was short-lived for most of → → →
humanity. The first rule came back into play, and through the workings of that great enemy of man, his own pride, religion became once more corrupted. Man was not content to stand on the solid rock of eternal, divinely revealed truth, but determined that he could improve on that life-giving gift, and the pendulum again reversed its course.

A corrupted truth is not truth at all, so man gradually lost confidence in the ancient revelations. Indeed, there were some spectacular revivals of interest in spiritual truth, but generally these episodes were not destined to last long.

And so we come to our present era. Scientific wonder upon wonder has brought greater prosperity, higher standards of living, and the illusion that through technology man could find that illusive key to inner fulfillment; the unspoken promise was that technology can do what a corrupted religion cannot do. Our second rule in full play, mankind moves on—if not upward and onward, as the old battle cry proclaims, at least onward. The marvels of "high-tech" medicine promised to meet all our health needs; high-tech industry would meet all our material needs. Our space program would meet our needs for a vision for tomorrow, thus giving us a purpose in life. What need have we of the ancient usages and established customs given by divine revelation to our fathers? So our churches and synagogues are no longer filled. Masonic Lodges are fortunate if enough members show up to open. We have candidates for the degrees who do not advance, essentially because when they find out what Masonry is all about, they lose interest.

Technology will solve all our problems and meet our innermost needs— but can it deliver all that is promised? We see failures in high-tech medicine. We see disruptions in economic patterns due to high-tech industry. The tragic deaths of our astronauts broke our hearts, as we saw the deficiencies in our high-tech space programs. Perhaps technology cannot meet all our needs after all.

It is increasingly apparent that the masses of humanity will no longer accept by blind faith any premise that technology can serve as our god. The pendulum is about to swing toward more interest in the primary values. We are about to see an increase in church and synagogue activity. Our Lodges are going to see more prosperous times. We are on the verge of a new age.

Lest we be carried away with this optimistic view, be warned, my Brethren, by the passing scene. There are dangers beneath the serene waters upon which we sail. Technology is not the enemy, but the servant of man. We simply allowed it to become a god because of our distorted priorities. Let us not abandon this productive servant because of our own errors, but rather make appropriate use of this great gift of God. In rejecting the illusion that technology can fill our innermost needs, let us not fly into the trap of the charlatan who holds out the promise of health and prosperity when he himself is not firmly established on the eternal rock. We have already seen the tragic results of the scandalous behavior of some such empire builders. We stand in great danger that many of our people who have rejected the false gods of materialism may become cynical of the true way because of being misled in unprofitable directions. We must stand as beacons to guide the returning masses away from falsehood and destruction.

Have heart, my Brethren, for there is yet light from the east—but draw your designs carefully.

Views expressed in this article do not necessarily reflect the views of the Grand Encampment nor its members.

Sir Knight R. L. Dothan lives at 716 East 6th, Okmulgee, OK 74447.
New Mexico S.O.O.B. Visit

Roswell Assembly No. 116, Social Order of the Beauceant, was honored by a visit from the Supreme President, Mrs. Mabel Randall of Wichita, Kansas, on January 13, 1988. Mrs. Randall was greeted and made an honorary member of Roswell Assembly by Mrs. James A. White (pictured at right), the president of Roswell Assembly. Mrs. White is also serving as Worthy High Priestess with her Sir Knight, Jim White, in the White Shrine of Jerusalem in Artesia, New Mexico.

Mrs. Randall's theme for her year is "Morning" and her emblem is the doll. Mrs. Ralph LeFever was initiated into the Order by Mrs. White and her corps of officers, according to Sir Knight White, who then reports a delicious dinner was served to the Beauceants and their Sir Knights.

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 10¾ by 2½ by 7 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 to the Editor

Dear Knight Templar:

We recently had two applicants for assistance from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; one was a five year-old boy with amblyopia, and the other a sixty-four year-old indigent lady who lives in a retirement home. After seeing the ophthalmologist, he advised glasses on a trial basis for both before he would recommend surgery.

One of our Past Commanders of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 4, Tacoma, Washington, reacted as a real ombudsman. He was prepared to seek donations to obtain the necessary eyeglasses. Oh yes, his name is Ronald N. Dingle. With typical verve, Sir Knight Ron went to the Columbia Opticians to negotiate the best possible deal on
behalf of the two recipients. The owner, Mr. Lloyd Sass, was apparently impressed with the charitable work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and did indeed yield to Sir Knight Dingle's appeal for consideration. The glasses were made and given to the above referred recipients at absolutely no cost to us or the patients.

Hats off to Mr. Lloyd Sass and to Sir Knight Ron Dingle for his devoted efforts.

Incidentally, as Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, I did write Mr. Sass a nice thank-you letter, and included information about Freemasonry. Thought I might share this item with you.

Sir Knight Sidney Kase
Eminent Commander, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 4
Tacoma, Washington

Letter to the Editor

Dear Knight Templar:

Mrs. Agnes McLeod, Supreme Worthy Advisor Emeritus, known to Rainbow Girls and thousands of others as their beloved "Mother Mac," is truly an incredible woman.

Her life spans almost a century, and parallels the history of Masonry in the United States in general, and Kansas in particular. She has seen the world go from kerosene lanterns to color television; from horse-drawn carriages to space travel; from Victorian prudishness to "free love" morality and back again. She has seen Rainbow and Masonry begin, grow, flourish, and start to fade away, recently to see the spark rekindle and begin anew.

Mother Mac was born in Wales, moved to Scotland where her father's work took the Davies family, and came to America when he was killed in a construction accident. Her mother—herself a remarkable woman—brought the family to the "new world" on the famous ship, the Lusitania, and the family settled in Kansas City, where young Agnes Davies met an equally young Neil McLeod, from Scotland, and they married. He joined the Masonic Fraternity, and she the Eastern Star, and soon both became active in almost every facet of fledgling Masonry in those exciting days of the 1920s. A move to Wichita found Neil, later known as "Daddy Mac," transferring to Wichita Lodge No. 99, while Mother Mac joined Ivy Leaf Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mother Mac entered Rainbow in reverse! Daddy Mac was very active with Commandery drill teams, and was asked by Rainbow Assembly No. 3 if he would help them organize a Rainbow Girls drill team. He accepted and it wasn't long before Mother Mac was by his side, eventually serving several terms as Mother Advisor of No. 3. At a special meeting of that Assembly, fifty years ago, the founder of the Rainbow Girls, the Reverend W. Mark Sexton, told the girls that Mother Mac was being relieved of her duties—which set off a near-riot of protest. When the storm quieted, he told the Assembly she was being relieved to be appointed Supreme Deputy—which set off another near riot, this one of cheers.

Mother Mac became Supreme Worthy Advisor in 1966 and served for twenty years, traveling the nation and the world for Rainbow. She has love and compassion, tem-
pered with strength and wisdom. Strength to insist on proper decorum and ritualistic performance; compassion for girls or advisors with their many problems; wisdom to supervise the operations of a worldwide organization of several thousand members; and love for all her girls, be they pledges or Supreme officers. Real, from-the-heart, "because I care" love, based on service—and what service she gave! Service in handling the problems of declining membership, finances, pressures to "lighten up, make it easier"; all handled with a dignity, firmness, and professionalism that would grace the chief executive officer of any major organization.

She had no formal training for this awesome task, just good common sense along with—as Mason say in part of their ritual—"a desire to be servicable to our fellow creatures," and an abiding faith in the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Mrs. McLeod always wanted to be a nurse, which led to the founding of the Agnes McLeod Nursing Scholarship Fund. Her work with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Masonic Home in conjunction with Rainbow Girls projects are well remembered. Those projects which she started are still bearing fruit today.

Mother Mac has many facets: stern when supervising her beloved ritual work; compassionate when counseling those with problems; happy, which is most of the time; and sad when learning of the misfortunes of others. Most of all, Mother Mac is a LADY, in bold type with capital letters: dignified, correct, mannerly—all the old-fashioned virtues so rare today. But she is not stuffy! She has a little chuckle in her heart, a twinkle of mischief in her eyes, and a bit of the devil in her soul at times. She was not, and is not, above poking a little fun at some stuffed shirt phony, and many a would-be wit has found himself tangling with a real master of the art. This woman has the knack, the tact, and the "right stuff"!

I stand completely in awe of this remarkable little lady—physically short, but morally very tall; proud, a little haughty, secure in the knowledge of having what it takes to do a tough job well; handling happiness and grief with equal aplomb and dignity. Even though no longer at the helm, with the swirl of Rainbow life finally passing her by, I can still see her standing by the drill floor, silver hair piled high, wearing that sparkly red gown—hovering at the edge to make sure "her girls" do the work just right or heaven help them!

I am paying tribute to her because I love her, and respect her for the way she has lived her life, touching all around her with Rainbow love and service.

Sir Knight John M. Heckman
Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 12
Wichita, Kansas

When the Hymalayan peasant meets the he-bear in his pride,
He shouts to scare the monster, who will often turn aside.
But the she-bear thus accosted rends the peasant tooth and nail
For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

Rudyard Kipling
Knights Templar Eye Foundation
New Club Memberships

Grand Commander’s Club:

Maryland No. 27—Thomas J. Mortimer
Maryland No. 28—Bennie G. Owens
Ohio No. 28—Donald E. Jewell
California No. 45—C. Lloyd Lott
Tennessee No. 31—Willie Clyde Roller
Arizona No. 17—A. D. Barry
California No. 46—Harold E. Carlson
Colorado No. 13—Ronald Ham
Iowa No. 12—Dean W. Andersen
Iowa No. 13—Clifford M. Baumback
Pennsylvania No. 24—William R. Squier
Kansas No. 12—Ray W. Richardson
Michigan No. 33—Douglas E. Kurfth
Ohio No. 29—Harold F. Juckett
Pennsylvania No. 25—James M. Higgins
Tennessee No. 32—James D. Jones, Jr.
Tennessee No. 33—Hugh T. Christie
Georgia No. 17—Walter A. Walker
New Hampshire No. 6—Ernest E. Lyman
New Hampshire No. 7—Donald B. Hart
Virginia No. 17—Earl E. Noel
Iowa No. 14—Harley Holm
Michigan No. 34—William J. Tobias
West Virginia No. 7—Beaura R. Pahl
Pennsylvania No. 26—James H. Richards II

No. 1,202—Jerry A. Srp (CO)
No. 1,203—Carl E. Graham (IA)
No. 1,204—Robert M. House (MA)
No. 1,205—Henry Lauenberg (NY)
No. 1,206—Henry Bowering (MI)

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.

Note: Commandery credit will be given for contributions to the Grand Master’s and Grand Commander’s Club.

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

Grand Master’s Club:

No. 1,178—William E. Barkman (MD)
No. 1,179—Vincent Fortunato (NY)
No. 1,180—William N. Davis (MA)
No. 1,181—Dale A. Tynan (NY)
No. 1,182—Howard Cecil Ensor (TN)
No. 1,183—William E. Hewitt (NY)
No. 1,184—William P. Moorhead (PA)
No. 1,185—Emmet B. McNaspy (TX)
No. 1,186—J. Richard Kearney (MD)
No. 1,187—William E. Barkman (DC)
No. 1,188—Ralph A. McCracken (PA)
No. 1,189—Michael D. Morrison (PA)
No. 1,190—Billy Ray Hill (AL)
No. 1,191—Robert Thomas Petty (AL)
No. 1,192—Junior Edward Tucker (AL)
No. 1,193—Karl A. Schuhle (FL)
No. 1,194—In Honor of Harry Bowering (MI)
No. 1,195—Wayne E. Callister (IL)
No. 1,196—Edward B. Jackson (MA)
No. 1,197—Jack O. Rivers (SC)
No. 1,198—Raymond L. Thompson (SC)
No. 1,199—Dean Goranson (IN)
No. 1,200—George H. Balentine, Jr. (GA)
No. 1,201—Edward Helton, R.E.G.C. (GA)

Some say that the age of chivalry is past, that the spirit of romance is dead. The age of chivalry is never past, so long as there is a wrong left undressed on earth.

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officer lines. Each new presiding officer could have a project of his own and, if successful, add it to the Five-Year Plan.

Back to how to improve attendance. Let's assume any and all prospects will follow in a similar routine. "Jim" can either be a prospect for the Lodge or one who is ready to accept additional Masonic information and education. The plan is the same. Explain to "Jim" about Masonry in each of the bodies you see him through. When you have taken his application, your job has just begun. Keep in close touch with "Jim" as he progresses. Take him with you to Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Be with him each time he receives his degrees and orders. Sit beside him as you revisit to observe a degree or order—as often as possible. Explain to "Jim" what he has witnessed; what it should mean to him and how it relates to the entire Masonic story. This is a splendid reason for all of us to remember and pass on information we have acquired over the years of participation in Masonry. If we cannot comfortably discuss any part of this body of Masonic knowledge with the new member, it may be a signal to us to get back to Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery or to visit a Masonic library to review our own Masonic education.

The Telephone Committee, working with the Transportation Committee, has proved its worth! Contact not only "Jim," but others in your Masonic body to remind them of events and the dates of those events, even if "it was in the bulletin," and offer transportation to and from the place of activity. While engaged in this worthwhile exercise, include the lady of your Masonic Brother when appropriate. Our ladies are interested too, and many times are instrumental in getting our members to attend.

This program boils down to a very important point. Encourage your new prospect or member to become interested and knowledgeable and to look forward to attending Masonic gatherings. Help him to attend regularly—with you—for one year (don't forget the ladies, when appropriate), and you will have a regular attendee, even on his own. This isn't difficult to accomplish; just reserve the time—around ten minutes—to make the arrangements. Help the presiding officer understand the plan and get committees working. Be sure the officers following understand and are willing to carry on in the succeeding years. Good luck, and may you have better attendance!

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Sir Knight Thomas W. Storer can be reached at 557 Cornell Street, San Lorenzo, CA 94580.

Alaska Lodge Pins

Eagle River Lodge No. 13, F. & A.M., has lapel pins for sale at a cost of $5.00 each, postpaid, with all proceeds going to the Lodge building fund.

They are currently the youngest chartered Lodge within the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and are meeting in leased quarters.

For further information, contact Past Master and Secretary Larry M. Sizemore, Eagle River Lodge No. 13, at P.O. Box 772794, Eagle River, Alaska 99577.
CHAPTER XVI

FEATURES OF THE
TRIENNIAL CONCLAVES
(continued)

However, the officers of the Grand Encampment were evidently disturbed by the display and pomp of these processions and social activities, and the following resolution was adopted to curtail the jubilant activities of the Sir Knights:

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment will hereafter accept no invitation to unite in a parade during its sessions, and it hereby prohibits any of its members from participating in a Templar parade during such sessions, except to escort the Grand Encampment to the Asylum at the opening of the Triennial Conclave.

This edict is still in force, but the parade to escort the Grand Encampment is the excuse for all the splendid display and entertainment which continues to be such a feature of all the Triennial Conclaves.

In 1877 the 20th Triennial Conclave was held in Cleveland, Ohio. Thirty-one Grand Commanderies and fourteen subordinate Commanderies were represented. The Grand Encampment was welcomed by Past Grand Commander Enoch Terry Carson of Cincinnati, who stated:

For whatever there is great in the present organization of Templar Masonry in the United States today, we are indebted to an Ohio Templar, to our late Grand Master Hubbard. It is to him that the Templars who move in this grand pageant and participate in these grand ceremonies, are indebted for the present high position that Templarism enjoys in these United States.

The parade was participated in by 172 Commanderies from twenty-seven Grand Commanderies. The procession was under the able leadership of Sir Knight LaFayette Lyttle, who was elected Grand Captain General at this Conclave.

Detroit Commandery No. 1 of Detroit, Michigan, was again awarded the first prize in the competitive drill. The prize, a handsome Templar banner, was received by Sir Knight J. E. Saxton, the Eminent Commander, with appropriate remarks.

The central location of Chicago brought a record attendance to the 21st Triennial Conclave in 1880. The hotels were filled to overflowing, and it was necessary to erect a great camp of tents stretching along Lake Front Park for nearly a mile to accommodate the visiting Sir Knights. This was designated “Camp de Molai.”

Previous to 1880 a parade of 5,000 Sir Knights was considered extraordinarily large, but the parade this year was one of the largest ever held, with well over 20,000 Sir Knights in line. It was made up from 291 Commanderies representing 31 grand jurisdictions and was under the command of Sir Knight Norman T. Gassette of Chicago. The Grand Master and his staff were escorted to the reviewing stand by the Grand Commandery of Illinois and Oriental Commandery No. 12 of Cleveland. Following the review,
the Grand Master and the officers of the Grand Encampment proceeded to the asylum in Lake Front Park which had been erected especially for their use.

The visiting Knights were warmly welcomed by the governor of Illinois, Shelby M. Cullom, the mayor of Chicago, Carter H. Harrison, Sr., and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Theodore T. Gurney.

The Grand Master was greatly concerned with the enthusiastic celebration, but the social features had found favor with the visiting Knights, and had become a great factor in the advancement of the Order in the United States. California was lavish in her entertainment and extended a cordial invitation for the Grand Encampment to hold the next Triennial Conclave in San Francisco. At the competitive drill, Raper Commandery No. 1 of Indianapolis was awarded first prize.

San Francisco made elaborate preparations for the Conclave in 1883. Nearly $60,000 was raised to provide entertainment for the visiting Sir Knights. Most of the business houses and residences along Van Ness Avenue were decorated in preparation for the parade in which over seven thousand Knights participated. The parade, consisting of ten divisions, was under the command of Sir Knight Reuben H. Lloyd, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of California. This Grand Commandery and many of its subordinate Commanderies were lavish in their hospitality.

One of the newspapers reported:

San Francisco has at last seen what may without exaggeration be termed a pageant. We have had processions and processions but none equal in point of show, picturesqueness and extent of pomp to that of the Knights Templar.

Grand Master Benjamin Dean, to show the appreciation of the Grand Encampment issued the following General Order:

It would not be fit for the Grand Master to retire from office without in his official capacity in behalf of the Grand Encampment, expressing the obligation of the Knights Templar of the United States to the Grand Commandery and to the Governor of California, to the Mayor of San Francisco, and the citizens at large, for a heartiness and a universality of welcome, and a generosity of hospitality almost without a parallel. The Knights Hospitaller of old, with whom hospitality was a specialty, supported by the wealth of Europe, could not have out-rivaled it. The committees of ladies, in the many beautiful and delicate and interesting attentions that none but themselves know, have captured the Templar hearts and run away with the affections of their wives and daughters. If too late to reap the colossal fortunes which have been described to us, it has not proved too late for them to bear in the fruits of the accumulated wealth of these happy shores.
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.

 Wanted in good condition: Templar sword and scabbard, sword case, chapeau (7 3/8), and carrying case. Write to R. C. Matherly, P.O. Box 4184, Vancouver, WA 98682.

 Seeking info on Admiral Richard Byrd—names of 60 Masons who formed a Masonic Lodge while on the second Byrd expedition to the Antarctic. Byrd was a member of Federal Lodge No. 1 of Washington, D.C., and Kane Lodge No. 454, New York City. A Lodge formed in Little America was Lodge No. 777 of New Zealand. Write for more details. Richard E. Metz, 2709 Green St., Racine, WI 53402.

 Programs wanted: A group of concerned York Rite Masons in Ga. is anxious to investigate the production of unusual and interesting programs, in order to improve attendance. The kinds of events envisaged are open-air conferrals, degree work in an appropriate setting (such as the Order of the Temple in an old chapel), or modified degrees to which families could be admitted. Pancake breakfasts, fish-fries, barbecues, and so forth are not needed, unless markedly different from the routine. All suggestions, preferably with copies of old printed programs or similar operating data, will be very welcome and will be acknowledged. Please send to R. S. Sagar, 4556 Roberts Dr., Acworth, GA 30101.

 For sale: needlepoint and counted cross-stitch kits for the various Masonic degrees and related bodies, including Blue Lodge, Shriner, 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 dictates. Price of $15.00 each includes canvas or Aida cloth, needle, yarn or floss, complete instructions, shipping and handling. C. A. Adams, Box 34, Rt. 103, Mt. Holly, VT 05758.

 Wanted: Masonic books for my personal collection, especially prior to 1900. Robert L. Harmon, Rt. 1, Box 219, Winslow, AR 72959.

 Wanted: any kind of Masonic plates. Contact Danny R. Snyder, Rt. 2, Box 243, South Point, OH 45680.

 I would like to hear from any electrical engineer who may be interested in a project relating to the Tabernacle. Marvin E. Richardson, P.O. Box 6902, Jackson, MS 39212.

 Custom-made sword cases with name etched are available by writing to Phillip Hawk, 20411 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48152; (313) 476-4295.


 I am looking for Legion of Honor ring with white enamel. George T. Rosendahl, 203 Glen Arbor Dr., Bryn Mawr, PA 19049; (419) 636-3895, or office: (419) 636-4232, ext. 246.

 Rossville Lodge No. 397, Ga., needs pictures of their Past Masters Arthur T. Hayes (b. 7/6/1879, New Brunswick) and Benjamin F. Quigley (b. 7/6/1879). They were Masters of our Lodge in 1912 and 1914, respectively, and were soldiers stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe. E. M. Lansford, 4320 16th Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37407.

 For sale: gent’s 14K gold heavy Masonic ring set with one .45K round, full-cut diamond of good cut and color. Approximate value is $2,200.00; will sell for $1,500.00. Robert D. Keir, 8 W. Van Buren St., Joliet, IL 60431; (815) 467-5034.


 For sale: 16 grave plot, section F. Sell all or will divide. Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, 11101 St.
Charles Rock Rd. at Lindburgh, St. Ann, Mo. Make offer; contact Ervin A. Drewing, 4209 Humphrey St., St. Louis, MO 63116; (314) 865-3894.

- WWII 346 Engineers reunion will be July 28-30, 1988, Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, Oh. Contact Robert W. Beckett, 125 Sprague Dr., Hebron, OH 43025; (614) 928-0591.

- Coppersmith wanted: to duplicate my only known set of copper candle hand lanterns; duplicates of the Mayflower’s original two lanterns. Must be high grade coppersmith’s workmanship. Any location, company, or individual recommended by qualified maker. Perfect color photos and specifications available. Write for more details. Contact Bob Huxtable, 2220 Raymond Dr., Lansing, MI 48906.

- The new 33rd Infantry Div. Assoc. wants to hear from all former members of 123rd Infantry Reg. Write Bill Kendall, 1179 Lounai St., Kailua, HI 96734.


- WANTED: GAR National Encampment badges—delegate or souvenir. Mostly 1930s and 40s. Also other memorabilia from Civil War vets. Am retiring in 1989 and these will help in my thesis for a doctorate in U.S. history. Donald P. Kay, 2000 Scott Ln., Los Altos, CA 94022; (415) 969-2927.


- 142nd, 936th, and 937th Field Artillery’s reunion, June 17-19, 1988, in Ft. Smith, Ark. For more info, contact 142nd Field Artillery Assoc., P.O. Box 742, Little Rock, AR 72203.

- Looking for members of Co. A, 27th Inf., who served in Hawaii 1940-42 and through the Pacific campaigns of WWII. Contact Cecil Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 15, Eure, NC 27935.

- USS Chara AKA-58 searching for all officers and enlisted men who served during Korean War (1950-54) for reunion in 1988. Contact Jim Harper, P.O. Box 864330, Plano, TX 75086; (214) 964-0984 or (214) 964-0684.

- I am a collector of antique radio memorabilia such as old radio schematics, radio electronic journals, and amateur radio artifacts. Will pay for postage. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Ralph R. Serno, 16 Third Ave., Neptune City, NJ 07753; (201) 775-1382.

- Trying to locate members of 4th Army Air Force, 410 AAFB Unit Sq. B., San Pedro, Calif., from 1943-46. Write to Leo W. Hunter, 2511 Parkwood Dr., Ocean Springs, MS 39564.


- USS Aquarius AKA-16: 1988 reunion will be held in Norfolk, Va., September 15-19. Contact Larry Pelletier, 2530 Evergreen Ave., Titusville, FL 32796.


- Attention: shipmates who served on the USS Williams DE-372. Reunion being planned for September 29, 1988, in Indianapolis, Ind. For further info, contact Paul A. Boyer, Rt. 2, Box 4950, Grantville, PA 17028.


- Third annual reunion of sailors from the Anti-Aircraft Training and Test Center, Dam Neck, Va. (1942), will be held sometime in September at Virginia Beach, Va. Those interested may contact Frank E. Cashman, Sr., 1022 Courtney Rd., Baltimore, MD 21227; (301) 242-8366.


- 63rd Naval Construction Battalion—41st reunion, September 1-5, 1988, in Jackson, Miss. For info contact W. R. Nunnery, 963 Valencia St., Jackson, MS 39204; (601) 372-5802.

- Seeking info on forebearers and place of birth of Jackson Register, who appears in the Dale Co., Ala., census of 1850 at age 25 and in the Holmes Co., Fla., census of 1860. He was married to Sarah Ann Hicks. Thanks! William K. Darley, 314 Passum Point Dr., S.E., Eatonton, GA 31024.
The Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky, center of activity for the 57th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.