

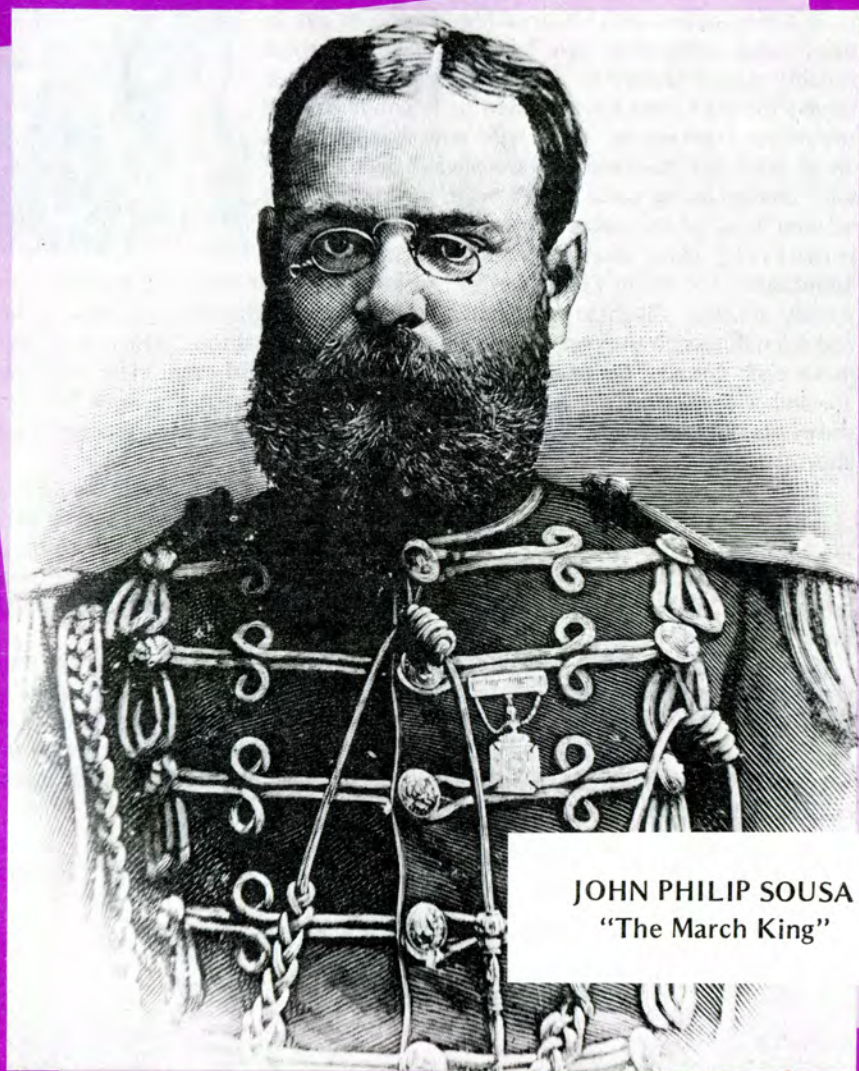


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JOHN PHILIP SOUSA
"The March King"

To the Ladies...

Last May, in honor of Mother's Day, I asked my dear wife Kay, as a mother, to bring us her thoughts. This year she asked me if she could write again in May and I could hardly refuse. This time she speaks as a Templar wife who has enjoyed and cherished your friendship over the nine years of my elected Grand Encampment service. What she says is from her heart.

D.H.S.

It's May again, and I have a last chance to say in print some things that have been on my mind—most notably sincere thanks to all those who have made our travels for the Grand Encampment such wonderful and rewarding experiences. As a wife who happily trails along with her husband, I have always been treated with tender, loving care. I can't begin to tell all of the women in all of the states how much I, a Templar wife journeying into often-unfamiliar territories, have appreciated the many kindnesses shown me during our visits. I have been constantly amazed, delighted, and humbled by the thoughtfulness, consideration, and friendliness on the part of the fine women who do all the "little extras" that make each Grand Conclave such a wonderful and special event. The memories are and will continue to be very special to both of us, but the work and care shown us is something that perhaps only another woman can truly recognize and appreciate.

I do appreciate you, and I thank you all. You have the lovely quality of making a visitor feel welcome, at home, a part of the group. Unless you've been in my situation you may not realize just how important you are. So to all of you, but especially to the loyal and lovely ladies who work so hard with their husbands in the promotion of charity and hospitality, many thanks and much love.

When Dorothy and her friends started down the yellow brick road on their way to the Emerald City, they were seeking the Wizard of Oz and all sorts of good things. They found them. When Don and I started our travels almost nine years ago, we didn't travel on yellow bricks; we rode on a red carpet all the way—from Kentucky to each place we went. It was a red carpet that you spread out for us. I can see you smiling. Red Carpet? Red Carpet!



Love,

Kay

Knight Templar

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

MAY: Sir Knight John Philip Sousa's life was a credit to America and to the Craft. Sir Knight Rigas' two-part article, which begins on page five, recalls the inspiration for Sousa's greatest achievement, the famous march called The Stars and Stripes Forever, and relates the creative expanse of his career. The celebration of the ascension of our Lord and Savior is discussed on page nine, and the Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina discusses a matter of importance to all Masons on page 11. A report on the 1988 Easter Sunrise Service appears on page 13, and a summation of two recent Masonic conferences can be found on page 19. Finally, a discussion of the challenge of risks and the promises of rewards rounds off our offerings for May.

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Editor's Journal



• **To Bind Up the Wounds . . .**: *This letter was received from Isabel T. Arambula of Warner Robbins, Georgia, after an appeal to St. Omer Commandery No. 2 of Macon had resulted in help from our Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The eloquence of the letter speaks for itself.*

I was born in Douglas, Arizona, in 1913. Most of my life, I've lived in the Southwest, enjoying the beauty of the desert and mountains. I have enjoyed watching the desert animals, the flowers, and those beautiful, colorful birds roaming from cactus to cactus. I've also seen the people move into the desert and develop the land into beautiful and artistic towns and cities. During these short years, I have seen a lot. My life has been a happy one watching my children grow and sharing happy moments together. The Lord has given me excellent health except for the usual aches and pains.

Three years ago, my sight began to get cloudy. Things like sewing, knitting, reading, and writing letters were becoming a chore, especially when small, detailed eyesight was required. I didn't complain much because I believed it was due to "old age"; however, more and more things were becoming blurry. Two times I fell because I misjudged my footing. Thank God nothing serious occurred. As time went by, more and more thicker clouds covered my eyesight. I cried many times and hoped it was my glasses that needed new lenses. It was not. My mind told me that it was a matter of time before I would go blind. I started to think of all those wonderful things I enjoyed seeing, like the sunrise, sunsets, my

friends, my children, the desert. I felt very sad and lonely. I have always been fearful of doctors due to the horror stories other people tell you; however, my daughter convinced me to see one. The doctor told me that I had cataracts. After learning all about cataracts and assured the removal was just a minor surgical procedure, I gained the confidence to do something about my condition.

I cheerfully approved surgery. But since I didn't have the right Medicare insurance, my Medicare program would not pay for the operation. My husband and I are retired and since we barely make ends meet, we would be unable to pay for the surgery. My children were also unable to provide funds because they have their own financial problems. Seems that the Good Lord was keeping an eye on me because a nurse at the clinic told my daughter of your organization and the assistance you provided. We contacted your representative, although I didn't expect any financial help. We were wrong. Not only did you fund the operation, you also provided advice and assistance that made the operation an unqualified success. After nine months, the cataracts on both my eyes were removed. The recovery period was long but I can see clearly now. I feel I can see as well as when I was younger. . . .

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will always be grateful. Please convey my sincere appreciation to all the members of your organization. You all will be in my daily prayers always. The service your organization provides is priceless. You are like an angel watching us poor folks. Again, thank you very, very much.

An American original, Sir Knight John Philip Sousa
was one of the greatest composers in
our nation's history.

The March King

by

Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas
St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago, Illinois

Sir Knight John Philip Sousa's priceless expression of patriotism, *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, is now officially America's national march. President Ronald Reagan signed legislation on December 11, 1987, which gave that designation to Sir Knight Sousa's stirring march.

By far Sousa's most famous composition, *The Stars and Stripes Forever* is known the world over. Not only do Americans instantly recognize this stirring, heart-lifting melody as America's march, but so do people all over the world. Whenever a band strikes up *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, people everywhere think of the United States. It is music to fire the blood in battle and to stir hearts and memories in time of peace. There can be no more appropriate music as our beloved nation's official march than Sir Knight Sousa's *The Stars and Stripes Forever*.

As long ago as 1915, while Sir Knight Sousa was on a concert tour with his band in San Francisco, the Music Teachers' Association of California adopted a resolution petitioning the U.S. Congress to make *The Stars and Stripes Forever* the official anthem of the United States. The idea, however, did not appeal to Sir Knight Sousa, who explained, "Though Congress is a powerful body, it cannot make the people sing what they don't want to sing." He went on to emphasize,

"If *The Stars and Stripes Forever* becomes a national air, it will be because the people want it and not because of any congressional decree."

In 1987 the American people apparently wanted it as our national march, as more than 250,000 people across the



John Philip Sousa at age 17

country signed petitions urging its adoption. The U.S. House of Representatives took only six minutes to approve by voice vote and send to President → → →

Reagan legislation to give the national march designation to Sir Knight Sousa's famous composition. The U.S. Senate also passed similar legislation in November of that same year.

The Stars and Stripes Forever was first played before Sir Knight and President William McKinley and a large crowd on

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May 14, 1897, at the unveiling of the statue of America's hero, Brother George Washington, in Philadelphia. Its marvelous exuberance instantly evoked the majesty and vigor of the United States of that era and was in part a reflection of the national euphoria following the election of Sir Knight McKinley as President. Call it conditioned response if you like, but few stimuli so immediately aroused in the tried-and-true, red-blooded American that lump-in-the-throat, throb-in-the-chest, misty-eyed feeling of pride in country as the sound of a superb concert band playing *The Stars and Stripes Forever*. Fate obviously meant the tune to also become the theme song of the upcoming, rambunctious administration of Brother and President Teddy Roosevelt.

The Stars and Stripes Forever is Americana at its best. It is probably the most nostalgic musical souvenir in existence of America's political "Age of Innocence," yet its appeal is both ageless and cross-cultural—a real tribute to the genius of its author. Often called the greatest march of all time, this composition symbolizes America's patriotism and is truly representative of the genuine love of country which was continually in the heart of Sir Knight John Philip Sousa. Several music scholars have said, and rightfully so, that if Sousa had composed no other music except *The Stars and*

Stripes Forever, he would have achieved immortality.

He once stated in a magazine article that if he had but twenty-four hours to live and could hear but one piece of music, he would choose this march. Sir Knight Sousa often repeated that his true inspiration always came from a "higher power," and went on to say that he would "meet his Maker face to face with the inspiration that grows out of its melodies and the patriotism that gives it meaning."

In his 1928 book, *Marching Along*, Sir Knight Sousa explains his source of inspiration and the fascinating origin of his now-famous composition, referring to it as "one of the most vivid incidents of my career." It appears that in 1896, Sir Knight Sousa and his wife were on holiday in Europe, but their plans were cut short abruptly by an emergency back home. Sousa had chanced upon a news item in the *Paris Herald* saying that David Blakely, the well known musical impresario who had founded Sousa's Band in 1892, had dropped dead in his New York office the day before. Since the newspaper was already four days old, Sousa cabled New York at once for verification. It was, indeed, his manager who had died so suddenly, leaving Sir Knight Sousa with full responsibility for the next tour of his band. He and his wife immediately sailed on the steamer *Teutonic* for America.

It appears—at least that was the story that was told—that Sousa's, and America's, most famous march was conceived aboard ship, during the voyage back home from Italy. Sir Knight Sousa explained:

As the vessel steamed out of the harbor, I was pacing the deck, absorbed in thoughts of my manager's death and the many duties and decisions which awaited me in New York. Suddenly, I began to

sense the rhythmic beat of a band playing within my brain. It kept on ceaselessly, playing, playing, playing. Throughout the whole tense voyage, that imaginary band continued to unfold the same themes, echoing and reechoing the most distinct melody. I did not transfer a note of that music to paper while I was on the steamer, but when we reached shore, I set down the measures that my brain-band had been playing for me, and not a note of it has ever been changed. The composition is known the world over as *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, and is probably my most popular march.

Though the melody occurred spontaneously in Sousa's head as the vessel steamed out of the harbor, it was not written down until after the end of the voyage in December 1896. The naming of the march was not actually accomplished until the spring of 1897, shortly before the march was published. The famous work is said to have earned Sousa more than \$300,000 during his lifetime—a small token compared to the worldwide fame and admiration earned by the proud Freemason.

His great march has now joined the national anthem—*The Star Spangled Banner*—as an official part of America's musical heritage. May Sir Knight John Philip Sousa and *The Stars and Stripes Forever* live in the hearts and minds of future generations of Americans with the same feelings of pride in America as past generations have felt and enjoyed.

Sir Knight John Philip Sousa was born in Washington, D.C., on November 6, 1854. His father, John Antonio Sousa, was born in Spain of Portuguese parentage, while his mother, Marie Elisabeth Trinkaus, was born in Bavaria.

Young Sousa received his early education in Washington's public schools, while

simultaneously studying the violin in the music conservatory of Professor John Esputa. While a pupil of Esputa, young Sousa began to attract attention as a violinist and did some solo work in amateur concerts; he also earned a little money for a brief period with a small quadrille band that he organized which became popular as a dance orchestra in Washington.

One day while he was playing a concerto at home, a passing stranger who



Sir Knight Sousa at 21, when he was leading theater pit orchestras.

liked the sound of his music rapped on his door and invited young Sousa to join his circus as a musician. Sousa was reluctant at first, but visions of beautiful ladies in spangled tights and pink lemonade in buckets flashed through his young mind. The more he thought of it, the more wonderful it seemed to him to follow the life of the circus, make money, and become the leader of a circus band. Young Sousa secretly agreed to → → →

report the following night, when the circus was to leave town to play other cities.

The next morning, however, his father found out about his circus ambitions and marched him in the direction of the U.S. Marine barracks, through the gate, and across the parade ground to the commandant's office. The records of the Marine Corps indicate that "John Philip Sousa enlisted on the 9th day of June 1868." At the time, young Sousa was not quite fourteen years of age. Sir Knight Sousa later said:

This father of mine, bless his soul, had played trombone in the Marine Band since 1850 and was very much liked by everybody in the corps from the commandant down. He had been to see General Zeilin, the commandant, and they had discussed the matter as two fathers would, and concluded to enlist me in the corps as an apprentice boy to study music until I got over my infatuation for the circus, for my father knew that I was so much a law-abiding boy that I wouldn't desert.

He continued his private musical training while a Marine, his most important teacher being George Felix Benkert, who taught him much, especially harmony. In addition to his military duties, young Sousa also played first violin in the Orchestral Union, of which George Benkert was the conductor. During this same period, a great admirer of his abilities as a musician was a music lover, William Hunter, the assistant secretary of state, whom Sousa credits with exposing him to general knowledge about some of the leading composers by reading biographies of composers to him out of a European encyclopedia.

Gradually young Sousa tired of his position in the Marine Band and with

the help of William Hunter secured a discharge after seven years of service. Service in the Marine band did, however, enrich the young musician in playing with and directing theater orchestras and in appearing more and more in public. For the next few years he taught pupils in music and worked as violinist and conductor of various theater orchestras, mostly in Washington and Philadelphia.

In Philadelphia he first heard the famous band of Brother Patrick Sarsfield

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Gilmore, considered the best in America at the time. He also earned the opportunity of playing first violin for Jacques Offenbach's orchestra as part of the Frenchman's American tour during the nation's centennial celebration, from 1876 to 1877. Offenbach even conducted several performances of a Sousa piece called *The International Congress* during his concert tour.

At the end of Offenbach's season, young Sousa joined the orchestra of Simon Hassler—considered the best equipped and largest of the theatrical orchestras of the day—at Washington's Chestnut Street Theatre. During this period, young Sousa's life was full and busy. He also played part of the time with the Permanent Exhibition Orchestra, taught music, corrected musical proofs for the W. F. Shaw Company at twelve cents a page, occasionally sold a musical composition, played violin at Mrs. John Drew's Theatre on Arch Street, and was engaged to write a series of fantasies from such operas as *Carmen*, *The Sea Cadet*, and others.

In 1879 he was appointed to conduct a production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* by a vol-

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Though often relegated to a lesser position in comparison to Christmas and Easter, the Ascension should be honored as one of the blessed miracles in the life of Christ.

"I Am With You Always"

by Sir Knight Howard R. Towne

Among the great Christian anniversaries, Christ's ascension enjoys the least observance. In the early days it held equal honor with Christmas and Easter. Among Masons, only Templary gives it proper recognition. It is high time that Christians everywhere took a second look at this amazing episode in the life of Christ.

St. Luke tells us that "he led them out as far as Bethany and lifting up his hands he blessed them." (Luke 24:50 RSV) Christ was a wonderful leader. He was always leading His disciples from one place to another. He led them from the Upper Room to the Garden of Gethsemane and on to Calvary. He was about to lead the way into heaven. So He promised, "I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2) After His resurrection He went before them into Galilee. "Then he led them out as far as Bethany"—Bethany, blessed by the resurrection of Lazurus, and situated on the Mount of Olives where Jesus ascended.

Empress Helena, the mother of Constantine, first erected an open sanctuary on the spot. Later, the crusaders built an octagonal tower in the ruins. Today there is a lovely cloister garden, tended by men of Galilee, marking the place. Here, in a quiet, secluded spot, He ascended on high, far away from the noise and bustle of Jerusalem, surrounded only by those

disciples who were privileged to be witnesses of His resurrection. None were needed, since the risen Savior appeared many times to His disciples. It was necessary, however, that there be witnesses present at His ascension who could testify to the reality of an event so important in the life of the great Captain of our Salvation, and of such significance to the Christian's faith and life.

Before ascending, however, He gave them His final blessing. We read: "And lifting up his hands he blessed them." Yes, pierced hands were raised over them to remind them what our redemption had cost Him. What blessings had come because He was willing to lay down His life! Also, we are sure that when the risen Christ lifts His hands we are also blessed. Did He utter a single word with His blessing? We do not know. However, the word "bless" means to speak good things. And what our Lord blesses, it is as though it were done.

This is not a scene soon to be forgotten. The last view they had of Christ on earth was a blessing redeemer. "While he blessed them," it says, "he parted from them." (Luke 24:51) Such a blessing is too meaningful to be reserved for just His disciples. Our Lord provided a way that His blessings would pour down like "showers of blessing" on all → → →

believers. Then, a cloud enveloped Him, it says. They saw Him no more. His physical body was removed from their physical eyes. While He was with them before His ascension, He limited His presence. Now the mission of salvation and eternal life was bent on world-wide dimensions,

Now Christ's mission of salvation was bent on world-wide dimensions in which the Lord had to be present with His disciples in all lands.

which would require the reigning Lord to be present with His disciples in all lands.

He had said, "If I do not go away the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." (John 16:7) A cloud received Him out of their sight. But we may be sure the cloud didn't shut them out of His sight. It may hide Him, but He is there! His name is Emmanuel—God with us, to the end of the age. His promise was, "Lo, I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20)

How do we know that they understood? Because "They returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple blessing God." (Luke 24:52) They ought to have been desolate and brokenhearted, but instead they were changed; they were no longer fearful, but returned with great joy! Why? They now understood the salvation and eternal life they had in Christ Jesus. The present may have seemed dim and bewildering, but the future was full of assurance. Christ had gone to prepare the place. That gave the unknown future form and place. How it takes the fear out of the future to know the Lord is preparing a home for His followers!

But, Sir Knights, Christ's ascension means something further for you and me. It means we have a job to do. An old story surmises that Jesus, on reaching heaven, was greeted by the messenger Gabriel, who asked, "Lord, is it fin-

ished?" And Jesus answered, "It is finished!" Gabriel then said, "Lord, shall I send down legions of angels to proclaim to the people of earth that redemption and reconciliation have been made and heaven is open to them for faith?" Jesus, looking down, said, "No, Gabriel, I have asked my disciples down there to get the word out." Gabriel was a bit skeptical, however, and said, "But Lord, suppose they forget and lose their enthusiasm, what then?" Back came the confident voice of the Master, "Gabriel, I have no other plans. I am counting on them."

Sir Knights, here in the twentieth century, therefore, it is up to us to get the word out. We should not take for granted that because a person is a nice person he is a Christian. It is not a good life that saves us, but our faith in Jesus Christ—faith in His death and resurrection and ascension. Our Great Captain is counting on us to get the word out. It's up to you and me! As Sir Knights, we are not a group of rememberers but a living, joyful battalion of believers, filled with His power and spirit—expected to be busy at our task of telling the world. Christ blesses us that we may be a blessing.

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More people are flattered into virtue than bullied out of vice.

Robert Smith Surtees

The question has been raised, does an organization composed exclusively of Masons have a right to make laws for the government of that organization without outside, or Grand Lodge, interference? Further, why should a "national organization" have to consult fifty or more state organizations in matters judicial or appellate?

This seemingly complex problem becomes simple to understand when one recognizes and understands the structure of Freemasonry. All regular Freemasons are members of a regular Subordinate Lodge chartered by a Grand Lodge. Regular Grand Lodges recognize each other, and in this process they recognize their exclusive territorial jurisdiction and their sovereignty over Freemasons and Freemasonry within that territorial jurisdiction. Grand Lodges control the Craft degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. Through their regulation of Craft grades and Freemasons through their territorial limits, the Grand Lodges also regulate all organizations composed exclusively of Masons, or which are built upon the Craft degrees, directly or indirectly. Any organization composed exclusively of Masons wishing to operate within the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge usually applies to it for permission to set up an organizational structure within that Grand Lodge's jurisdiction, and conditions for approval of the request are usually contingent upon pledging fealty to the Grand Lodge, which usually reserves the right to interdict those organizations that may fall outside the pale of Freemasonry at the point of entry or at some later time.

The magic of Freemasonry is that "it makes crooked things straight." This is far different from claiming to take a straight path while walking a crooked one. The first difficulty with Proposition 5, adopted by the representatives of the Imperial Council of the Shrine, is that

A concerned Grand Master asks the question:

Does the Tail Wag the Dog?

by Sir Knight Eddie P. Stiles

a Mason who loses his membership in the prerequisite bodies of Lodge, York Rite, or Scottish Rite for any reason other than non-payment of dues may appeal to the Imperial Shrine Grievances and Appeals Committee; if Shrine law has not been violated, he may continue to be a

The adoption of the term "Shrine Mason" has shown that Shrine leaders have recognized this relationship as a positive one upon which to build.

member of the Shrine without being a Mason. The second difficulty that concerns Grand Lodges is that in adopting Proposition 5, the Shrine has assumed powers not delegated to it by the several Grand Lodges. Most Grand Lodges have similarly worded constitutions which are derived from *Anderson's Original and Revised Constitutions*. From the North Carolina constitution we find the following:

Section 2-01. The Grand Lodge is the supreme Masonic power and authority in the state of North Carolina. . . . It has all the attributes of sovereignty and government in matters Masonic, legislative, executive, and judicial—limited only by provision of its own Constitution and Regulations. . . .

Section 2-04. By virtue of its sovereign and undelegated authority, this Grand Lodge is the creator of its Subordinated Lodges and is the repository of final and unimpeachable Masonic authority within all of its jurisdictions, and is, therefore, the absolute, exclusive, and indisputable owner and controller of the whole system of creed and symbolism of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. From this exclusive proprietorship all author-

ity possessed by Subordinate Lodges or individuals in this state to assemble or to act in the capacity of Masons and in the name of Masonry is derived. Whatever superstructure is erected upon Symbolic Masonry in North Carolina stands upon the foundation, the groundwork, laid by the Grand Lodge.

Section 2-05. Any organization, association, or person within this state professing to have any authority, powers, or privileges in Ancient Craft or Symbolic Masonry not derived from the Grand Lodge is declared to be clandestine, and all intercourse with or recognition of them or any of them, is prohibited.

There are many people who mistakenly believe that men become Masons in order to become Shriners. In North Carolina we have approximately 70,000 Masons, while we have in this state approximately 30,000 Shriners. The Shrine is successful in petitioning less than half of our Masonic membership—and this is a strong Shrine state.

Some Shrine leaders feel that the Shrine can enlarge its membership better by separating itself from the Masonic Fraternity. A proposal to eliminate prerequisite Masonic membership—Proposition 4—was defeated in Las Vegas, but it will probably come up again and again. The number of representatives voting for that proposal last year was frightening. While some Grand Lodges have not recognized the Shrine as Masonic, all recognize the fact that the Shrine is and historically has been an organization composed exclusively of Masons. The adoption of the term "Shrine Mason" has shown that Shrine leaders have recognized this relationship as a positive one upon which to build.

The elimination of Masonic membership as a prerequisite could result in many

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1988 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, ON APRIL 3

The skies were deeply overcast, the air was chilly and damp, but the inspired spirit of modern Templary was present as approximately five hundred Sir Knights attended the 58th Easter Sunrise Memorial Service on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the pre-dawn darkness, each of the many states gathered into formations to the crisp orders of their Commanders. As the skies began to lighten, rank upon rank of Sir Knights proudly marched up Shooter's Hill to the inspiring strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers," as rendered by the combined bands of Kena and Almas Shrine Temples.



Each Grand Commandery delegation was preceded by the flag of our country and their state beauceant. Pictured on this page are Sir Knights gathering into formations for the march up Shooter's Hill (above); the Ohio delegation nearing the top (left); and the Canadian contingent in their colorful caps and mantles approaching the reviewing stand (below). As they marched past the reviewing stand, the officers of the Grand Encampment saluted both national standards.

After all were seated in the stands, the opening sentences of the service were pronounced: "Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!" The assemblage responded: "On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Again, the speaker: "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." The response: "If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that



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above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

Sir Knight George M. Fulmer, general chairman of the Easter Sunrise Committee, read the first lesson, followed by the singing of "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." A short greeting by Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was followed by the reading of the second lesson by Sir Knight Gordon J. Brenner, chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities.



These readings were followed by the anthem "Low in the Grave," a recitation of the Apostles' Creed, and the beautiful hymn, "Come ye Faithful."

Depicted on this page are uniformed Sir Knights and their families seated at the base of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (above). At the podium of the reviewing stand (left), the Reverend Sir Knight Walter M. McCracken, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, delivered his sermon entitled "Who Will Roll



Away the Stone?" (printed in the April 1988 issue of *Knight Templar*).

Behind Grand Prelate McCracken was the Grand Master's banner, and behind it a magnificent cross of white lilies fashioned by Clarence Shaffer in memory of his father, Sir Knight George J. Shaffer.

Seated Grand Encampment officers and their distinguished guest are, left to right, Sir Knights Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder; Most Eminent Past Grand Masters Ned E. Dull and G. Wilbur Bell; Blair C. Mayford, Right Eminent Grand Captain General; William H. Thornley, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Marvin E. Fowler, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; Most Eminent Knight Donald A. King, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada; and our Most Eminent Grand Master, Donald Hinslea Smith.

"The Lord's Prayer" was rendered with moving eloquence by Sir Knight Richard Webb, Jr., Past Grand Commander of Michigan. After the prayer and benediction, the service was concluded with the singing of *The Star Spangled Banner*.

The weekend of activities officially began with the Grand Master's reception at the Hotel Washington on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and concluded with the traditional breakfast at the Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel, where introductions were made. A total of 426 reserved places at the breakfast, and 25 states were represented. There were 17 Grand Commanders, 170 ladies, and approximately 25 children in attendance; 52 attendees came from Canada. The Sir Knights departed, looking forward to next year.

From the Triennial Committee

The Kentucky Horse Park is a unique attraction, celebrating and depicting the development of the horse—the animal which has been man's best helper, from the prehistoric *Eohippus* to the world's leading money-winning thoroughbred, John Henry. The nation's largest collection of racing trophies, earned by the famous Calumet Farm, riding attire, from armor to racing silks, and saddlery and carriages are on display for your enjoyment. The fascinating film *Thou Shalt Fly Without Wings* pictures man and horse at work and play.

A typical Kentucky picnic supper—complete with fried chicken and “burgoo” and blue grass music, will be served at the Steeplechase Barn, in the center of a recreated working horse farm.

Plan to attend, and arrange to sit either with your state's delegation or where you please.



Red Cross of Constantine

Past Grand Master Ned E. Dull will preside as the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, at the 116th Annual Assembly on June 9-11. All sessions and activities will be held at the Dayton Marriott Hotel in Dayton, Ohio. There is an anticipated attendance of four hundred Knights Companions and their ladies.



Rainbow Girls in Texas

On July 1, 1987, Tammy Slagle, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Slagle of



Channelview, Texas, was installed as the Grand Worthy Advisor of Texas for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. The 1987 grand assembly was held in Abeline, Texas.

Tammy has served in her office with the theme of “God's Garden of Love.” She has been a member of Channelview Assembly No. 224, O.R.G., for eight years. She is a graduate of North Shore High School, and will enter North Texas State University in the fall of 1988. She is working toward a bachelor of science degree in marketing.

Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run.

Samuel Clemens

from the Masonic Family

Grand Encampment Donation

Our Knights Templar Chapel is in the tower of the George Washington Masonic



National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. According to Sir Knight Robert D. McMarlin, chairman of the Knights Templar Chapel Committee, the chapel is seen by thousands of tourists every year when they pay a visit to that beautiful structure. (A pictorial feature about the Memorial will appear in the next issue of *Knights Templar*.)

Annually, the Grand Encampment makes a donation of \$2,000.00 to the building maintenance fund. The photo above shows Brother Michael McLaughlin, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, receiving the Grand Encampment's check from Sir Knight Robert D. McMarlin, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Virginia.



Prelude and Postscript

During the Easter Sunrise Service weekend in Washington, D.C., and Alexandria,



Virginia, the Grand Master's reception in the Sky Room of the Hotel Washington gave attendees from across the nation the opportunity to get together, meet the officers of the Grand Encampment, share their experiences in Templary with other Sir Knights, and greet old friends.

Pictured at the reception, above, are Kay Smith, wife of the Grand Master; Grand Master Smith; and James W. Gerrard, Grand Chancellor of the Great Priory of Canada.

The spirit of good works and good fellowship that Sir Knights share together through Templary is the cement that binds our order together. Below is a pic-



ture of a contingent of Sir Knights coming up Shooter's Hill in Alexandria; and speaking of fellowship—this photo speaks for itself.



IN MEMORIAM



Donald Everett Reid
Maine
Grand Commander—1983
Born May 20, 1920
Died February 13, 1988

Guy Irving Robb
Connecticut
Grand Commander—1959
Born December 27, 1892
Died February 23, 1988

Kenneth Nicholas Carmody
Washington
Grand Commander—1968
Born September 29, 1913
Died March 5, 1988

Herbert LeRoy Whitby
Idaho
Grand Commander—1979
Born September 25, 1919
Died March 15, 1988

Martin L. Eggert
Wyoming
Grand Commander—1976
Born November 6, 1903
Died March 19, 1988



Ohio Key Chain

Lancaster Commandery No. 2, Lancaster, Ohio, is offering for sale a special key chain to commemorate its 150th anniversary. These key chains are available for \$5.00 each, postpaid, and may be ordered from the Lancaster Masonic Temple, 224 South High Street, Lancaster, OH 43130.

In Defense of Masonry

The following report is based on excerpts from an editorial by Francis G. Paul, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

After President Ronald Reagan nominated Judge David B. Sentelle of North Carolina to become a U.S. circuit judge for the District of Columbia, a question was raised in the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee concerning his membership in the Masonic Fraternity. After a delay due to this question, Judge Sentelle's name was forwarded to the full Senate with the recommendation that he be confirmed.

Before a vote was taken, one Senator placed a hold on the nomination and wrote the American Bar Association, requesting an opinion whether or not it was appropriate that a judge be a Mason. The A.B.A. responded that it had approved Judge Sentelle as "well qualified" for the position, with no further comment.

In September, the judge was confirmed by a unanimous vote. Senator Strom Thurmond, a Mason of over fifty years, stood up to say that membership in the Fraternity was not restricted by race, creed, or color. Senator Robert Byrd stated he was proud to be a Mason, and brought up the tenets of our belief in God and love for our fellow man.

Senator Simpson of Wyoming, another member of the Fraternity, rose to relate the role of Masons in government since George Washington. He pointed out that eighteen senators, sixty House members, and forty-one federal judges are Masons.

He went on to comment that Masonry is the bedrock of America, expressed his disdain about the idea that Masonic membership could render a man unfit for federal judicial service, stating, "Let not Masonry be sullied in the judicial selection process anywhere again in this fine country, and especially in this body."

Masonic Conferences Convene

Grand Master's Conference 1988

by Raymond H. Bachman
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held February 22-24 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The theme of the conference was "Freemasonry—A Positive Influence."

Because of the large number of representatives who arrived Saturday, a non-denominational worship service was held at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, February 21. A get-acquainted hour was held on Sunday afternoon in the Convention Center. The Monday morning meeting was preceded by a Deputy Grand Masters' breakfast, hosted by the Deputy Grand Master of Iowa.

The chairman of the conference was Robert C. Singer, Grand Master of New York, and the co-chairman was Eugene A. Wagner, Jr., Grand Master of Louisiana. The meeting was opened at 8:45 a.m. by the chairman in the Convention Center. He was assisted by Brother Charles R. Glassmire, president of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and Brother Robert A. Hockstead, chairman of the Masonic Service Association. The invocation was given by Floyd Hambrick, Jr., Grand Master of Alabama. The national flags of the United States, Canada, and Mexico

were presented by an R.O.T.C. unit from the University of Iowa. The appropriate odes and songs to each flag were given. The welcome was given by Brother George D. Weed, Grand Master of Iowa, and the response by Brother Fred D. Decker, Grand Master of Idaho.

The report of the Conference Committee was given by the chairman of that committee, Brother Eddie P. Stiles, Grand Master of North Carolina. His committee consisted of Clifford D. Knauss, Grand Master of Kansas; A. Neil Clarke, Grand Master of Manitoba, Canada; Glendon K. Jeffries, Grand Master of Oregon; Marks L. Ewing, Grand Master of Washington; Thomas H. Coughlin, Grand Master of Delaware; George Hayes, Grand Master of Florida; and Joseph H. Burton, Grand Master of Indiana.

The following slate of officers for the 1989 conference in Arlington, Virginia, was then presented and elected: conference chairman, David L. Dresser, Ohio, and conference co-chairman, Tommie F. Brant, South Carolina. On the Conference Committee are Arthur J. Kurtz, Pennsylvania, chairman, Don D. Holland, Montana; David A. Bruce, Alberta, Canada; Earl D. Harris, Georgia; Raymond S. Burstedt, Idaho; S. Hope Harrison, Maryland; William O. Wyndham, Sr., West Virginia; and Thomas W. Tye, Nebraska.

Serving on the Time and Place Committee are Kenneth Bolton, → → →

Michigan, chairman; Stanley L. Channon, California; Roswell T. Swits, New York; B. R. Brown, Tennessee; Hayden P. Davis, Arkansas; Jesse O. Martindale, New Mexico; Donald B. Orr, Saskatchewan, Canada; and Harold E. Tucker, Washington.

Robert A. Hinshaw, Past Grand Master and former Grand Secretary of Ohio, was then duly elected to fulfill the office of Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the conference. The keynote address was given by the Reverend Brother Norman Vincent Peale, Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain Emeritus of New York. Brother Peale is a noted author, lecturer, and the author of *The Power of Positive Thinking*. The ladies at the conference were invited to hear Dr. Peale's address.

A panel on Drug and Alcohol Abuse was conducted with Herbert L. Emmanuelson, Past Grand Master of Connecticut, as the moderator. This was followed by a luncheon furnished by the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite.

After lunch the report of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer was given, followed by the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. At the conclusion of this meeting all delegates who desired to visit the very fine Masonic Library of Iowa were furnished transportation to that facility. In the evening, the delegates attended the Grand Secretaries' banquet, with Brother H. Dwight McAlister, Grand Secretary of South Carolina, as the speaker.

Tuesday morning activities began with the Frank Land DeMolay breakfast, hosted by the Imperial Shrine of North America. The conference was opened at 8:45 a.m. with the invocation, followed by the introduction of the sister jurisdictions. There were representatives from France, Italy, Spain, Panama, and the Grand Lodge of Iran in exile. A message from the Grand Master of the United Grand

Lodge of Germany was given at this time by Daniel W. Breckenridge, Grand Master of the American-Canadian Grand Lodge of Germany. Responding for the sister jurisdictions was Luis Salat, Grand Master of Spain.

A panel discussion was then held with Robert C. Singer, Grand Master of New York, as the moderator. The panel consisted of members of the Shrine, three Scottish Rite jurisdictions, and three York Rite bodies. Those participating were: Voris King, Imperial Potentate, Shrine of North America; Francis G. Paul, Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.; C. Fred Kleinknecht, Sovereign Grand Commander, A. & A.S.R., S.J.; a representative for Gordon L. Bennett, Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R. in Canada; Donald H. Smith, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar; Albert A. Remington, General Grand High Priest, R.A.M.; and James A. Kirkbride, General Grand Master, Cryptic Masons, International. This was followed by the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association.

On Tuesday afternoon there were three panel discussions, each one attended by all delegates. Panels were as follows: "Long Range Planning for Masonic Homes," moderated by Clifford D. Knauss, Grand Master of Kansas. Edgar A. Kilby, a specialist in this field, gave an address. The other panels were "Creating a Positive Image," moderated by W. Norman Buckingham, Grand Lodge of Ontario, Canada, and "Youth," moderated by Albert T. Ames, Grand Master of Massachusetts.

The Grand Masters' banquet was held Tuesday evening with 653 guests who were delightfully entertained by a singing group known as "Just For the Fun of It." Nearly all the delegates attended the "Heartland Breakfast" Wednesday morning, with polka and schottische music for dancing. Kolachkes were served.

The conference opened Wednesday morning at 8:45 a.m. with the invocation. Fred C. Morrison, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Canada, brought a message from the District Grand Master of Newfoundland concerning a memorial to the American soldiers who lost their lives in the plane crash in Gander, Newfoundland.

The report of the Commission on Recognition was given by Curtis N. Lancaster, Past Grand Master of Utah. The Time and Place Committee then presented their report, recommending that the 1992 conference be held in the Washington, D.C., area. A local committee was to search for the best price. This committee consisted of Robert A. Kleindienst, Arizona, chairman; R. Marshall Shields, Mississippi; Kerry R. Keyser, Montana; Paul R. Eveland, Nebraska; Norman L. Getchell, Connecticut; J. T. Henley, Arkansas; W. R. Wellman, Saskatchewan; and Robert G. Slater, West Virginia. The officers of the Grand Secretaries' Conference were then received and introduced.

The conference concluded on the same positive note with which it started with a very inspiring address by the Reverend Brother Burt L. Lancaster, senior pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Illinois. The conference closed with the benediction.

**Washington Weekend:
Allied Masonic Degrees**

by
Morrison L. Cooke
Past Department Commander

As usual, the Allied Masonic Degrees weekend at the Hotel Washington was preceded by the annual meeting of the Philalethes Society; this was their thirty-fourth meeting. John R. Nocas, president, presided, and Jack Kelly was the speaker; his topic was "Tanstaff's Law" (see *Philalethes Magazine* for interpretation). Jerry Marsengill was elected president for

the next two years, and Wallace McLeod, second vice president.

The first Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Dr. Forrest Haggard and the Certificate of Literature went to Robin L. Carr. Charles S. Guthrie and Hampton Harley were awarded medallions for their literary endeavors. Allen Roberts, executive secretary, was presented with a "Kentucky Colonel's Commission" by Morrison L. Cooke. There were 170 at the Feast and an additional 92 for the workshop later, which in the future will be called the Forum.

Saturday morning, the Allied Masonic Degrees began in earnest with Dr. Eddie P. Stiles, Grand Chancellor, calling to order the 57th annual convocation of the Grand College of Rites. Following the usual business, Walter M. McCracken was installed as Grand Chancellor for the coming year.

Grand Master's Council, A.M.D., held their 55th annual communication following the Grand College, with Dr. Brent Morris as Sovereign. Joe Lewis from Oklahoma was elected Sovereign Master and appointed Robert L. Taylor of Oklahoma as Tiler. Moving on, the Grand Council, A.M.D., then was opened by C. Ray Scarborough, Sovereign Grand Master.

Following lunch, Bruce Hunt, Sovereign Master, presided over the Council of Nine Muses. Dr. William Peacher, who was advanced to Master, presented his paper, rather autobiographical in nature.

Great Chief's Council, Knight Masons, was next with Vernon T. Fife in the East. There were eighteen new candidates obligated. This was followed by the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the U.S.A., with Henry G. Law presiding. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., was elected the Great Chief and he appointed Reese L. Harrison, Jr., as Grand Sentinel and Ronald E. Groshaw as Excellent Chief of Great Chief's Council.

Stewart W. Miner, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand → → →

Lodge of the District of Columbia, was the banquet speaker. After the banquet Grand Council reconvened for more business, including the election of officers. William E. Yeager, Jr., was installed as Grand Sovereign. William H. Thornley was appointed and installed as Grand Tiler. The Masonic Order of the Bath and Ye Antient Order of Corks closed the evening.

Convent General, KYCH, held their annual breakfast on Sunday morning with T. Olin Gore, Jr., Grand Master General, in charge. It was well attended, as usual. The Society of Blue Friars was next, with Wendell K. Walker, Grand Abbot. The new Blue Friar is W. John McK. Hamill, librarian and curator of the United Grand Lodge of England. He was unable to attend, so Brother Wallace McLeod, Deputy Grand Abbot, read his paper, which was the first chapter of Brother Hamill's new book, entitled *The Craft: a History of English Freemasonry*, which was very interesting and enlightening.

Unfortunately, due to the snow in New York, Henry Emerson, Past Grand Abbot and Secretary/General, was forced to miss the meeting. It is the first session of A.M.D. he has missed since he began coming in 1934.

Then came Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, HRAKTP, with Charles W. Barkins as Preceptor. Grand College, HRAKTP, was next, with George W. Evans, Grand Preceptor, in the chair. There were 41 Tabernacles represented and 101 Knights Priests present. A memorial was given in tribute to the VIth Grand Pillar, the late Kenneth C. Johnson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, who passed away in November. This was read by his long-time friend, M. C. Lewis, K.C.

Clarence K. Jones, Nevada, was elected Grand Preceptor and decorated a Knight Grand Commander. Due to the death of Knight Priest Johnson, there were two vacancies in the line. All were advanced; Knight Priest David B. Slayton of Califor-

nia was appointed Grand Inner Guard and A. J. Lewis of Louisiana as Grand Outer Guard.

A contribution of \$1,500.00 was voted to both the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

The A.M.D. weekend next year will be held on February 16-18 at the Hotel Washington in Washington, D.C. Each year the attendance seems to get larger, and this year was no exception.

All the world over, I will
back the masses against the
classes.

William Gladstone

Church Visitation in Washington

On Sunday, March 20, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 4 of Tacoma, Washington, attended the First Christian Church in Puyallup, Washington, as a visiting unit.

Two of the Sir Knights, being clergymen, took part in the services. The Reverend Sir Knight John D. Keliher, an ordained Episcopal minister whose own church is St. Peter's in Tacoma, gave an invocational prayer. The Reverend Sir Knight Harold C. Williams, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Washington, gave the parting benediction.

As a prelude to the services, Sir Knight Sidney Kase, Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, gave a capsule history of Freemasonry and of the Knights Templar.

Fourteen Knights, including two from Rainier Commandery No. 28 of Renton, Washington, attended the services. One of the visitors from Rainier Commandery was Sir Knight Gene Miles, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Washington.

The symbolism of two rivers
can provide us with insights into the
consequences of our actions.

On Risks and Rewards

by Sir Knight R. L. Donathan

The Rubicon was a small river dividing Italy from a part of what has been called Cisalpine Gaul. It played a part in an event which shook the Roman world and had repercussions in world history.

In the year 49 B.C., Julius Caesar was laying the foundation to become master of the Roman Empire. Caesar was in control of some of the provinces of Gaul and commanded a formidable army. As the power struggle progressed, Rome sent orders for Caesar to break up his army and submit to governmental authority.

Caesar responded by crossing the Rubicon into Italy, thereby sealing the fate of Rome. Once his army crossed the Rubicon, there was no turning back. Civil war led to Caesar's ascension to supreme ruler of Rome. As a result, to future generations the phrase "crossing the Rubicon" is a proverbial saying referring to an action that causes irreversible consequences. It was of little consequence whether Caesar was right or wrong; it mattered not a whit if he had cause to regret his decision. After the Rubicon was crossed, whatever the consequences, it was done.

We all have our Rubicons. Consider one who has acquired a criminal record; many doors are forever closed to him, including many professions. No contri-

tion of heart will reopen those doors. The one who has destroyed his health by drug or alcohol abuse has crossed his Rubicon, in that no agony of soul will restore his health. One can list many actions which produce eternal consequences, such as the spoken word that can never completely be recalled, but the point has been made. The phrase "crossing the Rubicon" has a fatalistic ring. Once the decisive action is taken, there is no turning back to correct an error or misdeed. Is there no hope? Yes, there is another river, and the voice of the Jordan rings out in challenge and promise.

The story of the Ephraimites and the River Jordan is prominent in our rituals. The history of this river is rich in symbolism. To some, the crossing of the Jordan into the promised land speaks of our passage from this life in a wilderness to the promised land of heaven. To others, it speaks of the passage from the wilderness of worldliness into the land of a godly life. It matters not for our purposes which is the more acceptable. The fact is, it speaks of a passage to the place the Grand Architect has designed for us. Like crossing the Rubicon, crossing the Jordan is a decisive action which results in eternal consequences. The difference is in the challenge and the promise. If → → →

we will meet the challenge, then we can reap the promise.

God had a place for the Israelites—if they would be obedient to the divine calling. Moses, their great leader, was denied the right to cross the Jordan and claim what had been his inheritance. The reason for Moses' loss was disobedience; the rest of the nation of Israel was led across the Jordan by the power of God.

They had the promise of prosperity so long as they were willing to meet the

If even Moses, the great law-giver, could forfeit his place in the land prepared for him, how much easier it was for the rebellious Ephraimites.

challenge. At times they climbed upward and at times they passed downward. Sometimes their rebellion led them back across the Jordan unwillingly, as slaves and spoils of war, or willingly, in defiance of the divine will.

The Ephraimites "passed downward" by crossing the Jordan to attack a judge of Israel. Then when they attempted to go back across in order to reenter the land God had given them, they found the way closed. If even the great lawgiver, Moses, could forfeit his place in the land prepared for him, how much easier it was for the treacherous and rebellious Ephraimites to forfeit theirs.

But what is all that to us? We all have our Rubicons and Jordans. Let us always be aware that we may be taking actions that may have irreversible consequences, for others as well as ourselves. At any moment we may cross a Rubicon that is impossible to re-cross. At the same time, let us seek to know the place the Grand Architect has had for us, and cross the Jordan to enter it. Our Jordan speaks of challenge and opportunity. Let us cross over and dwell in the land of promise.

Let us learn well the lesson of the Ephraimites. Let us not leave our God-

given place in an attempt to run our own lives in conflict with divine law. When we rebelliously leave our proper place, we run the risk of never being allowed back.

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Miniature Commandery Figures

Miniature Commandery figures are now available, and can be purchased individu-



ally or in groups to form a colorful mantel display. Pictured above, left to right, are a modern day Commander at present arms; a Sir Knight at left dress; a Standard Bearer with a Knight Templar flag; and a Commander dressed in 1920-1930 uniform. A Standard Bearer with a United States flag is also available.

According to Sir Knight Kevin R. Weisman of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, Van Wert, Ohio, these figures, designed by Sir Knight John Danylchuk from Ivanhoe Commandery, are made from a lead/zinc alloy and hand-painted with fine detail. Each figure comes with a hand-rubbed walnut base. Commanders and Sir Knights are available at \$12.00 each; Standard Bearers are \$13.50 each. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and to the Ivanhoe Commandery drill team for new uniforms. If interested, specify which figure(s) are desired and send with your remittance to Barracks Square Miniatures, Box 512, Convoy, OH 45832. Please do not send C.O.D.

jurisdictions placing a ban on membership in Shrine by Masons, such as has similarly occurred in Pennsylvania with respect to Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star; Pennsylvania Masons are prohibited from holding membership in the Eastern Star.

The proposal that was adopted in Las Vegas with respect to reviewing a suspension or expulsion of a member from a prerequisite body by the Imperial Council Appeals and Grievances Committee, and with the potential powers of reversing the decision if Shrine law has not been violated, is repugnant to Grand Lodges. Grand Masters individually and through regional conferences and the Grand Masters' Conference of North America have adopted resolutions calling for the repeal of that piece of legislation. The enactment of that law usurps the sovereign power of the Grand Lodge, which every Shriner, as a Mason, has sworn to uphold. It is inconceivable that you would even want to attend a meeting of your Temple, unit, or club with a Mason who stands suspended or expelled, much less allow it to be done. We need to work together harmoniously to strengthen each other. Internal conflicts of this sort does not generate the fraternal spirit that attracts new members. In addition, it really makes me angry, and it should make you angry, that at some future time—perhaps sooner than you think—we may have to choose whether we will be Shriners or Freemasons.

I know that some Shrine leaders cry that there is no one voice that speaks for Masonry and that they have to deal with sixty grand jurisdictions. However, every Temple had its start in a grand jurisdiction that permitted its entry into that state or province, and part of that condition for working within that grand jurisdiction was to operate under the laws of that Grand Lodge.

I will tell you from personal experience that the Shrine laws are not that

different from Masonic law. If the Potentates would enforce their laws over their units, clubs, and Temples, Grand Masters would have no real interest in the discipline of the Shrine and its members. I know that there are some areas where there are serious problems. I fervently hope that our Shrine representatives will not allow problems in one or two grand jurisdictions to cause a fraternal break in more than fifty others that cannot be repaired or healed.

I am proud of my Masonry. I am proud of the Shrine and what it does for crippled and burned children. Let's work together to solve our problems.

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

Sir Knight Eddie P. Stiles is the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina and a member of Raleigh Commandery No. 4 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He can be reached at P.O. Box A, Apex, NC 27502.



Royal Arch Tie

A dark red tie with the triple tau in gold on it is available from the second capitular district of the state of New York. According to Companion Jay A. Spandaro, District Deputy Grand High Priest, the tie is suitable for wear at Chapter meetings and elsewhere, and quietly proclaims that the wearer is a Royal Arch Mason.

Proceeds from the sale of these ties are for the completion of the second story of the medical research laboratory wing at the Masonic Home in Utica, New York, a Royal Arch project. They may be obtained by sending a check of \$10.00 to R.A.M. Medical Laboratory Building Fund, c/o Companion Jacques Jacobsen, Jr., 60 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10310.

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
Twentieth Voluntary Campaign**

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending April 8, 1988. The total amount to date is \$519,042.67.

Alabama	\$16,145.27
Arizona	6,278.15
Arkansas	3,382.68
California	12,024.92
Colorado	7,218.74
Connecticut	4,889.00
District of Columbia	6,114.62
Florida	27,156.90
Georgia	54,233.13
Idaho	1,101.50
Illinois	14,474.15
Indiana	8,491.75
Iowa	5,077.20
Kansas	4,142.00
Kentucky	9,489.54
Louisiana	15,386.91
Maine	1,482.19
Maryland	8,049.30
Mass./R.I.	13,136.21
Michigan	19,308.97
Minnesota	7,495.63
Mississippi	4,033.00
Missouri	7,983.91
Montana	6,177.05
Nebraska	4,295.65
Nevada	2,491.00
New Hampshire	5,816.42
New Jersey	6,155.30
New Mexico	2,243.80
New York	11,085.90
North Carolina	7,053.00
North Dakota	789.00
Ohio	23,860.60
Oklahoma	3,061.00
Oregon	7,572.00
Pennsylvania	46,750.72
South Carolina	8,558.41
South Dakota	2,545.00
Tennessee	27,679.41
Texas	29,894.38
Utah	3,370.00
Vermont	5,439.45
Virginia	17,838.47
Washington	3,942.00
West Virginia	6,598.05
Wisconsin	6,074.25
Wyoming	2,409.53
St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware	300.00

Honolulu No. 1, Honolulu, Hawaii	1,030.00
Panama Canal No. 1, Balboa, Panama	540.00
Porto Rico No. 1, San Juan, Puerto Rico	580.00
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks, Alaska	1,000.00
Tokyo No. 1, Tokyo, Japan	130.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Heidelberg, West Germany	910.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, Delaware	80.00
Kalakaua No. 2, Kailua, Hawaii	125.00
Miscellaneous	15,551.61

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California Lodge Medallions

Redwood City Lodge No. 168, F. & A.M., in Redwood City, California, will celebrate its 125th anniversary on August 28, 1988. Special medallions have been minted to commemorate the event. The face of the medal features a cut of the front of the Redwood City Masonic Temple. The reverse side depicts the announcement of the 125th anniversary and the date, inscribed between the two Lodge pillars.

The medallions are available for sale in two categories. Silver medallions are available at \$100.00 each, and bronze medals at \$7.00 each. The medallions may be purchased through Fred DeLong, chairman, at 835 Main Street, Redwood City, CA 94063.

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unteer amateur group called the Philadelphia Church Choir Company, which gave performances in Philadelphia and neighboring towns—always with the greatest success. This group eventually replaced most of the amateurs and turned professional, opening at New York's Broadway Theatre and achieving an unusual success.

On the 22nd day of February 1879, young Sousa met the lovely sixteen year-old Jane van Middlesworth Bellis of Philadelphia, a member of the cast. On Christmas Eve that same year, before her seventeenth birthday rolled around, he married "Jennie," as he always called her, and like all good love stories, they lived happily ever after. It is no wonder that *H.M.S. Pinafore* always had a special place in Sir Knight Sousa's heart, since it brought him a lovely wife, with whom he raised three splendid children: Philip, Priscilla, and Helen.

By 1880, Sousa had gained a modest amount of fame as a conductor, composer, and arranger. Then came an urgent call from the Marine Corps commandant asking Sir Knight Sousa to return to Washington, D.C., and lead the Marine Band—the band in which he had earlier performed as an apprentice. He was delighted to accept the Marine Corps' appointment, this time as director of music.

Next month in Knight Templar we shall read of Sir Knight Sousa's years with the Marine Corps Band and his subsequent leadership of his own band, when he became known throughout the world as the "March King" of American music.



Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas lives at 2600 West Farwell Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club:

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Tennessee No. 34—Joseph Thomas Thacker
Georgia No. 19—Charles L. Belflower
Pennsylvania No. 27—John N. Burge
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New Jersey No. 22—Russell A. Bauer
Vermont No. 4—Donald S. Seeley
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Louisiana No. 10—Walter O. W. Martin
Indiana No. 21—Richard Carey Ellis
Florida No. 29—Edward J. Schenk
New York No. 27—Emmerich J. Bares, Jr.

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No. 1,216—Robert J. Wilson (CO)
No. 1,217—Pheris Guffey Krieger (GA)
No. 1,218—Charles E. Wood (GA)
No. 1,219—Charles A. Rowden, Sr. (TX)
No. 1,220—Mrs. Ruby W. Linn (VA)
No. 1,221—Mrs. Pearl V. Flanders (IL)
No. 1,222—In memory of Seth W. Flanders,
R.E.P.G.C. (IL)
No. 1,223—Joseph Robert Richardson (GA)
No. 1,224—Morris Graves Barton (GA)
No. 1,225—Chalmus Chester McMichen (GA)
No. 1,226—Harry Metz Wilmer (GA)
No. 1,227—Robert L. Giesel (IL)

How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is now Commandery credit given for participation.

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

History of the Grand Encampment

CHAPTER XVI

FEATURES OF THE TRIENNIAL CONCLAVES (continued)

At Newspaper Square at the intersection of Market, Geary, Kearney, and Third Streets, there was erected one of the most elaborate electrical displays ever attempted to that time. A massive circle suspended high above the street was outlined in lights and from a huge bell high up were festoons of lights extending to the circle. Various emblems and the Templar motto were outlined in lights. Eight thousand lights were used in this one decoration.

The Masonic Temple, the Ferry Building, and the dome of the City Hall were outlined and emblazoned with lights, making them a brilliant sight at night. There were also extensive private decorations of all kinds, with thousands and thousands of American flags and banners being used to extend a welcome to the thousands of Sir Knights and their friends who were the guests of the Grand Commandery of California and the great City of San Francisco.

The Conclave was formally opened with a religious service at the First Congregational Church at which the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Sir Daniel C. Roberts, delivered an impressive sermon. The Grand Encampment was escorted to the Church by Golden Gate Commandery No. 16.

The invitation extended by Grand Master Stoddard to the Earl of Euston, the Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of the United Religious and

Military Order of the Temple of England and Wales to attend this Conclave was most cordially accepted. The attendance of the Earl and his staff added great interest and much color to the meeting, and conveyed to the Sir Knights every evidence of the fine, friendly, and cordial relations existing between the governing bodies of the two greatest jurisdictions of Knights Templar in the world.

The parade, carried out with great precision and quiet dignity, was a brilliant success. Even the diversity of the uniforms only added to the splendor of the marching hosts. Several Commanderies were mounted, among them California Commandery No. 1 with four hundred and sixty mounted Knights in line, which proved to be an unusual attraction.

This splendid pageant reviewed by Grand Master Stoddard and the Earl of Euston and their staffs was the center of interest for more than 300,000 spectators, who lined the streets. The American flag, which had been used only occasionally in previous parades, was predominantly displayed, along with the banners of the Order.

The competitive drill held in Golden Gate Park attracted over 25,000 people. Generous credit was given for the high degree of efficiency shown by the competing Commanderies. No prizes were awarded, but beautiful trophies were presented to each Drill Corps.

One of the memorable events was the banquet given at the St. Francis Hotel by the Grand Commandery of California to the Grand Encampment and their distinguished guests. Many other banquets and entertainments were also given by the Subordinate Commanderies and by various state delegations. It was an

event long to be remembered and set a high standard for the succeeding Conclaves to excel.

Saratoga Springs, New York, was the host city of the Grand Encampment in 1907. The Grand Encampment was formally opened by religious services at the First Methodist Church, followed by a Sacred Concert given in the Convention Hall on Sunday evening. Following the usual parade, the Sir Knights were welcomed by the governor of New York, Charles Evans Hughes; the mayor of Saratoga Springs, Sir Knight Brackett; and the Grand Commander of New York, Sir Knight A. P. Knapp. The Right Honorable, the Earl of Euston and his staff, and Sir Knight John B. Tresidder, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada, were in attendance, which added greatly to the occasion.

In 1910 Chicago was again the host to the Grand Encampment. Every effort had been put forth by the Grand Commandery of Illinois and by the city of Chicago to make the 31st Triennial Conclave the greatest ever held. The hospitable and cordial welcome given the visitors as well as the elaborate decorations and marvelous electric displays left a most pleasant memory of this great occasion in the minds of all who attended.

The first attraction was the Entrance Arch erected on Michigan Boulevard near the Blackstone Hotel. It was a huge structure in the form of an ancient battlement with towers and turrets, and when illuminated at night it presented a most attractive picture. On LaSalle Street at the headquarters of the Grand Commandery of Illinois was a beautiful arch of pure white, with mounted knights placed at the top of the columns.

Opposite the headquarters of the Grand Encampment was a structure 130 feet high supporting the Official Badge. Over 5,000 colored lights were used to illuminate this decoration. For the first

time the eagle and the mounted knights were depicted in motion, which created much interest in this illuminated feature.

State Street became the "Templar Way." Massive Corinthian columns of pure white, thirty feet apart, lined both sides of the streets. These were surmounted with globes studded with stars, and stretched between the columns were festoons of lights bearing a circle enclosing a bright red cross. When illuminated, the "Templar Way" was a sight never to be forgotten.

The grand stand, one of the largest ever erected, accommodated more than 50,000 people. In the center was the official reviewing stand representing a gigantic throne.

Business houses, not only in the "Loop" but throughout the city, were lavishly decorated with Templar colors and emblems extending an invitation to the visiting Templars.

The formal opening of the Conclave was held in Orchestra Hall, where the religious ritual was carried out, followed by a splendid and most inspiring sermon by the Reverend Sir Knight George H. MacAdam, who stated:

No organization is permanent in its influence for good which obscures or is faithless to its original nobleness of purpose. So it is with men, so it is with institutions, so it is with nations. All the purposes of this great Order make us better men. We cannot become a part of it without certification of the possession of certain qualities of manliness. The journey of life emphasizes the beauty of every human virtue, and the inculcation and practice of these would make us, as it made the Templars of old, the sun-crowned men of our day.





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.

☐ I am collecting and binding *Knight Templar Magazine* to be placed in the local Lodge library. I need every issue from 1955-1963. I would like to hear from anyone who can supply them or can tell me where I can get them. I have random extra issues from Volumes X and XI which I shall be glad to share with anyone interested. *Troy A. Powers, 2101 Christian Ln., No. 206, Johnson City, TN 37601.*

☐ Wanted in good condition: chapeau, 7½; Commandery uniform, coat size 52-54; trousers, 44-30. *Russell-Reid Offhaus, P.O. Box 1116, Ridge Road Extended, Chincoteague, VA 23336; (804) 824-2656 8:00-4:00 p.m. EST.*

☐ For sale: Regulation Michigan Templar coat, long, size 46, gabardine with patch on sleeve. Drill harness. Trousers 46 regular. All worn twice. Any reasonable offer (FOB). *David Singer, 990 Yorktown Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087.*

☐ I collect Commandery Triennial Conclave badges of the Grand Encampment. Please write me if you have any badges or pins you would sell to place in my personal collection. Also, I'm interested in other York Rite badges and pins. *Robert L. Kiefer, 3480 Cook Rd., Medina, OH 44256; (216) 725-0670.*

☐ For sale: 32nd degree Scottish Rite ring, size 10, 14K yellow gold, Eagle plutanium. Appraised at \$600.00. Also a Shrine lapel pin, 14K white gold, filigree, five brilliant cut diamonds in circle, .03K each. Appraised at \$500.00. I will sell both for \$375.00 plus postage and insurance. *E. E. Becher, 58 Springfield St., Belmont, MA 02178; (617) 484-4511.*

☐ I would like to hear from anyone who served in the 15th Bombardment Squadron (L) in England and North Africa from April 1942 to October 1944 during WWII. Our only call to fame was during late June and early July 1942, when this squadron flew the first American combat crews over German-occupied Europe. Remem-

ber the 4th of July 1942 mission. And I would like to hear from anyone who was a member of the Square and Compasses Club at Ratat-Salle Air Base, Morocco, in the summer of 1943. Write to *Carroll L. Marshall, 6109 N. Trenholm Rd., Columbia, SC 29206.*

☐ For sale: Needlepoint and counted cross-stitch kits for the various Masonic degrees and related bodies, including Blue Lodge, Shriners, O.E.S., and many more. The symbols are designed to be framed as an 8" x 10" wall hanging. However, material provided would allow for a slightly larger pillow or whatever your imagination may dictate. Price of \$15.00 each includes canvas or Aida cloth, needle, yarn or floss, complete instructions, and shipping and handling. *C. A. Adams, Box 34, Mount Holly, VT 05758.*

☐ Chapter pennies wanted by avid collector. My collection will some day end up in a museum. Why not find a place for any odd pieces you have? I now have over 4,500 world-wide and I collect all varieties. Will buy or send a donation for one or a collection needed. I especially need pieces from Ala., Me., Utah, Nev., Id., Okla., Tex., Alaska, and overseas. *Maurice A. Storck, Sr., P.O. Box 644, Portland, ME 04104; (207) 781-5201.*

☐ Seeking info on the ancestors and descendants of Charles Frederick Ottaway (b. 1856 in northeast Erie Co., Pa.). Also any Masonic affiliation. He was my g.grandfather. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. *Walter Ottaway, R.R. 1, Baldwin City, KS 66006; (913) 594-2609 evenings.*

☐ For sale: graves 1-3, lot 303, G section, Lincoln Memorial Park, Lincoln, Nebr. Contact *H. K. Leopold, 1652 W. 26th St., Sioux City, IA 51103.*

☐ USS Mack (DE-358) USN: fourth reunion will be held at the Ramada Inn North, Nashville, Tenn., September 8-11, 1988. Contact *Ollie*

Brasfield, 17021 SE Jones Rd., Renton, WA 98058; (206) 255-7527.

□ Help—collecting WWII patches. Need Armored Force Div., Army Services Comd., Army Corp, Coast Artillery, Calvary, Air Force 5-9-13, Ground Forces, schools, bases and theaters, and many others, especially 442 Combat Bn., Navy Coast Guard, M.M. Write for more details. Have extras to barter. *C. R. Bainbridge, 1114 Druid Hills Dr., Montgomery, AL 36111.*

□ I will appreciate any genealogical info that I can get about the Stamper family who were early settlers in Ga., especially Spencer Stamper (b. circa 1790). *K. H. Stamper, P.O. Box 213, Heidelberg, MS 39439.*

□ I would like to buy two copies of the book *The Builders* by Joseph Fort Newton. I have had one for many years. Two of my friends need them. Mine is a paperback book. *Lawrence G. Bergstrom, 10 Blymyer Ave., Mansfield, OH 44903.*

□ Wanted: to correspond with railroad memorabilia collectors. *W. H. Adcock, 1217 Somerset Rd., Raleigh, NC 27610.*

□ Members of 1st Corps Motor Transport Battalion, WWII, who would like to have a reunion, please contact *Burnell Focks, Rt. 1, Box 124, Guymon, OK 73942.*

□ I am trying to locate the members of 802 F.A.B.N. who served in the army between 1941-1945 during WWII. I would also like for family members of deceased personnel to contact me. I want to arrange a reunion in Nashville, Tenn., in September 1988. Please contact *William H. Culwell, 8640 Coopertown Rd., Joelton, TN 37080.*

□ 36th Seabees—third reunion to be held September 30-October 2 in Indianapolis, Ind. For more details, contact *Dick Lindner, 311 Alledale Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224.*

□ Seeking any Brother of the Craft who served in U.S. Army 1962-1963 with the 4th Cavalry in Korea. Has been many years; would like to contact any men who remember or served with me that year or with MAAC in Vietnam in 1963. Write *Ed Brown, 564 Washington Ave., Northampton, PA 18067.*

□ Wanted: quality antique beer steins. Top prices paid for good steins. *Maurice Valentine, Rt. 6, 9944 Pocahontas, Wichita Falls, TX 76301.*

□ Seeking info on descendants of Elisha Painter (b. 1806; d. 1862); brother of Jacob Painter, who was a gunsmith in the Green Co. Mo., area. *Maynard Painter, 1 Circle Dr., Litchfield, IL 62056.*

□ 13th reunion of USS Hovey (DMS-11 XDD-208), October 6-9, 1988, at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel/Resort, Canal and Chartres Sts., New Orleans, La., 70140. Contact "Dusty" *Hortman, 2827 Monarch St., San Diego, CA 92123; (619) 278-0965 or 278-5733.*

□ 1988 USS Concord (CL-10) reunion to be held in Colorado Springs, Colo., on October 5-8, 1988. Contact *James Lane, 2314 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80907-6739; (303) 635-2015.*

□ Reunion of 23rd USNCB, Navy, October 5-5-8, 1988, in Mesa, Ariz. For info, contact *Albert O. Hadley, 6750 E. Dallas St., No. 104, Mesa, AZ 85205; (602) 396-9981.*

□ Researching my g.g.g.grandfather, William Robinson. According to the census records, he was born in N.J. circa 1797, married a woman named Elizabeth (b. 1817) from Fauquier, Va., and had eight children. I am descended from the oldest, Catherine, who married Philip Norman. Write for more details. *Alfred Clay, Rt. 2, Box F-10, Webster Springs, WV 26288.*

□ George L. Walters DeMolay is searching for swords to be used in ceremonials. If there are any individuals who would care to donate such swords to us, we will pay all shipping costs. Please direct inquirers to *James Kuester, (314) 553-3036 day or (314) 361-2984 in evenings.*

□ Wanted: any Brother or Sir Knight who would like to exchange Scottish Mark pennies for any type of penny from America or Canada. If possible, I could exchange Lodge pennies for Commandery coins. I hope to hear from someone soon. *Archie Bone, 62 King St., Fallin, North Stirling, ENGLAND FK7 7JY.*

□ Reunion of USS Arctic (AF-7) on October 7-9, 1988, at Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif. For further info, please contact *James S. Kemper, 1343 Vernal Ave., Fremont, CA 94539; (415) 656-0696.*

□ Wanted: pre-Civil War or Civil War musket in good condition. Please send me a photo with your offer. *P. Crespi, 2145 Maridor Ct., New Port Richey, FL 34655.*



Lexington—Home of the 57th Triennial Conclave, where a picnic at the Kentucky Horse Park on Monday, August 8, promises the best of times for you and your lady. Turn to page 16 for the details.