



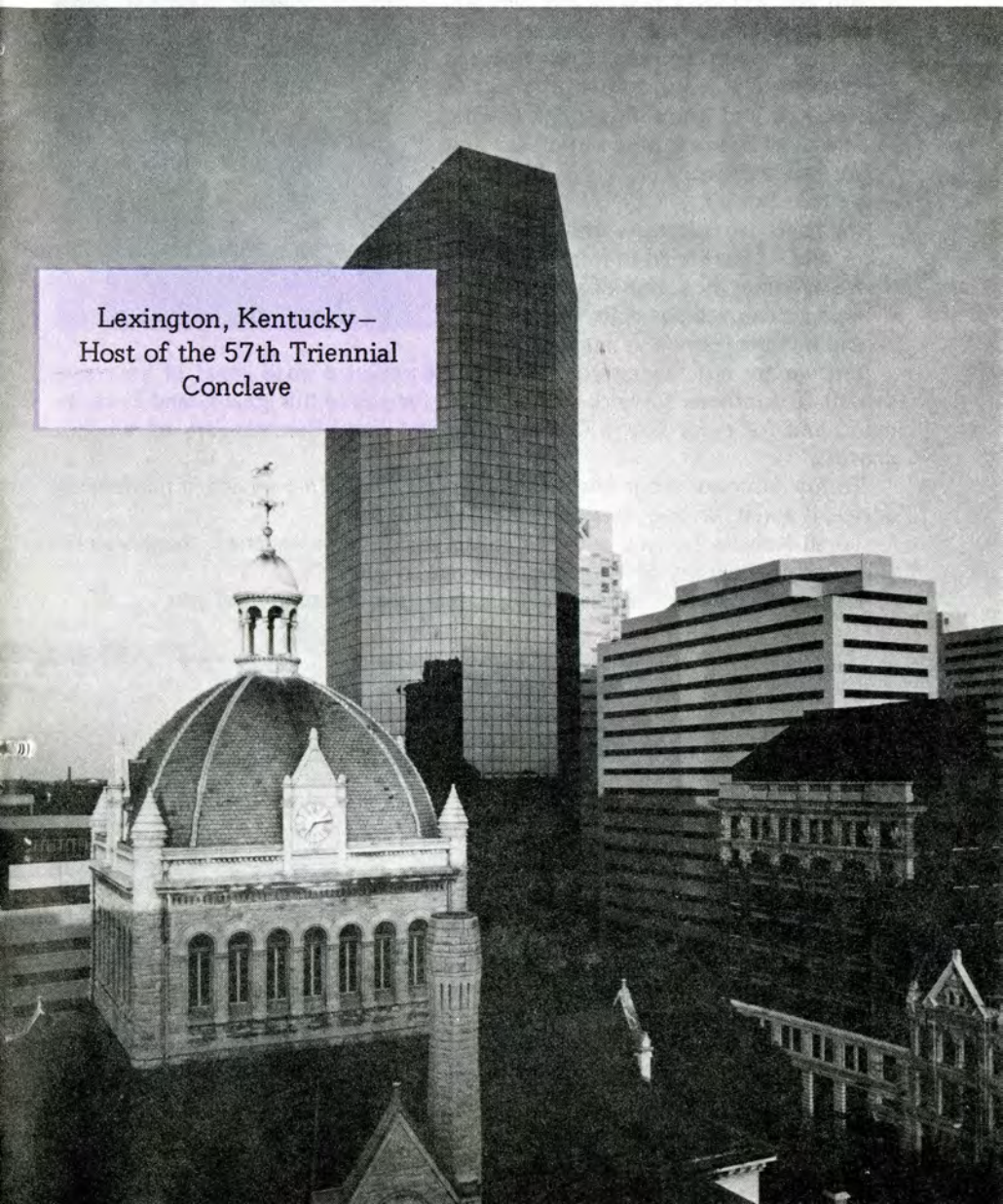
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## An End and a Beginning

Hail and farewell!

It is difficult to believe that this is the thirty-sixth message that I have prepared for this place in this fine magazine. Next month you will see a new picture here and a new style of message. It does seem like just a few months ago that I was installed in Cincinnati as your forty-eighth Grand Master. Kay and I must now think of what to do with all this new time we will acquire.

We have traveled,  
we have prayed,  
we have had successes and made mistakes, and we have tried to serve you.

We have met thousands of you,  
we have enjoyed our visits with you,  
and we have learned so much from you.

But we are not leaving you. We are just joining a small group of your past servants to continue to work with you and for you in this great Grand Encampment, and for every Grand Commandery and every Commandery of which it consists.

To my successor, your chosen chief servant, I offer my service, if needed; my advice, if asked for; and my sincere and loyal support.

To all Knights Templar and their ladies, wheresoever dispersed, thank you for this great opportunity of a lifetime of service to you.

Kay and I send our Christian love and real affection to each of you.



*Donald H. Smith*

# Knight Templar

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

**AUGUST:** Sir Knights, there are several articles in this month's issue designed to enrich your summer reading. A two-part story on another unique accomplishment in the many-faceted life of Brother Ben Franklin begins on page five. There are suggestions on ways to improve the work of the York Rite in your local bodies on page nineteen, and a discussion of the problem of membership appears on page nine. A view of Masonry and medicine is discussed on page eleven, guideposts through the three steps of a well-spent life will be found on page thirteen, and be sure not to miss the lively history of the Wyoming Knight Templar Black Horse Troop on page twenty-one.

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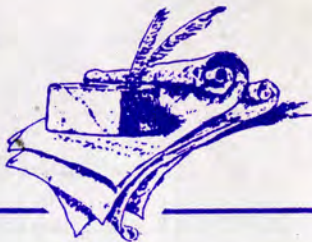
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# Editor's Journal



• **Grand Encampment Triennial:** The 57th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is being held this month at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky, from August 5 through 10. Special events include the drill team competition on Saturday, August 6, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Lexington Convention and Exhibition Center, and the installation of officers on Wednesday, August 14, in the Hyatt Regency. Our Most Eminent Grand Master, Donald Hinslea Smith, who lives in Richmond, Kentucky, presides over this 57th Triennial Conclave.

• **Conference Date Change:** The South Central Regional York Rite Conference will be held in Austin, Texas, on September 9-11, rather than September 8-10.

• **Sir Knights, Attention:** *Knight Templar* solicits your good offices in submitting short news items about those outstanding Templar events that take place within and without your asylums.

Let us know who, what, where, when, and why it all happened. Items that may interest Knights Templar wherever dispersed will be selected to appear in *Knight Templar*, but be sure to include a clear, sharp, black and white photo or two of uniformed Knights in action with your submission.

Thanks, from the editor.

• **Honors Breakfast:** There will be an honors breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky, Tuesday, morning, August 9, in connection with the 57th Triennial Conclave. Tickets may be purchased at the registration desk at any time prior to the breakfast. Participants will include members of the Red Cross of Constantine, HRAKTP, Royal Order of Scotland, KYCH, A.M.D., and KTCH.

• **State Supplements:** The supplement for *Knight Templar Magazine* for your state plays an important part in your Grand Commandery's activities during the Templar year. Constituent Commanderies can benefit by publicizing their Commandery's events for the information of their state. Support your state's supplement in our magazine by sending in news to your state's Supplement Editor. You'll be glad you did!

• **Too Much of a Good Thing?:** Many Sir Knights are receiving more than one copy of *Knight Templar Magazine* because of dual memberships. We have made a computer programming change which now enables us to discontinue the mailing of more than one copy without interfering with labels for other mailings.

If you are receiving more than one copy and wish it discontinued, simply mail the label with your instructions to the attention of the Data Processing Department, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60604-2293.

Benjamin Franklin was a founder in the business world as well as in the political one.

## The Father of American Insurance

by Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas

Brother Benjamin Franklin was the motivating force in founding the "Philadelphia Contributorship for the Insurance of Houses from Loss of Fire"—the first successful insurance company established in America. Founded in 1752, twenty-four years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, this mutual insurance company continues to operate to this very day.

Our beloved Brother Benjamin Franklin was, above all, a practical man. He worshiped wisdom, but he had no time for purely speculative reasoning. He was never content to be a mere thinker—he was a tireless "doer." Few men of his century accomplished greater matters among mankind than Brother Franklin did, and very few since have been as truly eager as he was for the public good.

Practical ideas for social improvement appealed to Brother Franklin even as a boy. His favorite reading during his early years were Daniel Defoe's *Essay on Projects* and Cotton Mather's *Essays to Do Good*. These two works, especially the first, were practical, down-to-earth dissertations on how to bring about civic improvements.

After two years of formal schooling, Brother Franklin, at the age of twelve, became an apprentice in his brother's newspaper and printing shop in Boston.

At age sixteen he contributed a series of articles to the newspaper which were written in the form of letters to the editor and signed with the pseudonym



*After Franklin died, the Union Fire Company decorated its hand-pumper with the above likeness.*

"Silence Dogood" (who was supposedly the thoughtful widow of a country parson). In his Dogood articles, Brother Franklin not only entertained → → →

his readers, but also, as a result of his voracious reading, gave them advice and practical suggestions for improving their lot through mutual undertakings. Concluding one of his articles, Brother Franklin remarked:

I am humbly of the opinion that the country is ripe for many such friendly societies, whereby every man might help another, without any disservice to himself.

As his brother was rather overbearing, Brother Franklin decided to relocate to Philadelphia when he was seventeen. In 1724, he went to England to work as a journeyman printer. Possessing an extraordinarily inquisitive mind, he no doubt learned during his stay in England of the fire insurance schemes then in operation there. By the time he returned to America, many of his ideas for civic betterment had matured and he was ready to start putting them into practice.

Philadelphia provided fertile ground for Brother Franklin, and he decided to make that city his permanent home. At the time, Philadelphia had no firemen or police, no paved streets or street lighting, no municipal sanitary services. At age twenty the young printer took upon himself the task of correcting these deficiencies, as well as other shortcomings.

Owing to his many public-spirited activities over the next twenty-five years, Brother Franklin became Philadelphia's "first citizen." He became the proprietor and editor of the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, a newspaper which had the largest circulation of any in America. He wrote and published *Poor Richard's Almanack*, which included his witty and worldly-wise sayings and was the most popular periodical in the American colonies.

He founded the Library Company of Philadelphia, reportedly the first circulating library in America; he established the American Philosophical Society; and he founded the "Junto"—a society of enterprising young men of Philadelphia who banded together for mutual help and public benefit. An academy he organized eventually developed into the University of Pennsylvania. He was elected a member of the Philadelphia City Council, as well as a member of the Philadelphia Assembly, to which he was reelected for fourteen terms. He also managed to raise money to build Philadelphia's first hospital.

Brother Franklin also engaged in a prodigious amount of reading and corres-

*Surveyed June 13<sup>th</sup> 1752*  
*At the request of Benj<sup>l</sup> Franklin*  
*his Shop in High Street where Edm<sup>d</sup> Redwood*  
*16 ft. 4 in. front 37 1/2 feet deep 2 Storeys high*  
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*10 on kitchen*  
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*N<sup>o</sup> 20*  
*of Philadelphia*  
*Annual (Rhoads)*

Before insurance was issued on a property, it was inspected, or "surveyed." The above was issued on a house of Franklin's.

pondence, and in his spare time taught himself French, Latin, Spanish, and Italian.

His Masonic life began in St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia in 1731. He was elected Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1734 and was appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1749. Deposed in that office in March 1750, he was immediately appointed Deputy Grand Master.

All this he had done by the age of forty-five. His greatest triumphs, however, still lay ahead of him.

Of all of Brother Franklin's contributions to the public welfare, none was

more valuable than his crusade against fires. His approach was typically sound and practical. He began by urging the citizens of Philadelphia to take steps to safeguard their property against fire. Thus, years before America's first successful mutual insurance company, he was already expressing what was to be its basic principle—prevention of loss.

At the time that Brother Franklin began crusading against fires, Philadelphia

**“Advising Philadelphians on the control of fires, Brother Franklin noted, ‘An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.’ ”**

was a city of about seven hundred dwellings with the absence of an organized fire-fighting force. In fact, the equipment for extinguishing fires was most primitive. Aside from one battered engine which had been imported from England in 1719 at a cost of \$250, the only fire-fighting equipment in use was leather buckets, wooden ladders, and iron hooks attached to the ends of long wooden poles. When a fire broke out, every able-bodied male in town became a fireman. While filled with fervor and good intentions, their efforts provided, as one of the residents recorded, “but slight hindrance to the flames.” That Philadelphia had been spared any great fires was more by good fortune than good management.

In the spring of 1730, however, Philadelphia was threatened by a general conflagration when a fire which broke out on Fishbourne's wharf destroyed a number of stores and several fine houses. The city, alerted anew to the ever-present danger of fire, authorized the purchase of three additional engines, four hundred buckets, twenty ladders, and twenty-five hooks.

In spite of the additional fire-fighting equipment, Brother Franklin continued to be gravely concerned about the great

potential danger and talked anxiously to his friends of the destruction that might be wreaked by “a lusty blaze.” He decided to wake up Philadelphia through the columns of his newspaper.

There accordingly appeared in the *Gazette* of February 4, 1735, a highly readable letter—presumably written by an old citizen, but actually composed by Brother Franklin—advising Philadelphians on the prevention and control of fires. “An ounce of prevention,” Brother Franklin declared, “is worth a pound of cure.”

He was especially persuasive on the matter of putting out fires. He stressed that while the city now had enough engines, it lacked a proper force for handling them. After observing a successful example in a neighboring province, Franklin suggested that Philadelphia form a club or society of active men to belong to each fire engine, whose business would be to attend all fires whenever they might happen. Besides becoming proficient in fire-fighting from repeated practice, he further suggested that these men hold quarterly meetings to discuss how they could improve their methods.

The citizens of Philadelphia were aroused by the published letter and Brother Franklin's other, more public, suggestions, and their enthusiasm resulted in the formation of Philadelphia's first fire-fighting organization—the Union Fire Company.

*Next month in Knight Templar we shall hear of the history of organized fire-fighting in Philadelphia, and read of the birth of America's first fire insurance company.*



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## Knights Templar Eye Foundation New Club Memberships

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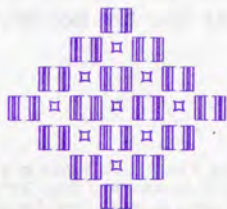
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No. 1,248—Perry Leslie LaBarr (PA)  
No. 1,249—Arthur Vos, Jr. (CO)  
No. 1,250—Kenneth L. Jones (FL)

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.



## Beauceant Booth

Orlando Assembly No. 256, S.O.O.B., Orlando, Florida, held a bazaar at the Kissimmee-Osceola Mall earlier this year to raise funds to buy new robes for their officers. There was a contest for the most attractive booth, and the first prize of \$250.00 was won by Orlando Assembly.

Mrs. Mabel Randall, Supreme President of the S.O.O.B., visited Orlando Assembly in March. They have had many visiting Past Presidents from other Florida Assemblies, including Past Supreme President Mrs. Paul Case, and the Past President of Tampa Assembly No. 208, Mrs. Louis Tienken.

Here was an old owl liv'd in an oak,  
The more he heard, the less he  
spoke;  
The less he spoke, the more he  
heard,  
O, if men were all like that wise  
bird!

Punch

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

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Greatness and strength, my Brothers, are not measured by size—or Rome would never have perished. Bigger is not necessarily better—or Goliath would have slain David. Likewise, haven't we taken our membership "problem" too far?

We are at a critical point in Masonic history, but not for the reasons one might think. In our haste to fill our Lodge rooms with new members, we are being tempted to closet our principles and teachings. Various proposals have been suggested to revive our diminishing numbers. Some are nothing more than beer busts, picnics, gambling trips, and making Masonry into a social club. There have even been recommendations about relaxing the proficiency requirement. Pray this never happens!

The Masonic order needs spiritual aspirants, not mere members. Our strength is not in numbers; it is in Masons practicing our principles. In our haste for new members, we have overlooked what vivifies Masonry.

No, my Brothers, Masonry is not for everyone. Masonry was founded upon a firm, abiding faith in God, truth, honor, justice, goodness, and love. Not all men are capable of helping our Fraternity. If only a few men in your community are worthy of the lambskin, why degrade that honor by giving the aprons away like newspapers on the street corner?

It used to be that being a Mason was "the highest honor that could be conferred upon a man." Initiatic history reveals countless examples of men who petitioned the mystery schools. Some were accepted and others were not. The honor of initiation was never given to the unworthy. The same should be true today. Why then must we pander to all men to make them Masons? Furthermore, what about making Masons "on sight"?

If any man, regardless of his earthly position, cannot or will not, of his own free will and accord, petition to receive

Does Templary need to urgently enlarge membership—at any cost?

## Membership Myths

by Sir Knight Robert A. Kessinger

the light, then he does not deserve the privilege of being a Mason—honorary or otherwise.

Our teachings reveal to us “that it is the internal and not the external qualifications” that matter. Remember, too, the great injunction, “Seek, and ye shall find.” (Matthew 7:7 KJV) This is a spiritual law. When we lazily hand out Mas-

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**“If a man cannot or will not of his own free will petition to receive the light of Masonry, he does not deserve the privilege of being a Mason.”**

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onic memberships like napkins to the unworthy, or make a Mason using our “on sight” powers, we deny our own spiritual heritage and elevate human prestige above our Masonic honor. Let us do away with these odious practices.

If we are more concerned about members and not honor and integrity, then even though our membership may be at an all-time high, Masonry will be emasculated. Please, my Brothers, don't sacrifice quality for quantity. It does not matter what our numbers are so much as what our principles are. When the greatest light came to this earth in the form of a man, He stood alone and powerful. It was not necessary for Him to draw His strength from the multitudes; rather, they drew their sustenance from Him.

Masonry does not need more new members, but rather an exemplification of Masonic principles by our current membership and selective quality within our candidates. Only then can we insure the perpetuation of our beloved order. Let us continue to seek qualified members and therefore strengthen Masonry. How can a good house stand if built upon a poor foundation?

If the fire of Masonry burned upon the altar of only one man's heart, Masonry would be more powerful than if we had a membership of three billion who did not

understand, appreciate, or exemplify the teachings. What does it profit us to save Masonry, if we lose her soul?

At this epoch in human history, when communism dictates its totalitarian equality, when science proclaims we live in a mechanistic universe, when certain religions espouse their dry dogma and invective, and when governments upraise the supremacy of the state over the rights of man, Masonry will indignantly rise from the ashes of darkness—like the proud, majestic phoenix she is—to fan the spiritual fire within the hearts of men with her great wings of truth. The darker the world becomes, the more brilliantly she will flare. When men seek a better way of living, they will knock on her door.

Masonry is omnipotent and omnipresent. A large membership cannot make her stronger, or a lack thereof make her weaker. She is what she is. And she patiently awaits all seekers of light—even though they are apparently few in number at the present time. When good men desire her, she will rejoicingly raise them up, one by one, to the celestial heavens. Our membership “problem” will then be erased and the human drama will continue to unfold with all of its noble glory.

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**Soon shall come the great  
awakening,  
Soon the rending of the tomb,  
Then, the scattering of all shadows  
And the end of toil and gloom.**

**Sabine Baring-Gould**



# Masonry and Medicine

by  
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Wherever there is a human cause, we are certain to find Freemasonry. The Craft is elemental morality, a living philosophy of stones and fibers in the souls of men.

Wisdom, truth, and experience are the basis for both Masonry and medicine. They provide goodness and charity because they are endowed and blessed by especial beliefs and human talents which enrich their meaning.

A life of Masonry and medicine is not a passive existence where you live and let live. It is one of involvement where you live and help live. Thus is gleaned a charisma of great goodness and loveliness.

Finding the Holy Grail is not enough. You have to know what to do with it. It must bring a compulsion to give to every will to live the same reverence for life that they give to themselves. As someone once said:

Give physic to the sick, ease to  
the pained.

The poor, the lame, the blind, the  
halt cry out for thee.

We must never permit the needy to be bereft of hope. If so, we are surely empty, forlorn, and haunted by memories of exquisite pain put into us by our earlier cultural experiences. Hope prom-

ises, "I will be by your side tomorrow, and you have nothing to fear." Life unfettered from fear, insulation, abandonment, and old age can be the best of all things.

Tradition and its talismans are the *via magna* of a happier civilization. The incubus of the possessive mistress, medicine, obligates our Judeo-Christian civilization. Medicine and its sad music strive for the beautiful, motivated by admirable virtue.

"We shall not count a man's years until he ceases to count." Brother Benjamin Franklin was eighty years of age when he signed the Treaty of Paris. (This latter might have been France's revenge on the British for the Hundred Years' War and its attendant cruelty, such as the execution of the martyrs of Calais, among thousands of others.) Old age is of little consequence, as you are as old as you feel. It is best to grow old gracefully, as there is no choice but to grow old. Sooner or later we must pay for the incredible gift of youth. In youth, we care for our bodies and souls; in age, the reverse is true. As we sow, so shall we reap.

Of late, man further loses identity in the computer. He falls through the cracks. To the separation of reasonable thinking we put our numbers on → → →

a format, and much is lost in the resulting scramble. There is no welcome in the computer for the cry of a bloated, hungry child. One man's cry of pain may be another man's cry of fear.

When we arrive in this world, no one promises us a rose garden. If so, such brings the concomitant thorns. We must pick and choose to avoid the thickets and morasses of life's barbs. Such equity is most all of life and includes the constant struggle of good versus evil.

What lifts mankind to the sublime is our choice to retain an important proper perspective. The ability to separate good from the bad, the culture from the counterculture, requires large doses of spiritual and intellectual dignity among others. To preserve our dignity is a high Masonic virtue. Death must not be feared, as it comes equally to all.

Our Masonry possesses a religious and moral abundance. It is a source of succor and striving. It provides a sharing for all, rich or poor, as we all share the stars or the lovely blue skies of the day. Our late largesse portends a happy senescence; our equal and inevitable mortality potentially provides the same sanctuary for the rich or the poor.

There is a great tradition in the giving of goodness. In the church it is called stewardship; in the law it is called *pro bono publico*. In everyday society it is called fairness.

The Scriptures instruct us: "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." (I Corinthians 13:4 KJV) In living richly and productively, we may integrate and accept that we have conquered the last enemy, death. We reap as we sow.

Human dignity is most frequently eroded by illness. It knows nothing of wealth, middle class, or poverty. Dignity is an enriching quality. We may not know man's earthly mission, but our fertile planet, life's sustaining weather, bountiful

food, and innovative science must be matched by a place and a song in our hearts for the dignity of all mankind.

Most communities have their poor who seek government-supported health care. In 1965, Medicare and Medicaid began. The wealthy and more fortunate provided for the poor and less fortunate. Earlier examples of this are the agencies for Indian health, migrant workers, vocational rehabilitation, and the Crippled Children's Bureau. Those who needed, received, and those who had, gave.

At the turn of the century a person might or might not have lived beyond the age of thirty. Presently we maintain a life expectancy of beyond seventy years. This huge evolving "gray power" must be dealt with; if it is not, inequity may deprive some of the best medical talent and care. Value, efficiency, and equity must prevail to maintain this system. There is always a chance that this may become a swing too far—but hopefully not.

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## Wisconsin Commemorative Cover

The Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, began their work on August 7, 1863. To help celebrate their 125th anniversary, the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee is issuing a commemorative cover with a cachet showing a portion of one of the many stained glass windows of the Scottish Rite cathedral in Milwaukee. The particular portion to be used is a view of part of the 32°. The cost of the stamp is \$1.25 apiece, or three for \$3.50, plus a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 large envelope. Send to Robert C. Kruger, cover chairman, 4773 North Sheffield Avenue, Whitefish Bay, WI 53211-1109.

Masonic teachings  
provide the basic guides  
we need as we travel  
through life.

# The Three Steps

by Sir Knight J. Nelson Deakin, Jr.

As Masons we are taught the three steps in life: youth, manhood, and old age.

In our youth we are nurtured by our parents to do what is right and to treat our fellow man as we would like to be treated. My father was a Master Mason and taught me to put my trust in God, to never take God's name in vain, and to never tell a lie. His explanation of these points was that God loves us, and we should love God with all our hearts. God watches over us every day and we need to show Him the honor He deserves; we must never defile His name. The truth will make us free, but if you tell one lie, you may have to tell several more to cover up the first lie.

What does this mean to us as youths? Do we obey our fathers and mothers? Not always, but it does make an impression on our future. For example, as a youth I never saw my father turn down anyone who was hungry. He would take them to a restaurant and ask the waitress to feed them and he would pay the bill. This is living by example, and I feel that it makes a lasting impression. As we get older these examples stay with us and we try to follow in their footsteps. Are we putting our best example before our fellow men? If we as Masons show a good

example in our actions and speech we will attract more men into Masonry. One of the

best ways to lead is by the example we set before our members.

As we travel life's path into manhood, we are governed by the basic principles taught to us in our youth. When we become professionals, businessmen, or work in an office or factory, it is never out of step to remember our basic teachings. If through life we get out of line, always look to God for help and read God's word and take time to pray. Read the twenty-third psalm, which tells us the Lord is our shepherd and will guide us if we let Him. When an athlete is not doing well he goes back to basic training in his sport. We as Knights Templar need at times to go back to our basic training.

What is the basic truth for Knights Templar? The Holy Bible. Trying to find your way? Read the first chapter → → →

of Joshua, verses one through nine. No man can be lost with such a guide at hand.

How is your Commandery doing? Being the manager in your work, a leader in your church, or the head of one of your Masonic groups is not a one-man job. It takes the cooperation and work of its members to keep things moving. Dependency on each other is one of the

**"Read your Bible and pray, and remember the following thought: God's gift to us is our life; our gift to God is the way we live it."**

strongest bonds of society. As most of us know, "teamwork makes it happen." Get on the team and keep Templary moving throughout the world. You will be glad you did.

As we travel through life and reach old age, we need to reflect on a well-spent life and die in the hope of a glorious immortality. The odd fact about life is that no one knows the future as to our existence on this earth. Death knows no time or place. This is controlled by God, and none of us is going to die until God wants us to. Young or old, we all need to put our trust in God.

How many times have you heard someone say, "I wish I could die"? No matter what the case may be, there is always someone in worse condition than you are. Keep reading your Bible and keep praying, because prayer does change things. Remember the following: God's gift to us is our life; our gift to God is the way we live it.



Sir Knight J. Nelson Deakin, Jr., is the junior Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia and a member of Wheeling Commandery No. 1 of Wheeling, West Virginia. He lives at 3 Woodview Drive, Wheeling, WV 26003.

## Grand Recorder Gives Grants and Awards



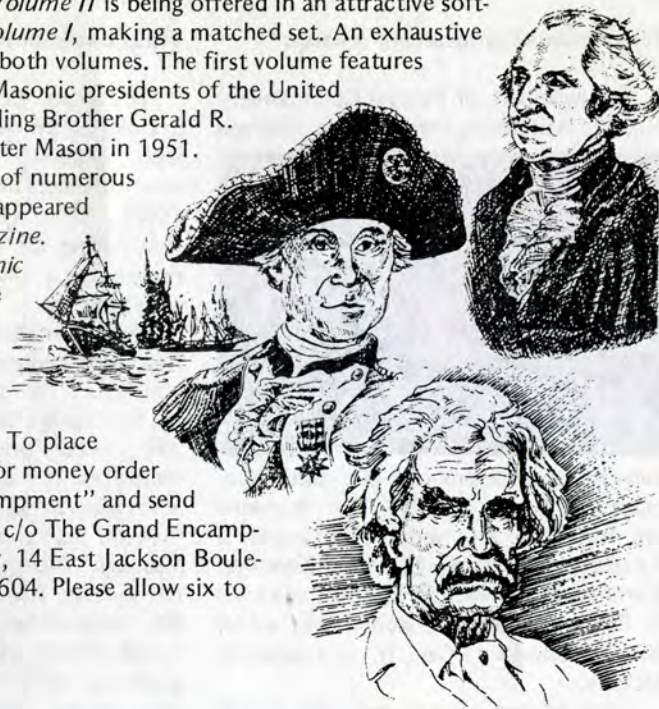
On June 10, during the Iowa Grand Conclave, Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann presented a Knights Templar Eye Foundation grant and two awards.

Pictured with the Grand Recorder are, top to bottom, Dr. Edwin M. Stone of the University of Iowa receiving a second-year research grant of over \$19,000.00 from the KTEF; Sir Knight Clifford M. Baumbach receiving his Past Grand Commander's plaque; and J. Robert Hinebaugh, recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, accompanied by his wife Rilla.

## Masonic Americana, Volumes I & II

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

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



### Wisconsin Grand Guardian

Mrs. Martin Callaway of La Crosse, Wisconsin, will serve as the new Grand Guardian of Wisconsin for the International Order of Job's Daughters. She is a Past President of La Crosse Assembly No. 215, O.J.D., where she has been an active member for twenty-four years, and presently holds the station of Standard Bearer. Mrs. Callaway has served as Bethel Guardian for the past 10½ years.

Mrs. Callaway has been a girl scout leader for fifteen years, and recently was honored for her twenty years of service to scouting. She remains active on the Camp Committee, and is the recipient of the "Thanks Badge," the highest award given to a volunteer in girl scouting.

Mrs. Callaway is a former teacher, a Sunday school teacher for twenty-two years, a certified child care provider, the mother of five children, and the grandmother of two. Her husband Martin, a Past Commander and active member of La Crosse Commandery No. 9, has served as Associate Bethel Guardian for the past 10½ years and is presently the Grand Bethel Associate Guardian of the Grand Bethel of Job's Daughters in Wisconsin.

## Pennsylvania Commandery Awards

Six members of Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, received



awards during ceremonies at a stated Conclave on April 14, 1988. The recipients are, front row, left to right, Sir Knights J. Franklyn Runkle; David L. Kempfer, Commander; Harvey P. Cowley; and Irvin S. Bennett. From left, second row, are Sir Knights Charles L. Carl, Jr., and Gerald J. Hople.

Two of the awards were for Grand Master's Club donations of \$1,000.00 each to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and four were for membership solicitation.

## Carver Wins Scholarship Award

The Jo-De-Ra Cavaliers, a working unit of Omaha's Tangier Shrine Temple that promotes Masonic youth organizations, has announced that Christina E. Carver of Omaha, Nebraska, is the recipient of their annual \$500.00 scholastic cash award to a graduating Nebraska high school senior and member of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Christina applied to Drake University, Bradley University, and Otterbein College. She has decided to attend Butler University in Indiana.

## Texas Lodge of Research

The Texas Lodge of Research is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this year with a special "30-30-30" program for new members who join before March 1989. This \$30.00 package is available during the Lodge's thirtieth year to encourage a thirty percent increase in membership.

New members normally include their first year's dues of \$15.00 with their petition. This provides a subscription to the Lodge bulletin plus a copy of *The Transactions*, where the papers presented to the Lodge are printed. Those who include an extra \$15.00 this year (\$30.00 total) will receive as a bonus: *Masonry Along the Brazos Valley*, by Dr. George French; a recent volume of *The Transactions* of the Lodge; a Texas Lodge of Research lapel pin; and the new anthology of Dr. French's many articles and papers, *Masonology*. A beautiful Texas Lodge of Research commemorative coin also will be included while supplies last.

Dr. French is a Past Master of Texas Lodge of Research and has been recognized for his Masonic scholarship by being named a Fellow of the Philaethes Society. His books are hardbound editions valued at \$10.00 each.

Membership in the Texas Lodge of Research is open to any Master Mason, Lodge, or other Masonic organization whose Grand Lodge is in fraternal accord with the Grand Lodge of Texas. If interested, write to the Secretary, Texas Lodge of Research, P.O. Box 1850, Dallas, TX 75221-1850, for a petition brochure.





# from the Masonic Family

## Tall Cedar Poster Child

Pictured below is Supreme Tall Cedar Gilbert Adkin and the 1988 Tall Cedar



Poster Child, Michael Conrad, who lives in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

As poster child, Michael represents the dedication of the Tall Cedars in their fight against muscular dystrophy. He attends day school in Mannington, New Jersey, and is in the seventh grade. He writes for the school newspaper and participates in workshops. He has competed in local special Olympics and also in school talent shows. He was diagnosed in 1979 as having the duchenne type of muscular dystrophy.

**The best doctors in the world are Doctor Diet, Doctor Quiet, and Doctor Merryman.**

**Jonathan Swift**

## New York Installation

At a public ceremony in the Stapleton Masonic Temple on May 19, Jacques Noel Jacobsen III was installed as Commander of Empire Commandery No. 66, Stapleton, New York. The installation of officers was held in conjunction with DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 14 of Manhattan and Bay Ridge Commandery No. 79 of Brooklyn.

Commander Jacobsen succeeds his father, Jacques Noel Jacobsen, Jr., as Commander, and is a third-generation Templar of Empire Commandery. Edward Babio participated as the installing officer and Walter Drake, Jr., was the installing marshal.

## Knights Templar Stamps

Duquesne Commandery No. 72, located in Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, is offering for sale Knights Templar stamps for use on personal correspondence, packages, and any appropriate place that will make Templary more visible. These stamps are available for a donation of \$1.00 per sheet. Anyone interested should send a note and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with remittance to E. Ben Swaney, 3704 Northern Pike, Monroeville, PA 15146.



**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**

Anyone wishing to purchase these stamps in large quantities, or Commanders wishing to use this program as a fundraiser in their Commanderies for our charities such as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, should inquire about a special price by writing to Commander Edward G. Reese, 319 Prospect Circle, Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

# IN MEMORIAM



**George Breaker Setzler**  
Virginia  
Grand Commander—1948  
Born December 17, 1895  
Died December 1, 1987

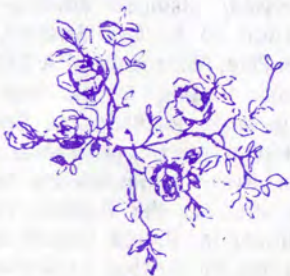
**Miller Patrick Dunn**  
Oregon  
Grand Commander—1954  
Born June 15, 1900  
Died June 12, 1988

**Daron Ewell McCutcheon**  
Tennessee  
Grand Commander—1978  
Born September 15, 1918  
Died June 18, 1988

**Herman William Boye**  
Florida  
Grand Commander—1967  
Born July 24, 1898  
Died June 21, 1988

**Blenus Williams**  
Florida  
Grand Commander—1964  
Born March 27, 1902  
Died July 8, 1988

**Thomas Alison Booth, Sr.**  
Arkansas  
Grand Commander—1958  
Born February 7, 1894  
Died July 9, 1988



## Maine Commanderies In Performance

Blanquefort Commandery No. 13 of Ellsworth, Maine, the Grand Comman-



dery officers, and Sir Knights from thirteen of the twenty-one constituent Commanderies in Maine combined with Irene Chapter No. 97, O.E.S., to present "The Living Cross" at the 96th annual session of the Grand Chapter of Maine, O.E.S.

Past Grand Commander of Maine Kenneth O. Petch, Past Patron of Irene Chapter, originated the ceremony in 1980. Irene Chapter and Blanquefort Commandery have presented it in the Ellsworth Masonic Temple each Easter season since that time.

Prelate and Past Grand Patron Carl A. Rogers narrated the script and composed the prayer. Thirteen Irene Chapter Sisters and thirty-four Sir Knights participated at the cross, and eight Sir Knights assisted in the presentation.

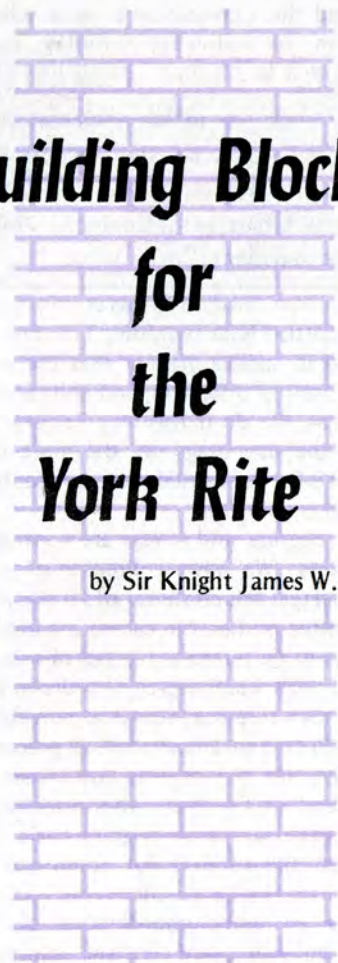
Worthy Grand Matron Jerri S. Holt, a Past Matron of Irene Chapter, said, "I knew it was going to be beautiful, but I didn't know how beautiful. Sisters and Brothers, I wanted to share its beauty with all of you." She presented Grand Commander Malcolm E. Richards (also Past Patron of Irene Chapter) a check for the Grand Commandery charity fund in token of her appreciation.

The Sisters and Sir Knights were given a standing ovation as they retired from the altar. The plans for this service may be obtained from the Grand Commandery of Maine.

**Are** we contributing to our own downfall in York Rite Masonry? It is true that our membership numbers are diminishing, and this truly is our own fault. We have the tools available within our York Rite to stem the tide of membership losses, but we have consistently refused to use them in the past. The York Rite bodies in Fort Myers, Florida, have addressed the problem and developed a plan. Of course, this plan is not perfect nor all-inclusive; the chief elements necessary for the successful execution of this or any other plan are cooperation, coordination, and communication. What follows is a brief description of the plan.

Our York Rite bodies all meet at the same location, and consistently confer the degrees and orders upon candidates twice a year. The Chapter and Council meet on one night (following a covered dish dinner), and the Commandery meets on another night. All three bodies share a common Secretary/Recorder and Treasurer. Frequently there are interlocking relationships where one member may be an elected officer in more than one body. It should be noted that each individual body opens and closes with its own ritual and conducts its own business affairs in conformance with the rules of its respective grand body.

Necessarily, an "executive committee" has been organized—the participants being all the elected officers of all three bodies. This committee meets once a month to coordinate all proposed business or functions to be presented at the upcoming stated meetings of each of the three bodies. This insures that Chapter, Council, and Commandery work together in order to achieve their respective common goals for the advancement of our York Rite bodies as a whole. It must be stressed that our executive committee is a clearing and coordinating committee only—it does not act as a substitute for the



# **Building Blocks for the York Rite**

by Sir Knight James W. Hogg

three bodies in any decision-making matters requiring votes by the membership.

Our conferrals of the degrees and orders follow the festival or reunion method. Typically, our Chapter and Council work will be done on one Saturday, and the Commandery work will be done on the following Saturday. Dates are set well in advance, always preceding

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Shrine ceremonials and never conflicting with Scottish Rite reunions. The days are planned in such a manner that the work begins around 8:00 a.m. and ends around 4:30 p.m. We do it this way because the longer the day drags on, the more of a chore it is for the candidate to concentrate on what is going on.

Our degrees and orders are controlled as follows: We have a director of work who oversees the conferral of all the work in all three bodies. He causes a complete cast list to be published in our newsletter twice a year. Each degree or order in turn has its own director, whose responsibility it is to fill cast vacancies and call practices. The casts for the degrees and orders are comprised of Brethren who consistently confer the ritual on an ongoing basis. This frees up the officers for administrative and other matters. Since we have a director of work coordinating all the ritual activity, our festival conferrals proceed more smoothly.

Our petition forms resemble those used by the Scottish Rite. We use one form for all three bodies, and collect one fee for all the degrees and orders. All fees received are broken down in a separate schedule for credit to each respective body. We spread ballots for election in all three bodies, as required by regulations. When dues cards are issued, we issue one

card for all three bodies. This same pattern holds true for our dues notices. Every year, one notice goes out to our membership showing total dues broken down for all three bodies. Since our records are maintained by one Secretary/Recorder common to all three bodies, our membership records are simplified. The same holds true for our financial affairs, with one Treasurer handling the books for all three bodies.

In previous years, we had great difficulty recruiting candidates for our York Rite bodies. Much to our dismay, we discovered that we were virtually unknown in the Masonic community and no one knew how to contact us! Since then, special flyers have been posted in the various Blue Lodges and Shrine Temples within our coverage area. These flyers identify our Chapter, Council, and Commandery by name, and present the dates and times of our meetings. Also, our location (along with a map showing how to find us) appears with an invitation to attend extended to all York Rite Masons in the area. A name and telephone number is given should more information be required by the Brother reading the flyer. The various Masonic officials in the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Shrine have been provided with the name and telephone number of a qualified representative should information be required on membership or other York Rite matters. We have picked up affiliations and new petitions just by making our presence known to these other Masonic bodies!

Although this program is brand-new in its present form, we have initiated ten candidates in our 1988 York Rite spring festival. This compares to only seven initiated for all of 1987. Our goal is to at least match the class sizes at the local Scottish Rite Valley, which this spring consisted of thirty-four candidates.

It is clear that innovative thinking and creative marketing of our product are

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# On the Masonic Newsfront ...

## Wyoming Knight Templar Black Horse Troop

*The following communication was received from Sir Knight Michael B. Johnson, Past Commander of the Wyoming Knight Templar Black Horse Troop, after Knight Templar asked him to tell our readers of a unique and creative initiative for Templary.*

The year was 1965 on a ranch west of Debois, Wyoming, where an idea of one man was in the process of becoming a reality. The man was at that time the Grand Commander of Wyoming: Sir Knight Albert W. "Ab" Cross. This idea Ab had was sparked by a fellow Knight questioning the reason for the extra hook on the sword belt; the answer being "for mounted drill." Out of this answer was formed the idea of a mounted troop of Knights Templar on black horses, carrying the colors of our country and state.

This idea became Albert Cross' dream. Black Morgan horses were gathered off the Cross ranch, many being "green" horses, and were taught the drills along with the troopers. Many practices looked more like scenes from a western rodeo instead of a precision military drill, which was its goal. After many, many hours of hard work and dedication, a mounted drill team of Templars was born, calling themselves the Wyoming Knight Templar Black Horse Troop.

The troop's first public appearance was in September of 1966 at Sheridan, Wyoming, where they escorted the then-Grand Commander of Wyoming, Sir Knight Ora Helms. The impression made that day has induced many dignitaries to employ our services henceforth.

Members and honorary members have played a very important role in the life of the troop from 1967 to this day. The first four men having the honorary membership bestowed upon them were Sir Knight Sam Chapman, Deputy Commander; Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment; Grand Commander Helms; and the Grand Comander of Montana, Pep Coolidge.

The membership list of the present-day troop is long, possibly resembling a list of "Who's Who in Masonry in the United States." Grand Masters, Grand Encampment officers, Department Commanders, Grand Commanders, Past Grand Commanders, a line of officers, Grand Masters of Grand Lodges, and Grand Lodge officers—all of whom we are proud of, and whose support of the riding members of the troop is so greatly valued. If it were not for their love of Masonry and the troop, and our love for Masonry, the Black Horse troop could not and would not be held together.

In July of 1967, a chariot was added to the troop assemblage. Built by Sir Knights Henry Ackerson and Merle Ackerson, the chariot has augmented the degree of services



the troop can provide, not to mention the increased attraction provided to the public. Its use is mainly to escort dignitaries who prefer not to ride horseback. A picture of the chariot transporting George Hoyt, then-Grand Master, A.F. & A.M., of Wyoming, and his wife Marge in August 1987 can be seen below.

Sir Knight George Cross, father to Albert Cross, was in charge of preparing the first team to pull the chariot. The black mule team chosen for this esteemed position had not been worked for four years, and had no intention of becoming a chariot team. Unfortunately, when George wasn't driving the team, he was repairing the damages created from the previous drive. During that time, black and red roan mules were used to pull the chariot, but today a team of black Morgan horses are used. These well-bred horses have become true animals of the crusade.

Many questions have been raised about the purpose of the two white horses leading the black horses. These horses are ridden by the drill instructors who give the commands which the troop on black horses follow. Because of the volume of noise existing during a parade, many of the commands given by the drill instructors go unheard. The white horses, as leaders, can easily be seen and followed, thus keeping the drill in order.

The aims of the Black Horse Troop today are as they were when the troop was initially started by Albert Cross. We aim to promote Masonry in general, focusing particularly on the York Rite. By bringing Templary to the public eye, we have opened the doors of Templary to many people interested in knowing who we are and what we stand for. Interestingly enough, many people are surprised to learn that Knights Templar are Masons. Indeed, our travels have brought forth many interesting encounters, and questions which we are proud and happy to explain. Interest does high toward the troop, as shown by the number of awards it has won in parades throughout the years. But, regardless of the awards, it shows that with hard work and dedication we are making an impact on our audiences. How great it would be for the Knights Templar if every man, woman, and child in the world could recognize the Templar uniform and know what it stands for!

Promoting Masonry is our aim, but we also have a very important purpose for which we are striving. At the conclusion of many of our performances, we hold a steak and sourdough pancake supper to be enjoyed by our Brother Masons, their wives, and guests. Payment is made solely by donation, with all the proceeds given to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Many hundreds of dollars have been raised for this wonderful and truly important charity, for which we stand proud.

Our achievements speak for themselves, but as is the case with many organizations today, we are in need of the support and enthusiasm from our Brother Masons in order to continue with our efforts in promoting Masonry and the Knights Templar. Our goals might be high, but we can only accomplish these goals solely with your support. The troop's only sustenance comes from the membership dues we receive annually. With each and every trip we take, our riding members not only donate their valuable time, but each pays his own way. Our expense runs high on these trips, making it



difficult to keep our riding members active at all times. For example, at this time we are in need of better equipment for our men. Many of our uniforms have become old and worn through the years. If any Commandery or individual might have any of the



old uniforms, belts, swords, baldrics, or chapeaux they are not in need of, we would greatly appreciate you keeping us in mind.

In the picture at left are Sir Knight Doug Johnson (on the left) and I presenting a Black Horse Troop jacket to Kenneth Watts, Past Grand Commander of Wyoming, in the center. The presentation of a troop jacket to visiting dignitaries is one of our most rewarding activities.

In closing, I would like to inform you of the annual pack trip sponsored by the troop. These pack trips are usually held around the Fourth of July, taking approximately five days to a week, with trips to Pinedale, Jackson, or Cody, Wyoming. I would also like to add that we welcome your membership, which is \$10.00 per year and includes a troop lapel pin. For further information or any questions, you may contact me by mail: Michael B. Johnson, P.O. Box 575, Crowheart, Wyoming 82512; or by phone: (307) 486-2268.

We work for all Masons and Knights Templar, so if you would like the use of our services, please let us know. If there is any possibility of getting there, we will. We invite you to make use of *your* Black Horse Troop. May God bless and keep you.



### Knights Templar International Visitations

On April 13, 1988, Most Eminent Knight Donald A. King, Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada, made an official visit to Cornwall Preceptory No. 47, Knights Templar, Cornwall, Ontario. Presiding Preceptor Richard Suppes invited Massena Commandery No. 72, Massena, New York, to furnish the honor guard for the entrance of Most Eminent Knight King. Six Sir Knights responded and, after the Conclave, a Chinese food buffet was served.

On April 30, at a special festival Conclave, twenty Companions were dubbed and created Sir Knights; five were from Watertown Commandery No. 11, three were from De Soto Commandery No. 49, and twelve were from Massena Commandery. Sir Knights from the three New York Commanderies conferred the degrees and orders.

Sir Knight Kenneth Russell McDonald, Jr., joined with his father, Sir Knight Kenneth R. McDonald, and his grandfather, Sir Knight Kenneth A. McDonald, in becoming Knights of Massena Commandery.

On May 12, New York Grand Senior Warden Warren A. Romaine inspected Massena Commandery. Serving as escorts were Sir Knights John McLeod, George Williams,

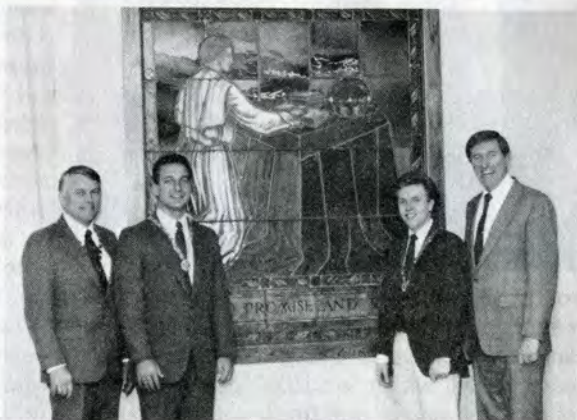
James Ward, and Thomas Cronin. Also escorting were Presiding Preceptor Richard Suppes and Preceptors Charles Houghton, Herman Cote, and Robert Johnston of Cornwall Preceptory, Ontario.

### DeMolay International Dedicates Stained Glass Window

DeMolay International dedicated a six foot by five foot stained glass window, depicting a DeMolay kneeling in prayer, at its new service and leadership center in Kansas City, Missouri, on Friday, March 18, 1988.

Gary A. LaBranche, executive director of DeMolay International, said "The stained glass window is a beautiful piece of art that has been a part of DeMolay for many years. Our DeMolays and Dads throughout the country see the window as a shining jewel of DeMolay. It portrays one of the most important moments in a DeMolay's experience. The restoration and endowment of this window is one of the most important gifts that we've received as part of our Capital Campaign. Through gifts like this, DeMolay will continue to be the 'Cornerstone of the Next Generation.'" The capital campaign is designed to raise three million dollars to purchase and endow DeMolay's service and leadership center.

Several International DeMolay leaders took part in the ceremony, including, left to right, Grand Master Robert F. Hannon of Tucson, Arizona; International Master Councilor Jay R. Aldis of Houston, Texas; International Congress Secretary Paul D. Jacobsen of Bellevue, Washington; and National Campaign Chairman Henry E. Stickney of San Bernardino, California.



### Northern California York Rite Festival

Masons from northern California gathered at the Springbrook Masonic Temple in Vallejo, California, on the weekends of March 12 and March 26 for the third annual York Rite festival. The class consisted of forty-one candidates for the Chapter degrees, thirty-four for the Council degrees, and forty-three for the Commandery Orders, and was the largest in the three-year period that this regional York Rite festival has been held.



The degrees and orders were conferred in full regalia and full form. According to William W. Price, Grand Royal Arch Captain, "Much preparation, coupled with hard



work and excellent ritual, besides good fellowship, made this event a major success for the York Rite." The honoree was Most Illustrious Companion George E. Little, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of California, who, Sir Knight Price was saddened to report, passed away on April 27 after a lengthy illness.

### Second-Year Research Grant at LSU

E. Eugenie Hartmann, Ph.D., research assistant professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the Louisiana State University Medical Center, LSU Eye Center, has been awarded a second-year pediatric ophthalmology grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Her research involves vision testing with children less than twelve months of age (See *Knight Templar*, August 1987, page 24).

As pictured right, left to right, are Herbert E. Kaufmann, M.D.; E. Eugenie Hartmann, Ph.D.; and Sir Knights Earl R. Little, Past Commander of Louisiana, and Bowdre McDowell, Grand Recorder.



The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., awards pediatric ophthalmology grants to young investigators throughout the nation. Their goal is to fund researchers who have recently completed their training. They have solicited research proposals which will facilitate our understanding of problems in pediatric ophthalmology, such as eye birth defects, crossed eyes (strabismus), or lazy eye (amblyopia).

Dr. Hartmann joined the staff at the LSU Eye Center four years ago. She received her Ph.D. degree in applied bio-psychology from the University of New Orleans in May 1987. The Knights Templar funding will be used to continue developing and improving available techniques. Ultimately these techniques are expected to lead to early intervention and more effective monitoring of treatment outcomes in young children with vision problems.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear *Knight Templar*:

When it opened its Grand Conclave on May 12, the Grand Commandery of Virginia did so in full form. In a performance seldom seen in any Grand Conclave, each officer recited his duties in full, much to the pleasure of the attending Knights and guests. In this manner, Sir Knight Mansell Hopkins, who is a professor of electrical engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, opened the closing chapter of his term of office as Grand Commander.

At the Grand Commandery banquet, held at Red Lion Inn, Blacksburg, Virginia, every diner received an eight-ounce jar of delicious Appalachian wildflower honey, produced by Dr. Hopkins' own bees. Beekeeping is one of his several hobbies.

Sir Knight Robert D. McMarlin  
Past Grand Commander, Virginia

# Crossword Puzzle

On the Wing

## ACROSS

- 1 Hitchcock's window
- 5 "Swan ----"
- 9 Hindu god of fire
- 13 Look slyly
- 14 Nile wader
- 15 Shun
- 16 Lookout at sea (2 wds.)
- 18 Electron tube
- 19 Group in Washington, D.C.
- 20 Ethiopian emperor Haile
- 22 The lands, to Nero
- 24 Type of fabric
- 25 Spanish coins
- 27 Fits together
- 30 Visorless cap
- 33 Ridge on a glacier
- 35 District in India
- 36 Actor of the past Novello
- 37 Arithmetic sign
- 38 Andersen's duckling
- 39 Johnny ---
- 40 Puccini opera
- 41 Orbital positions
- 42 Impelled
- 44 Ran across again



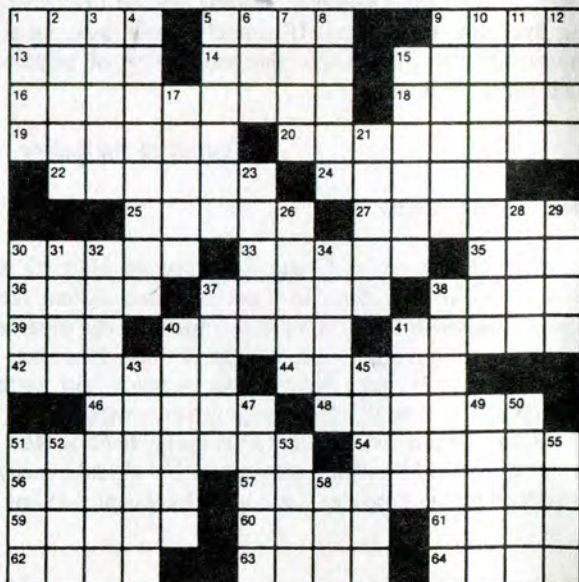
- 46 Chile saltpeter
- 48 Garb for Lamour
- 51 Author of "Black Oxen"
- 54 Climb like a tight skirt (2 wds.)
- 56 Nary a soul (2 wds.)
- 57 America's bird (2 wds.)
- 59 Thespian Jeremy
- 60 Ornamental case
- 61 Crest on a bluejay's head
- 62 Drink
- 63 Bird-; watches closely
- 64 Being

- 30 Big ---- of Sesame Street
- 31 Always
- 32 Errol Flynn role (2 wds.)
- 34 Old Norse poetry
- 37 Degas contemporary
- 38 Modern (3 wds.)
- 40 French measures
- 41 Home of the condor
- 43 Strauss' "Tales from the ---- Woods"
- 45 Tuesdays for Pierre
- 47 Dressed like a judge
- 49 Hot, spiced drink
- 50 Mexico and Sidra
- 51 Black cuckoos
- 52 Foe in the bull ring (Sp.)
- 53 No. Atl. org.
- 55 Fountain
- 58 Haul

## DOWN

- 1 Mythological flyers
- 2 Heron's cousin
- 3 Solo
- 4 One paying for service
- 5 ---- equation
- 6 Fortas
- 7 Piece by Rodin or rock group
- 8 Chemical compound
- 9 Pay ----; call on (2 wds.)
- 10 Zeros (2 wds.)
- 11 Breeding spots
- 12 Notion to Pierre
- 15 Author born in Yugoslavia
- 17 Walk like a peacock
- 21 Fernando or Lorenzo
- 23 Red dye
- 26 Montalban, e.g.
- 28 Play part
- 29 Declares

The solution for this month's crossword puzzle is on page 8.



necessary in order for our York Rite to prosper. We do have something to sell and, if done right, our candidates will experience something that they will fondly remember for many years to come. The basic idea is to have a long-term plan, and improve on that plan as you go. We still have a long road to travel

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in Fort Myers, but we are beginning to see some results from our labors.

It is vitally important that we coordinate the activities of our Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies. They depend upon one another for survival! It is necessary that we cooperate with one another and, above all, communicate with one another. Let your membership and potential candidates know what you are doing. We are not going to magically replenish our losses overnight with plans such as this, because it takes work on an ongoing basis to achieve tangible results. Remember the famous saying: "Rome was not built in a day."

All of you who are presiding officers are the ones at the helm. You are the ones who can get Chapters and Councils together to pool resources in order to execute a plan along these lines. It is up to you whether we succeed or fail. You are the key—get busy and get enthusiastic about York Rite; enthusiastic activity breeds success!



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

Sir Knight James W. Hogg is Generalissimo of Fort Myers Commandery No. 32 in Fort Myers, Florida. He can be reached at P.O. Box 06112, Fort Myers, FL 33906.

## Lancaster Lodge Lapel Emblem

Lancaster Lodge No. 57, F. and A.M., Lancaster, Ohio, celebrated the first anniversary of its own charity fund earlier this year. In 1987, the Lodge had unanimously voted to establish the fund for the purpose of having money available to assist worthy distressed Master Masons and their widows and orphans.

To recognize those who donated to the fund, Lancaster Lodge provides an enameled lapel emblem. For donations of \$10.00, a silver-trimmed emblem is provided. For a donation of \$25.00 or more, a gold-trimmed emblem is given.

Donations may be sent to Lancaster Lodge No. 57, 224 South High Street, Lancaster, OH 43130. Checks should be made payable to Lancaster Lodge No. 57 Charity Fund.

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To guide his steps afford your  
kindest aid,  
And gently pity whom ye can't  
persuade;  
Leave to avenging Heaven his stub-  
born will,  
For, O, remember he's your brother  
still.

Jonathan Swift

# History of the Grand Encampment

## CHAPTER XVI

### FEATURES OF THE TRIENNIAL CONCLAVES (continued)

The thirty-seventh Conclave was held in Detroit, Michigan in 1928. The city was gaily decorated for the occasion and the beautifully illuminated triumphal arch was indeed a masterpiece. The Grand Encampment was formally opened by Divine Service at the First Presbyterian Church where the Grand Prelate, Sir Mark A. Matthews, delivered a splendid message on "Our Doctrines and Duties." The parade was the largest ever held. There were more than 30,000 Sir Knights in line divided into thirteen divisions. This wonderful spectacle was viewed by more than half a million people. Detroit Commandery No. 5 marching in the form of a Passion Cross brought great applause.

Banquets and dinners were given by the Grand Commanderies of Colorado, California, and Missouri. The Grand Commandery of New York gave its traditional breakfast, and the Grand Commandery of Illinois gave a banquet and later a reception in honor of Sir Knight William L. Sharp, who was elected Grand Master at this Conclave.

The banquet tendered the Grand Encampment was remarkable for two reasons: it was the first time that the members and their ladies were seated together at the same function, and there were no speeches.

An editorial of one of the Detroit newspapers gave this tribute to the Knights Templar:

The glamour of a storied past lingers as a cherished memory, like the sunset glow, long after the sun has gone down below the horizon. In like manner the traditions of what was best and noblest in the Chivalry of the Middle Ages are preserved in the Order of Knights Templar.

They are banded together in a great brotherhood and while they constitute but a small proportion of each community they exercise a wholesome influence not only upon one another but upon the community at large. They represent in their aggregate membership in the United States, a far larger army than was engaged in any of the Crusades, but the swords which they carry are but symbols of a storied past, relics of a time when men were forced to defend their persons and principles with arms and when they valorously took upon themselves the defense of the weak and helpless as a duty of Knighthood.

In 1931, Minneapolis was the host of the Grand Encampment. The city was most tastefully and appropriately decorated. It is said that the Sir Knights of that city exhibited wisdom in planning this decoration and deserved praise for not overdoing.

On his arrival, Grand Master Sharp was taken to the Nicollet Hotel where a dinner was held in his honor. He officially opened the thirty-eighth Triennial Conclave by giving the signal for the illumination of the special decorations the city of Minneapolis erected to welcome the visiting Templars.

More than 12,500 attended the religious services at the Auditorium, where Sir Knight Chester B. Emerson, the Grand Prelate, delivered a most powerful sermon on "The Anchors of our Faith."

The usual parade was held with creditable showing. Many banquets and open houses were held by the various Grand Commanderies, among which were the customary breakfast of the Grand Commandery of New York, a luncheon by the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, an open house by the Grand Commandery of Indiana, and a breakfast by the Grand Commandery of Missouri. The Grand Commandery of Oregon gave a luncheon for the Grand Master and his staff, serving a fifty-pound salmon from their state. The Grand Commandery of California arranged the banquet hall of the Nicollet Hotel as an orange grove for the banquet given in honor of the Grand Encampment. The banquet by the Grand Commandery of Minnesota for the Grand Encampment and the distinguished guests was a brilliant and delightful event. A full program of entertainment was arranged for the visiting Knights. On every hand there were repeated evidences of genuine hospitality, so that every Sir Knight carried away with him the warmest and most affectionate regards for the generosity of the people of Minneapolis and the Knights Templar of Minnesota.

For the third time San Francisco was chosen as host for the Conclave of the Grand Encampment. The 1934 Conclave had been planned to do honor to one of California's great citizens, Sir Perry W. Weidner, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. His untimely passing in August 1932 was a great blow, but the original plans were carried out with traditional splendor.

At the request of Acting Grand Master, Andrew D. Agnew, no emblems were used in the decorations other than the American flag and the colors of Knights Templar. Market Street from the

Ferry Building to the Civic Center was decorated with draped arches, waving flags, and emblems of the Ancient Crusader and the Modern Templar. Van Ness Avenue was a "Path of Gold" while Chinatown was distinctive with her own unusual displays. The outstanding decorative feature was a massive Gothic Cathedral Tower erected in Union Square Park. At its summit was a cross twelve feet high. At its base on each side was an elaborately draped altar twenty feet high, and on each an open Bible flanked by an eight foot candelabra. Back of each Bible was a large cross. Lighted by varied-colored lights at night, this beautiful Gothic Tower was an artistic tribute to Templary.

Divine Service for the Grand Encampment was held in the Exposition Auditorium. More than 12,000 crowded the building to its capacity. The Grand Master and the officers of the Grand Encampment were escorted to the auditorium by 3,000 Knights Templar from the Bay Region Commanderies. The Grand Prelate, David L. Wilson, took as his subject for a most imposing address, "The Incomparable Glory of Templary." It was a plea for greater attention to public morals, and a challenge to solve the problems by the principles of Jesus of Nazareth. He stated:

The glory of Templary is centered in our great leader — Jesus Christ. We glory in the symbol emblazoned on our banners and carried on our breasts — the Cross of Glory. It is ours to make the Cross of Jesus a living reality in our lives, not simply to carry it on our banners, but to feel its weight on our shoulders.

The Committee on Templar History has plans to prepare an updated history of the Grand Encampment, continuing where Sir Knight Scully left off. When completed, the updated history will be announced in the KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE.



# 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.

- ❑ Wanted to buy: used Knight Templar ring in good condition. Contact *Tim Collinsworth, 172 Overlook Dr., Pensacola, FL 32503, (904) 478-6880 after 6:00 p.m.*
- ❑ Wanted to buy: Knight Templar sword in good condition, either silver or gold. Reasonable price. *Hermas Kraushaar, 514 Maple, Ottawa, KS 66067.*
- ❑ Las Cruces Commandery No. 11 in Las Cruces, N.M., has eighteen Prince Albert or high collar Templar coats. These coats are surplus coats for military units who dress in the uniforms of the 1850-1900 period. Organizations with a need please write to *Kermit K. Schauer, Recorder, P.O. Box 1512, Las Cruces, NM 88004.*
- ❑ For sale: black Portley tuxedo coat, size 46; pants, size 44; white Arrow shirt with pleated front, size 16/32. \$75.00. Since my husband died, I no longer have use for his formal tuxedo; he only wore it three or four times. *Mrs. Fred Culver, 2524 Canterbury, Muskogee, OK 74403.*
- ❑ For sale: Masonic related plates—Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, R.A.C., Consistories, O.E.S., Rainbow, and more. Over 100 available, dating from 1898 through 1980s. Will sell individually or as complete collection. Please send for details; state your specific interest. *Ted Lichtenwalner, RD 1, Box 103, Zionsville, PA 18092, (215) 966-5958.*
- ❑ Wanted: two volume set of *Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Vols. I and II*. Wanted for reference library; condition not important as long as volumes are intact. Would also be interested in *Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Vol. III, and Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia*. Write to *Frank Cochrane, P.O. Box 360025, Melbourne, FL 32936.*
- ❑ For sale: needlepoint and counted cross-stitch kits for the various Masonic degrees and related bodies, including Blue Lodge, Shriners, O.E.S., and many more. The symbols are designed to be framed as an 8" x 10" wall hanging; however, material provided would allow use for a slightly larger pillow or whatever your imagination may dictate. Price of \$15.00 each includes canvas or Ada cloth, needle, yarn or floss, complete instructions, shipping, and handling. *C. A. Adams, Box 34, Mount Holly, VT 05758.*
- ❑ For sale: Elgin 14K white gold watch, size 12, in mint condition, with Scottish Rite symbol engraved on back. About 1926 model. Excellent timekeeper. \$200.00. *The Reverend Jesse H. Roberts, 1106 W. 85th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114, (816) 361-2890.*
- ❑ For sale: Scottish Rite diamond ring, .96K, size 9½, with eagles on side in 18K white gold. Band of 14K yellow gold. Appraised at \$1,230. Contact *Richard D. Miller, 6430 Apple Rd., Sebring, FL 33872, (813) 385-5376.*
- ❑ Looking for family of John Bailey. He came from Franklin Co., Va., about 1827, to Paint Creek and later Shumate Dairy Farm (now in Raleigh Co., W.Va.). His sons were Sparrel [sic], Booker, George, and Leftwich. Daughter Nancy married Meredith Clay; they were my g.g.g.-grandparents. Write for more details. *Alfred Clay, Rt. 2, Box F-10, Webster Springs, WV 26288.*
- ❑ Reunion of 65th Combat Engineer Bn., 25th Infantry Division, September 22-25, 1988, in Washington, D.C., for veterans who served at Pearl Harbor in WWII and in Korea and Vietnam. Contact *Maurice A. Storck, P.O. Box 644, Portland, ME 04104, (207) 781-5201.*
- ❑ Seeking info concerning the Sherman family—specifically Caleb, Ring, and Young Sherman and any related to them by blood or marriage. My mother's maiden name was Sherman. *Paul S. Bear, 1720 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96815.*
- ❑ USS William S. Seiverling (DE-441) 24th annual reunion: September 9-10, 1988, at

Quality Inn-Chicopee, Mass. Contact *Arthur L. Wengers, 8 Old Fuller Rd., Chicopee, MA 01020, or Harold F. Outzen, 18417 99th Dr., Sun City, AZ 85373.*

□ Trying to locate shipmates who served aboard USS Euryale (AS-22) during WWII for proposed reunion. Contact *Charles Vizthum, 9831 Tomahawk Trail, Coldwater, MI 49036.*

□ For sale: two spaces—companion crypts—in mausoleum, Sherwood Memorial Park, Jonesboro, Ga. (near Atlanta). Value \$3,500.00. No reasonable offer will be refused. Contact *E. Tish, 6104 Eagle Dr., Ft. Pierce, FL 34951.*

□ Seeking info on the nephews or nieces of Christian A. Rink (b. 7/18/1843; d. 1895), who was my grandfather. He was a member of Friendship Lutheran Church in Alexander Co., N.C.; an elder in December 1881. May have moved to N.C. from Pa. area. Anyone with any info, please write to *Charles C. Rink, Box 3, Lake Hickory Place, Hickory, NC 28601.*

□ I have over one hundred silver dollars dating from 1878 to 1934. Would sell for \$15.00 each. *Joe Post, 922 W. 6th, Okmulgee, OK 74447, (918) 756-2853.*

□ Seeking info on family of John Clinton (d. 1814-15 in Connersville, Ind.), father of Fielding Jeter Clinton. *Beverly Matson Lange, N.E. 1025 Alfred Ln., Pullman, WA 99163.*

□ 8th reunion of USS Diphda (AKA-59) to be held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., at the Kingston Plantation, Nov. 1988. Contact *Frank Szumanski, 421 S.E. 16th Ct., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316.*

□ I collect bijoux or commemorative coins from the American Canadian Grand Lodge within the United Grand Lodges of Germany. I am looking for Brethren who are or were members of the following Lodges: Donau River No. 863, Regensburg; Unity No. 851, Munich; Little Rose of the Alps No. 840, Garmisch; Zu den drei Helmen No. 868; Dachau No. 887; Furstendbruck No. 851; Bavarian Hills No. 856; Berchtesgarden No. 865; Schleissheim No. 878; and Rheinbruecke No. 859. Contact *Gunter B. Bahrenburg, Moltkestr. 8/2, 7100 Heilbronn, West Germany.*

□ WWII veterans of the 1268th Combat Engineers Battalion are having their 12th annual reunion in Albuquerque, N.M., on September 9-11, 1988. For more info, please contact *Paul A. Dyllyn, 3402 Bader Ave., Cleveland, OH 44109, (216) 661-8894.*

□ Would like to hear from relatives of the Gibbs family. I have the names of Curt Irwin, Rose Irwin Craig, and Charles Rutherford; they all lived in the Knoxville, Fountain City, and Andersonville, Tenn., area. Please write to your cousin, *Wayne Gibbs, Rt. 1, Box 294, Sedalia, MO 65301, or William T. Gibbs, 1717 S. Barrett, Sedalia, MO 65301.*

□ 104th Infantry Division (Timberwolf) will hold its 43rd reunion Sept. 1-5 at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel in Tysons Corner, Va., just outside Washington, D.C., beltway, Rt. 7. Seeking Sir Knights for visit to George Washington Masonic National Memorial. For info, contact *Frank Yalch, 4500 N. Federal Hwy., No. 355 Lighthouse Point, FL 33064, (305) 731-5451.*

□ Seeking info on grandfather Martin Ladwig. He was born in Madison, Wis.; married Anges Cunningham of Wis. Moved to Atchison, Kans., in early 1890s. Had one son, Herbert; born in Madison, Wis. Write for more details. Thanks. *Donald H. Ladwig, 4201 Garden Ln., Topeka, KS 66614.*

□ Wanted: law enforcement and fire paper goods—ID cards, certificates of appointment, commissions, oaths of office, or what-have-you. Will trade if I can and buy if I must. *Larry Baird, P.O. Box 444, Los Alamitos, CA 90720, (714) 597-4409.*

□ Would like to hear from anyone who knows the whereabouts of James Ray Flathers, originally from Kansas City, Mo. *Lawrence W. Miller, 300 Glenn St., Whitmire, SC 29178.*

□ The Spearhead Division of the 1st Army, WWII, 3rd Armored Division, is having a reunion September 28-October 1, 1988, at Scottsdale, Ariz. For info and reservations, contact *Wallace D. Caillouet, P.O. Box 740665, New Orleans, LA 70174, (503) 392-1938.* ALSO 3rd Armored men who were in the Malmedy Massacre are urged to contact *John M. Bauserman, 604 N. Fillmore Ave., Sterling, VA 22170. Write for more details.*

□ Seeking info for help from military men of the USS Manchester, Chodo Island, Yellow Sea, November 1951, and medical personnel stationed at K6, February 1951. Call or write to *Walt Henricks, RR 1, D148, Wolcottville, IN 46795, (219) 463-3933.*

□ Seeking whereabouts of long-lost friend—Earl Rowe. His last known residence is 1326 N. Church, Rockford, Ill. He has also lived in Belvidere and Carbondale, Ill. Please contact *Stacy Bertheau, P.O. Box 7193, Long Beach, CA 90807, (213) 427-1243.*

