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A Time to Remember

I cannot refrain from commenting on the wonderful Easter Service we enjoyed at Alexandria, Virginia, on March 26. The weather was perfect. The sermon by our Grand Prelate, the Reverend Dr. Thomas E. Weir, was outstanding. I hope you read it in the March issue of our *Knight Templar Magazine*. The band performed better than ever before, and the young people from the choir of the Columbia Baptist Church, who sang for our service, were splendid. And what adjective can describe the beautiful voice of Sir Knight Richard Webb, Past Grand Commander of Michigan, singing the "Lord's Prayer." It was an inspiring service and I hope every Knight Templar can, at least once in his lifetime, attend one of our



Grand Encampment sponsored Easter Sunrise Services. You would never forget the thrill of marching up Shooter's Hill to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers." Our Easter Breakfast in its new location at the Sheraton Inn was a huge success. The dining room was beautiful and the meal was excellent. We were provided an opportunity to really get acquainted with each other.

May is always one of the most beautiful months of the year. It is, also, one of the most significant. It is the month in which we set aside a day to honor our mothers. For many of us, our mothers are no longer with us. But we remember them especially on Mother's Day and recall their love and devotion to us. Those who are so fortunate as to still have their mothers will wish to express their love and to wish them a "happy Mother's Day."

On May 8, 1884, a great American was born in Lamar, Missouri. He became our thirty-third President. Most Worshipful Brother Harry S. Truman was one of the most outstanding Presidents of our time. He served his country at one of its most critical periods in history. Time has revealed that his decisions were correct and the country prospered under his leadership. We point with pride to the fact that he was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Most Worshipful Brother Bruce Hunt records that Brother Truman felt that the greatest honor he ever received was that of being elected and installed Grand Master of Missouri. He was truly a great Mason and a great American, and he was also a Knight Templar.

May 29 is Memorial Day. It is a time to honor the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice for our beloved country. We honor their memory, and it is proper that we proudly display our flag on that day.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marvin E. Fowler". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Marvin E. Fowler Grand Master

Knight Templar

"The Magazine for York Rite Masons - and Others, too"

MAY: Sir Knight Edward R. Saunders, Jr., Past Southeastern Department Commander and Past Grand Commander of Virginia, salutes our nation's flag at the 1989 Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, D.C. The photo credit belongs to Karla Neumann, wife of our Grand Recorder. The story of the Service appears on page 15. Also, the exciting life story of Sir Knight Adolphus Greely concludes in this issue; and both poetry and prose appear to stimulate your thoughts on Templary during this season of renewal.

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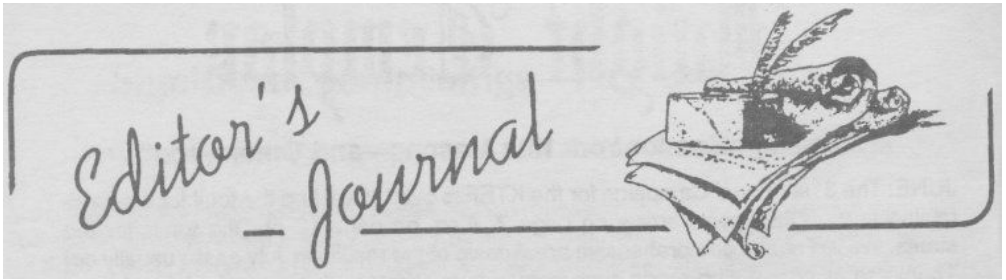
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Let us know who, what, where, when, and why it all happened. Items that may interest Knights Templar wherever dispersed will be selected to appear in *Knight Templar*, but be sure to include a clear, sharp, black and white photo or two of uniformed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

Thanks, from the editor.

Part II

Sir Knight Major General Greely

Sir Knight George M. Hall
Arizona Commandery No. 1, Tucson, Arizona

The first part of this narrative described General Greely's formative years in the army and his leadership of an Arctic expedition in the period 1881-1884, with the last year so harrowing that only six of the original party of twenty-five survived the ordeal. On his return, Greely would face an unremitting trial of another kind - this time directed at his very character.

First was the allegation that he condoned, if not practiced, cannibalism on the deceased members of the expedition; this at a time and place in history when cannibalism was regarded on a par with murder and treason. The widow of the expedition's contract surgeon, Dr. Octave Pavy, was particularly insidious at advancing this allegation. In time, the facts bore out that a few members of the party had, in fact, committed the offense, but that they had in turn died. Moreover, the surgical precision of the cuts suggested that it was Dr. Pavy himself who was the chief culprit.

The second point of contention concerned Greely's order to execute Private Charles B. Henry. This was true, but Greely made no attempt to hide it.

On the contrary, virtually his first action upon return was to request a court of inquiry. The Secretary of War, Robert Lincoln (Abraham Lincoln's only surviving son) decided an investigation was unnecessary. Henry was a convicted forger and a deserter from the army, reenlisting under the alias by which he was then known. He repeatedly stole large amounts of the meager rations available and jeopardized the lives of the survivors. He was given every opportunity to stop his intolerable behavior, but it only grew worse. In the end, Greely had no choice but to order his execution. Yet, until this matter was cleared up, the public was led to believe Greely was a harsh, insensitive tyrant.

The third point of controversy was that Greely had been passed over for promotion to captain, not due to any lack of ability but because it was presumed he would not survive the expedition. His promotion quota instead went to the direct commissioning of a civilian. Far more galling was his discovery of the lack of effort to ensure the expedition was relieved by 1883. As far as can be discerned from the records, only the

personal plea of Mrs. Greely directly to Congress energized the successful rescue attempt the following year.

Finally there was the refusal of the army to provide proper compensation to the survivors of his command. On the contrary, the army tried to charge the survivors for loss of clothing and other equipment during the harrowing final ten months. Greely's compassion was tested to the full. The army was his career, the only professional life he knew. At the time, it was questionable if he would ever see promotion to captain. But instead of protecting his own interests, he openly advised his men to employ a lobbyist for a private relief bill in Congress, which was successful. Then, in striving to obtain a direct commission for one of the survivors, he took the President and Congress to task in his widely published account of the expedition:

It is inevitable in most great undertakings that the subordinates should be relegated to secondary places, but I cannot believe that our great nation, which spent money so lavishly to save these men, will allow their heroic endurance and manly virtues to pass unrewarded. Lockwood and the Eskimo Christiansen have unhappily passed away, but Sergeant Brainard, who strove with them successfully to gain for the country the honors of the Farthest North, yet remains, after eight years of stainless and extraordinary service in the ranks, a sergeant. His manhood, courage, and self-sacrifice, displayed on the polar sea and at Sabine, would have gained him a commission at once in any other service of the world.

One of the few moments of solace during



Two great Americans on the occasion of the award of the Medal of Honor to Greely: General A. W. Greely (left) and General David L. Brainard.

this period, beyond those moments shared with his wife, was the splendid reception his Commandery gave him on October 6, 1884. The minutes of that reception make interesting reading and prove, indeed, just what an officer and a gentleman he was.

But the nightmare continued until 1886, when the next promotion board met and this time saw fit to promote the man who had served as a lieutenant for twenty-four years. Then the army made up for its oversight. Nine months later, when the Chief Signal Officer, General William B. Hazen, died, Greely was nominated for the position. President Cleveland forwarded the nomination to Congress with the strongest recommendation. Dr. Pavy's widow tried once more to smear Greely's reputation, but her testimony no longer had any effect. Congress gave its consent, and on March 3, 1887, the stars of a brigadier general were pinned on Greely. Shortly before this, President Cleveland had commissioned Sergeant Brainard to second lieutenant in the Regular Army. Lieutenant Brainard was himself destined to rise to the rank of brigadier general.

Understandably, Greely's military career

as a general officer was more comfortable than his days as a lieutenant, and his accomplishments had a greater influence by virtue of his rank and position. Yet nothing went to his head. He continued as a respectfully outspoken leader of men, of organizations, and of ideas, and in time he developed a wry sense of humor.

Many years later he would come to relish telling the tale about Sir George Reid, the British High Commissioner of Australia. During World War I, it seems, young British ladies would browbeat any man not obviously handicapped. The commissioner ran into one of these young ladies, who badgered him to death, ending with: "It is a scandal that a man like you is not in France. Get to the front!" Sir George, who was then past sixty and had a prominent paunch, alit from his carriage and replied: "I will do as you ask," and then throwing his head back and paunch forward, added, "But am I not sufficiently at the front already?"

Among his many achievements as a general officer, Greely was a principal founder of the National Geographical Society. This was not in itself a chore, but it led to some personal disappointments that further demonstrated the character of the man. On four occasions, he felt it necessary to decline the presidency of the society due to conflicting duties.

Then, George Washington University asked him to take the geography chair, perhaps the only time a major university had a full professor with only a high school education.

A painful episode arose from Admiral Robert Peary's claim to have been the first person to reach the North Pole (in 1909). Peary had been Greely's most severe critic after the rescue in 1884, but the general maintained his silence and advised Peary, whenever asked, on conditions in the Arctic. When Peary reached the pole (so it was claimed), the

general was the first to offer congratulations, though by rigorous study of Peary's documents Greely knew that Peary had missed the mark due to technical errors in navigation. Moreover, Peary used the same building Greely erected in the Arctic and apparently took off with some prized possessions that had to be abandoned in 1883. Greely maintained his silence on this until 1927, seven years after Peary died. Based on a September 1988 article in the *National Geographic*, and several books published concurrently, it appears that Greely was correct and also, that Peary realized his mistake and falsified his records to cover it.

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Greely's major contribution to science, however, arose not from the Arctic expedition but from his personal and technical leadership of the United States Weather Service, until it was transferred from the U.S. Army to the Department of the Interior in 1890. Though vastly improved since that time, he laid the intellectual groundwork for that improvement.

His major technical contribution to the army itself, though, was even more significant. At the time, most army officers were adamantly opposed to telegraphic communications on the battlefield. The cavalry, in particular, believed there never would be a substitute for the messenger on horseback. The moment of truth came with the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War. The senior commanders selected for the campaign made a point of refusing to take telegraph equipment, but Greely took the initiative and established an undersea cable from Key West to Cuba and laid tactical wire on land. The field

commanders afterward begrudgingly admitted to the usefulness of the wire, but the more important consequence was the timely transmittal of Colonel Teddy Roosevelt's "round robin" letter.

The Battle of Santiago had not incurred particularly large numbers of battle casualties, but an epidemic of typhoid, yellow fever, and malaria broke out in the camps. The War Department ordered the army to remain in camp until the epidemic burned itself out. Colonel Roosevelt immediately recognized that, in this instance, the climatic conditions would increase the number of deaths and wrote a letter to that effect, which he and eight general officers signed. The message was sent over Greely's cable, resulting in the immediate reversal of the order. The troops were then evacuated from Cuba. Depending on which estimate one reads, between several hundred and several thousand lives were saved. From that moment forward, the army became a believer in electrical tactical communications and kept Greely quite busy overseeing the establishment of telegraph lines in Alaska and the Philippines.

This growing record of accomplishments led Teddy Roosevelt, a few years after he became president, to promote Greely to major general. At the time, the army had only three or four major general positions and none of any higher rank. Moreover, it was exceedingly rare for a brigadier general serving in a specialty (in this case, the Signal Corps) to see any further promotion. Obviously, this was an extraordinary mark of recognition.

However, the second star did not lead to a life of ease. Greely was reassigned as Commander, Western Department of the Army, headquartered in San Francisco, just prior to the devastating earthquake. True to character, his administration of martial law, which followed, became a model of prudent judgment, initiative, and leadership in time of civil disaster.

By the time civil authority was fully



Secretary of War George Dern (right) pins Medal of Honor on General Greely (left) on March 27, 1935.

restored, Greely had little more than a year to serve before statutory retirement at sixty-four. For that one year, he did lead a relatively passive existence, save for an Indian uprising among the Utes in Wyoming. This he personally settled before hostilities could break out.

Retirement came in April, 1908, though he was recalled in 1911 to represent the United States Army at the coronation of George V of Great Britain. In retirement he followed an even busier schedule than as a general. He often lectured, but when he spoke on the subject of the Arctic expedition, out of respect to his fallen comrades, he would accept no fee. And whenever possible, he would have dinner with General Brainard on the anniversary of their rescue in the Arctic. But perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of his career was his relationship with political leaders. He was on speaking terms with at least twelve presidents, yet, he never asked for a personal favor and

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It's Tough to be a Mason;
It's Tough to be a Christian.
And It's Doubly Tough to be
A Christian Mason!

Times Are Tough!

by Sir Knight Milton W. Lowrey, D.D.S.
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Make no bones about it, Brethren, times are tough. It is tough to be a Mason in today's society. Talk-show hosts abound with criticism for our ancient Fraternity, and cable television occasionally produces our sacred Master Mason Degrees in full costume for all the world to see! Religious leaders delight in calling us members of a "cult" and putting down our tenets as foolish doctrine. The very nature of our Fraternity prohibits us from defending ourselves, with the only good method of explaining Masonry in detail to anyone being... to bring him to Light! It's tough to be a Mason in America in 1989.

It is tough being a Christian in today's society. Bookstores have shelves full of books that explain how to win by intimidating the next guy. Bankers could care less where you get your money; just get that payment in on time. Statistics seem to indicate that churches are suffering a decline in many areas, just as we are in our various Lodges. Charity is becoming the exception, not the rule. Our courts and jails are full to overflowing with Americans who have cheated, lied, stolen, and spilled the blood of other Americans.

If you can believe what you read, adultery is running neck and neck with monogamy. It's tough to be a Christian in America in 1989.

Now, if it's tough to be a Mason and tough to be a Christian, it just follows that it is doubly tough to be a Christian Mason in our society. How are we to know the good guys from the bad? How can we be sure that we are right and our detractors are wrong about our faith and our Fraternity?

St. Matthew 7:15-16 gives us the answer to our questions:

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits.

The fruits of Masonry are men who are dedicated to their community, law abiding in their behavior, charitable in their actions, faithful to their wives, and considerate in their actions toward all mankind. The fruits of Christianity are men who are dependable at their churches, moral in their behavior, loving to their families, and just in their actions -

toward other people. The fruits of many of the profane are men who disgrace their community, routinely break the laws of God and man, place greed and material things above all else, cheat on their wives with regularity, and could simply care less about their fellow man. And, I include some men who would call themselves "holy" in this group! I'm telling you, Brethren, it's tough being a Christian Mason in America in 1989.

We must provide our own solution. We must promote Masonry in our own families and at every other opportunity.

So, what's the solution? We must provide our own solution. We must promote Masonry in our own families, by talking up our Fraternity at every opportunity. Fathers, brothers, uncles, and sons are all well-known to each of us, and we must grab every opportunity to tell of the wonderful things our Fraternity has to offer. If you don't know what these things are, go to Lodge and find out! Every Sunday we worship with men who are the very raw material our sacred Brotherhood must have in order to survive.

Promote DeMolay, Rainbow, and Job's Daughters to the youth of your church, and to the young people in your families. Rather than bow your head and admit that you haven't been at Lodge or Commandery for years, make the effort to be there as often as possible! Take the time to be present at Masonic funeral services for our dear departed Brethren, and wear your apron with pride! Our actions will speak louder than any detractor ever could. Brag about the Masonic Home and Schools, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Scottish Rite and Shrine Crippled Children's Hospitals, and the Shrine Burn Institutes. No Mason need ever be ashamed of the efforts that our Fraternity makes to ease the suffering

of our fellow man. Wear your Commandery lapel pin or ring with honor, and never, never miss the opportunity to tell a good story about Masonry when an attentive ear is available. When the going gets tough, the tough get going! And, Brethren, times are tough!

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Maundy Thursday In Washington



The officers of the Grand Encampment attended Maundy Thursday Service at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on March 23. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master William H. Thornley, Jr.; Brother and Sir Knight Robert Statler, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C.; Brother and Sir Knight William E. Eccleston, Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33^o, Southern Jurisdiction, and Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the District of Columbia; and Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Behind them stand officers of the Grand Encampment and their aides. In the group are eight holders of the 33^o and three KCCH or Red Hats.

Grand Masters' Conference 1989

by Robert A. Hinshaw

Executive Secretary/Treasurer - Past Grand Master of Ohio

The 60th Annual Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held February 19-21 in Arlington, Virginia. The theme of the conference was "Freemasonry: Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future."

In response to a request from a significant number of delegates, the conference began on Sunday morning with a continental breakfast and nondenominational worship service, and concluded on Tuesday evening with traditional Grand Masters' Banquet and entertainment. The 11:00 a.m. worship service, under the direction of the Reverend Walter M. McCracken, was held in the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel.

The first item of business in the afternoon was a thorough report of a survey entitled "American Male Attitudes and Behavior Towards Joining and Freemasonry", provided by the Masonic Renewal Task Force and produced by the Barton-Gillet Company of Baltimore and Opinion Research Corporation of Princeton. Following this report, an in-depth discussion between delegates and officers of the conference and officers of the Imperial Shrine was held on several matters of great interest and importance, involving Grand Lodges and the Imperial Shrine. The session was moderated by the conference Vice-Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Tommie Brant, Grand Master South Carolina.

On Monday morning the conference was officially called to order by the conference Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother David L. Dresser, Grand Master Ohio, at the George Washington Masonic National

Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, following the invocation by the conference Chaplain, Most Worshipful Brother William R. Pellow, Grand Master Canada in Ontario. The pledges of allegiance were given under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Charles Glassmire, Past Grand Master Maine and President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Welcoming speeches were extended to the conference by Councilwoman Del Pepper of Alexandria and Most Worshipful Brother Cabell Flournoy Cobbs, Grand Master Virginia. Most Worshipful Brother Thomas W. Tye, Grand Master Nebraska, gave the response for the conference. Most Worshipful Brother David Bruce, Grand Master Alberta, then introduced a number of special guests and visiting Grand Masters from sister jurisdictions who were in attendance.

The report of the Conference Committee was given by the conference Vice-Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Tommie Brant, Grand Master South Carolina, for the Conference Committee chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, Grand Master Pennsylvania. His committee consisted of: Don S. Holland, Grand Master Montana; David Bruce, Grand Master Alberta; Earl Harris, Grand Master Georgia; Thomas W. Tye, Grand Master Nebraska; Raymond S. Burstedt, Grand Master Idaho; B. Hope Harrison, Grand Master Maryland; William O. Wyndham, Sr., Grand Master West Virginia; Robert A. Hinshaw, Past Grand Master Ohio and Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the conference.

The following slate of officers

for the 1990 conference to be held February 18-20, 1990, at Salt Lake City, Utah, was then presented and duly elected: Conference Chairman, Donald P. Smith, Jr., Colorado, and Conference Vice-Chairman, William W. Daniel, Georgia. On the Conference Committee are: John E. Grein, Chairman, Indiana; Robert E. Moore, Wisconsin; A. T. Hereim, Utah; Eugene Love, Louisiana; W. E. Miller, Washington; Sam Pavlovich, California; Thomas C. Warden, Missouri; John Ferguson, Manitoba; and Robert A. Hinshaw, Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Serving on the Time and Place Committee are: Roswell T. Swits, Chairman, New York; N. E. Auclair, Quebec; Jimmie M. Johnson, Arizona; Jerry G. Tart, North Carolina; A. D. Hanna, Texas; Gerald L. Rigga, Idaho; Gail N. Smith, Connecticut; Ward C. Sonstebly, Minnesota; and ex-officio members - Michael J. McLaughlin, Jr, George Washington Masonic National Museum; Richard E. Fletcher, Masonic Service Association; Lyle H. Paisley, Grand Secretary Illinois; and Robert A. Hinshaw, Conference Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Robert A. Hinshaw, Past Grand Master Ohio, was reelected to serve as the Conference Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

The keynote address, entitled "The Universality of Freemasonry," was given by the renowned author, editor, and lecturer, Right Worshipful Brother Allen E. Roberts of Virginia. The address was enthusiastically received.

The annual report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Most Worshipful Robert A. Hinshaw, was then received, wherein he reported on the year's activities and finances, and suggested that the jurisdictional registration fee be increased from \$110 to \$150 so that each conference could more easily stand on its own with little or no subsidy by the host jurisdiction. Upon motion by Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Tye, Grand Master Nebraska, and second, the resolution was adopted.

The delegates then toured the George Washington Memorial and had a lunch provided by the Memorial. Following lunch, the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was held under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Charles Glassmire, Past Grand Master Maine and President of the Association.

Most Worshipful Brother Cabell Flournoy Cobbs, Grand Master Virginia, then presented a paper on "Black Masonry," and led a very interesting discussion on the topic.

In the evening delegates attended the Annual Banquet of the Grand Secretaries Conference and heard a very interesting and inspiring address by Brother David Sentelle of the Federal Court of Appeals, sitting in Washington, D.C.

Tuesday morning's activities began with the annual Frank Land Breakfast hosted by the Imperial Shrine of North America. The first item of business following the breakfast was the annual meeting of the National Foundation on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. This was followed by the official resumption of the conference by the conference Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Dresser, Grand Master Ohio, and the invocation by the conference Chaplain, Most Worshipful Brother William R. Pellow, Grand Master Ontario. The Grand Masters of the various visiting sister jurisdictions were then introduced, and Right Worshipful Brother Rainer Schicke, Deputy Grand Master United Grand Lodges of Germany, responded for the guests.

Most Worshipful B. Hope Harrison, Grand Master Maryland, then moderated a discussion/workshop on "Freemasonry's Image in the Community." This was followed by a discussion/workshop on "Double Standard, Alcohol or Not?" which was led by Most Worshipful Brother William O. Wyndham, Sr., Grand Master West Virginia. A luncheon followed, hosted

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Beware of Modern Vipers

by
Sir Knight Howard R. Towne

An amazing incident happened just after a terrible shipwreck that is familiar to all Knights Templar. We may not realize it but it is far more than a story about St. Paul. The timeliness of the story lies in the fact that it is a symbol of the condition in our country that is affecting Templary at its foundation. There are indeed poisonous vipers crawling out of the brush heaps of our day. They attack us constantly, and we need to be on our guard against them.

This incident took place on the island of Melita in the gulf of Venice. The people on the island were most kind to St. Paul and the others. They were called 'Barbarians,' but this was a name that was given to any who did not speak Greek. Their conduct makes it clear that they were far from being savage. They made a fire for Paul and his shipmates because it was cold and wet. As Paul helped with the fire, a viper came out of the warmth and bit him. But Paul threw the viper off and felt no harm. We need to emulate the apostle and throw the vipers off when they attack us.

Now the first viper which attacks Christian Knighthood is the Viper of Complacency. Its venom lulls us into a sluggish inertia. A spirit of lukewarmness surrounds us on every side. It is alarming to discover how an attitude of indifference

toward the higher claims of life have taken hold of our people. Complacent Knighthood is passionless, powerless and almost Christless. It needs a blood transfusion. It needs increased blood pressure. Only as we are aroused and aggressive will Knighthood succeed. We need to be spiritually dynamic and militant, ready for costly sacrifices and dangerous exploits.

Every day Christ is leading a battle against complacency. Many of our Knights seem to have pulled the drapes across the windows of their homes to shut out the rest of the world with its problems, its cares. When we pull the drapes, literally or figuratively, much of what needs to be done becomes a case of "out of sight, out of mind." Too many of our members are sitting in front of their television sets or participating in other and even more hedonistic pursuits. How the Viper of Complacency has taken its toll.

James Barrie, the famous author, was once asked by a man to suggest a title for a new book he had written. "Any drums in it?" asked Mr. Barrie. "No drums," said the man in surprise. "Any trumpets?" "No trumpets," was the reply. Then said Mr. Barrie, "I would call the book "No Drums, No Trumpets." Well, Knighthood that is complacent has no trumpets, or at best is sluggish, and so is robbed of mighty victories.

Now there is another viper that comes out of the warmth to attack us. It is the Viper of Conformity. Its bite robs us of allegiance to the high scale values of society. Our world today demands conformity. Millions of Americans fear nothing quite so much as a situation that makes them stand out, setting them apart from other men. What everybody does" and "everybody says" seems to be the supreme law of the land. The public is ever trying to do our thinking for us and spend our money for us. In the matter of morality also, the compulsion is terrific. This presents the Christian Knight with a difficult problem. We know from bitter experience that our society is far from being Christian, but we are normal people and long to identify ourselves with others, so we conform. Not to do it, is to be a "square." The Viper of Conformity has crawled out of warmth and we suffer from its bite.

History is full of examples of nonconformists. There was Jacques DeMolay at the fiery stake, refusing to conform to the desires of a greedy King and an impure Pope. There was Martin Luther, in front of the cathedral, nailing his thesis to the door, and declaring: "Here I stand, God help me. I can do no other." And towering above them all is our Great Captain, the Savior of the world, paying on the Cross the supreme penalty for His own nonconformity. Let all Sir Knights awake to the peril of conformity. We need to be transforming, creative individuals in our communities instead of being quiet conformists. There is much in our culture to which we ought never conform.

And finally, a third viper crawls out of the warmth. It is the terrible Viper of Uncertainty. John Ruskin once said, "There are two great questions that confront every life. They are, 'Where am I going?' and 'What must I do on the way?'" "Our generation seems to be having unusual difficulty with these questions. For lack of an answer, thousands of people are living uncertain lives.

One distinguished doctor said about his patients, "They are here because apparently they have found nothing upon which they can fasten their lives and their loyalty."

The glory of our great Christian Order is that it offers uncertain people a chance to link themselves with a creative cause and be lifted into participation with the purposes of Jesus Christ. It is easy to say beautiful things about Christian Knighthood, but to be what we say is an altogether different matter. By faith in Christ we must put off the old Knight, and by faith - put on the new Knight!

A certain Knight enjoyed our ritual, and had a reputation for being regular. But he also had a reputation for a violent temper. Well, one day a change seemed to come over him. He became a gentle person! His friends wondered, and one of them asked him, if he had changed his religion. "No," he replied, "I have not changed my religion, but I have, at last, let my religion change me!"

It is easy to have an asylum religion, but it is altogether a different thing to have an everyday religion. We do this by faith when we realize that Christ is living in us, and we must suffer Him to work in us, to will and to do His good pleasure. It is no longer truth about Him that must fill our hearts, but it is Himself, the living Christ, making us His dwelling place and who reigns and rules within us.

This calls for a transformation. As Templars we must replace Complacency with Consecration, Conformity with Courage, and Uncertainty with Christ! Have we the strength to throw off these vipers? We have, if we can say with St. Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

Sir Knight Howard R. Towne, Grand Prelate Emeritus, Grand Commandery of Michigan, is a member of Traverse City Commandery No. 21 in Traverse City, Michigan, and lives at 521 Webster Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

Easter Sunrise Service 1989

by Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, General Chairman
Deputy Grand Commander, Virginia



Behind the Grand Master's banner is Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler, and Sir Knight Edward S. P. Carson, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.



Distinguished Sir Knights of Templary proudly march up Shooter's Hill to attend the 1989 Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Arlington.

The 1989 Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service is now history. Easter dawned an absolutely beautiful day with moderate temperatures.

Some 350 Knights Templar formed the parade at the base of Shooter's Hill in Alexandria, Virginia, marched up the hill to the steps of the magnificent George Washington Masonic National Memorial led by Most Eminent Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler, with Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Edward R. Saunders, Jr., as Grand Marshal; Right Eminent Past Grand Commander John C. Werner II, Chief of Staff; and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Herbert A. Fisher, Chief Aid. An equal number of family members, friends, and visitors were on hand to swell the crowd.

The sermon was delivered by the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Reverend Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir. His inspiring message was on "The Cross as Revelation."

The Grand Encampment line officers

were present and took part in the ceremony as did three of our Past Grand Masters: G. Wilbur Bell, Ned E. Dull, and Donald H. Smith. There were seventeen Grand Commanders present who took part in the procession.

It was a memorable morning.

On the day preceding, a most pleasant reception was held in the Hotel Washington for our Grand Master and his lady, Roberta. Breakfast followed the Sunrise Service, this year for the first time, at the Sheraton National Hotel. It was well attended, and all seemed to like the new location.

This once a year event brings together Knights Templar from across this great nation of ours and provides a unique opportunity to make new friends and renew acquaintances with those of longstanding.

In 1990, Easter will occur on April 15th. Any who missed this wonderful weekend this year will want to make plans now for next year. April in Washington is a beautiful time of year.

Highlights

Masonic Watches

Sir Knight Harry G. Bowen of Scottsdale Commandery No. 12 of Scottsdale, Arizona, is offering for sale watches with Masonic, Eastern Star, and Shrine decorations. These watches are available in either gold or silver tone with either expansion or leather bands. The sweep second hand features a fez on the Shrine watches and a trowel on the Masonic models. Each watch carries a one-year warranty. The watches sell for \$45.00 postpaid and tax paid; \$3.00 from each sale will be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. If interested, contact Sir Knight Bowen at P.O. Box 25063, Tempe, AZ 85282, or call (602) 968-7021.



"Quiet Fraternity" Logo Decals



The Grand Lodge of Connecticut Publicity & Public Relations Committee has produced a quantity of new decals - one type for use inside, the other type for use outside - for sale to Masons who want to show their pride in our "Quiet Fraternity."

Decals are approx. 3 1/2 -inch diameter.

Suggested sales prices are: 1 for \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00; and 10 for \$5.00. Bulk orders: 100 for \$50.00; 300 or more, \$45.00 per hundred; 500 or more, \$40.00 per hundred. (Larger quantities on request.)

Be sure to indicate how many INSIDE and OUTSIDE decals you want, and be sure that you make out your check to the "G.L. Public Relations Committee."

These decals can be used on car windows, home windows, doors, apron cases, briefcases, and file drawers. They are a great gift for any Mason!

Please mail to: G.L. Public Relations Committee, do R. W. Richard W. Bogart, 18 Fairview Avenue, Deep River, CT 06417.

Washington Lodge No. 17, Ohio, 175th Anniversary Coin



Washington Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M., of Hamilton, Ohio, is celebrating its 175th anniversary with this bronze commemorative coin. The coin itself, approximately the size of a fifty-cent coin, is available for \$5.50, which includes postage. Also available are the key chain, \$2.00, and a plastic case, \$2.00. Mail check or money order, made payable to Washington Acacia Club, to Jim Patrick, 408 Marcia Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio 45013.

from the Masonic Family

Tall Cedar Poster Child

Pictured below is Supreme Tall Cedar Jacob R. Corwell and the 1989 Tall Cedar Poster Child, Katheleen Michelle Blevins, who lives in Middletown, Ohio.



As poster child, Michelle represents the dedication of the Tall Cedars in their continuing fight against muscular dystrophy. She qualified for the Gifted Child Program, and has placed in the top third of children across the United States in reading ability. She was Greater Cincinnati's Poster Child for three years, has appeared on television, and was in the Brownie Troop at school last year. She is presently in the third grade; loves puppies, kittens, and hamsters as well as stuffed animals; and enjoys Barbie dolls and games.

She was diagnosed in 1984 as having the Dejerine-De-Sottas Type III muscular dystrophy.

The Tall Cedar Medallion

The Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, has just released for public sale a medallion which honors the theme of Masonic unity. It features the Bible from which the order originates, the square and compass, and the pyramid, which represents the Tall Cedars and their unity through Brotherhood.

On the reverse side, the Tall Cedar Foundation is represented, whose goal is to keep the wheel chair empty and eliminate muscular dystrophy through their Rose Program. It also features the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, where the Tall Cedar Room is located.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with 108 chapters called Forests located throughout the eastern United States and Canada. It is best recognized for its support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) through its participation in the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. Since 1951, when the Tall Cedars became the first organization to provide continuing financial support to MDA, the Tall Cedars and their families have raised more than six million dollars in the search for a cure for neuromuscular diseases.

The medallions are available from the Supreme Forest office, 2609 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. If interested, make checks payable to the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. The cost of the medallions are \$5.00 each, plus \$1.00 for postage and handling.



IN MEMORIAM



William Edward King, Sr.
Maryland
Grand Commander—1962
Born March 9, 1902
Died February 7, 1989

Calvin Earl Schlick, Sr.
Maryland
Grand Commander—1976
Born January 20, 1902
Died February 20, 1989

Fred William Gemmer
Washington
Grand Commander—1973
Born August 20, 1900
Died February 28, 1989

Harold E. Good
Washington
Grand Commander—1972
Born June 7, 1899
Died March 10, 1989

C. Harold Edwards
Nebraska
Grand Commander—1960
Born July 2, 1909
Died March 12, 1989

Noel A. Harrelson
Utah
Grand Commander—1974
Born March 24, 1908
Died March 24, 1989

Robert Purchase Monroe
Washington
Grand Commander—1963
Born January 20, 1907
Died March 30, 1989

*Death be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so,
For those whom thou thinkest thou dost overthrow,
Die not, poor death, nor yet canst thou kill me.*

*John Donne
Holy Sonnets, no. 10*

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club:

Florida No. 31—Jane H. McAvoy
Montana No. 5—Hugh H. Wilson
Maryland No. 32—Stephen Joseph Ponzillo, Jr.
Massachusetts No. 21—Richard Merakian
California No. 53—Mrs. Shirley V. Brefka
Georgia No. 25—Mrs. Opal L. Keith
Texas No. 64—Edward M. Schlieter
Colorado No. 16—T. Thomas McKelvie
Illinois No. 33—Kenneth M. Aucutt
Illinois No. 34—Mrs. Patty J. DeHeer
Georgia No. 26—Clyde E. Griffin

Grand Master's Club:

No. 1,308—William E. Fuqua (NM)
No. 1,309—Otto Wirz (IL)
No. 1,310—Ned Lunn Warren (GA)
No. 1,311—Mrs. Anita L. Warwick (MD)
No. 1,312—Charles Grady Worley (TN)
No. 1,313—George Carlton Stevens (VA)
No. 1,314—Henry J. Tebow (CO)
No. 1,315—Dr. Wallace D. Mays (GA)
No. 1,316—Robert R. Holmes (WY)
No. 1,317—Charles T. Ferrell (WI)
No. 1,318—Ronald B. Kilgore (GA)
No. 1,319—George Thomas Anderson (GA)
No. 1,320—Charles William Yount (NE)
No. 1,321—Mrs. Martha S. Richardson (NC)
No. 1,322—Charles O. Williams (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.

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
Twenty-first Voluntary Campaign**

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending April 7, 1989. The total amount contributed to date is \$518,497.89.

Alabama	\$8,031.00
Arizona	5,408.10
Arkansas	3,695.30
California	18,539.10
Colorado	7,598.08
Connecticut	5,799.10
District of Columbia	30,010.81
Florida	15,063.23
Georgia	49,033.44
Idaho	2,524.27
Illinois	15,895.25
Indiana	6,706.44
Iowa	7,546.55
Kansas	3,109.87
Kentucky	9,739.14
Louisiana	1,517.88
Maine	948.11
Maryland	9,948.13
Mass./R.I.	2,072.50
Michigan	54,999.62
Minnesota	9,530.66
Mississippi	3,721.00
Missouri	7,140.93
Montana	7,126.25
Nebraska	3,727.50
Nevada	2,164.00
New Hampshire	2,715.00
New Jersey	6,026.25
New Mexico	2,990.00
New York	11,976.75
North Carolina	6,450.61
North Dakota	1,108.00
Ohio	19,107.36
Oklahoma	3,323.00
Oregon	7,111.50
Pennsylvania	33,599.57
South Carolina	7,181.50
South Dakota	1,848.00
Tennessee	29,979.58
Texas	17,192.78
Utah	3,612.24
Vermont	635.26
Virginia	16,511.71
Washington	2,786.50
West Virginia	3,848.54
Wisconsin	5,318.64
Wyoming	2,995.50
St. John's Wilmington, Delaware	335.00

Honolulu No. 1, Honolulu, Hawaii	100.00
Porto Rico No. 1, San Juan, Puerto Rico	1,106.00
Anchorage No. 2, Anchorage Alaska	100.00
Tokyo No. 1, Tokyo, Japan	10.00
Bavaria No. 3	350.00
Heidelberg No. 2	730.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, Delaware	245.00
Harry J. Miller No. 5, Kaiserslautern, West Germany	330.00
Trinity U.D., Wilmington, Delaware	232.00
Kalalaua No. 1	61.00
Miscellaneous	36,984.34



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Valiant Knights

by Mrs. Mike (Sherry) Johnson*
Crowheart, Wyoming— 1989

Their pride and respect seem to whisper through
the crowds of people, as they view
a sight unlike the days of old,
when the Holy Land was theirs so bold.

Death not on their blades of steel,
but to truth and brotherhood yet they kneel,
for the valiant Knights today still ride
glory and honor right by His side.

They ride parades putting on their show
as white plumes dance from each chapeau,
with dedication's love from one another
comes restoring faith to every brother.

Dressed in black with wondrous delight
to widows and orphans they shed their light,
defending underprivileged, sparing not
a kind word, a prayer, or financial thought.

Astride their stallions, straight and tall
these proud men give for one and all,
to injustice and hatred they never stoop
they, the Knights Templar Black Horse Troop.

*Mrs. Johnson, a member of Lander Assembly No. 40, S.O.O.B., is the wife of the secretary of the Black Horse Troop, the well-known Knights Templar group for whom this poem was written.



Here Are a Number of Ways to Increase
Both Efficiency and Interest in the Temple.

Masonry in the Temple

from Musings on Masonic Membership

by Sir Knight Donald L. Dorward

Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Commandery of Illinois

At a recent reception honoring the Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Illinois, in the lobby two prominent Masons were discussing membership. One of the men stated, "We can get the young men into the Lodge, but they never come back. They go through the Scottish Rite and into the Shrine, but never go back there either. Apparently all they are interested in is the pin."

Too many times we hear the complaint that all Masons do is pay bills and make other men Masons." To the extent that this may be true, we have only ourselves to blame for the loss of membership. Even the most fanatic Mason will rapidly get bored with that kind (or lack) of a program.

The Lodge of which I am a Past Master (New England No. 4 of Worthington, Ohio) is a very old and highly respected Lodge. In 1988 it celebrated the 185th anniversary of its chartering; and it is still growing. During my year as Master, exclusive of funerals and special "family" get-togethers, we had thirty-nine meetings, Stated's and Special's. There was an average attendance slightly in excess of fifty-one Masons at each of those meetings.

The lowest attendance was twenty-nine on a Saturday when degree work was being done. There were three meetings with more than one hundred in attendance, the highest being two hundred and five. Obviously, the members of New England Lodge must be doing something right. Since this was my best experience, I would like to use their procedures as an example.

With regard to the first part, the paying of bills - business meetings, however necessary, were never designed to be entertaining. However, the major problem is simply that most presiding officers do not know how to conduct a business meeting. A properly organized and conducted business meeting should rarely take more than fifteen to twenty minutes. One of the problems which causes extensive delay is the lack of discipline in most business meetings. There should never be more than one person speaking at a time, and that being either the presiding officer or the person addressing or being addressed by the presiding officer. To talk across the Temple should only occur with permission of the presiding

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absolutely refused to perform any such favor unless the individual for whom it was sought was the most deserving. In one case, after he had twice refused to honor a congressman's request, Greely asked, "Why don't you ask me to do something for a very deserving man from your state?" Replied the congressman, "A good deserving man can take care of himself. We members have to plead for the lowdown and shiftless."

As the general approached his 91st birthday, one of his former officers realized that the country had not honored Greely for his many accomplishments since the time of his spectacular promotion fifty years earlier. Billy Mitchell, the famed outspoken advocate of air power whose father had served as U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, pleaded to congress to make amends for that oversight. This plea resulted in the award of the Medal of Honor. Normally that award is given only in wartime, with congress delegating to the military departments the authority to make the award. But Congress reserved the right to make the award directly, and on this occasion, it exercised that right. For army officers, it was the second and last time in history the award was made solely for peacetime accomplishments. (The first was Charles A. Lindbergh.)

Normally, the award would have been presented in a public ceremony, but the general was no longer in the best of health. The Secretary of War, George Dern, and other dignitaries, went to Greely's home in Georgetown, and there pinned the nation's honor on Greely. Perhaps the proudest witness was Colonel John Nesmith Greely, his only surviving son, then attending the War College, who would himself later be 'promoted to brigadier general. General Brainard was also there, handsome as ever, and evincing unmistakable pride and respect for his former commander.

Greely passed away seven months later and was buried in Arlington Cemetery, next to his beloved wife, who had died some years earlier. He had dedicated his autobiography to her memory with the words: "During forty years, by her affection as a wife, and by her support as a comrade, she ensured my happiness, and contributed to my success." His posthumous honors included an army post in Alaska and the headquarters building at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, named for him. Beyond these two instances, however, his memory faded into history.

Perhaps this was inevitable in a world that all too little honors the attributes which he possessed in such large measure. He was outspoken when duty required it, without loss of reserve. He evinced absolute integrity, without a trace of self-righteousness. He always exercised good judgment, combined with intelligence and foresight. And he had inexhaustible courage, both in the immediate sense of the battlefield and in the enduring sense of prolonged trials of strength. He rarely if ever complained of adversity, but he was intolerant of injustices visited upon his subordinates. In fine, he was in every sense of the word a great and good man. As he honored Masonry with the whole of his life, so now Masonry should honor him in return.

The author reports diligent research on the part of Brother Edmund R. Sadowski of Casmir Pulaski Lodge No. 1167, Elmwood Park, Illinois, determined that Greely was initiated, passed, and raised in Linn Wood Lodge No. 167, in New Orleans, either in 1866 or early 1867. The original records of the Lodge burned, making the dates impossible to ascertain, but the Proceedings for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for 1867 confirm Greely's having been made a Mason at that time.

Sir Knight A. W. Greely was Knighted in Newburyport Commandery No. 3, Newburyport, MA, on June 17, 1867.

Sir Knight George M. Hall is a member of Arizona Commandery No. 1, Tucson, Arizona, and resides at 6381 East Calle Cavillo, Tuscon, Arizona 85715.

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officer. In most cases, the noise level gets so high during business meetings that the average person on the sidelines really doesn't know what is going on and votes automatically when a vote is called for. This is poor business and also extremely boring. A good presiding officer knows how to maintain control of the meeting, and furthermore, should be sufficiently well aware of the rules of procedure that the business meeting is kept under control at all times.

With regard to making other men Masons, there are two other elements that should precede any questions about ritual.

The "sweetest music this side of Heaven" is a clashing cymbal beside the

There must be a program. All it takes is a little imagination and effort. The members will come if there is something to come for.

beauty of one's own name being pronounced in an approving fashion. Illinois is the first and only state I have ever visited where there is not a regular procedure for recognizing and acknowledging visitors and honored guests at every meeting. At most Lodges, a visitor is a visitor as long as he is in the Lodge without being a member of the Lodge. The usual procedure is that regular visitors are asked to stand at their seat and be recognized. This recognition comes by name and by Masonic affiliation. In addition, a warm round of applause and a warm welcome is always extended to every visitor. At a Lodge in Seattle, a Past Master is assigned as "Big Brother" to each visitor, in the welcoming procedure. Honored visitors are escorted to the West of the altar where they are recognized by specific title and honors according to the normal protocols of the organization. Finally, the Past Masters are recognized

and appreciation expressed for the tremendous work done by Past Masters in assisting the Lodge. At New England Lodge, there are usually twelve to fifteen Past Masters on the sidelines (not in the line). They usually sit in the southeast corner of the Lodge, a fact of which any Master is acutely aware.

When these people get recognized and invited back, they come back, making the work of the Master and everyone else much easier.

The next aspect of a successful Masonic body is that there must be a program. In Ohio, all Lodges hold their annual meetings in November, after the Grand Lodge meeting in October. At New England Lodge there is a very active Past Masters' organization which holds monthly meetings in their respective homes. In September, the Senior Warden (the incoming Master) is invited to attend the Past Masters' meeting. At that time, he is expected to inform the Past Masters as to his appointments in the Lodge, and also he is expected to advise them of his planned program for the year. Obviously, the Past Masters cannot reject either his appointments or program. However, their suggestions and criticisms can be invaluable in making a program a success. The simple fact is, you cannot expect to beat something with nothing. The availability of potential programs is unbelievable. All it takes is a little imagination and effort. The members will come if there is something to come for.

I used to be a football official. My first program brought one of the outstanding football umpires in the country. He happened, also, to be a Mason. He gave a program in December on football officiating which was very enjoyably received. Later in the year, I had a surgeon who had spent a year with Project Hope on a hospital ship off the coast of Vietnam. The program was not what I had expected, but was shocking and gory. Nevertheless

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On the Masonic Newsfront...

The Thirteenth Holy Land Pilgrimage

On February 13, 1989, fifty-seven Christian ministers left New York on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for their spiritual enrichment and education as the guests of twenty-five Grand Commanderies of the Grand Encampment. The weather was sunny and cool, just right for a pilgrimage to the land where Jesus walked and taught.

The ministers experienced the Holy Land by knowing that there were times that they were walking where Jesus had walked. They were on the Mount of Olives, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and walked the Via Dolorosa. They participated in Holy Communion at the Garden Tomb and entered the "empty tomb." They spent two days in the Galilee area visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, Mount Tabor, and the cities of Nazareth, Cana, and Capernaum. They saw a two thousand-year-old fishing boat recently discovered in the sand along the shore of the Sea of Galilee.



By the end of the ten days, the lives of these ministers were changed. Every time they read from the Bible, the words will have new meaning; they will come alive because "they were there." These ministers will be stronger in our Christian faith because the Sir Knights of twenty-five Grand Commanderies thought enough of their Christian heritage as Knights of the Temple to participate in the 13th Holy Land Pilgrimage program.

The 14th Holy Land Pilgrimage will leave from New York on Tuesday, February 13th and return on Friday, February 23, 1990. It is not too early to start planning now for next year's pilgrimage. It is the prayer of the Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage to send Christian ministers from each Grand Jurisdiction in the Grand Encampment on an annual basis. Please do your part in your Grand Jurisdiction.

Additional information on the Holy Land Pilgrimage program can be obtained by writing the chairman of the Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage: Sir Knight Fred Lesley, P.G.C., P.O. Box 498, Battle Creek, MI 49016

Holy Land Pilgrimage Medallion

A beautiful 2 1/4-inch antique bronze medallion has been minted especially to promote the Holy Land Pilgrimage program.

The cost of this beautiful keepsake is \$30.00, with \$15.00 of this cost going back to the Holy Land Pilgrimage program of the state of the purchaser, to help send Christian ministers from that state to the Holy Land.

To date thirteen pilgrimages have been made to the Holy Land, with a total of 314 Christian ministers from thirty different states participating.

We ask you to help the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee in your state by purchasing one of more of these beautiful medallions.

Medallions may be ordered, accompanied by a check, from P. Fred Lesley, P.O. Box 498, Battle Creek, MI 49016, or from the chairman of your state's Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee.



Detroit Commandery No. 1 Presents Check for KTEF

Detroit Commandery No. 1 presented a check for contributions totaling over \$42,400 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at its Annual Inspection dinner on December 9, 1988.

Shown at left (left to right) at the presentation are: Sir Knight John R. Howell, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan; Sir Knight Joseph Giumette, Eye Foundation Co-chairman for Detroit Commandery No. 1, making the presentation, and Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliot, Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1. According to

Corbin P. Elliot, the original Eye Foundation Chairman, Sir Knight Clifford Higgins, had passed away after plans for the campaign were in place and underway. Mrs. Higgins had requested Eye Foundation memorials in lieu of flowers. Many friends and relatives added to the growing contributions to the Eye Foundation. Commander Elliot states, "Detroit Commandery No. 1 and its Eye Foundation Committee are deeply grateful to the many Sir Knights, relatives, and friends who have given from the heart for this cause." (Photo by Sir Knight Frank Storer of Storer-Spellman Studios.)



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by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.

Following the lunch the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association was held.

An organizational meeting of all Deputy Grand Masters was held for their input as to those things they would like to see incorporated into the next year's conference.

A final discussion/workshop on the topic, "More Than One Blackball?" was held with Roswell T. Swits, Grand Master New York, acting as moderator. The 1990 officers of the Grand Secretaries Conference were then introduced.

Following this the Committee of Recognition gave its important report; the Time and Place Committee gave its recommendation that the 1993 conference be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The site was approved.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by the Grand Masters on a roll call vote, and approved by all Imperial Shrine officers at the conference, that the Imperial Divan of the AAONMS and its special Committee on Masonic-Shrine Liason and the members of the Grand Masters' Conference agree to work together in amity and in good faith to solve outstanding differences between the various jurisdictions and the Shrine; and to work together to seek the repeal of Proposition 5E,323.8(E) regarding appeals from decisions by Grand Lodges or Grand Masters, to work to maintain the prerequisite of Masonic membership for entrance into the Shrine.

This outstanding 60th Annual Conference of Grand Masters concluded Tuesday with the traditional Grand Masters' Banquet, which was followed by entertainment and the benediction.

Sir Knight Robert A. Hinshaw, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference, is a member of Cambridge Commandery No. 34 in Cambridge City, Ohio, and resides at 9 Kingfisher Road, Brevard, NC 28712

Remember Me

Some people call me OLD GLORY, others call me the STAR SPANGLED BANNER, but whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America.

I remember some time ago people lined up both sides of the street to watch the parade, and naturally, I was always there, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart. Remember? And you, I remember you standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her hand over her heart. Remember? What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago. But I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. I may get a small glance but then you look away.

I see the children running around shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and look around. He didn't see anybody else with his hat off so he quickly put his back on. Is it a sin to be patriotic any more? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been: Anzio, Normandy, Omaha Beach, Guadalcanal, Korea, and Vietnam? Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime. Look at the names of those who never came back in order to keep this republic free. One nation under God. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, remove your hat, place your right hand over your heart. I'll salute you by waving back. And I'll know that you remembered.

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members were still talking about it at the end of the year.

Finally, we get to the subject of ritual. The night I attended the Seattle Lodge, of which I have already spoken, I was astounded to realize that the line officers could not even properly open the Lodge. I commented about this to the "Big Brother" only to be informed that, "Oh, if we required our officers to learn the work, they would refuse to be officers." What is the purpose of being an officer? Is the glory of being an officer the only thing officers are looking for?

At New England Lodge, it is understood that an officer will know the ritual of his particular office before he is installed into that office. He then spends that year learning the work for the next office in line so that, in case of an emergency, an officer can move up and fill the station ahead of him. Obviously, by the time an officer has moved through the line, he adds one more competent ritualist to a long and respected line of ritualists. This guarantees that the work being done for a candidate is not an insult either to the Lodge or to the candidate.

A further practice of New England which helps their reputation is that before an officer is elected into the South, he

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must have demonstrated his proficiency by obligating in all three degrees, giving all three lectures in full, all of the charges, and all three of the examinations. Thus, in his years as Junior and Senior Warden, he is encouraged to visit other bodies to see what, if any, innovations and improvements can be adopted for the work and also to encourage others to visit New England. Also he devotes his time for two

years to preparing the program for his year.

In the final analysis, if we cannot impress and motivate our own members, how can we hope to impress and motivate strangers?

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Templar

The night is young,
the knights of old,
the plumed chapeau,
a heart of Gold.

Crown with cross.
Hilt of steel.
Flashing jewels,
makes them reel,

To hear the sound and
see the sight.
The gavel drums
throughout the night.

The long dark line,
the battle cry,
the solemn pledge,
to do or die.

To Christ, to charity,
to love of man,
to sincerity,
they pledge to stand.

These men of Rite,
are true and rare.
They saw the light,
they act upon the square.

Ford Osborn
Los Altos, California

History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XVII

Jurisprudence

(continued)

A head government, as the source of power, creating and supervising Subordinates, both Grand and individual, answering to the places and jurisdictions of Pories, Preceptories and Commanderies of old. Its jurisdiction over the whole, and over all States and Territories in which new Encampments or Commanderies were to be established, was ample and complete.

"Being a military as well as a Christian order, the military relation of chief and subaltern pervaded their whole government. And such is the theory of our established government for Templar Masonry in these United States, manifestly apparent in the Constitution adopted by the fathers of our Temple at New York in 1816."

In an address to Boston Commandery, Grand Master French said:

"In form ours is a military organization, a form of government which recognizes no rule of action but disciplined obedience to the will of the superior."

Grand Master Hopkins thus described the relations which a Grand Commandery sustains to the Grand Encampment:

"Inasmuch as all of the Grand Commanderies except three derived their warrants and all the powers they exercise from the Grand Encampment, and the three which existed before the formation of the Grand Encampment voluntarily

came under its banner and vowed loyalty to it, why is it not the supreme and sovereign organization? With what reason or justice can its creatures deny its complete authority, and undertake to hedge in and circumscribe the limits of its powers?"

The authority of the Grand Commanderies, - limited by the greater authority reserved to the Grand Encampment, is expressed in the Statutes in this form:

"Grand Commanderies may exercise in their own jurisdictions powers corresponding with those of the Grand Encampment in its sphere; their doings, however, being subordinate to and reversible by the Grand Encampment."

Grand Master Agnew stated in his address in 1937:

"The Grand Encampment is supreme and its authority is absolute within its jurisdiction. Every Grand Commandery and every constituent and subordinate Commandery is its creature and exists as such by virtue of the power granted it by or through the Grand Encampment. Every member of the Grand Encampment has taken a solemn obligation to support and maintain its Constitution, laws, and rituals. It is unbelievable that any Templar, or more especially a member of this august Body, would knowingly violate his obligation by being guilty of insubordination."

There have been a few instances when Grand Commanderies were constrained to believe their rights were infringed upon, and a few have temporarily inclined

to contumacy, but in every such instance either the prompt exercise of authority by the Grand Master or the summary action of the Grand Encampment has brought them to a fair and Knightly realization of their errors.

In 1856 when the Grand Encampment revised its Constitution the Grand Commanderies of Ohio, Virginia and Connecticut as well as Massachusetts & Rhode Island resisted these changes, but later conformed to them. In 1862, the Grand Commandery of Vermont formally withdrew from the Grand Encampment. Grand Master French at once placed the Grand Commandery of Vermont under interdict and Vermont promptly repealed its action. In 1871, the Grand Encampment of Virginia asked the consent of the Grand Encampment to withdraw from its jurisdiction, but was refused.

In 1883, the Grand Encampment adopted, and ordered used, certain rituals. The Grand Commandery of Iowa refused to use them. Grand Master Roome at once placed that Grand Body under interdict and the Order of the Grand Encampment was obeyed.

The supremacy of the Grand Encampment is no longer questioned and its sovereign authority is everywhere accepted.

Grand Encampment and the Grand Commanderies

The legislation of the Order, while it has seemed to be arbitrary has always been paternal. The authority of the Grand Encampment has ever been supreme, but consideration of the rights and privileges of its constituents, both Grand and Subordinate, has never been neglected. Grand Master Gardner expressed this regard for the constituents in the following considerate terms:

"The government of the national Grand Body has always been mild, gentle, persuasive, yielding to the State Grand Bodies every right and prerogative to

which they are fairly and constitutionally entitled."

At the Conclave in 1901 the Committee on Jurisprudence thus referred to the relations existing between the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commanderies:

"We have a system of government to be worked out with the utmost care and fidelity. The principle of local jurisdiction is firmly embedded in our fundamental law and is vitally concerned. The question of jurisdictional rights touches sensitively the whole Fraternity, and its disregard will shake the very foundations of our Institution."

Referring to the sovereignty of the Grand Commanderies, Grand Master Hopkins said:

"The national body cannot interfere in their local administration. They are several, and yet united; distinct as the billows, yet one like the seas."

Revision of the Constitution

Minor changes have been made in the Constitution from time to time. The first in 1826, changed the time of the meetings from septennially to triennially. In 1853 a Committee was appointed to propose such changes as they deemed expedient, and these were adopted in 1856. The most noticeable was the change in the names of the various bodies and the presiding officers: The General Grand Encampment became the Grand Encampment with its principal officer the M. E. Grand Master; The Grand Encampment became the Grand Commandery with its principal officer the V. E. Grand Commander, and the Subordinate Encampment, the Subordinate Commandery with its principal officer, the Eminent Commander. Other revisions to bring the basic law in line with the times were made in 1898, 1910 and 1934.



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Request help from my fellow Sir Knights for my Masonic research on early recording artist, Arthur Collins, 1864-1933, a member of our beloved Craft of Freemasonry. I do not know to which Lodge he belonged. Lived in N. J. but retired to Tice, Fla., in 1926. He entertained at Masonic Lodges for members. Also, interested in obtaining any of his sheet music, autographed pictures, records, etc. I would like to hear recollections of any Sir Knights, especially regarding his Masonic background. Will answer all letters. Thank you Peter J. Westbere, 33 Philip Ave., Guelph Ontario, Canada, WE 1R5

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Searching for English connection of family of Thomas Bastow, 1st in long line of Masons, that we know went back to Lodge in Oldham Lancashire, England, in the 1840s. When there in 1968, we were privileged to be invited to lunch in their bldg. and saw grave with Masonic symbols, etc. Would like to go further back. Barbara A. Bastow, 109 Walters Lane, Yreka, CA 96097

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Reunion: USS Gemsbok (IX-1 17), September 21-23, 1989, in Jackson, Miss. Contact A. J. Libbey, 116 Oak Park Dr., Pearl, MS 39208, (601) 939-1315

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