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# Love One Another

Every Knight Templar has proclaimed that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion and has vowed that he will wield his sword, if necessary, in its defense. We have this fundamental belief in common. But just what does Christianity mean to each of us in our daily lives? Certainly it does not mean precisely the same to each of us.

Historically, the Christian church does not give us as much guidance as one might think or expect. Historic Christianity is filled with so many contradictions that it could become confusing. For example, the early church did not allow a place for making war, and at one time soldiers were not admitted to its membership. Yet, the forebears whom we seek to emulate, the ancient Templars of the Crusades, believed in Holy Wars and sang hymns of gratitude over the destruction of their enemies. At one period in the history of

the church, professors were barred from membership. At another period, Christians were not allowed to charge interest on money that was loaned and were urged not to acquire property. And you are all aware of those dark days in Christianity when the church itself conducted inquisitions and enforced its will upon the people under the threat of torture and death. People have held an incredible variety of beliefs in the name of the Christian religion.

Jesus taught that we should trust God, that we should seek the Kingdom of God, and that we should strive to be the servants of men rather than their masters. This, in fact, is the essence of the New Commandment, that you "love one another." Many of us react differently to identical circumstances. But this does not necessarily mean that one of us is right and all others are wrong.

Masonry has never attempted to take the place of the church in the hearts of any of its members, and certainly the Order of Knights Templar is not, nor does it want to be, a substitute for organized Christianity. Masonry, and especially Templary, embraces true religion without embellishment and without the confusion of sectarian beliefs. Our particular religious beliefs, beyond the great cardinal truths on which all religions are based, are not often the result of conviction produced by impartial weighing of evidence or arguments, but we receive them involuntarily from the accidents of birthplace, education, and circumstances. Admitting this should make us more tolerant of the religious beliefs of others, reserving for ourselves the right to expect the same degree of tolerance in return. As long as we obey all the Commandments, including the New Commandment, to "love one another," and live by the Golden Rule, we cannot deviate very far from the fundamental principles of the teachings of our Savior.



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"**

JUNE: On April 30, 1989, the United States celebrated the inauguration of our first President, Brother George Washington. Our cover story covers that event and the important years of his presidency. On page 9 you will find an evocative essay into the true meaning of Masonic Brotherhood, a story which we are sure will touch a chord in all of your hearts. Enjoy this beautiful month, Sir Knights, and keep your good works shining brightly before the eyes of your fellow men.

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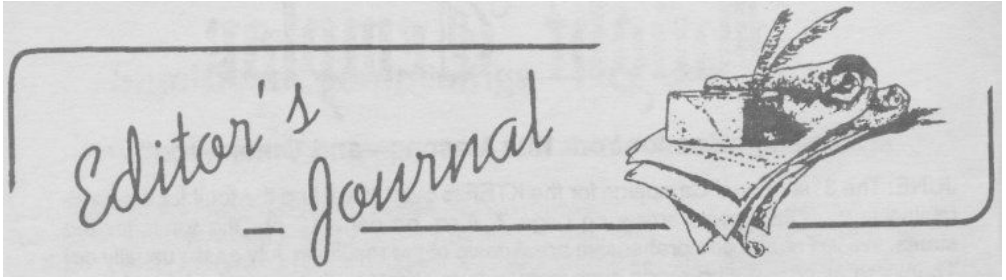
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**Golf Tournament:** Sir Knight George W. Davidson, Past Grand Commander of Ohio and Chairman of the DeMolay Committee of the Grand Encampment, announces this year's Paul D. Willeke Court of Chevaliers 4th Annual Scramble Golf Tournament on Sunday, July 16, at the Shelby Oaks Golf Course in Sidney, Ohio. This 18-hole tournament is open to all DeMolays, Senior DeMolays, and Master Masons.

Pre-registration cost is \$20.00 (additional \$14.00 for a golf shirt), and reservations close on June 25. For information, contact Sir Knight Lance L. Lear, (419) 629-3323 or (419) 394-2450. For reservations, send name, address, city, state, zip code, phone, number of reservations, shirt size, handicap, and check to Keith Manbeck, R.R. No. 1, 05437 Southland Road, New Knoxville, Ohio 45871.

Net profits will go to the Order of DeMolay. A donation from last year's tournament was made to the Ohio DeMolay Scholarship Foundation.

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**Summer/Winter Addresses:** Sir Knights, a computer programming change now enables the Grand Recorder's office to automatically change the addresses of those Sir Knights who have different summer and winter residences. In order to take advantage of this new flexibility, inform the Grand Recorder's office of both addresses and – importantly – the dates of your annual migrations. This will provide for uninterrupted delivery of your Knight Templar Magazine, and will also ease the cost of returned mailings for this office.

**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.

**Errata:** Last month, on page 19, the communities of the Commanderies attaining 100% Life Sponsorships were incorrect. They are properly listed on the same page of the current issue.



On the 30th of April 1789, Brother George Washington was inaugurated first president of the United States of America, and one of history's great democratic experiments began.

Brother George Washington, the commanding general of the armies that won American independence, was and continues to be America's beloved superhero. He is also the only U.S. president who was ever elected unanimously - without a single vote against him.

He served two terms - from April 30, 1789, until March 4, 1797. He refused to run for a third term, although he could have easily been reelected. By this act, he established the "no third term" tradition that the United States observed until the election of 1940, when another Freemason, Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt, was elected for the third time.

Organizing the new nation's government was an enormously complex task. It fell to Brother George Washington, as the first chief executive, to oversee and set viable precedents in dealing with the many problems confronting the new and largely rural nation.

By the end of Brother Washington's first four-year term as president, he had proved

the viability of the republican form of government. His very presence, and the reverence the American people felt for him, were important factors in giving credibility to the new government.

By the end of his second four-year term, the United States was well on its way toward becoming a great power.

Brother George Washington was a great general, a wise and courageous president, and a patriotic American. In face of growing faction and division, he helped mold our major governmental institutions and gave durable shape to the presidency. This was a crucial period for the new republic of the United States, and Brother George Washington played a crucial role in guiding the new government as it coalesced into a form which, although new to the history of the world, was effective and earned the almost universal acceptance of the American people, as well as that of a watching world of kings.

Although he eagerly sought the pleasures of a quiet country life in Virginia, Brother George Washington had a stern sense of duty to his country. Throughout his life, duty to his beloved country came before everything else.

He was a handsome, distinguished-looking man - tall, erect, and dignified. His bearing and manners were courtly and gracious, although he had an appearance of sternness and severity that discouraged familiarity. In his private life, however, he could be witty and friendly.

When Brother Washington died, at the age of sixty-seven, he was mourned in America and abroad as one of the great men of his day. Later, historians saw Brother Washington as one of the great men of all time.

## **Washington Becomes President**

After the American Revolutionary War ended, a victorious, but exhausted Brother George Washington returned to his beloved Mount Vernon estate, hoping to enjoy the quiet private life of a Virginia planter and country gentleman. His much-hoped-for, tranquil country life, however, did not last very long.

Brother Washington's sense of duty made him return to public life, and he was elected to preside over the Constitutional Convention during the long, hot summer of 1787 in Philadelphia.

The separated American states found it hard to agree on what kind of government they wanted, and the new Constitution was completed only after long arguments. Even then, it had to be ratified by the various states.

Popular confidence in Brother Washington influenced the states to ratify the new Constitution, which made our beloved United States of America possible.

The reverence that the American people felt for him and his proven and trusted leadership resulted in his unanimous election as the first president of the United States.



## **The Triumphant Trip to New York**

On April 16, 1789, America's superhero left the tranquility of Virginia country life at his beloved Mount Vernon estate for what became a long, triumphal procession to New York City, the capitol at the time.

The charismatic name of Brother George Washington became a symbol of the victorious revolution and of national unity. Everywhere along the route to New York City guards of honor met and fell in with the president-elect. The many tributes, along with felicitous addresses and celebratory dinners, pleased Brother Washington, but much delayed his arrival in New York City, where Congress was awaiting him.

As Americans really had no previous experience in honoring a president, his trip to New York City became a strenuous mixture of Roman pomp, military grandeur, and unsophisticated, homespun admiration by thousands of Americans who turned out to meet and greet Brother Washington and his party along the way.

Americans frustrated by years of war, uncertainty, and hardship - people starved for leadership and new direction, citizens denied the power of directly choosing their president and often denied any vote at all - these Americans were now voting with their hearts and cheers for America's superhero.

A beautifully decorated barge met the president-elect and rowed him across Newark Bay toward Manhattan. "The decorations of the ships, the roar of the cannon, and the loud acclamations of the people" impressed Brother Washington as he was rowed up New York's East River. As the barge neared the southern end of Manhattan Island, he could make out masses of people crowded along the waterfront and stretching up the streets behind. Once the barge was secured, Brother Washington mounted carpeted steps to receive a delegation of officials, and a parade was formed.

The parade had trouble threading its way through the cheering crowd, but eventually moved from the dock to the Franklin House at 3 Cherry Street, assigned to president-elect and Mrs. Washington as their first presidential mansion. By this time, Brother Washington was emotionally satiated.

The Washingtons arrived at the Franklin House on April 23, and a week later the presidential inauguration took place.

### **The First Inauguration**

Brother George Washington's inauguration as the first president of the United States of America on April 30, 1789, is recognized as the commencement of our beloved nation's government under its new Constitution, a historic event of special interest to all Americans, but especially to Freemasons.

The inauguration itself was brief and simple. On that morning, the city was jammed with well wishers. "With a resounding discharge of artillery at sunrise from old Fort George, near Bowling Green, the ceremonies of the day began."

The inauguration procession began at Brother Washington's residence, the Franklin House on Cherry Street. Carriages carrying the president-elect and other

dignitaries were led by a company of Calvary and three companies of infantry. Milling crowds surrounded the procession on its way to Federal Hall, the nation's Capitol at that time.

On arriving at this imposing building with its massive Doric columns - now known as the Federal Hall National Memorial - Brother Washington went inside and met briefly with members of the Senate and House of Representatives. He then was escorted to the balcony overlooking Wall and Broad streets below, and was joyfully welcomed by the cheering multitude of people gathered there.

Brother Washington, dressed in fine style with ceremonial sword hanging at his side, was a striking figure as he stood on the balcony together with other distinguished Americans, many of them Freemasons.

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At noon, with the Holy Bible resting on a scarlet pillow and opened to the pages of Genesis 49, Brother Washington placed his hand thereon and took the oath of office, which was administered by the chancellor of New York, Robert R. Livingston.

**I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.**

This being completed, Chancellor Livingston called out: "It is done! Long live George Washington, President of the United States."

Above the roar of the crowd and chorus of church bells came the thunder and roar of cannon salutes, while

the new president bowed and turned into the Hall of Representatives to deliver his first inaugural address. That completed, and accompanied by Congress, Brother Washington went to St. Paul's Chapel for divine services. Parades and fireworks then filled the evening, as the whole city celebrated the inauguration of the first President of the United States of America, and the commencement of the new government.

Although not planned as a Masonic event, Freemasonry was very much in evidence with many members participating individually in this important historic ceremony.

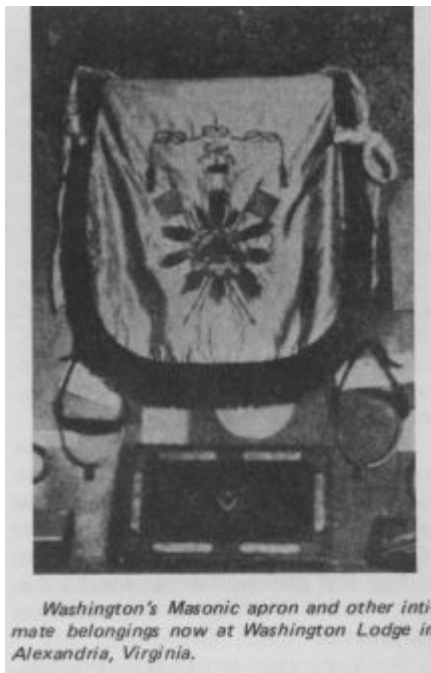
To begin with, Brother George Washington, who was raised a Master Mason in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia, (now Fredericksburg No. 4), was serving his second term as the Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 of Virginia when he was inaugurated the first President.

Brother Robert R. Livingston, who administered the oath, was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of New York, at the time.

Brother Washington took the oath on the altar Bible of New York City's St. John's Lodge No. 1. It was borrowed for this ceremony by Brother Jacob Morton, Worshipful Master of the Lodge and Marshal of the Day for the inauguration. At the time, he was also Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of New York; and in 1801 became Brother Livingston's successor as Grand Master.

Brother Washington's personal military escort for the day was Colonel and Brother Morgan Lewis, who later served as Grand Master of New York from 1830 to 1844.

Many other Freemasons were active participants in this historic event, including Brothers Roger Sherman, Baron von Steuben, Henry Knox, and Edmund Randolph. They reportedly all stood on the balcony of Federal Hall, together with



Brothers Washington and Livingston, when the presidential oath was administered.

Brother Washington was the first Master of a Masonic Lodge to become President of the United States, holding for a time both that high office and that of Worshipful Master of his Lodge - a rare distinction, indeed.

### **Washington as President**

The new republic had many problems facing it, but with his usual thoroughness, Brother Washington approached each of them courageously and sensibly.

One of his first priorities was to gain recognition for the United States as an important country from the other nations of the world, especially from Europe. In accomplishing this difficult task, he chose members of his cabinet and other government posts very carefully, selecting the

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Tomorrow we will assemble "in the character of Masons" as we have so often done before. I will be there, and tonight, in preparation, I pulled out the grey suit from the closet. First, a check of the coat and trousers. Then, the selection of a matching belt, white shirt, and subdued tie. With their passing inspection, the black shoes and socks are then checked and set aside. After fifteen years, the preparations are quick and simple.

As a Warden, Master, and Secretary, I have made the phone calls, ordered the flowers, prepared the Masonic record, and spoken soft words to the family. At times, the Brother and I had never met. At others, the figure within the coffin held a major place in the memories of my years in Masonry.

Each funeral has its unique story. The twin preschool daughters of the pastor brought small bouquets of wild flowers to adorn the grave of a resident of our Masonic Home. Since he died at the age of ninety-nine, friends and family had "gone on before," and just a few strangers, who were yet Brothers, were on hand to complete the last journey.

The wet, bitter cold of a rare snow in Mobile bit through the borrowed overcoat, as a Mason of two months learned to perform the duties of a pallbearer. A Mason from Detroit had retired to Mobile to avoid the cold, yet at this last gathering of Masons, the dreary skies were as gray as any he had ever experienced. None of the Masons gathered at the grave had ever spoken a single word to the sojourning Brother. His grave spoke in silence that our Brotherhood extends far beyond friendship.

One last detail and I will be ready for tomorrow's solemn task. Which pin should I wear on my lapel? Perhaps the square and compasses presented to me on the night of my Master Mason Degree; the man whose funeral would be the purpose of tomorrow's communication had

One Man's Choice  
Holds Universal Significance  
For Those in the Masonic Family.

## **In the Character of Masons**

by  
Sir Knight Wayne E. Sirmon

"taught me to wear my apron," and just as all ranks are leveled by the grave, he was first and always a Master Mason. Perhaps, the Past Master's emblem; we had both presided in the East. Perhaps, the Double Eagle of the Scottish Rite; his smile had made me smile at many a reunion. Or perhaps, the Cross and Crown of a Knight Templar; his four-banded ring of a KYCH was the first I ever noticed.

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The Red Cross of Constantine would be special for it was his outreached hand that was the first to congratulate me after my election.

No. Instead, I reached far back in the jewelry box for a pin which I had not worn in fifteen years - a pin not meant to be worn by those who had reached their majority. The pin bore the Crown of Youth which had been replaced by that of Manhood. Yet even after all the years, the symbolism of it's helmet, crescent, cross, and swords still ring true, and their lessons of virtue and duty have only been made stronger by the vows taken as a Mason. Tomorrow, I would wear the apron of a Master Mason, but the inappropriate pin would say that one of Dad Gamundi's "DeMolay boys" had come to say goodbye.



John Sebastian Gamundi died on January 30, 1989. Members of Mobile Commandery No. 2 provided an Honor Guard during the period of visitation. On February 2, a Rose Croix funeral service was conducted with a Masonic graveside service following. John Gamundi was a Past Master and the current Chaplain of Azalea Lodge No. 898. His Masonic honors included the Knight York

Cross of Honor and Inspector General 33<sup>o</sup> (honorary). He was the Chairman Emeritus of the Alabama Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Organizations, having served on that committee since its inception in 1961. To the DeMolays, for whom he cared so much, he was - and always will be - Dad.

Sir Knight Wayne E. Sirmon is member of Mobile Commandery No. 2 in Mobile, Alabama, and lives at 6212 Park Brook Drive, Mobile, AL 36608

### **Signers Of The Constitution Who Were Freemasons - Part I**

*From the 1777 Quarterly of Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777, A. F. & A. M. (March 1987) as reported in the Maine Lodge of Research Newsletter.*

Gunning Bedford. Became a Master Mason in Lodge No. 14, Christiana Ferry (now Wilmington), Delaware, in 1782. Elected First Grand Master of Masons in Delaware in 1806.

John Blair, Jr. (the Jr. is often omitted, and in fact he didn't use it, but used a dash instead.) He became a Freemason on December 21, 1762, in a Lodge at the Crown Tavern, Williamsburg, and became a charter member of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6. In this Lodge he received the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees in 1773. He succeeded Peyton Randolph, the President of the First Continental Congress, a Master of the Lodge in 1774. He was elected the first Grand Master of Masons in Virginia on October 13, 1778, and then formed the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which was instituted on October 30, 1778, the first independent Grand Lodge in the United States. He became one of the first associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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# East Central Department Conference, 1989

by Sir Knight H. Courtney Jones  
East Central Department Commander

The East Central Department Conference was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 10-11, 1989, at the Hilton Hotel located near the airport. I am pleased to report that the attendance by the Grand Commandery officers, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Recorders, and other Sir Knights with their ladies was very gratifying. Every dais officer and Grand Recorder of the East Central Department answered roll call with the exception of Sir Knight Paul W. Friend, Grand Commander of Indiana, who had a previous commitment on Saturday but was present for the Sunday sessions.

On Saturday morning, a joint meeting was held and distinguished leaders of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Encampment were introduced. Immediately following this short session, Sir Knight Charles Neumann, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, met with the Grand Recorders and other grand officers. Chuck discussed some of the problems and solutions which would help the Grand Recorders to do a better job.

After lunch, H. Courtney Jones, East Central Department Commander, conducted an interesting workshop with input being supplied by representatives of the Grand Commanderies in the department. J. Nelson Deakin, Jr., spoke on "Blueprint for Eminent

Commanders" and also mentioned a booklet entitled "Manual for Grand Commanders," which he authored. Wilfred A. Grose, Jr., Grand Generalissimo of Ohio, used the theme of Grand Commander Donald E. Shoemaker, Sr., "Never Be Content with Less Than the Best." Michigan's contribution was presented by Grand Commander John Robert Howell, who discussed committee appointments in the Grand Commandery. Eminent Grand Senior Warden Jerry W. Warman of Indiana spoke on "Member-ship - State Level to Lodge Level." Also assisting him was James D. DeMond, who talked on successful festivals. Richard Dennis of Marietta, Ohio, and W. Boyd Sibold from Lima, Ohio, talked on special projects in their respective areas. P. Fred Lesley's subject was the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program, and Archie MacDonald explained how York Rite unity was working in northern Michigan.

Grand Encampment officers who supplied interesting and important input to the meeting included G. Wilbur Bell, who reported on the progress of the 21st Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign. Assisting him was Willard M. Avery and Ned E. Dull, all Most Eminent Past Grand Masters. Donald H. Smith, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, and Blair C. Mayford, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo

along with Charles R. Neumann, Grand Recorder, contributed to the discussion.

Following the banquet, Al Wickenhofer, Grand Junior Warden of Kentucky and wife JoAnn presented an outstanding program entitled "Building the Flag," for the enjoyment of all the Sir Knights and ladies attending the conference. Following this, Morrison Cooke, Past Department Commander, talked on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation.

**"Our thanks go to William R. Selby, Sr., for all arrangements. The food and all activities for all in attendance were planned with excellence."**

In conclusion, Most Eminent Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler invited everyone to attend the Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria, Virginia, on Easter Sunday morning.

On Sunday morning, a very meaningful church service was conducted under the direction of Reverend Dean N. Goranson, Eminent Grand Prelate of Indiana.

Following the service, a brief wrap-up of the three individual meetings was reported.

Our thanks go to William R. Selby, Sr., Deputy General Grand High Priest, for making all of the arrangements for the conference. The food and all of the activities for all those in attendance was planned with excellence.

The 1990 Grand Encampment Conference will be held in Dayton, Ohio, on March 10-11 at the Marriott Hotel located at 1414 South Patterson Boulevard. Present plans indicate that the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council will meet together on the above date in Lexington, Kentucky.

Sir Knight H. Courtney Jones is Right Eminent Department Commander, East Central Department, 1988-91, and lives at 1614 Liberty Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

## California Easter Church Service

Rosewood Commandery No. 21, Knights Templar, attended the 9:00 a.m. Foothill Community Church Easter service, 200 Cirby Way, Roseville, California, Sunday, March 26, 1989, with eleven Sir Knights under the leadership of James E. Forristall, Eminent Commander.

This is the first Easter Church Service Rosewood Commandery has ever attended as a group, having been under dispensation and chartered by the Grand Commandery of California as Roseville U.D. No. 71.



Front row (left to right): Sir Knights Harold Fox, Sword Bearer; William "Bill" Staplin, P.C., 1st Guard; Orvin K. Zimmerman, P.C., 2nd Guard and retired Inspector of Commanderies No. 4, No. 6, No. 21, and No. 52 of California; James Bickford, P.C., KYCH; Clarence "Pete" Hotz, P.C.; and Jerry Perry, Standard Bearer.

Back row (left to right): Sir Knights Alvin W. Birge, Senior Warden; Harry Marsh, Prelate; James E. Forristall, Eminent Commander; Charles Rurka, Warden, and Fredrick W. Smith, P.C., 3rd Guard.

He who labors diligently needs never despair; for all things are accomplished by diligence and labor.

Menandes

In our world of drive and haste,  
not to be under pressure has  
come to be a sin. But why?

## **Patience, Lord... But Hurry!**

by Sir Knight Dr. Harold Blake Walker

A plaque bearing the slogan, "Grant me Patience, Lord.., but Hurry!" was advertised in a recent magazine. The advertiser added, "We ship promptly," as if to suggest no need for patience. It occurred to me that both the slogan and the addendum express the mood of our time. We are something less than patient in dealing with either major or minor issues of life, and waiting makes us irritable and often angry.

If the driver in front of us fails to move promptly when the red light turns to green, we are annoyed. Someone defined a split second as the time between the appearance of the green light and the honk from the car behind. People are upset and angry when planes or trains are late. O. J. Simpson, racing for a rental car, is a symbol of our haste and hurry.

Usually the time we save by hurrying is lost by doing nothing in particular when we arrive at our destinations. The strain and tension of hurrying waste the energy we might use creatively.

Yet, in our world of drive and haste, not to be under pressure has come to be a sin. We need to feel pushed and busy to satisfy our egos and our need to be important.

Frequently, we are able to accomplish more by hurrying less. In haste we make mistakes we would avoid by taking

greater care. As Samuel Johnson remarked, "He who wants to do a great deal at once never will do anything." The road to a worthwhile goal leads by way of a series of lesser goals. We travel to achievement step by step, not by leaps and bounds. "How poor are they who have not patience," Shakespeare wrote. "What wound did ever heal but by degrees."

The long vision and the enduring purpose help us to cope with our impatience. Demosthenes, who stuttered, disciplined himself to become a great orator. Speaking to the waves on the seashore with his mouth filled with pebbles, he patiently grappled with his speech defect until he overcame it. The long vision of what he wanted to be kept him at his task.

There are stoplights on every road we travel to whatever destiny we have set for ourselves. There is "no royal road to learning" or anything else worth accomplishing. Sir Isaac Newton, frustrated when he found that his dog had upset a flaming taper and burned the laborious calculations of years, nevertheless set to work patiently to recall his notes and reproduce the burned material. He kept his mind on the enduring purpose of his life.

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Communication with  
God and with Others  
Is an Essential but  
A Dying Art!

## Communication

by Most Eminent Knight Dr. Philip J. Kendal  
Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada  
Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

*To the Most Preeminently Distinguished Governor General, Officers, and Companion Knights of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. The following is the Report of the Committee on Education:*

My topic for this paper consists of one word, "communication"; as I write this report we are communicating.

What is communication? It is only one word, but it is an important word and one that we should take particular note of in this fast-moving and impatient world in which we are living. In *Webster's Dictionary* we find the following definition of the word "communication": "*The imparting or interchange of thoughts, opinions or information by speech, writing or signs.*" A lack of communication is one of our greatest downfalls.

In this fast-moving and highly technological world in which we live, communication is fast becoming a lost art. Certainly we can send letters across the continent at the touch of a button, but is that communication? With the age of computers and telecommunications as fast as the speed of light, we are beginning to take for

granted that we are communicating with each other.

What about our communications with God? We can communicate with God in different ways - all of which require no computer or laser beams that can carry massive amounts of information. Our communication with God begins with prayer, and prayer can take many forms. The Bible tells us in Matthew 6:6 to go into a room and pray in solitude. This is one form of prayer which most people feel comfortable with. They are away from earthly concerns and can offer their thoughts and wishes to God in an atmosphere of peace and quiet. Go into the room all by yourself and shut the door and pray to your Father, who knows your secret and will reward you. Through quiet prayer, we can petition our Lord to help us in matters that trouble us or ask His forgiveness for our actions or the actions of others that affect us. We can pray for our fellowman and for those that we love and care for, that through His guidance their lives will be full and wholesome. It is in silent prayer that we feel especially close to God. This closeness is a feeling of love and understanding

that the life of Christ taught us. It is the love and understanding that comes from knowing God, and knowing the power of communication with Him.

We can also pray together in a group. For God has stated that when two or three are gathered together in His name, He will grant their requests. Some people dislike group prayer because it is too impersonal, and they are afraid to express their true petitions. This may be the case, but when one really thinks about it, God knows what you are going to ask, and we are all His children and should not be

**"Without honesty, in fact, one might as well not speak at all. For it is God's asking that we do not bear false witness against our neighbor."**

afraid to share with others what we feel ourselves. Many thoughts are easier to express in group prayer. Showing care and concern for others is often easier when one realizes that others share the same concerns. In a group the human psyche feels more secure and will start to let go of other fears. However, it is being brave enough to take that first step that is hard. But once it is done, the rest flows naturally from the heart and soul.

We communicate with God by other means as well; in our everyday lives we act as God's messengers to the world by the way we carry out our actions. By using Christ as our example we can improve our communication with God by leading our lives in a Christian manner.

Now that we have spoken about communication with God, what about communicating with each other? When communicating with God, there is not someone there to physically answer you as there is when we speak with another person. When you speak with another person that person responds immediately to your voice or actions. This can cause difficulties. This response is often sudden and

unexpected to us, and human emotions such as anger can take over. This is one emotion we cannot let enter into effective communication. When you become angry and start yelling at the other person, you are not solving the problem, but merely creating another one. Communication must have honesty, trust, faith, and sincerity to be truly effective.

Without honesty, one might as well not speak at all. For it is God's asking that we do not bear false witness against our neighbor. We must be honest with one another, for it is through honesty that trust and friendship can flourish. The ability to trust another person is a necessity if a goal of effective communication is to be reached. To be able to sit down and speak openly with friends and family and share experiences with them is so important, that without it we might as well be talking to ourselves. If one loves someone, one should not be afraid to speak honestly with that person about something which is bothering him. Even if you know that what you say may be hurting to that person, if it is discussed honestly and with sincerity, the other person will often see your point and not be upset. A true relationship can not flourish and grow in God's love without effective communication. If one is afraid to talk about things and trust in someone he loves, he cannot begin to have faith in others. In a relationship one must have trust and faith in the other person's judgment and be willing to treat that person as an equal or else the feelings that need to be expressed will become stagnant. There would be no communication, and without communication there really is no relationship.

Communication within a family is also vital. For it is within our families that we laugh and cry and live through the good and bad times together. If you are not willing to be honest and trust the judgment of others within the family, then the family atmosphere ceases to exist - It

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## Highlights

### Long Beach Commandery Celebrates 85th Anniversary



Long Beach Commandery No. 40 held its 85th anniversary on March 29, 1989, and since 1904 has contributed to Freemasonry both locally, statewide, and nationally. In the York Rite they have had three Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of California; in the Council they have had four Illustrious Past Grand Masters; five Past Commanders have served as Grand Commanders of California; and two Southwestern Department Commanders have served the Grand Encampment.

Pictured above are, left to right: Sir Knight Harold H. Penhale, P.C., KTCH, Past Grand Sovereign, R.C.C.; Sir Knight Britton Miller, P.C., Past Grand High Priest and Past State President of Hi Twelve Clubs of California; Sir Knight H. Douglas Lemons, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, F. & A.M. of California and Hawaii, and presently Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California, A. & A.S.R., S.J.; Sir Knight William D. Tucker, Past Grand Commander and Past Grand Recorder; and Sir Knight David B. Slayton, P.C., P.G.C., presently Right Eminent Southwestern Department Commander and Grand Chancellor, Red Cross of Constantine.

### Mayor's Proclamation In Peoria, Illinois

"WHEREAS, the Order of Knight Templar of the York Rite of Freemasonry has existed in the United States of America for over two hundred years; and

"WHEREAS, from its beginning the Knights Templar has been a charitable organization, but more especially since 1922, when the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., established an Educational Foundation for America's youth, and since 1955, when the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar founded the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; and

"WHEREAS, Peoria Commandery of Knights Templar is now participating in the 1989 National Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; and

"WHEREAS, public awareness of our charity to the success of our campaign and to our cooperation with Peoria's two excellent Eye Clinics, or any other medical facility the eye surgery patient may choose;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, James A. Maloof, Mayor of the City of Peoria, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1989 as in Peoria, Illinois."

### Knights Templar Eye Foundation Month

This impressive document was written by Sir Knight George H. Morgan, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Chairman and Past Commander of Peoria Commandery No. 3. Pictured are, left to right, Mayor and Brother James Maloof, Eminent Commander Gerald M. Carrell, Sir Knight Morgan, and R.N. Sue Hughes, Clinic Administrator at the Illinois Eye Center.



## from the Masonic Family

Center. It was presented by the mayor at the opening of a city council meeting.



Sir Knight Morgan was a former Commander of Illinois Group III, Civil Air Patrol, and acted in public relations for three years.

*Knight Templar Magazine* feels that Sir Knight Morgan's unique project is another excellent way to put the good works of Templary before the public eye. Congratulations!

### Past Grand Commander Honored



Sir Knight Noble Barton Jones, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Arkansas in 1963, was honored at Rogers Commandery No. 24 with a plaque attesting to his dedicated service to the cause of Knight Templary in northwestern Arkansas. The plaque will be bestowed each year to a worthy Sir Knight and will be known as

the Noble Barton Jones Award for Dedicated Service.

Pictured left to right are (foreground): Sir Knight Robert Harmon, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas, presenting the plaque to Sir Knight Jones; (background): Sir Knight William Shaw, Generalissimo, who conducted the program, and Sir Knight Edward O. Damico, Eminent Past Commander of Rogers Commandery No. 24.

### Masonic Baby Care Area Big Success at Ohio Fair



Since 1985, Masons of Lima and Allen County, Ohio, in cooperation with the Allen County Fair Board, have sponsored a rest tent at the Allen County Fair.

For the last several years the rest tent on the west edge of the midway was made available by the Masonic Lodges. Starting in 1988, the area's location was changed to the main midway with Masons and their ladies in charge of a place of privacy for the baby changing area. In 1988 approximately 5,000 people passed through the rest tent with 293 baby changes.

Sponsoring this year are: three symbolic Lodges of Lima, R.A.M. Chapter and R. & S.M. Council, and Shawnee Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar. The bodies share in providing personnel.

# IN MEMORIAM



**Albert Edward Thornley, Jr.**  
Massachusetts/Rhode Island  
Grand Commander—1983  
Born April 14, 1913  
Died March 27, 1989

**James O. Moore**  
Oregon  
Grand Commander—1979  
Born October 20, 1912  
Died April 28, 1989

*I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy  
victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

Henry Francis Lyte



Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.  
New Club Memberships

## Grand Commander's Club:

Germany No. 05—LtC. Albert E. Piatt  
Kansas No. 14—Maurice L. Blackman  
California No. 54—Harry S. Matthews  
Minnesota No. 9—Kenneth W. Carroll  
Ohio No. 32—Thomas D. Branscomb  
Oregon No. 14—Warren W. Flagg  
North Carolina No. 26—James E. Stratton  
Kentucky No. 9—Virgil May  
Nevada No. 4—Edward M. Block  
New York No. 30—Oliver D. Mereness  
West Virginia No. 9—Champ A. S. Hickman  
Oklahoma No. 7—Col. Donald H. Haralson  
Wyoming No. 1—Douglas L. Johnson  
Florida No. 32—Kenneth E. Rudolph  
Arkansas No. 13—Bill Porter  
Arkansas No. 12—Robert Olen Payne

## Grand Master's Club:

No. 1,323—Karl A. Schuhle (FL)  
No. 1,324—Lawrence F. Watts (MI)  
No. 1,325—Roland R. Guttendorf (PA)  
No. 1,326—Mrs. Iva Mary Hopkins (VA)  
No. 1,327—Mansell H. Hopkins, Jr. (VA)  
No. 1,328—Mansell H. Hopkins, Jr. (VA)  
No. 1,329—Fred W. Renstrom (OR)  
No. 1,330—Victor R. Hard (NV)  
No. 1,331—John L. Bright (TX)  
No. 1,332—Robert A. Renninger (PA)  
No. 1,333—Gerald M. Lutz (PA)  
No. 1,334—Melvin J. Reinhard (MI)  
No. 1,335—Galen Cook (WY)  
No. 1,336—Charles L. Courtney (OH)  
No. 1,337—Frank E. Hankinson, III (MS)  
No. 1,338—Jack L. Williams (AR)  
No. 1,339—Charles E. Morris (CO)



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.



Knights Templar Eye Foundation,  
Twenty-first Voluntary Campaign

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending May 5, 1989. The total amount contributed to date is \$796,456.36.

Alabama	\$9,841.00
Arizona	10,566.80
Arkansas	9,254.80
California	22,427.58
Colorado	14,454.51
Connecticut	14,794.79
District of Columbia	31,672.81
Florida	21,657.99
Georgia	61,622.19
Idaho	4,744.27
Illinois	19,308.72
Indiana	7,141.44
Iowa	11,683.40
Kansas	4,534.87
Kentucky	16,460.48
Louisiana	6,993.43
Maine	1,279.11
Maryland	11,088.13
Mass./R.I.	20,834.74
Michigan	57,810.88
Minnesota	15,068.16
Mississippi	5,243.00
Missouri	8,935.93
Montana	7,764.82
Nebraska	5,252.75
Nevada	4,179.00
New Hampshire	11,382.50
New Jersey	6,591.25
New Mexico	2,990.00
New York	16,443.25
North Carolina	6,525.61
North Dakota	3,299.00
Ohio	32,313.86
Oklahoma	8,170.00
Oregon	12,551.90
Pennsylvania	61,052.08
South Carolina	7,665.50
South Dakota	2,960.58
Tennessee	47,258.84
Texas	67,218.76
Utah	4,097.24
Vermont	7,200.58
Virginia	27,769.34
Washington	3,658.85
West Virginia	4,956.54
Wisconsin	5,843.64
Wyoming	6,540.50
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	200.00
Tokyo No. 1, Tokyo, Japan	10.00
Bavaria No. 3	350.00
Heidelberg No. 2	1,330.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, Delaware	406.60
Harry J. Miller No. 5, Kaiserslautern, West Germany	330.00
Trinity U.D., Wilmington, Delaware	412.00
Kalakaia No. 1	61.00
Miscellaneous	40,710.34



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becomes more a battle zone than a household. People try to force their opinions and ideals upon each other without ever listening to the person's reply.

Listening is the important key to communication. Without it communication would be a one-way street leading to a dead end. When we pray, God listens, and when we speak to each other, we must also listen. Listening is not all that easy. We have a tendency to cut off the speaker or interrupt when we should be listening. Listening is an activity, and if it is to be successful we must have the patience to be able to hear each other out when we communicate. If one person does all the talking and another all the listening that is not healthy as well. Communication is a two-way street. Both or all parties involved must listen as well as speak. We must be willing to be open with each other and not be afraid to express our feelings, show our love, or express our discontent. As I mentioned before, if you are sincere, the other person will understand your point better and will be more willing to discuss it to a fuller extent. We must have faith that God will help us to say the things He wants us to say. He will guide us in our daily encounters and be with us in these special times of need. He will be present in our relationships with our friends and family and will also be our guidance in our personal relationships. God, through his son Jesus Christ, has taught us to deal with our enemies and to reach out to strangers. Jesus did not turn down an opportunity to meet new people, and I do not think God meant for us to be that way either.

Communication is fast becoming a dying art. Soon it will be written in history books that it was a once popular pastime before the invention of computers, video games, and other technological wonders. It is up to us as God's children to ensure that this does not

happen. We must be honest, sincere, trusting, and have faith in each other to be able to express our feelings of love and concern for all mankind, and we must do this both in our prayer life and in our communication with friends, family, enemies, or strangers in our daily lives.

So when you see your children up late talking with each other or with friends, think twice of breaking up their communication. Or the next time Mom and Dad ask some questions about school, answer them politely, for they are concerned and

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are only trying to communicate. When you see someone at the coffee hour that you do not recognize, walk up and offer your hand and mind to them so that you may communicate.

Finally, God's communication never ends; it is with us forever, and if we can take just five minutes of today to communicate with each other, it is a start. And I hope it will be a start of something wonderful and lasting. Each communication is a foundation for love. And we can all use a little more love.

Communication is the vital force of any productive thinking. Let us all be ever mindful of the need to communicate loud and clear. With that kind of thinking, we will not fail through misunderstandings.

The bed rock of effective Masonic communication is the everyday practical living of a life that is guided by religious, moral, and ethical principles. There is no replacement for this triune approach - no public relation program, no slick media campaign, no four-color print matter can be substituted.

However, there is something more that is needed, especially in this modern era. A

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## DeMolay Returning to the Poconos: Newly-Established Club First Such Organization in Eastern Pennsylvania

In the mid-1950s Brother Homer Wentz, then an officer in the Allentown Chapter of the Order of DeMolay, traveled to Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Three memories of that trip stand out clearly in his mind: the glistening Colonial Diner, the Chapter Hall in the Barger Masonic Lodge Building, and the purpose of the trip - to establish a chapter of DeMolay in the Poconos

Some thirty-five years later Brother Wentz, now one of eight "Dads" advising that same Allentown chapter, returned to the Poconos one night in mid-February. In spite of the neon flashing a new name, he immediately recognized the diner. The Chapter Hall, he notes, had changed even less. His purpose this time: to reestablish DeMolay in the Poconos. The "Buddy Night" Program, which he and a contingent from the Allentown Chapter planned to attend, represented a major step to attaining that end.

Around 1974, the original Pocono DeMolay Chapter fell on hard times and became inactive, a fact which Brother Ellis Riebel, himself a product of DeMolay and now Worshipful Master of J. Simpson Africa Lodge No. 628 in Stroudsburg, very much regretted. To him the seven cardinal virtues of the international group - filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism - are more crucial today than ever before in building the character of young men between the ages of thirteen and twenty-one. He, therefore, joined the High Twelve in the hope of learning how



"Buddy" Night at Stroudsburg, PA. Back row: (fourth from left) Lars Walmark, President; (sixth from left) Ronald L. Pennell, Commander of Samuel S. Yohe No. 81.

to reestablish a chapter. "I really didn't do anything," he modestly claims. However, he did get the ball rolling and succeeded in passing along his vision and enthusiasm to Brother Ronald Pennell, a Past Master of J. Simpson Africa, whose diligence and hard work resulted in the establishing of the Pocono Mountains DeMo-lay Club. During the six months that have passed since the club was formally organized, Brother Pennell acknowledges he has received generous financial support from almost all Masonic organizations and related groups in the area. The Bangor and Pen Argyl Lodges have also donated all the regalia necessary for the officers during ceremonial occasions.

Most of the Advisory Council is comprised of "Dads" from J. Simpson Africa Lodge: Brothers Lorne A. W. Bachelder, P.M.; Donald R. Clifton; and Richard F. Smith, as well as Brothers Riebel and Pennell. Barger Lodge No. 325 is represented by Brothers John Woodling and the

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ablest, most respected men in the country. Among them, many were Freemasons of influence.

As president for eight years, Brother Washington's recognized disinterest in personal gain, and his integrity, made it possible for him to command a high level of general respect. As a Federalist, a believer in a united republic with strong central government and finance, he helped to firmly establish the young republic in the eyes of Americans, as well as to establish its importance to a watching world of none-too-friendly empires, especially those of Europe.

Some presidents have limited their roles to being administrators of the laws without being leaders. Brother Washington was both a great administrator and a great leader.

He declined a third term in office, declaring that the country needed a change of administration after eight years.

His farewell address to Congress was noteworthy. In this speech, he warned against the danger of foreign entanglements; and against placing party politics ahead of the welfare of the country and government as a whole. His farewell address has influenced, to some extent, the policy of the United States ever since.

### **The Masonic Presence**

Acting as individual participants, Freemasons have been closely associated with the history of our great nation from its very beginning. This was never more dramatically evidenced than in the country's formative years.

Many of the patriots who stood with Brother Washington during the American Revolution, at the Constitutional Convention, and in the new government were wearers of the Masonic apron.

In its own silent and pervasive spirit, Freemasonry was very much in evidence,

and helped to unite and bind the young nation into a national unity during periods of unrest throughout the land.

Some of the most influential leaders of the Craft in America - fully conversant with Masonic principles, thought, and experience - were also among the men who stood with Brother Washington and worked diligently with him for federal union. The lessons of Freemasonry and their personal experiences with the Craft had taught them the value of unity. Their experience during the revolution, on the other hand, had demonstrated the limitations resulting from lack of unity and singleness of command.

There is no doubt that Brother Washington chose men to serve the new republic because of their talent and fitness for public service, but "in the minds of such men as Brother Washington in that era, Masonic membership was another evidence of a man's reliability and fitness for trust."

### **Washington's Final Years**

Brother Washington lived only two years after the end of his second term as president. He retired to his beloved Mount Vernon estate, and devoted his time to its management.

In December of 1799, he developed pneumonia and died at Mount Vernon on December 14 at the age of sixty-seven. He was buried in the old family vault on his beloved Mount Vernon estate. The funeral services were held on the afternoon of December 18 and included the traditional Masonic burial ceremonies, which were conducted by Alexandria Lodge No. 22 of Virginia. Brooke Lodge No. 47 of Alexandria, Virginia, and Federal Lodge No. 15 of the District of Columbia also united to participate in the ceremonies with Alexandria Lodge.

Brother George Washington was not considered a brilliant man, but his character was such as to command respect and confidence. He was mourned by the



people of America and abroad alike, as a great leader and great man.

Freemasonry's debt to Brother George Washington is beyond compare.

May Brother George Washington always rest in peace and in greatness!

### **The Inaugural Prayer Of Brother George Washington**

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection, that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of obedience, and to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, as fellow citizens. May we be pleased to do justice, to love mercy, and to conduct ourselves in charity, humility, and gentle temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without whose humble example we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant us our supplication through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Sir Knight Thomas E. Rigas is a member of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 in Chicago, Illinois, and lives at 2600 West Farwell Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645

### **Patience, Lord—Continued from page 13**

We pay a heavy price for impatience that leads to anger or to resentment. Garrett Mattingly notes that, during the last years of the reign of Henry VII, the king was moody, irascible, easily aroused to anger from which not even his favorite daughter Mary was safe. "His foreign policy," Mattingly wrote, "was becoming the sport of his rheumatism and his nerves." Impatient with discomfort, Henry VII lost his sense of direction.

If we take the long view of things we can overcome the stumbling blocks and the mistakes that inevitably thwart progress toward the goals we have set for ourselves. When Max Planck was awarded the Nobel Prize he said, "Looking back, over the long and labyrinthine path which finally led to the discovery (of the quantum theory), I am vividly reminded of Goethe's saying that men will always be making mistakes as long as they are striving after something."

The mistakes and the roadblocks are trivial in the light of the enduring purpose that transcends them. Perseverance and patience are God's gift to the spirit dedicated to something of ultimate worth. If accomplishment is delayed, we can wait for it, trusting God "to weave our thread into the great web, though the pattern shows itself not yet."

No great thing ever was achieved without patience. It is folly to pray, "Grant me patience, Lord...", but Hurry." The "mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding sure." The wise take the long view of life and keep plodding with unhurried pace toward their worthiest goals.

Sir Knight and Dr. Harold Blake Walker is a member of Evanston Commandery No. 58 in Evanston, Illinois, and lives at 422 Davis Street, No. 201, Evanston, IL 60201

## On the Masonic Newsfront...

### **69th Annual Easter Morn Service Held By Knights Templar On Staten Island**

Sir Knights from five metropolitan New York City Commanderies attended the 69th Annual Easter Morn Service at Immanuel Union Church on Staten Island. Jointly sponsored for the first time by Empire-DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 14 of Staten Island and Bay Ridge Commandery No. 79 of Brooklyn, it was attended by Sir Knights from the sponsoring Commanderies and Morton No. 4, Coeur de Lion No. 23, and New York No. 1. These annual Easter rites were started in 1921 by Empire Commandery No. 66 (now Empire-DeWitt Clinton

Commandery No. 14) and have been held every Easter morn since. This year's parade to the church was led by Sir Knight Jacques N. Jacobsen III, Eminent Commander of Empire-DeWitt Clinton Commandery. He was followed in line by Sir Knight Michael J. Sharkey, Eminent Commander of Bay Ridge Commandery No. 79. The service was led and conducted by the two Commanders and other officers, and the sermon was preached by the Reverend James Martin of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Brother Raymond G. Jorgensen, Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of the state of New York, presented greeting from the Richmond Masonic District. (Sir Knight Jorgensen is a member of No. 14.) Some seventy-five persons attended.

The photograph shows Sir Knights who took part in leading or assisting at the service. They represent Sir Knights from Empire-DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 14, Bay Ridge Commandery No. 79, Coeur de Lion No. 23, and Morton No. 4. The photo is by Sir Knight Ruben Rivera of Empire-DeWitt Clinton Commandery.



### **York Rite Festival In Northern California**

York Rite Masons from northern California gathered at the Springbrook Masonic Temple in Vallejo, California, on the weekends of March 11 and March 25 for the 4th annual York Rite Festival. The class consisted of twenty-four for the Royal Arch and the Council Degrees and twenty-seven





for the Commandery Orders. The degrees and orders were conferred in full regalia and full form. Much preparation coupled with hard work and excellent ritual, besides the good fellowship, again made this event a major success for the York Rite.

The honoree was Most Excellent Companion Robert Graham Evans, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the state of California.

### **Temple Stamp Club Of Milwaukee - Commemorative Cover**

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee (composed of all Masons) is issuing a commemorative cover with the club's logo in blue and gold, to be the new stamp of Brother Washington's 1st inauguration. Price of covers is \$1.25 each, or 3 for \$3.50, plus a no. 10 stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of the cover(s). Address orders to The Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee, do The Scottish Rite Cathedral, 790 North Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

### **Knights Templar Sponsored Ministers From Michigan Leave For The Holy Land**

Each year the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan, sends a selected number of ministers from around the state to the Holy Land to see and experience the place where Christ walked and taught centuries ago.

The funds for the Holy Land Pilgrimage are contributed by the various Commanderies and many Sir Knights, individually, throughout the jurisdiction.

In the picture, to right, the 1989 Holy Land Pilgrimage ministers are wished a safe and enjoyable journey at their departure by officers and Sir Knights of the Grand



Commandery and Detroit Commandery No. 1

Shown left to right, are (first row, kneeling): Reverend Wade Sheridan Panse, Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, Lansing; Reverend Ray Burgess, First United Methodist Church, Sturgis; Sir Knight Earle W. Mott, Past Commander, Damascus Commandery No. 42; Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliot, Past Commander, Detroit Commandery No. 1; (second row, standing): Sir Knight Richard N. Miller, Grand Senior Warden; Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, who traveled with the ministers; Reverend Jerome K. Smith, Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Detroit; Reverend Richard Lawrence Larson, Alamo Community Congregational Church, Otsego; Reverend Robert Michael Braman, First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Sheridan; Reverend Troy O. Douthit, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Dearborn; Sir Knight John R. Howell, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan; Sir Knight Richard Webb, Jr., Past Grand Commander; Sir Knight Robert Mackey, Generalissimo, Detroit Commandery No. 1; and Sir Knight George N. Loesch, Prelate, Detroit Commandery No. 1.

## **DeMolay—Continued from page 21**

Illustrious Robert Smith, 33°. From Pocono Lodge No. 780 comes Brother Fred Tallada. The efforts of these men to build a strong and vital organization have been given a genuine boost by Brother Homer Jones, District Deputy Grand Master of the 50th Masonic District. From the first, Brother Jones has used his authority and good offices to assure the full cooperation of everyone in his district.

Waiting in the wings to become Director of Work is Brother Mark Remshifski, himself a former DeMolay from New Jersey and now a member of

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North Star Lodge No. 255 of Wharton, New Jersey. Samuel S. Yohe Commandery No. 81, Knights Templar, of Stroudsburg, officially sponsors the group.

Advising the men of the Poconos and playing a vital role in establishing the club on a firm footing is Brother Eric B. Blew, Past Master of Jordan Lodge No. 673 of Allentown. Brother Blew is uniquely qualified to provide this guidance. Not only is he a former member of DeMolay, but his outstanding contributions to Masonic youth activities have resulted in his being named District Deputy for the 13th District of DeMolay International in Pennsylvania. He is also the recipient of the Legion of Honor, the highest honor that can be granted by the Order of DeMolay.

The Pocono Mountains Club is the first such club in eastern Pennsylvania. Brother Blew explains the difference between a club and a chapter by pointing out that the former is today the preferred first step towards achieving the status of the latter. A club permits region to offer its youth all of the advantages of a full

DeMolay program even as it builds toward the goal of fifteen young men needed for the nucleus of an official chapter.

Brother Blew further states that many small towns find it difficult to sustain official chapters. The initial enthusiasm of both members and advisors too often gives way to uncertainty and frustration. Consequently, the DeMolay International Supreme Council devised a plan whereby new groups work under the aegis of established chapters. With such guidance, the clubs can meet on an informal basis while the members and advisors gain the insight and experience, the confidence and know-how necessary for long-term success. "When their program is firmly established," reports Brother Blew, "a club is ready to survive and becomes a chapter."

The Pocono Mountains Club currently functions under the Allentown Chapter of DeMolay, Michael Thorpe Master Councilor. It, in turn, is sponsored by Allen Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar, and Beauceant Commandery No. 94, Knights Templar. On its Advisory Council sit such experienced Masons as Brothers Wentz and Blew. David Groh, Past Master Councilor and currently treasurer, has by his help to his Brothers in the Poconos demonstrated why he was awarded the Degree of Chevalier.

The Pocono Mountains Club already includes nine members. "Dad" Pennell anticipates that the success of the "Buddy Night" Program could result in an additional eight petitions. This optimism is shared by Lars Walmark, club president, a senior in Pleasant Valley High School, who anticipates beginning his college studies at Muhlenberg College in September. Mike Reed of Cresco, Pennsylvania, currently serves as chaplain.

The club already offers its members a wide range of activities including both service projects and "fun" events. With the advent of warm weather, the membership

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great communicator once remarked that the best definition of public relations is ninety percent performance and ten percent telling about it. Or, doing a good job and getting credit for it.

The most effective Masonic communication is the individual Freemason's involvement in his Fraternity that can help to develop the moral and ethical basis for this exemplary behavior.

We believe that a modern Masonic communications program is needed today, because of the fast-paced, high-speed environment in which we find ourselves. The values espoused by Freemasonry - Friendship, Morality, Brotherly Love - have not changed, but is it not time that we utilized the modern means of communication to help get our important message across to the public?

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ship is anticipating additional activities, such as baseball and canoeing. Several young men already look forward to attending the Key-Man Leadership Training Conference at Patton Campus while the advisors plan to seek out additional seminars to prepare them to meet successfully the challenges of the future.

Although the rewards of the DeMolay program are most meaningful to its members and the communities in which they live, the Blue Lodges of the area also share in them. Membership is not limited

to the sons of Masonic families, and already the enthusiasm of some of the young members of the club is such that their fathers have petitioned Blue Lodge. Impressed by what their sons have discovered, they seek to share it. Thus DeMolay becomes another avenue to the goals of Solomon II at the same time that it builds the character of young men and so better enables them to make wise choices in today's complex society.

Sir Knight Donald R. Clifton is a member of Samuel S. Yohe Commandery No. 81 in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and lives at 519 Brown Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360-2446.



## Fraternity

We build us temples tall and grand,  
With gifts we heap our altars high,  
Unheeding how, on every hand,  
The hungry and the naked cry.

We sound our creeds in trumpet tone,  
With Zeal we encompass land and sea,  
Unmindful of the sob and moan  
Of souls that yearn for sympathy.

We hurl to hell, we bear above,  
With equal ease we loose or bind,  
Forgetful quite that God is Love,  
And Love is large and broad and kind.

O! Thou Eternal Largeness, teach  
Our petty, shriveled soul to swell

Till Thou, within their ampler reach,  
In every human heart may dwell;

Till Love alone becomes the creed  
Of every nation, tribe and clan,

The Fatherhood of God, indeed,  
The blessed Brotherhood of man.

David E. Guyton

## **History of the Grand Encampment**

### **Chapter XVII**

#### **Jurisprudence**

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#### **Powers Of The Grand Master**

While the supremacy of the general governing Body is recognized as unchangeable, save upon its own motion, there has been a tendency on the part of the Grand Encampment to somewhat minimize the powers of the Grand Master who, in Ancient Templary, was authority unto himself.

The first instance of curtailment was made manifest in the revision of the Constitution in 1856, which declared that the Grand Encampment being a legislative body, appeal might be taken by any member from the decision of the Chair. His will was no longer absolute when the Grand Encampment was in session.

In this respect the Grand Master does not now possess the power of the Worshipful Master of a Symbolic Lodge, for it is a well-known principle and unchangeable law that no appeal can be taken to the lodge from the decision of a Master. He is amenable only to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge.

The most important act limiting the authority of the Grand Master of Knights Templar occurred at the session of the twenty-eighth Triennial Conclave in 1901. It will be remembered that Grand Master Lloyd declined to permit the Grand Commander of the District of Columbia to create a Knight Templar at sight. The Committee on Jurisprudence approved of the position taken by the Grand Master, and in a lengthy majority report defined the powers and restrictions of the Grand Master, concluding as follows:

"We hold that the office of Grand Master of Templars was created by our Grand Constitution and is one of law and constitutional limitations and provisions. That the Grand Master is the executive officer and the head of the Order, charged with all that pertains to the enforcement of the laws, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and his prerogative and duty is contained in and prescribed by the Grand Constitution, either in express terms or necessary implication, for the full discharge of his trust, but no further."

This report shattered a Templar idol and ideal - the Grand Master is no longer the Chief whose prerogatives of individualism found such pronounced expression in the administration of Grand Master Hubbard from 1847 to 1859 - that Grand Master whose personal will power, combined with his broad comprehension of the capacity and destiny of Masonic Knighthood, united, strengthened, extended and advanced the Order of Knights Templar from the form and shadow of an organization to the power and substance of an indestructible, authoritative governing Body.

Now the Grand Master is simply an executive officer, like the Governor of a State, except that he presides over the deliberations of the legislative functions of the Grand Encampment.

Past Grand Master Hopkins was one of those who loved to trace the genealogy of Modern Templary to those famed Crusaders who made pilgrimages to redeem the Holy Land from the sacrilegious scourge of the marauding hordes of Infidels, Moslems and Saracens. He was the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence

in 1901, and it was his Committee that stripped the Grand Master of those prerogatives and powers which likened the office and its incumbent to the heritage rights and privileges of those Masters of old succeeding Hugh de Payens and ending with Jacques DeMolay. So strangely discordant and incredible did this act of curtailment appear to Hopkins, that he submitted a supplemental report, in which, with fine sentiment and eloquent phrase, characteristic of this superb Templar, he alluded to the prerogatives and authority which of right ought to belong to the man and the Knight chosen to preside over and lead the Templar hosts of Christian Knighthood:

"We have been accustomed to linger with pride over the stories of matchless valor and incomparable achievements of the founders of our Order. Our hearts have thrilled with exultation over the belief that we are the inheritors of the glory in which the early Templars were entwined, and I, for one, have loved to ponder over the story of their immortal deeds, and to feel richer for the legacy they left us of self-sacrificing heroism and unparalleled chivalry. I readily admit that we cannot show an indisputable title to this inheritance, but the claim is precious, although the title may not be secure. I would fain believe that the founders of the Order did not leave the organization which they founded, and cemented with their blood, to become the plaything of chance, or to rest upon the uncertain tenure of the will or whim of a rapacious King and a weak Pope. I have been anxious to believe that our Grand Master is the successor of Hugh de Payens and Godfrey de St. Omer, and as such invested with all their powers and prerogatives. If our Grand Master has been shorn of any of the authority of his predecessors, it destroys a sentiment dear to many hearts. I am disposed to admit that it is only sentiment, but it is one to which some of

us cling tenaciously, and which we only surrender when we recognize that tradition must yield to history."

The Grand Encampment in 1901 thus made new history in defining a Grand Master to be only an executive officer. The glamour of the pageant past is succeeded by the practicality of the active present. Nevertheless, our Grand Masters from Clinton to Rice, including those great Templars like Hubbard, Palmer, Fellows, Gardner, Hopkins, McCurdy, Thomas and Lloyd, have been the equals of the Chiefs of old in their devotion to the laws and usages of Templary, in the exemplification of the virtues of Christian Knighthood, in the spirited qualities of the patriot, and in the integrity of broad-minded manhood. Individually they did more than the Grand Encampment in directing the Order from its humble beginning to its magnificent establishment. Their wise decisions are engrafted upon the Statutes of the Order and the sum of their wisdom is the concrete directive force of the great Body over which they severally presided.

### **Faalty To Craft Masonry**

In 1898, the Code of Statutes was amended, so that membership in the Commandery depended, in part, upon affiliation in the Lodge and Chapter. This created considerable controversy and resentment for a time, but since it became a law it has been enforced and is now regarded as a proper requirement. It is a tribute to the loyalty that Knighthood has for Symbolic Masonry. Grand Master Lloyd thus alluded to our faalty to Ancient Craft Masonry:

"Remember that the Blue Lodge is the mudsill of Templary; without the Blue Lodge it could not exist; it grows from the Blue Lodge, and it does its charity work as a Blue Lodge; and when we come to die we are laid away as members of the Blue Lodge."



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IN DISTRESS: Tipton Commandery No 53, the first new Commandery in Oklahoma in 27 years, has a need for Knight Templar paraphernalia, including swords and scabbards, necessary to the proper rendition of the ceremonies of the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of the Temple. Donations most gratefully accepted but nominal costs and all shipping charges would be paid. Please contact Sir Knight A. A. Farrington, 5640 Beechwood Dr., Lawton, OK 73505, (405) 353-8520 (collect), or Recorder, P.O. Box 497, Tipton, OK 73570

For Sale: Knights Templar Chapeaux: one never worn; the other worn only twice. Asking \$25 each. Also, one Knights Templar dress suit, size 40, regular. Asking \$50. Contact Earl H. Brendall, PO Box 1544, Tryon, NC 28782. (704) 894-2147

For Sale: two Commandery swords: one in leather case; one with gold-decorated metal scabbard. Have pictures of same. Make offer. William Momeny, 1003 S. Park, Mendota, IL 61342, (815) 539-5857

Joseph W. Bach picked up a sword while a Lt. in WWII in Japan, found it had Masonic significance, and would like to get it back into the hands of the one who lost it or some member of his family if they can be found and desire it. This sword has the name, "Lloyd Stuart Higham," on the blade and was made by Ambrose, Kent & Sons Lt., in Toronto, Ontario. It is in good condition. For further info write the New Bern York Rite Bodies, P.O. Box 714, New Bern NC 28560 or Joseph W. Bach, 5109 Springwood Dr., New Bern, NC 28562, (919) 638-4729

For Sale: York Rite original second degree Warrant from "Loges des Franc-Macons" dated 9, June 1795, at Hamburg, under the authority of the Grand Lodge at London. Written in French, with seals, it is the Warrant of Federic Henri Holtzbecher and is signed by Henry Christ. Lienau, Fred. Louis Schroeder, Charles Ernest John, and Jean Guillaume Frederick

Wagner. Good condition; some wear on folds. For sale to highest bidder over \$500. Bids accepted for 20 days after publication. R. C. Miller, 2904 Emerald, Memphis, TN 38115, (901) 362-7033 or (901) 636-2626

For Sale: Masonic collectible - \$10 bonds of Whiteface Mountain Lodge No. 789, F. & AM., of Saranac Lake, N.Y., dated 1904; large green, size 16"x10%", with allegorical vignette. \$10 each. Fred Robinson, P.O. Box 203, Aberdeen, MS 39730

For Sale: Gaylord Chapter No. 119, Royal Arch Masons, 1888-1988, Centennial lapel pins. Cost: \$2.00 each. Send to Gaylord Chapter No. 119, RAM., 809 West St., Gaylord, MI 49735

On June 13, 1889, at Mitchell, Dakota, the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was formed. To celebrate the centennial, the following items are for sale: Masonic cacheted first day covers of N.D. stamp, dated Feb. 21, \$2.00, including postage; dual cancelled first day cover, as above and S.D. stamp dated, May 3, 1989, \$3.00, including postage; limited edition centennial belt buckles, \$20.00, including postage; centennial cups, \$6.00, including postage and handling. H. A. Ohrt, 201 14th Ave. North, Fargo, N. D. 58102

For sale from an estate: Masonic ring with diamond, 1% carat. Appraised value:\$2600. Will accept best offer. William R. Janke, 5435 N. Oketo Av., Chicago, IL 60656, (312) 7635542

I have Lincoln pennies with the square and compass stamped above the date. They sell for \$5 a roll of 50, plus postage of \$1.50 per roll. Several Brothers have bought them to pass out. I use part of the money for KTEF. Champ A. S. Hickman, Rt. 2, Box 287, Fairmont, WV 26554.

For Sale: items of Masonic memorabilia from my collection - lapel pins, badges, ribbons, Commandery commemorative plates, Templary swords (old and in very good condition), Chapter pennies and shekels, old Shriner and Grotto fezzes, numerous medals and pocket pieces. Send SASE for listing and prices. Robert E. Ferguson, 1084 E. Church St., Marion, OH 43302

Wanted: Chapter pennies by avid collector. I will buy one or a thousand and pay from \$2 up for each penny. I now have over 10,900 worldwide. My collection one day will end up in a museum. Can always use duplicates for exchanging. I am especially looking for pennies from around the world and from demised Chapters. Why not contact me for a prompt reply? Maurice Storck, PO Box 644, Portland, ME 04104, (207)781-5201

For Sale: Needlepoint and Counted Cross-Stitch kits for 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"x10" wall hanging. However, material provided would allow use for a slightly larger pillow or whatever your imagination may dictate. Price of \$15 each includes canvas, Aida cloth, or waste cotton, needle, yarn or floss, complete instructions, shipping and handling. Also available, full color logos on T-shirts, caps, coffee mugs, etc. C. A. Adams, Box 34, Rt. 103, Mount Holly, VT 05758-9704

Wanted for my collection: Masonic postcards of Temples, Etc., new or old. Will pay \$1.00 each. K. G. Romine, 507 N. Kenova Rd., South Point, OH 45680

For Sale: two internment spaces in Kanawha County, W. Va., Tyler Mt. Memorial Gardens, Masonic No. 3. Will sell for less than market value and pay transfer fee. Contact Fred W. Lloyd, 209 E. Lantana Ln., Melbourne, FL 32901, (407) 768-7525

Need to locate Mildred Kirk, aka Mildred L. Finney, or descendants. Urgent. Her father and brother belonged to the Craft. Contact Dean A. Hopkins, 2120 Robin Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80909, (719) 633-6794

Trying to locate Sfc. Raymond Egolf, wife Chris; was stationed in Ft. Ord, Calif. in '67-68. Mrs. Golf's family was active in Fraternity. They originally came from Canada, settling in Maine. Chris Golf was a member of O.E.S. there, 1967-68, in good standing. Please write Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Stewart, 309 E. Main St., Cedar Bluffs, NE 68015

Wishing to hear from anyone belonging to Okinawa Masonic Club, Allied Armed Forces, still functioning 8-9-45, as war in Japan ended;

Secretary Clarence A. Sevarin. I was in ship repair unit, Lt. Comdr. Al Molter in charge based in Bucknor Bay - M/M-2/c-, U.S. Navy, serial 806-26-89-Katchin-Hanto-SLCU-No. 40. James H. Schiffman, 1437 Village St., Redlands, CA 92374

Seeking info on Peter Calmus Campbell (b. 1839, Carroll County, Ark.), Dodson Lodge, A.F. & AM., No. 135, Newton County, Ark. Had one brother, Henderson L. ((b. 1834) - no record of him - two sisters, Billistien Elizabeth (b. 1832, married Asa Holt and Rueban Lawson) and Mary Barnett )b. 1836, married Charles K. Halt). I need any info on the parents of these four. Write for more information. Any info on this family helpful. Francis Flood Emmerich, 2635 McKinley, Kansas City, MO 64129

Seeking genealogical info on the McCargo family. My grandfather and great grandfather were from south Ark., but I believe they may have come from Tenn. I hope some Knight has researched this clan. James D. McCargo, 2969 Hwy. 297A, Cantonment, FL 32533

Wanted: All back issues of Ideals greeting booklets, back issues of An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, and early issues of the annual, The Fireside Book of David Hope. Contact Jerome Frank Slezak, 1290 Marlowe Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107-2628

Seeking genealogical info on the Juckett family of N.Y., Vt., Mass., and Conn., especially my g-g-grandfather Michael Juckett, (b. either in Conn. or Freetown, Mass., 1771), married Anna Mary Austin, 2-24-1795. Need info on his parents, grandparents, and siblings. Contact H. F. Juckett, 2660 McVey Blvd. Wt, Worthington, OH 43235

Am working on genealogy of Keas (or Kease) family, also connected to the families of Martin, Noland, and Bush, among others. Known locations are Clark, Powell, Estill Cos. in Ky. and Va. Would like to correspond with anyone of this family. Ben A. Johnson, 1097 Chinoe Rd., Lexington, KY 40502, (606) 266-1998

14th Reunion: USS Hovey IDMS-1 1 x DD-2081, November 2-5, 1989, at Peppermill Hotel/Casino, 2707 South Virginia, Rena, Nev., 89502. Contact "Dusty" Hortman, 2827 Monarch St., San Diego, CA 92123, (619) 278-0965 or (619) 278-5733

