



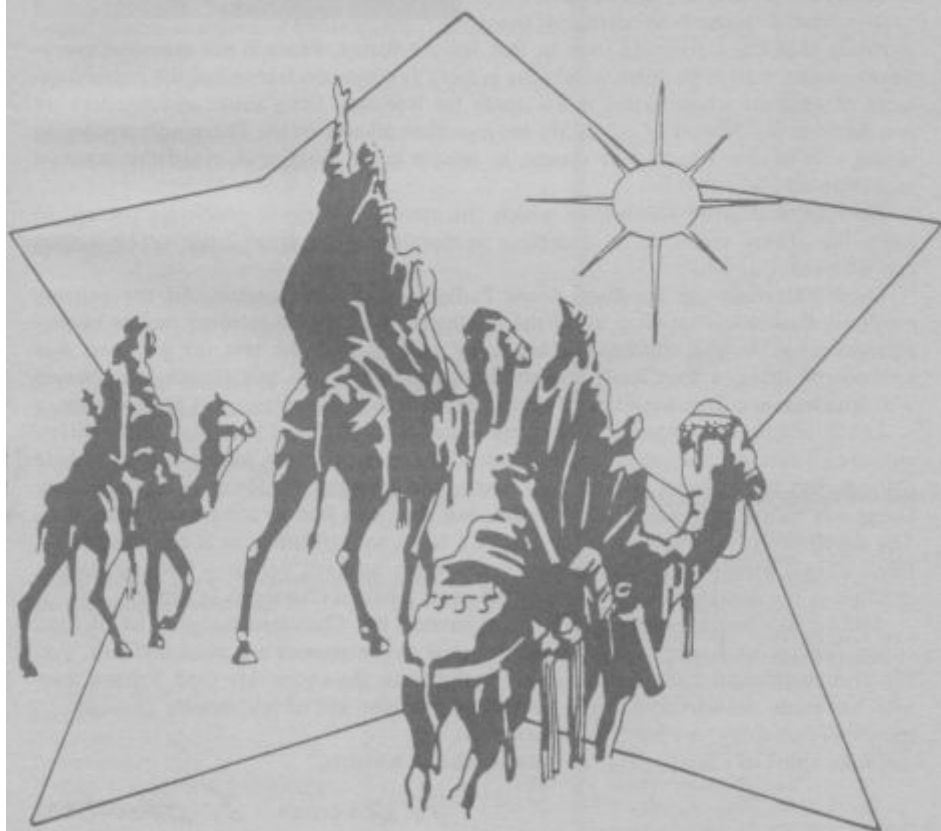
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As Christmas approaches, let us...

Rejoice, Christian Knights

Later this month we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us hope that we can all celebrate it in a spirit of joy and hope. To rejoice is to be glad, happy, delighted, enraptured. As Templars our Christmas joy should be more than superficial happiness. Christ's birth marked the beginning of the events on which our faith is founded. Without Christmas there would be no Christianity, no Templary. Let us rejoice that Christ was born, that he lived, taught, and died for our salvation. It is in that spirit that we should celebrate the anniversary of His birth.

The world around us contains many elements that cause thinking men to fear for the future. Peace is not prevalent everywhere in the world. We have within the present few months learned of the brutal massacre of students whose crime was a

desire for freedom. Drug abuse and murders are prevalent in our Nation's Capital. We see injustices all around us. There isn't any joy in seeing a loved one wracked by cancer, or people losing their sense of sight or doomed to a crippled life.

We must recognize the terrors which threaten, the dangers which are present in every life. There seems to be a decline in morals, a flight from integrity. How then can we be joyful?

Over 300 years ago the Bare Bones Parliament met in London. All the existing members had to be satisfied as to the godliness of each new member before he was allowed to sit in that Parliament. Macauley tells us that the test for godliness was sad-colored dress, a sour look, straight hair, a nasal whine, and speech interspersed with quaint texts. This would hardly be acceptable to us today as a test for godliness.

Let us always remember that the very situation that causes pain may under different circumstances produce joy or comfort. Fire can burn, injure, kill or cause immense damage. But it can bring cheer to our homes and keep the wheels of industry turning. Drugs can relieve pain and restore health, but they can lead to complete degradation. The development of nuclear power can be a boon for humanity or it can destroy us. Physical and mental pain and adversity are never wanted; yet they have sometimes resulted in the development of some of the most admired characters in history.

And so, as Christmas approaches, I say to you, my Christian Knights, be of good cheer, rejoice, be happy. And if your personal circumstances are most difficult, you can at least join Adelaide Proctor in her hymn when she wrote "My God, I thank thee who has made the earth so bright, so full of splendor and of joy, beauty and light; so many glorious things are here, noble and right."

In the spirit of Christ I say, "Rejoice, Christian Knights."



Marvin E. Fowler, Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

DECEMBER: As this wonderful time of year comes around once again, it is time to pause in our daily pursuits and pastimes to reassess our priorities, search our hearts, to look to the Great Captain of our Salvation for guidance, and to find in the meaning of His birth the greatest gift ever given to mankind. Sir Knights, may this time with your loved ones be the happiest, most rewarding Christmas ever, as the future holds that brightest of all promises as told to you by our Lord two thousand years ago.

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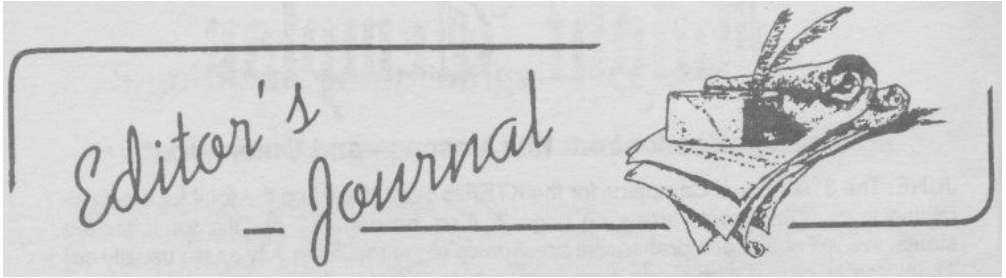
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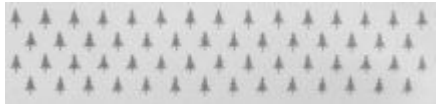
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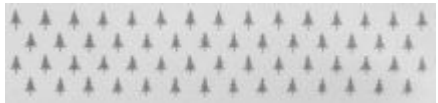
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Sledd Retirement: Sir Knight Herbert D. Sledd, Past Grand Commander of Kentucky, Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and Chairman of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, retired as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky. Sir Knight Sledd was a major force in the building of the new Shriners Hospital, and under his leadership the number of patients tripled.

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.



Merry Christmas! The staff of *Knight Templar Magazine* would like to wish all Sir Knights and their families a joyful and peaceful holiday season and the best of luck and health in the coming year.



Templary 's highest award...

Our Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the 1989 recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member.'

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected fifty Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

Alabama

Thomas Franklin Craig, Huntsville No. 7

Arizona

Carl Hilmer Lundgren, Montezuma No. 14

Arkansas

Harry D. Rose, Hot Springs No. 5

California

George Martin Ezmirlian,
Los Angeles No. 9

Colorado

Jarry N. White, Jr., Pueblo No. 3

Connecticut

Russell Le Roy Benjamin, Palestine No. 6

Florida

Eric Roger Pryor, St. Elmo No. 42

Georgia

Ottis Brewer Turner, Griffin No. 35

Idaho

Yoneo Shigihara, Twin Falls No. 10

Illinois

Gordon Pehlman, Elwood No. 6

Indiana

Dean Norman Goranson, Angola No. 45

Iowa

Joe Junior Coates, St. Johns No. 21

Kansas

Floyd Charles Squire,
Abd-El-Kader No. 27

Kentucky

Joe Ed Smith, Frankfort No. 4

Louisiana

George Robert Lambert, Jr.
Ivanhoe No. 19

Maine

Paul A. Thibodeau, St. John's No. 3

Maryland

Robert Edward Young, Monumental No. 3

Massachusetts/ Rhode Island

John Benjamin Cornell, St. John's No. 1

Michigan

Benjamin R. Johnston, Howell No. 28

Minnesota

Robert Stanley Winterhalter,
Minneapolis Mounted No. 23

Mississippi

Jack Alfred Saucier, Gulfport No. 38

Missouri

Danny Lee Ferguson, Mary No. 19

Montana

Earl C. Kraft, St. Johns No. 12

Nebraska

Joseph E. Manes, Mt. Hermon No. 7

Nevada

William F. Hill, DeWitt Clinton No. 1

New Hampshire

Ralph R. Kenney, Mount Horeb No. 3

New Jersey

Marriott Gaskill Haines, Olivet No. 10

New Mexico

Virgil Calvin Jewel, Santa Fe No. 1

New York

Walter F. Thompson, Malta No. 21

North Carolina

Eddie Phillips Stiles, Raleigh No. 4

North Dakota

James Hogle Erickson, St. Aldemar No. 3

Ohio

John Norman Ulsh, Palestine No. 33
Arthur V. Milligan, Ivanhoe No. 54

Oklahoma

Charles Junior Engle, Calvary No. 26

Oregon

Rollin W. Fishwood, Washington No. 15

Pennsylvania

David Lawrence Zuck, Talbot No. 43
James Henry Richards II, Duquesne No. 72

South Carolina

Charles Arnold Mc Lees, Greenville No. 4

South Dakota

Howard Tegland, Capital No. 21

Tennessee

Ben Webster Surret, Coeur De Lion No. 9

Texas

Daulton Roscoe Kelly, Worth No. 19
Obie Leonard Etheridge,
Corpus Christi No. 57

Utah

Burnell O. Beebe, Malta No. 3

Vermont

James R. Slora, St. Aldemar No. 11

Virginia

Elbert Lane Smith, Arlington No. 29

Washington

John Fred Kern, Ivanhoe No. 4

West Virginia

Albert Talmadge Duke, Jr.,
Huntington No. 9

Wisconsin

Rayond Westhauser, Wisconsin No. 1

Wyoming

Bryan J. Edwards, Constantine No. 9

Philippines

Horosi S. Aguilung, Luzon No. 9



"We have a call to do good, as often as we have the power and occasion."

William Penn

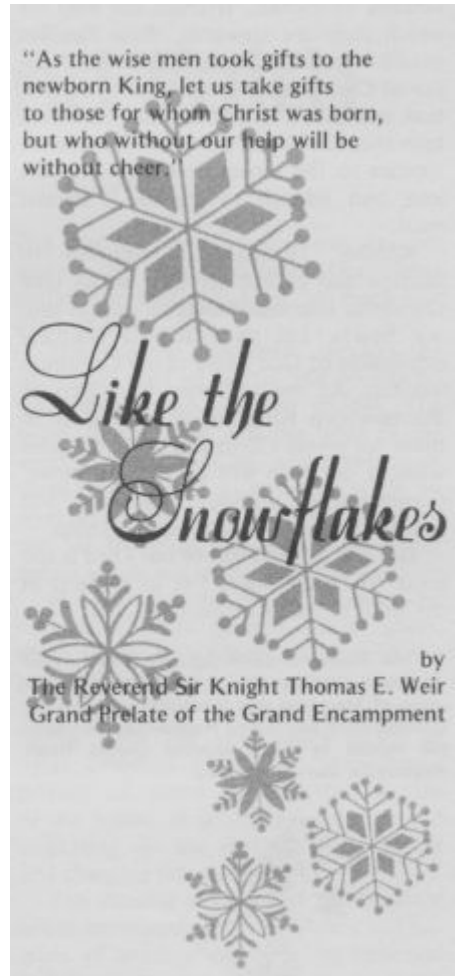
Like the snowflakes we associate with the Christmas season, personal experiences of Christmas are all different.

The earliest memories of Christmas are the wonder and excitement of opening the presents. Perhaps, your childhood Christmases were like mine. Our family was of modest means, and there was little cash for toys, except at Christmas. To my immature mind, Christmas meant a wild harvest of material blessings. It was a time when I could get my hands on what I had wanted all year.

For me as a child, Christmas was a time of getting. Above this crass Christmas crunch towered the jolly figure of Santa Claus. To my puerile mind, Santa Claus represented what I was going to get out of Christmas. As Christmas thoughts and messages begin to fill television and radio from the onset of frost, a visitor from a Christmas-less culture would be justified in assuming that Christmas is thoroughfare for commerce. It might be difficult for him to make a connection between Christmas and Christianity. Santa Claus has become a symbol without religion. Christmas is in the midst of an identity crisis that would impress any college sophomore.

In contrast, the mature mind tends to think of God's great act in breaking through all the barriers of form and thought with which we have tried to make Him captive. Christmas^(a) is our response of wonder and awe, of worship and service to the gift of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. In Maryland this Christmas, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge will begin the day with a celebration at the Maryland Masonic Homes. Later the Grand Commandery will march from the Grand Lodge to Old St. Paul's Church to join that solemn and joyous observance.

While attending the Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada at Chatham, Ontario, Becky and I



slipped out one night to Bothwell to hear Salvation Army Captains, Bill and Marie Russell, tell of their ministry to the farming area east of Chatham and how much of their energy and resources go into making Christmas a happy milestone, providing food and toys and hope for families in distress. Without the help for which they are stewards, these families would have little to remind them of the joy of Christmas. William Booth's conviction was that it is difficult to convince a man that Christ was born for him when it appears to the senses that God does not love him enough to provide a decent meal.

Knights Templar, in addition to libation and church services, let us take Christmas into our hands as well as into our hearts. Let us include a practical expression of God's love in our Christmas worship. As the wise men took gifts to the newborn King, let us take gifts to those for whom Christ was born, but who without our help will be without cheer. Commanderies without experience will find the Salvation Army happy to help.

Our joy at the birth of our Lord is too great to be confined. Let us share it in the spirit of true Knights in all ages.

The Reverend Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir is Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment of Maryland and a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 12 of Hyattsville, Maryland. He resides at 6409 Queens Chapel Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782



The Christmas Candle Legend

by Agnes B. Nicki

During the Christmas holidays the many decorations which adorn the windows and doors of homes are truly things of beauty. Each decoration has a meaning all its own. The legend of the Christmas candle, seen in so many of our windows at this beautiful season of the year, is an inspiring story.

Many years ago in a tidy little cottage on the edge of a village in Austria, a cobbler and his wife made their home. Their possessions were far from plentiful; but in spite of that, they shared what they had with others. Symbolic of their love and generosity for their fellow man was the lighted candle that they placed in the window of their humble cottage.

Over a number of years, war with its companions, famine and destruction, fell upon the land. This little village suffered; yet, through it all, the cobbler and his wife suffered less than the others.

The villagers were puzzled about this and talked among themselves. "Surely, there is something special about them, they said. "They are always spared from our misfortune. Let us put a candle in our windows and see if that is the mysterious charm."

It so happened that the first night a candle was lighted in the window of every home was Christmas Eve. Before the first rays of the morning sun showed over the horizon, a messenger rode into the village to bring the great news: peace had come to the land.

That Christmas Day there was amazement and awe in the hearts of the humble villagers. And, as they thanked God for the blessings of peace, they said to one another, "Let us always remember to light candles on the evening of Christ's birth."

Many years have passed since this beautiful custom of placing a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Eve occurred. The custom has spread all over the world, sending a message of love, hope and cheer.

Winter - "It is a time for musing
and cogitating on the mystery of
both life and changing seasons."

Winter and Faith

by Sir Knight Dr. Harold Blake Walker

When December snow came, 'Announced by all the trumpets of the sky,' as Emerson wrote, it came silently, bringing a quiet beauty to the earth. The naked trees, etched in white, seemed ghostly swaying in the twilight wind. The moon came up to cast its magic glow across the winter sky and fling its shadows through the trees. The winter wonderland of snow, sparkling in the moonlight, mocked the garments of kings of old.

The old year, well worn and a little tired, seemed resolved to capture one more diadem of beauty from the snow. It's vital life was gone, with bees and insects silent and the flowers of summer gone, their limp stems sagging beneath the snow. Gray squirrels, leaving tiny footprints in the white, sought refuge in the trees. Chickadees, blue jays, and cardinals, resigned to cold and snow, sought feeders long ignored.

Day dawned cold, as if the sun had lost its power to warm the earth. Indeed,

The sun that brief December day Rose cheerless over hills of gray,"

and left us wishing we could stay at home

"...to let the north wind roar In baffled rage at pane and door."

But out we must to test our strength against the wind and snow. Our wishes could not halt the need to reach our place of toil.

The celestial machinery dictates the snow and cold of winter and brooks no interference with seasonal change. The swish of the snow and the howl of the wind are ordained by whatsoever gods there be. They ask us not what clime we wish and offer only "the frolic architecture of the snow" to assuage desire for balmy winds and sunny skies.

If we are among the lucky ones who have no need to venture out of doors, there is joy to be found basking in the glow of hearth fires or peeking through the window to watch white crystals falling from the sky. There is for us what Emerson called the "tumultuous privacy of storm" within the security of our homes. It is a time for musing and cogitating on the mystery of both life and changing seasons.

The dancing shadows of the fireplace invite remembering the pioneers and pilgrims of another day, splitting firewood and tracking game by their tracks in the snow. They were a hardy breed of men and women, enduring the rigors of winter in cabins of logs devoid of the comforts of life today. They lived by their wits and their courage and fashioned

the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Perhaps we remember our own yesterdays, with pelting snow falling on the backs of horses struggling through blizzards along unpaved streets, or the glow of ancient arc lights, casting blue shadows on Street corners. Without TV or radio, there were good books to read and time for singing around the family piano. Snow time was fun time, with slides for sleds on vacant lots, and snow men to be built and fashioned with whatever artistry we could muster.

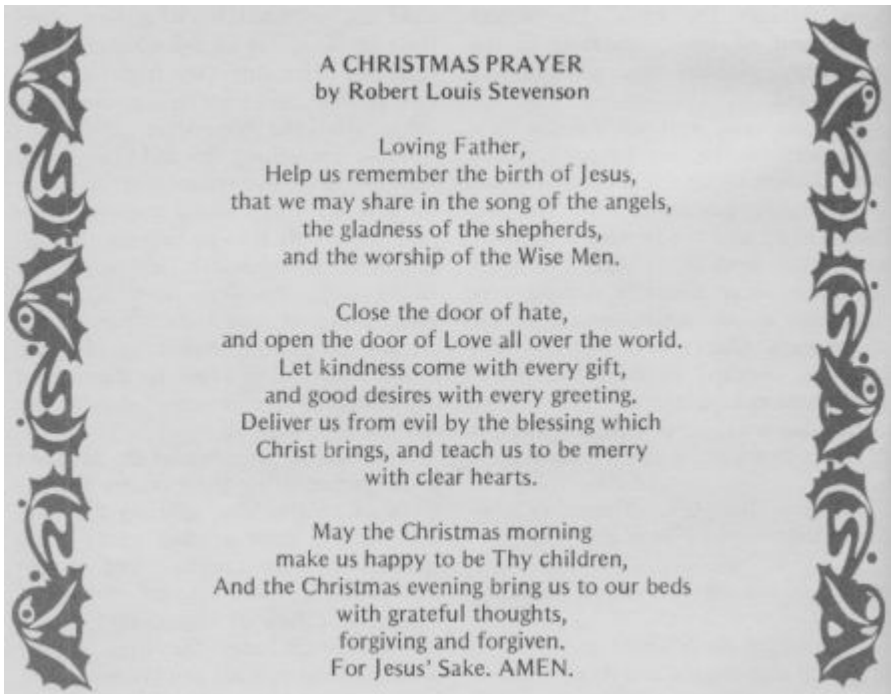
December snows remind us of the pageantry of the seasons, making their inevitable rounds. We relish the summer sun, the gleaming beaches and tossing waves, the majesty of mountains "above the fruited plains." We rejoiced in the myriad colors of fall's changing leaves and in the glory of "brown October's woods." We find something wistful

now in the midst of the snow and in the wonder of hope for spring to come.

It may be that the hope of rebirth when December chill and winter cold have turned to spring is the substance of faith. Knowing in our hearts that December snows nourish the earth for the blossoms of spring makes the chill of the days endurable. The thought that migrant birds will be back again, the roses will come in their time, and the bees will flit from flower to flower, husbanding honey for a new winter to come, redeems the time for us all.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." So, we meet "the winter of discontent" assured of the spring of renewal and the summer of joy.

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





The "Way" Of It

When you read this, the 22nd Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will have begun. We hope that your Commandery has hit the ground running. We hope that your goal is to receive a plaque for your contributions of at least five dollars per member. If every Commandery accomplished that goal then there would be a total in contributions of almost one and one-half millions of dollars. That is enough to care for almost half of our patients in the year. Last year we assisted more than 2,000 of God's children to see again.

If you are not a Life Sponsor of the Eye Foundation, then you have an excellent opportunity to increase your individual gift to the Foundation each year, because the \$30.00 you contribute will bring about a third more in interest than your annual \$1.00 assessment. Think of what you could do to help if you were a member of the Grand Commander's Club for a \$100.00 donation or the Grand Master's Club with a contribution of at least \$1,000.00 to our work. If you make any of these contributions during the

Voluntary Campaign season, they will be credited to your Commandery total for the participation plaque.

There is another important purpose behind the idea of the Voluntary Campaign. The idea of fellowship and hospitality brought together in the name of our charity lie just below the surface of our Campaign. The bringing together of the Fratres and their ladies in a project that is so important to so many needy persons is one of the special dividends that we receive for our love and labor. The planning and accomplishment of a project, that permits the public to contribute to our Foundation, will bring a feeling of great satisfaction to all who participate.

We recommend that you open your Bible and read Matthew 20: 30-34 and let the work bear the fruit it promises for others.

Past Grand Master Smith is a past president and a trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and is a member of Richmond Commandery No. 19 in Richmond, Kentucky. He resides at 1041 Idylwild Drive, Richmond, KY 40435

Highlights

Eye Foundation Grants In Missouri

Following the ceremony of the installation of officers of Ascalon Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, St. Louis, Missouri, on Wednesday, October 18; two grants from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, amounting to \$20,000 each, were presented.



The grants were presented to Dr. Regine E. Hay of the Department of Ophthalmology of Washington University in St. Louis and Dr. Fred C. Chu of the Department of Ophthalmology of Washington University and St. Louis Children's Hospital. This was Dr. Hay's first grant and the second grant for Dr. Chu. The two checks were presented on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, Trustee for the Eye Foundation and Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

Pictured above from left to right are Sir Knight Louis V. Buettner, junior Past Commander of Ascalon Commandery No. 16; Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford; Dr. Regine E. Hay; Dr. Fred C. Chu, and the newly installed Eminent Commander of Ascalon Commandery, Sir Knight Louis L. Monken.



New Hampshire Sells York Rite Belt On Behalf of KTEF

New Hampshire Grand Commandery is selling York Rite belts for \$12, including postage and shipping.

They are of a black woven material stitched on a black web belt. Lettering is gold with emblems in color - gold crown and red cross, etc. Each belt is 51 inches long and may be shortened. Made of excellent quality by a Mason for Masons.



All proceeds go to our Knight Templar Eye Foundation. If interested, make check out to Carlton W. Titus, R.E.G.C., 4 Rockingham St., Concord, NH 03301

New Mexico Lodge Buckle

Chama Lodge No. 17, Cuba, New Mexico, is celebrating its one hundredth year, and is offering a limited number of belt buckles to commemorate this event.

The belt buckles are 24K gold plate with the center "star burst" under the outline of the state of New Mexico. The background area of the Square and Compass is blue enamel. Chama was and is a railroad town, and a small train (inner circle at the bottom) has been included in the design.

These belt buckles are available to collectors after the one hundredth celebration.

from the Masonic Family

The gold buckles are \$25 each with \$2 postage. To receive one, make your check payable to Chama Lodge No. 17, P.O. Box 892, Farmington, NM 87499-0892



New Mexico's Scooter Riding Master



Sir Knight Jim White, Senior Warden of Rio Hando Commandery No. 6, Roswell, has traveled on his scooter over 2,000 miles this year, visiting the sick in hospitals and rest homes as Worshipful Master of Valley Daylight Lodge No. 79. Grand Master Ernest R. Hazelwood says he's the only Worshipful Master in New Mexico who rides a scooter to do his good work – and *Knight Templar* believes his achievements are both unique and noteworthy. Congratulations, Jim!

Ohio Centennial

Wooster Commandery No. 48, Wooster, Ohio, recently celebrated its first one hundred years with a parade and reconstitution ceremonies, followed by the installation of officers.

In attendance were the grand officers of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, who assisted Grand Commander Don Shoemaker in performing the reconstitution while taking a part in the installation. Pictured above are Sir Knights Bradley Nussbaum, Generalissimo; Danny Nussbaum, Commander; and Victor Nussbaum, Captain General and the father of his fellow dais officers.





Charles Hixon Green
Florida
Grand Commander-1973
Born November 1, 1905
Died August 9, 1989

Joe E. Kerr
Colorado
Grand Commander-1974
Born July 15, 1915
Died October 3, 1989

Russell Aulm
Indiana
Grand Commander-1973
Born April 20, 1915
Died October 14, 1989

William Luther Harris
Arizona
Grand Commander-1963
Born August 15, 1892
Died November 1, 1989

**Knights Templar Eye
Foundation, Inc.
New Club Memberships**

Grand Commander's Club:

Texas No. 66 - S. L. Dennison

Grand Master's Club:

No. 1,363 - Harvey Alvin Williams (TN)
No. 1,364 - Martin E. Herndon (MS)

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.

Beauceant KTEF General Chairman

Jean Hedges, Worthy President of Salina Assembly No. 229, S.O.O.B., was appointed General Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for the Social Order of the Beauceant at their 69th Annual Supreme Assembly held in El Paso, Texas. She is the wife of Sir Knight Albert M. Hedges, Askelon Commandery No. 6, Sauna, Kansas.



The general chairmanship is a two-year appointment, and covers all 169 active assemblies of the S.O.O.B. of the United States. Mrs. Hedges may be contacted regarding donations to the KTEF at 320 Pleasant Hill Road, Salina, KS 67401

Ben Franklin

Master of All Trades - Part IV

by Sir Knight W. Leonard Guarnera (published posthumously)

Knight Templar concludes its series on Benjamin Franklin with a summary of Brother Franklin's life after his return to America from France and the author's comments on the man and the times that molded the man.

Franklin - Builder of a New Government

He was not destined to rest. Perilous and difficult times placed all his efforts in jeopardy. The critical period endangered the status of the Confederation. Wild and reckless inflation, unemployment, commercial stagnation, currency devaluation, state conflicts and controversies, ineffective legislation, riots, conflicts between the states, disrespect of foreign nations, loss of faith in the government of the people - all these foreshadowed the fall of the Confederation. Demands for reform arose. At first, attempts at settling some of the difficulties - the Mount Vernon Convention of 1785 and the Annapolis Convention of 1786 - failed but demonstrated a desire for some change. Eventually at the insistence of prominent citizens, the Congress of the Articles of Confederation called a convention to meet in Philadelphia in 1787 to consider reform, revisions, and amendments to the Articles of Confederation.

In that year Franklin had been elected the first President of the Society for Political

Inquiry. At the same time Pennsylvania honored its distinguished citizen by naming him a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Throughout May, delegates from all the states, except Rhode Island, arrived at Philadelphia. George Washington, upon his arrival as the head of the Virginia delegation, made his first official call at Franklin's home, where the Father of his Country was greeted by the First Civilized American. Alexander Hamilton was also on hand, and there is some speculation that he, Washington, Franklin, and Madison probably did some caucusing before the Convention.

The delegates, believing that the Confederation was impossible to amend or remedy, decided to create a new government. Since they were disobeying orders, and fearing the interference of the people, they agreed to meet behind closed doors and in secret. From May 25 to September 17, they worked to create a viable framework of government. They were a different breed of men. They kept their promise not to reveal what went on behind those closed doors. It was not until 1840; four years after the death of James Madison, the Secretary of the Convention; that we learned of what was said and done in the Convention by the discovery of his diary!

Franklin was eighty-one. He was the oldest delegate there and the eldest statesman. Because of his age and infirmities, he arrived and left in a sedan

chair. The solicitude of his friends, the people, and the delegates was heart-warm-homage to a man they all revered.

With Washington, the most respected, as President of the Convention, and Franklin, the most revered, the Constitutional Convention was assured a fair hearing by the public. Writers agree that Franklin's approval assured the Constitution of the support of the people and of its success. It was Washington, with his patience and perseverance, who insisted that the delegates provide the best government that they could conceive; for how could they expect the people to accept what they, the delegates, did not believe in. It was Franklin; who with his wit, his humor, his homely jokes, his cheerful good humor, his confidence in their labors, and his many diplomatic

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dinners; kept the Convention together when things looked hopeless and compromise seemed impossible. With his suave tact, he kept them in reasonable control, and by his appropriate stories he encouraged the way to compromise on the difficult problem "by sawing off a little at each end."

To some extent the Convention used his Albany Plan of Union of 1754 as a basis. They accepted his plan of states with a central government having delegated powers. They preferred a single president to his executive group, a two house legislature to his unicameral house, and accepted his plan of representation.

When passions became too volatile, and opinions too hostile, it was Franklin who suggested, and won that the delegates open each daily meeting with a prayer invoking the

aid of Deity in reaching accord. "I can hardly conceive a transaction of such momentous importance to the welfare of millions now existing, and to exist, not being in some degree influenced, guided, and governed by the omnipresent, omnipotent, and beneficent Ruler, in whom all inferior spirits live and move and have their being."

He was one of the six men who signed both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. At the signing of the Constitution, he was too feeble to speak, so he had James Wilson read his comments. "I confess," wrote Franklin, "that there are several parts of this Constitution which I do not at present approve, but I am not sure that I shall never approve them. But though many private persons think - . . . highly of their own infallibility - few express it so naturally as a certain French lady who, in a dispute with her sister, said, 'I don't know how it happens, sister, but I meet with nobody but myself that is always in the right.'

At the end of the signing - and not all delegates signed - and as the last signature was being added before the close of the Convention, Dr. Franklin, with his clairvoyant optimism, expressing the hopes of all Americans, pointed to the half sun, painted in gold on the back of Washington's chair, "I have often and often in the course of the session and the vicissitudes of my hopes and fears as to its issue, looked at that behind the President, without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting; but now, at length, I have the happiness to know it is a rising and not a setting sun."

The creation of this government under the Constitution of the United States was his last public duty, the last in a long life of public service. He departed for his home where he anxiously awaited the adoption of the Constitution in 1788, and then learned of the election of George Washington as first President of the United States in 1789, and the launching of the new

government on a firm and stable foundation. He foresaw a great future for the new country - a future, he stated, that would be great and marvelous because of the new means of communication, travel, and so forth.

His last years he was bed-ridden with illness and had constant pain, only alleviated by opium. On April 17, 1790, aged eighty-four, he died and was buried with appropriate high honors and ceremony in the churchyard of Christ Church, at Arch and Fifth Streets, in Philadelphia. He was mourned by his city, by his nation, by the world. Upon learning of his death, Mirabeau, in the National Assembly of the French Revolution, declared the Assembly in three days of national mourning. Mankind had lost one of its great men of genius and grieved with reverence and dignity.

Franklin - The Man And His Times

Certain centuries like the thirteenth, the eighteenth, and the twentieth explode with such potency of intellect and knowledge

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ledge, that they alter the course of history and society in all its ramifications, so that new or succeeding centuries differ radically from the preceding one. If by a miracle, Socrates who lived in 350 B.C. were brought to life in the 1700s, he would have found little change from his method of living. Except for dress and language the methods and routine of life were almost the same as in his period. Agriculture, manufacturing, communication, travel, medicine, architecture, science were the same or even worse than in his time.

However, if Washington, who died in 1799, were brought to life today, his

adjustment to the present age would be impossible. The tremendous and vital changes in every mode of living are beyond the wildest imagination of anyone of his era. As an example, compare the fastest means of travel in his time, the horse, with the fastest means of travel today, the 2,000-mile-an-hour jet, rocket space travel and men walking on the moon.

The 1700s was an age of change or transformation. Just as in our day, new discoveries, explorations, philosophies were tormenting and twisting the lives, the minds, the ideals, and the religious beliefs of the people. Daring souls questioned dogmas, accepted truths, and established authority. Traditional ideas were tested and probed for validation and reason. New concepts - hard to digest, difficult to accept, and impossible to adjust to - disturbed the citizenry and the authorities. It became the age of revolution and great change. This was the century that Franklin spanned in his lifetime.

A decade before Franklin's birth, the Witch Trials were on in Salem (1692) and in the rest of Europe. Witchcraft was accepted as a reality. The Bible seemed to endorse the death of witches: "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." As late as 1787, witches were still burned at the stake in Palermo. Superstition and ignorance, clothed with religious authority, persecuted those who dared be different or believed otherwise. Torture and death by the most horrible means were the wages of independent thought.

At the same time, the Divine Right of Kings existed and was proclaimed. This belief goes back to the origin of civilization; when all authority, especially the priestly; emanated from God. Hammurabi, Moses, the Pharaohs are the best examples. Since the King was, or came from or received his power from God, any questioning, disobedience, or rebellion, was definitely sacrilegious. It was

an affront to God; therefore the King could do no wrong; the King's will was God's will.

I select these two ideas to show the intolerance and fear that existed in the 1700s. By the end of that century, both ideas received a death blow. People had dared to question, to test, and to accept or reject. New ideas sprang up in all fields. At first there was violent opposition, but eventual acceptance or toleration became the rule.

For years brave philosophers paid with their lives to utter a new thought. The way of their lives, however, infiltrated and eventually bored through walls of ignorance and thrust forward mankind's consciousness. All forms of knowledge and authority were subjected to reason. The Age of Enlightenment led

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to the century known as the Age of Reason, and in its later stages, in the French Revolution, Reason was worshipped. For a while, God died, and His place was taken by Reason.

Once the search for Knowledge without the restraint got under way, nothing was the same again. Every field of endeavor from agriculture to zoology was attacked, laid under siege, and forced to surrender to Truth; and Truth showed them the path to freedom from the tyranny of kings, the dogma of clergy, ignorance, and superstition.

A new age of discovery and exploration set in. Behrin, Bouganville, Cook, Tasman, and others explored, discovered, and charted new lands - the Arctic, the Antarctic, Australia, New Zealand, and many islands of the Pacific Ocean. These new areas, peoples, languages, customs, beliefs, etc., raised doubts about existing

authority, morality, and culture. New explanations were needed for this Geographic Revolution.

These new lands produced new goods that were unknown before, new markets for manufactured and Western wares. To carry on this new trade, ships were improved and redesigned; sails were set in new order on special masts; navigation was improved by the use of planets, especially Venus; new methods of banking, credit, capitalization and stocks, credit instruments - in fact, the development of Capitalism! A truly Commercial Revolution.

The demand for goods placed a strain upon the productive facilities of England. Her cotton goods were in great demand by the natives of the new territories. Production was by hand, in the cottage, and slow. Prices were high. This brought on a new method of production by machines. Beginning with John Kay and his Flying Shuttle in 1733, machine followed machine. Hargreaves, Crompton, Watt, Arkwright were forerunners of the factory system; giving rise to the capitalistic and labor classes. It was a real Industrial Revolution - still going on!

Writers appeared in every field and assaulted every subject. Enlightenment was brought to every arcane and mystic subject. Fielding and DeFoe brought satire to bear on established customs. Cleland and Horgarth exposed immorality, poverty, prostitution, and alcoholism. Beccaria attacked the penal code and the prosecution of crime. He gave us the forgotten dictum that the best deterrent of crime was not the severity of punishment but the certainty of punishment. Voltaire with his vitriolic pen urged all philosophers to 'Ecrasez l'infame!' The shame of ignorance and superstition vested in ecclesiastical authority had to be crushed! Submit everything to the unyielding test of reason. Only what was reasonable or acceptable to the

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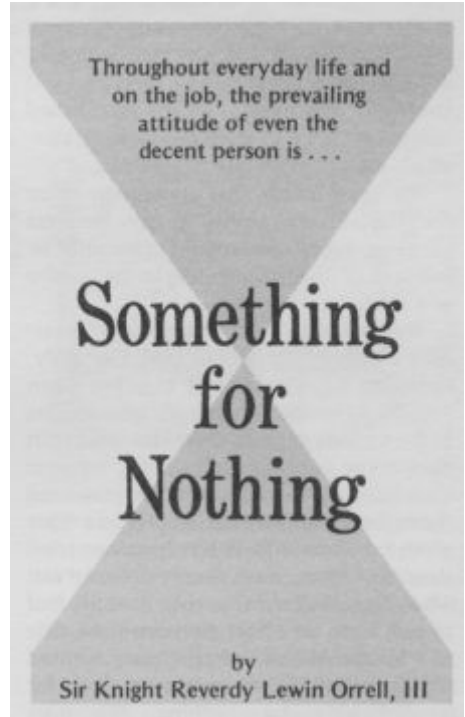
The following is Sir Knight Orrell's October 1988 Communication from the East to Palestine Lodge No. 189, Catonsville, Maryland, when he was Worshipful Master.

On July 20, 1988, my wife Carol was involved in an auto accident. She was sitting in a line of traffic when hit behind by a car traveling well over the speed limit. The impact was so great that all four doors were jammed, causing her to have to climb out of the window to exit the car. She escaped with a minor case of whiplash and was pronounced to be in good health by our own Brother, J. Nelson McKay, M.D., after about three weeks. The car, however, was pronounced "totaled" by the insurance company.

It is amazing that many persons smiled when we told them that Carol had a case of whiplash. You could almost see the dollar signs in their eyes. It is amazing that most of these persons knew "a good lawyer." These persons came from a large cross-section: friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, and yes, even Masons and members of various churches. People thought we were crazy when we clearly stated that we had absolutely no intention of suing, unless it appeared that Carol was seriously injured. Their mouths dropped open as a young child's would if you told him there is no Santa Claus.

It is the old saying, "Something for nothing." We see it in everyday life and on the job. People want fame, fortune, and glory without working for it. I have, over the years, seen co-workers who try and step all over people to get ahead.

Sadly, this "something for nothing" attitude also rears its ugly head in the Masonic Fraternity and in churches. Men have entered through the West Gate who were not sincere in heart. In the ante-room three questions are asked every man before the First Degree is conferred: (1) Do you seriously declare, upon



your honor, that unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry? (2) Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, a desire of knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to your fellow creatures? (3) Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, that you will cheerfully conform to all the established usages and ancient customs of the Fraternity?

We must admit that some men enter the Masonic Fraternity to gain business contacts. All Masons should constantly be in search of "light" - alluding to the "desire of knowledge."

We have seen men who do not "cheerfully conform" to our customs. Certainly, these last two items come together when you consider the candidate's instructions in the various degrees. Over the years men have come into our institutions, received their first degree and have never presented themselves for instruction. Others have attended some classes but have not tried their best. Some have simply dropped out when they realized that they actually had to put forth an effort to receive the title of "Master Mason." Again, they wanted the title but did not want to work for it - something for nothing. We have seen others come in and try to restructure meeting times - simply because those times would be more convenient for them. Some have approached Masters, or had family or friends approach Masters suggesting dates for the degrees so that the candidate would then be "eligible" for a certain York or Scottish Rite class, another appendant body deadline, or Masonic event.

Remember, it is the Worshipful Master who rules and governs his lodge, draws his designs upon the trestle-board, and sets the Craft at labor giving them proper

instruction. Are we so caught up in the "Me-Now" generation of getting something for nothing that we have forgotten how to wait a time with patience?

Others have not responded to meetings scheduled by Lodge officers and others have not returned phone calls by Lodge officers or responded to letters sent to them after several phone messages were left. Still others have simply not shown up at Lodge on nights they were scheduled to stand examination or to receive a degree, without so much as even a phone call to the Lodge advising of their absence. Are we so caught up in the "Me-Now" generation of getting something for nothing that we have forgotten common courtesy - not to mention Masonic courtesy?

Unfortunately, this attitude also extends into the church. Persons are looking for the shortcut to God. Some Christians feel that by confessing their sins to Almighty God and professing their belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God they will automatically be saved and admitted into Heaven regardless of their later behavior. However, they forget that the All-Seeing Eye (God) whom the sun, moon and stars obey, and under whose watchful care even comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human Heart and will reward us according to our merits. The Psalms teach us that, "Behold, the eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy." (Psalms 33:18) and "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." (Psalms 34:15) Proverbs 15:3 advises that "the eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." God sees and hears everything.

There is no shortcut to Heaven, just as there is no shortcut to truly becoming a Master Mason in your Thoughts, Words, and Actions. The Apostle Peter reminds us to "Add to your faith virtue; and to

virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. (II Peter 1:5-7) Certainly faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness (brotherly love), and charity are excellent paths to follow whether in your Christian life or in your Masonic life. There is no shortcut to truly becoming a Master Mason just as there is no shortcut to God. Both take a considerable effort and must be addressed daily. You just don't get something for nothing.

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Christmas Advent

by Elizabeth Anne Saxon

Now time has paused once more to bring

The gladdest season of the year,
When Church bells peal and carols ring

Their Joyous message far and near,

When every candle that we light
Speaks of the Child of Bethlehem,
And brighter than the stars at night

There shines His deathless diadem.

Now kneel we all where shepherds are,
In worship of the infant King;

Within our hearts His burning star,

Within our hearts His praises ring,

And love like some bright pennant flies

Above the common city street.

We see it in a stranger's eyes,

We hear it in the passing feet.

It halos every Christmas tree,

It leaps in every winter fire.

It is the prisoner's liberty;

It is the seeker's heart's desire,

It gathers at the festive board,

And lights the cabin and the throne.

The marketplace obeys its word,

And places where men dwell alone

In desert or on frozen sod

Are furnished with the light of God!

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The antiqued prints are available in two sizes on heavy stocks, suitable for framing: eight by ten inches at \$2.50 each, or eleven by fourteen inches at \$3.50 each. Please add \$1.50 to your order to cover postage.

Send your check or money order to J. E. Stratton, 7613 Soaringfree Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226



On the Masonic Newsfront...

Wisconsin Commandery Awards \$10,000 In Scholarships

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, recently awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to area high school graduates at a dinner where the students and parents attended as guests. Pictured right are scholarship recipients and officers of Ivanhoe Commandery.



Front row from left: Brett Masarik, Michael Rawski, Cheryl Dole, Paul Korowski. Second row: Captain General Louis Montgomery, Paul Rauch, Christopher Ohly, Jeff Neuman, William Van Zile; Past Commander Edward Makal, Generalissimo. Back row: Past.

Commander Chester Lee, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee; Virgil Re, Deputy Grand Commander, and Past Grand Commander Charles Farrel, Eminent Commander

Connecticut Sir Knights Honor Grand Master



Dear Knight Templar,

October 1 marked a special event in the history of Templary as Sir Knights, ladies and guests assembled for a formal dinner sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Connecticut to honor Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, our Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar in the U.S.A., and his lovely Lady Roberta. This occasion also held special significance for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut by commemorating its bicentennial year with Brother and Sir Knight Gail N. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons and Past Grand Commander, also present with lovely Lady Susan.

The Lawn Club in New Haven was the setting for this gala affair which drew over 125 from the state and northeast, many of whom also attended the Northeastern Regional York Rite Conference held in Providence, Rhode Island, the previous day. Joining the festivities with

their ladies were Sir Knights Gordon E. Brenner, Right Eminent Northeastern Department Commander, and Grand Commanders Carl Stump from the District of Columbia, Robert Allen from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Douglas Robertson, Sr., from New Hampshire, Everett Labagh from New Jersey, Raymond Hager from New York and Cedric Smith from Vermont. Dignitaries also included Companion John G. McKechnie, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons; Illustrious Companion William F. Orrell, Most Puissant Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters, and Brother A. Norman Johnson, Illustrious³³⁰ Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Deputy for Connecticut, and Sir Knights all. Sir Knight Gilbert L. Gooden, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Connecticut, officiated as Master of Ceremonies.

Before parting the next morning after breakfast, a small group of Sir Knights, including Grand Commander Gilbert Gooden, held informal discussions with Sir Knight Marvin Fowler. Thoughts turned to Templary and Masonry, and concerns over the future and possible solutions. Emphasis focused on meaningful events where fellowship is prominent, and quality and visibility are essential. Special attention was given to involvement in civic events where flag presentations and participation in local parades keep Masonry in the public eye and thus supplement efforts by our Lodges, Commanderies, and other bodies to build up our memberships with our future leaders. With the inspiration of the weekend still fresh, Sir Knight Marvin and Lady Roberta continued their journey homeward taking Connecticut's warmest wishes with them.

Connecticut's gratitude is extended to Sir Knight Tim Clark, Eminent Commander of Stamford No. 12, and Lady Betty for their tireless efforts in this historic venture.

Once all had gathered and everything was in readiness, the formal festivities of the evening began as Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut received Sir Knight Marvin Fowler and Lady Roberta under an Arch of Steel and Sir Knights of Connecticut's Stamford Commandery No. 12 performed a most inspirational flag ceremony, complete with bagpipes.

After a marvelous dinner, Sir Knight Marvin Fowler spoke of Templary's future in basic terms: "If it is to be, it is up to me" (each Knight Templar), which was further echoed in sentiments offered by Grand Master of Masons, Brother Gail Smith.

Concluding the ceremonies, Sir Knight Gilbert Gooden, Grand Commander, presented a special citation to Sir Knight Marvin, hand-painted, penned in calligraphy and signed by Commandery representatives of Connecticut: "For outstanding achievements and contributions in the service and cause of Templary," which he proudly displays in the photo (on page 22) as Sir Knight Gooden (right) looks on. A second citation was announced from the State Legislature of Connecticut for his work with the Eye Foundation.

Sir Knight William Miller
Editor, Connecticut Supplement



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learned mind was true. The age of Enlightenment and the Age of Reason created the Intellectual Revolution.

Science took a new hold on life. Chemistry, biology, physics, geology, mathematics, etc., dated to challenge accepted "facts." Euler in mathematics, Lavoisier and Priestly in chemistry, Galvani and Volta in physics, Haley and Herschel in astronomy, Harvey and Hartley in medicine - all found strange concepts to upset churchmen and scholastics. These new abstractions slowly pervaded our institutions, creating new curricula placing more stress on the sciences in lieu of theology. It flowered into the Scientific Revolution.

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As the Church represented established authority, and was the main support of Biblical authenticity and the status quo, it was exposed to examination and critical study. Could its doctrines stand the test of Truth? Of Reason? Again the cry of "God is dead" arose. The old dogmas quivered under the onset. Ridicule vented its accumulated hatreds. The leaders of the Enlightenment turned to Deism - a belief in a God not directly concerned with earthly events. Anti-clericalism was in full swing. Hume, Helvetius, Holbach, and Meslier preached an outright atheism. Old gods fell by the wayside. Substitutes were invented to fill the void. People sought new moral equivalents. Many found it in Masonry. This was a Religious Revolution.

Yet its greatest glory was in its destruction of old and established political institutions. John Locke laid the groundwork for the disappearance of Divine Right of Kings: Voltaire, Rousseau,

and Montesquieu carried on the fight, giving birth to limitation of authority, separation of powers, and espousing the theory of Natural Rights of Man. Even Catherine the Great of Russia, Joseph II of Austria, and Frederick the Great of Prussia toyed with the idea of just government and became known as Enlightened Despots. Laissez faire was the war-cry; let man determine his own destiny. And since man must decide, what better form of government than a Republic? What better proof than the American colonies and the American Republic, newly established in the Western Hemisphere? This surrender of the control of government, and the diverting of the government of ecclesiastical control was the Political Revolution.

Through all these revolutions, Franklin lived, participated, and survived. Yet so did other people. But his genius gave impetus and publicity. He rode the crest of the new waves and accented the glimpses of the future. He stood head and shoulders above his contemporaries in uniting the divergent thoughts, and blessing them with his publicity. His versatility demonstrated itself in each field. He was the Common Man, Poor Richard, Le Bonne Richard. He was proof of natural ability. He was the story of Rags to Riches or Ghetto to Glory. He had risen from the ignominy of the common home to the acme of world renown. Best of all, he exemplified in his day, the Masonic principles: Honor, Purity, Justice, Knowledge, and Truth.

The End

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A Prayer For Christmas

Almighty God, whose love is beyond our comprehension in the gift of Thy Son - who was to bring mankind a new banner inscribed with a cross, the noblest of all symbols of love - with humility we offer our thanks for this wondrous season, which brings its own warmth and joy into our hearts.

Forbid, our Father, that we should celebrate Christmas without understanding its true meaning, or that we fail to see the "Star in the East" or hear the songs of the glorious birth of the Christ Child and the promises of "Peace on Earth."

As our hearts yield to the spirit of Christmas, may we discover that it is not sentiment alone, but a dynamic power to remind us of the only way by which there may be "Peace on Earth, goodwill toward men."

May we keep Christmas, with the hope that each hour will bring us closer to final victory - not nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses.

May the true spirit of Christmas; its joy, its beauty, and above all, its abiding faith; live among us. May the blessings of peace be ours: peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan the future with confidence and hope.

In the name of the Prince of Peace, our Lord Jesus, we pray.

Sir Knight Ernest P. Wheatley
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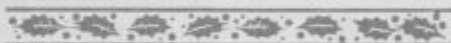
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Chapter XVIII

Knight Templar Educational Foundation

(Continued)

Management Of The Educational Fund

The action creating the Educational Movement in 1922, provided:

"This Educational Fund shall be administered without compensation by a Committee consisting of five members of the Grand Encampment to be known as the Educational Committee, which Committee shall be appointed by the incoming Grand Master."

Each Grand Commandery was required to appoint a committee to administer the Educational Fund in its jurisdiction and make an annual report of its proceedings. These committees were to act under rules and regulations prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

In 1934 some Grand Commanderies began to require securities for the loans by demanding insurance protection or other endorsements. This had a salutary effect, particularly where the students had become careless and indifferent, and did not meet their obligations promptly.

In 1937, it was reported that a number of States were not handling the Educational Fund properly, resulting in some instances, in a substantial loss. Some Grand Commanders were unable to furnish balanced statements. Regulations were made allowing the transfer of uncollectible notes to the Grand Encampment for action.

In 1943 and 1946 attempts were made to amend the Constitution, so as to transfer the control of the Educational Fund to the various Grand Commanderies, but it was felt that this would result in a dissolution of the great purpose for which the Fund was created, and might possibly lead to a diversion of the funds for purposes other than that for which it had been intended.

Loans

The regulations allowed loans of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 per year. The maximum loan was allowed for one year only if the course was to be completed in one year, and for two years to cover the last two years of a three or four year course. The maximum loan was \$400.

In 1925, it was reported that 830 loans had been made. In 1928 the number of loans jumped to 8,398, and in 1946 more than 40,000 students had received loans. In 1937 it was reported that 75.7% of the loans were considered good and 24.3% bad or doubtful. Therefore, a more careful selection of students was urged and some jurisdictions began to require additional endorsements on the student's note. In 1946, Grand Master Orr called attention to the fact that the country was enjoying a period of prosperity, which presented an opportunity to collect the outstanding loans.

Since the inception of the Fund to December 31, 1948, we have the following facts:

Total amount loaned to 35,162 students, \$7,873,761.04; total amount repaid by 32,477 students, \$7,241,538.01;

total amount charged-off representing loans to 783 students, \$141,866.37; balance due on loans of 485 students in the hands of the trustees for collection, \$60,413.92. Number of students granted loans, 35,162; number of students graduated, 24,163; number of students now in college, 442; number of students dropped out before graduation, 969.

Purpose Of Educational Fund

The original purpose of the Educational Fund as provided in 1922 was for a revolving loan fund for students to complete their education.

At the 1925 Conclave, Grand Master Newby said in his report:

"The Question that this Grand Body is now to settle is 'Shall the present plan be continued; shall we provide for the building of an Educational Institution, shall we inaugurate some other Forward Movement, or shall we make a retrograde movement and do nothing?'"

The Committee to which this matter was referred, reported:

"We are not insensible that there are here and there to be found some of our Fraters who are not yet in full accord with the movement as presently administered. The explanation is readily forthcoming, we believe, and is easily understood. The whole enterprise has been to the present moment, in an experimental stage only."

This experimental stage evidently demonstrated the usefulness of the plan, for we find the Committee on Jurisprudence, in 1934, accepting the resolution presented by the Educational Foundation Committee, that the Fund "shall be used for educational purposes only, and shall under no circumstances be diverted, temporarily or permanently from the original purpose."

In 1935, two fellowships were established at George Washington University: One by the Grand Commandery of Tennessee in honor of Past Grand Master Perry W. Weidner, and the other by the Grand Encampment Educational Loan Committee in honor of Past Grand Master Joseph K. Orr.

At a meeting of the Educational Foundation Committee on October 24, 1936, the question of limiting loans only to Junior and Senior students was discussed. Dr. C. H. Marvin pointed out that the present limiting of loans to students in their junior and Senior years enabled the Foundation to select students who had made good in their first two years, and that the limitation being more stringent, only picked candidates would be selected who could utilize their education for the good of the community.

Sir Knight Thomas C. Law expressed the opinion that while the Foundation had graduated approximately 20,000 students, they had not made much impression upon the life of the nation; that if instead the Foundation had trained 1,000 leaders it would be a wonderful contribution to the progress of our country. He reported that the Foundation had received more publicity from the granting of the J. K. Orr Fellowship than from all the loans previously granted.

It was hoped that eventually scholarships might be created by the Foundation in honor of each of the Past Grand Masters. Dr. Marvin was of the opinion that if forty men could be trained for public service each year, that in ten years the effect of such training would be felt upon the life of the country.





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For sale: sword, scabbard, and sword hanger, all in very good condition. Sword engraved and ornate. Sword hanger is silver; also, silver on handle and scabbard. Handle black with inlaid cross. Inspirational decorations and words. Made by Molilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio, ca. 1898-1910. Write for more detail. Loretta Walsh, R. R. 4, Box 203, LeMars, IA 51031

For sale: Limited edition, 21x27, signed and numbered, Shrine Circus by Jim Harrison - a beautiful lithograph suitable for framing. \$175. Walter E. Bullock, 21-103 Plantation Dr., Vero Beach, FL 32966, (407) 567-6541

Attention: all Knight Templar and Masonic bodies in and around the Chicago area. We have

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Chapter pennies wanted by avid collector. I will also trade as I have around 300 duplicates. Send list and will gladly quote you a price. I will buy one or a collection and pay from \$2 to \$35 ea. My collection one day will end up in a museum, so why not add your mark to it. Maurice Storck, 775 W. Roger, No. 214, Tucson, AZ 85705, (602) 888-7585

For Sale: Approx. 400 Masonic medals commemorating special Masonic events dating back to the 1700s in two portable glass front carrying cases. Some of gold; most York Rite. Also, a set of ebonized wood plaques with emblematic cast bronze designs of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, Consistory, 32nd and 33rd degree and the Shrine. Size about 14"x14". Make reasonable offer. William T. Gloeb, 10244 N. E. 112th St., Kirkland WA 98033, (206) 822-6373

For sale: man's black onyx Masonic ring, size 9, with diamond. Price is negotiable. In excellent condition, approx. 50 years old. Hazel Killeen, 320 E. Bacon St., Pottsville, PA 17901, (717) 622-7026

Wanted: Masonic corner-card covers (whole envelopes bearing stamps, postmarks, etc.) from foreign Lodges, Temples, etc., worldwide, by historian-collector. Also any and all covers canceled at APOs, USN, FPOs, USCG., including info. and covers on Masonic Lodges on military posts, etc. By Mason who held expedition Lodge meeting at North Pole. Dr. Gale J. Raymond, Quintana Institute, Box 35695, Houston TX 77235

I am collecting Masonic Fraternity coins, medals, tokens, pennies, and books relating to the Fraternity. This is a worldwide collection and will be donated to the Craft. Please send tracings or photos of material along with a price list. Jack A. Dillon, 6280 S. W. 6 St., Margate, FL 33068

For sale: 3 cemetery lots in Masonic section, Flint Memorial Park. Contact Evelyn Woodward, 662 Montezuma Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022. (616)927-1592

Trying to ascertain the parentage and birth of Henry Baughman - married Anna Maria (?). Henry said to be from Penn. or Germany (the Palatinate). 3 children: Jacob, John, Henry, Jr. Henry Sr. massacred Aug. 12, 1755, at Baughman's Fort, Greenbrier, Co., Va., near present Alderson, W.Va. Anna Maria then married John David and moved to Ky. Believed Henry spoke and wrote German and of Mennonite Religion. Alfred Clay, Rt. 2, Box F-10, Webster Springs, WV 26288

Wanted: old stocks and bonds including railroads, mining, car companies, Disney war bonds issued by Treasury to aid war bond sales during WWII; also, Al Capp bonds, pre-1900 checks w/vignettes. Turn old paper in your attic into cash. Fred Robinson, P.O. Box 203, Aberdeen, MS 39730, (601) 369-2827

For Sale: Recently discovered memoirs of a Tennessee Civil War common soldier-36 pages describing camp life, battles, and hardships. Send \$3.95 plus \$1.00 s/h to Joe Gillis, PO Box 713, Adamsville, TN 38310

Would like to contact Rowland "Ron" Turner (b. 4-13-1910 or 11) or someone from the family. Ron about 77, raised in Effingham, S.C. area, and served in the U.S. marines, ca. late 1930s or 1940s. Stationed at Moffitt Field Air Base, Mountain View, Calif., Ca. 1938 or 1939. Believed on U.S. Saratoga. H. Rose, Box 191, Chester, CA 96020, or call collect: (916) 258-2936

Wanted: any baseball memorabilia for private collection. Will pay cash for single items or collections. Please send details to Edward Jones, 242 West Glen Ave., Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Trying to contact members of H & S Co., 1875th Engineer Aviation Battalion, who served in China-Burma-India Theater, 1943-1946, for possible reunion. Contact William Dale Page, 1925 North Platte Ave., Fremont, NE 68025 or Rudi Warriner, Sr., R. R. No. 4, Madison Rd. Beloit, WI 53511

Wanted to purchase: copy of family history, entitled The Munger Book published by Tuttle Morehouse and Taylor, 1915. Also, want to hear from any Munger who is a descendent of Jehiel Munger lb. 6-3-1337; d. 8-3-18171. Was he a Mason? Write Mrs. Alice K. Cook, 4985 Paradise Dr., Tiburon, CA 94920

I am looking for info, about my father, James Simpson Shaw, who was employed with American Express in the 30s and 40s in the New York-Boston Area. Am also interested in other family members. Jocelyn S. Fannin, 2212 Division, Boise, ID 83706, (208) 342-3716

Reunion: USS New Orleans (CA-32), Bremerton, Wash., June 13-17, 1990. All officers and men who ever served on this famous WW II warship are welcome. Contact Spike Lewis, Sec.-Tres., 4763 Mt. Hay Dr., San Diego, CA 92117

For sale: complete set of Michelangelo series (60). Hard to find item, never touched by hands, in album. One and twenty-five thirty seconds dia.; 99.5 silver. Reduced price, \$2100.00 or best offer. Ray P. Orzell, R. 2, Box 106, Holsopple, PA 15935, (814)479-7494

10th Armored Division Reunion - Detroit, Mich., Aug. 31, 1990. Seeking former 55th Eng. members, Leonard Stefanko and Irvin Hainsey. Contact Roland Sayre, 334 Hawthorne Dr., Charleston, WV 25302

Seeking genealogy of my g-g-grandfather and grandmother. John Collier, Sr., lb. Ca. 1800 or 1801 in Hanover Co., PA; d. ca. 1860 or 18611. Moved to Elliot City, Md., ca. 1810; married Margaret Michael (b. 1798; d. 1862?) Ca. 1825 or 1827. Both lived in Elliot City, (Elliot Mills), MD, until their deaths. Looking for genealogy of both lines. John Robert Collier, 4808 Pleasant Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55409

Wanted: information concerning David Jones "Benglog - born Cardigan Co., Wales, 1835; listed in Ohio census, 1850; in Kansas Territory, 1860-1875; said to have worked with a Senator Plumb from Xenia, Ohio, in the Counties of Coffey, Lyon, Osage and Morris, Kansas. Ivor Jones, 7030 Ervin Rd., Hillsboro, OH 45133

Reunion: 9th Service Sqn., 321st Service Group, 13th USAAF of WW II, in Hot Springs, Ark., June 1990. Information can be obtained by sending a post card to Laurence F. Mirick, 14 Grasswood Lane, Rockland, MA 02370, or call (617) 878-3934. Information on former members would also be gratefully appreciated.

Sons of Confederate Veterans: if you are a male descendant of a person who fought in the Confederate Armed Forces, claim your heritage now. Contact Raymond M. Wood, 327 Cedar Lane, Anniston, AL 36206, (205) 820-0243

