



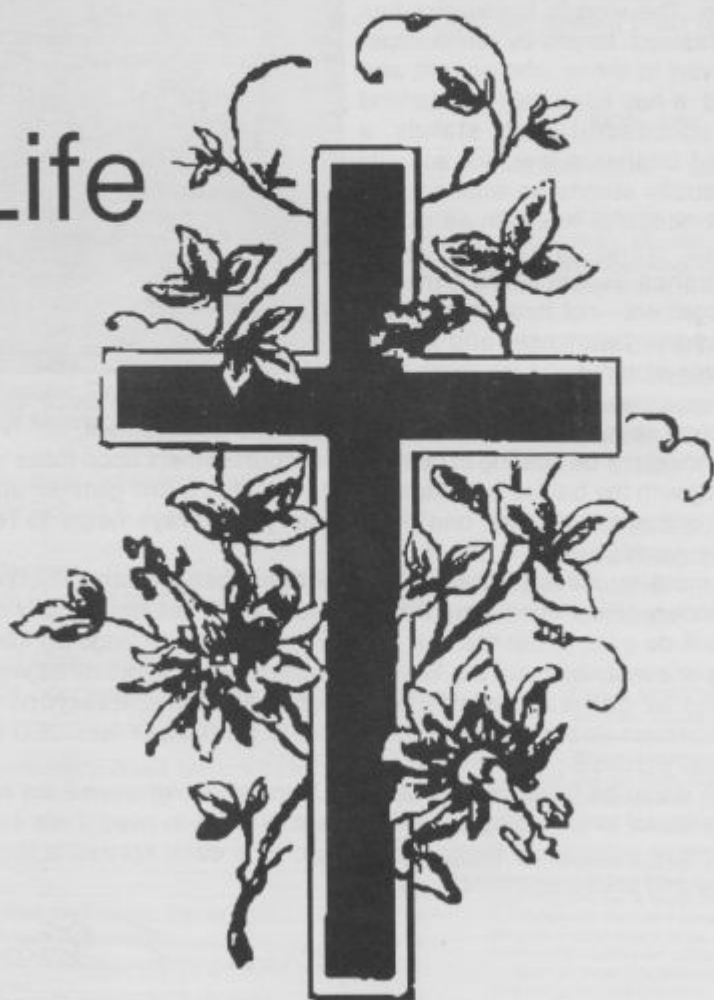
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In Templary and in all of life...

Spread Encouragement, Liberally!

Encouragement is one of the greatest factors for good the world has ever known. Without it, there is no advancement; by it, we move forward, achieving results and accomplishing our aims. The world's knowledge has been obtained largely by encouragement given to those who sought and explored. It has been said that behind every successful man stands a surprised mother-in-law, but actually there usually stands an encouraging wife. Successful executives in the business world know that peak performance is obtained through encouragement - not through criticism. Battles have been won and defeat turned into victory because those who fought were encouraged. From a baby learning to walk to those of mature years, encouragement is essential to success and achievement.

We should not be sparing in bestowing encouragement upon those who are struggling with the battles and tragedies of life. Often a little

glimmer of hope is all that is needed to spur one on to victory. It always helps to feel that someone cares.

The most successful teacher encourages rather than criticizes. If a Commandery officer does a creditable piece of work, tell him so, and chances

are he will do even better the next time. If your officers arrange an interesting meeting or event, *tell them* so. They're striving for your approval as well as for a feeling of self-satisfaction for a job well done. Everyone needs encouragement as they go through life, and IT IS VITALLY NEEDED IN OUR MASONIC BODIES.

There would be fewer human derelicts along life's highways if we would all be more liberal in extending encouragement to those in need. Let's each give a little more thought to those around us; let's each spread a little more sunshine and encouragement!



Marvin E. Fowler

Marvin E. Fowler, Grand Master

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

APRIL: Sir Knights, this month *Knight Templar Magazine* joins with your Commanderies in commemorating the death, resurrection and ascension of the Great Captain of Our Salvation, with our Grand Prelates Easter Message and the inspired thoughts of Reverend Dr. Howard Towne. Reports are included on the Allied Masonic Degrees weekend in Washington, D C., and the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries Conferences in Salt Lake City, along with the final episode of the fascinating history of the Order of Knights of Malta. May you be encouraged and renewed in this blessed season!

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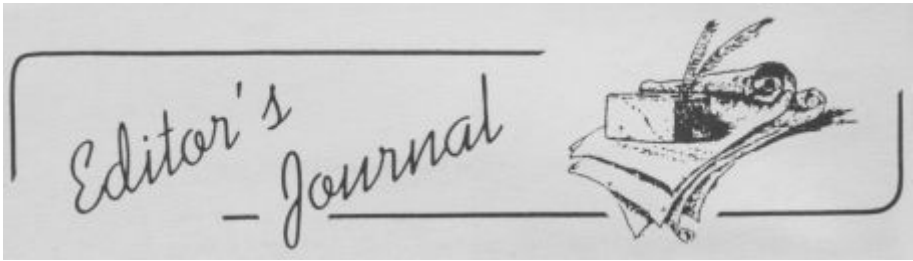
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Knight Voices: Items submitted that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free. All others require a \$5.00 remittance.

Coins of the Grand Masters—Order of Malta: Sir Knight Fred Speidel, P.G.C. of North Carolina, is offering a reproduction of a book first printed in 1884. It has an expanded chronological list of the Grand Masters with line drawings of the coins on six plates, and includes a chapter on money of the Crusaders, and a section on the history of the Knights of Malta, the Templars, and the Teutonic Knights.

The book is being offered at a prepublication price of \$10.00 per copy, prepaid. After publication, the price will be \$15.00.

Send orders to Sir Knight Fred Speidel, at 5826 Whitebud Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609, prior to May 1, 1990.

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Supplement Editors, Attention: Thanks to your continued good efforts, the message gets across to the Sir Knights in your states, month after month.

However, a few editors continue to miss our deadline of the 10th of the month. Sir Knights, we must have your material by that date for it to be included in *Knight Templar*.

Also, please do not use scotch tape on photographs - it's an open invitation to ripped prints. Submissions must be typed or printed, and double spaced so we can do the necessary editing. And please don't type your material in caps - it's tough on both the editor and the word processor.

Easter 'Through Masonic Eyes

by The Reverend Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.

The Reverend Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir will present Easter Through Masonic Eyes at the 60th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 15.

A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at this traditional Easter service. For those who are unable to attend the 1990 Easter ceremony in Alexandria, we would like to share with you the Reverend Weir's Easter message. Sir Knight Weir has served as the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and Scotland and the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Maryland. He is presently Grand King of the Grand Chapter and Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland.



The Day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad; The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God. From death to life eternal, From earth unto the sky, Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory. (John of Damascus, 8th Century)

We have gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Christ our Lord and the triumph of the eternal over the trivial, on Shooters Hill. On this site, long the farm of the Schuter family, once stood Civil War Fort Ellsworth. This fort, characterized by the brazen mouths of cannon and the sound and *sense of artillery, stood in testimony to man's* determination to use the slaughter of one people by another or, as in the case of the American Civil War, of a people by

themselves. Wars grow out of greed or resentment that is ripened and matured into a harvest of death and destruction. It is the grossest demonstration of the concept that violence breeds violence. War, symbolized by the fort that stood where we now worship, decrees that once savagery is decided upon, physical or psychological attacks must be revenged. Once the demonic cycle of offense and revenge begins, victory is found only in death.

Good, solid Masonic sacrifice and dedication have built and now operate and maintain the magnificent George Washington Masonic Memorial west of us. When men, women, and children go down the slope of this hill, they take with them not the smell of gunpowder or the concepts of war and

violence, but the impression of a warm welcome and smiling faces. If they have taken the tour of the Memorial, they will gain an impression of the tradition and ritual of several major Masonic bodies, including our own. They will better understand the

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greatness of George Washington and understand why he felt the principles of Masonry are so essential to human concord. We hope they see brotherly love, truth, friendship, and charity etched on the walls of the building as they are on the hearts of the staff.

This morning, in spite of the richness of the past, we do not seek the living among the dead, but face the East and the sun rising higher in the sky, raising with it our joy and our faith. On this Easter, we add our experience to the chronicle of this place.

Our experience at Easter is the discovery of exactly how great God's love can be. At Christmas, God entered history as a baby to confront us face to face. On Good Friday, He gave His only Son to redeem us from our own shortcomings, then, on Easter, exceeded our greatest expectations by raising Him from the dead.

No one becomes a full-fledged Christian at birth or baptism; our relationship with the risen Christ is a development, an unfolding, an enrichment of life lived in partnership with Jesus Christ. Perhaps the contrast between our humanity and God's perfection is such that we cannot bear fully to become Christian all at once. Remember that the children of Israel asked Moses to speak to God for them, "Lest they see God and die." St. Paul pointed out that no newborn can have beefsteak for his first meal. Indeed to judge by his impatience with the Corinthians

and Thessalonians, Paul may have wondered if mortal beings would ever be ready for substantial spiritual food, nourishment we can get our spiritual teeth into.

It is easy to see why it is essential to have church schools and youth fellowships to provide the fundamentals of Christianity for expanding minds. In addition, movements such as DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, Scouting and Campfire provide a laboratory, in which young people can test their Christian theory, and a playground to develop their spiritual muscles.

Beyond youth, the fact is that we all continually need spiritual help. We learn physical and mental skills and master them. Whenever we see the Order of the Temple conferred, we understand and respect the achievement of those whose skill and hard labor brought about an impressive evening. When we hear of the miracles of medicine we are grateful that men and women have mastered the complexities of nature. When we complete a flight through stormy skies, we give thanks for the skill of air and ground crews. Again and again, we are surfeited with mental and physical excellence. But in spiritual matters, it seems that we are always children, that we are always learning more about those spiritual depths we have yet to fathom. Some thirty years ago, the BBC broadcast a five-minute morning devotional program. One morning, the story unfolded of a great professor of surgery, whose mastery of science had convinced him that there was no God, that man is, indeed, the measure of all things. Then, one morning, during a simple operation, the life on the table before him slipped away without explanation. He was devastated. The gap between the knowledge and accomplishments of men and the majesty of God yawned wide before him and swallowed up his self-satisfaction. He

staggered into an empty classroom and offered the only prayer he could remember: Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, look upon a little child

It is not without profound significance that *The Lords Prayer* always begins, for all ages, Our Father ... There is no magic age or degree of greatness that allows us to address our creator as "Old Friend." He is always Our Father, and we are always His children.

Christian Masons will find their Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery not only a workshop for the practice of the Christian virtues, but schools which teach those values. Masonry is a system of allegory leading us in a way of life consistent with Christianity and insistent that our religion must be lived amidst the concerns and employments of the secular world and not just mouthed as a subject for theoretical discussion within ivory towers.

No incident of value is allowed to escape the attention of an initiate as the pageant of Masonry unfolds. Again and again, our attention is drawn to detail with the admonition, "Which is to teach you ..." In Ancient Craft Masonry, the candidate is taught and the Brothers are reminded of the lesson of resurrection from the grave and of the infinite importance of fidelity to ideals. In the Royal Arch Chapter, the Companions behold an allusion to the risen Christ as Prophet, Priest and King preside together in the East. In addition, the Royal Arch Degree depicts the drama of those workmen who went from Babylon to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple, "without hope of fee or reward," the essential of Christian service. The Cryptic Council teaches the value of mercy and the folly of moral compromise.

In the Commandery, where the Christian faith is the basis for participation, we are taught that life is a pilgrimage and that our need for penitence never ends. The Order of the Temple challenges every Knight to

behold the ascending Christ and to dedicate his sword and his soul to Christian service.

Masonry is not a religion, but is a constant reminder of God's presence among us and our continuing dependence upon Him for life now and eternally. One thing Masonry helps us to do is to avoid thinking of religion as an emotional cure for all our ills. Fortunes have been made and empires have been built by focusing on the emotional drive of religion, with the promise that money sent to a particular person or program will result in the fulfillment of the dreams of the contributor. Our experience at Easter is emotional, filled with joy and hope and the promise, through Christ's victory over death, of new life here and now. Yet, if we are content with our Christian emotions, Easter is little better than entertainment. An emotional religion is not enough. There must be a practical application of our Christian principles. As St. James writes, "Faith without works is nothing." St. Paul urged the Thessalonians to work as well as to wait for the coming of Christ. In today's high-voltage world, we see the shallow, self-defeating evidence of isolated emotional

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thrills. Drugs are fuel for emotional fires - thrills which cannot be sustained, which must be repeatedly reinforced by increasing the dosage. Emotional addiction starts innocently enough. In working with a large number of prisoners addicted to hard drugs, I never found one that did not start out with alcohol, then move to marijuana and on to heroin or cocaine as the thrill just lapsed, became commonplace, and a new, bigger thrill was demanded by mind and body.'

Therefore, when we look at Easter through Masonic eyes, we look for what Easter teaches, not just for how it feels. At Easter, we remember the Jesus of Nazareth, who was brutally killed for our sins. In the highest tradition of Christianity, Masonry avoids the glibness of emotional Christianity: that every good deed, especially sending money to the star of a particular television show, will be promptly and extravagantly rewarded by God. Easter teaches that Christ died for our sins, and in the words of the Apostles' Creed, "The third day he rose again from the dead; (and) he ascended into heaven." Consistent with the highest ideals of Christian service, Masonry teaches that the man who sticks to the ideals of his divine calling may be struck down for his efforts. In both cases the teaching is clear: that the challenge of Christianity is worth every sacrifice.

Easter tells of the debt we owe to Jesus Christ, a debt we can never repay. Christianity has been described as the job of appreciating the sacrifice upon the Cross. Those who have sacrificed themselves for our sake, remind us of Christ, and make our understanding of Easter more vivid. When we think of our God, our churches, our families, our friends, and our order, I am certain that each of us is flooded with gratitude and memories of deeds and words of love we cannot return adequately, of debts of deepest gratitude we cannot repay.

Let me share one personal example of a debt I can never repay: to the officers and men of Operations Department of the USS Keppler (DDK-765) at the time of the Korean conflict. Every day, my life and reputation depended upon the radar-men, the electronics technicians, the sonar-men, the radiomen, the signalmen, quarter-masters, and the mailmen who did so much more than they could have been expected to do, who never expected anything less of themselves than the best,

and whose character and exertions are still a source of respect and pride.

Other memories are larger than individuals. They belong to every person of good will. In World War II, the world beheld an example of a debt it could not repay. Europe was in the clutch of a madman, Hitler. Preparations ground relentlessly ahead for the conquest of the rest of the world. The death camps and the labor camps resolutely brought the hammer against the anvil, slaughtering six million Jews in an effort to exterminate a race. Six million Christians, we often forget, were also butchered in this diabolical onslaught. Untold millions died on the battlefield and in the devastation of cities and countryside.

In the summer of 1942, Scandinavia, France, and the Low Countries were defeated, and the British nation and empire, led by Winston Churchill, could offer only verbal defiance in Europe and retreat in Africa. The United States had its hands full in the Pacific. When it seemed nothing could be done, a small force, mostly Canadians, landed August 19 at Dieppe. There was no

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hope of a victory, and two-thirds of the force were killed or wounded. Yet that single heroic gesture gave the message clearly, that the free peoples of the world would not surrender, that they would take any risk, pay any cost to see tyranny defeated and the human spirit free. We cannot repay our debt to those Canadians who landed at Dieppe and to the Canadian families who sent them.

Like all martyrs, Jesus Christ gave His life for us. Unlike other martyrs, He left us with no vengeance to wreak, no bitterness or sorrow

to erase, but went from cross to crown. To be honest, the mystery of Easter is beyond our limits, but we can remember how the heroism of Dieppe moved on to victory in World War II at Rheims and on the quarterdeck of the USS Missouri.

As we think this morning of heroic human service, we begin to see Easter through Masonic eyes. We realize that the best human efforts are only human, that the memory of the most heroic deeds are often buried with the heroes. How important it is, then, that we place all our trust in God, arise, follow the challenge of tomorrow, and fear no ill. In the symbolism of our order, the cross is gateway to the crown.

As the sun rises, we receive more light and the meaning of the fifteenth chapter of I Corinthians begins to dawn. "So when this corruptible (body) shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal (body) shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory."

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Christ the Lord is risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen to-day,
Sons of men, and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply!

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er,
Lo, 'er'Lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ hath opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
"Where, O Death, is now thy sting?"
Once he died our souls to save;
"Where's thy victory, boasting Grave?"

Soar we now where Christ has fed,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

Allied Masonic Degrees Weekend

By Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke, P.S.M.,
Past Department Commander

This year, 1990, is the 24th anniversary of my first attendance at the A.M.D. meetings in Washington. Except for one year when illness kept me away, and another year when snow forced cancellation of flights, I have never missed. The meetings have always been held at the Hotel Washington in our nation's capital on the weekend nearest to our first President's birthday, except when Grand Masters Conference meets out of town. This year, our meetings were held February 23-25.

I began by attending the Socetas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis at 2 p.m. M.W. William G. Peacher, IX°, Supreme Magus, presided, both in Supreme Magus College and the High Council. The VII° was conferred during the College meeting. Following regular business, the High Council met and the VIII° was conferred for the first time in this country by Maryland College, under the direction R.W. S. Flory Diehl, IX°, Chief Adept.

Later that evening I attended the 61st Annual Feast and Workshop of the Philalethes Society, presided over by president Jerry Marsengill, at which time the speaker was Most Worshipful Brother Tom Eggleston, Executive Secretary of the Iowa Research Library. He gave an interesting and provocative talk on "Can Freemasonry adapt to change?" New officers elected were: John Hilliard, president; Wallace McLeod, 1st vice-president; Forrest Haggard, 2nd vice-president, and Allen Roberts, reelected executive secretary. New Fellows elected to replace two lost by death are: Harold Davidson and Thomas Williams. The Certificate of Literature went to Henry G. Law,

and Distinguished Service Medal to Keith Arrington, assistant librarian of Iowa Masonic Library. It was decreed that the ladies would no longer be invited to the Feast.

Early Saturday morning found me observing Most Illustrious Charles Leo Harrison, Grand Chancellor, pounding the gavel to open the 59th annual convocation of Grand College of Rites, to start off the long day's activities. Fifty-five candidates were obligated, and Most Illustrious S. Flory Diehl was elevated to Grand Chancellor; Ray Scarborough was appointed Grand Tiller.

Next I witnessed Most Eminent Past Grand Master Donald H. Smith, Sovereign Master, call to order Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. New jewels for the officers were ordered, and also for Past Sovereign Masters. Twenty-four candidates and one courtesy candidate from Arizona were obligated. George H. Hohenschildt, Pennsylvania, was elected Sovereign Master, and also to receive the Red Branch of En. He appointed Edward Fowler, Jr. of Pennsylvania to be Tiller.

It was now time for me to attend Grand Council, A.M.D., with Most Venerable Vernon T. Fike, Sovereign Grand Master, in the East. David L. Hargett, Jr., was appointed Tiller, following the death of Deputy Grand Master Eddie Stiles, and the advancement of the other officers. Memorial to D. G. M. Stiles was read by Charles Tart. The banquet speaker was Murray E. Cooke (no relation), Past Grand High Priest of California. His topic, similar to Tom Eggleston's in the Philalethes, was "Winds of Change," in which he advocated asking men to become Masons. Eight new Councils were chartered. Allen

Roberts was elected Grand Sovereign and appointed Jerry Marsengill Grand Tiler.

The 57th Annual Convocation of the Council of Nine Muses was next on the agenda, and Most Venerable Sovereign Master-Elect Clarence K. Jones read his paper, which was a recounting of his many Masonic travels and activities. The man has been around. Wendell K. Walker was notified of his turn next year.

Now it was time for me to attend Great Chief's Council, Knight Masons, with Excellent Chief Jim Willson, Past Department Commander from Texas, presiding. Nine new Knight Masons were admitted, and four as a courtesy from Virginia. The new Excellent Chief, appointed later by the new Great Chief, is James Shaw, from Canada.

Grand Council, Knight Masons, was then opened by Great Chief George "Kingfish" Stevens. Evans Fleming read an eulogy for Eddie Stiles, Past Great Chief. Thomas Mann, Past Department Commander, was elected Great Chief, and Thurman Pace, Past Department Commander, was appointed Tiler.

During the break before the banquet, Old Line Council of Baltimore conferred the Order of Red Branch of Eri on Past Grand Commander of Virginia George Yates. It was beautifully done and well received by the large attendance.

The banquet, previously mentioned, closed the activities of the day, except for the fun degrees of Masonic Order of the Bath and Ye Antient Order of the Cork. By then I was sleepy, and having seen both many times, wrote Thirty to my day.

Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour had their annual breakfast next morning, which was well attended. Most Eminent Grand Master General Robert Beck held forth.

It was nearing the end of the weekend, and time for Grand Preceptor's College, and Grand College, Holy Royal Arch Knight

Templar Priests. Most Eminent Fred Speidel, Grand Preceptor, presided. Our good friend and distinguished Grand Registrar George M. Fulmer was made an Honorary Past Grand 7th Pillar of our counterpart in England, as reported by our representative, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Preceptor G. Wilbur Bell. Memorials were presented for our late Deputy Grand Preceptor, who passed away just a few weeks before he was to preside, Stanley P. Mathews of New Jersey; also for Past Grand Preceptors Arthur W. Craft, Ohio, and Charles King Alexander McGaughey, Kentucky. Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master William H., Thornley, Jr., read the tribute to Knight Priest Mathews, which had been written by his good friend, Knight Priest and Past Department Commander Thurman Pace; 7th Grand Pillar Donald H. Smith, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, gave the tribute for Charlie McGaughey, his close personal friend and long time mentor. Knight Priest Don Grossman presented the memorial for Art Craft.

Quite a lively discussion in regard to finances took place, with the result that a motion to double the per capita was defeated, and the financial situation is to be discussed next year for further action. Election moved Past Grand Master Ned Dull from 7th Pillar to Grand Preceptor, and he appointed Deputy Grand Master Bill Thornley as Inner Guard and Grand Captain General Jim Ward as Outer Guard. Bruce Hunt was reelected Trustee. \$2,000 was given to both the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, as customary.

This session closed the activities of the long weekend, and next year it will be longer. The powers that be voted to have a four-day weekend, beginning with the Rosicrucian Society on Thursday morning. Grand College voted to continue on Sunday, as before. The location will be the same, and the dates are

February 21- 24, 1991.

It was a fine weekend, and I saw many old friends and made some more new ones. To me, that is what this annual weekend is all about.

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A Capsule Report...

Conference Of Grand Secretaries In North America

The Conference of Grand Secretaries of Masons in North America was held on February 19-20 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Little America Hotel served as the Headquarters Hotel of the conference. Conference President Albert O. Arnold, Jr., called the conference to order at 8:30 am. on February 19. Following the usual formalities, the Grand Secretaries broke off into six separate groups and participated in the following discussion topics:

- (1) Computers and Fax Machines.
- (2) Grand Secretaries vs. Grand Lodge Office Managers. Annual Communications—functions and costs.
- (3) Should the Grand Secretaries Conference be held separately, or continue as we do with the Conference of Grand Masters?
- (4) Should we respond publicly to our critics?
- (5) Are we spending too much time in stated communications vs. well-planned, organized events?

After each conference attendee had participated in each of the six discussions, they regrouped and heard summaries prepared by the topic moderators.

The Monday evening Grand

Secretaries Banquet was held in the Little America Hotel Ballroom with over 300 attending. Thomas H. Raum, P.G.M. (Kansas) and S.G.I.G. of Kansas, was the speaker.

The 1990-91 Conference President is Thomas W. Jackson, Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania; and Iowa's Grand Secretary, Tom Eggleston, who was reelected Secretary/Treasurer of the Conference.

The 1991 Conference will be held February 17-19 in San Diego, California.

Grand Secretary Tom Eggleston

Midnight Sun Degree and Picnic Fly-In

North Pole Lodge No. 16, F. & A.M., North Pole, Alaska, would like to invite all Brethren, where-so-ever dispersed, to their first ever Midnight Sun Degree and Picnic Fly-In. This event will occur the weekend of June 30, 1990, and will be held at Lakloey Airstrip in North Pole, Alaska. For more information, contact W.B. Lloyd Triggs, 1414 Valley Drive, North Pole, Alaska 99705, or call (907) 4882818.

Also, North Pole Lodge was constituted on March 21, 1989, and has pins for sale for \$5.00 each, celebrating that event.

Whatsoever things are true,
whatsoever things are honest,
whatsoever things are just,
whatsoever things are pure,
whatsoever things are lovely,
whatsoever things are of good report;
if there be any virtue, and if there be
any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

Grand Masters Conference 1990

by Robert A. Hinshaw

Executive Secretary/Treasurer - Past Grand Master of Ohio

The 61st Annual Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held February 18-20 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The theme of the conference was Unite in the Grand Design.

On Sunday morning, delegates and their wives attended a choir recital at the Mormon Tabernacle. This was followed by a series of fellowship lunches for the Grand Masters and their wives, the Deputy Grand Masters and their wives, and the Grand Wardens and their wives.

The only item of business in the afternoon was the annual meeting of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Foundation.

On Monday morning, the conference was officially called to order by the Conference Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Donald P. Smith, Jr., in the ballroom of the Little America Hotel. The invocation was then given by the Conference Chaplain, Most Worshipful Brother Dalvin Hollaway, Grand Master of Oregon. The flags of the three member countries; the United States of America, Canada, and the Republic of Mexico; were then impressively presented by a group of DeMolay members; the pledge of allegiance was led by the conference chairman (in the absence of Most Worshipful Brother Charles Glassmire, President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, who was forced to return to Maine for reasons of illness). The national anthems of the United States, Canada, and Mexico were sung by Right Worshipful Brother Kenneth Elliott, Deputy Grand Master of Oregon. Welcoming addresses were given by the Honorable Val Olveson, Lt. Governor of Utah, and Most Worshipful Brother A. T.

Hereim, Grand Master of Utah. The response to the welcoming addresses was given by Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. Moore, Grand Master of Wisconsin. Most Worshipful Brother Sam M. Pavlovich, Grand Master of California, then introduced a number of special guests and visiting dignitaries from several appendant organizations, who were in attendance.

The report of the Conference Committee was given by the Conference Committee Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother John E. Grein, Grand Master of Indiana. His committee consisted of the following Grand Masters: Robert E. Moore, Wisconsin; A. T. Hereim, Utah; William R. Miller, Washington; Sam M. Pavlovich, California; Thomas C. Warden, Missouri; John A. Fergusson, Manitoba; and the Conference Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Robert A. Hinshaw, Ohio.

The following slate of officers for the 1991 conference to be held February 17-21, 1991, in San Diego, California, was then presented and duly elected: Conference Chairman, Ronald A. Sherod, California; Conference Vice-Chairman, William G. Roberts, Nevada. On the committee are: James N. De Moss, Chairman, Nebraska; David A. Porter, Arizona; Ernest V. Yamane, Hawaii; Lowell Wagoner, Iowa; Robert V. Damon, Maine; Fred S. Westwood, Manitoba; Wayne E. Turton, Michigan; Robert F. Papas, Minnesota; and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Serving on the Time and Place Committee are: Daniel F. Cole, Chairman, Missouri; Franklin W. Erie, Alaska; James L. Weatherall, Arkansas; Roland H. Gardner,

Connecticut; Ronald L. Jefferson, Delaware; C. Philip Drew, Idaho; William A. Gallmeister, Indiana; John M. Smith, Jr., Maryland; Charles A. Black, Mississippi; Philip H. White, New Hampshire; Donald A. Rennie, Saskatchewan; and ex-officio members: Michael J. McLaughlin, Jr., George Washington Masonic National Memorial; Richard E. Fletcher, Masonic Service Association; Thomas Jackson, President of the Grand Secretaries Association; and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert A. Hinshaw had communicated with the conference chairman some months earlier that he would not be in a position to stand for reelection. The Conference Committee nominated Most Worshipful Brother David L. Dresser for the office, and he was elected.

The keynote address, entitled "Ushering Masonry into the 21st Century," was delivered by the Conference Vice-Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother William W. Daniel, Grand Master of Georgia. The address was enthusiastically received by the Brethren.

The annual report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer was given by Most Worshipful Brother Robert A. Hinshaw. He highlighted the years activities, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation given to him by all, especially by Most Worshipful Brother Jesse Barnes, Past Grand Master of Utah, who served as chairman of the local committee.

The newly constituted Grand Lodge of Hawaii and their Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William J. McKee, Jr., were then welcomed to this, their first conference. The annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association was then held under the direction of Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Vermont.

Following lunch, the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was held, chaired by Most

Worshipful Brother Charles A. Brigham, Jr., Past Grand Master of Ohio and Vice President of the association.

The first paper of the conference followed: "The Council of Grand Lodges - A Concept." It was delivered by William R. Miller, Jr., Grand Master of Washington, and contained a great deal of food for thought and generated considerable positive discussion. A committee of six to eight members was created to follow up on Most Worshipful Brother Miller's suggestions.

The next discussion was an update on phase 1 of the Masonic renewal task force, presented at last year's conference. The survey covered by phase 2 included responses made by approximately one thousand Masons from all parts of the United States. A second committee of six to eight members was authorized to follow up on the two surveys and report back next year.

In the evening the delegates were the guests of the Grand Secretaries at their annual banquet and heard a very interesting address by Most Worshipful Brother Thomas C. Raum, Past Grand Master of Kansas.

Tuesday morning's activities began with the introduction of the delegates of the several visiting sister jurisdictions by Most Worshipful Brother Hinshaw, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The response was given by Most Worshipful Brother Andre Roux, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge National France, who, among other things, touched on the encouraging reawakening of Masonry in the newly-liberated countries of Eastern Europe.

The International Grand Master of DeMolay, Most Worshipful Brother Joe Manning, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma, then addressed the delegation and discussed some mutual concerns of DeMolay and the various Grand Lodges.

The Conference Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Donald P. Smith, Jr., then

presented an update on a meeting he and three selected Grand Masters held in Philadelphia in January with the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine. While the situation discussed at the 1989 conference has not deteriorated significantly, neither has there been much positive progress.

Most Worshipful Brother Gail N. Smith, Grand Master of Connecticut, then discussed in great detail the recent recognition of visitation rights of Connecticut Prince Hall Masonry by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut within the state of Connecticut.

Following Lunch, an organizational meeting of all Deputy Grand Masters was held with the new Executive Secretary-Treasurer in order to gain input into those matters that should be considered for a successful meeting in 1991.

The final presentation of the conference was a demonstration, led by Most Worshipful Brother John M. McHenry, Grand Master of Nebraska, wherein a new "modern proficiency" method was shown which placed emphasis on retention of Masonic material rather than the precise wording used by the candidate. Also discussed was the recent recognition of Nebraska Prince Hall Masonry by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, again within the state of Nebraska only.

The Committee on Recognition then reported to the conference, under the chairmanship of Most Worshipful Brother John B. Obenchain, Past Grand Master of Virginia. The Grand Lodge of the Ivory Coast, The Grand Lodge of Hungary, and the Grand Lodge of Hawaii were found to be regular and worthy of recognition by member Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Italy still functions in a satisfactory manner and the Grand Lodge of Portugal is still in the stage of being formed. Most Worshipful Brother G. Ray Marsh, Grand Master of South Carolina, was elected to the committee, to fill the position vacated by the retiring chairman.

The Time and Place Committee, chaired by Most Worshipful Brother Roswell T. Swits, Grand Master of New York, reminded the conference that the conference had decided a few years ago to return to the Washington, D.C., area in the even-numbered years, and it was, therefore, moved, seconded, and passed to meet in the Washington, D.C., area in February 1994.

Brother Swits then read a proposal from the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, Illinois, Brother Francis G. Paul, wherein he proposed the establishment by the Conference of Grand Masters of a staff to specifically address problems common to each and all Grand Lodges and to become a clearinghouse, that will be useful to each Grand Lodge, for sharing problems. The Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, pledged to commit \$25,000 toward the first year's operation of this committee, if so adopted by the Conference of Grand Masters. Following appropriate discussion, the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of six to eight members to serve on the committee, which was established by vote of the delegates.

The delegates voted to double the conference annual dues in order to fund the meeting and other necessary expenses connected with the newly formed committees.

There being no further business, the conference was closed followed by a benediction by the Conference Chaplain Dalvin Hollaway, Grand Master of Oregon.

The 61st Annual Conference of Grand Masters concluded Tuesday evening with the traditional formal banquet, which was followed by entertainment.

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

Highlights from the Masonic Family

330% Participation in KTEF

As a result of the efforts of its Drill Team on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Shawnee Commandery No. 14, Lima, Ohio, has 804 Life Sponsorships with a current membership of 265, making their participation 330%.

Pictured below are Sir Knights Jim Rex, Drill Team Vice President; Eminent



Commander Arnold Ford; Past Commander Rodney Lutz, Drill Team Secretary/Treasurer; and Drill Team President Grady Smith.

They are promoting Shawnee Commandery's 20th Annual Pancake Day which was held on March 3, marking two decades of service to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Groundhog Breakfast in Idaho

The 18th Annual Knights Templar Groundhog Breakfast was held on February 3 in the Masonic Temple in Boise, Idaho. The tickets were printed to reflect the name of its founder, Frank J. Kesler.

Through the efforts of many, breakfasts were served to 361 people, and \$1,662.18 was raised for the Knights Templar Eye

Foundation. Sir Knight Tom Woodward was again the top ticket seller with 175 tickets sold.

Texas Centennial Commandery Coin



Ascension Commandery No. 25, Tyler, Texas, will hold a centennial celebration on Tuesday evening, April 3. Grand Commander Jerral F. Knox will give the keynote address.

A centennial coin has been struck in antique bronze, 1 and 1/4", depicting the U.S. and Texas flags, triangle and chapeau on the obverse side. The reverse has the cross and crown. It is available in limited quantities at \$4.50 each, postage included.

Also, a 7/8" ladies charm (not pictured) of the same design as the coin with cloisonné vivid backed enamel (five colors) on the obverse side, reverse is gold cross and crown. Price \$4.50 each, postpaid.

If interested, order from Ascension Commandery No. 25, P.O. Box 703, Tyler, TX 75710.

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When Easter arrives in mid-April as it does this year, it usually comes like a sunburst on a darksome road. It is the world's brightest hour, the coronation of Christ. Easter brought the greatest spiritual explosion ever to happen in the history of mankind. It changed everything on the earth and for us.

This is the time that is most meaningful to Templary. We never can forget that the Holy Sepulcher was the focal point of a mighty crusade of Christian Knights. Why? It was there that the Eternal God gave the guarantee to the whole plan of redemption. The Resurrection is the keystone of the Christian Faith. Without it, we have no salvation from sin and no hope of our own resurrection.

All the accounts infer that our Lord appeared different after His Resurrection. None of His disciples knew Him immediately. Mary Magdalene mistook Him for a gardener. Now the resurrection occurrence that I like best is often called "The Evening Walk to Emmaus." None of Christ's resurrection appearances has a stronger hold on Christendom than this one. That evening walk began as a journey from Christ, for our Lord was left behind. The two disciples had lost their hope. They were going home with the sadness of the crucifixion and the open tomb in their minds. Then, the risen Christ in His first public appearance caught up with them. He was not recognized. They took Him for a stranger

Our Redeemer

Risen But Not Recognized!

by

Sir Knight Howard R. Towne, D.D.
Grand Prelate Emeritus
Grand Commandery of Michigan

in Jerusalem who did not know the week's happenings. When our Lord still unrecognized, asked simply, "What things?" their incredulous reply was, "Have you not heard about Jesus, a prophet, mighty in word and deed?"

Notice, they called Him a prophet, but they thought He was dead. They said, "We trusted that it had been He, which should have redeemed Israel." One can see that they had pinned their hopes on Him, but the narrative says, "their eyes were kept from recognizing Him."

Sir Knights, there is in that statement a great truth that pertains to our present day. For those two disciples symbolize

our modern spiritual blindness. Christ had arisen and was abroad in the springtime world. But blinded by their gloom and unbelief, they did not recognize Him. In their dull despair they represent the followers of Christ in every age. Assuredly, Christ is risen. Our Easter celebrations recall the tremendous truth. But, though the church still celebrates the mighty miracle, it often seems insensitive to the presence of the risen Christ in its fellowship.

Did Christ rise from the dead bodily? Was He alive on the third day? The answer to these questions is vital, for our Christian faith rests on the fact of His Resurrection. His bodily resurrection is the determining factor in the salvation of men. Much of modern day preaching has little or no use for the resurrection. They teach, if Christ's spirit ascended consciously to the Father when He died on the cross, His work must have been accepted and our sins gone, so what need of a resurrection? It is no longer proclaimed as a fundamental factor in our salvation. To them resurrection is reduced to "natural immortality" rather than the fact of a bodily resurrection. What an awful shame such teaching is!

St. Paul said, "If Christ be not risen, then your preaching is vain, and your faith also is vain, ye are still in your sins, and they also who are fallen asleep in Christ have perished." Yes, if Christ did not rise bodily, our faith is but a pleasant dream which will vanish when we awake. It is worthless, we are still in our sins.

But thank God, on that first Easter on the road to Emmaus, two discouraged disciples were given a three-fold assurance that He was alive. First of all Christ gave them a revelation of the head! Jesus realized the agony of their thought. He said, "Your hopelessness arises out of your inability to understand the Scriptures. Then he began an exposition of Moses and all the prophets.

From that he turned to a discussion of the events in His earthly life.

As He talked, it dawned upon them that the events at Calvary were the fulfillment of the Scriptures. What a wonderful hour they had. Never before had they seen the Old Testament prophecies in the light of their day. Jesus showed them that He, Himself, was the subject of these prophecies, and how natural it was that He should enter into His glory through suffering. What a message! He gave the revelation of the head.

The Risen Christ, also, gave them the revelation of the heart. These two disciples found a certain human relief in talking with this sympathetic stranger. He had such understanding and charm. But they did not recognize Him, not even by His speech, though they had so loved His speech in His days with them. They did not recognize Him even by the light in His eyes. But when He unfolded the Scriptures to them He walked into their lives in a resurrection experience. Later on, one of them said, "Did not our hearts burn with us while he walked and talked with us on the way?" That is what I mean by the revelation of the heart.

But the loveliest part of the narrative is when the risen Christ gave them the revelation of the hand. When the evening meal was ready, Christ being the guest became the host, and He broke the bread and gave a little to each of his new friends. And at this act their eyes were opened, as when we are suddenly awakened and find the sun shining. Both of them sprang to their feet, trembling with emotion, for they knew it was the Lord! Those marks in the hands, those wounds, those hands. It was the Lord! he made Himself known to them in the breaking of the bread, thus completing the revelation of head and heart and hand.

Certainly the miracle of Jesus' bodily resurrection is the most spectacular event of all history, but as great in significance as the

event itself is its meaning. The resurrection of Christ means that He has won the victory over sin and death, and consequently all who trust in Him will inevitably share in that victory. A dead Christ cannot save us. Christ is risen! His resurrection is Gods vindication of our Lord. It is the confirmation of His claims; it is proof of our justification by His risen Life; It is

the pledge of our own resurrection and glorification.

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

On the Masonic Newsfront...

58th Triennial, Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C., our nation's capital - lots to see, lots to do - see old friends, make new ones. Our Grand Master and his Triennial Committee are working and planning to make this a Triennial to remember, so plan to attend now. Come one, come all to the 58th Triennial, August 15-21, 1991, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Since the first article appeared in *Knight Templar Magazine*, the committee has received several requests from vendors who are interested in having displays of Knights Templar items for sale during the Triennial. Vendors should make their requests in writing to the 58th Triennial Committee, telling the committee what their requirements are and what type of items they will be selling. Qualified vendors will receive a letter of approval from the committee and the hotel will receive a copy of this approval, at which time the vendor can contact the hotel; Mr. Howie, (202) 328-2905; about display space. Sleeping rooms will be handled through the committee at the special rate. The hotel will not assign display space without the approval letter.

Grand Commanderies that require suites will make their requests known to the committee, and it will try to arrange that their requests are met. If dinners, lunches, or any special service will be required, these requests must come through the committee. We will work with the hotel and the Grand Commanderies so that we will be able to put this information in the program. Any dinners or lunches outside of the hotel will not be handled through the committee.

The correct mailing address for the 58th Triennial for all matters and for information or requests of any kind is:

John C. Werner
General Chairman
8907 Southwick Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

special tours with a lunch along the way. Until the plans are completed, we will just mention it.

The committee would like to have it understood that the Sheraton Washington has enough rooms, and due to the fact that everything dealing with the Triennial will take place at the Sheraton Washington, no transportation of any kind will be furnished between other hotels and the Sheraton Washington. Drill teams and individuals seeking other accommodations, please take note.

The next update on the 58th Triennial will be in the June 1990 issue, at which time we will provide information on the Triennial program and bring you up to date on other matters of importance.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The following letter was sent to Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, on December 29, 1989, and is a testimonial to the good work of our order in helping others to see.

Dear Knight Templar:

I would like this opportunity to tell you what your organization has meant to me and my family and to express to you my deepest thanks.

When I was a child, my right eye was injured, leaving scar tissue and giving me very poor vision in that eye. Two years ago I was told that I had developed a cataract in that eye, but that it was small and was unlikely to get any worse because it was a trauma cataract.

Early in 1989 I began having a lot of headaches and my vision was getting more and more blurred. I stopped driving at night because the glare of the lights hurt my eye and I also had a lot of trouble reading. I went back to my doctor in March and was told that the cataract had started getting worse and would require surgery, probably within a year.

Unfortunately, at this same time, we were forced to change insurance companies because our carrier stopped providing medical coverage to all of their holders. Our insurance agent told us that my cataract would not be covered under our new policy because it was a pre-existing condition.

We are a farm family and due to several years of drought, we have been struggling to overcome a tremendous debt incurred by crop losses. Through the grace of God and hard work, we are slowly but surely paying our debts. Through our struggles, God has brought us closer to each other.

We have always, somehow, been able to provide what we needed . . . until now. Then my vision deteriorated to the point that I could not see well enough to drive the tractor and mow peanut tops in September.

This was very distressing to me as well as to my husband, Eddie. You **see**, we work side by side on the farm each day.

Eddie and I have a wonderful marriage of 21 years and a super working relationship. We also have two teenage children.

Perhaps now you can understand a little better what it meant to us when my eyesight prevented me from working. It would mean that we would have to hire someone else this

spring to take my place . . . and we could not afford to do that.

Then Ginny McElveen, the mother of my best friend, told Dr. Richard Schulze about my problem. Ginny is very dear to me, almost a second mother, and she was very concerned about me. Her son is also a farmer so she understands the farm situation. Dr. Schulze told her about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Through your help I had cataract surgery on November 29, 1989.

I cannot fully express my thanks to you for this precious gift of sight. Your organization is the miracle that we had been praying for. Now, one month after surgery, my whole life is brighter. My vision is still blurred somewhat and I don't have my new glasses yet, but I can already see things so much better. Colors are so vibrant. I can look forward to being able to be a helpmate for my husband and working at his side.

"Thank you" seems so insufficient for what you have done for me, but I say thank you and I thank God for you.

I pray that God will continue to richly bless you and all of the Knights Templar for the wonderful work you are doing.

Sincerely,
Judi Lewis
Rt. 6, Box 85
Statesboro, GA 30458

Commandery Honor Guard In Miami, Florida

Pictured are Sir Knights of Miami Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar, Miami, Florida, forming an honor guard at the installation of one of their own, Worshipful Donald L. Willey, as Worshipful Master of Palma Vista Lodge No. 205, F. & A.M., of Princeton, Florida. He is being conducted through the lines by Worshipful Lucky Silva, Past Master of Coral Gables Lodge No. 260, F. & A.M. Worshipful Donald L. Willey is a Past Commander of Miami Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar, having served as the Commander during the year 1974. The installation was held on Saturday, December 29, 1989, at 8:00 p.m. at Palma Vista Lodge, following a dinner at 7:00 p.m.





George F. Flentje, Jr.
Maryland
Grand Commander-1963
Born April 8, 1897
Died July 10, 1989

James Coleman Bunnell
Indiana
Deputy Grand Commander-1989
Born February 6, 1938
Died June 21, 1989

Jerry Wayne Warman
Indiana
Grand Generalissimo-1989
Born March 3, 1943
Died January 2, 1990

Densil F. Carder
West Virginia
Grand Commander-1967
Born August 16, 1914
Died February 10, 1990

Harry M. House
Oklahoma
Grand Commander-1942
Born September 5, 1893
Died February 14, 1990

Robert Elwood Heffner
Idaho
Grand Commander-1987
Born September 13, 1922
Died February 18, 1990

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

Grand Commander's Club

Georgia No. 43-Hugh L. Smith
Georgia No. 44-John E. Washburn
Georgia No. 45-Otis Lee Medley

Georgia No. 46-Carl W. Dohn
Virginia No. 22-Walter S Pennington, Jr.
Illinois No. 35-Harry R. Brahmstadt
Minnesota No. 10-Robert G. Christianson
Florida No. 35-Roger W. Myers
Georgia No. 47-Sam A. Jessup
Florida No. 36-J. H. (Jerry) Robbins
Minnesota No. 11-Neil E. Bengtson
Virginia No. 14-Rodney J. Van Houten
Pennsylvania No. 27-John N. Burge
Ohio No. 19-Paul B. Saunders

Grand Master's Club

No. 1,410-Thomas E. Mailer (FL)
No. 1,411-Steven I. Left, MD (GA)
No. 1,412-John P. Denison, Sr. (MI)
No. 1,413-Curtis A. Gibson (OH)
No. 1,414-Edward R. Grotz (FL)
No. 1,415-Wallace D. Mays (GA)
No. 1,416-Bill B. Larson (WI)
No. 1,417-Lyle C. Farrell (WI)

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

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

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Twenty-second Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand
Commanderies for KTEF Officers and
Trustees for the week ending March 9, 1990.
The total amount contributed to date is
\$516,161.55.

Alabama	\$11,614.00
Arizona	4,162.75
Arkansas.....	11646.50
California.....	13,002.89
Colorado.....	7,784.95
Connecticut.....	4,163.64
District of Columbia.....	6,822.00
Florida	12,922.50
Georgia.....	43,760.65
Idaho.....	630.50
Illinois	12,136.05
Indiana.....	5,126.76
Iowa.....	3,775.00
Kansas.....	3,888.50
Kentucky	6,143.00
Louisiana	7,229.10
Maine	4,418.50
Maryland.....	7,808.75
Mass/Rl.....	13,531.00
Michigan	13,166.00
Minnesota	8,070.32
Mississippi	1430.00
Missouri	5,156.38
Montana.....	6,441.00
Nebraska	2,040.60
Nevada	2,778.00
New Hampshire	2,820.00
New Jersey	4,021.60
New Mexico	2,634.92
New York	11,594.40
North Carolina.....	5,776.85
North Dakota.....	951.00
Ohio.....	13,550.42
Oklahoma	3,245.00
Oregon.....	5,989.00
Pennsylvania.....	27,519.92
South Carolina	6,281.00
South Dakota	1,789.59
Tennessee.....	15,854.88
Texas.....	24,013.41
Utah.....	2,416.00
Vermont.....	650.00
Virginia	12,881.25
Washington	1006.00
West Virginia	116,602.00
Wisconsin	5,272.00
Wyoming.....	545.00

Carabobo, U.D.	100.00
St. Johns No. 1	
Wilmington, Delaware	224.00
Alaska No. 1	
Fairbanks	100.00
Porto Rico No. 1	696.00
Anchorage No. 2	
Alaska.....	2,020.00
Heidelberg No. 2	150.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover,	
Delaware.....	110.00
Trinity, U.D.....	250.00
Miscellaneous	27,447.97



\$100,000 Gift of Sight

.At a banquet hosted by Pilgrim
Commandery No. 21, Elkins, West Virginia,
Sir Knight H. Courtney Jones, East Central
Department Commander, accepted a
presentation of \$100,000 for 100 Grand
Master's Club memberships and \$5,280.00
for 176 Life Sponsorships in the Knights
Templar Eye Foundation.

This munificent gift was established
through Pilgrim Commandery by the will of
Edith Cooper Owens, the widow of U.S.
Navy Captain Harry Horton Owens. Her
sustenance has been used to establish the
Pilgrim Commandery No. 21 Knights
Templar Owens Family Memorial trust
dedicated to the support annually of a
deserving graduating senior from each high
school in Randolph County; to support the
Knights Templar Eye Foundation by an
annual donation to the endowment created
by the Grand Master's Club, and to
perpetuate the parent organization of the
Memorial Trust, Pilgrim Commandery No,
21, in memory of her father-in-law, Dr. Harry
Kight Owens, KYCH.

Knights of Malta – Part 2

by Sir Knight Douglas M. Thorsen
(Continued from February)

It was not long until Cyprus was found to be unsuitable as a base from which to wage war against the infidel, and in 1310 the combined Order moved to the island of Rhodes, 250 miles away. Rhodes, largest of the Dodecanese islands, is 45 miles by 10 miles. It was colonized by Phoenicians and Greeks in ancient times and the city of Rhodes was founded in 408 B.C. for 60 years, until destroyed by an earthquake. Paul's ship probably anchored here briefly on his third journey. After a four-year struggle with the Greek inhabitants, they seized Rhodes and built their hospital as well as tremendous fortifications.

For the next two hundred years the Order of Knights Templar and of St. John remained on Rhodes, notwithstanding the repeated and determined efforts of the Turks to dislodge them. The Hospital of the Order in Rhodes became the best in Europe because its people relearned medicine from the Arabs and exported their knowledge to the first medical schools founded in Italy and France. Once more the Order became a sovereign power, and the Knights took their name from their island stronghold - RHODES. In the middle of the 14th century the Ottoman Empire rose to power, and again the Knights resumed a military role. They were now compelled to fight at sea and for this purpose they built war galleys and became sea soldiers, to protect the trade routes of the

Mediterranean Sea. It was after one of the great battles of this period - in 1367 - that the Saracens conceded to the Knights of St. John the privilege of FREE PASS in all the Mohammedan ports. In the meantime, the branches or priories of the Order which had been established all over Europe, flourished greatly.

In 1480 Mohammed the Great, a Turkish Sultan, sent a fleet to Rhodes and besieged the occupants, but though heavily outnumbered, the Knights repulsed them. This victory gave them breathing space of about forty years, but in 1520 Mohammed's son, Suleiman The Magnificent, dispatched a force twice the size of his father's. The island was attacked by an immense army of 200,000 men, but the 5,000 Knights held out for six months. Finally, exhausted and decimated, with little food or weapons and no reinforcements, and also because of the ruined fortifications, the knights were compelled to capitulate on the most honorable terms! They were allowed to leave, in 1522, with their galleys, their treasure, weapons and honors of war, by the Sultan, who said he granted those terms because of their magnificent defense.

During the next eight years the Knights wandered homeless, ceased to exist as a sovereign power and moved to Castro in Crete, to Messina in Italy, and to Viterbo, near Rome. On the 24th of March 1530, the

Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, in his admiration for their valor in the great battle for Rhodes, offered the Knights the island of Malta without consulting his Maltese subjects on the understanding that they, the knights, would protect and defend the island against the Moorish rovers who infested the southern portion of the Mediterranean Sea. It was not the most attractive of Mediterranean islands and at first the knights were reluctant to accept the offer; however, later that year they did in fact make the long sea-journey from Rome in their galleys, and took possession of Malta without resistance. It is from the legend of their approach to this, their final resting place, that the distinguished mode of recognition among members of the order has been derived.

We are told that they came to the island, "rowing in their galleys, two men to an oar, each with his sword in his right hand and the oar in his left hand." As they neared the land they sang, in Latin, the Psalm or Hymn embodying the 16th verse of the 19th chapter of the book of REVELATIONS, the refrain of which is: "REX REGUM ET DOMINUS DOMINORUM" (King of Kings and Lord of Lords). When the natives of the island saw them coming in this warlike manner they hailed them through a speaking trumpet, saying in the Arabic tongue "DO YOU COME IN PEACE?" The Knights replied in the same language: "WE COME IN PEACE," to which the natives answered: "THEN COME IN PEACE." Once settled on the 95 square miles of this rocky, precipitous island, and on the adjacent island of Camino and Gozo, the Knights of the Temple and of St. John built their hospital in the new town at the head of the Grand Harbor. They called it after their Grand Master, Jean de la Valette, who had fought the Turks for 52 of his 70 years. From that headquarters in Valetta they rebuilt their strength, restored the fortifications, built castles and palaces and gathered great

wealth. From there, they administered their priories all over the world, except in England, where King Henry VIII destroyed the order, together with the monasteries, in about 1539. From there they fought against the infidels and once again became a sovereign military power.

It is recorded in *The First Eden* that a Maltese Knight of St. John, living on the top of an isolated sea stack on the coast of Gozo, discovered a colony of the rare plant called the Maltese Fungus, a parasitic flowering plant that lives for most of the year invisibly

"They hailed them in the Arabic tongue, saying 'Do you come in Peace?' The knights replied in the same language: 'We come in Peace.'"

below the ground attached to the roots of the tamarisk. In the summer, strange red spikes protrude through the earth, made up of several hundred tight packed flowers. As they seed, the spike dries and turns black. The misguided logic of medieval apothecaries led them to suppose that since this apparition was red, it might be excellent medicine for diseases of the blood, and because of its phallic shape for genital disorders as well. Anyone caught stealing a plant was sentenced to serve in the galleys. The flower spikes were sent the Grand Master of the Knights as special gifts for European kings.

The order had been established in Malta for 35 years when the Sultan Sulieman sent a fleet to destroy them, but after four years the knights drove back the invading army. Six years later an allied fleet of ships from Austria, Spain, Venice and Genoa, the Vatican, Sicily and Naples, together with the Knights of Malta, met the Turkish fleet of 473 galleys at the battle of Lepanto, on the heel of Italy. The Turks lost 20,000 men to the Allies'

8,000 dead. That was the final battle when Muslim power in the Mediterranean was finally crushed, and the Knights of Malta settled down to a more peaceful role as "policemen of the middle sea", which in 1600, was still the center of the world. As the military activities of the order declined, the original purposes of protection and assistance were pursued. The hospital was improved and extended and became the world center of ophthalmology.

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During the next two centuries Malta became one of the great cultural centers of Europe and the knights devoted their attention to the internal affairs of the island, of which their Grand Master was sovereign head. In 1769, there were preceptories in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Bristol, and the New England states of America. In Europe, a new order was coming; the armies of Napoleon overran the land, and thrones were falling all over the continent. In 1798 the French fleet sailed to conquer Egypt with the intention of using Malta as a base for their campaign there. On the 9th of June, warships stood off the Grand Harbor with Napoleon himself on board, demanding surrender. At that time two-thirds of the Knights were Frenchmen, the defenses were in a deplorable state, and the order was ruled by a weak Grand Master.

Last in a great tapestry of Grand Masters was Nicolas Cotoner. After him there was only the Portuguese Manoel de Vilhena. After him the Grand Masters and their knights decayed fatally. Theirs was a life of show, of sport and soft living and endless parties. Napoleon summed up the once splendid

order with plebian contempt: "An institution to support in idleness the younger sons of certain privileged families." Napoleon, at the age of twenty-nine, had made himself and France the masters of most of Europe. He dreamed of mastery of half the world, and in particular of a vast Asiatic empire. For a start, he must conquer Egypt, and then India. But at the moment, the island of Malta, in the narrows of the Middle Sea, stood in his way. He wanted it made secure, and above all he wanted to deny it to his enemy, Admiral Nelson.

The man in command of the island, the Bavarian Ferdinand von Hompesch, was the last and feeblest of the Grand Masters. Though the peril of Malta was obvious, he refused to arm the Maltese. "They will turn against me," Hompesch told his advisors. But it was not the Maltese who would turn against him. Among his knights there was treason! The French Revolution, eight years earlier, had turned Europe upside down; presently all property of the order in France and in Italy was confiscated, and the order declared extinct. This bad news was brought by a flood of aristocratic refugees who now found their way to Malta. With them came certain spies and informers, who formed a fifth column of collaborators within the very heart of the order. "Make a deal with Napoleon," they urged. "He is coming to take your island anyway. Resist him and you will lose all, including your lives." Napoleon presently judged, from the reports of his agents, that he had enough friends within Malta to weaken its defenses.

Another voyager, more seamanlike than Napoleon or any other man in the world, stood in his way. Nelson, at forty, was older, physically battered, emotionally less stable, but he would match Napoleon's land career with an impressive sea career. Nelson knew that to deny Malta to the French was crucial. But he was finding it hard to bring Napoleon

to the clinch. Nelson chased Napoleon across a thousand miles, crossed their track and then doubled back in search of the quarry. By that time Napoleon was anchored in Grand Harbor, and his troops were already ashore. Napoleon's troops landed simultaneously at four different well chosen points, three on Malta and one on Gozo. By eight in the morning, Malta's whole coast line was occupied; by noon the old capital, Medina, was in enemy hands. At midday on the eleventh of June, General Junot, Napoleon's senior aide-de-camp, was riding up the road to Valletta to dictate to Grand Master Hompesch the terms of surrender. The next morning, the twelfth of June, with French troops lining the streets of Valletta, Napoleon walked up Merchants Street toward the Parisio Palace, off the Castile square, and that was that!

Though Napoleon himself planned to spend only seven days on the island, he managed in that short space of time to set in motion more petty tyranny, more harsh decrees, more barbaric theft, and more trouble for the future than any man since Cromwell in Ireland or Attila the Hun ravaging Europe. On account of internal sedition, von Hompesch surrendered without any attempt at resistance and, after retiring to live in Russia with some of his petty officers, was granted a handsome pension by France. (Only two year later the French were driven out by the Maltese, with British help, and the island remained under British rule for the next 170 years.)

It was in that ignominious manner that the existence of the "Order of the Knights of the Temple and of St. John as a sovereign power came to an end, although some of its members, concerned for its future, moved to Rome in 1834. This order remains today as the sole and legitimate descendants of the Knights of St. John; their headquarters, a building only, is the smallest sovereign state in the world, excepting the Vatican, although its priories and hospitals are scattered over

the entire globe.

To distinguish itself from the various national orders which came into being or, as in England, were reformed or revived in 1831, the order changed its title to 'The Sovereign Military Order of Malta, even though it no longer governs the island from which it takes its name.

Since that time repeated attempts have been made to restore it to something like its former position and influence, but its wealth and magnificence have passed away with the age of chivalry from whence it came. It now exists only as a peaceful Christian society dedicated to the relief of suffering in all its forms.

In conclusion, let me explain to you the symbolic meaning of the ceremony through which you have passed. The Mediterranean Pass, which you received in the degree of Knight of St. Paul, was instituted, as you have heard, more than 600 years ago; it was then agreed between Muslim Saracens and Christian Knights that "those valorous Knights of St. John should have FREE PASS in all Mohammedan Mediterranean ports.

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History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XIX

The Illustrious Order Of The Red Cross (Continued)

At the Triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment held in 1856 at Hartford, Connecticut, Grand Master Hubbard also pointed out these difficulties, stating:

"It is well known to all of our intelligent Commanders and Sir Knights, that within our jurisdiction, a number of degrees and one Order on Chivalry are required to be passed by the applicant as a prerequisite to receiving the Order of Knight Templar, and that these are not required by the Supreme Grand Conclave of England and Wales. In other words, the 'Intercalary Degrees' so called, between the Royal Arch and Master Mason, and the Order of the Red Cross, are required by ours and not by that Supreme power. First fully assured that their work in conferring the superior of all other Orders, the Knight Templar, was in all essentials the same as ours, I was anxious for the good of the Order, to bring these Supreme powers, and all of their members into a more intimate fraternal and Knightly relation to each other, and have indulged the hope, that by a prudent and dignified course, and by more or less of concession upon the part of each of the high powers, all obstacles to a complete affiliation, around a common triangle for work as well as worship, might be removed."

At the annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Conclave in 1858, the Provincial Grand commander, Sir William J. B. MacLeod Moore, stated in his address;

"With reference to the Order of the Red Cross,' known in Scotland and Ireland as 'Knight of the Sword,' or Babylonish Pass' and of The East' and 'East and West' it does not appear to me to be any requisite to take this degree in Masonry for obtaining admission to the Order of the Temple, although insisted upon in the United States; it has no connection whatever with Knight Templary, a purely Christian rite, and is indeed only an adjunct to the Royal Arch, and not recognized in England as a degree of Masonry. It would therefore be advisable and add greatly to our more cordial fraternization if an exception was made in the case of Templars from a foreign jurisdiction who had not taken the degrees, by not insisting upon it as a pre-requisite for admission to the United States Encampments. This certainly appears an inconsistency in obliging an English Templar to require the aid of a degree unknown to him to obtain admission to his own Order. The Grand Master of the United States admits that it is a modern innovation."

However, a special permit from the Provincial Grand Commander to confer the Red Cross degree was attached to the warrant for a new Encampment at Hamilton, Canada, in 1855. This permit read as follows:

"By the authority vested in me as Provincial Grand Commander and Grand

Prior of the Order of the M. Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, I hereby authorize you of the Godfrey de Bouillon Encampment held in the City of Hamilton, to confer the degree of Knight of the Sword and East and West' known in the United States as 'Knight of the Red Cross' on all members of your Encampment who may wish to receive it."

In 1862 the Provincial Grand commander, Sir W. J. B. MacLeod (106) made further comment on the Order of the Red Cross in his address:

"With reference to the preliminary degree of Knight of the Sword and East, or Babylonish Pass, known in the United States as 'Red Cross' and of which their Grand Encampments insist that every Companion should be in possession before he can obtain admission to a Knight Templar Encampment, I pointed out to the committee of the Grand Conclave sitting in February last, the necessity of obtaining an authority to confer it under our Templar warrants. The Grand Vice-Chancellor communicated to me that the Committee resolved, that in consequence of the Statues of the Order being silent as regards this Degree (although conferred by some old Encampments in England) I was *to use my own discretion* in the matter. I have, therefore, carefully examined the Ritual of the 'Red Cross' used in the United States, as also that of the 'Knights of the Sword,' East, and East and West, as given under the Templar warrants of Ireland, and the Royal Arch Chapters of Scotland - being in fact the same Degree as that of the 'fifteenth' of the 'Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite,' and the 'sixth' of the French; and consider the Ritual used in Scotland and Ireland the one best adapted for us, it appearing to be the original degree from which that of the 'Red Cross' of the United States is taken; in the latter there seem to be

a few inconsistencies, and it has been altered from the original (although not in essentials) to suit their own peculiar mode of working.

"In Scotland and Ireland, it is not insisted upon as a pass to the Templar, Royal Arch Masons being alone eligible; why it should have been in any way mixed up with the Order of the Temple is difficult to explain, as the Degree is only a combination of the Royal Arch, commemorating the dangers encountered by the Jews in building the second Temple, and being of Jewish and Persian origin, has no connection whatever with the Christian Order of Knight Templar. The only Order known in Palestine during the time of the Crusades, by the name of 'Red Cross Knight' was that of 'Templar,' therefore to call the Degree of Knights of the Sword, East, and East and West, Red Cross Knights is evidently incorrect. I do not consider that it is at all requisite, but as our neighboring Grand Encampments insist upon it being the preliminary step and pass to their Templar Order, it will be proper to confer it, or, at least as much as may be found necessary to ensure the admission without difficulty of Canadian Templars into their Encampments."

This plan was evidently followed out for the degrees or points of Knight of the Sword, East, and East and West were conferred upon those present who had not previously received them.

(Continued in May)



To place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to "Knight Voices," The Grand Recorder, Suite 1700, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604. Items submitted to Knight Templar that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free of charge. All other items should be accompanied by a \$5.00 remittance made payable to the Grand Encampment. Submissions of over six lines in length will be subject to editing.

Found in Champaign, Ill., one Malta jewel and one membership jewel, both of DeSoto Commandery No. 49, Plattsburgh, N.Y. To recover contact R. A. Be/don, Rec. Urbana Commandery No. 16, 14 BelAire Court, Champaign, IL 61820

For sale: chapeau, good condition w/adjustable headband, and Commandery uniform, size 46 regular. V. G. Von Talge, R.R. 2, Box 194, Manchester, MA 52057

Wanted: Knight Templar sword w/scabbard and belt, in good condition. Tyler Haynes, R.R. 2, Box 115, Price's Dr., Cresco, PA 18326, (717) 595-3333

Wanted in good condition: gold Knight Templar sword w/scabbard short, Mark A. Cooper, 88 Allen St., Lockport, NY 14094, (716) 433-8932

Wanted: large Master's chair for our East in Blue Lodge; also, Knight Templar chapeau, size 7-5/8", and one Knight Templar coat, size 56 long. Mar/and G. Ward, 49047 Hamilton Rd., East Palestine, OH 44413, (216) 4572358

Have most issues of Knight Templar from 1971-1989. Would be glad to send to anyone interested free of charge - no longer needed due to death of husband. Cleo Ward, Rt. 1, Box 3C, Drew, MS 38737

For sale: Shrine ring w/zircon stone, \$600.00. R. Johnson, Rt. 71, Box 1283, Camdenton, MO 65020, (314) 374-9303

Wanted: Shrine or Commandery glasses or mugs. Jerry Bigelow, Box 245, Boca Raton, FL 33429, (407) 392-9907

For sale: Seth Thomas scroll clock w/reverse painted emblem, dated 1865. Also, 5 sets of The Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, published from 1906 to 1925, in fine condition. Inquire Michael A. Harsh, 2168 Granville Rd., Mt. Vernon, OH 43050, (614) 892-3356

For sale: leather billfolds w/lace. Masonic emblem w/your initials or other Masonic emblems. \$35.00 includes tax and shipping. Made by a Mason for Masons. James McMillin, Rt. 3, Box 22, Watertown, TN 37184 (615) 286-2306

Wanted: Masonic prayers. Compiling an anthology. When published, all profits will be sent to Masonic philanthropies. Please specify use for each prayer, ie., Blue Lodge, Commandery, holiday, funeral, etc. If you don't have one, write one. All authors and/or submitters will be credited. Frank G. Fusco, KT P.O. Box 130, Mountain Home, AR 72653

For sale: Masonic collectibles: lapel pins of all bodies, medals, badges, ribbons, 9" Commandery plates (perfect condition), chapter pennies and shekels, old Shrine and Grotto fezzes, photo of Pres. Harding at White with SKs, etc. Send SASE for listing and prices to Robert E. Ferguson, 1084 E. Church St., Marion, OH 43302, (614) 389-2026

Wanted: Source to get appliqué/stickers showing (a) pomegranates, (b) lilies (have network Ok) for rural Blue Lodge columns (2) at Ashmore No. 102, F. & AM., Sopchoppy, FL. None in hardware stores here. George Lundrigan, 609 Terrace St., Tallahassee, FL 32308, (904) 222-2251

Looking for Chris Sullivan, brother of Thomas B. (Barney) Sullivan, last known to be in Willows, Calif. Annabel Miller, 20142 Olmstead Rd., N. E, Aurora, OR 97002

5th Reunion: USS Amsterdam (CL-101), Sept. 7-9, 1990, Hickory, N.C. Contact Paul Hagerty, Chrm., 87 Archer St., Granite Falls, NC 28630, (704) 396-4697

Seeking info about Fred G. Fraser, b. Australia, immigrated to Montreal, Quebec, Canada, from Australia or by way of London, UK; settling in Roanoke in 1880s; m. Minnie E.; lived at 302 Wasena Ave.; raised 3 sons; believed KT with Bayard Commandery No. 15, Roanoke. Write for more into. David G. Fraser, Jr., 205 Sundown Tr., Jackson, MS 39212

Navy Acorn Forty-Five, personnel WWII: Join our muster list of 20 for possible reunion. We have shipmates from communications, air ops, electrical, radar, supply. Martin H. Walton, 306 S. Madison St., Bloomfield, IA 525371811, (515) 664-2999

Seeking info on Giddy Pitts, b. 1787, Chatham Co., NC.; children: Carroll, Alvis; m. Marcy C. Gregory, 3-2-1841, Robertson Co., Tenn. Nicy, Andromica; Wife Betsy Kelton. Lived Logan Co, Ky. 1834. Leo H. Pitts, Hermitage, MO 65668

Seeking genealogical info on 9-grand parents: John Herring, b. 2-3-1784, and wife Mary Foreman, b. 2-6-1791. Parents of 12, including my grandfather, Thomas Franklin (912-1833, in S.C.; d. 2-4-1881 in Overton, Tex.) G. F A., Pasadena Lodge No. 1155, A.F & AM.; P.O. Box 6389, Pasadena, TX 77506

Second annual reunion of Old Amarillo Air Force Base, May 18-19. Reception and registration, Harvey Hotel, 3100 1-40 West Amarillo. Call Joe Crawford at (806) 376-7524

Would appreciate hearing from anyone who served aboard USS Comet (AP-166). Contact L. A. Smith, 13202 Potter Rd., Amesville, OH 45711, (614) 448-6478

Wanted: old fishing lures and reels for my personal collection. Call or write for prices offered. Larry Ross, 1410 Grand Ave., Carthage, MO 64836, (417) 358-5116

Looking for old friend, Clinton Russell Smith, M.D. Last known address: Hollis, LI,

New York. Bing Carter, 6310 Simmons Dr., Boulder, CO 80303, (303) 494-3663

I would like to hear from any shipmates who served in the 2nd Div. aboard the USS Texas from 1943 to Dec. 1945. Charles Blevins, 233 Woodbine SE., Warren, OH 44483

For sale: Villa West mobile home, 57'x24' plus 2 sheds; new kitchen and carpets; 3 ton A/C. Very nice adult park, near San Diego, Calif. Robert Harriman, (619) 448-6157

Seeking info on Samuel Harper (b. Georgia, 3-15-1800; d. 7-26-1882); m. Mary A.-9 children; pastor Hopewell Baptist Church, Union Co., Ark; 1850 1st pastor Shiloh Baptist Church, La; 1865 member Rapides Lodge No. 158; 1867 Treasurer Sam Todd Lodge, No. 182. John Harper, 9766 Lee Hwy. Fairfax, VA 22031, fax (703) 352-1528

Reunion: 80th General Hospital, WWII; Raleigh, NC., Oct. 1990. George Allred, Box 235, Bonlee, NC 27213, (919) 837-5883

Would like to hear from anyone who could give me info on one of the 1st Masonic Lodges, Solomons Lodge No. 1, F. & AM., Sommerville, N. J., organized in barn of Christian Eoff in 1760s. Also want info on Jacob Eoff, who gave land in 1762 to build Zion Lutheran Church. Evelyn Williams, 3122 W. Via San Teresa, Tucson, AZ 85746

Reunion: USS L.S.T No. 171, Ramada Convention Center, Oct. 25-28, 1990, Hagerstown, Md. Huber Bock, Jr., 1751 Preston Rd, Hagerstown, MD 21740, (301) 739-8462

3rd reunion: USS Sierra (AD-18), Oct. 3-5, Charleston, S.C. - includes all years, WWII to present shipmates. Leo Bishop, P.O. Box 300, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327, (717) 424-5891

Reunion of the 24th Inf. Div., 5th RCT, Sept. 27-30, 1990., Buffalo, N.Y. Wally Kuhner, 1637 Falmouth St., Charleston, SC 29407, (803) 766-8890

BAD #1 (Buryonwood) will have a reunion in Chester, England, May 15-20, 1990. All interested in going or joining organization contact Tom Conley, 2946 Savannah Ct., Waco, TX 76710

And lo, I am with you always
even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:20