

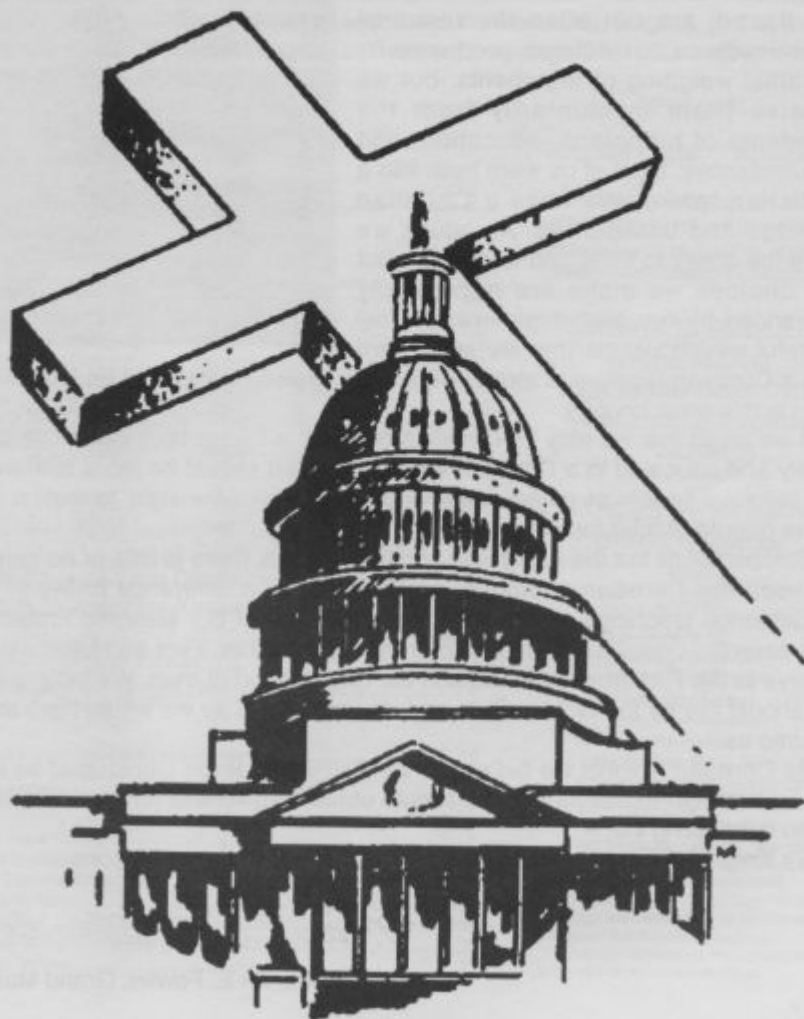


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Your Christian Heritage

As members of this great Christian branch of the Masonic Fraternity, I wonder how many of you feel that you are Christians by choice rather than by chance. Our particular religious belief, beyond the great cardinal truths on which our religions are based, are not often the result of experience or convictions produced by impartial weighing of arguments, but we receive them involuntarily from the accidents of birthplace, education, and circumstances. Most of us were born into a Christian family. We have a Christian heritage and background. As adults we have the ability to think and to choose. But the choices we make are necessarily influenced by our past experiences. How grateful we should be that we were born into a Christian family and atmosphere. How grateful we should be if we were born in this great country.

If we admit that we may be Christian because we were born into a Christian family and educated in a Christian atmosphere, we should be more

tolerant of the religious beliefs of others, reserving to ourselves the right to expect this same degree of tolerance in return.

Stripped of all but the essentials and basic truths, there is little or no conflict between our Christian churches. And there is little difference between the

fundamental teachings of our churches and those of our Masonic Fraternity. The essential principles of each is common to the other. First and foremost we believe in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. We believe that we should live by the Golden Rule and do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

As Christian Knights we believe in the Divinity of Jesus Christ: that he was the Father's gift to mankind that it should obtain forgiveness for its sins and be given everlasting life.

Sir Knights, be ever grateful for your heritage as Christian Masons.



Marvin E. Fowler, Grand Master

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

APRIL: It is time once again to remember the essence of our existence as Knights Templar; the wonder, the glory, and the eternal meaning of the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Great Captain of Our Salvation. "How Secure the Stone?", the inspiring message of the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir, was delivered at the Gist Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, just a few miles from our nation's capital, and appears on page 5 for your enjoyment.

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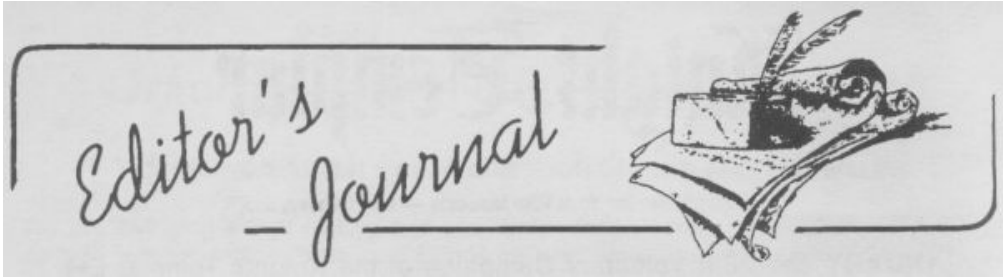
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Amendment Deadline: Deadline for submission of amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is May 17, 1991. Notice of Conclave will be issued June 17.

According to Section 85 of the Constitution, "a written copy of the motion . . . to revise, amend or alter (the Constitution and Statutes) shall be filed with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment at least three months before the day on which the Triennial Conclave is to be held at which such motion is to be considered, and copy thereof shall be inserted into the Notice of Conclave and presented by the Grand Recorder to the Grand Encampment for consideration

The 58th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will be held August 17-21, 1991.

Around the Corner Poet: Sir Knight Grady B. Brown of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Louisville, Kentucky, called our office to let us know that he is the author of the poem that appeared on the back cover of the March issue of *Knight Templar*. Sir Knight Brown resides at 2903 Cannons Lane, Louisville, KY 40205.

Errata: The state listed in the February issue for Grand Master's Club member No. 1,606, Otto Borchert, should have been Wisconsin.

Born In Blood: The exciting book by John J. Robinson about the Lost Secrets

of Freemasonry and their relationship to the Knights Templar is now available from the Grand Encampment at the price of \$16.00.

Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1700, Chicago 60604-2293.

In Search of Authors: *Knight Templar Magazine* is again on the lookout for authors who feel that their pens are mightier - or at least as mighty - as their swords.

Biographies of Masons who have distinguished themselves in their chosen careers or by their life achievements are most welcome, as are colorful episodes from history involving contributions by Masons to their country, their Fraternity, and their times.

We especially welcome stories about contemporary, living members of the Craft whose lives reflect our fraternal tenets; and those articles that enrich the Masonic knowledge of our readers, stimulate their understanding and appreciation of the gift of our fraternal heritage for the present and for the future, and lead them toward greater participation in our work.

Supplement Editors: Scotch tape must not be used when submitting photographs, because the photos are prone to tearing when the tape is removed. Otherwise, thanks for your good work, and see you at the Triennial.

How Secure the Stone?

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

The Reverend and Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir presented "How Secure the Stone?" at the 61st Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 31, 1991.

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 were unable to attend the 1991 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 High Priest of the Grand Chapter and is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland



It seems that man has spent much of his life building barriers between God and himself. This is not just a modern propensity. In ancient Greece, the great, fundamental sin was pride. To the Greeks, pride was not just an inflated opinion of oneself, but the idea that we were smarter than God, that we could outwit God, that we could create a set of circumstances as a consequence of which, God would be powerless to do what was right or what he intended to do. Socrates argued that god" was not the sum of the larger than life personalities that were thought to inhabit Mount Olympus, but the expression of those physical and ethical principles that govern the universe and every human life. How, the Greeks seemed to ask, can we build barriers against the very fabric of life itself?

Not all barriers are evil. An example of a simple barrier we have devised, for the good of humanity, is the motorcycle helmet. Anyone who has ever ridden a motorcycle knows that there is virtually nothing between the rider and danger. No seat belts are provided since it might be just as important to leave the motorcycle behind as to stay on it.

In early 1959, it was obvious that I would not finish my dissertation unless I went back to Scotland and searched for traces of the seventeenth century church in places such as the museum in Fort William, the collection of sermons at Mossgiel Farm, the church library in Dunkeld, the manse at Fenwick, and many other places. The only affordable method of transportation was a motorcycle. I bought one cheaply at

Alexander's in downtown Edinburgh. A mechanic took me out on a quiet street (Castle Terrace). I learned how to ride it on the first lesson. It took me three or four to learn how to stop it. Then off I went to the top of the hill, where it stalled. I could not get it started, no matter how hard I kicked the starter. The arrival of a friendly policeman reminded me that not only did I not know how to operate the motorbike, but that I had no driver's license with me. When he came up to speak, I was terrified. He said, "Why don't you roll it down the hill?" I was mounted and away before he had time to ask any further

"Those who sealed the stone and set the watch wasted their time. No barrier we can erect can hold back Almighty God."

questions. The first weekend I ventured out of the city on my newly-purchased motorcycle, from Edinburgh to St. Andrews, one wet and cold March, there were four motorcyclists killed in Scotland, a country whose total population is about the same as Metropolitan Washington. Three were not wearing helmets. Some barriers, like the motorcycle helmet, are made for our protection, and their use is beneficial and well-advised.

Human beings in our time have been successful in building some great barriers. Doctors Salk and Sabin successfully built a barrier against poliomyelitis. The possibility that polio can be wiped out in our lifetime is rapidly progressing from dream to reality. Rotary International, today, is involved in a campaign to inoculate every child in every remote and poverty-stricken country on the face of the earth. An original completion date was set for the year 2005. Now doctors say, why wait? Why wait for the money and the volunteers? Why limit the task to polio? Instead, plans have been made to raise the necessary funds in the immediate future, to

get enough volunteers to finish the job years ahead of schedule, and to add other childhood diseases to the list. By the grace of God and with a great effort, human beings will build a barrier to separate us from polio. Public health officials do their best daily to keep the barriers against other threats to good health in good repair. Our own Knights Templar Eye Foundation, of which we are so proud, through research for prevention and treatment for individuals, has built and is building barriers against blindness. Our Educational Foundation builds barriers against ignorance. Our Holy Land Pilgrimage build barriers against a feeling of remoteness in Christian experience. All these barriers make life more livable and enjoyable.

On Good Friday, barriers were built. A mammoth stone was placed against the opening of the tomb where the body of Christ was placed. This meant that it was then physically impossible for a man pushing from within the tomb to make an escape. Jesus had been nailed to a cross, pierced with a spear and died, but just in case these measures were not effective, just in case there was some spark of life left, a barrier had been placed to keep the body in place. There was, in addition, the more realistic threat that the disciples could come back, roll away the stone, and steal the body. Thereafter, they could make the wildest claims they could imagine. A guard, therefore, was posted to provide a barrier of armed force against any further effort from outside the tomb to thwart the will of the politically powerful.

The trouble was that these men built the wrong kind of barrier. They built the kind of barriers that would stump you and me, but they failed to reckon with God. How big a barrier can we build between God and ourselves? How big a barrier can we build between God and His creation, between God and His Will? If we consider only the physical resources, without venturing into the spiritual realm, we need only to look at the island of

Krakatoa. In 1883, the volcano around which the island was formed blew up. Its tidal waves wrought destruction hundreds of miles away; the sun was darkened across North America, Europe, and Asia; and the island simply disappeared. Who could build a barrier to protect against such natural power?

Less dramatic is the simple passage of time. Each day, we get older - or better - depending on the point of view. We may curse or enjoy the passage of time, we may wish we were older or younger, but no one has been able to build a barrier against the advance of time.

Those who sealed the stone and set the watch wasted their time. No barrier we can erect can hold back Almighty God. When God told Moses, "I am that I am," all Moses' questions were swept away by a reality too overwhelming to admit quibbling. Scholars suggest that the unbridled power of the summer storm led the early Hebrews to think of a God whose power could not be confined or corrupted. Our knowledge of God and our faith in God have grown steadily from this simple experience of the overwhelming. The history of mankind demonstrates that our great advances both collectively and individually occur when we realize that there is no barrier between ourselves and God. We can work with God. We cannot work against Him.

In seminary, professors of New Testament and homiletics warn about blaming everything on the Pharisees. Let us confront our own destiny and not project our shortcomings onto the Romans. It is true that on Good Friday the wrong kind of barriers were built against the wrong kind of person. If the Spirit of God could have been penned up like a herd of sheep, if the body of Jesus Christ could have been held down by sheer force, then might would make right and God would be pressed into service as the slave of whoever is most powerful at any given time.

Instead, we gather here to thank God that Good Friday and the Cross are not the completion of our struggle, but simply the throwing down of the gauntlet to brute force, to injustice, to mindless prejudice, to pious sham, to cruelty, and to death itself. As empires, both political and personal come and go, we see the ultimate value of life in partnership with God. In Easter we see Christ risen and final victory given not to the most brutal or the most cynical, but to Him who came to bear our sins and to give His life that we might have life more fully. Today, as we face each other and God, is the stone unbudged? Is the guard posted and alert, and by what earthly authority? What barriers of mind and will, of heart and hand, will separate us from God today?

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" St. Paul wrote. "Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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58th Triennial Of The Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U.S.A. August 17-21, 1991

Now is the time for the Sir Knights and their ladies to make up their minds and decide if they will attend the Triennial. Each voting member will receive from our Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment copies of the reservation form and corrected registration forms. Please use these forms and send them in as soon as possible. The cut off time for ads in the program book has been extended to May 1. Please get your ads in before the deadline.

Sight Seeing Tours Available During the 58th Triennial

The following tour opportunities have been made available to the Sir Knights and their ladies during the 58th Triennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. All tours depart from the Sheraton Washington Hotel.

August 18 Overview of Washington Departs 9 a.m. Returns 3 p.m. Cost \$28.00
Visit U.S. Capitol, Kennedy Center, Arlington National Cemetery, and view the Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials, the Supreme Court Building, the Art Galleries, Ford's Theatre, Library of Congress, and many other historic buildings.

August 18 Monuments By Night Departs 8 D.M. Returns 11 D.M. Cost \$20.00
Viewing the nation's national monuments flooded in lights. A tour through the Library of Congress, Hall of Nations, and Hall of States.

August 20 Mt. Vernon and Alexandria Departs 9 a.m. Returns 3 p.m. Cost \$32.00
Visit George Washington's Plantation Home, Christ Church, and view many historic sights in Alexandria.

August 20 Interior of Public Buildings Departs 9 am. Returns 1 p.m. Cost \$20.00
Visit Ford's Theatre, Old Post Office, Peterson House, Lincoln Museum of American History. View many historic buildings during your travels.

August 20 Interior of Public Buildings Departs 1 p.m. Returns 5 p.m. Cost \$20.00
Same tour as listed above, but held in the afternoon.

August 20 Shopping in Washington Departs 9 a.m. Returns 5 p.m. Cost \$21.00
From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Pavilion at the Old Post Office; from noon to 2 p.m., at Georgetown Park; from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Union Station.

August 22 Atlantic City. New Jersey Departs 6:30 am. Returns 10:30 p.m. \$27.00

Tour reservations can be made by sending the amount required to The Convention Store, 1717 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Suite 707 A, Washington, D.C. 20036. Deadline: July 31. All tours must have 35 people. For more information, contact William G. Gulley, Grand Recorder of Maryland, 486 Williamsburg Lane, Odenton, MD 21113, (301) 674-7255.

Pierre Chouteau, Jr.

by Sir Knight Robert C. Barnard

Pierre Chouteau, Jr., was born in 1789 with the inherent abilities of his ancestors, well able to assume the Chouteau leadership in St. Louis and in the Western fur trade. From its founding, the city of St. Louis had fortuitous Chouteau leadership. It was in 1763 that Pierre Laclède, French merchant trader from New Orleans, chose his young stepson, Auguste Chouteau, to captain one of his heavily loaded boats of trade goods up the Mississippi River. Auguste was only thirteen years old, but much more capable than most boys of his age. His responsibility was one craft of a flotilla carrying supplies from New Orleans to the Illinois Country. If Auguste needed advice, Pierre was in the lead boat.

By the end of that year, Laclède had chosen a site on the west side of the Mississippi to establish a trading post and told young Auguste that it would be up to him to return in the early spring and oversee the construction work on the beginning of the trading village, which Laclède said "might become, hereafter, one of the finest cities of America." He was right, as any of the present citizens of St. Louis will tell you.

That spring, the fourteen-year-old Auguste assumed command of thirty construction workers and built a large company



warehouse and cabins for the employees. The new settlement was named St. Louis in honor of the kind, just French king, Louis IX. From this modest beginning came the vast Chouteau empire.

Auguste was competent in every field. He was an excellent bourgeois or manager of groups of trappers, and he was a prime negotiator for furs with the Indian tribes. Successful likewise in love, he married Marie Therese Cerre, who ably took her place at the zenith of St.



Auguste Chouteau as an adult.

Louis society, a position shared by Marie Bourgeois Chouteau, Auguste's mother. Not long after Auguste brought her up from New Orleans, her kind deeds and winning ways caused her to be called the "Mother of St. Louis."

Auguste and Marie Cerre's son, Jean Pierre, was also precocious, and he was also taught when young to deal with trappers and Indians in the fur trade. By this time, St. Louis had grown larger, but the Chouteaus remained at the center of the city scene. This larger metropolis noted that young Jean Pierre, while still a young man, was able to obtain exclusive right to handle fur trading with the Osage Indian Tribe.

Existing trading records show that in the late 1700's, the Osage traded between fifty and sixty tons of furs per year. Since two or three hundred per cent profit was customary for the fur company, it is no wonder that the Chouteau St. Louis warehouses became more extensive with each fur season.

St. Louis was still growing and becoming much more complex; it was a "jumping off"

place for pioneers moving West and also a manufacturing city. It still remained the headquarters for the fur trade in western North America, however.

The Chouteaus faced stiff competition from Manuel Lisa of the Missouri Fur Company, General William Ashley of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company, and John Jacob Astor of the American Fur Company. Yet, through all the years of competition and stress, the Chouteau company prospered and the family was richly rewarded for their original investments.

Jean Pierre also married well; the heiress, Pelagie Kiersereau, and soon four children were available to help in the family business. Of them all, Pierre, Jr., cadet of the family, seemed to take to work like a duck to water. When Pierre was born in 1789, the fledgling United States was just trying its wings, but the Chouteau fortune was well established in St. Louis.

During his young apprenticeship, Pierre, Jr., supervised the family trade with the Osage Indians as the agent for his father. He was later sent to run the family's lead mines on the upper Mississippi, returning to St. Louis only when Indians in the War of 1812 attacked the mines.

In the beginning of maturity, he became a successful merchant capitalist in partnership with a wealthy friend, Bartholomew Berthold. He sometimes went to big cities in the East to act for the family business.

On one such trip in 1808, it was necessary to remain in Philadelphia for several months and Pierre was Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at the age of nineteen, proof positive that it was not necessary to reach the age of twenty-one in those days. The same year, he was one of the organizers of St. Louis Lodge No. 111 in St. Louis

Pierre also found time in his young maturity to serve as captain of a

volunteer militia company. For a brief period, he was also an associate judge of the St. Louis Court of Common Pleas.

In 1820, when Missouri became a state, the Chouteaus were among the most politically powerful families. Pierre was a delegate to the Missouri Constitutional Convention on March 6, 1820, and returned to St. Louis to illuminate the city as a sign of celebration. The famous Thomas Hart Benton could only be sure of his election as U.S. Senator after he obtained the backing of the Chouteau family. As often happens, wealth and power ran together.

It was impossible for the Chouteaus to obtain a monopoly of the Rocky Mountain fur trade until Pierre had assumed full leadership in all of the family endeavors. This finally occurred when John Jacob Astor withdrew from the American Fur Company, selling all of its assets to Pierre Chouteau, Jr., for \$250,000.00. The transaction furnished immense strength to eliminate weaker companies from 1834 on.

Pierre changed the company name to his own (Pierre Chouteau, Jr., and Company) and by 1838 had completed the domination of the upper Missouri fur trade. He continued to predominate for twenty years.

Using available capital, Pierre branched out in many other fields of endeavor. He was a large stockholder in the Iron Mountain Company Blast Furnace and in business not only in St. Louis, but throughout the United States.

In 1849, a terrible fire began on a steamboat on the St. Louis waterfront and spread to the land, burning a large part of the city. Many small concerns were wiped out, but Pierre was able to rebuild without major difficulty.

Pierre's son Charles was now of an age to manage the family businesses and Pierre retired, perhaps with some relief, because of the American Fur Company, declining in importance. After retirement, Pierre spent



Pierre Chouteau, Jr.

time in New York and became a patron of the arts, but he always returned to St. Louis. He died there in 1865 at the age of seventy-six.

In retrospect, Pierre Chouteau, Jr.'s home life seems to reflect a man of great gentility with his family and friends in St. Louis society. Never forgetting that his grandfather, Auguste, helped found the city, Pierre acted the premier St. Louis patron with pride.

This gracious, courteous life of St. Louis could not be matched in the business practices of fur trading in the wild, lawless wilderness of the West. For instance, American Fur Company employees were said to use illegal whiskey as a major trading staple with the Indians. This practice seemed to extend to most successful traders with Indians in the wild regions. Some historians have argued that no trader could compete with the leaders unless whiskey was traded at times, and this may be true. The question then becomes one of personal conscience and morality.

government Indian agents; whether this was done on their own or on instructions from their employers cannot be determined. It must be remembered, however, that successful fur trading in the Western wilderness was a rough, dog-eat-dog business. Many of the methods used there cannot be condoned in a moral society. The same may be said of many activities in our own time, of course.

By 1865, beaver hats were out of style and every wealthy man wore a silk hat; also, beaver were much harder to find and trap in quantity and other furs would not bring the high prices necessary to reap a substantial profit. This combination of circumstances cut deeply into the fur trade and made the closing of the American Fur Company and other major fur outlets inevitable.

The big fur business in St. Louis vanished, giving place to countless other endeavors that made the city both prosperous and famous. The process still goes on in the wonderful city of St. Louis today. The Chouteaus built it well.

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Allied Masonic Degree Weekend

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Past Department Commander

There was a change in the schedule of events this year for the Allied Masonic Degree weekend. The event opened on Thursday afternoon, February 21, 1991, with the Rosicrucian Society meetings; Supreme Magus College, SRICF, presided over by Herbert A. Fisher, P.G.C., Secretary/Treasurer, and High Council, SRICF, presided over by Dr. William G. Peacher, IX°, Supreme Magus. Maryland College, under the direction of R.W. S. Flory Diehl, IX°, conferred the IV°, and also the VIII°. Exemplar for the VIII° was M.E.P.G.M. Donald H. Smith, of Kentucky College.

Later that evening the Order of the Cork was conferred at its 65th Annual Cellar with Thomas E. Weir, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, P.G.C., as Worshipful Grand Primo. Also later that evening, Sir Knight Herbert A. Fisher, P.G.C., was elected Great Prior of Chevaliers Bienfaisants de la Cite Sainte.

Friday morning began the real work of the weekend with the 60th Annual Convocation of Grand College of Rites, under the leadership of M.I. S. Flory Diehl, Grand Chancellor. Legislation of importance was raising the dues and fees \$10.00. There were 39 candidates obligated, making a total of 63 new members received during the year. M.I. Thurman C. Pace, P.D.C., New Jersey, was advanced to Grand Chancellor, and Ill. William Schone, N.J., was appointed at the bottom of the line as Seneschal.

Great Chief's Council was next, presided over by V.E. Chief James H. Shaw. Eight new members were installed, and three courtesy members from Maryland and two from California. The new Excellent Chief,

appointed later by Grand Council, is Robert L. Tomlinson, Jr.

The 25th Annual Meeting of Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., was opened by M.E. Great Chief, Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C. Elected new Great Chief was Howard R. Caldwell. Edmund J. Outhouse, Grand Sentinel, was absent due to illness, and had requested that he be allowed to resign his office for that reason. Donald H. Smith, M.E.P.G.M., was appointed Steward in his stead. The station of Sentinel was not filled at this time, as Knight Outhouse requested someone from his Council be appointed in his place. Outhouse was elected an Honorary Past Great Chief.

Following lunch, V.E. Richard A. Scarlott, Preceptor, convened Grand Preceptors Tabernacle, KTP. Seven transfers were received, and one courtesy candidate was Ordained. K.P. Scarlott was re-elected for another term as Preceptor.

The 59th Ingathering of Grand College, HRAKTP, was called to order by K.P. Ned E. Dull, M.E.P.G.M., Grand Preceptor. The jurisprudence committee stated that it was not necessary for constituent tabernacles to have Grand College approval to increase dues or fees.

After heated discussion and defeat of a motion to amend, a tabled resolution from 1990 was passed to increase the per capita fee from \$1.50 to \$3.00, or double the current fee. Donald H. Smith, M.E.P.G.M., was elected and installed M.E. Grand Preceptor, and William J. Jones, P.D.C., was appointed Grand Outer Guard.

The Society of Blue Friars was then opened by the new Grand Abbott, Wallace McLeod of Canada. M.I.

Wendell K. Walker, who was Grand Abbott and was to have presided, passed away just a month ago and, according to procedure, M.I. McLeod became Grand Abbott. Although no new Blue Friar was elected to replace Brother Walker at this session, the newest Blue Friar, previously selected and present to read his paper, was Keith Arrington. Arrington is the well-known director and founder of the Iowa Masonic Library. His paper was about a New Era of Freemasonry: 1931; and entailed the many accomplishments of some of the outstanding Masons of that time, notably William Mosely Brown and J. Ray Shute, II. It was quite interesting to hear him quote Shute (who was the author of most of the bodies that now meet in Washington on this weekend) who had remarked that, if he had his way, the only Masonic body would be the Symbolic Lodge. Allen Roberts was advanced to Deputy Grand Abbott.

The annual meeting and Feast of the Philaethes Society was next. The speaker was the Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in Arkansas, M.W. Howard L. Wood. John Mauk Hilliard is president of the society.

The 69th Annual Assembly of the Masonic Order of the Bath was then held. New formats for both the Bath and the Cork were used this year.

Saturday morning Grand Master's Council convened with Von. George H. Hohenschildt, S. M., presiding. Twelve new candidates were obligated. The Memorial was given by the Chaplain, Charles R. Neumann, P.G.C., Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment. Marvin E. Fowler, Most Eminent Grand Master, was given a certificate as a 50- year member. C. Clark Julius, long-time Secretary, resigned and gave a report on his years of service. He was later appointed as Tyler, and will now have an opportunity to become a Past Sovereign Master. All Past Sovereigns present were presented with a beautiful jewel on a green ribbon, having never

received any kind of jewel upon leaving office. Richard E. Noel was elected Sovereign Master and Andrew J. Eubanks was elected Secretary in place of Julius. It was moved and passed to bestow the Order of the Red Branch of Eri on Von. Eubanks.

Grand Council, A.M.D., then opened for its 59th Annual Communication with Sovereign Grand Master Allen Roberts presiding. There were 212 registered. Nine charters were presented to new Councils, and four U.D.s were held over, due to becoming U.D.s only a few months preceding. One of the new Councils was in Texas, the first ever there. An important proposal was soundly defeated, which would have removed the Royal Arch Degree as a prerequisite for membership. Edward S. Cummins was elected S.G.M., and he appointed Richard Duplasea Grand Tyler. Both are from Maine.

Speaker at the banquet was Wallace McLeod from Canada, first vice president of the Philaethes Society, who gave an excellent presentation. He pointed out the many ways, over the centuries, that Freemasonry was first to combat discrimination, and the many ways in which it has provided leadership throughout the world.

The Council of the Nine Muses met Saturday afternoon, following the first session of Grand Council, A.M.D. Clarence K. Jones, P.G.C., presided. Herbert A. Fisher, P.G.C., read a paper which was a biography of the late Wendell K. Walker of New York. Fisher became the Sovereign Master, although he remains as permanent secretary.

Installed Masters Council followed, and all Sovereign Masters and Past Sovereigns who had not already been so installed were obligated by Ven. James N. Homer, S.M.

Sunday morning concluded the weekend with the annual breakfast of Convent General, KYCH; Most Eminent M.C. Lewis, G.M. General, presiding. He

introduced the Past Grand Masters General and the present grand officers. Also, the 1 to 4 Quadrants, or "Stars" as they are referred to. Lewis also reminded the Knights of the annual Conclave in Hot Springs next September.

This marked the end of a long but very fine weekend meeting of Masonic scholars and leaders. Next year the meetings will be held at the Washington Hotel as usual, on the dates of February 13-15, 1992.; no meetings on Sunday.

Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke is a Past East Central Department Commander, Past Grand Commander of Kentucky, a member of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Louisville, Kentucky, and resides at 2538 Saratoga Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40205

A Capsule Report...

Conference Of Grand Secretaries In North America

The Conference of Grand Secretaries of Masons in North America was held on February 18-19 in San Diego, California. The Town and Country Convention Center served as the headquarters hotel of the conference. Conference president Thomas W. Jackson called the conference to order at 8:30 am. on February 18. Following the usual formalities, the Grand Secretaries broke off into five separate groups and participated in the following situation topics:

- 1) Membership Transfers
- 2) Prince Hall - Dispelling Myths
- 3) Public Relations (Including Use of Video)
- 4) Fund-Raising
- 5) Training and Education of Lodge Secretaries

After each conference attendee had participated in each of the five

discussions, they regrouped and heard summaries prepared by the topic moderators.

The Monday evening Grand Secretaries' Banquet was held in the Presidio Ballroom with over 650 attending. Brother Ernest Borgnine, 33^o, was the speaker.

The 1991-92 conference president is John P. Stokes, Grand Secretary of Virginia; and Oregon's Grand Secretary, James M. Shillingburg, was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the conference.

The 1992 conference will be held February 16-18 in the Washington, D.C., area.

Tom Eggleston
Grand Secretary
Iowa

To Mr. G. Wilbur Bell:

This letter goes to you and any other person who might have had a part in helping me in my critical time of need. I am only twenty-six years old and in excellent health.

This past December, Dr. Scott Lampert discovered a detached retina in my left eye. You can imagine what a shock it was when I realized I was in danger of losing some of my sight. I'm a student on occasion, but work a full-time job, and still, I am uninsured. However, thanks to you and a few professionals, the surgery took place on January 4, successful and painless. Though I have gained a few blind spots, I feel extremely lucky to have the sight that I do. I have since returned to work and am feeling great.

I am eternally grateful to you and your group for your humanitarian efforts. My belief is that life is what you put into it, and giving and caring for your fellow person is, without question, a smart investment. It's also contagious.

Sincerely Seeing,
Sara D. Smyrl

Grandmasters Conference 1991

by David L. Dresser

Executive Secretary/Treasurer - Past Grand Master of Ohio

The 62nd Annual Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held February 17-19 in San Diego, California. The conference theme was 'Be Positive - Catch The Wave.'

The conference began with the annual meeting of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Foundation on Sunday morning. Get acquainted luncheons were held for all Grand Masters and their wives, Deputy Grand Masters and their wives, and Grand Wardens and their wives. On Sunday afternoon, a workshop was presented on leadership training, followed by the annual non-denominational vesper service. A most inspiring message was brought to the attendees by Dr. Robert E. Winterton, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of California.

On Monday morning, the conference was called to order by Most Worshipful Brother Ronald A. Sherod, conference chairman and Grand Master of California. All conference activities were held in the Town and Country Hotel. The invocation was given by the conference chaplain, Most Worshipful Brother Don R. Millar, Grand Master of Alberta, Canada. The flags of the three member countries, (Canada, the Republic of Mexico, and the United States of America) were presented by California representatives of Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay. The pledge of allegiance was led by Most Worshipful Brother Charles A. Brigham, 1st vice president of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The three national anthems were sung by Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth A. Elliott, Grand Master of Oregon. Brief, inspiring messages were received from each of the youth group representatives followed by a warm

welcoming address from the conference chairman. The chairman then read a letter of welcome from the Governor of California, The Honorable Pete Wilson. The response to the welcome messages was delivered by Most Worshipful Brother Lowell Wagoner, Grand Master of Iowa. The conference vice chairman, Most Worshipful Brother William G. Roberts (Grand Master of Nevada), then welcomed distinguished representatives of several appendant and affiliated organizations who were in attendance.

A thought-provoking film entitled "Discovering the Future" was presented by Most Worshipful Brother Robert Papas (Grand Master of Minnesota), followed by the keynote address, which was delivered by Most Worshipful Brother Thomas W. Tye, Past Grand Master of Nebraska.

The report of the Conference Committee was given by the Conference Committee chairman, Most Worshipful Brother James N. DeMoss, Grand Master of Nebraska. His committee consisted of Most Worshipful Brothers David A. Porter, Arizona; Lowell Wagoner, Iowa; Fred S. Westwood, Manitoba; William K. McKee, Hawaii; Robert V. Damon, Maine; Wayne E. Turton, Michigan; and Robert F. Papas, Minnesota.

The following slate of officers for the 1992 conference to be held February 16-19, 1992, in Arlington, Virginia, was presented and duly elected: Conference Chairman, John McWilliams Smith, Jr., Maryland; Conference Vice Chairman, Norman E. Byrne, Ontario; Conference Committee, Jerold J. Samet, Chairman, District of Columbia. Other conference committee members: P. Dean Gerber, Ohio; D. Haywood Stuckey, Florida; Harry L. Fry, Idaho; Arnold E. Packer, Manitoba;

Allen D. Large, Oklahoma; John D. Templeton, Tennessee; Lester P. Martin, Jr., North Carolina; and David L. Dresser, Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

Serving on the Time and Place Committee are: Tom Eggleston, Chairman, Iowa; Danny P. Calloway, New Mexico; Jerome P. Vogel, Texas; Ivan D. Rinck, Oregon; Everett A. Snell, Saskatchewan; Harry A. Ohrt, North Dakota; Edward H. Fowler, Jr., Pennsylvania; Brian L. Carley, Vermont; and ex-officio members: Michael J. McLaughlin, Jr., George Washington Masonic National Memorial; Richard E. Fletcher, Masonic Service Association; John Stokes, President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries; and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer David L. Dresser.

The conference re-elected David L. Dresser, Past Grand Master of Ohio, to the office of Exec. Secretary/Treasurer.

Monday morning's activities concluded with a report of the committee to "study and recommend a plan of action for information gleaned from phases 1 and 2 of the Masonic Renewal Task Force." A comprehensive plan of education in the areas of membership management and development, leadership, candidate counseling, public awareness, community service, time management, and charity was unveiled by Dudley Davis (the committee's chairman from the beginning.) The committee is chaired by Most Worshipful Brother Phillip L. Hall, Past Grand Master of New Hampshire. This committee was, by vote of the delegates of this conference, established as a permanent standing committee of this conference. Its title is to be the Masonic Renewal Committee.

Following lunch, the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association was held under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and Executive Secretary of M.S.A.

The annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

followed, chaired by Most Worshipful Brother Charles A. Brigham, Jr., who was elected to the office of president of the memorial. Brother Michael McLaughlin, Executive Secretary, reported on the progress of the memorial and the improvements which have been made since the last meeting.

The conference was honored by an address from Right Worshipful Brother James L. Parker, president of the Masonic Homes Executives' Association of North America. His comments were most enlightening.

Monday evening, the delegates and their wives were guests of the Grand Secretaries at their annual banquet. The entire audience was delighted to hear an address from Brother Ernest Borgnine, who is an active California Mason.

Tuesday morning began with the introduction of those Masons representing our sister jurisdictions; they were welcomed by Most Worshipful Brother William Roberts, conference vice chairman. Leaders were present from Czechoslovakia, France, Iran in Exile, Italy, Japan, Valle De Mexico, and Yugoslavia. The Grand Lodge of Hungary was also represented. Response to the warm welcome was delivered by Most Worshipful Brother Yoshio Washizu, Grand Master of Japan.

The conference was pleased to hear an address from Most Worshipful Brother Edward C. Bieser, the International Grand Master of DeMolay. He told the delegates of the many accomplishments and challenges in DeMolay today.

Most Worshipful Brother Tommy F. Brant, Past Grand Master of South Carolina and chairman of the committee to 'study the establishment of a clearing house for membership, development and enhancement,' reported the committee's findings, which concluded that such a clearing house was indeed feasible and recommended its establishment. However, it was decided to delay further action until the next annual conference so

that details of implementation and financing might be worked out. The committee was also instructed to communicate with the Masonic Renewal Committee and the Masonic Service Association to avoid duplication of services.

Most Worshipful Brother James DeMoss delivered an enlightening paper entitled "Public Awareness and Community Service;" its content left all with many thoughts to consider. During the presentation a discussion was held regarding the successes of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse programs in various jurisdictions.

Tuesday afternoon began with a report of the Fraternal Relations Committee on their activity during the year. Meetings had been held between this committee and the Masonic Relations Committee of the imperial Shrine discussing issues of mutual concern. This committee is to be congratulated for their efforts in the interest of fraternal harmony.

The Committee on Time and Place presented a proposal to hold the conference in Fargo, North Dakota, in 1995. The motion was approved.

A very interesting program entitled "A Comely Program" was presented by Most Worshipful Brother J. E. R. Bingeman, Past Grand Master of Manitoba.

The commission on recognition reported the results of their labors; this session was chaired by the vice chairman of the commission, Most Worshipful Brother William Pellow, Past Grand Master of Ontario. They recommend recognition of the following Grand Lodges: Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Yugoslavia. They announced that a new Grand Lodge has been formed in Brazil, and that Masons in Romania are attempting to reorganize. A new Grand Lodge in Portugal is expected to be constituted sometime during 1991. Right Worshipful Brother Leopold Ottway, Deputy Grand Master of New Jersey, was elected to

serve on this commission to replace the retiring chairman.

There being no further business, the 62nd Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was closed by its chairman. The final activity was the traditional Grand Masters' Banquet and entertainment held on Tuesday evening.

A great measure of the success of this conference is the result of the untiring efforts of Most Worshipful Brother Stanley Channon, Past Grand Master of California and general chairman of the Arrangement Committee. We are most indebted to him and his committee.

David L. Dresser,
Past Grand Master, Ohio
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Faith In America

Once again our county is calling
for the best men in our land.
This time it's for preparedness
for the war in the desert sand.
We are all going to train
as we never did before, to keep
the enemy from knocking at our door.

We will keep our American flag flying,
to remember you with our love.
And support your families
with God's hand from above.
Keep faith in America and remember
the Red, White and Blue.
For we sure love you and will
keep our country true.

Preparedness is the best way
to keep our country strong,
For we know from experience
that this will do no wrong.
We on the home front support you
in your military way.
And may God continue to bless you
Each and every day.

J. Nelson Deakin, Jr.,
P.G.C., West Virginia



George Edward Tremelling
Alabama
Grand Commander-1986
Born August 8, 1915 Died
February 16, 1991

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club

Pennsylvania No. 42-Robert E. Garrett
Maryland No 41-Clifton R. Friel
Maryland No. 42-James Greenwood
Maryland No. 43-Michael Matlick
Maryland No. "-Pratt Vansant
Georgia No. 74-James C. Fetters
Georgia No. 75-Ernest A. Forthman
Georgia No. 76-Charles L. McLarty
Maryland No. 45-Margaret C. Wiram
Pennsylvania No. 43-David T. Culp
Pennsylvania No. 44-Charles A. Garnes
Maryland No. 46-Urban T. Peters
Georgia No. 77-Kevin R. Deverell
Iowa No. 17-Edward T. Johnson
Tennessee No. 41-Thomas Glen Davis
Tennessee No. 42-Charles W. Johnson

Grand Master's Club

No. 1,620-Ben Swaney (PA)
No. 1,621 -Richard E. Strittmater(PA)
No. 1,622-William L. Lane (GA)
No. 1,623-Keith W. Dean (FL)
No. 1,624-Cecil L. Fisher (NC)
No. 1,625-James E. Stevens (MS)
No. 1,626-Karl A. Schuhle (FL)
No. 1,627-Edward L. Makal (WI) by Thomas T.
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No. 1,628-Dean T. Massey (WI) by Thomas T.
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No. 1,629-Virgil M. Re (WI) by Thomas T.
Herek
No. 1,630-George Bush, President, U.S.A., (MD)
by the Reverend Thomas E. Weir
No. 1,631-Warren W. Flagg (OR)
No. 1,632-Emory W. Smith (GA) by St. Aldemar
Commandery No. 3
No. 1,633-George A. Floding (WV)

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-third Voluntary Campaign**

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending March 8, 1991. The total amount contributed to date is \$393,819.93.

Alabama	\$5,663.00
Arizona	3,692.90
Arkansas	1,494.00
California	35,309.32
Colorado	6,872.17
Connecticut	5,610.00
District of Columbia	3,566.00
Florida	12,986.25
Georgia	47,705.09
Idaho	1,739.43
Illinois	11,763.00
Indiana	10,060.55
Iowa	4,301.40
Kansas	4,908.00
Kentucky	6,717.74
Louisiana	5,140.60
Maine	6,707.58
Maryland	8,791.00
Mass./R.I.	6,596.50
Michigan	12,594.00
Minnesota	3,962.23
Mississippi	1,832.00
Missouri	7,106.35
Montana	2,082.60
Nebraska	2,374.00
Nevada	3,646.05
New Hampshire	1,740.00
New Jersey	1,049.75
New Mexico	3,365.50
New York	9,059.80
North Carolina	7,254.31
North Dakota	686.00
Ohio	8,909.57
Oklahoma	1,692.00
Oregon	1,990.00
Pennsylvania	27,173.55
South Carolina	7,787.03
South Dakota	3,222.61
Tennessee	13,519.88
Texas	19,782.72
Utah	4,057.10
Vermont	445.00
Virginia	10,929.00
Washington	2,218.81
West Virginia	3,703.00

Wisconsin	5,974.00
Wyoming	1,960.00
Philippines	290.00
St. John's No. 1	
Wilmington, Delaware	160.00
Porto Rico No. 1	610.00
Heidelberg No. 2	725.00
St. Andrew's No. 2	
Dover, Delaware	210.00
Italy Subordinates	240.00
Trinity, U.D.	210.00
Miscellaneous	31,633.54

Needlepoint Kits Available

Several years ago the Grand Encampment began offering needlepoint kits for sale. These kits include a printed canvas with the Knight Templar emblem in red, white, yellow and black on a white background. Kits are still available and include the printed canvas, needle and yarn (finished size is 10 by 10 inches). The cost of a single kit is \$11.50 postpaid, or \$10.50 each in quantities of three or more. Orders may be sent to Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60604-2293.

Placemats and Napkins Available

Disposable placemats featuring the fourteen Master Masons who became Presidents of the United States and paper napkins depicting the Templar Cross and Crown are available from the Grand Encampment office. Cost for either placemats or napkins is \$7.50 per 125 in intervals of 125 only (i.e., 250, 375, etc.)—no exceptions. Orders may be sent to Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, 14 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60604-2293.



My sword, I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it.

Mr. Valiant-for-Truth
John Bunyan

L'isle Adam - Grand Diplomat

Part II

by Sir Knight W. Duane Kessler

The fate of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem lay squarely in the hands of Lisle Adam. He had established his leadership in the Order's memorable defense of the Island of Rhodes. He further demonstrated his ability as Grand Diplomat as the Order wandered from place to place without a home.

Few people had a larger task, for Europe was in the throes of a troubled state of affairs, with Martin Luther and his followers haunting the security of the Papacy. It was largely due to his ability as a diplomat that the order was saved from total collapse.

However, on a cold January 1, 1553, three ships sailed for the City of Castro, on the Island of Candia. The Grand Master was in the great carrack, Santa Maria, with the two galleys, Santa Giovanni and Santa Caterina, and a baroque, Perla, bringing up the rear. This was a small fleet to represent all those years spent in defending the Island of Rhodes, and their many triumphs on the sea.

The Order was allowed to take their arms, along with personal relics so dear to their religion. This included the Right Hand of John, in all its jeweled reliquary, as well as precious archives of the Order. They were also allowed to take their history accumulated over the centuries, together with relics of the True Cross, the Holy Thorn, the Body of St. Euphemia and the icon of our Lady of Philereinos.

Progress was slow in reaching possible homes. The Knights thought constantly of

their precious city of Rhodes, the Street of Auburges, the view across the strait from which their enemies had come. Also they thought of the pleasant vineyards, the wooded slopes, and the butterfly valleys, which made the landscape a thing of beauty.

Following the disaster at Rhodes, many places were called home temporarily. They went first from the Island of Candia to Viturbo, just north of Rome, Nice, Villa Franca, Syracuse and finally arriving in Messina in April, to water and victual.

During their period of exile, L'isle Adam traveled constantly through the courts of Europe in search of help. Even his diplomatic charm could achieve little in this troubled age. The Renaissance, the New Thought, the questioning of all authority, the struggles of nationalism, were all real enough.

The Order of St. John had asked for peninsulas in Sicily, Sardinia or Corsica. They had even requested the Island of Elba; anywhere they could secure land approaching the home they had just lost.

The rulers of these islands were suspicious of the Knights, however. They thought the Order might turn their avowed obligation to fight only the infidel, and allow their fleet to be used by one European power after another.

Then in 1530, Charles V of Spain was crowned Emperor by Pope Clement at Bologna. Under the Commander's new rule came the Malta archipelago, consisting of the small islands of Gozo and Comma, as well as Malta.

On the west coast, the islands had sterile and infertile harbors, not possessing factors favorable to wine production. However, the island did have honey, cotton and comino, which the inhabitants exchanged for grain.

On the east coast, moreover, it was a different story. This area contained many capes, bays and coves. There were in particular two fine harbors, large enough to accommodate any size fleet. This was the factor which turned the tide, for clean harbors were rare enough in the Mediterranean, and the Knights' business was upon the sea.

Malta became the apple of the Knights' eye. Ambassadors were dispatched to Charles V, seeking permission for the Order to serve as listening posts against the Turks as well as the corsairs from the North African coast, better known as the Moorish Rovers who infested the Mediterranean Sea and Palestine.

Charles V finally agreed upon a small annual fee of one falcon, with the additional provision the Order would

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garrison the town of Tripoli, due south of the islands. This was a left-handed gift, for the town of Tripoli was in the midst of a hostile Muslim state. Since Malta was only 200 miles from this melting pot, it would be a very difficult thing to do and to maintain. It is indicative of the low state of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem (and now Rhodes) had fallen into, to accept such an offer.

In the autumn of 1530, the Knights of St. John sailed south from Sicily, across the Malta channel, headed for their new island home.

Everywhere they looked as they coasted along, past the little isle of Gozo, then past the islet of Comino, then on to the isle itself, they saw only a barren landscape of harsh limestone crags and rocks.

The Knights were amazed at what they saw; a population of 12,000 illiterate and unskilled people, slow in comparison with the quick-witted Rhodian Greeks. The local inhabitants spoke very little French, Spanish or Italian; mostly an Arabian dialect, illustrated as follows: When coming to take possession of the island, the islanders inquired: "Ah Tie Toom, Bis Sah Lahm," meaning "Do you come in peace?" To which the Knights replied: "Ah Tie Nah, Bis Sah Lahm" meaning "We come in peace." The islanders then replied: "Fa Two Bis Sah Lahm," meaning "Then come in peace."

The capital city of Medina, as the natives called it, was well situated but desolate. Only the harbors could console them, particularly the great harbor on the east coast, known as Grand Harbor, was large enough for an immeasurably large fleet which any European Monarch could maintain.

A lot of rebuilding needed to be done to insure a safe harbor, enough to make it defensible. There was a miserable fishing village, known as Birgu (The Borg or Township), and a small dilapidated fort at the head of it. After it was rebuilt, this port of Birgu provided a view of the ships and galleys, and immediately behind them a view of the open sea beyond. This harbor then met their requirements.

The Order decided to settle on a narrow peninsula of land jetting out onto the south side of Grand Harbor. This pleased the Maltese. The Knights had been granted lordship over those whose lives consisted of back-breaking toil under the sun's hot eye. These Maltese did not appreciate those armored men with their airs and graces, their colorful

trappings, their elaborate sailing ships and galleys with their decorative standards.

It was a welcome sight, though, to see these Muslim slaves ushered into temporary quarters at shore. This was comforting to the Maltese people for they had been subjected often to the raids of these pirates and slavers from the Barbary Coast. These Moors captured the Malts and sent them to the great market in Tunis.

The "imperious order" giving the Knights jurisdiction over the Maltese people, was not without its problems. The younger Knights proved troublesome for this life was boring to them. They should have been more receptive, for the Order now had a place they could call home.

The plans of the Order were not to be achieved in L'isle Adam's lifetime. He had guided the Order through the siege of Rhodes, and held it together during the years of exile. Death came in the ancient capital of Medina, in 1534, four years after he had first set on this island. He proved to be one of the finest commanders in the long history of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Rhodes and now Malta.



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Every charitable act is a stepping stone towards heaven.

H. W. Beecher

Tri-State Festival In New York

Saturday, April 6, 1991, a Tri-State Festival; including New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts; will be held in the asylum of Bethlehem Crusader Commandery No. 53, 262 Martine Avenue, White Plains, N.Y. The program is as follows: 9:00 a.m., Commandery opening; 9:30 a.m., Illustrious Order of the Red Cross conferred by Washington Commandery No. 1, Hartford, Conn.; 11:00 am., Order of Malta conferred by Springfield Commandery No. 6, Springfield, Mass.; 1:00 p.m., luncheon in the banquet hall, served by the ladies of the Bethlehem Crusader Drill Team, and 2:30 p.m., Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple conferred by Bethlehem Crusader Commandery No. 53, White Plains, N.Y. The Commandery will be closed at 5:00 p.m. According to David Aiken, P.G.C. of the state of New York, the Orders will be conferred in full form by the best ritualists in the northeast, and the candidates will be inspired by their performance.

Wisconsin Eastern Star Commemorative Coin

An O.E.S. of Wisconsin commemorative coin is now available for purchase. The face of the coin depicts the Star within a pentagon and the dates 1891-1991. On the reverse side there is denoted the state of Wisconsin in the star held in the "hand of God" and the session title "In His Hand Centennial Session." The purchase price of the coin is \$3.50 each. If ordered through the mail, please add \$85 for postage and handling. Mail orders may be sent to the Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118-9349.



The Afterglow of Easter

by Dr. and Sir Knight
Howard R. Towne

Once again the crowning jewel of the four seasons, Easter, has come and gone, and we are experiencing the afterglow of the most amazing historical happening ever to come to the earth. The resurrection of Jesus Christ has always been a radiant event for Christian Knighthood. For many years the Holy Sepulcher was the focal point of the great Crusades of Christian Knights

The resurrection of Christ established once and for all that death can be overcome. It declared that God had solved man's greatest problems, sin and death. It was the necessary complement to His crucifixion; it bound into a complete whole all the facts of His wondrous life. It was the keystone of the sacred arch. For the early believers, if Christ could be kept entombed, Christianity would be locked up with Him. They kept singing, "Christ is alive! They sounded the resurrection trumpets declaring the bastion of death had given away. They let the tremendous power of the Holy Spirit take over. In their early lives the Apostles were only stolid, plodding peasants, but Christ's resurrection made them men with a message, whose impact on the world continued to ring, long after the deathblow that struck them down, like the lingering hum of a great bell.

St. Augustine says there are three things in history which seem incredible and if judged by human standards are impossible: that Christ rose from the dead, and that the world should have believed so incredible a thing, and that this belief should have been established by the preaching of illiterate fishermen. Yet these things are an earthly fact.

As we read the gospels we learn the sequence of events during the forty days that Jesus tarried after Easter. He was seen not only by Mary and the other women, but by Peter, the eleven disciples, to James and Thomas, even on one occasion to five hundred disciples at once. But the encounter that leaves us dumbfounded and speechless is his appearance to Saul of Tarsus. I think the colossal conversion of Saul on the Damascus road is one of the greatest events that the world has seen in 1900 centuries - great because of the far-reaching effect upon the world. Saul, a brilliant Hebrew, trained by the Old Testament specialist Gamaliel, was the official persecutor of the Christian movement. He arrested both Christian men and women wherever he found them and threw them into prison.

Suddenly, one day, in the noonday sun on the Damascus road, the presence of the risen Christ was made real to him. He heard His voice and felt His presence. In that moment his life was transformed, for he knew that Jesus Christ was the living Christ. Moment by moment after that, he was ready to die as a witness of the resurrection.

So, Sir Knights, the first great question about the resurrection has been established. Christ is alive! The second great question, whether the power of that resurrection can be seen in our lives, remains to be answered by each of us. Are we numbered in the great battalion which knows Christ is alive? Can we declare that the resurrection is a certain fact because Christ lives within our hearts?

The disciples found a great difference in their view of death after Easter. But they came to think more of something else. They began to ask, "Shall I live before I die?" Is it possible there is a quality of life that is exceedingly valuable to have now, rather than just a continuance of life after death? Yes, that was the kind of resurrection they found, a resurrection that began here and now, that led them to be raised from the death of sin to life of power and righteousness. They were living out one of the Bible's basic teachings about eternal life: that we do not wait for physical death to enter into eternal life, rather it happens the moment we are born anew" of the spirit through faith in Christ.



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Michigan York Rite College Seminar

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America Annual Michigan Seminar was held in Livonia, Michigan, on January 26-27. It was hosted and chaired by Richard Webb, Jr., Detroit York Rite College No. 1, Grand Governor of the York Rite College of Michigan, and Past Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Michigan.

Presiding officers of the York Rite bodies of Michigan and several officers of the college were introduced.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Michigan, Wayne E. Turton, gave an inspiring talk. Roy E. VanDelinder, Jr., Deputy Governor General of the college conducted an enlightening seminar. Most Preeminently Distinguished Brother Harold D. Elliot II, Governor General of the college also addressed the Companion Knights regarding their unique obligations and opportunities.

Shown in picture are, left to right: Clifford W. Jex, Treasurer General; Roy E. VanDelinder, Jr., Deputy Governor General; Richard Webb, Jr., P.G.C. and Grand Governor; Harold D. Elliott II, Governor General; Arshag M. Daiyan, Governor of Detroit College No. 1; and Henry A. Montague, P.G.G. and Secretary General.



Grand Commandery officers present were: Claude A. Miller, G. Commander; Richard N. Miller, G. Generalissimo; William R. Bannister, G. Captain General; and Tom R. Amidon, G. Sr. Warden. Past Grand Commanders Richard M. Strauss and Archie MacDonald were also present.

Grand Encampment Officers In Washington, D.C.

Past Grand Master Ned E. Dull (left), Past Grand Preceptor, congratulates Past Grand Master Donald H. Smith after his installation as Grand Preceptor



Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was installed Most Eminent Grand Preceptor of Grand College, HRAKTP, at the annual ingathering in connection with the A.M.D. weekend in Washington, D.C., on February 22, 1991.



He was installed into office by Past Grand Preceptor and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, G. Wilbur Bell (on right).

Other Grand Encampment officers of Grand College are (seated, left to right, following page): Most Eminent Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler, Past Grand Master Ned E. Dull, Past Grand Master and Grand Preceptor Donald H. Smith, Edward R. Saunders, Jr., P.D.C. Standing, left to right: David B. Slayton, R.E.D.C. and P.G.C.; Donald L. Smith, P.G.C.; Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master William H. Thornley, Jr.; William J. Jones, P.D.C.; James M. Willson, Jr., P.D.C.; and Russell K. Amling, P.G.C., Chairman of the Educational Foundation Committee.



Knights Templar Eye Foundation Presentation in Utah

The following remarks were delivered at a plaque presentation to Sir Knight Virgil H. Gregg, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Utah (left), and his wife Ella V. Gregg (center), by Sir Knight Curtis Lancaster (right), Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Utah, at the Grand Commander's Ball on February 9.

Tonight we have a presentation to make on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. This presentation commemorates the memorial gift from the estate of Eminent Past Commander Alf Berrill and his wife, Elsie

These bequests to the Eye Foundation amount to over \$583,542 - \$310,091 in various stocks and bonds and over \$273,451 in cash. This gift is an unspoken tribute of the devotion and Masonic charity – love - provided by A. E. Past Grand Commander

Virgil H. Gregg and his wife Ella. Virg and Ella were care-givers to Alf and Elsie Berrill for over twenty years. This amounted to daily visits and providing the support, as well as such physical actions that age and infirmity require. During Elsie's last years, Virg and Ella saw that Mrs. Alf Berrill received that extra care that nursing homes seldom provide.

When Alf and Elsie Berrill were no longer able to manage their affairs, Virg and Ella husbanded their assets and saw that they received the best care possible."



History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXI The Rituals And The Work Of The Orders Of Knighthood (Continued)

The problem of maintaining the uniformity of the Ritual became an increasing burden on the Grand Master, and at the Triennial Conclave held in Baltimore in 1871, Grand Master Gardner stated in his address:

"The duties of Grand Master have become such that it is almost impossible for him to give instruction in the ritual. Nevertheless it is expected of him since he is the only Grand Officer having authority. The Grand Encampment is the only source from which the work appertaining to the Orders of Knighthood can emanate, and the constitution authorizes the Grand Master to correct, officially, all irregularities and discrepancies that exist in it.

"The great extent of the jurisdiction requires that this department should be intrusted to the care of a separate officer, whose duty should be confined to the work and lectures, who should be fully instructed in the ritual of Knighthood, and who should have authority from the Grand Encampment to teach and promulge, watch over, and protect it. This should be speedily attended to, while the work remains substantially uniform, and before conflict arises between different systems and modes of lectures. I respectfully ask the attention of the Grand Encampment to the consideration of this important matter."

This recommendation together with several proposals to have committees appointed to "revise and settle the work for

the Red Cross and Templar Orders," and to "prepare a complete revision of the ritual, tactics and drill fully adapted for all occasions for Templar use" were referred to the Committee on Costumes and Drill. Minority and majority reports were submitted by this committee. After much discussion the minority report was ordered published in the Proceedings, and further consideration of the majority report and so much of the minority report that pertained to tactics and drill was passed to the next Triennial Session for consideration.

The minority report presented an interesting view on the subject of ritual at that time as will be seen from the following sections:

"(1.) That the committee are of the opinion that any change in the Tactics and Drill now recognized by this Grand Encampment, and known as the system promulgated by Sir Orrin Welch, is uncalled for by the circumstances of the Order, so far as pertains to the *inside drill* of the Asylum. That, in their opinion, there is no objection to leaving the *outside drill* for parades, and other purposes, to the control of the several Grand Commanderies - that having no relation to the fundamental principles or work of the Order.

"(3.) In relation to the Templar work, the entire committee are sensible of the imperfections and want of uniformity which exists therein. Yet we have not time to enter into a revision thereof, and if we had, there is no certainty of producing any satisfactory result. There is no subject connected with the entire Masonic and Knightly system, about which there is

so much diversity of opinion as to what is best; and as in all matters where morals and religion are concerned, each one is sure that *his work is the true work*. Your Committee will remark, in passing, that we consider *that* the 'true work' which 'makes the truest man, in the point of character of our initiates.'

"We have seen moreover, the results of attempts at uniformity of work, and are satisfied it never will be attained in this country, until men's heads are all brought to the same level. The reasons which rendered such uniformity a necessity no longer exist, and it is no longer a 'sin against the Holy Ghost;" to vary the phraseology of the work from the prescribed standard of any man or set of men. We are decidedly of the opinion if we keep the morale of the Order in good condition, there will be less danger of our getting too far to the left of the door which leads to the 'Asylum of the Blessed,' than there will be if we spend our whole energies in revising Rituals.

"Your Committee, therefore, are of the opinion that on the whole the result which is within the bounds of probability of obtaining, by attempting to make the work entirely uniform in all this jurisdiction will not repay the labor and expense attendant thereon.

"In conclusion, your Committee beg leave to suggest that the recommendations herein contained are based upon the fundamental idea that *our character is the standard of our worth*, and *that* can be as well regulated by the several Grand Commanderies, so far as it can be influenced by anything of the kind, as by this Grand Body; and we therefore recommend that no further action be taken by this Grand Body, at this session, nor until it becomes apparent that the *moral condition* of the Order is endangered by leaving it to the supervision of the Grand Commanderies.

"To sum up, we believe it is well to present a good appearance, without being gaudy; attend to the military department so far as military necessity demands, but no further, for there is danger in it. We should

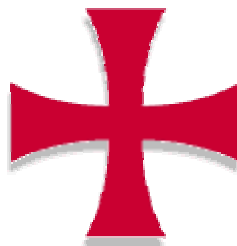
treat it as a magazine - an instrument of vast power if safely kept, and its contents judiciously used.

"Finally, there are two proverbs it is well to heed - 'Whatever is worth doing at all is worth while to try and do well' and the second is fully as important, 'It is always best to let well enough alone.'"

It is interesting to note that Sir Knight Benjamin Dean, then Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts & Rhode Island was present at this meeting, and was placed in line of the Grand Encampment by being elected Grand Captain General. While he was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts in 1871 he had prepared a manuscript copy of the ritual which was adopted as the correct work of that Grand Body. When he presided as Grand Master at the Triennial Conclave in 1883, he presented this manuscript ritual to the Grand Encampment and did much to set in motion the program which resulted in the adoption of the National Ritual.

At the Conclave of 1871, Grand Master Gardner reported his decision in response to the following question:

"Can a Grand Commandery of any State alter or change the ritual of Templar Masonry? If so, to what extent can it alter or amend the ritual?" His answer was an emphatic "No." This decision was referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, and by them to the Special Committee on Digest of Templar Law.





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For sale: digital mechanical analog watch with a twist-o-flex type band for benefit of Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Cost is only \$6 50, including postage. Face has Knight Templar name and symbol. We are able to discount large orders. Please contact R. Robert Painter, P.C.; 421 Hill/side Rd.; New Cumber/and; PA 17070, (717) 774-3002

For sale, reasonable price: Knight Templar sword w/scabbard, engraved with filigree and symbolism, inscribed H.S.C.; U.S. DFM 1863 sword; U.S. ornate, engraved sword; 32" yellow gold Masonic ring w/ 1.70 carat diamond and 2 small rubies; maroon velvet neckpiece w/emblems representing consistory, York and Scottish Rites. Mrs. Joseph G. Tipton, 523 Memorial Pkwy., Fremont, OH 43420, (419) 332-1117

Wanted to buy: new Sir Knight wishes to buy Templar sword. I appreciate and hold true its value and will always hold it dear. Sir Knight Mike Gonsolin, 242 La Pera Cir., Danville, CA 94526

For Sale: Syria Temple items from 1898. Glen L Roller, IO9 W Hoke St, Spring Grow, PA 17362

Wanted: all or any of Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, volumes No. 59 (1948) through No. 79 (1966) to complete a collection for the Trexler Masonic Library, a foundation supported 501 (C) (3) institution. Charles S. Canning, P.G.C., Librarian; Masonic Temple; 1524 Linden St.; Allentown; PA 18102

Wanted: Masonic researcher and local secretary for the Correspondence Circle of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, in need of good condition back issues of bound transactions of that Lodge, prior to Volume 95. Vol. number and price, including shipping to H. M. Hartlove, 5004 Holly Rd., Portsmouth, VA 23703-3506, (804) 483-3353

For sale: my Masonic coin collection. I have 150 coins from 35 states, Canada, Germany, and Japan. Some are Shrine. Also for sale: diamond

Shrine ring and a Knight Templar ring, both size 10. I will send info to anyone who contacts me. Marvin P. Davis; Rt. 6, Box 280; Portsmouth, OH 45662, (614) 456-4516

For sale: estate Jewelry: 1.15 car. Brilliant diamond set in 14 kt. yellow gold 32^o consistory ring. Gary L. Carlson, 705 Sunset Dr., Dixon, IL 61021, (815) 625-6425

For sale: antique watch fob with the Scottish Rite emblem on one side and the York Rite on the other, purchased at an estate sale in 1975 in Portland, Oregon. It has real stones. Also for sale: almost-new suitcase for Commandery and chapeau plus several pairs of gloves free to anyone desiring the chapeau. Anna L. Eman, 141 Beacon Hill Dr., Longview, WA 98632

For sale: Four graves in Acacia Park Cemetery, 7800 W. Irving Park, Chicago, Ill., N.W. quarter, east section, Lot No. 15. Current value, \$2000.00 for all. We will pay transfer fees. Glenview Masonic Temple Ass., 1450 Lehigh, Glen view, IL 60025, (708) 724-7124

For sale: grave lots, Masonic section, Meadowbrook Memorial Garden, \$450.00 ea., Portsmouth and Suffolk, Va. area. Thomas Moore, 3441 Bridge Rd, Suffolk, VA 23435

For sale: Two choice lots, Masonic Garden, Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, 1100 Dickerson Rd, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Sir Knight Thomas B. Freeman, 2095 Post Rd., Clarksville, TN 37043, (615) 645-8312

WWII veterans who served aboard the light cruiser USS Nashville (CL-43), which participated in the famed Doolittle Raid on Tokyo and became Gen. MacArthur's flagship, are planning a reunion in Norfolk, Va., June 18-22, 1991. Former personnel, both officer and enlisted, who are not on the mailing list are requested to contact A. B. Speed, 13229 Des Moines Way S., Seattle, WA 98168

Wanted: Reader's Digest Condensed Books, spring 1951, and Volume I, winter of 1960. Must have original dust jackets. Contact Larry Donnell, 564 Highway 305 South, Searcy, AK 72143, (501) 268-8745

50th Anniversary: U.S.A.F., 49th Fighter Group Ass./49th Tact. Ftr. Wg., June 19-23, 1991, Selfridge Air National Guard Base. For details John Roth, 1017 Adams, SE.; Albuquerque; NM 87108, (505) 268-2903

Fourth reunion: USS Sierra (AD-18), all former crew members, Wed., Oct. 30-Fri., Nov. 1, 1991, Hotel Sheraton, 170 Lockwood Dr., Charleston, S.C. 29403. Leo Bishop, 2508 Summerfield Dr., Sanford, NC 27330, (919) 774-6383 or Len Deloplane, 311 W. Roberts St., Norristown, PA 19401, (215) 863-1753

Wanted from any Sir Knight or musician that has it, the music to "Trumpeter's Prayer" by Tutti Camarata. Sir Knight Bob Salter, 834 Bellefontaine Ave, Lima, OH 45801

For sale: cemetery lots in Springhill Memorial Gardens, Mobile Ala - choice location. For details write or call Mrs. Leo Gibson, 529 Flowers Dr., Laurel, MS 39440, (601) 428-8313

Fifth reunion: WWII Dive Bomber Squadron, VMSB 343, stationed in Greenville, N.C., and Midway Island, 1943-1945, May 1-5, 1991, in Greenville, N.C. Contact Steve Greytak, 2302 E. 4th, Greenville, NC 27858, (919) 752-5168

USS Boston seeks shipmates for 1991 reunion of the USS Boston CA 69, CAG1, and SSN703 (&USMC) to be held July 12-14 in Washington, D.C.. For more info contact USS Boston Shipmates, Inc.; P.O. Box 816, Amherst, NH 03031

WWII Navy V-12, all units: Survivors of 120,000 sailors in Navy V-12, 1943-46, planning 50th Anniversary observance in November 1993. Get on mailing list by writing Capt. Robert S. Jones, P.O. Box 12728, Arlington, VA 22209-8728

WWII Marine V-12, all detachments: Survivors of 13,000 marines in Navy V-12, 1943-46, planning 50th Anniversary reunion at Norfolk, November 1993. Contact Dr. John Scott Davenport 125 Dillmont Dr, Columbus, C4 43235

Reunion: 351st Bomb Group (H), 8th A. F., in Omaha, Nebr., June 12-15. Contact Fred Dundas, 6018 Buckskin Cir., Indianapolis, IN 46250

Wanted: names and addresses of men serving aboard the USS Pierce (APA-50) in 1945 and 1946, WWII, interested in a reunion. Contact Dale E. Shultz, 41 W. 1st St., The Plains, OH 45780, (614) 797-2170

Wanted: condo near the ocean in Fort Lauderdale area, Fla., primarily for winter use. Extremely flexible about procession date (5, 10, 20, or 30 years are all options). Would like to work out an agreement with a Brother to begin payments now, for possible procession upon death or a decision to move by the owner. Charles W. Becker, 543 W Seventh St., Monticello, IA 52310

Annual reunion: 400 AAA AW BN to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18-22, 1991. For info write Edward W Rau, 1025 Prune Ct., Sunnyvale, CA 94087

WWII training: Borego Maneuver Area, Clark's Dry Lake, Camp Ensign, Yaqui Pass, Carrizo Impact Area, especially 11th Cavalry Regiment and pilots on bombing and strafing practice in area. Need input and photos for park study. All contacts acknowledged. F L. Orrell, 2751 Cumberland Rd., San Marino, CA 91108, (818) 449-2248

Eighth CAV reunion: May 16-19, 1991, Fayetteville, NC.; host, Tom (Bud) O'Donnel. If you wish to participate, contact Business Travel Advisors, 6900 Cliffdale Rd., Suite 104, Fayetteville, NC 28314

Third reunion: USS Denebola (WWII), June 20-23, Portland, Maine. Contact Andrew J. McHugh, 18 Anawan Ave, Saugus, MA 01906, (617)233-3581

I am trying to locate my relative, Maxine Victoria Wimmer, b. 5-12-37 in or near Scranton, Pa. Her adoptive parents were Max Karl Wimmer, Anna (Buchner) Wimmer. Father was headwaiter or maitre d' and in 1973 worked in Bristol Hotel, Manhattan, New York City. Mrs. Joyce Rey, 3248 Ridgeway Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17109

Seeking info concerning whereabouts of Everett 1. (Eddie) Marshall: graduated Lee H. Edwards High School (n' Asheville High School), Asheville, N.C., in 1961. Contact R. A. Bradshaw, 1525 Woodland Hills, Ty1e', 7X 75701-8529

A Mason And A Man

My Brother, Masonry means much more
Than the wearing of a pin,
Or carrying a paid-up dues receipt
So the Lodge will let you in.

You may wear an emblem on your coat
From your finger flash a ring,
But if you're not sincere at heart
This doesn't mean a thing.

It's merely an outward sign to show
The world that you belong
To this great Fraternal Brotherhood
That teaches right from wrong.

What really counts lies buried deep
Within the human breast,
Till Masonic teaching brings it out
And puts it to the test.

If you can practice out of Lodge
The things you learn within,
Be just and upright to yourself
And to your fellow men;

Console a Brother when he's sick
Or assist him when in need,
Without a thought of personal reward
For any act or deed;

Walk and act in such a way
That the world without can see
That none but the best can meet the test
Laid down by Masonry;

Always live up to your trust
And do the best you can,
Then you can proudly tell the world
You're a Mason and a Man.