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Ethan Allen  
American Hero

*Our success or failure is our responsibility...*

## **The Future Is in Our Hands!**

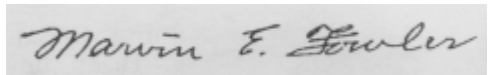
Do you agree with Homer when he wrote, "Of all the creatures that creep and breathe on earth there is none more wretched than man"? Or do you prefer Shakespeare's version when he caused Hamlet to say, "What a piece of work is man! how noble in reason! how infinite in faculty! in form and moving how express and admirable! in apprehension how like a god! the beauty of the world! the paragon of animals."

Perhaps you will agree that the best description of man is something between these two extremes. We must all agree that man's skill, insight, patience, and ingenuity have combined to produce unbelievable results in the fields of science and industry.

Man is a self-conscious, self-directing being, who creates his own future by the choices he makes. Man has within his grasp the possibility of directing his own future development. Man can be better than he is.

In organizations such as ours, we each work independently but we also work together. The reputation and standing of our order is the overall evaluation of the endeavors of our combined membership. Your Commandery is no one person, or even a group of selected individuals; it is a living organism, composed of the lives of all of its members. What then is our duty to our order? Is it not to give one's self in the service of humanity, to endure hardships, to laugh and to love, to seek the best in others, to dream, to plan, and to act in the knowledge that there is an invisible means of support which guides and directs our willing steps?

What is the future of Templary as it enters the Twenty-first Century? Will we attract good men to our Fraternity - men with purpose and vision? The future is in our hands. Our future success or failure is our responsibility. We can each say, "If it is to be, it is up to me."



Marvin E. Fowler, Grand Master

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

**JULY:** Summer is happily upon us again, and just before you sojourn to vacation hideaways, good times and relaxation, we offer you a new menu of fine reading designed for your enjoyment. The rough-and-ready adventures of Ethan Allen, 18th Century American patriot, leads the bill, the final tally of the 23rd Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation appears on page 17, and the schedule of the fast-approaching 58th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in Washington, D.C., on page 9. Have yourself a good time!

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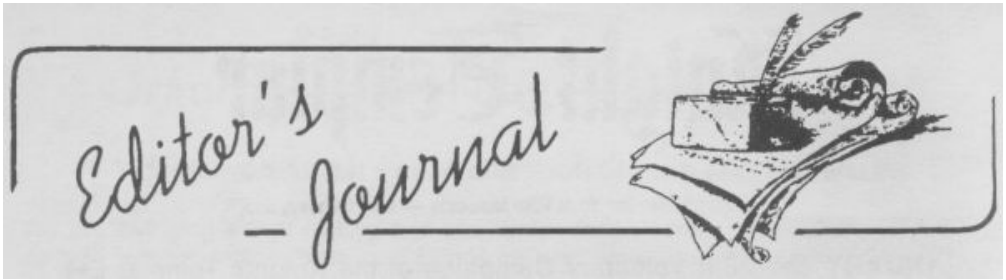
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**Attention:** All Grand Commanders who will be in office on November 1, 1991, and Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November Issue, ***Knight Templar Magazine*** will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders on November 1. **Please provide us with a photograph of yourself** in uniform by September 13. You will be able to see November arrangements by checking any of the November issues for the past five or six years.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as these do not reproduce well. We only use head shots generally, and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos received after October 1 will not be printed.

**Triennial Invitation:** Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, and Grand Recorders are cordially invited to attend the *Knight Templar Magazine* editors' meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 18, at 2:00 P.M. in the Vermont Room of the Sheraton Washington Hotel. The editorial staff will be presenting information, answering questions, and offering assistance as needed to your state supplement editors. The present and incoming Grand Master and a number of other Grand Encampment officers are expected to be present.

**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.

**Red Cross of Constantine:** The 119th Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, held in East Brunswick, New Jersey, on June 6-9, presided over by Grand Sovereign Thurman C. Pace, Jr., Past Department Commander, was dedicated to Joseph S. Lewis, Past Grand Sovereign, as a leader and respected Mason. Sir Knight Lewis serves as consultant on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Elected to office were Sir Knights Arthur G. Vos, Jr., Past Commander, as Grand Sovereign; and David B. Slayton, South-western Department Commander, as Grand Viceroy. Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Sovereign and Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, was elected Grand Recorder; and Alvin L. Crump, Past Department Commander and Trustee of the Eye Foundation, as Grand Treasurer.

Serving in the grand line is Sir Knight James M. Ward, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, who was elected as Grand Junior General. William E. Yeager, Jr., Past Commander, was elected to the bottom of the line as Grand Almoner.

Ethan Allen, U.S. soldier, was born at Litchfield, Connecticut, on January 10, 1739. He removed, probably in 1769, to the "New Hampshire grants," where he took up lands, and eventually became a leader of those who refused to recognize the jurisdiction of New York, and contended for the organization of the "grants" into a separate province. About 1771 he was placed at the head of the Green Mountain Boys, an irregular force organized for resistance to the Yorkers. On May 10, 1775, soon after the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, in command of a force which he had assisted some members of the Connecticut assembly to raise for the purpose, he captured Ticonderoga from its British garrison, calling upon its commanding officers - according to the unverified account of Allen himself - to surrender "in the name of the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress." Seth Warner was elected colonel of the Green Mountain Boys in July 1775, and Allen, piqued, joined General Philip Schuyler, and later with a small command, but without rank, accompanied General Richard Montgomery's expedition against Canada. On Sept. 25, 1775, near Montreal he was captured by the British, and remained a prisoner until exchanged on May 6, 1778. Upon his release he was brevetted colonel by the Continental Congress. He, then, as brigadier general of the militia of Vermont, resumed his opposition to New York, and from 1779 to 1783, acting with his brother Ira Allen and several others, he carried on negotiations, indirectly, with Governor Frederick Haldimand of Canada, who hoped to win the Vermonters over to the British cause. He seems to have assured Haldimand's agent that "I shall do everything in my power to make this state a British province." In March 1781, he wrote to Congress with characteristic bluster, "I am



## **ETHAN ALLEN**

by Sir Knight  
C. Clark Julius, KTCH

as resolutely determined to defend the Independence of Vermont as Congress that of the United States, and rather than fail will retire with the hardy Green Mountain Boys into the desolate caverns of the mountains and wage war with human nature at large." He removed to Burlington, Vermont, in 1787, and died there February 11, 1789. He was says Tyler, "a blustering frontier hero - an able-minded ignoramus of rough and ready humor, of boundless self-confidence, and of a shrewdness in thought and action, equal to almost any emergency." Allen wrote a *Narrative of Colonel Ethan Allen's Captivity* (1779), the most celebrated book in the "prison literature" of the American Revolution; *A Vindication of the Inhabitants of Vermont to the Government of New York and Their Right to Form an Independent State* (1779); and *Reason, the Only Oracle of Man*.

In a snowbound cottage in the backwoods of Connecticut, Ethan Allen was born on the night of January 10, 1737. According to tradition, "Wolves howled all that night in the surrounding timber, and town dogs replied in kind."

Ethan grew up on a pioneer farm beside the Housatonic River in Cornwall, Connecticut. As a youth he was tall, strong, and allegedly able to bite the heads off iron nails. In his early teens Ethan towered over most grown men.

He was a clever boy, who read every book he could find, so his parents decided to send Ethan to Yale. To prepare for the university, Ethan moved to Salisbury, Connecticut, where he studied with a minister. He had barely begun his studies when his father unexpectedly died in 1755, when Ethan was seventeen.

Returning to Cornwall, Ethan helped to bury his father in the pasture behind the house. Then he abandoned his studies to



take charge of the family farm. As the eldest of his mother's eight children, he had to support the family.

Young Ethan turned out to be a hard-driving entrepreneur, acquiring several farms and an iron furnace before his twenty-fifth birthday. A combative businessman, he became embroiled in many lawsuits.

Old court records show that Ethan Allen had a hot temper. On one occasion, a neighbor's hogs got loose and rooted in the Allen family's garden. The court ordered Ethan Allen to pay a fine after he kidnapped the hogs and threatened to punch their owner. On another occasion Allen was fined for single-handedly attacking and thrashing two rival businessmen.

In his twenties Allen married a respectable, religious girl named Mary Brownson. During the early years of his marriage, he seemed satisfied with his

wife, who gave him five children. About the time he turned thirty, however, Ethan Allen seemed to tire of Mary's company. He never chased other women, but he seldom spent an evening at home, preferring to drink rum punch in taverns.

One of Ethan Allen's favorite drinking companions was a physician, Dr. Thomas Young, who wrote pamphlets attacking conventional religion. In a tavern in Salisbury, Connecticut, Ethan Allen and Dr. Young entertained their fellow-tippers by loudly cursing the Connecticut law which outlawed smallpox inoculation as a "sin against God." In defiance of that law, Allen invited Dr. Young to publicly inoculate him. The doctor then nicked a vein in Allen's arm and dabbed the wound with pus from a smallpox victim.

When news of this illegal act reached the ears of the town selectmen, they had Ethan Allen arrested. Hauled into court, Allen became unruly and was charged with blasphemy. According to court records, he uttered the following curse right in front of the judge: "By Jesus Christ, I wish I may be bound down in Hell with old Beelzebub a thousand years in the lowest pit of Hell and that every little insipid Devil should come by and ask the reason of Allen's lying there!"

There is no record of Ethan Allen going to jail or paying a fine in connection with this incident; so the charges against him may have been dropped.

Around 1768, Ethan Allen and his brothers began buying wilderness real estate in an area called "the Hampshire Grants," between Lake Champlain and the

Connecticut River. The "Grants" eventually became the State of Vermont, but in 1768 the land was claimed by two rival colonies, New York and New Hampshire.

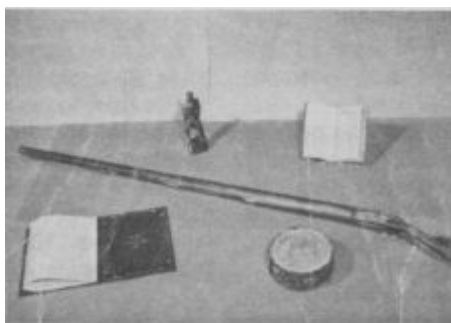
Although New York appeared to have a stronger claim, the governor of New Hampshire sold land in the Grants at the rate of 20 per township. The governor of New York, who was trying to sell the same land for 250 per township, attracted fewer buyers. As a result, the Grants began filling up with settlers who held deeds from New Hampshire.

When the government of New York called these settlers "squatters," and tried to evict them from their farms, Ethan Allen helped the settlers to organize a militia called the Green Mountain Boys. Allen was elected "colonel-commandant" of this militia.

In one of their first actions, the Green Mountain Boys came to the defense of a settler named James Breakenridge, who held a New Hampshire title to a farm he had cleared near the future site of Bennington, Vermont. The Boys reacted quickly when they heard that a New York justice of the peace, John Munro, was leading a party of surveyors toward the Breakenridge farm. Munro planned to evict Breakenridge and run a new survey on his property.

When Munro arrived at the farm, he was greeted not only by James Breakenridge, but also by a score of backwoodsmen who sat loafing on stumps, priming their long rifles.

"What is this mob of armed men doing here?" Justice Munro asked the farmer. In a loud voice, Justice Munro commanded



*Mementoes of Ethan Allen; gun and canteen, a letter to his brother Levi, a copy of Narrative of Captivity, and the Abrams miniature of the Kinney statue.*

ed the armed loafers to disperse in the name of the law. They ignored him.

Then Breakenridge told Munro, "I hope you will not try to take advantage of us, for our people do not understand law."

When the surveyors heard that remark, they hurriedly packed up their equipment and started walking home to the colony of New York. The frustrated Justice Munro could only follow them.

Some New York investors, who had purchased Vermont property from their governor, filed suits against James Breakenridge and other New Hampshire titleholders at a court in Albany, New York. In response, the Green Mountain Boys voted to send Ethan Allen to Albany to present their side of the story to the court.

When Ethan Allen attended the trial in Albany, he quickly discovered that his side had no chance to win in court. The presiding judge was Robert L. Livingston, who had invested heavily in New York deeds to the disputed lands. Judge Livingston announced at the outset of the trial that New Hampshire had no valid claim to the Grants, and he refused to allow New Hampshire deeds to be entered as evidence.

Outside the courtroom, John Tabor Kent, the attorney-general for New York, told Ethan Allen, You should be advised that the people settled in the Grants will do well to make the best terms possible with the rightful New York landlords. We have might on our side, and know that might often prevails over right."

Ethan Allen replied, Sir, the gods of the hills are not the gods of the valleys."

What do you mean?" asked Kent.

Ominously, Allen told him, If you will accompany me to the hills of Bennington, the sense will be made clear."

At Kent's elbow stood a New York investor named Duane, who now began talking to Ethan Allen about peace and harmony." Duane promised to make Ethan Allen a wealthy landowner if he would use



Meade statue: Ethan Allen.

his influence to persuade the Green Mountain Boys to lay down their arms and submit to New York. As a token of good faith, Duane offered to give Allen a splendid horse and saddle.

Seeing no reason not to accept the gift horse, Allen told him, "I'll do what I can."

Returning to the hills of Vermont on his new horse, Allen launched a propaganda offensive against the New York investors. He wrote pamphlets denouncing the government of New York as a junta of land thieves." His militant words were soon matched by militant deeds.

***Don't miss the exciting second part of "Ethan Allen" in the August issue of Knight Templar.***





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

This is the last article covering the 58th Triennial. It is hoped that each Sir Knight has gotten the hotel reservation form to Sir Knight Robert Hines and that the registration form has been sent to Sir Knight Walter Kitts. By the time you receive this magazine, pre-registration and reservation will be over. We have tried to put together a Triennial that everyone will enjoy, and it is the hope of the Triennial Committee that everyone will enjoy the Triennial. I am sure everyone would like to know the schedule, and that is what this will.

cover. The program book is being worked on and will soon be complete. I hope that those who wanted to take tours have signed up for them directly with The Convention Store. Extra tickets can be purchased for the Pass in Review (Saturday night), ladies' luncheon (Monday noon), and Grand Banquet (Tuesday night). Tickets can be sold only on Saturday, August 7, 1991, because the hotel needs a count 48 hours in advance. If anyone has questions, do not hesitate to call John C. Werner, General Chairman, (703) 280-2788. If you have to cancel, you must do so at least 72 hours before the Triennial for hotel rooms. Meals must be cancelled 72 hours before they are served

Remember that everyone from the Grand Master to the non-voting Sir Knight must fill out a registration form. Without it you will not have any packet for meals and the rest!

John C. Werner II, General Chairman

PROGRAM SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL WASHINGTON, D.C.—AUGUST 16–21, 1991		
DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1991</b>		
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open.	Idaho Room
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	K.T. Educational Foundation meeting.	Vermont Room
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Drill team judges' meeting.	Richmond Room
4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Drill team captains' meeting.	Richmond Room
<b>GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE—COLORADO ROOM</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1991</b>		
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open.	Idaho Room

7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Drill team competition. Inspection. Photographs.	Grand Ballroom Richmond Room Annapolis Room
9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	Committee on Jurisprudence.	Wisconsin Room
11:30 A.M.	Meeting of Committee on Charters and Dispensations.	Johnson Room
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Committee on Finance.	Vermont Room
7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.	Drill teams pass in review and awards. Admission by ticket only.	Grand Ballroom

#### GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE—COLORADO ROOM

##### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1991

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open.	Idaho Room
10:00 A.M.	Divine Service.	Sheraton Ballroom
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	<i>Knight Templar Magazine</i> editors' meeting	Vermont Room
5:00 P.M.	Forty Fivers dinner. Tickets required.	Delaware Room
8:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.	Grand Master's reception. Admission tickets required.	Sheraton Ballroom

#### GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE—COLORADO ROOM

##### MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1991

7:00 A.M.	Southern breakfast. Tickets required.	Maryland Room
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open.	Idaho Room
8:15 A.M.	Grand Encampment officers and distinguished guests assemble.	Virginia Room
9:00 A.M. SHARP	Grand Encampment opening ceremonies. (Open to ladies and friends.)	Sheraton Ballroom
12:00 NOON	Ladies' luncheon. Admission ticket required.	Cotillion Ballroom

1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Grand Encampment business session. Sheraton Ballroom

**MONDAY EVENING IS OPEN FOR STATE DINNERS**

**GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE—COLORADO ROOM**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1991**

7:00 A.M. Honors breakfast: Red Cross of Washington Ballroom  
Constantine, KYCH, KTCH,  
HRAKTP, Royal Order of Scotland.  
Admission by ticket only.

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Registration open. Idaho Room

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Grand Encampment business session. Sheraton Ballroom

1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Grand Encampment business session reconvenes. Sheraton Ballroom

6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Attitude adjustment time. Sheraton Foyer

6:20 P.M. SHARP Head table assembles promptly. Virginia Room

7:00 P.M. Grand Banquet. Sheraton Ballroom

**GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE—COLORADO ROOM**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1991**

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Registration. Idaho Room

9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Grand Encampment session. Sheraton Ballroom  
Conclusion of business.

11:00 A.M. Installation of grand officers. Sheraton Ballroom  
(Open to guests.)

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## Eye Foundation Campaign Closes

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation reports a contribution total for the 23rd Annual Voluntary Campaign of \$907,943.69, \$5,972.41 less than last year and \$92,056.31 short of our \$100,000 goal. A total of 1,112 Commanderies participated in this year's campaign, 19 more than last year.

Georgia and Montana remain the sole achievers of 100% Life Sponsorship - every Sir Knight in these Grand Commanderies is now a Life Sponsor. Although many more Commanderies have achieved this goal, their entire Grand Commandery has not.

Georgia has taken the lead in total dollars contributed, with Pennsylvania in second position and Texas third. A listing of top Grand Commanderies on a per capita basis finds Nevada first, followed by Colorado and the District of Columbia, second and third respectively. The top Subordinate Commandery on a per capita basis is Trinity Commandery No. 3, U.D., Wilmington, Delaware, and the top Subordinate Commandery for total dollars contributed is Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Heidelberg, Germany.

Plaques are being prepared for the 315 constituent and Subordinate Commanderies that reported contributions of five dollars or more per member - eleven more than last year. These Commanderies are listed on the following pages.

<b>TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS</b>			
No. 1	NEVADA Jack C. Camburn, Chairman	\$16.58 per member	Total—\$15,555.05
No. 2	COLORADO Wallace A. Techentien, Chairman	\$13.34 per member	Total—\$31,267.32
No. 3	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA John C. Werner, II, Chairman	\$10.77 per member	Total—\$ 5,236.00
<b>TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY ON PER CAPITA BASIS</b>			
	Trinity Commandery No. 3, U.D., Wilmington, Delaware	\$27.37 per member	Total—\$520.00
<b>TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS</b>			
No. 1	GEORGIA Lloyd C. Odom, Chairman		Total—\$82,536.99

No. 2	PENNSYLVANIA David E. Alcon, Chairman	Total—\$ 79,861.55
No. 3	TEXAS Kurt J. M. Swanda, Chairman	Total—\$ 72,823.50

### Top Subordinate Commandery In Dollar Totals

Heidelberg Commandery N. 2, Heidelberg, Germany  
Total - \$855.00

### Constituent Commanderies Reporting \$5.00 Or More Per Member

- ALABAMA:* Etowah No. 15, Gadsden; Anniston No. 23, Anniston; Lee No. 45, Phenix City.
- ARIZONA:* *Arizona* No. 1, Tucson; Ivanhoe No. 2, Prescott; Columbine No. 9, Safford; Yuma No. 10, Yuma; Crusade No. 11, Chandler; Montezuma No. 14, Cottonwood; Burning Taper No. 15, Sierra Vista.
- ARKANSAS:* Hugh de Payens No. 1, Little Rock; Baldwin No. 4, Fayetteville; Hot Springs No. 5, Hot Springs; Chandos No. 14, Helena; Olivet No. 20, Blytheville; Osceola No. 32, Osceola; Trinity No. 33, Malvern; Christian Friends No. 35, Clarksville.
- CALIFORNIA:* San Jose No. 10, San Jose; Santa Ana No. 36, Anaheim; Hanford No. 46, Hanford; San Pedro No. 60, San Pedro; Valley of the Flowers No. 77, Lompoc.
- COLORADO:* Denver-Colorado No. 1, Denver; Central City No. 2, Central City; Pueblo No. 3, Pueblo; Georgetown No. 4, Georgetown; Pikes Peak No. 6, Colorado Springs; Mt. Sinai No. 7, Boulder; Gunnison No. 8, Gunnison; Ivanhoe No. 11, Durango; Longs Peak No. 12, Longmont; DeMolay No. 13, Fort Collins; Glenwood No. 20, Glenwood Springs; Temple No. 23, Grand Junction; Jefferson-Highlands No. 30, Golden; Coronel-Ascalon No. 31, Denver; Delta No. 34, Delta; Sterling No. 35, Sterling; St. Bernard No. 41, Denver.
- CONNECTICUT:* Washington No. 1, East Hartford; New Haven No. 2, New Haven; Clinton No. 3, Norwalk; Columbian No. 4, Norwich; Clark No. 7, Naugatuck; Cyrene No. 8, Middletown; St. Elmo No. 9, Meriden; Stamford No. 12, Darien.
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:* Washington No. 1, Washington, D.C.; Columbia No. 2, Washington, D.C.; Potomac No. 3, Washington, D.C.
- FLORIDA:* Tampa Ivanhoe No. 8, Tampa; Oriental No. 9, Daytona Beach; Trinity No. 16, Sarasota; Sunshine No. 20, St. Petersburg; Ft. Meyers No. 32, Ft. Myers; Leesburg No. 33, Leesburg; Emmanuel No. 36, Deland; Winter Haven No. 37, Winter Haven; Springtime No. 40, Clearwater No. 9, Atlanta; Ivanhoe No. 10, Fort Valley; Tancred No. 11, Newnan; Plantagenet No. 12, Milledgeville; Pilgrim No. 15, Gainesville; St. Johns No. 19, Dalton; St. Elmo No. 21, Brunswick; Alexius No. 22, Jackson; Hebron No. 23, Carrollton; St. Bernard No. 25, Covington; Constantine No. 26, Marietta; Charles Martel No. 29, Chickamauga; Bethlehem No. 30, Thomasville; Arnold de Troye No. 31, Buford; Griffin No. 35, Griffin; Blue Ridge Mountain No. 37, McCaysville; DeKalb No. 38, Decatur; Douglasville No. 40, Douglasville; Amicalola No. 41, Jasper.

*IDAHO*: Idaho No. 1, Boise; Idaho Falls No. 6, Idaho Falls; Weiser No. 7, Weiser.

*ILLINOIS*: Freeport No. 7, Freeport; Sycamore, No. 15, DeKalb; Crusader No. 17, Rockford; Dixon No. 21, Dixon; St. Bernard No. 35, Chicago; Mt. Olivet No. 38, Paxton; Sterling No. 57, Sterling; Chicago Heights No. 78, Chicago Heights.

*INDIANA*: Muncie No. 18, Muncie; Elkhart No. 31, Elkhart; Clinton No. 48, Clinton.

*IOWA*: DeMolay No. 1, Muscatine; Palestine No. 2, Iowa City; Siloam No. 3, Dubuque; Jerusalem No. 7, Mt. Pleasant; St. Simon of Cyrene No. 9, Davenport; Oriental No. 21, Newton; Bruce No. 34, Red Oak; Crusade No. 39, Cherokee; Antioch No. 43, Mason City; Esdraelon No. 52, Estherville; Ascension No. 69, Ames.

*KANSAS*: Newton No. 9, Newton; Tancred No. 11, Ottawa; El Dorado No. 19, El Dorado; Loch Invar No. 52, Coffeyville.

*KENTUCKY*: Paducah No. 11, Paducah; Louisville-DeMolay No. 12, Louisville; Ryan No. 17, Danville; Fulton No. 34, Fulton; Elizabethtown No. 37, Elizabethtown; Mayfield No. 49, Mayfield.

*LOUISIANA*: Indivisible Friends No. 1, New Orleans; Jacques DeMolay No. 2, New Orleans; Plains No. 11, Baton Rouge; Payen No. 16, Lafayette; St. Paul No. 27, Hammond; C. A. Everitt No. 29, Slidell.

*MARYLAND*: Maryland No. 1, Baltimore; Jacques DeMolay No. 4, Frederick; Crusade No. 5, Baltimore; Palestine No. 7, Annapolis; Beauseant No. 8, Baltimore; St. Elmo No. 12, Hyattsville; York No. 16, Camp Springs; Carroll No. 17, Westminster.

*MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND*: St. Johns No. 1, Cranston, R.I.; Boston No. 2, Boston, Mass.; Newburyport No. 3, Newburyport, Mass.; Milford No. 11, Milford, Mass.; St. Bernard No. 12, Boston, Mass.; Haverhill No. 14, Haverhill, Mass.; South Shore No. 15, East Weymouth, Mass.; Coeur de Lion No. 34, Maiden, Mass.; Athol-Orange No. 37, Athol, Mass.; Bay State No. 38, Brockton, Mass.; Cambridge No. 42, Cambridge.

*MICHIGAN*: Detroit No. 1, Detroit; Pontiac No. 2, Pontiac; De Molai No. 5, Grand Rapids; Fenton No. 14, Fenton; St. Bernard No. 16, Saginaw; St. Johns No. 24, St. Johns; Charlotte No. 37, Charlotte; Ithaca No. 40, Alma; Holy Land No. 53, Bloomfield Hills; Redford No. 55, Dearborn.

*MINNESOTA*: St. Bernard No. 13, Austin.

*MISSOURI*: Ivanhoe No. 8, St. Louis; Mary No. 19, Warrensburg.

*MONTANA*: Montana No. 3, Butte; Palestine No. 18, Harlowton; Golden West No. 24, Shelby.

*NEBRASKA*: Mt. Calvary No. 1, Omaha; Mt. Sinai No. 8, Falls City; St. John No. 16, McCook; Joppa No. 17, York.

*NEVADA*: DeWitt Clinton No. 1, Reno; Edward C. Peterson No. 8, Carson City.

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*NORTH CAROLINA*: Ivanhoe No. 8, Greensboro; Malta No. 19, Monroe.

*OHIO*: Shawnee No. 14, Lima; Highland No. 31, Hillsboro; Warren No. 39, Warren; Coeur de Lion No. 64, Lyndhurst;

*OKLAHOMA*: DeMolay No. 7, Chickasha; Ardmore No. 9, Ardmore.

*OREGON*: Oregon No. 1, Portland; Ivanhoe No. 2, Eugene; Malta No. 4, Ashland; Pendleton No. 7, Milton-Freewater; Melita No. 8, Grants Pass; Pacific No. 10, Coos Bay; Columbia No. 13, The Dalles; Washington No. 15, Portland; Bruce No. 17, Corvallis; Pilgrim No. 18, Bend; Delta No. 19, Tigard

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

**Campaign report by Grand  
Commanderies for KTEF Officers  
and Trustees for the week ending  
May 17, 1991. The total amount  
contributed to date is \$907,943.69.**

Alabama .....	\$14,742.00
Arizona .....	12,148.10
Arkansas .....	9,449.58
California .....	40,193.97
Colorado.....	31,267.32
Connecticut .....	15,215.68
District of Columbia .....	5,236.00
Florida .....	26,367.37
Georgia .....	82,536.99
Idaho .....	4,948.43
Illinois.....	29,515.20
Indiana.....	11,597.55
Iowa .....	27,839.95
Kansas .....	7,790.52
Kentucky .....	17,090.52
Louisiana.....	10,258.47
Maine .....	7,450.76
Maryland .....	19,425.32
Mass./R.I. ....	24,939.88
Michigan.....	20,499.75
Minnesota.....	7,150.60
Mississippi.....	3,199.00
Missouri .....	11,141.11
Montana .....	3,476.60
Nebraska.....	7,319.70

Nevada.....	15,555.05
New Hampshire.....	10,185.35
New Jersey .....	6,927.10
New Mexico.....	6,094.50
New York .....	14,478.90
North Carolina.....	12,099.31
North Dakota .....	1,055.00
Ohio.....	27,006.32
Oklahoma .....	3,384.00
Oregon.....	11,794.68
Pennsylvania.....	79,861.55
South Carolina .....	17,058.31
South Dakota .....	4,050.64
Tennessee.....	42,531.00
Texas .....	72,823.50
Utah.....	4,518.25
Vermont.....	4,660.16
Virginia .....	21,906.00
Washington .....	7,404.72
West Virginia .....	20,541.00
Wisconsin.....	10,482.00
Wyoming .....	4,989.55
Philippines .....	290.00
St. John's No. 1 Wilmington, Delaware .....	610.00
Porto Rico No. 1 .....	710.00
Heidelberg No. 2 .....	855.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, Delaware .....	391.10
Italy Subordinates .....	240.00
Trinity U.D. ....	520.00
Solo Di Aruba U.D. ....	400.00
Miscellaneous .....	53,720.33

**Russel C. Wells  
Grand Master of DeMolay**

DeMolay International held its 71st Annual International Supreme Council Session and its 24th International DeMolay Congress Session in St. Louis, Missouri, April 23-27, 1991. National officers were elected.

Russel C. Wells of Rochester Hills, Michigan, was installed as the 60th Grand Master of the International Supreme Council. Russel joined DeMolay in 1948 as a member of the Ethan Allen Chapter in Dumont, New Jersey. He served as Master Councilor of Friendship Chapter, Chapter Advisor and Advisory Council Chairman of William M. Perrett Chapter in Michigan. Grand Master Wells has also served on the DeMolay Foundation of Michigan. He has been a member of the International Supreme Council since 1977 and served as Executive Officer in the jurisdiction of Michigan.



## Highlights

### University of Virginia Research Team Receives Eye Foundation Grant



This young research team at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center is shown receiving a grant to investigate the genetic basis of hereditary eye disease.

From left to right: Hiliary Beaver, M.D. (resident in ophthalmology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas); Jeffery W. Cronk, (medical student, University of Virginia); Federico Gonzalez- Fernandez, M.D., Ph.D. (Department of Ophthalmology, University of Virginia); and Sir Knight George B. Yeates, Past Grand Commander and Eye Foundation Chairman for Virginia.

### 38 Knighted at Kansas York Rite Festival

At a York Rite Festival held in February in Olathe, Kansas, a class of 38 were created Knights Templar.

The event was known as the William R. Buckner York Rite Class of 1991, named after the Potentate of Abdallah Shrine Temple, who had told Sir Knight Oscar D. Smith he desired to take the York Rite degrees. Many in the class were members of the Shrine, and it was Sir Knight Smith who appeared before that body to encourage all who had not



received the York Rite degrees to Join in and become Buckner Boosters."

Pictured with the class are Paul J. Harrel, then-Right Eminent Grand Commander (3rd from right); Potentate William R. Buckner (4th from right); and Oscar D. Smith, then-Grand Royal Arch Captain (5th from right).

### 1991 Mason of the Year in Illinois



At a dinner held on May 8, 1991, in Oak Lawn, Illinois, Doctor and Sir Knight Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, a Past Commander of Mizpah Commandery No. 35 in Oak Lawn, and a Past Commander (affiliate) of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 in Chicago, was

## from the Masonic Family

presented with an award from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. & AM., designating him as Mason of the Year for 1991. This award was presented on behalf of the Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, Robert Ford, by Sir Knight James Durbin, a member of the Board of Grand Examiners, and Brother James Brower, District Deputy Grand Master of the 1 9th District.

Sir Knight Greenberg is also a recipient of the Lyle R. Melvin Distinguished Service Award from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, is a holder of the Meritorious Service Award from the Scottish Rite, and will receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> in Indianapolis in September. He holds the rank of Associate Professor of Pathology at the Chicago Medical School in North Chicago, Illinois, and is a contributor of feature articles to *Knight Templar Magazine*.

### Philaethes Society Assembly and Feast In Indianapolis

On September 14, 1991, at the Holiday Inn North at the Pyramids, 3850 DePauw Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana, the York Minister Chapter of the Philaethes Society will sponsor a semi-annual assembly and feast, beginning at 9:00 AM. Featured speakers will be John J. Robinson, author of *Born in Blood*, and William Whalen, author of *Christianity and American Freemasonry*, both non-Masons. The full-day agenda will be highlighted by a panel discussion, with distinguished Brothers Allen Roberts and Jerry Marsengill contributing.

Accommodations are \$70.00 per night, single or double. Registration is \$39.00 for a gentleman or a lady, and must be submitted before August 14.

Send your check or money order for both reservations and registration to Indy 91, C/O Roger VanGorden, P. O. Box

55491, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Include your name, address, phone number, Chapter (if any), whether you are staying one or two nights, and the name of your lady, if she is attending. **Reservations made directly with the hotel may result in incorrect charges and/or registration.**

### A Hundred Years of Membership

Palo Alto Commandery No. 47, Palo Alto, California, had the privilege of presenting two 50-year membership awards on April 18, 1991. Sir Knights Viscount Allen and John Kaar were honored at a dinner, after which all attendees gathered in the asylum hall. They witnessed the two Sir Knights being escorted individually through the lines by Sir Knight Doltan Noland, Generalissimo, and being greeted by Sir Knight Lyle Bird, Commander. Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, Deputy Grand Commander of California, made the presentations in due form.



The two honorees were given the floor, and both entertained the guests with anecdotes of their past years in Masonry and Templary. Pictured, left to right, are Sir Knights W. Bruce Pruitt, Deputy Grand Commander; Viscount Allen, 50-year Knight Templar; John Kaar, 50-year Knight Templar; and Lyle Bird, Commander, Palo Alto Commandery No. 47.

**John Thomas Parish**  
Idaho  
**Grand Commander-1960**  
Born May 18, 1899  
Died May 2, 1991

**Virgil H. Gregg**  
Utah  
**Grand Commander-1982**  
Born July 13, 1917  
Died May 10, 1991

**Marvin Earl Anderson**  
Arizona  
**Grand Commander-1973**  
Born April 3, 1915  
Died May 14, 1991

**Ray Reid Morgan, Jr.**  
Alabama  
**Grand Commander-1990**  
Born April 20, 1924  
Died May 31, 1991

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Texas No. 70-Ernest B. Bugh, Jr.  
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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

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# ***From Generation To Generation***

by Dr. and Sir Knight Harold Blake Walker

In an illustrated book called *A Treasury of American Homes*, Richard Pratt remarks that "Here in this country, instead of palaces, temples, tombs or cathedrals, the real historical monuments are the fine old homes that tell the story of the American people." Those fine old homes range from a log cabin in Kentucky, where Abraham Lincoln was born, to the estate at Mt. Vernon, where George Washington lived out his days. The fine old homes are monuments in wood and stone, but they are primarily monuments to the spirit that translated wood and stone into instruments for the fashioning of character.

We still have fine old homes that range from three-room apartments to mansions, but whether they are monuments for the future depends on what comes out of them. It was the character of Lincoln that made a log cabin a shrine and the character of Thomas Jefferson that gave Monticello its place in the galaxy of the nation's fine old homes. It is the character of those who come in and out of the doors of our homes that make them arbiters of "the shape of things to come" and places of significance for generations coming on.

Psychologists tell us that if our homes are what they ought to be, our children very quickly take the road to maturity, growing in confidence and skill, developing affection and a sense of responsibility. If our homes are devoid of faith, love, and understanding, and are torn by conflict, the maturing of children is arrested. Our children feel unwanted where love has turned into hostility, and they cannot move with confidence into the arenas of life. Their thinking is distorted by the conflicts and irritations of their elders.

Most of our parental teaching is unconsciously offered because our children learn more by imitation than by intention. Our children speak English because they hear us speaking English. They would speak French or German or Chinese as naturally if, at the crib, they were addressed in these languages. They listen and they imitate.

Watch your children at their play, and it is easy to see at once how they imitate you and your behavior. A small girl, putting her doll to bed, was heard to say, "You get to bed and stay there. I don't want to hear another word from you." In playing house children faithfully portray their parent's assets, but even more

accurately, their faults.

Perhaps more important is the fact that our children quite unconsciously get their sense of values from us. At a symposium at Harvard University some years ago, a young man declared his father complained because he was not learning the practical things that would enable him to become financially independent. How can I answer my Dad?" he asked. One of the leaders of the symposium replied, Remind him that life is more than body and more than raiment." "But he won't understand that," the young man said. Very well," came the answer, then he's the one who needs educating, not you."

Now and then our children see deeper into the meaning of life than we do, but usually they echo our feelings and attitudes. If material values are ultimate for us, they are likely to be ultimate in the thinking of our children. When Charles Lamb remarked facetiously that his children should be brought up in their father's religion if they could find out what it was, he put a negative value on religion. So did his children.

The problem of our homes is to build into the lives of our children a fundamental respect for the imperatives of conduct and character. It is the imperatives of integrity, love and fairness we honor that sustain our capacity for independence. Obviously, character is revealed by the values to which we give obedience. If we fail to respect the worthiest values of our heritage, there are no lodestars to guide us in the face of special pressure.

Our homes are monuments if they issue that in character which is worthy to be free.

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## McDonalds' President Knighted in Illinois



On April 6, 1991, at a York Rite festival in Downers Grove, Illinois, hosted by Trinity Commandery No. 80, in which sixteen candidates were created Knights Templar, Ed Rensi, 33°, (right) was the exemplar for the class. Sir Knight Ed is President of McDonalds Corporation, U.S.A., in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Shown congratulating Sir Knight Ed Rensi is Sir Knight Richard Salsbury, Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, who also acted as Commander in the conferring of the Order of the Temple.

Ed and Dick are old friends from their association at McDonalds.

## Michigan Masonic Home Centennial Items

Several special commemorative items to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Michigan Masonic Home are now available. Two limited edition pieces have been commissioned in recognition of this historic occasion: a solid bronze centennial plate (crafted by Wendell August Forge) and a glazed pottery tile (handmade by the Pewabic Society), both featuring the attractive centennial logo. For more information or to submit an order, please write to Centennial, C/O Michigan Masonic Home, 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma, MI 48801, or call (517) 463-3141.

During the past two years our Grand Master has concluded his inspiring message at each of the district meetings with the mandate that those present go forth and "Be A Mason." Such a message seems straight forward enough and certainly appropriate, since all present at such meetings are indeed Masons. Of course, if such a message is given and received in a literal sense, it is unnecessary and even superfluous. So just what does the Grand Master mean when he urges us to "Be A Mason"? Thinking about this leads to further questions connected with the purpose and goals of Freemasonry.

We are all familiar with the often quoted explanation that Masonry's purpose is to promote "The Brotherhood of Man Under the Fatherhood of God." Equally familiar is the claim that our goal is to bring good men together for the purpose of making them better men. I certainly do not dispute these sentiments, but I doubt that they, without further clarification, satisfactorily explain to the non-Mason (or in fact to Masons) just what our Fraternity is all about. What has enabled Masonry to exist, even flourish, for more than two hundred years? How did our organization become the largest Fraternity in the world, attracting kings, presidents and other men of great prominence throughout the civilized world? Although I know how I *feel* about Masonry, I must admit that it's not easy to articulate and communicate these feelings to others.

During the Christmas season of 1990, I received a gift from my son, a small volume with the intriguing title of *It Was On Fire When / Lay Down On It* by Robert Fulghum, author of the best seller *All / Really Need To Know / Learned In Kindergarten*. Although his titles would lead one to believe that his writings could be expected to be on the very

## "BE A MASON"

by Sir Knight  
Edward J. Wildblood, Jr.

"light" side, it soon becomes readily apparent that Mr. Fulghum is actually more a serious philosopher than merely an author of light non-fiction. I have no idea whether or not Robert Fulghum is a member of the Fraternity, but some of his writings lead me to believe that, if he is not a Mason, he certainly thinks like one and should be

In his latest book he told about a visit he made to the island of Crete. He began by relating that over the years he has noted the habit of speakers to conclude their presentations with the query, "Are there any questions?" Fulghum remarked that usually such queries are met with silence—possibly because after being subjected to a two-hour lecture most of the participants are too exhausted (or confused) to question what they have heard – or - they are afraid that a question might subject them to hearing the entire presentation all over again.

In spite of these very real dangers, Fulghum began the habit of responding to such queries with a question of his own: "What is the meaning of life?" This question invariably resulted in a chuckle

from all present, who immediately began packing up for their departure. He ultimately did get a positive response which seems to me should be very meaningful for all Masons. Whether or not it was "Masonically inspired," I do believe that the following narrative can very well serve as at least a partial answer to the question: "What Is Masonry All About?"

Please bear with me while I extend to you several paragraphs of Fulghum's book, which I believe you will find as enlightening as I found them to be.

"Near the village of Gonia on a rocky bay of the Island of Crete sits a Greek Orthodox monastery. Along side it, on land donated by the monastery, is an institute dedicated to human understanding and peace, and especially to rapprochement between Germans and Cretans. An improbable task, given the bitter residue of wartime.

"This site is important, because it overlooks the small airstrip at Maleme where Nazi paratroopers invaded Crete and were attacked by peasants wielding kitchen knives and hay scythes. The retribution was terrible. The population of whole villages were lined up and shot for assaulting Hitler's finest troops. High above the institute is a cemetery with a single cross marking the mass grave of Cretan partisans. And across the bay on yet another hill is the regimented burial ground of the Nazi paratroopers. The memorials are so placed that all might see and never forget. Hate was the only weapon the Cretans had at the end, and it was a weapon many vowed never to give up. Never ever.

"Against this heavy curtain of history, in this place where the stone of hatred is hard and thick, the existence of an institute devoted to healing the wounds of wars is a fragile paradox. How has it come to be here? The answer is a man. Alexander Papaderos.

"A doctor of philosophy, teacher, politician, resident of Athens but a son of this soil. At war's end he came to believe that the Germans and the Cretans had much to give one another - much to learn from one another. That they had an example to set. For if they could forgive each other and construct a creative relationship, then any people could. To make a lovely story short, Papaderos succeeded. The institute became a reality - a conference ground on the site of horror - and it was in fact a source of productive interaction between the two countries. Books have been written on the dreams that were realized by what people gave to people in this place.

"By the time I came to the institute for a summer session, Alexander Papaderos had become a living legend. One look at him and you saw his strength and intensity - energy, physical power, courage, intelligence, passion, and vivacity radiated from his person. And to speak to him, to shake his hand, to be in a room with him when he spoke, was to experience his extraordinary electric humanity. Few men live up to their reputations when you get close. Alexander Papaderos was an exception.

"At the last session on the last morning of a two-week seminar on Greek culture, led by intellectuals and experts in their fields who were recruited by Papaderos from across Greece, Papaderos rose from his chair at the back of the room and walked to the front, where he stood in the bright Greek sunlight of an open window and looked out. We followed his gaze across the bay to the iron cross marking the German cemetery... he turned. And made the ritual gesture: Are there any questions?"

"Quiet quilted the room. These two weeks had generated enough questions for a lifetime, but for now there was only silence.

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# Speculative Cowans

by Sir Knight Perry David Harbin

One of the earliest recorded uses of the word "cowan" comes from the Schaw manuscript in 1598. It states that "no Master or Fellow of Craft receive any cowans to work in his society or company, nor send none of his servants to work with cowans."

Since that time, the exact origin of the word itself has been disputed. Some trace it back to the Greek word for dog, the Swedish word for fool, or the French word for a corrupt fellow. Although the derivation of the word is unknown, its definition is widely accepted. It is defined as a term of contempt: one who pretends to be a Mason, but is not; someone who does not know the secrets of Freemasonry. It has also been defined as a Mason who builds walls without mortar.

From a historical perspective, this is all very interesting in reference to our operative brethren, but how does it apply to us, the speculative Masons. We do not build cathedrals, temples, or castles, as our operative brethren did. Buildings will not come crashing to the ground because we let a cowan in our midst - or will they? In a day when many are concerned with

the quantity of our membership, our priority should still be with its quality. Being concerned with quality instead of quantity seems like a very old cliché. However, the reference to cowans in the Schaw manuscript probably predates the cliché. Cowans can not only cause buildings to fall, but societies as well. The foundations of an institution like Freemasonry "can only be shaken, when discord reigns within." That type of discord creeps in with the cowan and is hazardous to our institution.

For the most part, the definition of a cowan is readily applicable to both operative and speculative Masonry, with the possible exception of the "Mason who builds walls without mortar." However, the speculative cowan also builds his walls without mortar. The mortar he neglects to use is the cement of brotherly love and affection. Without this mortar his institutions will fail.

Mortar fills in the cracks and minor flaws in the stones and binds them closely together. Likewise, brotherly love allows us to overlook our personal differences. Even though we do not see eye to eye, we should still meet on the level.

The strength of the mortar lies within the joints and not on the surface. This should remind us that the internal is more important than the external. If a wall appears to be perfectly sound, but lacks structural integrity, how good can it be? A man who bases his opinions on external appearances alone condemns himself to failure. Such a man would cherish someone in high position who wore luxurious apparel. He would also look down on those who lived in the wilderness and wore barbaric clothing. This might not seem too bad until you consider Pope Clement V and John the Baptist. Clement lacked integrity and swayed with every word King Philip IV spoke, while John resisted King Herod with integrity which has seldom been equaled and never excelled.

As men, we should ever remember we are merely the stones used to build our churches, our Lodges, and our society. What we accomplish should be done for the good of society and to benefit those in need. It should never be for our own recognition or our own personal glory. The glory belongs to God alone. "Just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself," the honor and glory of what we become should belong to our builder.

The cowan works for his own recognition and cares nothing for his responsibilities. His only concern is with his pay. Guard well the doors of your Lodges and Commanderies, and admit none but those who are worthy. More importantly, guard your minds and consciences so that they are tiled against unworthy thoughts and ideas. Freemasonry needs to grow, but it cannot afford to sacrifice its integrity or its principles.

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### Three Past Grand Masters, Wisconsin, Serve Spooner Commandery No. 40



On April 15, 1991, George R. Hughey, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Commander, installed three Past Grand Masters (left to right): Darrell Aderman as Commander, Herman Friess as Generalissimo, and Kingman Loomis as Recorder, along with all the new line officers of Spooner Commandery.

### Sixty-five Years an Illinois Templar



Sir Knight Robert R. Riefenberg, Eminent Commander of Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois, (left) is shown presenting Sir Knight Maxwell B. Ady with his 65-year pin, while Past Commander George H. Wright (right) looks on. A group of Sir Knights from Evanston Commandery traveled to the Illinois Knight Templar Home in Paxton, Illinois, to make the presentation.

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“ ‘No questions?’ Papaderos swept the room with his eyes.

‘Dr. Papaderos, what is the meaning of life?’

“The usual laughter followed, and people stirred to go.

“Papaderos held up his hand and stilled the room and looked at me for a long time, asking with eyes if I was serious and seeing from my eyes that I was.

“I will answer your question.”

“Taking his wallet out of his hip pocket, he fished into a leather billfold and brought out a very small round mirror, about the size of a quarter.

“And what he said went like this:

“When I was a small child, during the war, we were very poor and we lived in a remote village. One day, on the road, I found the broken pieces of a mirror. A German motorcycle had been wrecked in that place.

“ ‘I tried to find all the pieces and put them together, but it was not possible, so I kept only the largest piece. This one. And by scratching it on a stone I made it round. I began to play with it as a toy and became fascinated by the fact that I could reflect light into dark places where the sun would never shine - in deep holes and crevices and dark closets. It became a game for me to get light into the most inaccessible places I could find.

“ ‘I kept the little mirror, and as I went about my growing up, I would take it out in idle moments and continue the challenge of the game. As I became a man, I grew to understand that this was not just a child's game but a metaphor for what I might do with my life. I came to understand that I am not the light or the source of light. But light - truth, understanding, knowledge - is there, and it will only shine in many dark places if I reflect it.

“ ‘I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect

light into the dark places of this world - into the black places in the hearts of men - and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I am about. This is the meaning of my life.’

“And then he took his small mirror and, holding it carefully, caught the bright rays of daylight streaming through the window and reflected them onto my face and onto my hands folded on the desk.

“Much of what I experienced in the way of information about Greek culture and history that summer is gone from memory. But in the wallet of my mind I carry a small round mirror still.

“Are there any questions?...”

How easily we can equate so much of our Masonic symbolism to the philosophy so eloquently expressed in this story! It leads me to dwell on the process of a newly made Mason being honed from the rough ashlar to the smooth, over a period of time and with the perseverance similar to that in which the young Papaderos polished the edges of his small mirror. This story reminds us all that none of us, be he Grand Master, Master, or new initiate, possesses any great source of light that can be routinely transmitted to others ... But each of us, if we learn our Masonic lessons well and live and act as Masons should, possibly can reflect light into some of the dark corners of the world and by our action and example convey the light available through the teachings of Masonry to all who would share in it.

Yes, my brothers, this expresses the meaning of the mandate:

“Be a Mason.”

Are there any questions?

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## History of the Grand Encampment

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

*Continuation of report and recommendations of Committee on Ritual of the Order of Malta - Triennial, San Francisco, 1883.*

"We have endeavored to prepare a ceremonial which may be made very effective upon grand festival occasions, as a religious chivalric pageant, giving ample opportunity for the introduction of appropriate costumes, banners, paraphernalia, processions, music, etc., all however in strict accord and harmony with solemn religious dignity and Christian character of the Order.

"We were urged by some that it required so many officers and so much paraphernalia for its working that many of the small and poor Commanderies could not use it. To meet these objections, we have prepared and herewith submit a *short ceremonial*. It will be found, upon comparing this with the full Ceremonial, that it embraces in a compact and uniform manner all of the essentials such as vows, signs, tokens, pass-words, etc., as completely as they are in the full Ceremonial. We therefore submit both formulas for the consideration of the Grand Encampment, and recommend that they be adopted as the *only* authorized Knights of Malta Ceremonials allowed to be used within the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and that it be left to the Grand Commanderies to

determine which of these Ceremonials they will use; and that no Knight of Malta shall be created in any Commandery under this jurisdiction unless received according to one or the other of these formulas."

At the Triennial Conclave held in St. Louis in 1886, the Rituals of the Red Cross and of the Knights Templar were adopted on the resolution of Sir Knight Carson of Ohio:

"Resolved, That we recommend that the Ritual now submitted to be the only authorized Ritual of the Illustrious Orders of the Red Cross and Knights Templar, to be used in conferring these Orders within the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. This Order to take effect on and after the first day of April, 1887."

Resolutions were also adopted for the printing and distribution of the authorized Ritual. It was also declared that all Rituals were the property of the Grand Encampment, and that it shall be considered unknighly for any member of the Order to engage in any way in the unauthorized printing of the Ritual, or of the selling of the same, or for any member to buy a copy of the Ritual from any person.

The Ritual was distributed as directed, but it was not welcomed with much enthusiasm. On the contrary there was much objection and dissatisfaction expressed throughout the entire country. Many were in favor of changing the Ritual and some were for abolishing the National Ritual entirely. It was claimed that it was not as impressive as their own

State Ritual, that it showed no improvement over the work already being conferred. Three Grand Commanderies finally recalled the Rituals already distributed and decided to use their old Rituals. Two of these, Tennessee and New Jersey, however, finally complied with the Order of the Grand Master, but Iowa persisted in her course, and Grand Master Roome issued an edict of interdiction restricting all Templar intercourse between the members of the Grand Commandery of Iowa and other Knights within the United States.

At the Triennial Meeting held in Washington in 1889, Grand Master Roome devoted most of his address to the subject of the Ritual. He gave in detail his controversy with the Grand Commandery of Iowa, devoting fifty-six pages of his report to that State. This report was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for their consideration.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the Grand Master might have saved the situation if he had required the use of the Ritual by virtue of his authority as Grand Master, rather than as the enforcement of an order of the Grand Encampment:

"It the Grand Master had ordered the Grand Commander of Iowa to distribute the Rituals sent to his jurisdiction, and to see that they were observed and used, and had done this by virtue of his constitutional prerogative, having first pronounced these Rituals correct, there would have been no ground for controversy and no excuse for noncompliance. This point cannot be too strongly emphasized. In the case under consideration, the Grand Master did not transmit the Rituals to Iowa upon his own motion and in accordance with this official prerogative, but in pursuance of the action of the Grand Encampment."

was not legally adopted, the Committee stated:

"This objection assumes that the Ritual adopted in 1886 was the changing of the former Ritual. If this is not so, the objection has nothing to rest upon. It may differ from the Ritual in use in Iowa and in some other States; but that does not prove it is not the regularly transmitted Ritual continuously preserved in the bosom of the Grand Encampment and now, for the first time, promulgated in printed form. Neither the Grand Commander, nor the Grand Command-ery of Iowa could be the arbiter of this question. The Grand Encampment or the Grand Master alone could determine the fact; and if it was so determined, prompt acceptance and cheerful compliance became the loyal duty of every Templar in the land. We wish to emphasize this point as a general and unquestionable principle.

"The promulgation of a Templar Ritual was made in 1886 and never before, and only after that did the requirement of notice of the proposed change become applicable. A revision of the Templar Ritual was under consideration in 1877 and at each session of the Grand Encampment since then. In 1886 it came up as unfinished business. In order to sustain the point of want of notice in the summons, examination would have to run back twelve years; and as the summons is no part of the record, the impossibility of reaching a correct conclusion outside of the record must be apparent."



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. Any submission may be subject to editing.

I would like to purchase at a reasonable price: a chapeau without case, size 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; sword belt, 48-50; and sword. These items for a new Sir Knight. Rev. Ralph A. Jones, Jr.; 1612 Both Dr.; Green Cove Springs, FL 32043-2002

Fund-raiser for Benton Lodge No. 521, F. & A.M, Fowler, IN: official Swiss Army knives with silver alloy, inlaid square and compass on a blue handle. Knives were custom produced for this fund-raiser; are high quality, tough, and small enough to be carried in slacks. Available for \$16.95 plus \$2.00 shipping. Dr. Dwight Cochran, P.M.; P.O. Box 381; Boswell; IN 47921; or call (800) 622-1V652 (for further info or ordering).

For sale: 14K yellow-gold Scottish Rite/Shrine ring with 32<sup>+</sup> yod and .45K diamond, size 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Original price, \$1,355; asking \$950. J. D. Boggs, 1262 Virginia Avenue, N. W; Norton; VA 24273

Wanted: Bolo string ties distributed by El Zaribah Shrine Temple, Phoenix, Arizona, before 1989. Bob Isberg, 1622 Marquette Road, Joliet, IL 60435, (815) 725-9410

I have finally completed and published my third book on Masonic items: Masonic Memorabilia, a history with 156 pictures and 431 pages. Cost of book, \$10.00, plus \$1.50 postage; total, \$11.50. Also available, my other two books: Masonic Timepieces, Rings, Balls and Watch Fobs and Masonic Grandfather Clocks, Mantle Clocks, Watches, Pocket Knives, Rings, Balls and More Watch Fobs, both \$5.00 each, plus \$1.50 postage; total, \$6.50 each. C. Clark Julius, 2260 Carlisle Road, York, PA 17404

Needed for Masonic research paper, "The Modern Anti-Masonic Movement," any tracts, pamphlets, papers dealing with the subject. This is a serious and deep concern of the writer,

who is a Mason of 38 years. Costs and postage will be thankfully paid. Please contact Father Charles E. Maier, Ph.D.; 489 Jasmine Street; Laguna Beach; CA 92651

Would like to receive copies of a book titled The Lion's Paw by Claudy, to be used in youths' education in my Masonic district. Will pay postage. John C. Thomas, 2111 S.E. 52nd Street, Ocala, FL 32674-6159

Wanted: Masonic researcher and local secretary for the Correspondence Circle of Quatuor Coronati Ledge No. 2076, London, in need of good condition back issues of transactions of that Lodge, prior to Vol. 95. Vol. number, bound or paper-back, and price, including shipping, to H. M. Hartlove, 5004 Holly Road, Portsmouth, VA 23703-3506, (804) 483-2253

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 Street; Allentown; PA 18102

For sale: six adjoining cemetery lots at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Masonic Section I, Mt. Clemens, Michigan; \$3,000.00 for all six or \$600.00 per lot. Janet Deneen, 62 Pray Road, Gaylord, MI 49735, (517) 732-4194.

Does anyone out there know the address or phone number of International Masonic Jewelry in Glendora, New Jersey? They make a line of monel (stainless steel) rings. John Nuner, PO Box 2233, Cape May, NJ 08204

Wanted: Chapter pennies by avid collector, who has been building his collection for over 21 years. These will one day end up in a Masonic

museum. I will gladly buy one or a collection or will send a donation wherever you want. Why not add your penny to my collection. I especially need pennies from AL, GA, TN, UT, NC, ND, IA, Alaska, and Puerto Rico. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (602) 888-7585 or (207) 781-5201

I would like to locate a copy of the book on standard ritual: Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth and Daughters of the South by Robert McCoy, 1898. Harold J. Thomas, Grand Royal Patron Order of the Amaranth; 1490 Goblet Avenue; Mt. Pleasant; SC 29464

Masonic rubber stamps made to order. C. M. Lentz, P.O. Box?, Sunny Side, GA 30284-0307

For sale: 4 burial lots in Schuylkill Memorial Park in Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, currently selling for \$2,100, but will sell at this time for \$1,500. Lot is in South Lawn Section, Lot No. 257. Please contact Ruppert Shollenberger, (904) 465-0758 or (717) 622-3993

Seeking info on my grandfather Harold Binnie, b. ca. 1918 in NY, lived in Buffalo during WWII. I have a cardiac condition and would like to give him a surprise visit if anyone around the area would please send me his address. John J. Wurst P.O. Box 337, Blakeslee, PA 18610

First reunion USS Kadashan Bay (CVE-76) and Squadron VC-20, October 17-19, Peppermill Hotel Casino, Reno, Nevada. Zack Z. Zink, 602 Sunrise Drive, Clarkson, WA 99403; (509) 758-6253

Wanted: names and addresses of men serving aboard USS Castle Rock (AVP-35) in 1945-46, WWII. Interested in reunion. Thomas W. Brown, Jr.; 611 Hillcrest; Moultrie; GA 31768; (912) 985-7361

For Sale: grave lot: Space 3, Section B, Lot No. 304, Serenity Circle, Skylawn Memorial Park Cemetery, San Mateo, California 94402. Sale price of \$600.00 does include transfer fee. Leslie Gene Tenney; 3025 17<sup>th</sup> St., North; Coeur d'Alene; ID 83814; (208) 667-8352

Rodman-Mann. Seeking information about Joseph C. Rodman (d. 1858) and Jane Mann Rodman (d. 1848). They came from Scotland and England They lived in the Milwaukee, WI, area in the 1830s. Lyman Cox, 9273 W. 91st Place, Westminster, CO 80021

For sale: four prime graves in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens at the intersection of 12 Mile and Novi Road, Novi, Michigan, Garden of Faith, Block J. These lots would cost \$2,880 if purchased through Oakland Hills. I am asking \$2,200. Parker H. Thayer, 37585 Lakeville, Mt. Clemens, MI 48045; (313) 933-8118

Wanted: I am trying to locate any cadets who attended the Merchant Marine Cadet School in Past Christian Mississippi starting July—November, 1945. Jim Edwards, P.O. Box 1601, Hickory, NC 28603; Office: (704) 3286405, Home: (704) 396-2000

Wanted: Law enforcement patches and badges for my collection. William C. Bennett, 207 S. Street, Union, SC 29379

Wanted: Reader's Digest condensed books, spring 1951. Must have original dust jacket. Will pay \$20.00. Larry Donnell, 564 Highway, 305 South, Searcy, AR 72143, (501) 268-8745

Reunion: 10th Defense (AA) Battalion, USMC, WWII, 1942-44 and alumni, September 27-29, 1991. Lester M. Auchmoody, Box 6, Mt. Joy, PA 17552, (717) 653-6027 or Sgt. Harold N. Chapman, 320 Market Street, Middletown, PA, 17057, (717) 944-2209

2nd reunion: USS Shamrock Bay (CVE-84), October 24-26, 1991, in Columbus, Ohio. Seeking all former crew members and officers, anyone serving from 1941-1946: VC 42, VC 93, VC 94, VC 96. Squadron for info or send info on crew members living or deceased to Fred H. Griggs, 1989 Dandy Road, Dallas, GA 30132, (404) 445-4770

Reunion: USS Pecos (AO-65), September 20-22, Holiday Inn, Middlebury Heights, Ohio. William J. Price, Star Route, Box 43, Portsmouth, OH 45662; (614) 858-5871

Searching for anyone also related to the following people: Nelson A. Clenderinan (b. 11/0411809 in Canada), James Glover (b. circa 1845 in Belfast), Samuel Harvey (b. circa 1825 in London), Baryas Thomas Jenkins (b. circa 1830 in Eng.), George A. Knicke (b. circa 1800 in Bavaria), John W. Shoule (b. 5/1/1840 in Wurtenburg, Ger.), Hugh Cooper (b. 1809 in Eng.). Write G. Tomlinson, P.O. Box 432

## Thoughts of a Mason's Wife

How many wives of Masons have ever given much thought  
To the wonderful Biblical lessons that Masonry has taught?  
Have you asked yourself this question, when you sit alone at night,  
While hubby is away at Lodge, "Is my reasoning straight and right?"  
I know the nights are lonely and long, but this question comes to me  
"If my husband wasn't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?"  
They call us Masonic Widows: I've been one for many a year.  
I've spoken my piece on lonely nights and berated my hubby dear.  
But then again I regret my words and with wisdom try to see,  
"If my husband wasn't a Mason, what kind of a man would he be?"  
So I try to be a patient wife, as alone I meditate,  
And see his point, as he leaves for Lodge, with these words,  
"I won't be late."  
Some say that men make Masonry and this I understand.  
But deep in my heart I still maintain "That Masonry makes the man."  
And as we journey the highway together, to the inner things of life,  
May their teachings go on forever.

Sincerely,  
A Mason's Wife