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Our new Grand Master offers thanks and looks to the future

## Pride in Our Past — Faith in Our Future!

I would humbly like to thank all of those who elected me as the 50th Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

We are going to try some new ideas, brought forward by new committeemen; for example, a Grand Encampment Membership Jewel; more on this elsewhere in the *Knight Templar Magazine*. All of the Grand Encampment officers are ready and more than willing to listen to any suggestions that YOU, the members, may have. We must all work together for this great Fraternity.

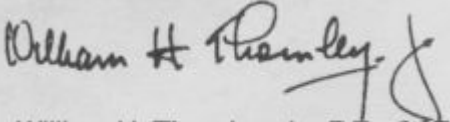
### Pride In Our Past - Faith In Our Future!

This is the motto that I have adopted for the 59th Triennium, 1991-1994, a motto that could be used by our entire Fraternity. We

have long praised the Founding Fathers of this great Republic for their adherence to our Masonic principles during the trying years of the Revolutionary War and the troubled years following until our Constitution was written and adopted. The fact that they were Freemasons gives us a direct line to these men; Washington, Greene, Franklin, Lafayette, Knox, etc. We have extolled them in our writings and in our degree work, and they are constantly brought forward when we talk about our Fraternity.

We have talked about Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Manila, Chateau-Thierry, Normandy, Guadalcanal, Inchon, Vietnam, Granada, and Desert Storm, where Masons fought and died that DEMOCRACY could live. We have been proud that so many Masons were elected to the highest office in our country. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR PAST.

The past year has seen some gain in membership in our Symbolic Lodges, a goodly number of our Grand Lodges have reported not only a slowing in the deflection from our ranks by death, demit or NPD, but an actual gain in overall membership. We are not "out of the woods" by any means. M.E. Companion R. Glenn Capps, in a personal letter to me last week, wrote: "We have some rough times ahead." But with the help of each of you; as Master Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, Shriners, and most especially Christian Knights Templar; we again approach the membership we had after World War II. WE CAN HAVE FAITH IN OUR FUTURE.



William H. Thornley, Jr., P.E., GCT  
Grand Master

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

**SEPTEMBER:** Sir Knights, once again we have the season of new beginnings. As summer wanes, another Templar year begins; new opportunities to renew our vows, expand our horizons, renew our friendships. We have a new Grand Master, and our coverage of the newly elected and appointed officers of the Grand Encampment is carried on pages five through fourteen. The story of American patriot Ethan Allen concludes in this issue, and other thoughtful articles hopefully will enhance your continued enjoyment of *Knight Templar Magazine*.

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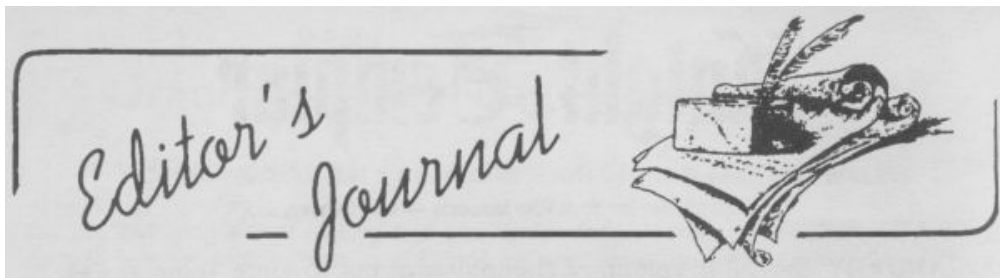
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**Salute our new Grand Master:** Newly elected Grand Master William Henry Thornley, Jr., gives us the first message of his triennium on page two of this month's issue; the biography of our Most Eminent Grand Master is printed on page five. His name now joins the masthead on page three. The staff of the office of the Grand Recorder and *Knight Templar* add their congratulations along with those of all Knights Templar to our new Grand Master.

**Triennial News Coverage:** The 58th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment ended on August 21, too late for *Knight Templar* to furnish a complete news report on the Conclave. A full report of the Triennial Conclave, along with photographs, will be published in the October edition. Coverage of newly elected and appointed officers begins on page five.

**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.

**Drill Team Competition:** On Saturday, August 17, from 7:00 A.M. to 4 P.M., four Class A teams and thirteen Class B teams participated in the 58th Triennial Conclave Drill Competition in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Washington Hotel.

First place in the Class A competition was taken by Park Place Commandery No. 106, Houston, Texas; second place by Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, Van Wert, Ohio (under drill captain and Past Grand Master Ned E. Dull); and third place by Knightstown Commandery No. 9, Knightstown, Indiana.

First place in the Class B competition was awarded to Raper Commandery No. 1, Indianapolis, Indiana. There was a tie for second place: the winners were Palestine Commandery No. 33, Springfield, Ohio, and Ruthven Commandery No. 2, Houston, Texas. Third place went to Austin Commandery No. 84, Glenview, Illinois.

Prior to the awards program on Saturday evening, the competing drill teams passed in review before the Most Eminent Grand Master. Approximately four hundred Sir Knights participated, and this stirring and inspirational sight of massed Templars was witnessed by an audience which filled every seat in the grandstands.

A description of the awards and recognition program will appear in next month's issue.

## **William Henry Thornley, Jr., Colorado Elected new Leader of Templar Masonry**

Elected to office on August 20, 1991, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C., Most Eminent Grand Master William Henry Thornley, Jr., will preside over 267,000 Sir Knights who comprise the Knights Templar of the United States of America. Our new Grand Master was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the Northwestern Department by Grand Master Willard M. Avery, October 17, 1978, and re-appointed by Kenneth Culver Johnson, Most Eminent Grand Master, August 15, 1979. Elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment on August 18, 1982, at the 55th Triennial Conclave in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. On August 13, 1985, he was advanced to Grand Generalissimo for the 1985-1988 triennium in Cincinnati, Ohio; and elected Deputy Grand Master August 9, 1988, in Lexington, Kentucky. Grand Master Thornley was installed in the office of Most Eminent Grand Master on August 21, 1991.

A native of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr., attended Carnegie Institute of Technology before serving with the 90th Infantry Division in World War II. As a soldier in Europe he was decorated four times for gallantry in action, and he holds four campaign stars and an arrowhead for the invasion of Normandy.

Following the war, he moved to Colorado and attended the Colorado School of Mines. A Registered Professional Engineer, Sir Knight Thornley is a Consulting Materials Engineer. He is a member of Christ Church, Episcopal.

He received the degree of Master Mason on June 25, 1946, in King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, F. & A. M., Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and the Capitular Degrees in Colorado Chapter No. 29, R.A.M., serving as High Priest in 1959 and Treasurer since 1962. In the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado he served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1966; his Cryptic record shows membership in Denver Council No. 1, C. M., where he served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1977. He served the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1986. Sir Knight Thornley was Knighted September 13, 1950, in Denver

Commandery No. 25, K.T. (now Denver-Colorado Commandery No. 1. K.T.), and served as Eminent Commander in 1960, and Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Colorado in 1976.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Sir Knight Thornley is a member of Rocky Mountain Consistory, Valley of Denver, Orient of Colorado, where he was Venerable Master of Centennial Lodge of Perfection and is a 33<sup>1</sup>, Inspector General Honorary, Southern Jurisdiction.

Appendant Masonic Bodies include: El Jebel Temple, AAONMS; Mount of the Holy Cross Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Crown of Thorns Tabernacle No. XXVIII, HRAKTP; Royal Order of Scotland; Centennial York Rite College, No. 87; Kincora Council No. 8, Knight Masons; Pike's Peak Council No. 156, A.M.D.; Colorado College, S.R.I.C.F.; Great Priory of America, C.B.C.S. He holds the Honorary Legion of Honor and is an active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

He and his wife Shirley Jane have three children: Elizabeth (Mrs. Steven E. Winebrenner), William III and Robert. Both sons are active members of the Masonic Fraternity.

## Blair Christy Mayford, Deputy Grand Master

*Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford of Missouri, Past South Central Department Commander, was elected to the grand line on August 13, 1985, in Cincinnati Ohio. On August 9, 1988, he was advanced to the office of Grand Generalissimo at the 57th Triennial Conclave in Lexington, Kentucky, and was elected to the office of Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 20, 1991.*

Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master Blair Christy Mayford was born in Wood River, Illinois, graduating from Wood River Community High School and later attending Washington University. He and his wife Dorella Ann Youngberg were married at Alton, Illinois, and they currently reside in St. Peters, Missouri. They are the parents of one daughter, Christy Ann, have two grandchildren, Angela Marie and Matthew Christy Van Horn. Blair and Dorella are members of Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Charles, Missouri.

Sir Knight Mayford has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for more than 40 years, and his Masonic affiliations are extensive and varied. He was raised in Pomegranate Lodge No. 95, A.F. & A.M., St. Louis, then transferred to University Lodge No. 649, Clayton, Missouri, in 1974, (which later merged with Clayton Lodge No. 601), where he served as Worshipful Master. He is a Past High Priest of St. Louis-Missouri Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., and was appointed Missouri representative of the Deputy Grand High Priest of the South Central Region, General Grand Chapter International, 1978-81. He is a Past Master of Hiram Council No. 1, Cryptic Masons, in St. Louis; elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Missouri in 1986. He is a Past Commander of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, St. Louis, and served as Recorder of St. Aldemar for 19 years. He is now a member of Ascalon Commandery No. 16 in St. Louis after a merger between these two Commanderies. In 1975, he was



elected Grand Commander of Missouri Templars.

Appendent membership includes: St. Louis Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, elected Sovereign in 1984; a Past Preceptor, Registrar-Treasurer of Lord of Lords Tabernacle No. LI, HRAKTP; Missouri Priory No. 17, KYCH; Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.; Past Sovereign Master, Ray Vaughn Denslow Council No. 102, A.M.D.; University Chapter No. 231, O.E.S.; Missouri Lodge of Research; holds the Honorary Legion of Honor from the Order of DeMolay; Royal Order of Scotland; York Rite Sovereign College of North America, which presented Blair with the Order of the Purple Cross; National Sojourners; A.A.S.R., S.J., Valley of St. Louis, a Past Master of Kadosh of the Consistory and was Coroneted 330 Inspector General Honorary in 1985; Moolah Temple Shrine in St. Louis and served as President of the Guides Unit.

## James Morris Ward, Grand Generalissimo

*Sir Knight James Morris Ward, Right Eminent Past Department Commander of the Southeastern Department for the 1982-85 triennium, was elected to the grand line of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar as Right Eminent Grand Captain General on August 9, 1988, in Lexington, Kentucky. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo on August 20, 1991, and installed in that office the following day.*

Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo James Morris Ward was born in Dyersburg, located in northwest Tennessee about 90 miles north of Memphis. Today he resides with his wife, the former Janet Doublin (Jan), in Jackson, Mississippi. They are the parents of one daughter, Kathy. Sir Knight Ward and his wife are members and actively participate in the religious, business, and recreational activities of Griffith Memorial Baptist Church. He also participates in the United Givers Fund Drives, Savings Bond Drives, and Blood Assurance Programs.

Sir Knight Ward obtained his early education in the public schools of Dyersburg. After graduation from high school in 1948, he attended the University of Mississippi and later the University Center in Jackson where he completed courses in business administration, mathematics, and engineering. In 1965-66, he completed studies in mathematics, electronics, and economics at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

He is retired from South Central Bell Telephone Co. after serving more than 35 years in managerial positions in the engineering and construction organizations of that company.

Raised in Pearl Lodge No. 23, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 25, 1967, Sir Knight Ward served as Master of his Lodge in 1971 and is presently serving as its Secretary. In 1979, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. He was Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Masonic Children's Home, 1977-79, and is



presently serving on its Board. He is the present Secretary/Recorder of the Jackson York Rite Bodies. He served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi in 1985, as Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1986, and as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi in 1982.

Appendant Masonic membership includes: St. Leonard Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Wahabi Temple, AAONMS; Rose of Sharon Tabernacle No. XLIII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Royal Order of Scotland; Knight York Cross of Honor; and the Order of Eastern Star. A deputy member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, Sir Knight Ward is recipient of the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor; he is also a member of the Board of Directors, Mississippi Masonic Youth Foundation. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Jackson, A. & A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, and a recipient of the Knight Commander Court of Honor.

## William Jackson Jones elected to Grand Line

*Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Past North Central Department Commander, was elected to the grand line of the Grand Encampment as Right Eminent Grand Captain General at the election of officers which was held at the 58th Triennial Conclave on August 20, 1991. He was installed into that office on the following day.*

William Jackson Jones was born on March 12, 1939, in Tuscola, Illinois. He went to high school in Villa Grove, Illinois, at Villa Grove High School; he went on to the University of Illinois for his B.S. in 1961, and he received his D.D.S. there in 1964. He married Lois A. Robinson at Tolono, Illinois, on December 10, 1967, and they have two children; Phillip, age 17; and Jane, age 16. Sir Knight Jones currently resides in Villa Grove, Illinois, where Sir Knight Jones has practiced Dentistry for 26 years.

Sir Knight Jones has held numerous civic positions, including serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Villa Grove Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, American Heart Association, Illinois Affiliate; Villa Grove Schools Citizens Consulting Committee; Board of Directors for Villa Grove Community Theater; and President, Eastern Illinois Dental Society.

Sir Knight Jones was raised in Villa Grove Lodge No. 885, Villa Grove, Illinois, in September of 1960. He has served as Worshipful Master of this Lodge. In the York Rite, he is a member of Tuscola Chapter No. 66 in Tuscola, Illinois, where he has served as High Priest. He is a member of the Order of High Priesthood. He is a member of Mattoon Council No. 10, Mattoon, Illinois, where he has been the Thrice Illustrious Master. He was created a Knight Templar on December 1, 1969, in Melita Commandery No. 37, Tuscola, Illinois, where he has served as Commander in 1972 and 1977. He is a member and Past Preceptor of Lily of the Valley Tabernacle XLVI, HRAKTP. He has been elected to the grand line of the Grand College of America, HRAKTP.



In the Grand Commandery of Illinois, he ascended the grand line, serving as Grand Commander in 1984, and was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the North Central Department by Grand Master Donald Hinslea Smith, August 13, 1985, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Appendant Masonic activities include membership in the Scottish Rite, N.J., the Valley of Danville, Illinois. He was coronated an Inspector General Honorary of the 33<sup>o</sup> in 1985. Sir Knight Jones is a member of Ansar Temple, Springfield, Illinois, AAONMS. He belongs to the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and was recipient of the Purple Cross in 1988. He is a member of Saxa Rubra Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is an Active Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and a recipient of the Order of Chevalier. He is a member of the O.E.S., Knight Masons, and the Order of Amaranth.



## Harold Sumner Gorman, Grand Treasurer

Sir Knight Harold Sumner Gorman of Reno, Nevada, is the tenth man to hold the office of Grand Treasurer since it was established in 1816. He was first appointed in July 1974 by then-Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle, and he has been reelected to the office each triennium since then. Sir Knight Gorman was installed for the 1991-1994 triennium on August 21, 1991. He brings to the office some 50 years of banking experience.

Born in Carlin, Nevada, he graduated from Reno, Nevada, High School and was a student at the University of Nevada at Reno, 1920-21. He is the father of two sons, Richard and Robert. His wife, Marguerite, is now deceased.

In May, 1922, he began his financial career, which culminated in 1968, when Sir Knight Gorman retired as Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Nevada. He was President of the Rotary Club in Rena, 1944-45; President of the Rena Chamber of Commerce in 1952; President of the Prospectors Club, 1966; and Treasurer of the Washoe Landmark Preservation, the Nevada Council on Economic Education, and Trinity Episcopal Church. He has long been involved with the Boy Scouts of America, and is currently a Board Member of the Nevada Area Council in Rena, and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. In 1978-79, he served as President of the Rena Council, Navy League; is President of the Rena Masonic Temple Association; and was Trustee of the Washoe Medical Center, 1970-74. He currently serves as Trustee of Masonic Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Masonically, Sir Knight Gorman is a member of Rena Lodge No. 13, F. & A.M., of which he is currently a Trustee; he is Past High Priest of Rena Chapter No. 7. RAM;



and member, Rena Council No. 4, R. & S.M.

His Templar affiliations include: 57-year member and Past Commander, DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1; Past Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Nevada; Past Department Commander, South Pacific Department, 1967-70; former Trustee, now Treasurer, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

He is a Charter member and First Master Councilor, Nevada Chapter, Order of DeMolay, 1923, and holds the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He also holds membership in Rena Court No. 33, Royal Order of Jesters; Kerak Temple, AAONMS; St. Matthias Tabernacle No. LVII, Holy Royal Arch Templar Priests (Past Preceptor); Rena Scottish Rite, where he was coroneted an Inspector General Honorary 33<sup>1</sup> on December 12, 1987, and the Royal Order of Scotland.

He is a former Intendant General for Nevada, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine.

## Charles Richard Neumann, Grand Recorder

*Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann was appointed Right Eminent Assistant Grand Recorder on July 1, 1984, by Grand Master Ned E. Dull. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Recorder at the 56th Triennial Conclave in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1985, reelected to that office on August 9, 1988, and again on August 20, 1991, and will serve the Grand Encampment as Right Eminent Grand Recorder during the 1991-1994 triennium.*

Sir Knight Charles Richard Neumann was born in Chicago, IL. He attended Arlington High School in Arlington Hts., IL, and holds the degree of doctor of naprapathy received from the National College of Naprapathy in September 1962.

He has served as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Commandery of IL first in 1977 and then again from 1980 to 1987, and again in 1989 and 1991; membership since 1976. He also serves as President and Executive Board Member of the Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm, serving on the Board since 1972.

Charles Neumann is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Arlington Hts., IL, and has been married to his wife, Karla, since 1972. Karla holds a degree in education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Masonically, Sir Knight Neumann was Raised in Arlington Hts. Lodge No. 1162 in Arlington Hts., IL, and served as Worshipful Master in 1972. He received the degrees of the R. A. M. in Nov. of 1963 and is a member of Palatine Chapter No. 206, Palatine, IL. He served as E. H. P. in 1968. He was Greeted a R. & S. M. in Cryptic Council No. 46, Elgin, IL, in 1964 and served as T. I. M. in 1969. He is a Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of IL for 1988-89. He was Knighted in 1963 in Bethel Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar (Elgin, IL), serving as Eminent Commander in 1967. In 1975 at the age of 34 he served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. He is a Life



Member of the A.A.S.R., Valley of Chicago. He was coroneted a S. G. I. 330, at the Supreme Council Session in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September, 1988. He became a member of Medinah Temple, AAONMS, in 1963 at Chicago and is a member of the Medinah Fire Unit.

Other affiliations include: Life member, St. Bridget Council No. 23, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; Life Member, Illinois Priory No. 11, KYCH; Arlington Hts. Chapter No. 992, O.E.S.; Heather Court No. 27, Order of Amaranth; dual membership with Austin Commandery No. 84, Glenview, and Drill Team; and Illinois York Rite College No. 15. Life Member, Royal Order of Scotland; A.M.D.; member of Simon Peter Tabernacle XXII, HRAKTP. He has received the Purple Cross from the Sovereign York Rite College of North America, is the holder of the Honorary Degree of L.O.H., Order of DeMolay, and has been elected a deputy member of the International Supreme Council.

## The Reverend Thomas Edward Weir, Ph.D.

*Appointed Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment by Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler in 1988, Sir Knight Thomas Edward Weir of Hyattsville, Maryland, was reappointed to that office by Grand Master William H. Thornley, Jr., for the 1991-1994 triennium.*

The Reverend Thomas E. Weir of Hyattsville, Maryland, was born in Washington, North Carolina, in 1925. The son of Katherine and Frank Weir, he was educated in the public schools of Roanoke and Roanoke County, North Carolina. His educational history also includes undergraduate study at Roanoke College and the University of Virginia. Sir Knight Weir earned a B.S. degree from the University of South Carolina, a B.D. at Emory University, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

A minister of the United Methodist Church, he has served as pastor of a three-point rural circuit, staff member of a large downtown church, director of a Methodist student center, and Institute Chaplain at Virginia Military Institute. His Naval service includes enlisted and commissioned service from 1943 to 1952 and chaplain duty from 1964 until his retirement in 1975. He is a combat veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

His civic activities include involvement in the Boy Scouts of America, where he has achieved the Silver Beaver, the God and Service Award, the Baden-Powell Fellowship and the Olave Baden-Powell Society; Rotary International; the Masonic Order, where he has served as Grand Chaplain; American Legion, serving as Department Vice Commander; and the "Forty & Eight," where he has been past national vice Commander and past national chaplain. Sir Knight Weir is currently serving as director of the American Institute of Practical Theology, Inc., a non-profit research organization concerned with church and ministry.

Grand Prelate Weir entered into Masonry



while in Scotland. He was initiated in St. Andrew Lodge No. 282 in Tarfside Angus, Scotland, on December 6, 1968; Haran Chapter No. 8, RAM., in Lawrence Kirk, Kincardineshire, on March 4, 1969; Noah Council No. 7, Cryptic Masonry, Brechin, Angus, on March 31, 1969; and Aithernie Preceptory No. 51, Knights Templar, in Methil, Fife, Scotland, on May 14, 1969. He has now affiliated with Skidmore Daylight Lodge No. 237 in Virginia, which he served as Master in 1987; Keystone Chapter No. 32, R.A.M., which he served as H.P. in 1980-81; King David Council No. 19, where he served as T.I.M. in 1979-80, and St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, all in Maryland.

Sir Knight Weir has served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and Scotland and the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Maryland. He has served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter (1990-91), and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery (1989-90) of Maryland. He is presently National Chaplain of National Sojourners, Inc.

## *Elected and Appointed Officers, 1991–1994*

The ceremony of installation for the new officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar took place at 11:00 A.M. on the morning of August 21, 1991, as the final activity of the 58th Triennial Conclave in Washington, D.C. Officers were installed by Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment.

*Elected by the Grand Encampment:*

### **Most Eminent Grand Master**

William H. Thornley, Jr., 3080 South Race Street, Denver, Colorado 80210

### **Right Eminent Grand Master**

Blair C. Mayford, 14 Duffy Court, St. Peters, Missouri 63376

### **Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo**

James M. Ward, 174 Chasewood Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39212

### **Right Eminent Grand Captain General**

William J. Jones, 1 South Main Street, Villa Grove, Illinois 61956

### **Right Eminent Grand Treasurer**

Harold S. Gorman, P.O. Box 11007, Reno, Nevada 89510

### **Right Eminent Grand Recorder**

Charles R. Neumann, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700  
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*Appointed by the Grand Master:*

### **Right Eminent Grand Prelate**

The Reverend Thomas E. Weir, 6409 Queens Chapel Road  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20782

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North Central: Clyde E. White (MN)

Southeastern: James E. Moseley (GA)

South Central: Donald L. Smith (TX)

East Central: James DeMOND (IN)

Northwestern: Joel C. Bingner (OR)

Southwestern: Robert M. Abernathey (NM)

All Subordinate Commanderies and the Philippines: Richard M. Strauss (MI)

### **Most Eminent Past Grand Masters**

John L. Crofts, Sr. (1967–1970)

G. Wilbur Bell (1970–1973)

Willard M. Avery (1976–1979)

Ned E. Dull (1982–1985)

Donald H. Smith (1985–1988)

Marvin E. Fowler (1988–1991)

**Right Eminent Past Grand Treasurer**  
Edmund F. Ball, P.G.C. (Indiana)

**Right Eminent Past Grand Recorder and Honorary Past Grand Master**  
Paul C. Rodenhauser, P.G.C. (Pennsylvania)

**Planned Regional Conferences for 1991-1992**

Northeastern (Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts/  
Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and  
Vermont): September 6-7, 1991, in Cromwell, Connecticut.

South Central (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas):  
September 13-15, 1991, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

North Central (Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and  
Wisconsin): October 12-13, 1991, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Northwestern (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming):  
October 18-19, 1991, in Boise, Idaho.

Southwestern (Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah): November 8-9,  
1991, in Reno, Nevada.

East Central (Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia): March 13-14,  
1992, in Dayton, Ohio.

Southeastern (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina,  
Tennessee, and Virginia): June 26-27, 1992, in Jackson, Mississippi.

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Arnold's pretension to command was finally deflated by the Civilian authorities in Connecticut, who sent a message congratulating Ethan Allen on his victory and directing him to keep command" of Fort Ticonderoga.

Arnold wrote a report complaining that Ethan Allen was not qualified for a regular military command. For the record, however, Arnold admitted that Allen might be "a proper man to head his own wild people."

Ethan Allen wrote reports in which he saluted Benedict Arnold's courage, noting "Col. Arnold entered the fort with me, side by side." Allen praised all his men, writing, In the assault, the soldiery behaved with such resistless fury that they so terrified the King's troops that they durst not fire, and our soldiery was agreeably disappointed."

Concerning the stolen rum, Ethan Allen wrote, Whereas Captain Delaplace has in the fort ninety gallons of rum of his own property which is greatly wanted for the refreshment of the soldiery... this is therefore to desire the Treasurer of the Colony of Connecticut to pay him, the said William Delaplace, eighteen pounds eleven shillings and nine pence lawful money." Apparently the captain was compensated for his loss.

Having captured Fort Ticonderoga, Ethan Allen next decided to lead the Green Mountain Boys north to capture Montreal, the greatest city in Canada. This plan was not popular with the older militiamen, who did not want to leave Vermont during the autumn harvest season. An election was held to settle the issue, and Ethan Allen was voted out of office as leader of the Green Mountain Boys.

Shrugging off this backset, Allen decided to raise a new militia of French Canadians to capture Montreal. With a French interpreter he traveled north to Quebec in September of 1775. After a few days of what he called preaching



# ETHAN ALLEN

## Part III

By Sir Knight  
C. Clark Julius, KTCH



*Capture of Fort Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen, May 10, 1775. Engraving by T. Pillbrow from painting by Alonzo Chappel.*

politics" in Quebec, he raised an army of one hundred farmers, mostly French speaking, who were armed with a variety of guns, clubs, and pitchforks.

Meanwhile, two hundred Massachusetts' militiamen invaded Quebec on what was supposed to be a scouting expedition for the Continental Army. At Longueuil, just across the Saint Lawrence River from Montreal, Ethan Allen happened to cross paths with the Massachusetts' scouts.

In a tavern, Ethan Allen sat down to swap toasts with the leader of the scouts, Major John Brown. After a few glasses of rum, Brown began boasting that his small force of scouts was sufficient to capture Montreal. He said that his two hundred New Englanders, with Ethan Allen's one hundred French Canadians, should immediately attack the city, which was plainly visible on the far side of the Saint Lawrence River. As soon as night fell, Allen's and Brown's forces could separately cross the river in canoes. At dawn, Ethan Allen would attack Montreal from the north, while Brown attacked from the south.

Allen thought that Major Brown's plan might work, if the British were taken by surprise. Raising a glass to the major, Allen said "Here's for Montreal or a turf jacket."

That night a stiff wind whipped the Saint

Lawrence River into choppy froth. Ethan Allen's French Canadians fearlessly launched their canoes and paddled through the waves, but John Brown's New Englanders did not attempt the crossing.

At dawn, Ethan Allen waited to hear the signal that Brown's men had landed "Three huzzah." He was still waiting two hours after sunrise, when General Carleton, the British commander in Montreal, was informed that a pathetically small army of rebels had landed north of the city.

Holding his British redcoats in reserve within Montreal, General Carleton sent out a force of five hundred French-Canadian irregulars and Indians to attack Ethan Allen's position. Allen later wrote, "Being entirely surrounded by such vast, unequal numbers, I ordered a retreat, but found that the enemy could run as fast as my men."

He therefore surrendered to an English-speaking enemy officer. As soon as Ethan Allen handed over his sword to the officer, he was attacked by one of the officer's Indian allies. According to Allen, "A savage came running to me with an incredible swiftness; he seemed to advance with more than mortal speed. As he approached near me, his hellish visage was beyond all description; snake's eyes appeared innocent in comparison to his; his features extorted malice, death, murder, and the wrath of devils and damned spirits are the emblems of his countenance; and in less than twelve feet of me he presented his firelock. At the instant of his present I twitched the officer, to whom I gave my sword, between me and the savage; but he flew round with great fury, trying to single me out to shoot me without killing the officer; but by this time I was nearly as nimble as he, keeping the officer in such



a position that his danger was my defense.

"But, in less than half a minute, I was attacked by just another such imp from hell. Then I made the officer fly around with incredible velocity, for a few seconds of time, when I perceived a Canadian... taking my part against the savages; and an instant later an Irishman came to my assistance with a fixed bayonet, and drove away the fiends, swearing by he would kill them. This tragic scene composed my mind. The escaping from so awful a death made even imprisonment happy; the more so since my conquerors on the field treated me with great civility and politeness."

Ethan Allen was still a prisoner in Canada when the settlers of the Hampshire Grants voted on June 4, 1777, to proclaim themselves citizens of the new state of Vermont. (The name of "Vermont" was suggested by Dr. Thomas Young, the man who had illegally inoculated Ethan Allen against smallpox. The name was derived from the French words meaning "green" and "mountain.") Congress did not immediately recognize the new state, nor did New York or New Hampshire.

After two and a half years in Canadian prison camps, Ethan Allen was released in a prisoner exchange on May 6, 1778. He promptly went to Valley Forge to meet his commander-in-chief. General George Washington, favorably impressed by the tall backwoodsman from Vermont, wrote a letter to Congress recommending that Ethan Allen be given a regular commission in the Continental Army. "There is an original something in him that commands attention," Washington wrote.

Congress duly granted a colonel's commission to Ethan Allen, but then Allen suddenly lost interest in fighting the British. In September of 1778, he was outraged when Congress refused to recognize Vermont as an independent state. He vowed that Vermont would never submit to New York, New

Hampshire, or Congress. "Vermont will be Independent of Independency" he said.

Later in 1778 Ethan Allen was elected major-general of the militia of the Republic of Vermont. He resumed petty warfare against New York settlers, and opened negotiations with the British commander in Canada, offering to make a separate peace between Great Britain and the Republic of Vermont.



In addition to quarreling with Congress in 1778, Ethan Allen began quarreling with his wife Mary, and they separated. Ethan Allen, who was forty-one, moved into bachelor quarters near the Catamount Tavern in Bennington. Removed from the restraining influence of his pious wife, he became increasingly strident in his denunciations of conventional Christianity, which he denounced as "the ghostly tyranny of the clergy."

In 1782 Allen tried to publish a manuscript he called *Reason As the Only Oracle of Man, or A Compendious System of Natural Religion*. His usual

printer in Hartford, Connecticut, refused to publish the book, calling it "an attack on religion."

In the spring of 1783, Ethan Allen's estranged wife died of tuberculosis. The forty-six-year-old general promptly began courting a twenty-three-year-old widow, Fanny Montresor Buchanan. She was a beautiful girl with a sharp tongue.

When Ethan Allen began courting her, a neighbor said to Fanny, "If you marry General Allen, you will be queen of a new state."

Fanny instantly replied, Yes, and if I married the Devil I would be Queen of Hell."

Despite this unpromising remark, Fanny agreed to marry Ethan Allen on February 9, 1784. Before she could change her mind, he hurried her to the state courthouse, where he introduced her to the chief justice of the Republic of Vermont.

Judge Robinson," said Ethan Allen, this young woman and myself have concluded to marry each other, and you have to perform the ceremony."

"When?" asked the judge.

"Now!" said Ethan Allen.

"But General," said the judge, "this is an important matter. Have you given it serious consideration?"

"Certainly," said Ethan Allen. "Certainly."

The judge commenced the ceremony which went smoothly until he asked, "Do you, Ethan Allen, promise to live with Fanny Buchanan agreeable to the laws of God?" Hold on!" shouted Ethan Allen. "Which God are you talking about?" Eventually the judge was persuaded to amend the phrase "laws of God" to laws of God as written in the great book of Nature."

This marriage proved happy, and produced four children.

One year after his remarriage, Ethan Allen found a publisher for his book, *Reason as the Only Oracle of Man*. Most

clergymen who read the book denounced it as a defense of atheism. The Reverend Nathan Perkins called Allen "an awful infidel, one of ye most wicked men that ever walked this guilty globe."

Ethan Allen died in 1789 at the age of fifty-two. According to legend, his wife summoned a parson as Allen lay dying, and the good reverend tried to persuade him to pray.

"General Allen, the angels are waiting for you," the parson said.

Ethan Allen managed to lift his head an inch off the pillow as he replied, "Waiting, are they? Waiting, are they? Well, God damn them, let them wait."

Those were his last words, it is said.

At Ethan Allen's funeral sixteen squads of militiamen marched in close order. Crossed swords were laid on the lid of his coffin, and a cannon fired salutes.



Ethan Allen's final resting place: Greenmount Cemetery, Burlington, Vermont.

When he read that Ethan Allen had died, President Ezra Stiles of Yale University wrote in his diary: "Died in Vermont the profane and impious Deist, Gen. Ethan Allen, author of the *Oracles of Reason*, a book replete with scurrilous reflections on Revelation. And in Hell he lift up his eyes being in torment."

A marble slab over Ethan Allen's grave was inscribed, "His spirit tried the mercies of his God, in whom alone he believed and strongly trusted." This marker stood over the general's grave until the 1850s when it disappeared, allegedly blasted to bits by a bolt of lightning.

"He has been described as one 'who seems to have been a Master Mason.' It is thought that he only received one degree at Windsor, Vermont, on July 7, 1777. His brother Ira, *q.v.*, was a member of Vermont Lodge No. 1." (Quotation from *10,000 Famous Masons* by William R. Deslow.)

### The End

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**York Rite Grand Officers Attend  
Pennsylvania Annual Conclave**



On June 1, 1991, Grand Master William H. Thornley, Jr., then-Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, joined the presiding York Rite officers at the 138th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania for a unique group picture. Left to right are: Arthur R. Rankin, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; W. Scott Stoner, Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; Charles A. Games, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Grand Master Thornley; and Carl J. Dunlap, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council.

## Highlights

### Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All Valiant Knights of the Temple

#### All Sir Knights Templar can qualify for the Grand Encampment Membership Jewel!

The Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., has authorized the presentation of an award to be known as the Grand Encampment Membership Jewel. Effective September 1, 1991, any Sir Knight being the first line signer for a total of ten petitioners, who are either Knighted or restored to membership after the aforementioned date, is eligible to receive the Grand Encampment Membership Jewel.

Those being restored to membership must have been off the active roll for a period of one year or more in order to qualify in the count. The total is cumulative with no time boundaries. This means a Sir Knight can get his total of ten Knightings and/or restorations in one day, one month, one year, five years, or whatever, so long as the award continues to be authorized.

Further recognition in the form of a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is given for each five additional Knightings, restorations, or combination of both. A single Silver Oak Leaf Cluster replaces all bronze clusters when the recipient qualifies for his fifth additional recognition. A single Gold Leaf Cluster replaces all silver and bronze clusters when recipient qualifies for this tenth additional recognition. No more than five clusters may be worn on the ribbon at any time.

Jewels and clusters will be awarded promptly upon receipt of the request form in the Grand Encampment office.



This form is originated by the Recorder of the recipient's Commandery, and properly certified by the Grand Commander, if a constituent Commandery, or the Department Commander, if a Subordinate Commandery.

The names of the recipients will be *published in Knight Templar Magazine*: Those receiving the **Gold Oak Leaf Cluster** will have their pictures published on the cover of the magazine.

Govern yourself accordingly. Accept the challenge to be among the first to qualify, and make Templary grow in your state.

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## from the Masonic Family

### Grand Master Visits the Philippines



On April 24, 1991, Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler paid an official visit to the Grand Commandery of the Philippines, where he was the inspecting officer. He addressed the Sir Knights with appropriate remarks and urged them to continue efforts in promoting Templary and the York Rite in the Philippines.

He installed Sir Knight Serafin M. Malubag, who resides in Guam, as Right Eminent Grand Commander, assisted by Sir Knight Richard M. Strauss, P.G.C. of Michigan, who acted as Grand Marshal, and Sir Knight Clyde Whitfield, P.G.O of the Philippines, who acted as Eminent Grand Prelate.

On April 25, Grand Master Fowler journeyed to Bacolod City where he was received with full honors by Brother John L. Choa, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of the Philippines. He was accompanied by V.W. Brother Strauss and M.W. Brother A. J. Lewis, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

The photo was taken at the opening of the Grand Lodge and shows, left to right, V.W. Brother Strauss, Grand Lodge of Michigan; M.W. Brother Lewis; Grand Master Fowler; and Past Grand Master Simeon Rene Lacson, who acted as host to Grand Master Fowler.

### Memorial Day Observation in Kansas



On Monday, May 27, 1991, Junction City Commandery No. 43, Junction City, Kansas, held their third annual Memorial Day observation at the Kansas Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Grand officers present for the occasion were: Sir Knights William G. Updegrove, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Robert L. Tomlinson, Jr., Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Richard Zimmerman, Excellent Grand Prelate, and Sir Knight Max L. Briggs, Eminent Grand Junior Warden. Also present was Companion Dee D. Duttweiler, Most illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Kansas.

After an enjoyable luncheon at the Masonic Temple, the Sir Knights were assembled and marched to the Kansas Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Music was provided by the Junction City High School band, and an address was given by Grand Commander Updegrove on the subject of the difference in the sentiment, patriotism, and attitude of the American public today as opposed to that demonstrated twenty years ago during the Vietnam era.

Junction City Commandery No. 43 has initiated plans for next year's observation, and cordially invites all Sir Knights to attend and participate with them.

# Two Leaning Felines

by Sir Knight 'Vern S. Wertz

In every well-furnished high school chemistry lab will be found a supply of chemicals that can be used as catalysts. These substances are added to reacting chemicals for the purpose of either slowing down or speeding up the reaction. In that same laboratory will be found at least one student with a mischievous gleam in his eyes and hopes of a seafaring life, who will tell you that by definition a catalyst is a "leaning feline."

In the arena of human relations there are people who serve as catalysts, and like their chemical counterparts, they tend to either slow down or speed up the progress, the advancement of a group toward some goal.

Those who would slow down the growth and development of Masonry are characterized by the Brethren who come to meetings of the Commandery more excited about going home than they are about sharing in the camaraderie during the hours of meeting and refreshment. These are the same Brethren who with great delight and solemnity make such pronouncements as:

- We have never done it that way,**
- we better put that on the back burner**  
**for a while,**
- we tried that ten years ago and it**  
**didn't work,**
- and on and on ad infinitum!**

The practice of such attitudes is strongly indicative of a person with terminal apathy and indifference.

Somebody, who certainly expressed himself in terms a Mason can recognize and appreciate, anonymously wrote that: Indifference never wrote great works, nor thought out striking inventions, nor reared the solemn architecture that awes the soul, nor breathed sublime music, nor painted glorious pictures, nor undertook heroic philanthropies. All these are born of enthusiasm and are done heartily." Surely the message is clear: Activity may lead to evil, but inactivity cannot lead to much that is good. It may be true that indifference and inactivity are the forces that can slay the very best that the mind of man has created.

Those who seek to advance Masonry know that there is a fundamental and immutable law in nature that all living things must adapt or face extinction. Even the dinosaur, probably the most successful creature ever to live, reached a point when it could not adjust to its changing world, and it perished.

This same law can be applied to human institutions, and is just as immutable. It is an inescapable truism that both nature and society allow for no pause in their progress and development, and they both attach the curse of extinction on all inaction.

Many Masons become highly agitated when someone suggests changes, apparently because they believe that what change means is a total reorganization and a withdrawal from the great truths we possess and supposedly teach. Not necessarily so!

As Masons we are frequently told to study nature, the better to appreciate our Creator and to learn from the order and symmetry that governs the vast machine we call the universe. One simple example taken from nature may point the way for the leaders of Freemasonry whether in Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery.

Only one of the wonders of nature is the firefly, actually a beetle, which produces light by a process known as bioluminescence. While it is truly remarkable that the light so produced is cold," what is important to Masons is that the firefly only shines when on the wing. Could it be that like the firefly Masons can produce light only when they are active? Could it be that in order to furnish enough light to improve themselves in Masonry they need to be involved in sharing, learning, teaching, and living the great moral precepts taught by Masonry?

Our Creator may not have given us the ability to see what lies dimly at a distance, but He certainly gave us the abilities necessary to do what lies clearly at hand.

And what lies clearly at hand is not the necessity of changing our ritual or what it teaches. That has stood the test of time! Rather what is needed is to change the way we deal with our own membership. Every member when he attends the Commandery has the right to be challenged to ponder the great moral truths Templary teaches, shown ways to put them into practice, and offered the opportunity to do so. It is doubtful that Sir Knights are seeking entertainment on meeting night, but it is almost a certainty that they want to learn, to become better educated about what Templary is, does, and expects of its members.

The means of accomplishing these goals has been discussed at length in numerous forums. In essence they involve the bold, innovative idea of actually planning meetings so they include films, quizzes, discussions, video tapes, and speakers; all dealing with one or more of the facets of Freemasonry.

So, in this time when it is so vital that all Knights Templar gird up their loins to deal with the exciting challenges that face Freemasonry, it seems fair to ask that all Masonic leaders and the Brethren of all Masonic bodies present to the world a positive character, with a positive

constancy of faith, and positive opinions and actions; and though they may sometimes err, that is preferable to a negative character with its faltering, wavering opinions, and a faintness of heart that keeps it from understanding that without the daring to search, truth cannot be known.

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### **Cachet Cover Commemorates Louisville-DeMolay Commandery's 150th Anniversary**

Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar of Louisville, Kentucky, will celebrate its 150th anniversary on September 17, 1991. Louisville Commandery No. 1 was chartered on that date at the 8th Triennial Conclave of the General Grand Encampment in the city of New York. To commemorate this event, Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12 is issuing a special cachet cover. The covers will be cancelled at the Knight Templar Station at the annual York Rite meetings, held at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, and at the Masonic Home, Kentucky, Post Office.

The cover can be obtained by sending the cost, \$2.00 each, and a SASE to C. T. Stigger, 7601 Wesleyan Place, Louisville, KY 40242-4037, and indicating which cancellation is desired. There will be a limited number of envelopes with both cancellations at a cost of \$4.00. Contributions will be made to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from the profits of this special cover.

## On-The-Way Saints

by Dr. and Sir Knight Harold Blake Walker

Father Bonnyboat is a delightfully human parish priest in Bruce Marshall's story, *The World, the Flesh and Father Smith.* When the bishop came to visit the good father, it was with some misgivings. He feared that at the preaching service the priest might yell out the customary rant which he kept for special occasions. But Father Bonnyboat began quietly with the blunt statement: 'My dear brethren in Jesus Christ, none of you will ever wake up in heaven wondering how on earth you got there.'

The good bishop was surprised and pleased when Father Bonnyboat preached a sensible little sermon in which he said the world was wrong to laugh at saints because production of a saint is God's highest handiwork. To be a saint didn't mean being "a weak, mamby pamby creature who couldn't say boo to a goose; to be a saint meant loving God with one's whole heart and whole mind and doing, thinking and saying all things to His greater glory." Father Bonnyboat went on to say that all the vast machinery of the church had been worthwhile if it had succeeded in producing one saint.

The sermon of Father Bonnyboat was on the side of the angels, and the bishop breathed a sigh of relief. Possibly the good

father didn't altogether understand the supernatural machinery of the church as the bishop understood it, but the sermon had its points. There was something to be said for the saints as Father Bonnyboat conceived of them. The only trouble was, there were not enough saints who could meet Father Bonnyboat's description.

There never have been enough saints doing, thinking and saying all things" to God's glory. Even though the Apostle Paul addressed several of his letters to the saints," he must have done so with tongue in cheek. He wrote to the "saints" at Corinth. But at Corinth the Christians were involved in a church quarrel, and the "saints" to whom he wrote at Ephesus were admonished not to get drunk on new wine. Evidently the "saints" were not behaving as saints ought to behave.

Paul was a realist, nonetheless. He knew he was not a full-orbed saint himself. "Not that I ... am already perfect," he wrote, "but I press on." The pressing on was the clue to sainthood. Like the "saints" to whom he wrote, he was reaching beyond his grasp, but he and they were reaching.

That, I suspect, is about as close as any of us can get to sainthood. We have some vision of what life ought to be and



we are climbing. We stumble and slip back now and then because we are human, but we keep the vision before us and work at the business of being what we know we ought to be. We ask forgiveness "by the courtesy of God," and we ask for strength and wisdom for the way.

Like the early Christians, we join with other on-the-way saints in the church because we need the supporting fellowship of other on-the-way saints. Growing saints are not produced in isolation. Sometimes we forget that fact, like the doctor who remarked, "Why should I go to church? I learned the Ten Commandments and a lot of Bible verses when I was a boy. Why do I need to hear all that stuff again?"

Candidly, if my doctor took that attitude toward his medicine I would find another doctor. If he read no professional books or journals, attended no clinics or seminars because he went to medical school and was graduated years ago, I would avoid him like the plague. His capacity as a surgeon or medical practitioner depends on his communion with others of his profession who share their wisdom and sustain him in his growth as a physician. His competence does not increase in isolation from the community of doctors. No more do we grow in spiritual stature in isolation from other seekers.

Father Bonnyboat, even though he did not understand all the supernatural machinery of the church, understood people, their hopes and aspirations as well as their sins and failures. He never discounted the humanness of individuals, but he did not minimize human possibilities nurtured in the spiritual fellowship of other on-the-way saints.

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

### **Grand Commander's Club**

Pennsylvania No. 52-Mrs. Bernice B. Kulp  
in memory of Sir Knight Henry B. Kulp  
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### **Grand Master's Club**

#### **Corrections:**

No. 1,703-John F. Wright (NY)  
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#### **New Members**

No. 1,705-Henry C. Doherty (MS)  
No. 1,706-Dr. Wallace D. Mays (GA)

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



## The Winds of Change

by Sir Knight Thomas W. Olzak

And slowly Arthur answered from the barge;  
The old order changeth, yielding place to the new;  
And God fulfills himself in many ways,  
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

*The Passing of Arthur*  
Lord Alfred Tennyson

During the first half of the 18th century, a group of men with common interests, common ideals and common moral beliefs established the first Grand Lodge of Freemasonry. During the next two centuries, dynamic forces shaped our order. Change was prevalent as ritual and tradition grew out of the principles and ideals of the men who built our great Fraternity. Today, many believe we have lost the dynamism of long ago. Are they right? Have we lost the ability to change? Are we locked so tightly in the framework of ancient tradition that we can no longer react to the changing world around us?

As with all organizations, our Fraternity must nourish itself with the prevailing hopes and dreams of the society it serves. This does not mean we must abandon the principles upon which our order was founded. It does mean, however, that we must evolve as man and as society evolve. We must provide the basic requirements modern man expects of an organization worthy of his time.

The Brethren who built our Fraternity built it around three basic ideals they wished to teach mankind: brotherly love, relief and truth. The whole framework of Freemasonry exists to teach men how to achieve these ideals. These ideals form the essence of Freemasonry.

In order to perpetuate this essence - to make it available to future generations - it was necessary to create a form or structure. Our Masonic organizations provide this structure. However, it is easy to get into the habit of defending this formal structure and its traditions instead of promoting that for which the structure was originally created to protect and preserve. We get comfortable with the way things are, and we feel safe knowing we are following the

same course set by our Brethren many years ago.

The threat of change makes us feel uneasy. It is always more difficult to face tomorrow when, instead of relying on what was done before, we must choose a new path to the future. But change is inevitable. It drives our universe from the smallest sub-atomic quantum to the largest galaxy. Changes in nature are driven by universal laws established by the Great Architect. Changes in social order are driven by the attitudes, hopes and fears of mankind. It is with these latter changes Freemasonry must be concerned. But what do we change?

If, when addressing suggestions for change, we use the underlying principles of our order as guides, we will always move forward without leaving behind anything of value.

As Freemasons, we are men seeking truth and the perpetuation of the ideals of our Fraternity. We are obligated to look beyond dogmatic tradition and formal organizational structure to make the changes necessary to preserve our order. When properly managed, change can be a constructive process. However, if we allow ourselves to be blinded by tradition or by the fear of change, the results can be very destructive.

Edward Gibbon wrote in his *The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire*, "All that is human must retrograde if it does not advance." This was as true of the Roman Empire as it was for all kingdoms, empires, and societies which have come and gone. If our Fraternity stops moving forward it too will begin to suffer the ills of decay. Its strength and resiliency will begin to wane. The winds of societal change will at last cause its decaying framework to fail. As the framework falls, the light which was once held high as a beacon to all men seeking truth will go out; possibly for the last time. But it is certainly not yet time to sound the death knell for Freemasonry. We still have

Hope - the hope of our members and their belief in what Freemasonry stands for. Matthew Arnold, a 19th century poet, once wrote:

"Nations are not truly great solely because the individuals composing them are numerous, free, and active; but they are great when these numbers, this freedom, and this activity are employed in the service of an ideal higher than that of an ordinary man, taken by himself."

This service to a high ideal does not apply only to nations. It also applies to organizations whose purpose is to elevate the dignity of man.

If we focus our thoughts on the ideals of our order, we will gain vision. If we let this vision govern our actions, we will gain wisdom. With vision and wisdom, we can once again infuse our order with the courage and the desire to apply change where it is needed.

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## 100th Anniversary Coin



This bronze coin is the anniversary coin of St. Johns Commandery No. 11, Windham, Connecticut. One side commemorates M.E. Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson; and R.E. Grand Commander Leonard D'Amico, 1982. Order for \$3.00 plus \$.50 handling. Send to Recorder Richard A. Egner, 134 Jerusalem Road, Windham, CT 06280

## History of the Grand Encampment

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

It was further provided that a sufficient number of copies of the Rituals be prepared in cipher form to supply each of the Subordinate Commanderies. All the Rituals were to remain the property of the Grand Encampment and were to be issued only on receipt, with a record kept to whom they were issued. By resolution it was required that:

"There shall be deposited in the Archives of the Grand Encampment a standard copy of the Rituals adopted as aforesaid, which shall be safely kept by the Keeper of the Archives, and not subject to examination save by written permission of the Grand Master."

At the Triennial Conclave held in Pittsburgh in 1898, the subject of lost Rituals made its appearance, and resulted in the following resolution:

"Whereas in consequence of carelessness in the handling of the Rituals of the Orders, resulting in the loss of many, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the question of supplying Rituals to Commanderies who have lost, mislaid, or destroyed those furnished them, be referred to the first four Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment, who are hereby authorized and empowered to formulate and promulgate, through the office of Grand Recorder, such Rules and Regulations concerning the same as, in their judgment, will meet the exigencies of the case."

The continued requests for Rituals to replace "lost, mislaid or destroyed" Rituals resulted in a General Order by Grand Master Lloyd in May, 1899 which required that:

"An application for a Ritual shall be made to the Grand Commander of the jurisdiction.

"If to supply the place of a worn out copy, the old Ritual must accompany the request.

"If the application is occasioned because the Ritual was lost or mislaid, it shall be the duty of the Grand Commander to cause a rigid investigation to be made.

"If the Ritual was destroyed then when, where, by whom and under what circumstances its destruction took place.

"The old Ritual or a detailed statement of the investigation, where it has been mislaid, lost, or destroyed shall be sent by the Grand Commander with the application for a new Ritual to the Grand Master."

A further Order issued in November, 1899, required the Grand Recorder of each jurisdiction to report the total number of Rituals when making his annual return.

At the Triennial Conclave held in San Francisco in 1904, a special Ritual was provided for the use of the Prelate. At the next Conclave in 1907, it was recommended that the Rituals of the Orders of Knighthood, including the Order of Malta, be printed in one volume and:

"That five thousand copies be prepared and printed of the present cipher Ritual of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and of the valiant and magnanimous Order of

the Temple, and the Ritual of the Order of Knight of Malta as adopted by the Grand Encampment. That, to avoid inconvenience and uncertainty, and for perfect uniformity of Rituals, so much of the Ritual of the Order of Knight of Malta as is known as the 'short form' be segregated from the long or full' Ritual and separately arranged and put in shape for use. That all the said Rituals be printed on linen Bond' paper of the best quality and securely and properly bound in *one* volume with good flexible leather binding."

In 1916 a penalty of \$25.00 was charged for each lost Ritual, though this could be remitted at the discretion of the Grand Master. At the next Conclave in 1919 the penalty was reduced to \$10.00.

At the Triennial Conclave in 1919, certain changes were made in the Rituals, to conform to the change in conferring the Order of Malta before the Order of the Temple. Regulations in reference to the American Flag were made optional. By resolution the revised Ritual was adopted, and after March 1, 1920 no other Ritual was allowed.

In 1925 at the Conclave held in Seattle, the Grand Encampment, after some discussion, ruled that only one triangle could be used in each Asylum for the conferring of the fifth libation. From time to time changes in the Ritual had been suggested and not infrequently the change was simply a change in the language in which the sentiment was expressed. The Committee on Ritualistic Matters in their report stated:

"Your Committee recognizes that our Ritual may not be absolute perfection; that many able students of its provisions can suggest changes, that would tend to improve its details without modifying the framework on which it is built.

Your committee, however, is of the opinion that changes in the Ritual should not be made unless the suggested

change is of great importance. Each change would bring confusion for a greater or lesser time to the nearly 2,000 Commanderies and their officers, past and present, and would involve considerable expenditure of labor and money to disseminate the information of the change."

At the Triennial Conclave held in Detroit in 1928, Grand Master G. W. Vallery in his address referred to the printing of a combined ritual and manual of tactics by the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts & Rhode Island. In pursuance to his Order these rituals were recalled and forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment. The Committee on Jurisprudence, in view of the occurrence proposed an amendment to the Statutes of the Grand Encampment as follows:

"The Rituals of the Order of Red Cross, Malta, and of the Temple are hereby declared to be under the sole supervision and control of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America. It shall be unlawful for any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, or member thereof, to write, print, or publish or cause to be written, printed or published, any Ritual pertaining to said Orders, or any one of them, or to use or cause to be used any Ritual of said Orders, or any one of them, not prepared, published, and promulgated by said Grand Encampment."





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.

For sale: Franklin Lodge No. 96, Charleston, SC, has a number of 125th anniversary coins for sale. Coins are \$2.50 each with \$50 for postage. Contact W.B. Harvie Bailey, P.M. of Franklin Lodge at 2010 Jedi St., Charleston, SC 29418, (803) 5546994. There is no limit on these coins

Tifton Chapter No. 47, Triton, Georgia, is celebrating its 100th birthday and has minted a coin in its honor. Anyone wishing to purchase one may send \$5.00 and a S.A.S.E. to Tifton Chapter No. 47, P.O. Box 443, Tifton, GA 31794

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 transactions of that Lodge, prior to Vol. 77. 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, PG. C., Librarian; Masonic Temple; 1524 Linden Street; Allentown, PA 18102

Assistance needed: I have been building a Masonic Chapter penny collection for over twenty-one years, a labor of love. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not see to it that yours is included? I will buy or send a donation for one or a collection. I collect all varieties. Especially needed are pennies from defunct or merged Chapters. Please write or call Maurice Storck, Sr., P.O. Box 644, Portland, ME 04104, (207) 781-5201

For sale: 14K Masonic ring, size 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , with half carat, brilliant-cut diamond. Numerals 32 on one side; cross on maroon background on other side. Appraised value, \$1,900.00. First bid over \$1,200.00 buys. M. Schrol, PO Box 888, Troy, OH 45373

Wanted to purchase: 2-volume edition of The Life and Correspondence of John A. Quitman (Grand Master of Masons of the state of Mississippi from 1826-1837, 1840, and 1845-46), published 1860 by Harper of New York and written by J. F. H. Claiborne. Herbert W Hey, 3941 Lolan Court, Marrero, LA 70072

Masonic Dudley watches wanted. Also, men's 14K and 18K gold wrist watches, made by Patek, Valheron, Hamilton, Illinois, Foley, Omega, Chronographs, Curvetor. Anything unusual including railroad pocket watches, chains and fobs. Edward R. Smitkin, 1226 Route 146, Clifton Park, NY 12065, (518) 371-2200

For sale: gold Masonic emblem, originally a watch fob, probably made in 1920 era. It has a part of the visor missing - except for that, it is beautiful. \$1,500.00 or best offer. Write for more information. Charles Duff, 405 Anderson Drive, Auburndale, FL 33823

14K yellow-gold, Double Eagle Masonic ring mounted with center brilliant-cut diamond weighing 1.20 cts. of D-E Color, S.I. 2 Internal Quality. "32" on one end and "square" on the other. Two appraisals available, both for \$6,500.00. Best offer. (815) 244-2013, Robert L. Neuschwanger, R.R. No. 3, Box 117-25, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

Wanted; any unused or no longer needed Masonic books and/or publications for my Masonic library. If you have any, please send and I will be glad to refund the postage and shipping. Send to I S. West, Route 1, Box 98C, Pitkin, LA 70656

I am a collector of old (prior to 1925) Masonic post cards (Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Grotto, Tall Cedars). Perhaps you Brethren may have in your possession post cards which I may wish to add to my collection. Please submit Xerox copies of same with price quotations. I'll be pleased to pay postage both ways. Arthur J. Kurtz, 5343 Windsor Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Masonic grave sites (3), Acacia Park Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan - spaces No. 10, 11, and 12; Lot No. 489, Section R. Valued at \$2,800; will sell for \$1,800. C. M. Shortle, 3041 S. W. 22 Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312, (305) 583-2930

For sale: two grave sites in beautiful Masonic Gardens, Springfield, Illinois, Block 4213-165 N. 1/3 of E. 1/2, Oak Ridge Cemetery. Now selling for \$900.00. Will accept \$800.00. Call (217) 523-6541

For sale: Four choice lots, Masonic Garden Section, Greenlawn Memorial Park, Wilmington, NC. For Details, write or call Troy or Emily Wise, 1105 Palmetto Street, St. Mary's, GA 31558, (904) 882-5460

For sale: two burial lots in Woodlawn Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois, currently selling for \$800 per lot. Will sell both for \$700. Contact Albert Todoroff, Rt. 1, Box 13-61, High Hill, MO 63350, (314) 585-2377

Searching for anyone also related to the following people: Nelson A. Clendennan (b. 11/04/1809 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. Kn1 (b. circa 1800 in Bavaria), John W. Shoule (b. 5/1/1840 in Wurtenburg, Ger.), Hugh Cooper (b. 1809 in Eng.). Wnte G. Tomlinson, P0. Box 432, Bradford, 1,705033

71 Wanted: I will pay \$250 for Marble Game Getter Gun, \$20 each for other "marble" items - knives, hatchets, tackle, \$20 for cigar box of broken jewelry, \$15 for cup full of loose beads (no pearls) from broken necklaces, \$50 for paisley shawl in good condition. E. L. Mauseth, Alden, MN 56009

Seeking info on my father's people: Robert L. Smith, Sr., born in Lawrence Co., Mississippi, Sept. 29, 1890; his father Jerry Lee; mother Mary Elizabeth (maiden name may be Bates). Send into to Robert L Smith, Jr., R No. 1, Box 129M, Water Valley, MS 38965.

Born Katherine Roe and left on a doorstep of a Lutheran home in Minneapolis, June 27, 1922. Deaconess Amanda Gustafson found her. Please write if you know anything about this family. I am trying to locate birth relatives. Betty L. Markland, 2071 East Clear Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55119

Wanted: old band instruments, especially very large, as bass or contrabass saxophone or tuba, or very small, as soprano saxophone or pocket trumpet. Need not be complete or playable, though preferred. "Silver" (nickel silver or German silver) plating and ornate engravings sometimes characteristic of these older instruments. Masonic or Shrine history especially appreciated. Bruce Humphrey, 1704 Fairview, Wichita KS 67203, (316) 263-2016

I am seeking any and all info, about my great—grandfather, Philip Berst. I am also looking for a woman by the name of Terry Berst or any of her relatives. She is the daughter of Henry (Whitey) and Rose Berst. I have a picture of her and me together as children. The Bersts that I know of came from Illinois. Please send info to Pamela C. Carawan, 1015 Miles Road, Summerville, SC 29485

Trying to locate my niece, Patricia Colleen Quinn, born 5-17-42 in California. Parents were Dorothy Craig and my brother, Thos. J. Quinn, retired army, serial No. 6567076. He worked in Picatinney Arsenal, New Jersey, during '60s. Her mother Dorothy lived in Riverside, California. Mary Boll, 6230 E. Plum Street, Inverness, FL 32652

Wanted: name and address of any member of Aircraft Armament Unit (AAU), Norfolk, Virginia, or Patoxent River, Maryland, 1941-1946, for possible reunion. Frank Brown, Jr., 4 115 Chickasaw Street, Panama City Beach, FL 32408

J Wanted: WWII cadet nurse uniform, insignia, and pins. Lowry I Bright, 103 Quinn Circle, Nashville, TN 37210

First reunion for 1874th Aviation Engineering Battalion, October 2-6, 1991. Contact Leon R. Keever, 5435 Singleton Road, Norcross, GA 30093, or call (404) 921-1865 for more information.

Look to this Day!  
For it is Life, the very Life of Life  
In its brief course lie all the  
Verities and Realities of your Existence;  
The Bliss of Growth  
The Glory of Action  
The Splendor of Beauty  
For Yesterday is but a Dream,  
And Tomorrow is only a Vision:  
But Today well lived makes  
Every Yesterday a Dream of Happiness,  
And Every Tomorrow a Vision of Hope.  
Look well therefore to this Day!

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