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THE FAREWELL SHOT
POSITIVELY THE LAST APPEARANCE
OF COL. W.F. CODY, (IN THE SADDLE)
"BUFFALO BILL"

Our Grand Master's...

Thoughts for a New Year

Masonic Renewal Task Force

I need YOUR help! Last spring when the Committee on Finance met to write the budget for the 59th Triennium, we overlooked an important "line item." The Grand Masters of North America are going ahead with the Masonic Renewal Task Force, which was established several years ago, with the first report made at the Grand Masters' Conference at Salt Lake City. The Scottish Rite for both the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the Southern Jurisdiction, the Imperial Shrine, and the Grand Encampment helped to finance the initial program.

This year Phase III has been established with monies from the Shrine, the Scottish Rite, and at this writing, six of our Grand Lodges. I know that you want to keep the Grand Encampment among the national Masonic organizations Fraternity as a dynamic force in this country.



I am asking at least ten thousand Knights Templar to join with me in supporting our Grand Lodges in this effort. If you would send me one dollar (\$1.00), we will be able to maintain our rightful place in the leadership of our Fraternity. My address is listed on *page three of the Knight Templar Magazine*.

Membership Medal

The first membership medal from the Grand Encampment was presented to Sir Knight William J. Dimond, Jr., a member of Allegheny Commandery No. 35, K. T., of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. The Grand Master's award was presented at a special Conclave of the Commandery on December 30, 1991. Assisting the Grand Master at the presentation were Sir Knights: Jacob W. Miller, R.E. Grand Commander; David E. Alcon, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander; Harold C. Jamison, E. Grand Captain General; James H. Richards II, E. Grand Senior Warden; Robert E. Rodewald, E. Division Commander, Division 2. Sir Knight Charley A. Games, R.E. Past Grand Commander (Pennsylvania), Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations of the Grand Encampment, made the arrangements.

So you see, it's not too hard to receive a membership jewel. It just takes a little bit of work!

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

Knight Templar

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

JANUARY: The holidays are over, and it is time to renew the work of Christian Knights in our asylums. If you have a chance to view the new videotape version of Shakespeare's *Henry V*, you will note the final scene where the English troops sing the words of the Templar motto emblazoned on our Grand Standard again and again as they cross the battlefield in triumph after the Battle of Agincourt. Surely, this spirit of our ancient Fellow Soldiers should inspire all our efforts on behalf of Templary.

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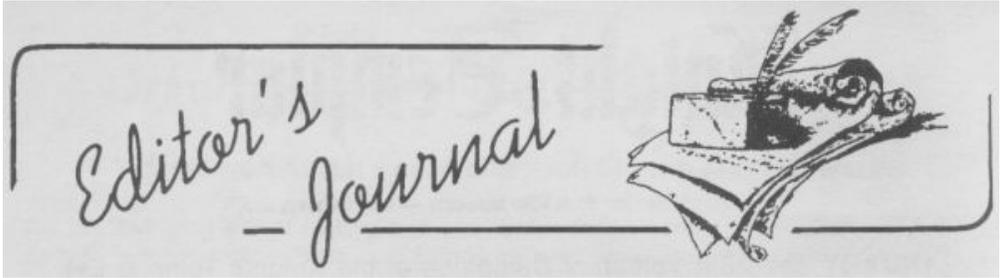
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Announcing: The Widow's Pin: The Most Eminent Grand Master, William Henry Thornley, Jr., has authorized the design and manufacture of an attractive Past Grand Commander's Templar Cross Pin for widows of Sir Knights who were members of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment defines the eligibility for receiving the pin.

The Widow's Pin will be available during the current triennium, and will be issued upon written request to: Sir Knight Herbert A. Fisher, Honorary P.D.C., 553 Caren Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Past Grand Master Ned E. Dull take pleasure in announcing the premiere of a new video documentary from Vanguard Productions of Columbus, Ohio. The Unseen Force, a professional and moving dramatization of the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, will be shown at a black tie dinner on March 28, 1992, in the Alladin Shrine Temple in Columbus. Extensive media coverage is expected, and reservations will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. The reservation form will appear in the February issue of Knight Templar Magazine.

ATTENTION: GRAND RECORDERS AND ALL SIR KNIGHTS!!! The Grand Encampment has MOVED. Our address and

phone number are: 5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 101. Chicago. IL 60630-2460; phone (312) 777-3300. Our new quarters are spacious, modern and comfortable, but moving the office has been a monumental task. Please ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT AT OUR NEW ADDRESS ON ELSTON AVENUE. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ALL SHIPMENTS from the Grand Encampment after December 1, 1991, will be POSTAGE ADDED, The Manual of Tactics will be available at \$2.00 each, plus postage; the Manual of Public Ceremonies will be available at \$1.50 each, plus postage.

To Elected Grand Encampment Officers and all Department Commanders: If you have not already done so, it is necessary that a 5-inch by 7-inch glossy photo or negative of yourself in uniform with the Insignia of your office be sent to the Recorder's office for distribution. Also, if you have not sent us an updated biography of yourself, we cannot answer requests from those who ask for them. Please handle this as soon as possible.

All Supplement editors: Knight Templar Magazines are mailed out by our printer in the order your copy is received in our office each month. (in this case, the first shall be first, and the last shall be last.)

Buffalo Bill Cody

PART II

By
Sir Knight Robert C. Barnard

Bill now returned to scouting with the army. In September of 1868, he was sent from Fort Hays, sixty-five miles away, to inform General Phillip Sheridan that the Kiowa and Comanche were on the warpath. Then, said General Sheridan, Certain orders must be carried to Fort Dodge, ninety-five miles South of Fort Hays. Others feared the dangerous route, but Cody manfully came to the rescue. I gratefully accepted his offer and after a few hours rest, he mounted a fresh horse and hastened on. At Dodge, he took six hours sleep and continued on to Fort Lamed with more dispatches. When he arrived there, he was again sent on to me with messages. Cody rode 350 miles in less than sixty hours. I regard his services as extremely valuable in the campaign and retained him for the Fifth Cavalry, making him Chief of Scouts for the regiment." In one great ride, Buffalo Bill established his reputation as an army scout par excellence.

Many of Cody's exploits in future years were performed as chief scout for Major General Eugene A. Carr and the Fifth Cavalry. While scouting for General Carr in 1868-9, Bill proved his coolness and bravery in combat with the Indians many times. In one engagement he was shot in the head, with a bullet plowing his scalp badly for five inches. Bill took out his handkerchief, wrapped it around his bleeding head, and continued the fight.

At the conclusion of the campaign, General Carr requested authority lo pay my scout, William Cody, a hundred dollars extra for extraordinary good services as a trailer and fighter in pursuit of hostile Indians." The Secretary of War personally authorized the payment.

In 1869, Bill was appointed Chief Scout for the Department of the Platte by General Carr, who had been transferred to that command. On May 30 of that year, two pioneer ladies were carried off by the Cheyenne of Tall Bull's Dog Soldier Society. Bill guided the soldiers who set out to rescue them.

At Summit Springs, they caught up with the culprits. Captain Price of the Fifth Cavalry wrote that "Cody guided us to a position whence the regiment was enabled to charge the enemy and win a brilliant victory." The Cheyenne had no time to seize their weapons and fled in panic in all directions. Of the captive ladies, Mrs. Allerdice was killed by an Indian woman during the fight, but Mrs. Weichel was rescued and given \$900.00 found in the village as a partial recompense for her harrowing experience.

In July of 1869, Ned Buntline, the "dime novel" writer, met Bill. Although he is sometimes credited with "discovering Buffalo Bill, giving him his nickname and



Author Ned Buntline in 1875.

writing most of the novels printed about him over the years," this is a fallacy. Actually, he met Bill, who was accompanying his regiment after marauding Indians, when he was returning from California after an unsuccessful tour as a temperance lecturer. After interviewing Bill briefly, he wrote one story, not using true facts about the Indian fights, but making up a story about a border fight in Civil War Kansas. The name was all he really got from Cody.

Three years later, when Bill had become famous, Buntline wrote three more Buffalo Bill dime novels. This was his total output of the 1,700 novels that were written about Buffalo Bill. Obviously, Buntline's contribution to the Buffalo Bill legend has been highly overrated. After this chance meeting, they did not meet again for many years. Buntline did write the first book about Bill, however, even if it was completely fictitious.

Cody's shining reputation as a scout led him to be asked to guide some famous and royal personages. The first of these was the Earl of Dunraven, guided in 1871, after General Sheridan recommended Bill as the

best guide available. Another distinguished guided guest was Othneil Charles Marsh, top paleontologist of Yale University. He was followed by a large group of editors and authors, including James Gordon Bennett of the *New York Herald* and Charles L. Wilson of the *Chicago Evening Journal*.

A great many army generals also enjoyed buffalo hunts and explorations with Cody.

Seemingly, General Sheridan would often give the order to put Bill on "detached service" when those to be guided were people of rank or fame. Perhaps Bill's highest ranking guest was the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, who spent exciting days learning to shoot buffalo.

Bill became interested in Freemasonry while serving as an army scout because several good friends belonged to the Fraternity. He petitioned Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 of North Platte, Nebraska, while serving at Fort McPherson. The first two degrees were conferred in 1870, and he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 10, 1871.

The work was conferred by Dr. Frank Powell, Deputy Grand Master of Nebraska, a famous man in his own right. Powell was the medical doctor who saved the life of Wee-Noo-Sheik, head chief of the Winnebago Tribe. He was made chief medicine man of the tribe and given the title, "White Beaver." Later, Powell and Bill became good friends. Powell did some exhibition shooting in Bill's Wild West Show, and they remained congenial for the rest of their lives.

In the days when Buffalo Bill served as a scout, there were no medals, decorations or campaign ribbons except the Congressional Medal of Honor. He received this honor in the 1872 campaign while scouting for Brevet Major General J. J. Reynolds of the Third Cavalry. Bill guided the regiment so that the troopers were within fifty yards of the Indian camp before being discovered. He personally accounted for three dead Indians



Buffalo Bill with Pawnee, Crow, and Sioux scouts, 1875

and led the pursuit for about twelve miles until the remnants made good their escape.

Cody regarded this fight as of no great consequence. In recommending him for the medal, Captain Meinhold of Company B said that 'Mr. William Cody's reputation for bravery and skill as a guide are so well established that I need not say anything else but that he acted in his usual manner.'

This medal was taken away from Bill in 1916 by Congress under the grounds that at the time of his gallant action, he was neither an officer or soldier, but a civilian. Politics seems to have been as potent a force in Cody's day as at present.

In that same year, Bill was elected a member of the Nebraska Legislature, having been placed on the ballot by some of his friends. The Buffalo Bill name was famous by this time. Since he was with the army when the legislature convened, he never served in the office; however, he used the title honorable" in the advertising for his plays and in later years for the Wild West Show.

Ned Buntline was instrumental in getting Bill to play himself on the stage. He wrote to Bill and asked him to participate. Bill tried it, liked it and found it profitable. In the 1870s, Bill, his actors and stage crew, which at times included Wild Bill Hickok, played in various "Scouts of the Plains" dramas during

the season, except when Bill would be called back to guide the army.

The most famous Indian action in the Buffalo Bill army legend was probably not the most important. It happened in 1876 when he was scouting for General Wesley Merritt of the Fifth Cavalry. Cody, with two other scouts and five troopers, was riding over a ridge in hostile country when they were met by a dozen Cheyenne Indians. The leading warrior and Bill were the only ones that did not become excited. The instant that they were face to face, both fired. Cody's bullet went through the Indian's leg and killed the pony. Cody was not hit. He jumped clear of his mount, took deliberate aim and killed the Indian with a head shot. Cody scalped him while the other soldiers chased his Indian companions.

Press agents and feature writers made the Indian out to be Yellow Hand, a sub-chief of the Southern Cheyenne. In actuality, his name was not Yellow Hand, but Yellow Hair, a name acquired when he killed a yellow haired pioneer woman. The writers also made the fight into a duel instead of an exchange of shots, as is shown in the famous painting called, "Buffalo Bill - Yellow Hand Duel, July 17, 1876", painted by Robert Lindrioux and now in the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, Wyoming. Much publicity was drawn from this incident and Bill used his "Duel with



"Yellow Hand" as one of the acts in his Wild West Show.

Just as Ned Buntline who first wrote of Buffalo Bill in the dime novel introduced him to show business, so Nate Salsbury introduced him to the Wild West Show. Although Bill had ideas along this line for several years, it was Nate Salsbury who first dreamed up the acts that became the Rough Riders of the World" in the show.

The two men met in 1882, did not agree financially, and parted. Cody did his first year in partnership with Dr. W. F. Carver, marksman and showman. They seemed to antagonize each other most of the time. Cody's friends dubbed Dr. Carver the evil spirit of the plains."

The following year, Nate Salsbury became Cody's permanent partner. The relationship lasted for life and was regarded as ideal in the outdoor show annals.

Nate was born in Freeport, Illinois, on February 28, 1846, just two days before Cody. He fought in the Union Army at the age of fifteen in the Civil War, was captured and imprisoned in Andersonville.

After the war, he began the study of law, but was attracted to theatricals. Starting as an amateur, he soon organized his own company and became the leading man in many plays. He was a great showman, but he let Cody handle the showmanship in the

Wild West Show and became a superb business partner; sometimes jealous of Buffalo Bill's success, but still doing a proper job in holding up his end.

The year of 1884 with the new show partners was a great success, adding to the national reputation not only of Bill, but of Buck Taylor, "King of the Cowboys," and Con Groner, "Cowboy Sheriff of the Platte." Annie Oakley, "Little Sure Shot," also joined the show that year.

This young Ohio girl who was trained that "to shoot a squirrel anywhere but in the end is a disgrace" could outshoot all competition by the time she was fourteen. She met her husband, Frank Butler, a great exhibition shooter, and beat him. He subsequently gave up his career to be her manager and they had a happy life together.

Annie began with the Sells Brothers Circus, but soon transferred to the Wild West Show at Bill's request. Bill called her "Little Missie" and looked after her. Annie described her relationship with Cody as follows: "I traveled with him for seventeen years, one of thousands in the show, all loyal to a man. Bill's words were worth more than most contracts."

Annie became one of the greatest assets the show ever had. Nate Salsbury featured her on billboards all over the world. She was not only the world's greatest shot;

she was a great actress. It was Sitting Bull, the famous Sioux chief, who first called her "Little Sure Shot." He adopted her as his daughter and into the Sioux tribe.

After taking America by storm, Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show invaded England in 1887 and was outstandingly successful. Guests at performances included William [wart Gladstone, the prime minister, and most of the crowned heads of Europe, from Queen Victoria and Albert Edward, the Prince of Wales, to the kings of Denmark, Greece, Belgium, Saxony and the Crown Prince of Germany, who became Kaiser Wilhelm II of World War I fame. Four kings and the Prince of Wales rode in the Deadwood Stage Coach around the ring on June 20, 1887. From 20,000 to 40,000 people paid to see each performance.

As the Wild West Show left England on May 6, 1888, a famous London newspaper ran a cartoon on the first page showing the British Lion garbed as an Indian with his tomahawk leading the procession of Wild West performers. It was captioned, "The triumph of the West." The Man of the Year was William F. Cody.

In 1890-1891, Buffalo Bill tried to perform his last service for the U.S. Army. The Indians were on reservations now, many of them on short rations. The buffalo were gone and many were actually starving.

In their desperation, many tribes were ready to listen to the prophet, Wo-vo-ka, a Paiute, who claimed that Jesus, the Messiah, who had been rejected and slain by the white men, had returned to earth on behalf of the Indians. He would bring with him all of the Indians who had died and all of the departed buffalo and horses. To bring these events about, it was necessary to pray, dance the "ghost dance" and await the Second Coming.

Most of the Plains Indians began to dance the ghost dance, much to the consternation of the white settlers and the U.S. Army, who didn't understand what was happening and assumed that a mass Indian uprising was



Buffalo Bill and his friend Sitting Bull.

imminent. This was especially true after Sitting Bull of the Sioux joined the ghost dancers.

Indian Agent James McLaughlin of the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation reported to the government in 1890 that Sitting Bull should be arrested and sent to some remote military prison before disaster struck. He offered to carry out the arrest with his Indian police.

General Nelson A. Miles, longtime friend of Buffalo Bill, was aware that Sitting Bull had been in the Wild West Show and that Cody was probably that Indian's only friend of the white race. General Miles contacted Bill to come and talk to Sitting Bull and take him for a conference with government authorities.

McLaughlin was horrified to hear that Bill was coming to the reservation. He wired the Indian Bureau in Washington and finally the President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, that Buffalo Bill would ruin everything and that he (McLaughlin) would peacefully arrest Sitting Bull soon. Harrison, on the advice

of the Commissioner of Indian affairs, contacted Cody, now on his way to the Indian reservation, and ordered him not to interfere. Bill immediately complied, returning to the Wild West Show and not seeing his old friend.

McLaughlin then brought in the entire body of Indian police to arrest Sitting Bull and deliver him to the army. The result was disaster. In half an hour, Sitting Bull was killed, along with eight of his friends, and six Indian police were dead.

The tragedy was made greater by the fact that Buffalo Bill, Sitting Bull's good friend, was close by and anxious to be of service. As far as is known, Sitting Bull was not planning an uprising and the conference with Cody might have ended in peace.

The death of Sitting Bull in this unprovoked attack nearly brought on the Indian war which the government feared. However, the Battle of Wounded Knee was the only hostile action, and this has been called by some historians a "massacre" of Indian families rather than a battle. Buffalo Bill never again scouted for the U.S. Army.

During the 1890s, Nate Salsbury expanded the show title to "Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders of the World." There were approximately 700 members, including German, English and United States soldiers, Cossacks, Gauchos, and, of course, the old reliable Mexican vaqueros, cowboys, cowgirls, Indians and the Cowboy Band. It was literally the greatest show on earth at the time. Each year it toured America and Europe, with overflow crowds of citizens, dignitaries and royalty.

When the World's Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago in 1893, Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show was the most popular attraction there. No one considered they had been to the fair if they hadn't been to the Wild West Show. Over twenty-seven million people attended the fair and Buffalo Bill's name was on every lip.

The Spanish-American War took place in 1898, and Cuban veterans were added to the show. Ladies also participated, described as " a bevy of beautiful frontier girls performing feats of equestrianism."

The Wild West Show continued into the twentieth century, both in America and Europe. Many of today's elder citizens have had their grandparents tell them of the thrill they felt as children when they saw Buffalo Bill and his great show, which they may have seen any place from Madison Square Garden to the Golden Gate or in one of the capitals of Europe.

Buffalo Bill never left show business until he died on January 10, 1917. His body lay in state in the rotunda of the Colorado capitol and was visited by 25,000 people that day. Army regimental bands marched in the procession with the hearse. He was buried on top of Lookout Mountain near Denver.

Golden City Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, acting for the North Platte Lodge where Bill was raised, gave the Masonic funeral. Bill's lambskin apron of Masonry went into the grave with him.

Many other Masonic groups and fraternal organizations participated in Cody's funeral. They included the Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, Shriners, Boy and Girl Scouts, Showman's League of America, and many others.

Buffalo Bill was mourned by millions of people in America and around the world. His appeal was literally international in scope and embraced men, women and children. His great popularity transcended that of movie stars or singing idols because his merit as a man was proven and deserved. He was not just an actor or showman; he was a frontiersman and the greatest U.S. Army Scout that this country produced.

Lieutenant General Phillip Sheridan described Bill's character when he said, 'Buffalo Bill served in my command on the Western frontier for many years. He was

always ready for duty and was a cool, brave man with unimpeachable character."

Former President Theodore Roosevelt reached the epitome of praise when he said: "Buffalo Bill embodied those traits of courage, strength, and self-reliant hardihood which are vital to the wellbeing of our nation." What better epitaph could anyone wish?



Nearing the end of his career in 1913.

William Cody was raised in Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte, NE, January 10, 1871. He was a member of Euphrates Chapter No. 15 at North Platte, and when he received his Mark Master Degree, appropriately selected a buffalo's head as his mark. He was Knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 13, K. T., of North Platte; and received his 32¹, AASR, S.J.

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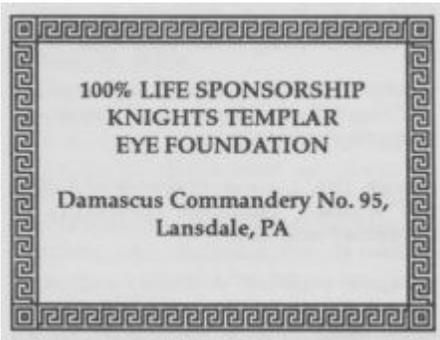
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Cecil S. Blair
Ohio
Grand Commander-1967
Born July 12, 1906
Died November 16, 1991

John D. Trude
Kansas
Grand Commander-1989
Born October 23, 1918
Died November 16, 1991

Thomas Nelson Morrison
Florida
Grand Commander-1953
Born March 7, 1899
Died November 18, 1991



Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club

Kentucky No. 12-Leslie Pennington
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Pennsylvania No. 53-Edward R. Germer
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Georgia No. 90-J. Lewis Lester
Georgia No. 91-James E. Fouts
Missouri No. 24-Russell J. Lampertz

Grand Master's Club

No. 1,720-Harold G. Copp (MI) by Edgar H. Clark, Battle Creek, MI
No. 1,721-Howard R. Towne (MI) by Edgar H. Clark, Battle Creek, MI
No. 1,722-Mrs. Meg Lichtenwalner (PA)
No. 1,723-Richard A. Meacham (OH)
No. 1,724-in memory of yore Dawson by Mrs. Patricia Dawson (IL)
No. 1,725-Mrs. Mabel P. Cushman (FL)
No. 1,726-Floyd L. Snyder (WA) by Eugene C. Maillard, Escondido, CA
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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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**Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
Twenty-fourth Voluntary Campaign**

Campaign report by Grand
Commanderies for KTEF Officers and
Trustees for the week ending December
6, 1991. The total amount contributed to
date is \$28,043.50.

Alabama	\$190.00
Arizona	50.00
Arkansas	48.00
California	1,265.00
Colorado	380.00
District of Columbia	675.00
Florida	520.00
Georgia	5,715.00
Idaho	60.00
Illinois	1,300.00
Indiana	2,575.00
Iowa	580.00
Kansas	140.00

Kentucky	506.00
Louisiana	1,010.00
Maryland	1,100.00
Michigan	1,645.00
Minnesota	125.00
Mississippi	30.00
Missouri	1,324.15
Nebraska	130.00
New Jersey	35.00
New Mexico	230.00
New York	90.00
North Carolina	145.00
Ohio	270.00
Pennsylvania	1,259.00
South Carolina	85.00
South Dakota	115.00
Tennessee	855.00
Texas	1,029.00
Vermont	175.00
Virginia	260.00
Washington	260.00
West Virginia	67.00
Miscellaneous	3,800.35

Letter To The KTEF

This letter was addressed to Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation:

Dear Mr. Bell:

I am fully aware that the scene that I am looking at right now, lovely birch trees and beautiful birds, could be just a blur for me had it not been for your generous help. That is a pretty frightening thought!

We live on a fixed income, which is a little too much to be eligible for Medicaid, and certainly inadequate to purchase medical insurance. We are among the thousands of Americans who "fall between the cracks." Therefore, faced with the alternative of expensive laser surgery or blindness, I really had no options.

Dr. Kerry Beebe gave me Len Strobel's telephone number. I can't describe the marvelous help I have received from Mr. Strobel. (*Sir Knight Strobel is a Past Commander and the present Recorder of Ascalon Commandery No. 16, Brainerd, Minnesota.*) He has treated me with such concern and kindness and has helped me retain my dignity.

I recently had my checkup, and Dr. Poland told me that things are satisfactory.

It would be relatively simple to thank you for a gift of money or goods, but where do I find the appropriate words to thank you for my eyesight? There is an incredible amount of suffering and hatred in the news media today that makes it so wonderful that you are contributing to a kinder and gentler world.

Sincerely,
Wanda A. Johnson

Highlights

Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant



Mrs. Louis E. (Dale) Herrick of San Antonio, Texas, was installed as Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant on September 27, 1991, at the close of the 71st Annual Supreme Assembly, held at the Showboat Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mrs. Herrick is the immediate Past President of San Antonio Assembly No. 159 and Past President of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Assembly No. 124, as well as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 54, in Stillwater.

Masonic Unity Day in West Virginia

On September 28, 1991, an all-day festival was held in Wheeling, West Virginia, by Wheeling Commandery No. 1. All Orders were conferred on



seventeen candidates. This was part of a Masonic Unity Day in which the York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Shrine worked candidates on the same day in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Wheeling.

All members and candidates had a full course breakfast at 8 A.M. with work to start at 9 A.M. The York Rite used the third floor auditorium. Lunch was served at noon with all Brethren participating. At 4 P.M., a patriotic program was presented in the fifth floor auditorium by Shrine units for all in attendance, and their ladies. At 5 P.M., Osiris Temple held their ceremonial on the lower level of the building. The day was concluded with a social hour, dinner and dance at Osiris Shrine Temple in Wheeling.

This was a first in West Virginia for all bodies to work together for a successful Masonic Unity Day.

Indiana Cryptic Commemorative Coin



from the Masonic Family

Indiana Council No. 1 offers this bronze coin in honor of Companion Gary K. Fentress, Most Illustrious Grand Master, 1990-9. Anyone interested in purchasing, write check to Indiana Council No. 1 for \$5.00 and mail to Indiana Council No. 1, C.M., 805 E. Market Street, New Albany, Indiana 47150.

Utah KYCH Holds a Grand Initiation



Priory No. 47, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Salt Lake City, Utah, held an unusual initiation ceremony last year.

The lecture of the Symbolic Lodge was delivered by A. T. Hereim, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Utah; the Chapter lecture was delivered by Ronald R. Stringham, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons in Utah; the Council lecture was delivered by Robert D. Braman, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Cryptic Masons in Utah; and the Commandery lecture was delivered by Kenneth M. Neuschwander, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Utah.

The unusual part of the ceremony was that three of the sitting heads of grand bodies, all members of Priory No. 47, were present to represent the appropriate body. The Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Utah, is also a member, but was unable to attend because of prior commitments, or else the entire York Rite sitting heads of grand bodies would have been represented.

32 Grand Masters In New Jersey



Earlier this year, thirty-two Past Grand Masters of Masons representing twenty-four grand jurisdictions attended a regular communication of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 118 in Westfield, New Jersey. The Grand Masters represented the grand Lodges of Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nevada, North Carolina, Republic of China (Taiwan), Oregon, Tennessee, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Past Department Commander Thurman C. Pace, Jr., then-Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine and Master of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge, acted as Marshal. Past Grand Masters included Grand Encampment officers Marvin E. Fowler, then-Most Eminent Grand Master; James M. Ward, Grand Generalissimo; three Past Department Commanders; and sixteen Past Grand Commanders.



History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXII Uniforms

The Uniform of a Knight Templar (Continued)

At the Triennial Conclave held in Baltimore in 1871, Grand Master Gardner reported in his address the following decisions in regard to the uniform:

1. I think that the Grand Encampment has settled what the decorations of a Templar shall be. I do not feel at liberty to qualify or extend the regulation as now in force, inasmuch as it refers to costume, or regalia, as it is called. Where it is not specific or direct enough, the Grand Commanderies must construe it.

"I see no difficulty in your providing for such deficiency as you may think exists, and that you should direct such style and shade of dark coats, and other personal apparel, as to you may seem proper.

"I suppose that the Grand Encampment went as far as it was thought proper to go. If you desire to go further in the same direction, I see no objection to it.

"2. The Grand Encampment has decided what costume shall be used. This is binding so far as it goes; but I never supposed that it was intended for the Order of Red Cross. There is such a glaring inconsistency in the Prelate's robes for the High Priest in the Order of the Red Cross, that I should suppose that they could not have been intended by the Grand Encampment for that Order. In fact, I have never seen them used there. It is customary here for the Prelate in the Red Cross to wear the full dress of a High Priest, and for the Sovereign Master to

wear the royal robes with a crown. This is consistent and proper, and, in the absence of any contrary authority, I think that you would be justified in such use. The Costume of the Grand Encampment requirement applies to the Christian Orders of the Temple and of Malta, and not to the Order of Red Cross. In the Order of the Temple, you should conform to the strict requirement of the Grand Encampment as relates to Prelate's robes."

In a memorial to the Grand Encampment presented at the Triennial of 1871, the Grand Commandery of Maine made the first move to have each Grand Jurisdiction control the uniform.

"The undersigned, the representatives of the Grand Commandery of Maine, would represent, that at the last Grand Conclave of that body we were instructed to use our endeavors in this body 'to obtain permission for all Subordinate Commanderies in the state to adopt the uniform now used by our four *oldest* Commanderies'

"We beg leave to present, as the basis of this request, the following statement:

"When this body, in 1859, adopted a costume, and exempted from the operation of the statute such Commanderies as then existed and had costume, until they should procure a new one, there were three Commanderies in Maine which came within the exemption. When the costume was modified in 1862, the resolution of 1859 was not repealed expressly, and the practical construction given was, that it was still in force. Accordingly our three oldest Commanderies have continued to use the old costume, their new members procuring it, and the consequence is, that

we have (not to notice minor differences) in use two costumes essentially different. The Grand Commandery of Maine desires to be vested with authority to make the costume uniform in its own jurisdiction. This seems to us to be necessary, as the matter is creating much dissatisfaction, especially in those cases in which Commanderies are located near each other, or in the same City, and have concurrent jurisdiction."

Henry H. Dickey, G.C.
Josiah H. Drummond, D.G.C.
Wm. R. G. Estes, G.C. Ira
Berry, Proxy for G.C.G."

This was followed by a resolution by Sir Knight Lefferts of New York:

Whereas, the uniform appertaining to the Order of Knights Templar appears to be somewhat indefinitely defined; therefore

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to take this matter in charge and report their views to this Grand Body during its present session."

The Committee on Costume and Drill could not agree, and made both a majority and a minority report. The minority report which was read, contained the following:

"In relation to Uniform, the minority of the Committee are of the opinion that it is at variance with the spirit of a Christian Institution to adopt measures that shall lead to extravagance, or foster a taste for gaudy display.

"We, therefore, are of the opinion that any material change in the present Regulation Uniform (as prescribed by the Edict of 1862) is uncalled for, and if attempted to be enforced, would seriously endanger the peace if not the very existence of this Grand Body. We also deem it unjust to compel the *many* to change their costume in order to

follow the fashions set them by the *few*, which if permitted will grow into a dangerous precedent. And if the spirit is not checked, we may learn our fate from the lessons of the previous history of the Order.

"A few minor changes may be advantageously made, and your Committee recommend the following, viz.: Substitute a black belt for the present one, edges lined with lace the color the wearer is entitled to per Regulations. Fatigue dress shall consist of a black coat, vest and pants; black navy cap, with three gold lace bands for officers of Grand Encampment, two bands for officers of Subordinate Commanderies - the Eminent Commander's to be of gold and the remaining officers' of silver. Each grade to have the appropriate cross in front. The Knight's cap will be bound with silver cord. The side buttons of cap shall be of the color appropriate to the grade of the wearer, bearing device of cross and crown in relief. The Fatigue dress shall be the costume of the Red Cross Order with addition of green scarf.

The regulations in relation to uniform shall be the same for all Commanderies in each Grand Jurisdiction."

After considerable discussion the subject was postponed to the next Triennial Conclave for consideration. A resolution was then offered by Sir Josiah H. Drummond:

"That any Grand Commandery may establish any Costume allowed under the statutes of the Grand Encampment, to be used in that State, as the Costume of that jurisdiction."

This was amended by Sir James H. Hopkins to read:

"Provided that the Costume so established shall be the one adopted by this Grand Encampment in 1862."

MASONIC CONFERENCES—1992

MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 13-15 Washington D.C. (annually)	The Philalethes Society Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knights Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A. Ye Antient Order of Corks The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, HRAKTP
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(annually)

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June 24-27
Las Vegas, Nevada
(annually)

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(biennially)

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(triennially)

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(annually)

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October 18-19, 1993
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October 29-November 3,
1994
St. Louis, Missouri
(triennially)

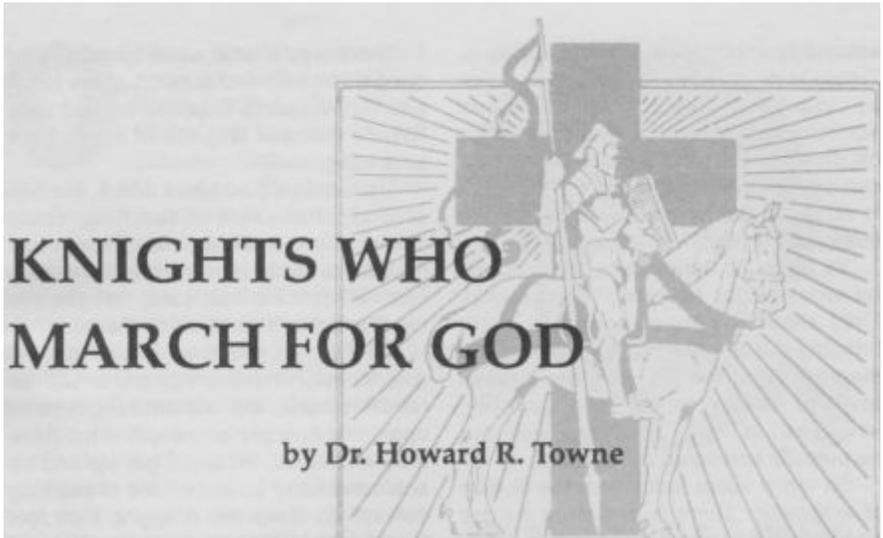
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1992 ANNUAL CONCLAVES

DATE	GRAND COMMANDERY	CONCLAVE LOCATION	REPRESENTATIVE
February 25	Alabama	Birmingham	Blair C. Mayford
March 6-8	New Jersey	Ocean City	William H. Thornley, Jr.
March 8-9	South Carolina	Myrtle Beach	James M. Ward
March 12-14	Arkansas	No. Little Rock	Donald L. Smith
March 22-24	North Carolina	Asheville	Charles R. Neumann
March 25	District of Col.	District of Col.	Thomas E. Weir
March 27-28	Mississippi	Jackson	Charles R. Neumann
April 3-4	North Dakota	Fargo	James M. Ward
April 4-5	Connecticut	Meriden	William J. Jones
April 6-7	Louisiana	Westlake	Earl R. Little
April 11	Oregon	Eugene	Joel C. Bingner
April 11	Nebraska	Kearney	William H. Thornley, Jr.
April 12	Oklahoma	Norman	Donald L. Smith
April 20	Idaho	Boise	Joel C. Bingner
April 21	Philippines	Manila	Richard M. Strauss
April 23	New Mexico	Santa Fe	Robert M. Abernathy
April 24-28	Texas	Dallas	Donald L. Smith
April 25	Tennessee	Nashville	James E. Moseley
April 27	California	Santa Rosa	William J. Jones
May 1	Indiana	Indianapolis	James S. DeMOND
May 4	Maine	Portland	William J. Jones
May 7-9	Kansas	Dodge City	Donald L. Smith
May 7-9	Utah	Salt Lake City	Charles R. Neumann
May 8-9	Virginia	Richmond	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 12	Florida	Tampa	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 13	Maryland	to be determined	Thomas E. Weir
May 13-14	Georgia	Douglasville	James E. Moseley
May 15-16	Missouri	Columbia	Blair C. Mayford
May 15-16	West Virginia	Charleston	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 17-19	Washington	Mt. Vernon	James M. Ward
May 17-20	Pennsylvania	Willow Valley	John W. Winkelman
June 4	Montana	Billings	Joel C. Bingner
June 4-6	Michigan	Troy	Blair C. Mayford
June 6-7	Vermont	Rutland	John W. Winkelman
June 10	Nevada	Carson City	William J. Jones
June 11-13	Iowa	Des Moines	William H. Thornley, Jr.
June 19-20	Wisconsin	Stevens Point	Donald B. Slayton
June 25-27	Minnesota	Marshall	Clyde E. White
July 16-18	Illinois	Decatur	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 10-12	Colorado	Denver	Joel C. Bingner
September 13-16	Kentucky	Louisville	Blair C. Mayford
September 17-19	Wyoming	Sheridan	Joel C. Bingner
September 18-20	New York	Kerhonkson	John W. Winkelman
September 26	South Dakota	Brookings	Clyde E. White
October 2-3	New Hampshire	Merrimack	John W. Winkelman
October 9-10	Ohio	Marietta	Blair C. Mayford
October 16-18	Mass/Rhode Island	to be determined	John W. Winkelman
October 22	Arizona	Yuma	Robert M. Abernathy



KNIGHTS WHO MARCH FOR GOD

by Dr. Howard R. Towne

Of all the heroes mentioned in the Bible, first on the list is Gideon. You never would imagine that Gideon would be foremost. He was just a common peasant, busily threshing grain. He was threshing his wheat down in a winepress for fear of the enemy. How are we to explain the fact that this young man Gideon was suddenly galvanized into action, so that he became a man of valor? Our Bible gives us the answer. It says "that spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon."

Sir Knights, when we study history we discover that many times nations have been saved from disaster by a living faith in God, coming on a dedicated few. Here is one of the basic needs of our time. So many of our people are living aimless lives, drifting through life. They lack faith in something beyond themselves, something by which to steer a course, something to hold them steadfast. That was exactly what Gideon needed, so God's messenger said to him, "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valor."

God always sees within us far greater potentialities than we ourselves are aware of. When we think we are weak, God sees the slumbering hero in our souls, so why not

let God have His way with us? He can do in us and for us and within us what we never can accomplish by ourselves. Like Gideon of old, we need to be clothed with the Spirit of the Lord.

Gideon, clothed with the Spirit, went before the people and looked for volunteers. He found 32,000 men ready to help him, but many were fearful, so he sent them home. He marched the rest of them through a stream fed by a spring, and as they marched he watched, and the men that sprawled down on all fours to drink were dismissed. Gideon desired only those knightly men who showed themselves alert and watchful and committed, catching up handfuls of water to lap with their tongues, as they passed through the stream.

When the test was completed, only three hundred men remained. ...men who were not selfish and careless and comfort-loving. Then came the Lord's announcement: "By the 300 men that lapped, will I save you." Gideon now had God's chosen lappers, rather than thousands of quitters, and with them he won the victory.

Now, this incident brings out the fact that mere numbers in this world are of

secondary importance. The old saying is, "There is no restraint to the Lord, to save by many of few." One man can sometimes overcome a thousand when his cause is just, and two, by God's help, can put ten thousand to flight. The result is achieved not by a miracle, but by the quality of the men.

So many Commanderies are concerned today about shrinking membership. They should be more concerned about bringing out the sterling qualities of the members that remain. God has always favored quality rather than quantity, whereas in our society, we are perpetually enamored by numbers.

So many suffer today from the illusion of arithmetic. There is one thing we are apt to forget, namely, that when our resources are brought into contact with the Divine, something happens to them, something that knocks all our arithmetic into a cocked hat. God works not so much by addition, as by multiplication. I mean that whatever is of God's Spirit is creative. It is no longer just a thing. It becomes a living, *dynamic* thing. The noble three hundred. The so-called Lappers. Knowing they could rely upon God and each other, they put to flight the great host of Midon.

In our day we are so apt to rely upon numbers and qualifications and reputations. All these are necessary if God is not with us, but He alone is more than a majority. He can do more with weakness and folly than we can with wisdom and strength.

Suppose Gideon had said, long ago, "Lord, there are but three hundred out of the numberless thousands who are fit for battle! What's the use? Why not let the nation fall? Let me go back to farming."

There was a time when Washington had only a handful of men at Valley Forge and these, for the most part, were hungry and ragged. Suppose he had said, "What is the use of it all? Why not let me go home and plant roses?"

There was a time when Lincoln could not get the help and support of the North and his own party. Suppose he had said, "What's the use? Why not let me go back to splitting rails?"

There was a time when Jesus, the Son of God, after years of teaching, could muster only twelve men, one of whom was destined to betray Him and another to deny Him. What if He had said, "What's the use?" and then walked out on the world?

Sir Knights, whether civilization will rise or fall, whether our world will be reborn or crushed will entirely depend upon the number of people who have tried and failed. Who will get up and try again and carry on in the face of seeming defeat? So many are dragging their feet today, who should be marching forward with conquering strides. Is this because the spirit is gone and only the label is left? Christianity is now confronted with the greatest opportunity it has ever had, but we are shuffling along hardly holding our own. We are living in a violent world, where there is no longer any room for those who want to stay aloof from the great conflict that has sucked us in. Life will not let us go on as the silent majority. In our kind of world, we must play our part or go under. Christ is calling us to carry forward the faith of our fathers. God help us to march forward to victory!



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One of the most beloved actors of all time was Oliver Norvell Hardy, known as Babe," a life member of Solomon Order Lodge No. 20, F. & A.M., Jacksonville, Florida. He was born January 18, 1892, in Harlem, Georgia. Babe's father, a Civil War veteran, passed away when Babe was only eleven months old. Emily Norvell Hardy had to look for work and became the manager of the White House Hotel in Madison, Georgia, where Ollie began observing the mannerisms of the patrons.

Mrs. Hardy encouraged her son in music, so much so, that when he was eight years old he toured the South as a boy soprano with Coburn's Minstrels. When he got older, his mother sent him to Atlanta to take singing lessons. On a surprise visit to Atlanta, Mrs. Hardy discovered that Oliver hadn't been to singing class for weeks; instead he was singing to slides in a theatre for 50 cents a day. Mama jerked him out of this job and sent him to an academy.

Later, when Ollie was eighteen, he began running the first movie theatre in Milledgeville, Georgia. He observed the comedians as being a poor lot and knew that he could do better, so he headed for the movie city of Jacksonville, Florida, in 1913, where he proved that he could act by appearing in over one hundred comedies for Lubin and Vin companies.

While working in Jacksonville, Oliver would get his daily shave at a local barber shop run by an Italian. This barber liked Hardy and after shaving him would pat Ollie's face and say, "Nice Baby." The other actors picked this name up and started calling him Baby, and time shortened it to Babe.

Meanwhile, Oliver married Madelyn Saloskin, a pianist with a fine musical reputation. He was now twenty-one and Madelyn was older. He was making about forty dollars a week, while she was pulling



Brother Babe

by Sir Knight Edward Ortiz, Jr.

down three hundred. As time went on, he began making more money, and being extremely softhearted, he lent money to anyone who approached him.

Ohio became involved with the community of Jacksonville, not only making films but also moonlighting as "The Ton of Jollity" at the Burbridge Hotel Cabaret, where he was a favorite of the theatrical crowd there. It was at this time that Babe" asked to become a Mason. This part is so beautifully described by John McCabe, author of *Babe*", *The Life of Oliver Hardy*, that I have Dr. McCabe's permission to quote directly from his definitive book.

"So much a part of Jacksonville life had Babe become that he even joined a Lodge, the local branch of the Masons, Solomon Order Lodge No. 20, F. & A.M.



In *Hog Wild*, Hardy—with the help of Mr. Laurel—tries to erect a radio aerial on the roof of his home.

In time Babe became a Master Mason, taking all the degrees up to and including the 32^o. Thirty years later, Solomon Order Lodge of Jacksonville made him a life member, an honor of which Babe was intensely proud. Not a formally religious man, he was, all his life, devoted to Masonic ideals, and to his very last days he read the Bible a great deal.

"He almost did not become a Master Mason; almost, in fact, got thrown out of the order. One morning the studio took literally to the streets, placing the camera artfully hidden from the public on a slow moving truck. The scene of action was a parade of members of a fictitious social group not unlike the Masons. Babe's part in all this was to play a noisy, drunken merry-maker who actually holds up the parade and succeeds in making himself obnoxious to spectators and paraders alike.

"The shot began very well, and continued beautifully. Babe was directed not only to crash into paraders but also into anything of interest he found along the route of the march. He did so, improvising as he went along, bouncing into cars, garbage cans, and lampposts. He waved, roared, cooed,

hiccupped, weaved, stumbled, fell, got up, fell again - and at some length was a superbly disgusting, troublesome, drunken bum.

"Next day he was summoned to an extraordinary meeting of Solomon Order Lodge, where he was asked grimly to explain his incredible behavior of the day before. Gasping, Babe realized that the Vim camera had been only too well hidden. He explained in patient detail what his roistering had been about. The brothers were relieved, because this was a man they were extremely reluctant to lose."

When World War I was declared in the United States, Babe went down to the recruiting office to enlist but was turned down with cruel laughter because he was too fat. He then headed for Hollywood, where he played in many films. Here he was cast in a film with an English actor by the name of Arthur Stanley Jefferson, who had changed his name to Stan Laurel because Stan Jefferson contained thirteen letters. The film was *Lucky Dog*.

In a few years Oliver's career had hit bottom, but he managed to get into a Hal Roach film called *Rex, King of Wild Horses*, in which he played a heavy. This was not unusual, as he was a good actor. But Hal Roach's forte was comedy, and he also cast 011ie as a comedian.

Another studio, Chadwick Pictures Corporation, had Babe in six pictures, including an early version of *The Wizard of Oz*, in which he played a suitor of Dorothy. This plot did not resemble the classic story. Hardy actually made 213 films without Laurel.

Finally in 1927, Babe asked director Leo McCarey if he and Stan Laurel could become a team, a permanent team, since they had already played together in *Duck Soup*, *The Second Hundred Years*, and *Call of the Cuckoo*. McCarey put a script together which employed a device known as tit for tat, where one person plays a trick on another, only to have it turned around. The film was *Hats Off*.

The success of *Hats Off* decided Stan Laurel that his future should be with Oliver Hardy, so he relinquished the idea of continuing as a director; although he wrote the plots, ideas, and gags for their pictures for years to come. Together they made thirty-two silent films and seventy-three sound films. They were together thirty-eight years.

In 1957 Babe died, and Stan refused to make any more films. Not wanting to see the legends of Laurel and Hardy pass away, John McCabe in 1963 got together with San Laurel to ask permission to found a Laurel and Hardy fan club. Stan agreed and The Sons of the Desert was born. This group started with twenty chapters called "Tents" and as of 1991, has seventy Tents in the United States and forty-four international Tents in England, Europe, Japan and Australia.

Those interested in becoming a member of The Sons of the Desert may write to Scott MacGillivray, P.O. Box 501, Ipswich, MA 01938



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York Rite State-Wide One-Day Class In Florida

by R.E.P.G.C. Marvin W. Gerhard, General State-wide Chairman

A one-day, state-wide class has been specially arranged for Saturday, February 29, 1992, so you will be able to participate with your Brothers throughout the state and receive all the degrees of York Rite Masonry. This class will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple, 5500 Memorial Boulevard, Tampa, Florida.

The class will be in honor of Wilbur W. Masters, Jr., Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters, and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida.

In addition to honoring Brother Wilbur W. Masters, Jr., this class is in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492.

The degrees and orders will be conferred by some of the best degree teams from throughout the state - including Jacksonville, Palatka, Gainesville, Lakeland, Pensacola, Winter Haven, Ft. Pierce, Tampa, Bradenton, Sarasota, and Miami.

We will also be privileged to have D. Hayward Stuckey, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, participating in the work, together with the other three grand presiding officers of the York Rite.

To highlight the activities of the day, a banquet to follow the ceremonies has been arranged with the guest speaker a most dynamic person.

If, after careful consideration, it is your desire to become a part of this historic event, contact your lodge secretary, any York Rite Temple, or call (813) 581-5715 or (813) 733-1719

This is the story of life and death, and life. My friend, Frank Leakey, had several encounters with death. In 1917, he feared that the war would end before he was old enough to join the Army, so he talked his way past the recruiter and spent his seventeenth birthday in the trenches in France. Before his eighteenth birthday, he had not only been seriously wounded by an enemy shell but had been promoted to the position of regimental sergeant major by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. He finished World War One with a number of decorations from both the United States and France and with the distinction of having been, perhaps, the youngest person to have served as a regimental sergeant major in combat.

After the war, Frank entered the University of North Dakota and four years later earned a "Distinguished Military Graduate" second lieutenant's commission in the regular Army. This was in 1925, about a month before I was born. I first met Frank many years later, after he had completed a long and distinguished army career, earned many more World War Two decorations, retired as a colonel and completed a successful civilian career as a businessman in Mexico. He became a Mason during this period. He was made an Entered Apprentice and passed to Fellowcraft in 1927, while stationed in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, he was transferred, and there was a lapse of almost forty years before he was raised to the degree of Master Mason.

Let me digress for a moment. Frank had been raised as a Roman Catholic or, as later he would on rare occasions say, as a "Holy Roman." At some point in his life, he became alienated from his church. I never knew why. This was one of the few topics that he simply didn't share with others.

Vital **Questions**

by Dr. Tom Mote

Now, back to Mexico and Frank's Masonic journey. As he conducted his business affairs in Mexico, he became acutely aware of the plight of orphan children and the efforts of the local Salvation Army organization to help those children. Frank became very active in those efforts and led fund drives among the American residents. Ultimately, a small orphanage was built that still cares for more than one hundred children at any given time. During this period, one of the men he was working with asked him if he had ever thought of becoming a Freemason. (Please remember that question.) It did not take very long for courtesy work arrangements to be made and for Frank to become a Master Mason. Before he returned to the United States, he served as Senior Warden of the Guadalajara Lodge in which he had been raised.

After he sold his business in Mexico and settled in San Antonio, he joined Perfect Union Lodge and began learning the Texas work. Shortly after that, he was asked to become Senior Warden of London Lodge Number 814, London, Texas. This was the lodge for which all three of his courtesy degrees had been done and was the lodge which his grandfather had helped to found. For two years, Frank commuted twice a month between San Antonio and London

for meetings and ultimately served as Worshipful Master. During this period, he also joined both the York and Scottish Rites and for the rest of his life, was active in both.

I first met Frank in 1977 when he was a member of the degree team which conferred the ³⁰⁰ of the Scottish Rite upon me. Shortly after this encounter I demitted from my Massachusetts Lodge and became a member of Perfect Union Lodge. Later, while I progressed through the line, he followed and kept me from making any serious errors. My year as Worshipful Master was successful and pleasant largely because Frank was my Senior Warden. Over the years, Frank earned many Masonic honors. He was a 33° Inspector General (Honorary) in the Scottish Rite, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and a Past Sovereign of St. Anthony Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Do you recall that I asked you to remember the question asked by the friend in Mexico? Appropriate questions, asked at the right time, can have wonderful consequences. Early this summer, Frank became ill and was given a diagnosis of terminal leukemia. He spent a short time in the hospital and several weeks at home under "hospice" care. He had a stream of visitors, both in the hospital and at home - you know, visitors like you and me, visitors who chat and talk about trivial subjects, carefully avoiding any topic which might be upsetting. But he also had another visitor, one willing to ask vital questions. Mary Lee, wife of one of our Past Masters and a devout Roman Catholic, was alerted by one of Frank's wry references to the "Holy Romans" and asked what he meant. She then asked if he wanted to talk more about it. Ultimately, she asked if he would like to take Communion and if he wished to be visited by a priest. He answered "Yes" to each question.

Frank took Communion on his 91st birthday, August 6, 1991. Just a few days later, Monsignor Stanley Petru of St. Gregory

the Great Church and more than sixty of Frank's Masonic Brethren jointly conducted his graveside service. The Bells of Heaven rang out and the Angels sang. Frank had come home.

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Rio Hondo Commandery No. 6 Holds New Mexico York Rite Festival



On October 26, 1991, Rio Hondo Commandery No. 6 held a Southeastern New Mexico York Rite Festival and Knighted nine new Sir Knights. Pictured (in uniform, left to right) are ninety-eight-year-old Sir Knight George H. Shanks and team Commander Sir Knight William Verhines. Sir Knight George has performed in numerous York Rite festivals over many years, and this 1991 class is named in his honor the "George H. Shanks Class." Eminent Commander Jim White has opened all his 1991 Conclaves in ten-man, uniformed openings, which included the opening ceremony for the New Mexico Grand Commandery in April 1991 at Roswell. Templary is growing in New Mexico!



To place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to Knight Voices, The Grand Recorder, 5097 N Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460. 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.

Fire destroyed our Commandery paraphernalia, along with the total lodge facility where we meet. To date, we have replaced everything needed to confer the Order of the Temple, but finances cause this to be a slow process. We seek that paraphernalia needed to confer the Red Cross, Mediterranean Pass, and Malta. It will be greatly appreciated if you will share with us any extra that is on hand. We will pay all shipping costs. Contact Jessie Robinson, Temple Commandery No. 41, P.O. Box 1387, Temple, TX 76503; (817) 773-2348, day or night. Thanks!

Wanted: York Rite Commandery jacket or naval officer's black, double-breasted jacket, size 50 or 52 long, for new Sir Knight. Reasonable. Larry Haynes; 4639 S. State, Rt. 159; Glen Carbon, IL 62034; (618) 288-94.

For sale: 14K, gold ball - beautiful Knights Templar watch fob - unfolds to carved, hinged cross with degrees; \$600.00 or make offer. Also, 14K gold, carved double eagle, 320 watch fob, hinged with 3 leaves of the different degrees - beautiful; dated 1912, Greensburg, Pa.: \$1,500.00 or make offer. Peter N. White, P.O. Box 7734, Amarillo, TX 79109, (806) O:353-6643; H: 353-3780.

For sale by a Masonic widow: one antique, gold-plated, Waltham open face pocket watch with Knights Templar gold lob including: 7 ea 0.1 K rose-cut diamonds appraised at \$1,085.00. Write for photo and particulars. Also: one gold-plated, dbl. cover, antique pocket watch with gold-filled chain and Masonic trinkets attached with yellow-gold Masonic pocket knife and a 10K yellow-gold dbl. eagle fob, appraised at \$1,400.00. Write for photo and particulars. Sir Knight J. Bruce Moore, PO, Box 19367, Tampa, FL 33686-9367.

I have in my possession a sword in leather case, both very old. The name on case is Geo. Bly (Crotton, I think), Neb. Anyone wishing more information, please write Marlene Judkins, Box 352, Brewster, WA 98812-352

Trying to discover the location of the Knights Templar sword of E. B. Jones, P.C., of Paducah, Kentucky, who died in 1894. LTC Phil Dickey, USAF (ret.), 1375 N. Acacia Avenue, Rialto, CA 92376 or call (714) 874-1392.

English Masonic library wants Knights Templar Magazine, volumes 1-12: Royal Arch Mason, volumes 1-11; New Age Magazine, volumes 1-78, and all other Masonic magazines. Please advise what you have before sending. All shipping costs refunded. The Librarian, Berkshire Provincial Grand Lodge Library, Berkshire Masonic Centre, Mole Road, Sirdlesham, Berks RG 11 5DB, England.

For sale: Boumi Temple fez, worn twice, and the hard zippered case it has been kept in. Both like new. \$100.00 value; will sell for \$35.00. Robert Reming, 211 Alwood Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21061-2522, (410) 766-2282.

For sale: collector-quality centennial books celebrating the 100th anniversary of Los Gatos Lodge No. 292 at \$12.50 each. Many old photos. Please send check or money order to Alex Adorador, 413 Queens Ct., Campbell, CA 95008.

Wanted: Blue Lodge Past Master's ring for my husband, who does not like flashy, gaudy rings, but just something simple. Please contact Brenda Walden, 610-W. Kitchen-Dick Lane, Sequim, WA 98382, (206) 683-9498 (collect).

Calhoun Council No. 61, located in Calhoun, Georgia, was honored by having one of its members, Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, serve as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia for the 1990-91 year. In honor of the occasion, the Council had a commemorative coin struck, which was given to deserving Companions throughout the state by Companion Lemmons. A

limited number of these coins remain and are available to interested collectors. The coin is made in bright bronze and of a unique design that all Cryptic Masons will appreciate. Proceeds from the sale of coins will go to York Rite charities. The win sells for \$6.50, including postage and can be obtained from Bill Mumpower; 200 Three Oaks Drive, SE.; Calhoun; GA 30701.

Tacoma Council No. 1, A. & S.M., Tacoma, Washington, received their charter from General Grand Council, July 21, 1891. Their centennial year is being celebrated by the issuance of a commemorative pin, which may be purchased by well wishers and collectors for \$3.00. Please send check or money order to the above, C/O Dean C. Shannon, Recorder/Treasurer; 2102 K Street, N.E., Apt C; Auburn, WA 98002.

For sale: Limited printing of the deliciously-prepared, 1 50th anniversary cookbook of St. Peters Lutheran Church, Allentown, PA, containing 200 pages with great plans. Available for \$15.00, delivered and with a generous donation going to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Checks payable to St. Peter's can be sent to William Mason, PC.; 1801 E. Cedar Street, Allentown, PA 18103-2335.

Attention Printers: The following items are needed to prepare Masonic paper products for sale exclusively by Masonic youth groups: paper cutter (ream), manual; glue machine (POTDEVIN), 18 width, cardboard attachment; press, printing, A.B. Dick 385, used or old O.K. Resources very limited. Denny Thomas, 743 Meadow Road, Pasadena, MD 21122 (410) 437-6924.

Reunion: ladies and gentlemen from De Molay and Job's Daughters organizations who sang in the choirs under the direction of Jack Peterson in Salt Lake City, Utah, during the years of approx. 1946 and 1953 will meet for fellowship and conviviality along with their spouses on January 3, 1992. Dick Raybould, 1367 Thornton Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT 84105, (801) 583-2298.

For sale: 32° ring with perfect 1 K diamond, size 9, in very good condition. Cost, \$2,500.00, sell, \$2000.00. Contact the widow of Robert Blissett, 7218 Shell-Way Drive, Rapid City, MI 49676, (616) 322-6251.

Collection of champagnes, wines, and cup and saucer of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, from early 1900s. SASE for list. Theodore Cromwell, 8 Eugene Drive, Norwalk, CT 06851-5404.

For sale: Egypt Temple jeweled fez, size 7¹/₈ excellent condition (demitted to Hassan, Georgia), \$30.00. Also complete set of Legion of Honor insignia, fez strip, tassel clip, jewel,

shoulder cord, shoulder patches, neck cloth, \$20.00. Henry G. Zelner, 300 S. Brookside Avenue, Adel, GA 31620.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building a collection for over twenty-one years, and still need several thousand pieces as I collect all varieties. I will gladly send a check for each piece or buy your collection. Any assistance will surely be appreciated. Why not find a home for your mark, as one day this collection will end up in a Masonic museum. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson, AZ 85705; (602) 888-7585.

Any into you are able to give me concerning my grandfather Harry H. Selfridge would be appreciated. Believe was a Knight Templar, and lived in East Orange, NJ, at 51 Vernon Terrace in the early 1930s. Married in 1902 and at that time lived at 44 S. 11th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY. Do not know with which Blue Lodge or Commandery he was affiliated. W A. Selfridge, 19 Dogwood Trail, Kinnelon, NJ 07405, (201)838-1344.

For sale: metal waste baskets, covered with U.S. stamps - each is one of a kind' Delivered in U.S., \$20.00 each. Fred Freedlund, 825 Ixora Circle, Veice, FL 34292.

Wanted: Reader's Digest condensed books, spring 1951; must have original dust jacket Contact Larry Donnell; 564 Highway, 305 South; Searcy;

AR 72143; (501) 268-8745.

Trying to locate Nicolas ("Nick") Craddock, originally from Westmoreland, WV, who served on the USS Norton Sound (AV-11) during WWII. Any information on "Nick" would be appreciated. Please contact me Robert M. Fleming, 211 Allwood Deve, Glen Burnie, MD 21061-2522.

Seeking info about relatives, anyone with names "Esmoil" or "Teets" or related by marriage, who lived in or around Boone County, Iowa. Last known Esmoils were missionaries in the Philippines, believed captured by the Japanese during WWII. Please write Sherman E. Hill, 1918 Ibis Lane, Sanibel Island, FL 33957.

Wanted to buy: Children's pedal cars, pedal vehicles, wagons, toy cars, old gasoline pumps, antiques, coke machines, etc. Clean out the attic and call me! Danny Fisher, 1921 Castle Dr., Garland, TX 75040, (214) 272-3843.

Wanted: any information on Matthias Neidenberger and Christine Bechtold or their families, married November 24, 1843, in St Louis, Missouri. Contact Ivan M. Martin, 1716 Grand Avenue, Cannonsville, IN 47331, (317) 825-6650.

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