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Dear Sir Knights and Ladies:

Permit me to share my thoughts with you as I wing my way home from Victorville, California, where I spent two days with a great national hero and Knight Templar, Sir Knight Roy Rogers, as we concluded the filming of our new Knights Templar Eye Foundation film, *The Unseen Force*. The undisputed "King of the Cowboys" had often expressed his desire to take an "active pail" in our Eye Foundation's endeavors to restore sight among the afflicted and to assist even the "unborn" to a better and brighter vision of life.

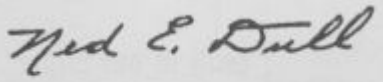
In April, as you read this article, *The Unseen Force* will have premiered in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on March 27, where those in attendance were able to meet with the "Stars," and secure their personal V.C.R. copy of the film. As we filmed the closing scenes of *The Unseen Force*, Sir Knight Roy requested that we ask each Knight Templar to obtain a copy of this movie and show it to his family and to his friends and neighbors, so the world will know that we Knights Templar do "Care" and that we are extending a helping hand to those in distress each and every day.

To receive your V.C.R. copy of *The Unseen Force* by return mail, send your check for \$29.00 to:

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
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Roy Rogers says, "Thank you" and "Happy Trails."



Ned E. Dull, Past Grand Master

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

APRIL: This month's cover shows the cover pages of the new brochure published by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. The brochure has 14 photos in full color of Templars today as they participate in various activities. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, and the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage are included, as well as the Knight Templar dedication to Christianity and Patriotism. Knights Templar are truly an ancient order serving mankind in the 20th Century.

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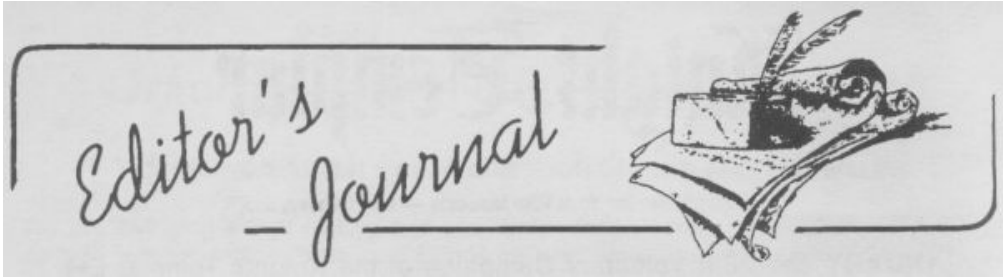
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A Note of Gratitude: Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and flowers during my surgery and recuperation. Karla and I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and caring Charles R. Neumann, Grand Recorder.

***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. 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.

JUST RELEASED: *Dungeon, Fire and Sword: The Knights Templar In the Crusades.* This long-awaited history of the Knights Templar by author and medievalist John J. Robinson, author of the much-acclaimed ***Born in Blood: The Lost Secrets of Freemasonry*** is now available from the Grand Encampment. This dramatic history charts the Templars' shifting fortunes against a rich tapestry of adventure, intrigue, suppression, and virtual extinction at the hands of King Philip of France and Pope Clement V in the 14th century. Copies are \$20.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling.

The Unseen Journey, a Masonic videotape, is now available from the Grand Encampment: A professional one-hour videotape telling the story of Masonry has been made for the Mason and non-Mason by fratres of a professional audio/visual company, under the supervision of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

This exciting and informative tape employs the highest production standards. Copies are on sale here for \$29.95 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Send check or money order to the Grand Encampment, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460.

Born In Blood: The exciting book by John J. Robinson about the Lost Secrets of Freemasonry and their relationship to the Knights Templar is available from the Grand Encampment at the price of \$16.00. Please send your check made out to the Grand Encampment to the Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460.

Supplement editors: Welcome to the new state editors, and thanks to all who continue in this capacity of service to Templary in your state. Your supplement must be in our hands no later than the 10th of the month preceding publication. Too many are ignoring this deadline, and risk missing publication. Also, too much material submitted may mean type will be quite small or returned to sender; and to prevent tearing, scotch tape is never to be used on photos.

"Fox Holes" Easter Sunday, 1992

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

The Reverend and Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir presents "Fox Holes" at the 62nd Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 19, 1992.

A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master William Henry Thornley, Jr., to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at this traditional Easter service. For those who are unable to attend the 1992 Easter ceremony in Alexandria, we would like to share with you the Reverend Weir's Easter message. Sir Knight Weir has served as the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and Scotland and the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Maryland. He is a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland.



*Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26
and Luke 9:46-58*

Text (from Luke 9:55): As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." (NIV)

At Easter, something touches us far more profoundly than we are apt to understand. The ancient people who lived by a mountain, whose site is now marked by Crater Lake, never dreamed that in a matter of seconds the vast power of nature would convert that massive, immovable mountain into dust and leave a hole more than a half mile wide and

nearly two thousand feet deep. Imagination could not conceive the horror with which the life of the city of Hiroshima and the lives of the city were to be transformed by a single blinding flash in 1945. We gather here to open our hearts, put forth our hands, and touch the measureless power of God. We are filled with confidence in God's goodness and enraptured by the love of God we have come to know in a lifetime of Christmases and Easters. Yet, as the people of the ancient Pacific mountains or those who lived in Hiroshima could not understand the power that engulfed them, we cannot imagine what the power of God can do for us or for our world. Easter teaches, and

Masonry reminds us, that the things that really matter in this life and the next, even life and death, are beyond our grasp. The material and social blessings we toil so desperately to acquire and cling to may be gone in the twinkling of an eye. We cannot hoard the things that endure; faith, hope, love. They are beyond the power of nature, the violence of man, and the coldness of death. Indeed, death so consumes everything else we comprehend that the Bible tells us that in the struggle to shape our lives in the image of God the last enemy to be overcome is death.

We come, therefore, to this site, made sacred by the memory of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, King

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Solomon and Hiram Abif, Hughes de Payens and Jacques DeMolay and the other great men and women of history whose character, wisdom, hard work and virtue shaped our world and our country. Most especially, we remember with warmth and affection those of our family and circles of brotherhood and friendship whose closeness cannot be forgotten, whose touch and kindness we recall with gratitude and who have passed the torch of reverence and morality to us. As we wait with exultant hearts, what do we really expect?

Did you ever listen to Art Linkletter? Didn't he get wonderful things out of the mouths of children. One day, about twenty-five years ago, he featured four children from a church

school. He asked them all, "What is your favorite Bible story?" The first little girl answered quickly and said, "Mary had a little lamb"; the first little boy said, "David and Goliath." The second little girl thought a bit and said, "Noah and the Ark." The last child to speak was the minister's son. "What was his favorite story?" "Jesus," he said without hesitation. "Tell me the story of Jesus," Linkletter prompted him. Incredibly, the child related the life of Jesus with clear detail and evident enthusiasm. Finally, he explained that Jesus was crucified on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. "Why did Jesus rise from the dead?" The child pondered a moment, then said, "To see what the Easter bunny brought him."

Perhaps, it is just as well that today's Gospel lesson begins with a story about children, although as the story progresses, it is difficult to separate the children from the adults. Although the adults of the report are presumed to have a mature perception of who Jesus is and the business he is about, the Biblical record is that the Disciples were not much concerned about the spiritual power they shared or the momentum it was gathering. Instead, they were concerned about securing their own privileges. "An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest."

The Disciples, using their God-given freedom, showed their immaturity by competing with each other, by venting their jealousy of those who did not dance to their tune and giving voice to hot tempers and the impulse to violence when they did not get their way. It is almost as if the Disciples could hardly wait until Easter morning to see what the Easter bunny brought them. The children, in contrast, who realized they were entirely dependent on grownups, demonstrated their maturity by accepting and trusting Jesus. Neither Christians nor

Masons can waste time by concentrating on fleeting honors or volatile passions. Only when we adults put our trust in God without reservation, can we aspire to be the children of God.

We have so much of this world's merchandise. Jesus Christ had none. He had nothing when he was born. He was born in a borrowed manger that was quickly returned to the animals to whom it belonged. When he was taxed, he took money from a fish's mouth. Except for the clothes he wore, he had nothing when he died. His friends buried Him in a borrowed tomb, and His enemies cast lots for his clothes. In death as in life, foxes had holes and birds of the air had nests, but the Son of Man had no place. At Easter we gather to give thanks for the treasure Christ, who had nothing, gives us. In the midst of a world of interlocking acquisition, selfishness, and violence, we realize that the great treasure of life is Easter; and the great treasure of Easter is life.

Like the foxes and birds, we mortals all need some material things and crave much more: food, shelter, clothes, if nothing else. At times, our need is so great, we would be grateful for a fox hole literally. During the Korean War, my destroyer received orders to land the Gunfire Liaison Party in the worst of that impossibly cold winter of 1950-51. The Communist Chinese army had crossed the Yalu River, poured into Korea and were driving south. The vastly outnumbered U.S. Marines were withdrawing with their wounded and dead before the onslaught. They desperately needed the firepower the destroyers offshore could provide. There was, however, a problem. When our Destroyer Division set sail from Newport, we were ordered to the balmy Mediterranean. We were also ordered to turn in our cold weather special clothing and field radios.

The result was that Radar-man Dwight Case, Radioman Charlie Byers, and I stood on the quarterdeck in the wind and bitterly freezing cold with all the resources we could muster. In my case, that meant going into battle dressed in my dress blue uniform, bridge coat (the fancy one with shoulder boards and gold buttons), borrowed wool watch cap and gloves, Argyle socks (the only warm socks I had and a Christmas gift just received from a Christian friend) and nothing else. We had

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no radio, no sleeping bag, rations or entrenching tools. We had nothing to take with which to do our job or to survive. Although we never said a word to each other or to anyone else, we all knew we had been ordered to certain and senseless death. Our only hope of surviving even the first night in that deep freeze was the chance that someone might give us the shelter we did not expect. As we stood there, cold to the bone before we started out, we would have been delighted with the prospect that that night we would have a foxhole in the hard frozen ground, with something to protect us from the frozen ground and the freezing air.

In the Bible, the fox is singled out for scorn. Foxes are mentioned only a few times in the Bible and are always despicable or insignificant. King Herod was described as a fox, and Samson turned foxes into flaming torches. Yet, even foxes had homes. They put down roots in the word. They had an investment in their communities, detestable as they were. The Biblical estimate of birds is no better. The bird is

usually described as a coward, whose very existence depends on the ability to escape. The Psalmist said, "In the Lord I take refuge. How then can you say to me: Flee like a bird to your mountain." "When Jesus wanted an example of a trifle, he said, Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God." God provided for foxes and birds, but the Son of God was on His own.

Can we expect more for ourselves, as Christians, than God gave Christ? In our lesson, Jesus is not complaining about His own lot in life. He is describing exactly what His followers can expect to

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pay for Christian life. In the enthusiasm of being called to serve His Master, a new recruit said, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus does not make promises He could not or would not fulfill. "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests," Jesus tells us, "but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Today's Gospel lesson proclaims what Christ has done for us and clearly shows what we must do for Christ. Following Christ is no easy job. The Christian sees the danger of the Cross and feels the threat of a world intent on its own amusement at any price. Christ calls us to leave our foxholes and birds' nests and strive for that which is eternal. The ancient Knights Templar knew what it meant to follow the banner of Christ. They were fearless in battle against implacable foes. In the beginning,

clad in armor and mounted on horses like the Belgians and Percherons that graced farms not long ago, they were irresistible. At the end, impaled upon the swords of royal greed and ecclesiastical bureaucracy, they were still fearless. On the sands of IIsle de la Cite in Paris, they were tied to stakes and burned alive by church and state. At the end, they had nothing to offer to God or to leave to us except fidelity to an ideal. Christ has conquered death, and now calls us to conquer life. It is up to us to fill our hearts with the fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness and risk all we have to make the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man a living reality in the world around us.

Lead on, O king Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And Holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O king Eternal: We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O king of light.

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

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Radiant Life

From Our Risen Redeemer

by Dr. Howard R. Towne

Once again, we have come to the sunlit summit of the four seasons - Easter time. This is God's glory season that we celebrate, the pivotal point of all human history. It is heaven's springtime greeting bringing its message of eternal meaning. And what is that message? Christ is risen!" Those three words are the cornerstone of the Christian faith and the basis of Templary. Everything about Christianity depends upon that fact. For what we celebrate in Easter is not the resurrection of Christ alone, but the whole Christian philosophy of life that comes out of it. It is much more than some far off historical event.

Someday look at the map of the Pacific Ocean and try to discover a tiny speck of land called Easter Island. It is about two thousand miles west of Chile. It was discovered by a Dutch navigator in 722. He named it Easter Island because he sighted it on Easter. Now, that is a suggestive name for the little island - Easter Island - because that is precisely the way that legions of people regard the Resurrection Day - just another island, quite off the mainstream from the other days.

Now, Easter isn't only about the next life. It is about this life, too, with its groceries and its gadgets, its problems and its politics, its sorrows and its songs. Christ's resurrection has something to say to us about this life as well as the next. Christ's resurrection brought a power for men's lives in this present world. It not only solved an interesting biblical question but by its power, life itself stabilized.

Men began to discover that they were citizens of two worlds, and as soon as they made that discovery, they began to live like immortals. Mortality achieved a new significance. As the New Testament reads, "Those who believed were no longer controlled after the law of a carnal commandment but after the power of an endless life."

Sir Knights, faith in an endless life is here described as an inner power in men, in contrast with the eternal regulations of this world. Eternal life had become not only a truth to believe but a power to use. No word is more characteristic of the New Testament than this word "power."

It is the word in Greek from which we get our modern words "dynamic" and "dynamo." Is this not the chief need of individuals today, to find a dynamic by which they can control themselves and successfully build into their lives those qualities that have eternalness about them? Yes, the New Testament assures us that Christ's gift of eternal life empowers men with energy for living, far more dynamic than the exploding atoms. They no longer ask the question, "If man dies shall he live again?" but, "If man is to live again, how shall he live life now?"

The poet Heine had a cynical phrase with which he hoped to mock the mighty message of Christianity. He spoke of the heralds of the gospel as Knights of the Holy Spirit." Well, that figure of cynical mockery is the proudest boast of militant

Christianity. Yes, the heralds of the gospel are the "Knights of the Holy Spirit." They proclaim the unquenchable hope by which we live. Because Christ is risen we have the high privilege of walking with Him in newness of life, for by His spirit we are united with Him. He enables us to walk as sons of God among the sons of men.

Moreover, Sir Knights, His resurrection is the guarantee of our own resurrection from the dead and our future glorification in heaven. Here is where the beauty and wonder and glory of the Easter message grows stronger. It will be on that great day of resurrection - yours and mine - when all who believe in Him shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet - for this perishable nature must put on the imperishable and this mortal must put on immortality. What an amazing moment that will be.

In Jerusalem today, they will show you our Savior's empty tomb. And they might tell you

the story of the old pilgrim, who was seen one day standing before the empty sepulcher. Somewhere out of the East he had come, after a long, weary journey, to fulfill a lifetime dream. With eyes wide and shining face uplifted, the pilgrim stood with his arms outstretched in mute memory of the cross, oblivious to all, feeling much like the knights of old! Someone seeing his tear-wet eyes and his shining face exclaimed: "He sees something! He sees something!" "Aye," replied a Christian watching him. "He sees that resurrection morning." Yes! we read, "that eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man what the Lord hath prepared for them that love Him." Thanks be to God, Sir Knights, for the glorious morning.

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California East Bay Commanderies Sponsor Minister to Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

Representatives of Oakland Commandery No. 11, Oakland, Contra Costa Commandery No. 59, Concord, and Alameda Commandery No. 58, Alameda, are shown during the presentation to Reverend Dr. Jim Hutchinson of the "scholarship" to the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Dr. Hutchinson is minister of the Concord United Methodist Church. He was sponsored by Oakland Commandery No. 11, and other local Commanderies participated in the presentation.

Right to left in the picture are: Front row: Thomas W. Storer, Past Grand

Commander of CA; Dr. Hutchinson; Edgar Blake, Generalissimo, Oakland Commandery; Henry DeCoursey, Past Commander, Oakland Commandery. Second row: Phil Gidson, Past Commander, Oakland Commandery; Charles Neal, Past Commander, Contra Costa Commandery; Russ Kennedy, Past Commander, Contra Costa Commandery; and David Shull, Past Commander, Alameda Commandery.



Allied Masonic Degrees: New Format

By Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke, P.D.C., P.S.M.

In order to conserve time and to eliminate any meetings on Sunday, the Grand Council, A.M.D., in cooperation with the other bodies meeting on A.M.D. weekend, acted to reorganize the arrangement and scheduling of the various meetings.

Consequently, the first meeting of the weekend was at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 1992, at the usual site, the Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C. It was the Supreme Magus College, SRICF, with Dr. William G. Peacher, IX^o, Chief Adept, presiding. The VII^o was conferred by Maryland College and Norman G. Williams, VIII^o, 9^o Honorary, Secretary/ Treasurer, doing a superb job.

Following this, the High Council, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, was opened by M.W. William G. Peacher, IX^o, Supreme Magus. The main business was the election of a new Supreme Magus upon the retirement of Dr. Peacher. As a result, the Sr. Substitute Magus, R.W. Joseph S. Lewis, of Oklahoma, was unanimously elected Supreme Magus for 1992. The first annual banquet was held after the dose of the High Council.

Grand College of Rites started the Friday morning session of Valentine's Day. M.I. Thurman C. Pace, Jr., P.D.C., Grand Chancellor, presided. A large number of new candidates were obligated by Past Grand Chancellor S. Flory Diehl, P.G.C. The new Grand Chancellor is M.I. Merle Tappley, and the new man is Ill. Arthur J. McKinney, Sentinel. They were installed by M I Diehl and M.I. Harold D Elliot II, P.G.C.

Great Chief's Council "O", Knight Masons of the U.S.A., was opened by Excellent Chief Robert L. Tomlinson, Jr., and 19 new Sir Knights and Cousins were obligated, plus two courtesies from California and Alabama.

This meeting was followed by Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., with M.E. Great Chief Howard R. Caldwell, P.D.C., in the East. Usual business followed, and the Reverend William R. Deutsch, 33^o, from Illinois was installed M.E. Great Chief. Robert B. Osborne was appointed Excellent Chief of Great Chief's Council, and was also installed.

After lunch, Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, HRAKTP, was convened by the Eminent Preceptor, Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. Having served his two years, an election was held and K.P.

Horace G. Patterson, Delaware, was elected and installed Eminent Preceptor by K.P. Henry G. Law.

Then came Grand College, HRAKTP, with M.E. Past Grand Master Donald Hinslea Smith, K G.C., presiding as M.E. Grand Preceptor. K.P. Al Crump, K.G.C. and P.D.C., asked to be replaced as Chair of the Finance Committee, and this position went to P.G.P. Olin Gore, P.G.C. K.P. Edward R. Saunders, Jr., P.D.C., was elected M.E. Grand Preceptor and invested with the rank of Knight Grand Commander. The College announced that all V.E. Preceptors for 1992 were designated Knight Cross.

K.P. Howard Bennett, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Florida, was appointed in line as Outer Guard. The officers were installed by Past Grand Preceptor Olin Gore, with Past Grand Preceptor Bruce Hunt acting as Marshal.

Succeeding Grand College was the Society of Blue Friars. Two new Blue Friars were elected, and one of them, Allen Boudreau, gave a paper on George Washington. The other Blue Friar chosen was the Honorable Cyril Batham, O.S.J., Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, England. His paper was to be given when presented as the speaker at the Annual Feast and Assembly of the Philalethes Society later on.

Immediately following the close of Blue Friars, Southern Cross Council No. 264, A.M.D., Maryland, exemplified the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr.

The Feast and Assembly of Philalethes followed, presided over by John Mouk Hilliard, FPS, president, and charters for new chapters were presented to Ft. Washington Chapter in Cincinnati, Dr. George T. Kennedy Chapter in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, and International Friendship Chapter in Washington. A memorial fund was set up to honor our late president and editor, Jerry Marsengill, Iowa, who was killed suddenly in an automobile accident enroute home from a Masonic meeting. Several tributes and a special toast were given for Jerry, who was also editor of the Royal Arch Magazine, and a gifted writer, scholar, and leader. Keith Hinnerman was presented an award of merit, as were several others, including the

Reverend Tom Weir, R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. The Certificate of Literature was presented to Brother David Crockett. (It could not be determined at this time if he were from Texas!) Awards were also presented to Craig Parsons and I. Michael Toth of Illinois for their production of Unseen Journey, a Masonic film. A musical portion of the film was played with an overplay of the voice of Jerry Marsengill.

Then came the address of the Honorable Cyril Batham, whose topic was "The Origin of Freemasonry: a New Theory." Since the mike was not working it was difficult to hear much of his address, but it was, admittedly, controversial. He was presented the medal of the Society, and given a standing ovation. The Honorable Wallace McLeod, from Canada, was installed as the new president of the Society, and a large contingent of Canadian Fratres was present in support of this honor. In token of their friendship he presented several of them with merit awards. In turn he was presented with a handsome statuette of George Washington. The new officer to replace Marsengill was Royal Scofield of Ohio.

The usual fun-time events followed with M.W. William Schoene, Jr., P.G.C., Grand Bung for the Americas in the Order of the Cork, and M.H. Harold D. Elliott the Twoth, Commander General of the Masonic Order of the Bath. After a bath, everyone went to bed for the evening.

Saturday morning came early, but not bright, since it rained all day. The annual breakfast of Convent General, KYCH, took place with a good attendance. M.E. Albert S. Carney, Grand Master General, presided and welcomed all the York Cross of Honour members. The Annual Conclave will be in Hershey, Pennsylvania, in October instead of September as in recent years. Since Knight Howard Caldwell was not present at Convent General last year, he was installed by Henry G. Law; and the Reverend Olin Lehman, Grand Registrar, as R.E. Deputy Grand Master General, and will succeed Knight Carney in October.

Grand Master's Council "A" was convened then by Ven. Richard Noel, S.M. A good number of candidates were obligated by P.G.S. S. Flory Diehl in his inimitable manner. The election resulted in Ven. Charles Snow Guthrie, Kentucky, being installed as Ven. Sovereign Master. Lawrence Evans, Arizona, was appointed Tiler. Professor Guthrie was honored with the Red Branch of En. A memorial was offered for our departed Fratres by the,

Chaplain, Ill. C. Clark Julius. The R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania Masons, Edward Fowler, was introduced and made a few remarks, and then the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kentucky, William G. Hinton, who is a Past Grand Commander of Kentucky, and the present R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Rodney Williams, Jr., were also introduced. The new officers were installed by P.S.G.M. S. Flory Diehl, with P.S.M. Morrison L. Cooke, P.D.C., as Marshal.

Next to meet was the Grand Council, A.M.D., for its 100th Anniversary Communication. M.V. Edwin E. Cummings, K.G.C., Sovereign Grand Master, presided. There were 296 registered, but some had not registered yet, so there were at least 300 present. P.G.S. Allen Roberts gave a beautiful memorial tribute to Jerry Marsengill, P.G.S. A like tribute was given in memory of P.G.S. Ernest M. Moore, P.G.C., by Royal Scofield. Fourteen new charters were presented to new Councils. Sir Cyril Batham was made a member of the Red Branch of En.

Much discussion took place in regard to Grand Master's Council "A". The bulk of the discussion was in regard to the financial status of the Council, as they have accumulated a substantial sum of money in the treasury, mostly from dues. The Grand Council feels that the money should be placed in the Grand Council funds, so two new members of the Board of General Purposes were elected to consider the matter and report next year. Those appointed, along with Dr. William G. Peacher, P.G.S., were William Yeager, Pennsylvania, P.G.S. and Bruce Hunt, Missouri, P.G.S. The Grand Council then called to refreshment for lunch to reconvene after the banquet.

In the meantime, the Council of Nine Muses met with S.M. Herbert A. Fisher presiding. M.V. Fisher asked the Junior Warden, Thurman Pace, to read the paper that was supposed to be presented by the Senior Warden, G. Wilbur Bell, M.E.P G M As Brother Bell was in the hospital, he was unable to be present. The paper was titled: "My Neighbor Lincoln" and dealt with the period when Honest Abe lived in Illinois. As is the custom, the officers rotated, and P.G.M. Bell was elected S.M. He was installed in absentia, with Rees Harrison standing in for him, along with other officers, by S Flory Diehl.

The banquet followed, at which the speaker was Mr. John J. Robinson, author of the popular Masonic treatise Born In Blood. He spoke on

"Understanding Freemasonry's Critics," and his talk was both informative and entertaining. It was well received, and he received a standing ovation from all present, including the ladies.

The Council resumed its labor, and at the completion of the business the following were installed in office: Jerry Tart, North Carolina, Sovereign Grand Master, and the new man, Jerry Owens, South Carolina, as Grand Tiler.

The highlight of the evening, and perhaps of the weekend, was the ceremony of induction of those present as members of the Order of the Secret Monitor. This was done under the authority of the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor in the British Isles and Territories Overseas, by permission of the M.W. Grand Supreme Ruler, Lt. Col. J. W. Chitty, M.B.E., and also by the Grand Council, A.M.D., of the U.S.A. The ceremony was conducted by a sterling (ouch') cast of British Masons who came over here for the occasion. It was beautifully done in formal dress and ritualistic attire and paraphernalia. All were impressed, especially the exemplar, the R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir, P.G.C., Maryland. What a fitting and inspiring way to conclude the busy weekend!

Next year, the meetings will again be at the Hotel Washington on February 18-20, 1993

Appendant Bodies of A.M.D.

After every reporting in the *Knight Templar* of the A.M.D. Weekend, this reporter receives phone calls or letters from all over, inquiring about the various groups meeting there, and the means of joining them.

By and large the groups meeting during A.M.D. are invitational bodies with membership limits, and certain prerequisites. The grand bodies, of course, are the governing bodies of the constituent groups, just like Grand Lodges and constituent Lodges. A.M.D., or Allied Masonic Degrees, is by invitation, with certain requirements and a membership limit, Grand Master's Council "A" is a "roving" Council, which has no limit, but is supposed to be exclusively for jurisdictions that have no A.M.D. Councils.

This also applies to Great Chief's Council "O", Knight Masons, and Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, HRAKTP. The latter is strictly invitational and is limited to Past Commanders. The Blue Friars and Nine Muses are also very exclusive and limited in numbers. A maximum

of two members each year can be admitted to the Friars, and usually it is only one. The Nine Muses admits new invitees only upon the death or resignation of a member.

The Rosicrucian Society, or SRICF, is primarily a research and study organization and limited in number and by invitation only. Knights of the York Cross of Honour is also invitational, although there is no number limit. Prerequisites are having served as presiding officer of each of the York Rite Bodies: Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery.

The Grand College of Rites admits members who petition, and is not invitational, nor is the Philalethes Society. The CBCS is a strictly invitational body of the elite of Freemasonry.

The Red Cross of Constantine and the Royal Order of Scotland, which do not meet with A.M.D., are also restricted in membership and are by invitation only.

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

Grand Masters Conference 1992

**by Albert T. Ames
Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Past Grand Master of Massachusetts**

The 63rd Annual Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held February 16-19 in Arlington, Virginia. The conference theme was "Operation Turn Around."

Sunday morning found a majority of those present up early for a trip to the National Cathedral for a tour of that beautiful facility, and a brief religious service. Later in the morning the Masonic Renewal Task Force made its annual report on the progress that had been made in the last year. Separate luncheons were held for Grand Masters and their wives, Deputy Grand Masters and their wives, and this year for the first time, for Wardens and their wives in order that they may get acquainted with those they will be associated with in the years ahead. Sunday afternoon, the National Masonic Foundation for Drug and Alcohol Abuse among Children

presented its annual report, with a large number in attendance. Following the drug and alcohol report, three discussion groups met. Their topic, "Challenges Of Leadership," was chaired by Group One, George R. Adams, R.W.D.G.M., Washington, D.C. Group Two was chaired by Tom Eggleston, M.W. Grand Master, Iowa, and Group Three was chaired by Stanley M. Cazneau, M.W. Grand Master of California. All three were well attended with excellent participation.

On Monday morning all were bussed to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, where the conference was called to order by John McWilliams Smith, Conference Chairman and M.W. Grand Master of Maryland. The invocation was given by the Conference Chaplain, Conrad F. Johnson, M.W. Grand Master of Kansas. The flags of the three member countries (Canada, the Republic of Mexico, and the United States) were presented in a most impressive manner by a dual honor guard; with a detachment from the Naval Academy headed by Scott Cooper, (Past State Master Counselor of Wyoming DeMolay, whose dad is the present Deputy Grand Master of Wyoming), accompanied by Steve Delasaro, Casey Hannigan, Jim Bates and Gary Harsani, all members of the Order of DeMolay. The other section of the honor guard; non-corn in charge Richburg, Airman Jacobson, Rifle Guard Marble, and Rifle Guard Boyd, members of the U.S. Air Force White House Honor Guard The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by M.W. Brother Charles A. Brigham, President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The three national anthems were sung by Kathleen Baker, musical director of Opera Americana, which regularly holds performances at the Memorial. A warm welcoming speech was presented by John Robert Dean, M.W. Grand Master of Virginia (a seasoned Grand Master of just about a week), followed by a warm welcome from Patricia Ticer, the mayor of Alexandria, Virginia, whose grandfather was a Mason.

The response to the welcome messages was delivered by Arnold E. Packer, M.W. Grand Master of Manitoba. The conference vice chairman, Norman E. Byrne, M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province Ontario, then welcomed distinguished representatives of several appendant and affiliated organizations who were in attendance.

A delightful and inspiring keynote address was delivered by the Reverend Doctor B. Gerwyn Davies, Past Grand Chaplain of the

Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

The report of the Conference Committee was given by the Conference Committee Chairman, Jerold J. Samet, M.W. Grand Master of Washington, D.C. His committee consisted of M.W. Brothers D. Haywood Stuckey, Florida; Harry L. Fay, Idaho; Arnold E. Packer, Manitoba; Lester P. Martin, Jr., North Carolina; P. Dean Gerber, Ohio; Allan D. Large, Oklahoma; and John D. Templeton, Tennessee.

The following slate of officers for the 1993 Conference to be held February 21-24, 1993, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was presented and duly elected: conference chairman, T. Max Tatum, Oklahoma; conference vice chairman, James R. Crawford, Alberta; conference committee chairman, Robert O. Schnell, Texas. Other conference committee members: B. Dix Hoffman, Idaho; Sheldon K. Blank, New York; Herman Leo Key, Louisiana; Edwin D. Blinks, Iowa; James E. Underwood, Georgia; George T. Leslie, Washington; Joseph W. Thibodeau, Rhode Island; and Albert T. Ames, Executive Secretary/ Treasurer.

Serving on the Time and Place Committee are: Oscar T. Lyons, Jr., Chairman, Arizona; Brian L. Carley, Vermont; G. William Oldham, Oregon; Winston Cousins, Prince Edward Island; Robert L. Jones, Alabama; Richard E. Lynn, Florida; James E. Winzenreid, West Virginia; William D. Cummings, Montana; Louis Vander Eyk, Connecticut; and ex-officio members: Michael J. McLaughlin, Jr., George Washington Masonic National Memorial; Richard E. Fletcher, Masonic Service Association; Ray Noah, President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries; and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Albert T. Ames.

The Conference elected Albert T. Ames, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, to the office of Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

Monday morning's activities concluded with reports from the following: M.W. Brother Phillip L. Hall gave a summation report of the Masonic Renewal Committee, which had been established as a permanent standing committee of this conference by vote of the delegates in 1991 in San Diego, California. M.W. Brother Donald Smith gave a brief report of the Fraternal Relations Committee, M. W. Brother James T. Miller presented Brother Daniel Phillips, who gave the report of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee.

Following free time to tour the Memorial and a delightful lunch by the Job's Daughters, the

annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was chaired by M.W. Brother Charles A. Brigham, Jr. Brother Michael McLaughlin, Executive Secretary, reported on all that had been accomplished at the Memorial in the past year and the urgent need to continue the work and the funds that would be needed.

Russell Wells, M.W. Past Grand Master of Michigan and the Grand Master of DeMolay International, presented a most interesting address on the Order of DeMolay in today's world and of the many accomplishments that have been made and the challenges that lie ahead. A review of the Sunday afternoon workshops was presented by the leader of each of the groups.

Monday evening, the delegates and their wives were guests of the Grand Secretaries at their annual banquet. The guest speaker was Harold Elliot, M.W. Past Grand Master of New Jersey, who delivered an interesting and entertaining address, as only he can do, which was enjoyed by all.

Tuesday morning began with the return of the traditional Frank S. Land DeMolay Breakfast, sponsored by the Shrines of North American, John W. Dean, Imperial Potentate, and almost a complete line of Imperial Divan officers. An inspiring message was given by both the Imperial Potentate and Matthew W McKay, the International Master Counselor of the Order of DeMolay.

M.W. Brother John McWilliams Smith called the conference to order Tuesday morning, followed by the introductions of the distinguished Masons who represented the following sister jurisdictions: Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia, Jovan Vasiljevic, Deputy Grand Master; Grand Lodge Nationale France, Nat Granstein, Assistant Grand Master, Claude Charboneau, Deputy Grand Master, Yves Trestournel, Grand Secretary, Xavier C. Larretgrer, Past Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge of Italy, Giulian De Bernardo, Grand Master, Elvio Sciuoba, Past Sovereign Grand Commander; Grand Lodge of Iran In Exile, Bagher Heyat, Deputy Grand Master; Grand Lodge of Poland, Tadeusz Gliwic, Grand Master; Grand Lodge of Brazil, Andre Rosenthal, Past Grand Master; who were welcomed and introduced by M.W. Brother Norman E. Bryne, conference vice chairman. Response to the warm welcome was delivered by M.W. Brother Nat Granstein, Assistant Grand Master, Grand Lodge Nationale France.

The conference then broke into four study groups: 1) Membership Development, chaired

by John Beaumont, M.W.P.G.M., Louisiana; 2) Hypothetical Lodge Problems, chaired by John Robinson, author of *Born In Blood*; 3) Creative Thinking for Lodge Programs, chaired by William R. Pellow, M.W.P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario; and 4) Using Audio Visual, chaired by Richard E. Fletcher, M.W. P.G.M., Vermont, and also the Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association.

Following the traditional photographs and lunch, the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association was held under the direction of Richard E. Fletcher, M.W.P.G.M., Vermont, and Executive Secretary of the M.S.A. The next hour was devoted to a continuation of the morning workshops, followed by an introduction of the 1992-93 officers of the Grand Secretaries Conference.

The Commission on Recognition reported the results of their meetings, which had been chaired by William R. Pellow, M.W.P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The following recommendations were presented and accepted: The Grand Lodge of Greece does not meet the standards of the Commission for recognition at this time, the Grand Loge De France does not meet the standards of the Commission for recognition; the Grand Lodge of Portugal does meet the standards for recognition, tabled for further discussion. Information on the Grand Lodge of Poland to be reported at the 1993 Conference.

The Committee on Time and Place presented a proposal to hold the Conference in Arlington, Virginia, in 1996. The motion was approved.

There being no further business, the 63rd Annual Conference of Grand Masters of North America was dosed by the chairman. The final activity was the traditional Grand Master's banquet and entertainment held on Tuesday evening.

The success of the conference is a result of the endless efforts of Brother John McWilliams Smith, Conference Chairman, and Brother Jerold J. Samet, Conference Committee Chairman, along with the help of Brother Michael McLaughlin, Jr., Executive Secretary of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, together with the many member of all the committees. We are most grateful and indebted to all. Special appreciation is also extended to M.W. Brother David L. Dresser for his service to the conference for the past three years.

Albert T. Ames, M.W. Past Grand Master, Mass., Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXII Uniforms

The Uniform Of A Knight Templar (Continued)

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows:

"In 1856 the Constitution was amended by adding the clause making it the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master' to see that the DRESS, work and discipline of Templary Masonry everywhere, are uniform.

But no dress had then been prescribed. It was assumed that there was a dress peculiar to Templar Masonry, and it was ordained that it should be uniform throughout the jurisdiction, and that the Grand Master should see that it was uniform.

"But when it was attempted to define in our Statutes what the Dress of Templar Masonry' is, various and conflicting opinions were found to exist, and the question was not settled at that Conclave.

"In 1859 a dress (or uniform) was adopted. It differed from that worn in some State jurisdictions. The regulation upon which the decision in question is predicated, was subsequently adopted. The dress adopted was thereby ordered to be worn by all Commanderies chartered at that Conclave, or that should thereafter be established in the jurisdiction, and by all Commanderies therefore existing when they should procure a new costume. It did not purport, in its form, or in the manner of its adoption, to be an amendment of the Constitution, or to affect the prerogative of the Grand Master. In its term it was in aid

of that prerogative. It did not expressly except existing Commanderies from its operation. It was silent as to them.

"In 1862, when the Grand Encampment met, the resolution in question was suspended for the session. Thereupon the resolution and the whole subject of uniform was referred to a committee for revision.

The committee reported, not expressly repealing any of the previous action, but recommending the adoption of an entirely new regulation in reference to costume, and their report was adopted. It is a well-settled rule that when a whole subject is referred to a committee, and they report a new law in place of the old one, and not mere amendments of, or additions to the old law, and it is enacted, this new law takes the place of the old one and repeals it. The Statute of 1862 prescribes the 'dress of Templar Masonry,' without limitation or exception, and it became at once that 'dress' which the Constitution makes the prerogative and *duty* of the Grand Master to see it is everywhere uniform, and 'Commanderies already provided with uniform' are not exempted from obedience to this law."

After some discussion the following amended statutes in regard to the Uniform of a Knight Templar and also Knight of the Red Cross were adopted:

1. The Uniform of a Knight Templar is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in 1862. No other uniform is allowed, and no authority other than the Grand Encampment can modify or alter it.

"2. Provided, however, that all members of Commanderies which now have what is known as the 'black uniform,' be permitted to wear it while members of said Commandery;

but no other Commandery, nor the members thereof, shall be authorized or permitted to wear any other than the Regulation prescribed in 1862.

"3. Provided, further, that any Commandery in a State where the black uniform is worn, may, by permission of its Grand Commandery, adopt and wear such black uniform.

"4. No officer or member can be present in the Grand Encampment, or in a Grand Commandery, unless in full Templar uniform, except by the vote of the body excusing him.

The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side, Templar cap covered; sword, and white gloves, constitute the uniform of a Red Cross Knight. The Sovereign Master wears the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes."

Thus ended the most vigorous attempt of a Grand Master or the Grand Encampment to establish a uniform costume for the Sir Knights throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

At the Triennial Conclave held in Cleveland in 1877 Grand Master J. H. Hopkins reported continued difficulty with the uniform and stated in his address:

"The costume of a Knight Templar has caused almost, perhaps altogether, as much trouble, not to say envy, as Joseph's variegated coat occasioned among his brethren. Contentions about the adornments of the person, or the uniform of the Order do not tend to cultivate those qualities of mind and heart which constitute true Christian Knighthood. It was fondly hoped that attention would be given to those things which elevate and ennoble manhood, to the exercise of those virtues which make character brighter and purer, and life sweeter and happier, rather than to the style of our apparel, or of our official

insignia. And to this end a Statute was adopted at our last meeting, which, it was thought, would confine the discussion of this question to narrower limits, if not indeed remove it entirely from the field of controversy, and at the same time would preserve at least a degree of harmony in the uniform and decorations of the Order, by limiting them to well defined styles. Whatever may have been individual opinion as to the propriety of the action taken, it was hoped that it would be universally acquiesced in, and that the question would not again vex the Grand Encampment.

"It is true that the Grand Encampment relieved the Grand Master from the duty of seeing 'That the dress of Templar Masonry is uniform,' but he was not relieved from the duty of enforcing the Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Encampment.

"It is also true that the Grand Encampment decided not to require absolute uniformity of costumes - but there was a prescribed uniform recognized, and a specific departure there-from permitted in certain cases.

"The Edict of Statute distinctly declares that 'the uniform of a Knight Templar is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in 1862. No other uniform is *allowed, and no authority other than the Grand Encampment* can modify or alter it. The permission given by the Grand Encampment to certain Commanderies to wear the 'black uniform' was an assertion of its power and control over the subject."





Frank E. Hart
Nevada
Grand Commander-1976
Born November 24, 1918
Died February 19, 1992

Ralph C. Drury
Wyoming
Grand Commander-1972
Born July 11, 1917
Died February 19, 1992

Ernest H. Murray
Montana
Grand Commander-1962
Born April 26, 1895
Died February 22, 1992

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

Grand Commander's Club

- Iowa No. 18-Thomas M. Immermann
- Pennsylvania No. 55-William E. Yeager, Jr.
- Michigan No. 50-Jack E. Cochran in
 memory of Mrs. Kathy Nagle
- Tennessee No. 45-Farley Clayton Lane
- Illinois No. 44-John C. Butterfield
- Georgia No. 97-Mrs. Liz Miller
- Oregon No. 17-Russell L. Gardner
- Oregon No. 18-Elbert Lorentz
- Schoneman Iowa No. 19-Donald J. McLain

Grand Master's Club

- No. 1,735-Cad W. Feick (PA)
- No. 1,759-Henry L Bassett (PA)
- No. 1,760-Oswald B. Gnmstad (FL)
- No. 1,761-William B. Craig (DC)
- No. 1,762-Paul E. Shatter (DC)
- No. 1,763-John Norman Burge (PA)
- No. 1,764-R. Lowman Oglesby (GA)
- No. 1,765-Welland W. Warner (PA) by
 Franklin Lodge No. 221, Cheswick, PA
- No. 1,766-James E. Miller (GA)
- No. 1,767-Dwight Lear (OR)
- No. 1,768-Winford C. Deal, Sr. (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.

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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending March 6, 1992. The total amount contributed to date is \$551,100.15.

Alabama	\$1,986.00
Arizona	3,317.50
Arkansas	1,393.50
California	14,289.62
Colorado	108,551.26
Connecticut	7,189.26
Delaware	370.00
District of Columbia	5,722.00
Florida	30,128.00
Georgia	32,558.00
Idaho	466.00
Illinois	14,623.43
Indiana	5,254.00
Iowa	4,353.00
Kansas	3,839.00
Kentucky	6,004.74
Louisiana	4,373.75
Maine	2,964.03

Maryland	2,285.00
Mass./R.I.	10,069.00
Michigan	12,349.00
Minnesota.....	7,344.00
Mississippi.....	2,877.00
Missouri.....	7,825.00
Montana.....	12,906.00
Nebraska.....	496.00
Nevada.....	774.50
New Hampshire.....	2,743.54
New Jersey.....	3,445.00
New Mexico.....	1,358.00
New York.....	15,816.55
North Carolina.....	6,605.00
North Dakota.....	610.60
Ohio.....	9,894.91
Oklahoma.....	1,630.68
Oregon.....	5,980.60
Pennsylvania.....	23,934.30
South Carolina.....	8,018.16
South Dakota.....	1,658.01
Tennessee.....	13,785.38
Texas.....	118,383.80
Utah.....	4,127.00
Vermont.....	1,544.00
Virginia.....	7,125.00
Washington.....	1,180.50
West Virginia.....	3,854.00
Wisconsin.....	1,451.25
Wyoming.....	1,399.52
Philippines.....	5.00
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks.....	100.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska.....	100.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico.....	40.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan.....	60.00

Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	1,010.00
Solo di Aruba, U.D.	300.00
Miscellaneous	10,630.76



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Letter to Knights Templar Eye Foundation

This letter was sent to G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Eye Foundation

Dear Mr. Bell,

I've had a Christmas miracle! My sight before surgery was 20/400. My vision is now 20/40! All the blindness is gone, and I now see clearly. I praise God and thank you good people who made this possible for me.

I live twenty-five miles from the city plus live alone. Before surgery I was afraid to drive my car unless someone was with me. Of course, reading was very difficult as the blind eye confused the good eye. Now I see so dearly it's almost hard for me to believe.

Thank you all so much for the good work you're doing. You made my life so much better.

God bless you all,
Sincerely,
Lois R. Hales

State-Wide Class In Florida

Records reflect that throughout history, one person, or persons, played a significant role in the making of a great or important event. As we reflect over the 500 year history of the New World, we find Masonry played a major role in the shaping of events.

Following the overthrow of the Order of Knights Templar in 1314, Pope John XXII in 1317 gave permission to reestablish the Order of the Temple under the name of the Order of Christ.

As we all know, 500 years ago, one person changed the course of history. Christopher Columbus, Admiral of the Ocean Sea, set forth on a most remarkable journey that reshaped the world.

In the book *The Temple and the Lodge*, the authors mention that Christopher Columbus' father-in-law was a former Grand Master of the Order of Christ. Their emblem was a red pane' cross. Was it just a coincidence that the three caravels under Columbus' command displayed a red cross on their sails?

Now, 500 years later, another major event has taken place. Saturday, February 29, at Tampa, Florida, the York Rite Grand Bodies of Florida Exalted, Created, and Knighted 334 candidates in a state-wide One-Day Class in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the New World; and in honor of Brother Wilbur W. Masters, Jr., Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Past Grand High Priest, Past Illustrious Grand Master, and Past Grand Commander. This outstanding Mason is Florida's only living Masonic 4-Star General; and one person who changed the lives of many men, and perhaps will have played a significant role in changing the course of Masonry in Florida.

The work was conferred using the ritualistic outline for a One-Day York Rite Festival, as suggested by the accepted International York Rite Council guidelines, as closely as possible. The work was conferred by some of the best degree teams, who came at their own expense from around the state, including Pensacola, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Palatka, Tampa, Winter Haven, Lakeland, Ft. Pierce, Sarasota, and Miami. It required more than 160 Companions and Sir Knights to perform all the work.

The work began at 6 A.M., and was completed by 6:30 P.M., with a banquet for the candidates following. More the 600 Masons were present for the day's activities. Notable candidates included city, county, and state political figures, retired and active military personnel, businessmen and professionals from all walks of life.

Present and participating in the day's activities were D. Hayward Stuckey, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida; William G. Norrie, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Frank Cochrane, Most Illustrious Grand Master; and Richard A. Young, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Other distinguished Masons present were Vernon H. Miller, S.E. Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest; Ralph O. Sheppard, Deputy General Grand High Priest for Latin America; Walter H. Winchester, Past General Grand High Priest; Harold F. Yaeger, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons



International; Evan L. Fleming, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International; Robert L. Goldsmith, Past Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida; Howard P. Bennett, Grand Recorder of the York Rite of Florida; Marvin W. Gerhard, R.E.P.G.C. and General Chairman of the One-Day Class; Joseph Pierce Suttles, R.E.P.G.C., Georgia, and guest speaker; James Moseley, Southeastern Department Commander; William Henry Thornley, Jr., Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A., as well as several current grand officers of the Grand Lodge and York Rite, together with many past grand officers; and Edward S. P. Carson, Past Supreme Grand Master of the Grand Preceptory of Canada.

Following the conferral of all the work, a specially struck commemorative bronze Mark penny and Christopher Columbus coin, together with a specially designed York Rite patent that honored Wilbur W. Masters, Jr., P.G.M., and commemorated the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of the New World, were given to each candidate. In addition to the above, each candidate was presented the latest issue of *the Royal Arch Mason Magazine*, *Knight Templar Magazine*, the *Hand Book of York Rite Masonry*, and brochures of all the York Rite charities. The day's activities were concluded following the banquet, with the benediction being delivered by Leslie H. Scott, Jr., Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Florida.

Marvin W. Gerhard, KYGCH
General Chairman

Indiana Newby - Avery Banquet

In a recent issue of *Knight Templar Magazine*, Most Eminent Grand Master William Henry Thorney, Jr., mentioned the Newby-Avery Banquet, which is held in Indiana each year in honor of Indiana's two Most Eminent Past Grand Masters, Leonidas P. Newby and Willard M. Avery. Pictured at the banquet from left are the following: Howard E. Cox, M.E. Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Indiana; Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., M. E. Grand Master; Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, M.E. Past Grand Master; Brother Daniel J.



Leonard, M.W. Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana; Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, R.E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment; Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball, R.E. Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment; Sir Knight K. Edwin Applegate, R.E. Past Department Commander; Sir Knight Russell P. Livermore, Jr., R.E. Grand Commander of Michigan; Sir Knight Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., R.E. Grand Commander of Indiana; Sir Knight James S. DeMond, R.E. Department Commander; and Sir Knight Rodney Williams, Jr., R.E. Grand Commander of Kentucky.

The Truth Of Easter

by Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt

The following comments are from a speech given by then-Grand Captain General W. Bruce Pruitt (now Deputy Grand Commander) at the 1991 Easter Observance of Palo Alto Commandery No. 47, California.

I would like to thank Sir Knight Lyle Bird, Eminent Commander of Palo Alto Commandery No. 47, for inviting me to speak at this 1991 Easter Observance. It is an honor to take part in such an important service. Our thoughts today are naturally focused on our Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the center of all that takes place today. I would like to direct our attention this morning to one of those significant things that we know about Him; that is, one of the things He has said about Himself. (Read Gospel of John 14:1-12.)

"Let not your heart be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself, that where I am there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going."

"Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not

know where you are going; how do we know the way?"

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the father, but through me. If you had known me, you would have known my father also; from now on you know him, and have seen him.'"

This morning we will concentrate on what Jesus says in verse 6, which is that He is TRUTH. What exactly does that mean?

You know that there are several words in our language which, although they are used extensively and are quite important, are extremely difficult to define. Some of those words are: "Love, Liberty or Freedom, Character, and Truth." We are going to deal with "Truth" this morning. We certainly will not be able to completely define "Truth," but we can consider several aspects of it

"Truth" is a word which has great significance for us, both as Masons and as Christians. It also has a special relationship with Easter. Let's look at these three relationships.

Truth In Freemasonry

1. **The Entered Apprentice Degree:** In the first degree of Masonry, we learn

that the three great tenets of Masonry are: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We are told that: "Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct."

2. The Fellowcraft Degree: In the second degree we are told that *Geometry* is the first and noblest of sciences. The reason geometry is valuable is the TRUTH of its principles. A right angle is always a right angle. Geometry can be used for laying out buildings because its relationships are the same every time they are employed. If one takes a pile of square stones they will always fit together to form a straight wall. You don't observe that one angle is larger than another angle on one day and then find the relationship reversed on another day. The principles of geometry are consistent; they are unchangeable. They are TRUE.

3. The Master Mason Degree: In the third degree we hear about the 47th Problem of Euclid. This mathematical statement explains the relationship between the three sides of a right triangle. You remember that if you square the lengths of the two sides, and add them together, that sum is the same as the square of the hypotenuse. It is the very basis of the science of trigonometry, and is also a valuable aid in many kinds of scientific activities. Furthermore, it is always TRUE. It never changes.

4. The Order of the Red Cross: The Order of the Red Cross, the first Order in the Commandery of Knights Templar, is totally based on TRUTH. Here is a quotation from this ceremony:

"As for all other things they are mortal and transient, but TRUTH alone is unchangeable and everlasting. The benefits we receive from it are subject to no variations of vicissitudes of time or fortune."

Notice the key words here: "unchangeable and everlasting." That's what it is all about; the eternal, everlasting, and unchangeable nature of TRUTH.

Now, as human beings we sometimes have a bit of trouble with the TRUTH. Exactly forty years ago I was a sophomore college student studying physics. We were dealing at that time with a relatively recent concept about the structure of the atom known as the Bohr Model. It explained that the atom was composed of two basic, sort of "solid" bodies, the electron and the proton. You could put an electron and a proton together, and they made a neutron. It was all very neat and logical. However, today we know that there is a lot more to the structure of the atom than what Bohr postulated. There are things like quarks, and 7-particles, and other building blocks that I'm not even conversant with. Furthermore, the pieces of the atom in some respects act like waves in the ocean just as much as they act like solid bodies. What was true forty years ago is just not the total truth today!

Jesus As "The Truth"

Now, let us look beyond Masonry, and go to Jesus Christ himself. Masonic TRUTH is fine, but why does Jesus call Himself *the* TRUTH? Notice He doesn't say: "I am a TRUTH, or I am *like* TRUTH, or I am TRUTHful." He said I am *the* TRUTH.

I am sure you can see where we are going. First, both TRUTH and JESUS are unchangeable. In Hebrews 13:8 we read that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, yes and forever."

Secondly, Jesus is everlasting. The Gospel of John, the first chapter, says that Jesus was the beginning. He was here when the world was formed, and will always be here. In Hebrews 1:8 we read: "But of the son he says, 'Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever. And the

righteous scepter is the scepter of his kingdom."

Thirdly He is powerful; He will prevail. Jesus has the power to forgive sins, to create the world, to make us sons of God, to raise people from the dead, to heal the sick, to restore sight to the blind. The list could go on forever. He has *all power*.

Finally, we know that Jesus is light; He shows the way. In 1 Timothy 2:5 we read: For there is one God, and one mediator also, between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Jesus is the only light that shows us how to live, and how to become one with God.

So now we see that Jesus and TRUTH are one and the same. Real TRUTH means to be everlasting, unchangeable, powerful, and a source of knowledge and light. Jesus, and Jesus alone, is all of that.

The Truth Of Easter

Now, what is the truth of Easter?

Easter is the final means by which Jesus showed what he meant when He said, I am the TRUTH." It was through the death on the Cross that He showed he was God's true expression of love. It was from His resurrection from the dead that He showed his:

- _____ Power
- _____ Everlasting nature
- _____ One-ness with God
- _____ and
- _____ Ability to bring us to Him

Easter is unchangeable and everlasting. Easter's message is always here. Easter is powerful. Easter shows the way.

Let me close by presenting to you this very beautiful and appropriate poem by Dr. Henry H. Barstow.

If Easter Be Not True

If Easter be not true,
Then all the lilies low must lie;
The Flanders poppies fade and die;
The spring must lose her fairest bloom
For Christ were still within the tomb -
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
Then faith must mount on broken wing;
Then hope no more immortal spring;
Then hope must lose her mighty urge;
Life prove a phantom, death a dirge -
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
Twere foolishness the cross to bear;
He died in vain who suffered there;
What matter though we laugh or cry,
Be good or evil, live or die,
If Easter be not true?

If Easter be not true -
But it is true, and Christ is risen!
And a mortal spirit from its prison
Of sin and death with him may rise!
Worthwhile the struggle, sure the prize,
Since Easter, aye, is true!

Praise God. Christ the Lord is risen today!
Thank you again for letting me be here.

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Philip the Fair

by Sir Knight W. Duane Kessler

It was only natural that Philip le Bel should assume the role of king of France. His grandfather was Louis XI, and Philip V became king when he was seventeen, the eleventh Capetian king of France.

Nicknamed Philip the Fair, he was regarded as a remarkable figure. He was handsome, austere, and devout. He was also cruel and relentless, and if he was not loved, he was feared.

He practiced asceticism, which religious orders then professed. He fostered the belief, as many of his ancestors did, that the monarchy was divinely ordained. Their coronations were elaborately successful, and quasi-religious, in which the new ruler was blessed by the Church. In the three hundred-year Capetian king rule, they united power and piety, laying the groundwork for political theocracy, a nation in which God's law was paramount, and the king's word would be the word of God.

In this particular period of time, Philip the Fair seemed to be pursuing two objectives; the destruction of the Order of Knights Templar on the one hand, and the posthumous condemnation of the late Pope Boniface VIII, on the other. He had accused the late pope of atheism, blasphemy, and shamelessness, and the Templars were charged with the same sin.

Though King Philip's hatred and cruelty fill us with horror, we must acknowledge him to be actuated by a pious desire to fill the honor of the Church and the welfare of the dominions.

We see that for the sake of the Crusades, the Church and State had combined to make the Order of the Temple an instrument of power. The original purpose of the order ceased to exist after the Crusades. The orders had grown beyond the control of the government and the Church, and the Knights Templar were subservient to neither.

Of the three orders of Soldier Monks, the Teutonic Knights confined themselves to the profession of arms, and they ultimately settled in the distant and savage parts of Germany.

The Knight Hospitallers, who later settled in Rhodes and then in Malta, were open to the same imputations as the Knights Templar: They had been denounced by the late Pope Gregory XIII in 1238 for heresy, unchastity, and treachery. However, they were not as prominent before the public eye because they were not as rich as their rivals. These Knights of St. John were viewed with a feeling of indifference for their delinquencies.

The basic mainspring of King Philip's future actions was the result of wounded pride. Pope Boniface had deeply insulted him, citing him as a puppet and a child. It was also done in such a way that it could not be overlooked.

Three centuries of Capetian rule resulted in the growth of France to include Normandy, Anjou, Maine, Toulouse, Champaign, and Navarre. With King Philip at the helm, the king could only count himself as a worthy inheritor, and he held it all by an iron grip.

The French sought to make the rule divinely ordained. Philip the Fair had accepted this rule completely, whether through genuine belief or political utility, and he was ruthlessly consistent in his decisions and ambitions. With this background, he was affronted by any instruction and word he would receive from the Holy See.

A struggle for funds existed, not only from the French viewpoint, but from Rome as well. It was a bitter struggle

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between the Most Christian King and the Vicar of Christ over the misappropriation of funds from the Church of Rome and the French nation. It was a battle between Pope Boniface XIII and King Philip.

The battle heated up near 1303. "Unam Sanctum!" Boniface exclaimed. There was only one sacred and inviolate Church which could exist. Philip could match this battle of words, extremely confident of his God given right to the throne.

A bull was to be issued excommunicating not only the king of France but the entire nation of France as well, and it was to be published in September of 1303. Quick and decisive action was needed to prevent a revolution.

The pope was living in Anagni in September of 1303. This town lay thirty-seven miles east-southeast of Rome. Arising early on September 8, when he intended to publish his bull, he went to the chapel to pray. While doing so, a troop of French soldiers broke in on him and took him captive.

To kidnap a pope was unimaginable, unthinkable, and unsacred. But Philip, believing the French throne more sacred than the papal one, caused this act to be done. Pope Boniface's belief that the papal

authority was paramount never took into consideration the full force of King Philip's personal convictions until it was too late.

The Fair's intention was to try the pope in France, but the people of Anagni saved his life. However, the king had age on his side; Pope Boniface was eighty-six years old, and the shock of this outrageous imprisonment was too great. He died a few months later.

The operation was typical of Philip V; he was secretive, audacious, and it was carefully planned and carried out. Such a man could do almost anything. He could not do this, however, without men of utmost loyalty and daring, proponents of legalized violence and aggrandizement. These were the king's ministers, agents, and familiars.

Heading such a group was William de Nogaret and he formed an almost perfect partnership of power and intellect. This partnership lasted for almost twenty years.

Coming from ordinary stock, his father was a tradesman from Toulouse. William de Nogaret's power and intellect was part of the changes sweeping Europe at that time. Being a lawyer, de Nogaret was of a group who pretended to understand the changes then in vogue and how to deal with them.

Being a man of outstanding ability, de Nogaret was made "first lawyer of the realm" in 1303. It was he who planned and secretly carried out the kidnapping.

Meanwhile, the conspiracy against the new pope, Benedict IX, gained force, for it seemed the new pope was cast in the same mold as the previous one. He was stern and determined to maintain the rights of the Holy See.

King Philip was pressing for a posthumous trial of Pope Boniface XIII, so Pope Benedict offered to annul the excommunication of Philip the Fair. In the meantime, de Nogaret made a reasonable demonstration of his loyalty to the king by taking full responsibility for the attack.

The condemnation of de Nogaret and his accomplices for the attack ended in excommunication by Pope Benedict, and

the pope let it be known that de Nogaret would have no chance for appeal before the final announcement of the excommunication. It never came to pass, for the pope died of an unknown disease on July 7, 1304, with agonizing pains. Poisoning was suspected but never proved.

Pope Benedict's papacy lasted only eight and a half months, and it would be another sixteen months before a new pope would be installed. The delay suited King Philip admirably, and it ultimately worked for his profit, although it was not of his making.

The king's wife of twenty-one years, Queen Jeanne of Navarre, died in 1305, and this left King Philip with extra time on his hands. It seemed to him the Knights Templar would welcome such a powerful man into their ranks. However, the Templars felt this power hungry king wanted still more power, so he was rejected with no particular reason.

It seems the king had a plan of merging the two orders, the Knights Templar and the Knight Hospitallers. His plan would make the Grand Master either the king or the son of a king, and the mastership should be hereditary. The Master would be required to live in Jerusalem, and the King-Master should have the title of Bellator, the Warrior King. The first step in attaining this extraordinary plan was to join the Templars, and he intended to become Master in due time.

This rejection must have shocked King Philip, but there was one plan open for him. Only one person could command such a change, and it could only be the pope himself.

Philip suddenly became interested in the electoral struggles of Rome. The Cardinalate was divided in two sections, one supporting the memory of Pope Boniface; the other - French controlled - continued to put Pope Boniface on posthumous trial. The deadlock was not

settled until the Bonifacians presented Bertrand de Goth, a colorless archbishop of Bordeaux, and he became Pope Clement V on November 14, 1305, at Lyons.

Philip the Fair knew exactly what he was doing in supporting de Goth's nomination; he knew this man well. The archbishop was weak and greedy, fond of honor and disliking responsibility. Family influence was the motivating influence in getting the position; his uncle was a bishop and a brother, an archbishop.

Since the new pope was acceptable to the Bonifacians, the election was Philip's to guide, for without the king's cardinals'

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support the election was impossible, and any suggestions seemed futile. When the French faction was called, the king's reaction was in favor of his election, surprisingly enough, and it went forward.

In the conditions to be met in the election of de Goth, it was mutually agreed that all charges listed against the Bonifacians should be dropped. One secret condition not included in the understanding was the dissolution of the Order of the Knights Templar.

Plaguing King Philip was the everlasting need for money. All over Paris, and the French nation as well, was this underlying theme. Daily there were devaluations of the money, which benefited the crown as a debtor, but opposition continued to work against the crown as a tax collector.

A return to good money, effective in September of 1305, was announced by Philip the Fair, and its effect was to triple prices overnight. The people were

pushed too far, and they rebelled. The mobs started rioting all over Paris with such intensity, the king had to run for his life. Taking refuge in the Temple, King Philip was able to live safely away from the riots and the turmoil going on outside.

This was a humiliating experience. Other instances had occurred in times past, but none so violent. The grounds covered fifteen acres with a wall completely surrounding the grounds, eighteen feet in height and with only one gate. This gate was guarded by a drawbridge over the entire encircling moat.

Inside the moat, life was comparatively serene where there were three hundred

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knights, their retainers, and their horses all living together. When peace returned, Philip must have thought of that fortress and his hundreds of brothers and sisters throughout the realm.

De-evaluation, re-evaluation, forced loans, all failed to provide adequate financing so a new expedient became necessary. Philip the Fair gave instructions to the people of Paris, on June 21, 1306, to arrest every Jew in France, and all the goods and funds should be appropriated to the Crown. The operation was swift, efficient, and entirely unexpected. This plan, often used by the king, was led by William de Nogaret, bishops, and residents of the realm. As a result of his outstanding work, William de Nogaret was given his commission.

At this time, Pope Clement V wrote letters to Jacques de Molay, Grand Master of the Templars, and the Master of the Knight Hospitallers, as their Supreme Lord. The

lackluster pope commanded the two Masters to come to Europe because "We desire to consult with you regarding a Crusade in cooperation with the kings of Armenia and Cyprus. You seem to be in the best position to give useful advice on the subject, next to the Court of Rome; you, above all others, we think, would be interested in this project."

Shortly after, twelve knights were accepted into the order, each one of the twelve preceptories scattered across France, and each one of them an agent of King Philip.

In due time, each of the Masters of the two orders replied to the pope. The Master of the Hospitallers sent his regrets, stating the order was committed to moving to the Island of Rhodes. (The knights were a little leary of such a move, and they declined.)

The Knights Templar, having no such business to retain them, the Crusades being over and no reason for their existence, they proceeded to bring an escort of sixty knights and a baggage of gold and jewels, under Jacques de Malay's leadership, to Paris to consult with the pope.

So Pope Clement V, King Philip and William de Nogaret proceeded to ready themselves for their reception; the weak and feeble pope, the ruthless king and the unscrupulous lawyer, with his memories of heretic fires and the unholy Trinity, awaited their guests.

The methods used by these men of Philip the Fair were torture at best. One method consisted of a man being placed on the "rack" and stretched until his thighs and shoulders came out of their sockets. He might also be placed in irons with shackles around his wrists, ankles, and feet. His feet might also be smeared with fat and held before a blazing fire.

If he was particularly stubborn, he might be placed in the strappado. This foul invention was a simple rope and

pulley. The victim was placed with his arms behind his back and his wrists were tied together; then, he was raised as high as possible into the air. The rope was then released so he plunged towards the floor, but the fall was stopped before he hit the floor, so the maximum strain was placed on his arms and shoulders. An optional refinement was to hang weights from the ankles or naval; in the case of a man, from his genitals.

These were some of the methods used to induce confessions from the Templars. More sophisticated methods used by de Nogaret and his henchman: A Templar was subjected to ceaseless questioning by those trained in the art, and answers were distorted. The victim was prevented from sleeping, urinating, and voiding his bowels. He could also be placed in solitary confinement and told that friends had already confessed who had been held on the same charge. When he showed signs of breaking down another set of interrogators, in a very sympathetic manner, would enter and cajole the prisoner to confess for his own good.

Through these cruel methods, almost all of the Templars had confessed over a seven-year period. The order was denounced as heretical, nauseous, and corrupt. Confessions were rampant; some knights were made to view the torture of other knights.

When 1314 rolled around, the final four were all that remained. These were Hugh de Pairaud, Treasurer of the Temple and Visitor of the Priory of France; the Preceptor of Normandy, Geoffrey de Charney; the Preceptor of Aquitaine, Geoffrey de Gonneville; and Grand Master, Jacques DeMolay. As the final four were dragged in chains only the first two made confessions and were saved from the humiliating experience of being burned at the stake. The other two stepped forth and as de Malay declared their innocence, the burning began.

The final chapter in the lives of these cruel and merciless rulers saw William de Nogaret die in April of 1313, and it was reported he died before being struck by anyone. But he was called to appear before the tribunal of the Quick and the Dead.

Forty days following the burning of de Malay, Pope Clement V died of the strange disease of lupus. On November 29, Philip followed apparently from a fall from a horse or some other unexplained phenomenon.

King Philip had clearly won a victory, but it did him little good. His overt coercion of the pope and his other fanatics had blackened his name throughout Europe. Pope Clement's decisions to pass the Templar property to the Hospitallers blocked any move more effectively than Jacques DeMolay could ever do.

Philip's reward was yet to come. When de Molay died the Capetian dynasty, which had ruled France for three and a quarter centuries, endured for only fourteen years to come. And Philip the Fair and his descendants became known as the "Accursed Kings."

As the Capetian dynasty staggered to its final conclusion, each of King Philip's three sons, who succeeded him, became king and died. This split France into internecine struggles, and as clear as it can be said, the kingdom's convulsions started the Hundred Years War with England.

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Knights Templar

A poem by Sir Knight Edgar A. Guest

Three by three in line they come
Courteous men of Templardom!
Christian men who've bowed the knee
At the cross of Calvary,
Each with dedicated sword
To the glory of the Lord.
Guarding still the faith they hold
As was done in days of old.

Far their history trails away
To the dark and bloody day
When the Christians made their stand
'In the troubled Holy Land
And the followers of the Christ
Ruthless were sacrificed.
There amid the inky gloom
Shone the Templar's spotless plume.

Now the need for strife has gone.
Still the Templars follow on,
Though their swords In silence sleep.
Still the faith of old they keep.
Still beneath the glittering arch
Candidates for knighthood march
And by taper and by sword
Pledge allegiance to the Lord.

Templars alt, my hand 'I wave
Be you steadfast, be you brave!
Old the order I old the need I
for the valiant Christian's deed
Bigotry no more holds sway,
But for valiant Knights today
And for Christian gentlemen
Still the need Is now, as then.