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# Grand Master's Christmas Message, 1992

written by The Reverend and Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir  
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

In the closing days of the eleventh century, the first Christians left their homes to begin the long journey to the Holy Land. The Crusades were underway. The leaders and followers in that great march had little idea of what their task was or how they could accomplish it. They simply felt the call to recover the Holy Land so that pilgrims could safely make their way to the places of inspiration, to touch the landmarks of the Christian faith.

Before long, the energies of the available forces were absorbed by a far bigger war than they had expected. Once again, although Jerusalem was in the hands of the Crusaders, pilgrims were not safe on the roads of Palestine. The "Poor Soldiers of Christ," nine Knights and one horse, in 1118 took the responsibility for safe pilgrimage in the Holy Land. They quickly became called, "Knights of the Temple."

Once again, the world is not safe for pilgrims. Knights Templar Masons must take up the moral and spiritual fight for peace. Not only do opposing forces clash in the Holy Land, the streets in our own neighborhoods are terrorized by car jackers and others who need the lesson of Christmas, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

May the spirit of Christmas fill the hearts of every human being, so that even we may see the day prophesied by Isaiah, when: "The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them." (Isaiah 11:6)



*The Reverend Thomas E. Weir  
Right Eminent Grand Prelate*

# **Knight Templar**

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

**DECEMBER:** During this sacred month in which we celebrate the birth of the Great Captain of our Salvation, let our asylums be filled with the spirit of light that will always conquer the darkness. As we hold our Christmas Observances, let all Knights Templar demonstrate to the world the triumph over evil of He who is the Son of God. Messages from our Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir, augment the great message brought to mankind by a lowly carpenter born 2,000 years ago; the message that goodness will prevail over all of the enemies of the Spirit.

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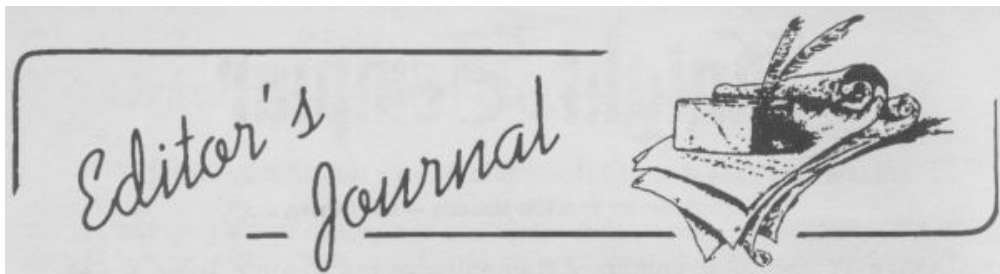
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**Our Greeting Card Program:** Sir Knights, your contributions for the greeting cards that you receive in the mail are essential to support and continue Grand Encampment activities. They purchased our new headquarters building in Chicago, and without your contributions we would be forced to ask for a \$2.00 raise in per capita. If only one-third of our members supported the greeting card program, it would be a success, and we could avoid the future per capita increase. Thank you for your help, and continuing confidence in the future.

**Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine:** The new address of the Red Cross of Constantine is P.O. Box 5716, Springfield, IL 62705-5716. Tel. (21 7) 788-5090.

**New Grand Master's and Grand Commander's Club Pins** - see page 18.

**\*Announcing:** The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Most Eminent Grand Master, William Henry Thornley, Jr., has authorized the design and manufacture of an attractive Red Templar Cross pin for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders. Past Commanders. and grand officers.

You will certainly want to take this opportunity to honor your widows at regular programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece from Sir Knight Herbert Fisher, Honorary P.D.C., 553 Caren Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

**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 at the price of \$16.00 Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, Illinois 60630-2460.

**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 to the Grand Encampment, 5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460.

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## Our Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the 1992 recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected forty-nine Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

<b>Alabama</b> Homer Lee Tidwell, Anniston No. 23	<b>Illinois</b> Bradley Lincoln Baker, Bethel No. 36
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# The Spirit of Christmas

by The Reverend and Sir Knight  
Thomas E. Weir, Ph.D.

Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar



One of the thrills of Christmas during the Depression was the radio. I remember listening to Christmas programs on a crystal set (Does anyone know or remember what a crystal set is?), as well as on the family Stromberg-Carlson. The great treats were "The Juggler of Notre Dame," starring Nelson Eddy, and Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," with Lionel Barrymore as Scrooge. Each year, the programs were the same, word for word and note for note, broadcast live and afresh. I can still hear Nelson Eddy's great voice, starting with "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," punctuating the story of the poor juggler

who attracted Divine attention with his unorthodox gift.

"A Christmas Carol" was memorable because of Ebenezer Scrooge, played by Lionel Barrymore. No one ever put more conviction into, "Bah, humbug!" No one was ever more cruel to Bob Cratchet. "Marley was dead," the story began, "as dead as a doornail." Through life, that story, so familiar in childhood, returns like the Spirit of Christmas Past.

At Christmas 1972, Father John McHale, as good a friend as any man has ever had, and I set out on our rounds to celebrate Christmas with the Marines to which we were assigned at Camp Butler, Okinawa. We began with an ecumenical service at the brig ("jail," in the language of landlubbers). We arrived to find the library, where the service was to be held, packed. Because of the tight schedule, we planned no sermon, only communion. As we entered, the duty warden told us, "Chaplain, I think they are planning to riot." It was John's turn to lead, so he raised his arms, said to the congregation, "I will go

to the altar of God," then, aside to me, "You preach." There was no time even to collect my thoughts in that restless group. When silence fell and John looked at me, I began to recount in short form Dickens' story, which was unfamiliar to most of the congregation.

The story captured their attention. They listened raptly as the Spirit of Christmas Past reminded us of great joys and missed opportunities. They suffered as the Spirit of Christmas Present told of the hardships of the Cratchets and the threatened death of Tiny Tim. They could not bear the threat of Christmas Future, and there were few dry eyes in the group as they awaited the fate of Tiny Tim. There was no riot, but at the end, there was a jubilant singing of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and hearty Christmas greetings all around. The Spirit of Christmas changes lives.

The Spirit of Christmas can lead us, as it led Scrooge, to keep the Christmas spirit every day of the year. Tiny Tim became the object of Scrooge's benevolent care and grew to vigorous manhood. Scrooge "became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man as the good old city

Knew Dickens concluded, "may that be truly said of us and all of us. And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us, every one."

## When Jesus Came

Far off in the eastern sky

A star, how brilliantly it shone,  
It told of wondrous things to come,  
Of Jesus, the Appointed One.

The wise men with their gifts of gold

And frankincense and myrrh they came  
To see this Child from heav'n come down,  
This Babe of Bethlehem, His name.

A holy scene, God's chosen spot,

A stable chosen for the place,  
He did not choose of royalty,  
But lowly in a manger space.

Shepherds with their flocks kept watch,

They saw the angels of the Lord,  
Their light shown brightly o'er the Babe,  
Upon the One, the Incarnate Word.

This is the Christ-Child born of God,

The Messiah, King, the Only One  
Who ever lived without a sin,  
To Him we say: "Thy will be done."

O Holy Night, when Jesus came

To bring to all redeeming grace,  
To give to all a new found hope,  
That man might live from sin's embrace.

Then thank You, Father, for Your Gift,

For He was born on Christmas Day  
To be the Way, the Truth, the Light,  
Accept Him, friend, I truly pray.

George Edgar DeLawter  
Beauseant Commandery No. 8  
Baltimore, Maryland



# Cornerstone Laying at Washington's Pennsylvania Grist Mill

by Sir Knight Blame Fabian

Led by the officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, the family of Freemasonry honored the memory of Brother and President George Washington in a parade, a historic cornerstone-laying ceremony and Masonic displays during Pioneer Days in the community of Perryopolis in western Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 3.

The cornerstone-laying was an especially historic occasion for the Fraternity because four priceless relics of the history of Freemasonry were part of the ceremony. They were: the Bible upon which Brother Washington took his oath as President, the gavel he used in laying the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol in 1793, a replica of the trowel he used in that ceremony, and a replica of the Masonic apron Madame Lafayette embroidered and the Marquis de Lafayette gave Brother Washington.

Several thousand people lined the main street of the small town southeast of Pittsburgh for the morning parade in which Brother Edward H. Fowler, Jr.,

Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, led three divisions comprising more than three hundred Freemasons and the Masonic family, including Knights Templar, other affiliated bodies, and Masonically related youth.



In the afternoon, hundreds of people gathered on a hillside resembling a natural amphitheater overlooking the meadow where Right Worshipful Grand Master Fowler and the Grand Lodge officers conducted the cornerstone-laying ceremony for the reconstruction of a grist mill originally owned by Brother and President George Washington.

Brother and Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, was a distinguished guest, riding in the parade as a leader of the two divisions of the family of Freemasonry and as an honored participant in the cornerstone-laying ceremony. Also participating as an honored guest during the day's activities was Brother Richard Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association.





Preceded in the parade by twenty-four massed colors with an honor guard from Syria Temple and the Grand Marshal and Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Master Fowler led the three divisions of Masonic participants. At the reviewing stand in the center of town, Grand Master Fowler joined local government officials and Heritage Society officers in reviewing the parade. Grand Lodge officers, Past Grand Masters, the Grand Master of Yugoslavia, Grand Master Thornley, and MSA Director Fletcher rode in convertibles, followed by parading District Deputy Grand Masters from western Pennsylvania. A large contingent of Blue Lodge officers from ten of Pennsylvania's Masonic districts made an outstanding showing in the line of march.

Music, which was enthusiastically applauded along the line of march, was provided by the Legion of Honor Drum and Bugle Corps from Syria Temple in Pittsburgh. Following were Knights Templar from Allegheny County's Second Division and Westmoreland County's Fourth Division of York Rite Templary; Scottish Rite Masons from the Valley of Pittsburgh; DeMolay; Job's Daughters; and Rainbow for Girls.

An honored guest accompanying Grand Master Fowler throughout the day was Brother Zoran D. Nenezic, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Yugoslavia. Brother Nenezic was introduced at the afternoon ceremony and Brother Fowler presented him with a Grand Master's

Medallion. Speaking through an interpreter, he talked with admiration for the peace and freedom of the United States and with appreciation for the fraternal support of American Brethren for Masonry in his troubled country.

Restoration of the Washington Run Grist Mill (circa 1774) is a project of the Heritage Society of Perryopolis, who invited the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to honor Brother George Washington by laying the cornerstone for the reconstruction. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Grand Master Fowler presented Mrs. Gladys Powell, President of the Heritage Society, with a contribution of \$10,000 from the Masons of Pennsylvania to be used for the reconstruction project.

The many Freemasons and the public were very much interested in viewing the historic Masonic items brought to the small western Pennsylvania town for the occasion and displayed after the ceremony.

- The magnificent Holy Bible upon which Brother George Washington took his inaugural oath was there. Grand Chaplain John Piper read the Twenty-fourth Psalm from it during the ceremony. The treasured Bible was in Perryopolis through the courtesy of St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York.
- The gavel used by Brother George Washington in the ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone of the Capitol in 1793 was there for Right Worshipful Grand Master Fowler to use in this ceremony. It was at this Pennsylvania ceremony through the courtesy of Potomac Lodge No. 5, Washington, D.C.
- A replica of the trowel used in the Capitol ceremonies by Brother Washington was there when Brother



*Artist's rendering of the Washington Run Grist Mill.*

Fowler spread the cement in this ceremony. The original is safely protected by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, in Virginia, who provided the replica for this ceremony.

- The apron worn by Grand Master Fowler during the ceremony and in the parade was a replica of the one Madame Lafayette embroidered that was presented by the Marquis de Lafayette as a gift to Brother George Washington when he was Master of his Lodge. The original is carefully preserved and displayed in the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

For three days of the event, there were two rooms of Masonic displays in the Perryopolis Borough Building. They were

combined exhibits of the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee and the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, one depicting "Who Are the Freemasons," another traveling "Masonic Sampler" of the museum's historic items, and the third featuring the fourteen Presidents of the United States who were Masons. Of particular interest in the "Masonic Sampler" display was a gavel that had been made from the wood of the original Washington Run Grist Mill at Perryopolis.

There was a generous offering of Masonic literature available for Masons and the public.

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# *Individualism*

by Dr. Harold Blake Walker

Throughout our national life, Americans have cherished what we have called "individualism."

Those who wrested farms from the wilderness in colonial days resented authority and wanted to be free to pursue their vocations without interference. Thomas Jefferson and his fellow Republicans were bitterly opposed to Federalist efforts to impose a strong national government on the people.

The rugged individualism of the frontier emphasized independence, self-reliance and ingenuity. Initiative and inventiveness were prized virtues as men and women pushed westward to settle the continent. In a climate of *laissez faire*, exalting strength, courage and independence, the nation grew and prospered. The mood seemed to accept the idea of the survival of the fittest."

Parallel to the doctrine of individualism, however, there was belief in the sacredness of individual persons, which often got in the way of *laissez-faire* individualism. It implied that the rights of individuals are limited by the rights of other individuals. If the fittest had a right to survive, they also were obliged to consider the welfare of the less fit. A protest sign suggested the feeling of those on the lower rungs of the totem pole:

"I am a human being: do not fold, spindle or mutilate."

The agricultural society of the past made the accommodation of individualism

and the dignity of all persons simpler than in the industrial society of the present. Initiative, hard work and productivity on the farms of the nation were accompanied by a sense of community among those who shared the life of small towns. Recognition of a common humanity blossomed in the farming communities of the nation.

We still cherish our tradition of individualism, but it has been muted by the fact that individuals have been caught up in the web of a technological society. Industrial society promised wealth and growing prosperity, but it also brought with it problems for the many unable to cope with its complexity and its need for saleable skills. As Woodrow Wilson said in his 1912 campaign for the presidency:

"I feel confident that if Jefferson were living in our day he would see what we see: that the individual is caught up in a great confused nexus of all sorts of complicated circumstances, and that to leave him alone is to leave him helpless... Freedom today is something more than being let alone."

One of the most difficult problems of our era is to achieve a balance between individual freedom and the welfare of society. Initiative, inventiveness and ingenuity are means to progress and the welfare of society is contingent on encouragement of these values. Without adequate reward and profit the creative thrust of initiative is diminished and as a

result the whole of society is poorer.

The consequence of the creativity of the inventive is a society of science, engineering and technology for which multitudes are untrained and are therefore unable to compete for its prizes. Large numbers have been left behind in the struggle for economic survival. The disposition of our society, therefore, has been to limit severely the rewards of ingenuity and risk and to transfer the fruits of industrialism to those unable to cope with the complexities of society.

Unhappily, the incompetent will not be helped by destroying the incentives of the competent. The poor will not be made richer by undermining the will of the creative to invent and produce. Only a fine balance between the freedom of the individua to reap the rewards of his creativity and the right of the untrained and the incompetent to survive in dignity can keep the nation secure in the years to come.

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## **Two Membership Awards Presented In Illinois**



On Saturday, July 18, 1992, during the 136th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois in Decatur, Illinois, Sir Knight Elmer F. McIntosh, Senior Warden of Peoria Commandery No. 3 and Tyler in all bodies of the Scottish Rite, was presented the Grand Master's Medal for top-line signing 10 petitions in 1991-92 in Peoria Commandery by Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr., Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight James A. Kemper, Generalissimo of Peoria Commandery No. 3 and Commander-in-Chief of Peoria Consistory, Scottish Rite, Valley of Peoria, was also presented the Grand Master's Medal by the Grand Master for top-line signing 14 petitions in that same time period. These were the 2nd and 3rd medals to be presented in Illinois for 10 or more candidates in one year. Left to right, above: Sir Knight McIntosh, Grand Master Thornley, Sir Knight Kemper.

## **Masons In Music Float Ready to Roll In 1993 Tournament of Roses Parade**

When the Family of Freemasonry float, Masons in Music, rolls down Colorado Boulevard in the 1993 Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, one of country music's brightest stars will be on board with his family. Famed vocalist Ferlin Husky, active in Masonry in his hometown of Branson, Missouri, has sold over 20 million records,

including his hits "Gone", "A Dear John Letter", "Fallen Star", and "Wings of A Dove". He has also appeared in more than 18 motion pictures and on numerous TV shows.

Television commentators will describe to millions of viewers the colorful entry's array of flowers, while music of several generations resounds. The float itself is 55 feet long, 18 feet wide, and over 17 feet high. Fourteen riders will be stationed on three performance platforms, while four others will ride the arbor. Colorful flags will be displayed on the float, representing the United States, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Philippines, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

For its five-mile ride, members of the Masonic Fraternity will ride the float, which is also a tribute to Masons Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and John Philip Sousa.

The Husky family will be riding in the first rotunda, a gazebo-like garden with bridges. There are two other rotundas on the float. In the center will be an orchestra playing the music of Sousa, and in the third rotunda the music of Mozart will pour forth from a string quartet.

Masonic float memorabilia, including colorful commemorative pins, are available as part of a fraternity-wide fund-raising drive. The collectables may be obtained through Gaylord Roten, Los Angeles Scottish Rite, 4457 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90010.

### **York Rite Belts from New Hampshire Grand Commandery**

Due to your kind and huge response, the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire has once again ordered a supply of these great belts. We have contributed over \$3,000 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by your acceptance of these items. They fit almost anyone who wears belts, and would most certainly make a fine Christmas gift.

Lettering is gold with emblems in color: gold crown and red cross, etc. Each belt is 51 inches in length and may be shortened. Made of excellent quality by Masons for Masons. All proceeds go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. If interested, make out your checks for \$12.00 to Frederick H. Heuss, P.G.C., 6 Vernon Avenue, Rochester, NH 03867.



### **A Grateful Thank You From Florida**

We from Florida express our thanks to the many who assisted in the relief of the people who were injured and devastated by Hurricane Andrew. We of Friendship Lodge No. 53, Ocala, express our thanks to the Lodges who assisted us in our search for Lodge furniture a year ago. We are again on the quest, this time for those Lodges in southern Florida which lost their Lodge furniture (or their buildings) in the hurricane. We will again come and pick up your gifts with our Masonic trailer. Write P.M. Ralph Rudolph, 1180 N.W. 113 Court, Ocala, FL 34482-6888, or call (904) 237-6448

## History of the Grand Encampment

### Chapter XXII Uniforms

#### The Uniform Of A Knight Templar (Continued)

##### Sword and Scabbard

"For Commanders and Past Commanders - The sword shall be thirty-four to forty inches in length, inclusive of scabbard, with helmet head at pommel, straight cross guard, metal scabbard, white grip. The scabbard to have three hard metal mountings, two metal rings at upper and one at lower mount. The white grip to be ornamented in front with monogram of owner, and opposite side with the Passion Cross with rays. All metal to be gold plate.

"For Officers and Sir Knights below the rank of Commander - Same as above described except all metal trimmings shall be silver plate and grip of sword shall be black, without monogram of owner. On the black grip shall be inlaid the Passion Cross of silver or white metal, without rays. There shall be no chain from pommel to cross guard.

##### Gloves

"For all Officers and Sir Knights - For full dress, gloves shall be of buff color and of lisle thread or chamoisette.

"Fatigue dress gloves shall be of white lisle thread or chamoisette.

##### Trousers

"For all Officers and Sir Knights - The trousers shall be of black broadcloth or doeskin of standard military cut, without ornamentation.

##### Baldric

"The baldric shall be worn only by Officers and members under the rank of Captain-General. The body of the baldric shall be four inches in width, the center of white moire antique or watered material, bordered on each side with black velvet one inch in width, over the seam where the velvet joins the white center shall be a single strip of silver lace one-fourth inch wide. On the center and front of the baldric a white metal star of nine points; in the center of the star the Passion Cross without rays, the center of which is lined or filled with bright red velvet, surrounded by the motto, 'In Hoc Signo Vincas'; said star to be three and three fourths inches in diameter. The ends of the baldric shall be held in place by metal clasp or fastener, so that the point of intersection shall be six inches from the lower ends of baldric; on the outer side, at point of intersection, a white metal plate, in the shape of a Templar Cross. Baldric shall be lined with green throughout its entire width and length. The shoulder seam on the outside of the baldric shall be covered, on the white center only, with a single strip of silver wire lace one-fourth inch wide. The baldric shall be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip.



## Cape

"For Commanders and Past Commanders - The cape shall be of black beaver, kersey, or melton, cut three-quarters full, and extending to the tips of the fingers in natural position; box collar, one and one-fourth inches stand and two inches fall at back of neck, increasing to two and one-half inches at end of collar; to fasten with a hook and eye at end of collar, and closing over breast with four black prunelle buttons, size 28, covered by a fly; the corners of collar and cape to be cut square, edges to be finished plain or stitched raw.

"Lining of the cape to be bright red in color. On the left breast will be worn the Passion Cross of bright red silk velvet, with red chenille rays; the top of the cross to be on a level with the arm pit; the right edge of the cross four inches from the edge of the cape; cross to be four inches in height. On the ends of the collar shall be the Passion Cross, with rays, three-fourths of an inch in height, either in gold metal, gilt, or real gold embroidery.

"For Officers and Sir Knights below the rank of Commander - The cape shall be the same as above described except that the lining shall be black and the crosses shall be without rays. The collar crosses shall be either silver or silver embroidery.

"Officers to have the insignia of their rank, either in metal or embroidery on the ends of the collar, said designs to be three-fourths of an inch in height."

Provision had been made previously for the costume of the Prelate, but new regulations were adopted at this Conclave as follows:

## Prelate's Robes Of Office

"The Robes of Office for Prelate shall consist of underrobe, mantle or overrobe, stole, and biretta, as described below:

### Underrobe

"To be made of white material; lined with white; on yoke; with straight standing collar; and to button behind. The sleeves to be fashioned with a band at the wrist and puffed or fashioned like a bishop's sleeve. It has no ornamentation.

### Mantle Or Overrobe

"To be made of black material; lined with black; with flowing sleeves and with a hood at the back, made of black material, lined with white, and trimmed around the edges with a black girdle by means of which the mantle is fastened in front. The ornamentation is on the left breast and as follows:

"For the Grand Encampment - A Patriarchal Cross seven inches in height, with traverse arms in proportion; cross to be of royal purple material embroidered with gilt bullion; the bullion to be edged on the inside and outsides with gilt jaceron.

"For the Grand Commanderies - A Templar Cross six inches square; cross to be of bright red material embroidered with gilt bullion; the bullion to be edged on the inside and outsides with gilt jaceron.

"For Commanderies - A Passion Cross seven inches in height, with transverse arm in proportion; cross to be of bright red material embroidered with silver bullion; the bullion to be edged on the inside and outsides with silver jaceron.



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Born March 18, 1920  
Died August 27, 1992

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Grand Commander-1976  
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Died September 22, 1992

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North Carolina  
Grand Commander-1986  
Born April 11, 1928  
Died September 25, 1992

**Kenneth J. Dunahugh**  
New Mexico  
Grand Commander-1975  
Born November 21, 1915  
Died October 13, 1992

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."*

Revelation 21: 4

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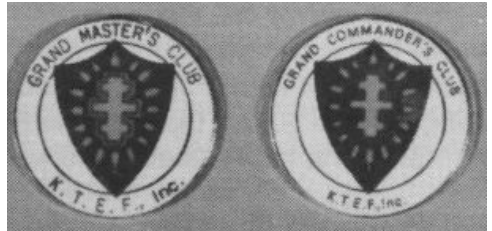
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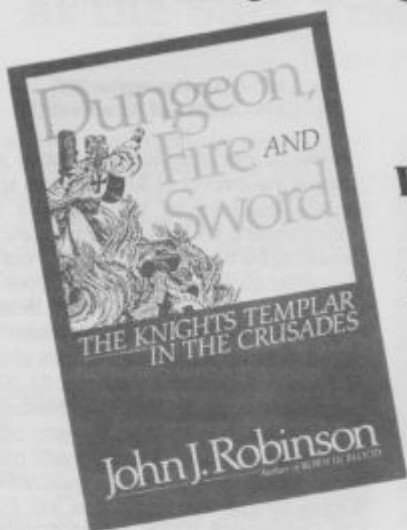
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### **New Grand Master's Club And Grand Commander's Club Pins**

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## *Holy Land Pilgrimage*

*The following is a letter to Sir Knight R. Frank Williams, Past Grand Commander of Indiana:*

Dear Frank:

Much has happened since I last saw you at the Indianapolis airport on March 5 of this year. It took me a while to physically recover from our trip to the Holy Land, but just being home and seeing my family again did wonders. Since our trip I have spent much time remembering and recounting the many sights and experiences our group enjoyed. Words cannot express how grateful I am for the generosity of the Knights Templar of Indiana for gifting me with this blessing. Many times have I re-walked in my mind the steps of our trip. The pictures I took serve only to remind me that our pilgrimage was indeed life-changing. My preaching and teaching have been enriched through the experience of actually being where Jesus walked and taught. The congregation I serve has also benefited greatly. I have spoken about half a dozen times to various groups in our city over the past six months and am now preparing to present my experiences at the Thanksgiving dinner of the Lake County Knights Templar on November 7.

I am still amazed that I was selected to be one of the ministers from the state of Indiana to go to Israel. I am not a Knight Templar and at the time of selection I was not even a Mason. However, because of the vision and generosity of the Knights Templar, I decided that the Masonic Order was indeed the kind of organization I would be pleased and privileged to be a part of. Consequently, I asked for a petition in May of this year and was initiated as an E.A. in June. I have since been declared proficient as an E.A. and just two weeks ago I was initiated as a F.C. On October 14 of this year I will be initiated as a Master Mason. I want to be a part of a Fraternity that espouses the clear teachings of God's Word and puts that desire into action. Since becoming a Mason I have discovered a wonderful group of men. I have known my teacher, Paul Winland, for almost thirty years, but since May I have seen a different side of him. I knew he was a kind, generous man, as well as a devoted husband and father. He goes about his work quietly and confidently, receiving respect without having to ask for it. He exemplifies beautifully the teachings of Masonry and has served as a worthy example and teacher to me.

I assure you that I will continue to use the experience I gained from our trip to the Holy Land in my ministry. I also want to thank you for being our guide and mentor during that time. I was a bit apprehensive about the whole thing at first, but your attitude and manner erased all doubt and I ended up having a wonderful time.

In closing, let me again thank you, Frank, and the Knights Templar, for making this trip to the Holy Land possible. It has changed my life.

Rev. John P. Starr  
Southlake Christian Church  
Crown Point, Indiana

# The Men Who Build Forever

by Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33°

By the dawn of the twentieth century, America had satisfied her territorial ardor. Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Samoa and Guam all had been brought into the arms of our country. America, notwithstanding, continued its ascendant presence on the horizon of overseas expansion. We were largely ignoring the shifts in [he precarious balance of power on the European continent in favor of Latin America and Eastern Asia.

Such a political course brought our nation into broader communication with the rival forces of world imperialism. President, and Brother Theodore Roosevelt, an outspoken advocate of a strong foreign policy, brandished his big stick" with great aplomb to achieve compelling respect for the rights and interests of all Americans.

Not lost on this great visionary were the many thousands of miles and the myriad of time needed to travel and ship commerce from New York to Los Angeles. If there might be a way to improve significantly these circumstances, Roosevelt vowed to find it - and find it he did!

His engineers discovered a plan of previous years showing how the route could be shortened by establishing a waterway through the narrow isthmus of Panama. Simple as this might appear, there were formidable obstacles that stood ready to bring this proposition to an early end. Conditions of extreme heat and disease, labor problems and political opposition, at home and abroad, were, at once, in place. Early on, the President was confronted with

the obstruction to his designs by the nation of Columbia, which at that time owned Panama.

With both strength and wisdom, Roosevelt acted first and then sought for arguments of morality and righteousness to justify his policy.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty, concluded with Great Britain in 1901, provided for the initial construction of a canal in this region by the United States. Negotiations were initiated with Columbia for the yielding of territory across the isthmus of Panama, which was, at the time, a province of Columbia.

In March of 1903, a pact was concluded ceding a six mile wide strip of land, the Canal Zone, to the United States for the payment of 10,000,000 dollars and an annuity of 250,000 dollars. This treaty, however, was negated by the Columbian senate.

As only he could, Theodore Roosevelt exploded, calling the Columbians "contemptible little creatures, Jack Rabbits and homicidal corruptionists." It was no more possible to reach an agreement with them, he declared, than to nail currant jelly to the wall.

At the beginning of November of 1903, a revolution broke out in Panama. An American warship happened at this opportune moment to be in the Atlantic port of Colon. On the basis of an old treaty granting the United States the right to control communications across the isthmus, the American naval commander

denied transit to the Columbian troops seeking to cross Panama to quell the revolt. The patriotic forces of this tiny country were promptly able to establish their independence.

The new Republic of Panama was quickly recognized by Washington; within two weeks, on November 18, 1903, a treaty was signed giving to America the same terms which previously had been refused by Columbia. Theodore Roosevelt had his "Big Ditch"!

Many leaders in Congress said that the Panama Canal could not be built. Many Americans shared this view, but two men, Theodore Roosevelt and George Washington Goethals, a lieutenant colonel in the army corps of engineers, said that it would be built.

Dr. Carl Winters has provided a rare insight into the strength of character resident in these two canal builders. This Illustrious Brother relates that Roosevelt waited until the Congressmen had gone home, then he summoned Lt. Col. Goethals to his office and said, "I want you to go down to Central America and dig a ditch across that isthmus. I want you to dig tunnels through nine mountains, make nine locks that will lift the greatest ships. I want you to handle hundreds of thousands of men, spend millions of dollars. I want you to control the tides of the sea. I want you to build a canal that will cut 8,000 miles of the water route from New York City to Los Angeles and I want you to make it snappy."

Colonel Goethals immediately started on his mission. At a newspaper interview, he was asked, "What are you going to do when you get down there? You know that several companies have already failed, millions of dollars have been lost and thousands of men have already died; other engineers consider it impossible. What are you going to do?"

Looking directly into the eyes of the reporters, the colonel replied, "I am going to build the canal." "Suppose you are

faced with a strike," they queried. "What will you do?" He again replied, "I am going to build the canal." Then they asked, "Suppose you have an avalanche and the mountains fall, or there is an epidemic and the men die; what will you do?" He said to them, "I am going to build the canal. My concern with the canal is not with engineering, my concern is with the people. If I can handle the people, the canal will build itself."

Men of 27 different nationalities were gathered together and molded into a magnificent team of workers. They were told that no river existed that could not be crossed; no mountain that could not be bored through. They were now specialists in the wholly impossible.

When later on, the first ship went through that canal which their splendid effort had fashioned, the colonel stood and watched and a reporter for a Chicago newspaper stood there too, and watched; not the passage of that ship, but George Goethals. He penned that day:

"A man went down to Panama,  
Where many a man had died  
To shift the sliding mountains  
And stem the eternal tide  
A man stood up in Panama  
And the mountains stood aside."

In America, the inevitable rarely happens,  
but the impossible often does.

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# Let the Light Shine

## Musings on Masonic Membership

by Sir Knight Donald L. Dorward, KYCH

There is a passage of scripture which should be engraved on the hearts of all Knights Templar, particularly in light of the way in which the scriptural lesson is presented to us. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." A Masonic Fraternity generates a lot of light, but unfortunately, it does a very poor job of letting that light be seen. This is a major part of the responsibility for the decreasing membership of all Masonic bodies.

Fortunately, some Masonic organizations have begun to realize that we are hiding our light under a bushel and are doing something about it. Maybe their example, if brought to the attention of the Fraternity as a whole, might stimulate other activities.

As I dictate this article, I am looking at the front page of "The Ohio Mason" for Friday, July 10, 1992. A page of pictures is headlined, "Freemasons of Ohio again sponsor all 3,200 Special Olympic Athletes." The Special Olympics for Ohio were held in the Memorial Stadium of Ohio State University which can seat over 80,000 spectators. The \$120,000.00 cost of that day was entirely underwritten by the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. This works out to be a cost of approximately 75 cents for each Mason of Ohio Lodges. To start the proceedings, "several hundred Masons" wearing their aprons as a badge of honor paraded into the stadium.

In the past ten years, the Masons of Ohio have donated over \$700,000.00 to the sponsorship of the Special Olympics.

The kind of publicity generated by such

activities can't be paid for in dollars. This shows Masons at their best, helping those who cannot help themselves.

Shrine organizations from coast to coast are noted for their sponsorship of all-star football games, both at the high school and college levels. Unfortunately, a very large percentage of the people interested in those games do not realize that Shriners are also Masons and that this is a Masonic charity. The appearance of Masons, as Masons, at Shrine functions of this type would underscore the relationship and reflect credit on the Masonic organization.

The few Masonic bodies that regularly show increase in membership are, almost without exception, organizations who participate in their local functions such as parades, fairs, etc. There is no reason why local Masonic bodies can't participate, as Masons, in such activities. At county and state fairs, if all they set up was an area where people could sit down and rest and possibly have light refreshments, the benefits in public relations would be well worth any cost involved. If a little literature was scattered around advertising, principally, Masonic charities, it could possibly be of a benefit. Certainly we have a wide enough variety of charitable activities among the various Masonic organizations that we should be able to hit almost anybody's interest someplace along the line.

Regular contact of representatives of such organizations as the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, with guidance counselors in the various high schools and corresponding representatives at local colleges, could also be a direct benefit.

One Masonic Lodge that I visited with some regularity had, as part of its annual budget, contributions to families of deceased Brethren for educational purposes. This is wonderful, but who knows about it? It would not be necessary to embarrass the recipients, but a small note in the newspapers that a Lodge has granted scholarship assistance in the amount of several thousand dollars to deserving individuals certainly is going to catch a few peoples' eyes.

Many Temples are locked day after day, except in the evenings when there are meetings. Why not have retired Brethren, and for that matter sisters of the Eastern Star and other bodies, willing to

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spend a few hours during the day in the Temple playing cards or engaging in other activities? The Temple could then be advertised as being open as a place of rest and recreation for retired people who are not necessarily Masonic-affiliated. Another possibility would be setting aside an area where, under supervision, "latchkey" children could come in after school and have supervised study and recreation activities. A coin-operated machine for soft drinks and/or snack foods could help defray any costs involved. Our history is, after all, service-oriented. Instead of decrying the deterioration of society, let us utilize our talent to help improve society by offering alternatives to street gangs.

Another possibility, which is being undertaken now by organizations owning large, and expensively maintained, structures would be to allow the use of the buildings on a rental basis for such things

as wedding receptions, anniversary parties, and other occasions where large groups of family-oriented members are meeting to celebrate a special occasion. A small charge for the use of the facility could be made which would defray the costs of maintaining the building and still provide excellent facilities at a cost less than a hotel or motel reception.

Another possibility would be to provide free transportation for "shut-ins" for such things as elections, and/or public meetings of important occasion. There are plenty of retired Brethren who have time on their hands. This would give them something to do and spread the news of the benefits of Freemasonry. We are, after all, rapidly becoming an organization of elders." Let us take advantage of one of the benefits of that status.

At a recent Grand Conclave, attention was brought to the fact that the vast majority of Brethren present were either white headed or bald headed. There were very few young men present. This is a firm indication of a dying organization. The only way that this can be reversed is if those of us who are still in the organization do things that will attract the attention and interest of younger families. Furthermore, it must take into consideration the fact most younger families are struggling against the always increasing costs of living for a family. Very few have money to throw away. They will only invest in Masonry if they see something there that will be of benefit to them.

Again, this fact of life is something that Masons can use to their advantage. In the average Masonic organization there are men of a breadth of talent, experience, and ability that is virtually unmatched anywhere else in society. Why not advertise the availability of that expertise to help young men locate possible employment or educational opportunities?

The only limit to letting our light shine before men is the lack of imagination as



to opportunities that could be developed. Instead of lowering the barriers for membership, or actively soliciting men to become members, let us show the world that we have something to offer in the pride

available in any and all Masonic bodies.

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### **Masonic Relief For The California Earthquake Victims**

The following report was sent to Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, Grand Commander of California, by Sir Knight Denzil C. Ralston of Riverside Commandery No. 28, Riverside, California. Coincidentally, the lake cottage of Sir Knight Reed Bollin, Past Grand Commander of California, suffered extensive damage in the earthquake.

The earthquake at Yucca Valley and Landers, California, on June 28, 1992, was a news item to most people watching TV and reading the newspapers. To one person, Walter E. Strout; a Past Master of Riverside Lodge No. 635, Worthy Patron of Riverside Chapter No. 622, O.E.S., and Second Veil of Riverside Chapter No. 67, R.A.M.; something more had to be done.

He called me Tuesday morning, June 30, and explained his thoughts for relief of the victims of that area. I told him I thought it was a good idea, but to accomplish such a task we should have more details. He called the Grand Lodge Inspector, William A. Jones; then called the Grand Master of California, Stan Cazneaux, to see if it was legal to accept donations of money for this purpose. Most Worshipful Brother Cazneaux's response was to 'Go for it!' He stated that the Lodge was authorized to contribute money from its own general fund for that purpose. We were told to keep records of the donations and what the money was spent for.

The Masonic Lodges of the Riverside, California, area were notified of this action, and that the collection place would be at McCallum Masonic Temple. The date set to deliver the goods was Friday, July 3. On that morning three pickup loads of supplies left the Temple as planned. Their destination was the Yucca Valley Masonic Temple, where the local Lodge had been previously notified. The trucks arrived at the Temple by noon. There waiting for us was the Master of Yucca Valley Lodge, the mayor of Yucca Valley, and a reporter from the local newspaper.

The supplies were taken to the Salvation Army distributing center, since they had a well organized plan for distribution. On arrival at the center, it was found that they were out of food, and the supplies were immediately packaged for delivery. They were very pleased to have the supplies, and as of that time no other fraternal organization had offered any help or donations.

The next shipment was made on July 8. Only two pickup loads were taken at that time, but they were still glad to get the supplies.

The donors in this project were: Riverside Lodge No. 635; Evergreen Lodge No. 259; Victoria Lodge No. 810; Moreno Valley Lodge No. 804; Temescal Lodge No. 314; Ungava Chapter No. 106, O.E.S.; Riverside Chapter No. 622, O.E.S.; Star of the Valley Chapter No. 648, O.E.S.; Crown Chapter No. 162, O.E.S.; Mt. Rubidoux Shrine; Mission Bell Court No. 156; Riverside Chapter No. 67, R.A.M.; Riverside Council No. 59, R. & SM.; and Riverside Commandery No. 28, Knights Templar.

I am proud of our Masonic family. We came together in a time of need and exercised the tenets of Freemasonry. Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights, this is what we are all about.

Sir Knight Denzil C. Ralston  
Junior Warden, Riverside Commandery No. 28  
Riverside, California

# The Modern Quest For The Holy Grail

by Dr. E. K. Edwards

Nothing has stirred up more curiosity and romance for centuries than the Holy Grail. This religious object is thought to be the chalice or vessel that Christ used at the Last Supper. The origin of the word grail is derived from the Medieval Latin "gradale" or "cup" according to Helinandus, a Cistercian chronicler. The word gradale became "graal" in old French, and grail" in Medieval English, hence it is known today.

The Grail has been memorialized in poetry and prose throughout the ages. It was the subject of Sir Thomas Mallory's *Le Morte d'Arthur*. In the world of music the Grail was the theme of two of Wagner's operas, *Parsifal* and *Lohengrin*.

Tradition says that the Grail passed into the hands of Joseph of Arimathea after the Last Supper. Some say that Joseph used this cup to collect the blood of Christ during the crucifixion. During the first century, A.D., the Church of Antioch was the mother church of the Gentile Christians. It is speculated that Barnabas and Saul somewhere circa 50 A.D. journeyed to Antioch and brought the cup with them. It was in Antioch that the disciples of Christ were first called Christians. (Acts 11:26) The Chalice disappeared and reappeared throughout history for centuries. Historians say that the Knights Templar were in possession of the Grail for centuries. The German Templar, Wolfram von Eschenbach, attributed mystical and glorious powers to the Grail.

Much of the early writings concerning the Grail were probably influenced by the teachings of St. Bernard of Clairvaux. We must remember that it was St. Bernard who wrote the Rule for the

Templars, and preached the Second Crusade. Much of St. Bernard's writings deal with the various states of grace corresponding to man's rise toward perfection in the mystical life with Christ.

The quest for the Grail apparently went into full swing during the period of the Third Reich in Nazi Germany. The Nazis tried to gather up many important relics and religious artifacts during their heyday. Which leads to the next question, where is the Holy Grail today? At one time there was speculation that the Metropolitan Museum of Art was in possession of the Grail. Supposedly, the Grail was even exposed for a time at the Chicago Worlds Fair of 1933.

The Cathedral of Valencia, Spain, also claims to have the Grail. Tradition says that the vessel was used by popes down to Sixtus II. During the persecution of Valerian, the cup was entrusted to St. Lawrence who took it to Huesca, Spain, and was eventually moved to Valencia where it has remained since.

Could the Holy Grail be the Templar treasure that one frequently hears of? Some historians say that the Grail is contained in the altar of a long lost Templar chapel, now submerged in a lake, possibly in France, Spain, or Scotland.

Whatever the case, the quest for the Holy Grail may be an eternal one; even if the search for Christ's chalice proves fruitless, the quest itself can only bring us closer to Jesus Christ.

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Faith, Hope, Charity, Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth... We have all heard these words in our Masonic journey, but what experiences in life bring them to the front and make you say, "Thank God I have the privilege of being a Mason!"?

On August 3, 1992, this Tar Heel Mason from the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina was in Burlington, Vermont, attending a national convention with his wife. Having some leisure time, I made a point of visiting the Grand Lodge office, where I was delighted to meet Brother Robert Powlus and his most capable "boss," Janet. After swapping some tales about DeMolay, I learned that Patriot Lodge No. 33 was planning a meeting in Hinesburg that evening. With directions in hand (and a delicious detour by the chocolate shop adjacent to the Grand Lodge), I returned to the motel, had dinner with my wife, and prepared to attend the meeting.

The drive was very pleasant but no match for the warmth of the Brethren at Patriot Lodge. Being from a rural area, I was quickly made to feel at home, as has been the case in every state and country I have traveled. What a marvelous Fraternity!

After the conclusion of the meeting, I returned to the motel and was sound asleep by 11:30 P.M. At midnight, I awakened with pains in my chest, a condition that I had not previously experienced. After "toughing it out" (not too smart!) so I wouldn't disturb my wife, I conceded that something serious was in the making, and I informed her, after the pain had subsided, that we needed to find the hospital.

I drove to the emergency room of the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, was quickly checked in, and then accommodated the medical personnel by giving them a classic heart attack while on the table!

Needless to say, Eleanor, my wife, was extremely distraught both from my

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## Are They Only Words?

by Sir Knight Robert C. Kraus, P.G.C.,  
KYCH

condition and from her feeling of helplessness in being in a part of the country where "...we were but strangers among them." After the ER personnel had stabilized my condition and an angioplasty cleared up a restricted area and two clots at my heart, Eleanor was advised to check in at Mount St. Mary's Convent for lodging and some rest, an action that was providential and appreciated beyond expression.

I must say that the Good Lord does look out after fools and drunks, and I was completely sober. If I had to have a heart attack, I was most surely in the right place! I cannot adequately praise the proficiency and medical care that I received at M.C.H.V.

Since four days had now transpired, I recommended that my wife call the Grand Lodge office and let them know of our dilemma, even if only to implore their assistance in the cashing of a check for emergency funds.

From then on, Brotherly Love, Friendship, and Relief" became much, much more than just words!

I won't bore you with all of the pleasantries that were heaped upon Eleanor and me, but we suddenly found ourselves in the midst of those whom we would cherish to call "friends" and in a part of the United States that would feel good to call home." Brother Powlus not only made several visits, but he and lovely Lady Janet provided Eleanor with a much-needed break by graciously taking her to dinner one evening! Sir Knight Don Brown, Grand Recorder of the York Rite, visited as did Tom Bailey, M.S.A. representative and a Brother that all Vermont Masons should hold in the highest esteem for his selfless work at the hospital.

Worshipful Brother Robert Appleget, Master of Burlington No. 100, checked on my condition, and visits from Sir Knight Palmer Martin, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and Brother Edward J. Wildblood, Jr., Right Worshipful Junior

Grand Warden, (and his handsome chapeau) were immensely appreciated. We stopped counting after I had received thirty-one phone calls from North Carolina Brethren, generated through one call my wife made to our York Rite Grand Recorder, Kolen Flack! (We even had offers from those who would drive to Burlington and transport us back to North Carolina if Eleanor were reluctant to attempt the trip! What's that about Brotherly Love, Relief...?)

Well, all's well that ends well, and we had a slow but safe return to the Smoky Mountains. I am proud to say that I feel great and have been given the okay" to return to a normal life excepting my diet and the addition of some regular exercise.

In conclusion, I must relate that the Grand Architect really had a way of getting my attention! My mortality is no longer questionable, and priorities are being drastically realigned. While each day is truly the first day of the rest of my life, the friendships that I have made through Freemasonry are cherished anew. The Brotherly Love demonstrated by the Vermont Freemasons will forever fill a very special place in my heart and mind - a manifestation that has taken all of the mystery out of the term mystic tie! Regardless of the misunderstanding of our gentle Craft by some fundamentalist organizations or ill-informed individuals, we cannot be eradicated when such good is the essence of our order. No, they're not just words we are taught, but rather a way of life according to the Holy Book. May God bless you all!

Sir Knight Robert C. Kraus, KYCH and P.G.C. of North Carolina, is a member of Waynesville Commandery No. 31, Waynesville, North Carolina. He resides at 222 Allison Watts Road, Franklin, NC 28734

## ***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***

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FREE: dozen high collar, long Commandery jackets. Our Commandery is now outfitted with the newer style short jackets, and we will donate these jackets to any Commandery willing to pay the cost of shipping. Robert Dockweller, 7 Elizabeth Drive, Bethpage, NY 11714-6005, (516) 796-2144

For sale: Christmas bell tree ornament souvenir of the 150th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio held in Marietta, Ohio, October 1992, \$3.00 plus 500 shipping and handling. Ronald L. Dennis; Route 1, Box 269; Marietta, OH 45750

Recently retired, military enlisted man currently unemployed, seeks Commander's belt, sword and chapeau (size 7<sup>3/8</sup>) at modest price. John Collins, 101 Candy Court, Radcliff, KY 40160, (502) 352-1375

For sale: chapeau, size 7<sup>1/2</sup>, reconditioned, in excellent shape, \$125.00; sword belt with silver covering, size 60, new, \$90.00; Knight Templar watch lob, Royal Arch keystone on one side, 1x1 with 1/4" helmet and visor, in excellent condition, best price. Will send picture. Also size 60 blazers, 1 tan, 1 light blue, 1 dark blue, \$80.00 each. Knights of Pylheaus tab <sup>3/4</sup>x<sup>3/4</sup>", very old, good shape. Loran F Lee, Jr.; 4123 38th St. S. W.; Grandville; MI 49418

For sale: Concordia Assembly No. 216 now has a new supply of denim tote bags emblazoned with "Social Order of the Beauceant!" around the cross and crown. 16" wide; 14" high; 5 deep. The text and crown are gold, the cross is red. At least \$1.00 goes to KTEF for each bag sold. Mailed anywhere in U.S., \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling. A picture was shown in the May issue of Knight Templar. Mrs. Don Robinett, Rt. 2, Box 52, Randall, KS 66963-9604.

Beautiful Knights Templar certificate for sale - appeared in September 1992 Knight Templar Magazine on page 23. The certificate is 11"x14" on blue parchment paper that is 80 Li It has 4 different color inks, that are raised letter. The arch is a beautiful gold. The knight on horse is

ibeautiful black, brown and red. The wording is in black fancy script lettering and off the sides of the arches are 6 different figures that are shadowed at 15%. The net proceeds from sale of this certificate will benefit the KTEF. Send \$7.00 to Stanley C. Buz, 219 S. 18th St., Allentown, PA 18104. The certificate will be mailed to you within 24 hours.

Union Lodge No. 2, F. & A.M. of Middlebury, Vermont, in preparation for its 1994 bicentennial has a lapel pin available for \$3.50. The gold square and compasses are predominately featured in a dark green background. Remit payment to Union Lodge, 3 Court Street, Middlebury, VT 05753

For sate: Bellville Lodge No. 376, F. & A.M., Bellville, Ohio, has a limited number of 125th anniversary coins for sate at \$3.50 each. Bellville Lodge No. 376, F & AM.; Paul L. Frontz, Secretary 356 Main St.; Bellville; OH 44813

For sale: Dongola Lodge No. 581, Dongola, Illinois, has a limited number of nickel silver, 125th anniversary coins for sale at \$5.50 each. Includes postage. Alan Taiple, PO Box 54, Dongola, IL 62926

Wanted: Melody Lodge No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, would like to obtain a 1906 volume of Transactions of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons - Its Sixty-second Annual Communication in order to complete its library of Grand Communications. If any Lodge has an extra volume, please send it to the following address and Melody Lodge will pay the postage. Melody Lodge No. 2, .5840 Hwy. 80-81 5., P.O. Box 416, Platteville, 1&1 53818

Fund-raiser for Benton Lodge No. 521, F. & AM., Fowler, IN: official Swiss Army knives with silver alloy inlaid square and compass on a blue handle; contains scissors, tweezers, toothpick and nail file. Knives were custom produced for this fund-raiser, are high quality, tough and small enough to be carried in slacks. Available for \$18.95 plus \$2.00 slapping per knife. Brother Bruce Creek, PM.; R.R. No. 1, Box 9; Remington, IN 47977 or call (219) 297-3305

Wanted: three individual (not attached) lodge officers' chairs with high backs, preferably matched. Send picture if possible or thorough description and price quotes to Mr. Harold Davidson, Billings Scottish Rite Temple, 514 14th St. W, Billings, MT 50102-6216

Wanted to buy: Shrine Noble 14-inch ceramic bottle with inscription "I am proud to be a Shriner, distributed by McCormick Distilling Company, Weston, MO. Arnold "Bo" Griffin, 903 St. Andrews, Humble, TX 77339, (713) 358-3960

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector, building this collection for over 22 years - will one day end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or for your collection. If you collect. I will exchange. I collect all varieties, and more than likely can use yours. Any assistance will surely be appreciated. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (602) 888-7585

Masonic: Free Genealogical Information: 10,000 names in computer - maybe yours! NW. Retherford, P.C. K.T. No. 28; 6402 Alton St.; Riverside; CA 92509-5703. Send SASE only.

I would appreciate hearing from any of my Brothers and fellow Sir Knights who know or have known Masons in the government past or present - presidents, vice presidents, governors, Lt. governors, senators, congressmen. Also like to know of Masons in command of armed forces and Masons working in the Capitol, Washington, D.C., and state capitols. Also interested in obtaining autographs of Masons in the government past and present. Any info will help me with my research of Masons in service of their country and state. We need more Masons in leadership. I will answer all letters. Peter J. Westbere, 33 Philip Avenue, Guelph, Ontario, NYE 1R5, Canada.

Wish to buy an antique shaving mug and/or coffee mug with Masonic emblem. Louis A. Cavagnaro, 20479 N. 105th Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382, (602) 566-2981

For sale: 14K yellow-gold B. W. Raymond, Elgin pocket watch No. 2,122,065, made in 1886. Write for more detail. Also two antique heavy gold watch fobs; one opens both sides, and the other one side. They have the usual assortment of Masonic emblems and appear to be very old. All of Mrs. Hill's family heirlooms for sale. They may be seen at Bailey Jewelers & Repair Service, 310-B Brevard Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922. You may write or call Mrs. Robert Hill, 343 North Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32953, (407) 452-1522 or Howard P. Bennett, P.O. Box 1597, Cocoa, FL 32923-1597, (407) 631-6910

For sale: Dudley Masonic watch No. 3, white gold-tiled case. Beautiful dial, perfect running condition. Rev. G. Dimick, 20 W. Lincoln Ave., Hatfield, PA 19440, (215) 855-8543

For sale: 4 unused Masonic postage stamps from the Philippines, each with the square and compass on it. \$6.00 each or all 4 for \$20.00. I am also willing to trade for other Masonic postage stamps with the square and compass on them. Steve Kapp, 1180 B. Okinawa Ln., Yigo, Guam 96929-1220

Looking for Carl B. Stevenson, who commanded C Company, 1st Battalion, 70th Armor in the early sixties in Germany, and anyone else who served in this unit under Captain Stevenson. Huey Holder, 1028 Clifty Rd., Somerset, KY 42501

For sale: metal waste basket covered with U.S. stamps—one of a kind! Mailed in U.S., \$20.00. Makes a unique Christmas gift! Fred Freedlund, 825 Ixora Circle, Venice, FL 34292

For sale: Tin smith's tools: 3 brakes, 1-21' long, 1-29' long, 1-32" long; 1 roller-29 long, 2 tin smith anvils-11 small, 1 large, bench type; 1 roller crimper. All tools 1880 to 1900 vintage; all tools work. Ira G. Wood, 204 Campbell St., Bath, NY 14810-1339

For sale: 6 (six) Winchester commemorative rifles in original boxes - never shot - series Nos. TR12023-4150-6.58963 - LF. 19680-78036-WC 70 704. Write Arthur G. Anderson, 10 Kirk St., Barre, VT 05641, (802) 476-5360

Wanted: baseball gloves. This Brother/ collector will appreciate and give your old glove a good home. Will pay \$. Contact Mike Gonsolin, 242 La Pera Circle, Danville, CA 94526, (510) 838-0361

Wanted: Law enforcement patches and badges for my collection. William C. Bennett, 207 E. South St., Union, SC 29379-2346

Attorney trying to locate the descendants of Ned Swetnam Walter and Mary E. (Hines?) Walter. They had one known child, Henry Thomas Walter. Neri was born January 18, 1830 at Blaine, Lawrence County, Kentucky. He was killed on October 22, 1864, during Price's raid on Kansas during the Civil War. Ned was buried in the Williams Cemetery in Willow Springs Township, Douglas County, Kansas. Paul R. Brooks was appointed on March 20, 1869, over the estate of Henry Thomas Walter. Theodore B. Walter, Sr.; 145 Market Street, Lexington, KY 40507

Reunion: U.S.S. Fanshaw Bay (CVE-70) in New Orleans, LA, May 27-30, 1993. For the crew and all air groups - VC66, VC68, VCIO, VCC2 - and all officers. Duane D. Iossi, 310 Edwards St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524, (303) 48.2-6237



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