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In Commandery as in all things...

No Pain No Gain For Officers Only

Human nature being what it is, I hoped "For Officers Only" might be of sufficient interest to attract your attention. If I now have it - keep with me, indulge me.

Let me make it crystal clear - No one ever said it would be easy to serve as an officer in your Commandery. Believe me, it isn't. You will find as you progress in 'line' that involvement in any branch of Masonry keeps you constantly on your toes. It requires a large investment of time and energy - sometimes even your own money! I am not talking about the time you spend conducting your next Conclave; I am talking about the time you spend in planning for those Conclaves. Sooner or later you are going to be the Eminent Commander of your Commandery. I suggest that you start thinking like one now.



Try your best to make those Conclaves or programs interesting to those on the sidelines. Timely films and tapes are regularly available from the Grand Encampment, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and your own or a neighboring Grand Lodge. A guest physician might give you some health tips. (We aren't getting any younger.) An entertainer or grand officer in town for a visit could be invited for a program. An environmentalist could bring you up-to-date on water and air quality. There is an endless list of provocative subject material - including Sir Knights from your own membership. Perhaps, you could designate in advance a Sir Knight at your next Conclave to give a two or three-minute speech about himself - it has worked in Toastmasters for years. This could be carried on throughout the year, a different Templar each month.

Anyway, it is a job for someone tough enough to stand up under fire, strong enough to make his presence felt, bold enough to rise above any contention which could develop, and controlled enough to always keep his head.

In short, it's a tough racket. Why not prove you can take the pain and make a gain?

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light background. The signature reads "William H. Thornley, Jr." in a cursive script.

William Henry Thornley, Jr.
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

JANUARY: In Ancient Rome, the first month of the new year was dedicated to the God Janus. He was represented with two faces, one looking backward to the old year and one looking forward to the new. On the first of the Roman year all lawsuits were suspended, differences were reconciled, and friendships renewed. The people wished each other health and prosperity; presents were given, and there was feasting and festivity throughout the empire. Let us emulate the ancients by looking to the past and the future of our order, and for our Lord's sake, by loving one another.

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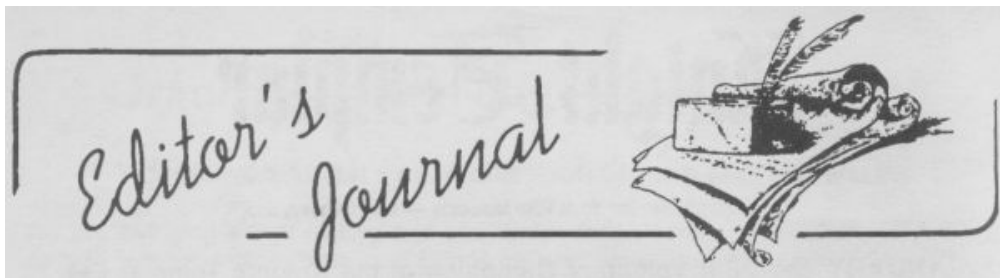
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Kentucky Templar History: The Grand Commandery of Kentucky commissioned Sir Knight Charles Snow Guthrie, KYCH, editor of the *Philalethes Magazine*, to write a history of Kentucky Templary published during the celebration of the Kentucky Bicentennial. This has been done, and an outstanding book entitled *A Long Line of Plumed Knights* has been published.

This book is available to interested persons at the cost of \$8.00 for soft cover or \$20.00 for hard cover, plus \$1.00 postage and handling.

Order from Sir Knight William Selby, Sr., Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Post office Box 489, 111 S. 4th Street, Danville Kentucky 404230489.

***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 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.

Yes, Tom Mix was a Knight Templar! He belonged to San Pedro Commandery No. 60, San Pedro, California.

1991-1994 Department Commanders Of The Grand Encampment



Right Eminent Department Commander (1991-94)

Northeastern Department

John L. Winkelman was born on October 26, 1931 at Reading, Pennsylvania. He attended Reading Senior High School and graduated from Temple University Community College in 1952 with an associate in technology degree in electronics. He is a member of St. Paul's Memorial Church U.C.C. in Reading. He served eight years in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve. His rank at time of discharge was Petty Officer 1st Class; having performed four years active duty and receiving the Good Conduct and National Defense medals.

Sir Knight Winkelman retired as Supervisor and Department Manager for A. T. and T. Microelectronics Division, Reading Works, having begun his career with Western Electric in 1958. He is a

member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, Laureldale Chapter, and had served as president of the Reading Works Employee Activities Club.

Sir Knight Winkelman was Raised February 23, 1966, in Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading, Pennsylvania, and served as Worshipful Master in 1973. He is serving as chairman of the trustees of the Charity Fund of Chandler Lodge, and as president of the board of trustees of the Masonic Center Foundation of Reading. He is a member of Keystone Frei Mauer Mark Master Mason Lodge No. 400, Reading, serving as Warrant Worshipful Master in 1991-92. He was Exalted in Excelsior Chapter No. 237, and served as Excellent High Priest in 1978. He was Greeted in Creigh Council No. 16, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1979.

He was Knighted in Reading Commandery No. 42, and served as Commander in 1977-78. He was elected to the grand line of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania in 1980, progressed through the line, and served as Grand Commander of Pennsylvania in 1988-89. He serves the Grand Commandery as chairman of the Gettysburg Memorial Service and chairman of training and leadership development.

Appendant body memberships include: Valley of Reading, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.; Constantine Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Sovereign, 1987; Penn Priory No. 6, KYCH, KYGCH (one quadrant) 1989; Lux Et Tenebris Council No. 176, A.M.D.; Triune Tabernacle VII, HRAKTP; Sovereign Order of Knights

Preceptor, Pennsylvania Preceptor, 1988-89; Pennsylvania York Rite College No.11; Erin Council No. 6, Knight Masons; Rajah Temple, AAONMS; Royal Order of Scotland; Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

He was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the Northeastern Department by Most Eminent Grand Master William Henry Thornley, Jr., on August 20, 1991, in Washington, D.C.

James E. Moseley

Right Eminent Department Commander (1991-94)

Southeastern Department

James E. Moseley was born October 10, 1925, in Rockdale County, Georgia. He attended the public schools in Rockdale and Henry Counties. He was employed by Southern Bell Telephone Company from December 1942 to August 1964, with the exception of twenty-eight months spent in the Army during World War II. He left the Telephone Company in August 1964 to become Grand Secretary-Recorder of the York Rite Grand Bodies of Georgia.

Sir Knight Moseley married Miss Mollie Sue Stanton on July 6, 1947, and to this union was born one son, James Robert. Bob was a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy and was killed in a plane crash in Hawaii on June 16, 1983. Jim and Mollie are the proud grandparents of two grandchildren; Kevin and Emily.

Sir Knight Moseley is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and served as president of his Sunday School Class.



Sir Knight Moseley began his Masonic career in Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26 of Griffin, Georgia, where he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 30, 1950. He served as Worshipful Master in 1956, and Worshipful Master of the Sixth District Convention in 1964. He later moved his Lodge membership to Mabel No. 255 in Macon. He received the Chapter degrees in Pythagoras Chapter No. 10, the Council Degrees in Griffin Council No. 8, and the Orders in Griffin Commandery No. 35.

He was elected into the Grand Commandery line May 14, 1959, and advanced to the office of Grand Generalissimo. He resigned this office to become Grand Secretary-Recorder upon the death of Sir Knight Tom Bateman, P.G.C. The grand officers remained in their station to allow him to serve as Grand Commander, 1966-67, the year he would have normally served.

Sir Knight Moseley is a ³³⁰ Scottish Rite Mason.

Sir Knight Moseley has served as: Grand Master, 1979-80; Grand High Priest, 1967; Illustrious Grand Master, 1967; and Grand Commander, 1966-67.

He is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Past Sovereign; KYCH, Past Prior; HRAKTP, Past Preceptor.

Appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the Southeastern Department on August 20, 1991, by Most Eminent Grand Master William Henry Thornley, Jr., at Washington, D.C.

Clyde E. White, Jr.

Right Eminent Department Commander (1991-94) North Central Department

Clyde E. White, Jr., was born on July 17, 1924, in Marion, Ohio. He attended school in Kenton and Belle Center, Ohio. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on June 6, 1942, served two and one-half years in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, and was discharged on October 15, 1945. He married Sonja Carlson on September 12, 1945. They have three daughters, Karen, Kristine., and Kathleen; and one son, Kenneth, a Past Master of Montgomery Lodge No. 258. All of the children are married, and there are nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He was first employed in 1945 for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. They merged to the Burlington Northern, and he retired on August 1984, as a locomotive engineer after 39 years and 10 months.

He is a member of the Arlington Hills Lutheran Church in St. Paul. He is Past District Master of the Vasa Order of America, a Swedish fraternal organization.

His Masonic history began when he became a Master Mason in Montgomery Lodge No. 258 on May 12, 1967. He served



as Master of the Lodge in 1978 and later as Secretary. He was Exalted to the Royal Arch and Greeted as a Select Master at the Tri-State Convention in Lacrosse, Wisconsin, in 1968. He is a Companion of Jewel Chapter No. 76, and served as High Priest in 1979, 1986-1990. A member of St. Paul Council No. 1, he served as Illustrious Master in 1987. He was created a Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery No. 1 of St. Paul in 1970 and served as Commander from 1978 to 1980. In 1980 he was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and has served consecutively in each office in the line, serving as Grand Commander in 1988-1989.

He is a 32^o member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of St. Paul, Orient of Minnesota; a Noble of Osman Temple of St. Paul of the AAONMS; a member of the Sentinels and the High Hat Group; and a Past Monarch of Ghora Khan Grotto of St. Paul. He is a Past Patron of Oriental Chapter No. 187 of the Eastern Star.

He has been the recipient of the honorary degrees of the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master, Knight Crusaders of the Cross, and of Kentucky Priory No. 25 of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

He is Past Preceptor of Good Samaritan Tabernacle No. 36 of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; member of Minnesota Priory No. 24 of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor; St. Olaf Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; the Royal Order of Scotland; York Rite College; and Allied Masonic Degrees. Also, a member of Past Commanders Associations of Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Kansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Wisconsin. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Ohio near Minnesota, and Grand Representative for the Royal Arch of Indiana near Minnesota.

He has been awarded the Knight York Grand Cross of Honor.

Sir Knight Clyde is well known for his principal hobby, which is playing the guitar and singing railroad songs.

He was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the North Central Department by Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, William Henry Thornley, Jr., on August 20, 1991 in Washington, D.C.

James S. DeMond

Right Eminent Department Commander (1991-94)

East Central Department

James S. DeMOND was born January 4, 1924, in Coldwater, Michigan. He



received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State College in 1948, and attended the M.S.C. School of Graduate Studies from 1948-51. He married Patricia Ann Bullis in Hudson, Michigan, on September 4, 1948, and they have a son, Derek, and a daughter, Camille.

He retired as a Corporate Director after 26 years of service with a nationwide trucking firm in 1976, and has served since then as Executive Secretary of the Valley of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, A.A.S.R.

Sir Knight DeMond is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. He was Assistant Scout Master and major gifts fund-raiser for the Boy Scouts of America, and served with the Business Division of United Way Charities.

Sir Knight DeMond was Raised in Morgan Park Lodge No. 999, Chicago, Illinois, on August 15, 1958. He affiliated with Wayne Lodge No. 25, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1975. He received the Grand Lodge Meritorious Service Award in 1976, and served the Grand Lodge of Indiana in various capacities. He was Exalted in Oak Park Chapter 244, Oak Park, Illinois,

served that Chapter as High Priest in 1964, and is now affiliated with Fort Wayne Chapter No. 19. He was Greeted in Oak Park Council No. 93, and affiliated with Ft. Wayne Council No. 4, where he served as Illustrious Master in 1971. He is a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel.

He was Knighted in Siloam Commandery No. 54 (now Siloam-Chicago No. 19), where he served as Eminent Commander in 1962. He was elected into the Illinois Grand Commandery line, which he resigned upon a business transfer to Indiana. He affiliated with Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4 and the Grand Commandery of Indiana in 1967, where he was elected Eminent Grand Warder. He advanced through that line, and served that state as Grand Commander in 1975-76. He received the Grand Commander's Distinguished Service Award in 1987, and serves as a Grand Trustee of Indiana. He is a member of the Past Commanders Association of Illinois and Indiana. He served the Grand Encampment as Chairman of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters, and held membership on the

Easter Breakfast Committee.

Appendant body memberships include: Scottish Rite, Valley of Ft. Wayne, Past Commander in Chief, Executive Secretary, 33^o; St. Hilary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Past Sovereign, Recorder; Illustrious Grand Herald, United Grand Imperial Council, R.C.C.; Mizpah Temple, AAOONS, Royal Order of Jesters; Gennesaret Tabernacle XVII, HRAKTP, Past Preceptor; Indiana Priory No. 8, KYCH, Past Prior, KYGCH; Royal Order of Scotland; DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor, Indiana DeMolay Foundation Board; Pokagon Council No. 147, A.M.D.; Indiana College, SRICF; Illinois College No. 15, York Rite Sovereign College. Order of the Purple Cross, Regent, Past Grand Governor of Indiana. Plural member, Indiana York Rite College No. 55; National Sojourners, Daniel Boone Chapter.

He was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department by Most Eminent Grand Master William Henry Thornley, Jr., on August 20, 1991, in Washington, D.C.

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In Memoriam



Holden B. Norwood

Alabama

Grand Commander-1958

Born February 19, 1908

Died November 23, 1992

Durward "Pat" Lowell

Utah

Grand Commander-1987

Born November 11, 1911

Died November 30, 1992

Fred W. Hartwig

Minnesota

Grand Commander-1969

Born November 2, 1907

Died December 5, 1992

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Grand Master's Club

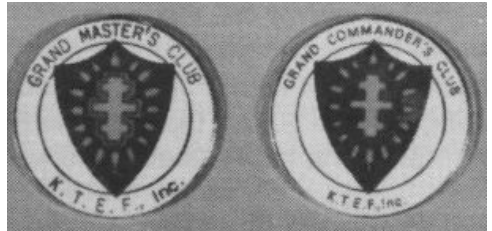
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No. 1,855-Karl Schuhle (FL)
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How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution will begin

your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is now Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, IL 62705, (217) 523-3838.

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

Grand Master Thornley is pleased to announce that, for all who became members of the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's Club after July 1, 1992, new pins will be issued at no charge to the recipients. If you became a member of either club prior to that date and would like a pin for yourself, send a \$10.00 donation to the Eye Foundation in Springfield and you will receive one.



100% Life Sponsorship Knights Templar Eye Foundation

**St. Elmo No. 42
Ft. Walton Beach, FL**

**Washington No. 1
East Hartford, CT**

Archduke Maximilian Emperor of Mexico

by Sir Knight C. Clark Julius, KTCH

The marriage of Archduke Maximilian of Austria, who was twenty-five, to the Princess Charlotte of Belgium, who was seventeen, took place in 1857. The royal pedigrees of the bride and groom were impressive. The archduke was the brother of Francis Joseph, the Emperor of Austria. Princess Charlotte, the daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, was the first cousin of Queen Victoria of England. Despite their close kinship to the ruling monarchs of Europe, the young couple lacked a kingdom over which they could reign. They were unemployed royalty.

It seemed a shame that Maximilian and Charlotte did not have a royal assignment. The young couple were up-to-date in their notions of the proper role of royalty in the mid-nineteenth century. They rejected the outmoded belief in the divine right of monarchs to rule with unquestioned power. Instead, they believed a king should reign with the consent of his subjects, to whose welfare he should be devoted.

Maximilian welcomed new ideas. As an officer in the Austrian navy he had studied shipbuilding, navigation, and oceanography. He had advocated many improvements in the Austrian navy. Because he was the brother of the Emperor, Francis Joseph, Maximilian was able to have his ideas accepted and

acted on. In recognition of his services to the navy, Maximilian was promoted by his brother to the rank of vice-admiral. To many Austrians he was fondly known as the "sailor prince."

In addition to his professional interest in navy science, Maximilian had broad cultural interests. He was a naturalist who was especially knowledgeable about birds and butterflies. He read widely in history. He was fond of music and was a competent performer on the organ. He wrote simple poetry that was precise in meter and rhyme.

It was because of his own wide-ranging intellectual interests that Maximilian had been attracted to Charlotte, who impressed everyone she met with the keenness of her mind. Her favorite subject was philosophy, but mathematics was a close second. She studied calculus on her own. Her favorite composer was the profound Bach. If intelligence was an ingredient of queenly talent, Charlotte was outstandingly deserving of a throne.

A year after their marriage Maximilian and Charlotte were awarded the sovereignty for which they seemed to be so well qualified. Maximilian's brother, Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph, appointed Maximilian governor of the Austrian-held provinces of Venetia and Lombardy, which contained the cities of Milan and Venice in northern Italy.

Charlotte prepared herself for her new responsibilities by learning to speak Italian and by studying Italian history.

Maximilian's and Charlotte's new assignment was not an easy one. Italian nationalists wanted to rid their country of foreign control by the Austrians. Very soon their Italian subjects began to display resentment toward Maximilian and Charlotte. There were hisses from the populace when Maximilian and Charlotte rode in their carriage through the streets. An announcement that the governor and his wife would attend the theater on a certain night resulted in an empty theater on that night.

While Charlotte busied herself in charitable activities, Maximilian strove to win the hearts of his rebellious subjects. Instead of trying to repress the desire of his people for democracy and independence he espoused those ideals himself. He attempted to set up a federation of all the various Italian states in which they would form a common market. He proposed the building of a railroad from one end of Italy to the other, linking the entire nation by rail. He favored disbanding all provincial armies to form one national Italian army.

Maximilian's brother, the Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph, was furious when he learned that Maximilian was actually encouraging the very tendencies which Francis Joseph wanted to stamp out in Italy. In several meetings the brothers quarreled bitterly. It was rumored that Maximilian had actually struck the Emperor during one of their altercations. Maximilian's and Francis Joseph's mother, the Archduchess Sophia, was very upset by the fights between her sons.

When Maximilian failed to arrest and imprison leaders of a demonstration by Italian students opposed to Austrian rule, Francis Joseph removed Maximilian from his post of governor of Venetia-Lombardy. Soon after Maximilian was removed from office, Louis-Napoleon, the adventurous



Emperor of France, came to the aid of the Italian nationalists. With French assistance, the Italians drove the Austrians out of Italy.

Since Maximilian and Charlotte were unemployed, they moved to a beautiful castle near Trieste on the Adriatic Sea. Here they lived a life of luxurious ease, indulging in their various intellectual diversions. Maximilian was happy to be free of the responsibilities of governing, but Charlotte was miserable. Brought up by her father to rule, she felt that her life was pointless and empty without a kingdom to command. One of her brothers said, "Charlotte was always determined to have a throne at any cost."

Her unhappiness was deepened by the hopelessness of her situation. She could see no prospect that her husband

would ever again be put in charge of a principality. During his brief term as governor in northern Italy he had so antagonized his brother, Francis Joseph, that the Emperor would never again trust Maximilian in a sovereignty. Charlotte begged her father, King Leopold of Belgium, to keep his eye open for a kingdom in need of a king.

Although Maximilian and Charlotte were at first unaware of it, an opportunity for them to rule again suddenly appeared in 1861. In that year Benito Juarez, the President of Mexico, abruptly announced to the world that Mexico would no longer pay off the debts it owed to leading European powers. England, France, and Spain, Mexico's chief creditors, immediately responded to President Juarez's announcement in threatening tones. Together, the three European nations planned a joint expedition to Mexico in which they would seize the money owed them by Mexico.

Louis-Napoleon, the enterprising Emperor of France, planned more drastic steps than merely collecting bad debts. Without the knowledge of England or Spain, Louis-Napoleon plotted to remove Juarez from power and set up a friendly monarchy that would develop Mexico's rich resources and open its doors to French investments.

The time, 1861, was propitious for Louis-Napoleon's secret undertaking. Mexico's powerful neighbor, the United States, had just become involved in a civil war between its Northern and Southern states. Louis-Napoleon hoped that the Southern states would win, but if they did not, it still looked like a long drawn-out war. The Northern states would have their hands full fighting the South and would be unable to prevent Louis-Napoleon from carrying out his scheme in Mexico.

Through secret channels Louis-Napoleon contacted Maximilian to see if the former governor of northern Italy had any interest in becoming the Emperor of Mexico. Although

Louis-Napoleon had recently fought a war against Maximilian's brother, Louis-Napoleon had a friendly personal relationship with Maximilian.

Maximilian did not immediately accept Louis-Napoleon's offer, but he did show a definite interest in it. He consulted with his father-in-law, Leopold, King of Belgium. Leopold, who believed that royalty should be active in governing, generally favored Maximilian's acceptance of Louis-Napoleon's offer. The Belgium king, however, cautioned Maximilian on two points. First, Maximilian should obtain Louis-Napoleon's assurance that the French troops which would escort Maximilian into Mexico would remain there as long as Maximilian needed them. Second, Leopold told Maximilian that he should only go to Mexico after he had obtained proof that he was wanted by a majority of Mexicans.

Charlotte had favored acceptance of Louis-Napoleon's offer as soon as it arrived. After her father showed approval

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Maximilian's brother, Emperor Francis Joseph

Highlights

Massachusetts Sir Knight Elected President General of Sons of the American Revolution



Sir Knight Paul H. Walker, a member of Boston Commandery No. 2, has been unanimously elected President General of the Sons of the American Revolution. A Massachusetts attorney, Sir Knight Walker serves the organization as presiding officer in 1992-93.

Several Sir Knights of Massachusetts Commanderies are members of this society of descendants of the loyalists and patriots of the American Revolution.

Pictured administering the oath of office to Sir Knight Walker is Chancellor General Duane Sargisson, a member of Worcester County Commandery No. 5, while Mrs. Walker holds the Bible.

Virginia Templars Recipients of the Crusading Knight of Siloam Award

Sir Knight Earl E. Noel (right, above) a member of Appomattox Commandery No. 6, Appomattox, Virginia, proudly displays his Crusading Knight of Siloam certificate while recuperating from an illness.

This award was established by action of the Grand Commandery of Virginia at its



1990 Annual Conclave to recognize those Sir Knights who have contributed \$500 or more to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation over the course of their lives, either through Life Sponsorship; as an Associate Patron or Patron; membership in the Grand Commander's Club, Grand Master's Club, or by any other means.

The name of the award is taken from the miracle of our Savior recorded in the gospel according to St. John, wherein He came upon a blind man, and taking sand and mixing it with His spittle, said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.' He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing."

A beautiful certificate has been made for this award, some of which have been presented since the award was established.

A jewel, suitable for wear on the uniform, has been designed and has been presented to those qualified by the Grand Commander as he makes his official visits.

from the Masonic Family

Texas Sir Knights Commemorate the Fall of the Alamo

Letter To The Editor



I wanted you to know how well a small ad did in the "Knight Voices" section of *Knight Templar*. My son Paul placed it to keep me happy and busy. That it did!

We have received over 44 boxes, the farthest from Anchorage, Alaska, and as I am legally blind and cannot see to read, my son has sent a thank-you note to each for me.

From February when the ad went in, I have made over 200, 34"x38" lap-robos that have gone to the Florida Masonic Home, 6 nursing homes, a veterans' home and Tampa Cancer Research Center.

I can still use more yarns. I can't see what I've written, so please excuse all errors. My appreciation to you all for allowing this to happen.

Knight Templar regrets lacking the name of this dear lady, the mother of Sir Knight Paul E. Hockett. Eminent Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Florida, 2441 Brent Avenue, S. W; Winter Haven; FL 33880-2451. Leftover 4-ply yarn may be sent to this address.



Early in 1992, several uniformed officers of San Antonio Commandery No. 7 appeared at the Alamo in San Antonio to participate in the activities of the Grand Lodge of Texas to commemorate the fall of the Alamo on March 6, 1836, and to honor the many Masons and other heroes who forfeited their lives in defense of that historic place.

The picture above was taken just a few feet from the front doors of the Alamo. The commemorative plaque can be seen between the 3rd and 4th Knights.

Shown are Sir Knights J. Phillip Knight—Sheen, Guard; Past Commander Frank E. Draper, Jr., Recorder; Eminent Commander James N. Higdon; Jacobo R. Casanova, Standard Bearer; Edward L. Reid, Senior Warden; and Roger N. Pena, Guard.

For Masons Who Like Camping

National Camping Travelers, a fraternal camping group, was founded by Brother Myron Fox and 21 other Masonic families. The only membership requirement is applicants be Master Masons in good standing. For more, write National Camping Travelers, Inc., 1800-C Speedy Ave., Chesapeake, VA 23320; (804) 420-6829.

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Masonic Conferences - 1993

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

February 18-20 Washington D.C. (annually)	The Philalethes Society Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knights Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A. Ye Antient Order of Corks The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, HRAKTP
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GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA, HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

February 19 Washington, D.C. (annually)	Current Grand Preceptor: Edward R. Saunders, Jr. P.O. Box "N" The Plains, VA 22171	Contact: George M. Fulmer Grand Registrar 278 Valerie Lane Lusby, MD 20657
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CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA

February 21-24 Hot Springs, Arkansas (annually)	Current Conference Chairman: T. Max Tatum 4913 Hart Drive Piedmont, OK 73078	Contact: Albert T. Ames Executive Sec./Treas. 110-R Bacon Street Natick, MA 01760
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CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES OF NORTH AMERICA

February 21-23 Hot Springs, Arkansas (annually)	Current President: Ray Noah Box 459 Casper, WY 82602	Contact: Stuart Minner Secretary/Treasurer 5428 MacArthur Blvd. NW Washington DC 20016
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GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

February 22 Hot Springs, Arkansas (annually)	Current President: Charles A. Brigham, Jr. 2909 Ebenezer Road Cincinnati, OH 45233	Contact: Michael J. McLaughlin, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer 101 Callahan Drive Alexandria, VA 22301
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THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

February 23 Hot Springs, Arkansas (annually)	Current Chairman, Exec. Comm.: A. Harold Small 305 Small's Lane Kalispell, MT 59901	Contact: Richard E. Fletcher Executive Sec./Treas. 8120 Fenton Street Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785
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SUPREME SHRINE, ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM

May 1-7
Wichita, Kansas
(annually)

Worthy High Priestess:
Jeannie Walls
312 Malcolm Avenue
Belmont, CA 95002

Contact:
Helen R. Piechulis
Supreme Worthy Scribe
107 E. New Haven Ave.
Melbourne, FL 32901

GRAND COUNCIL, LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.

May 16-21
Sacramento, California
(annually)

Current Grand High Priestess:
Carrie O. Baxter
4768 Oak Twig Way
Carmichael, CA 95608

Contact:
Betty L. Rathbun
1111 E. 54th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220

SUPREME FOREST, TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA

May 19-23
Wildwood, New Jersey
(annually)

Current Supreme Tall Cedar:
Frank E. Jobe
326 Spruce Street
Latrobe, PA 15650

Contact:
Russell L. Ziegler
Supreme Scribe
12 Hearthstone Drive
Reading, PA 19606

UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

June 3-5
Long Beach, California
(annually)

Current Grand Sovereign:
David B. Slayton
648 Terrylynn Place
Long Beach, CA 90807

Contact:
Ned E. Dull
Grand Recorder
P.O. Box 5716
Springfield, IL 62705-5716

SUPREME TEMPLE, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

June 13-17
Lexington, Kentucky
(annually)

Current Supreme Queen:
Betty Nohle
6634 Ann Lee
North Rose, NY 14516

Contact:
Geraldine Neely, Supreme
Princess Recorder
104 Shore Drive
Portland, TX 78374

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.

June 15-19
Louisville, Kentucky
(annually)

Current National President:
Col. John A. Spencer
8301 E. Boulevard Drive
Alexandria, VA 22308-1399

Contact:
Nelson O. Newcombe
National Sec./Treas.
8301 East Boulevard Dr.
Alexandria, VA 22308-
1399

HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

June 11-16
Troy, Michigan
(annually)

Current International President:
Ralph A. Clemmer
11155 B2 S. Towne Sq.
St. Louis, MO 63123-7823

Contact:
Robert L. Jorgensen
International Secretary
11155 B2 S. Towne Sq.
St. Louis, MO 63123-
7823

INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DeMOLAY

June 23-27
Washington, D.C.
(annually)

Current Grand Master:
Jerold J. Samet
10200 N. Executive Hills Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64153-1367

Contact:
Robert W. Murphy
Executive Director
10200 N. Executive Hills
Blvd., Kansas City, MO
64153-1367

SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF THE AMARANTH, INC.

June 27-July 1
Little Rock, Arkansas
(annually)

Current Supreme Royal Matron:
Mrs. Bert Toland
429 Melrose
El Dorado, AR 71730

Contact:
Ethel B. Fry
Supreme Secretary
2303 Murdoch Avenue
Parkersburg, WV 26101

IMPERIAL COUNCIL, AONMS

July 3-8
San Antonio, Texas
(annually)

Current Imperial Potentate:
Everett Evans
P.O. Box 1396
Tyler, TX 75710

Contact:
Charles G. Cumpstone
Executive Director
P.O. Box 31356
Tampa, FL 33631-3356

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA

July 21-24
Tulsa, Oklahoma
(annually)

Current Governor General:
Roy E. Van Delinder, Jr.
28 Menlo Place
Rochester, NY 14620

Contact:
Henry A. Montague
Secretary General
500 Temple Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

July 24-26, 1994
Baltimore, Maryland
(biennially)

Current Supreme Worthy Advisor:
Margaret Kofoed
1900 E. Prater, A #205,
Sparks, NV 89434

Contact:
Mary Sperry
Supreme Recorder
P.O. Box 788
McAlester, OK 74502-0788

SUPREME GUARDIAN COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS

July 31-August 7
Kansas City, Missouri
(annually)

Current Supreme Guardian:
Marlene Frakes
4001 NE 59th Street
Gladstone, MO 64119-2272

Contact:
Susan M. Goolsby
Executive Manager
233 W. 6th Street
Papillion, NE 68046

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A.

August 10-17, 1994
Denver, Colorado
(triennially)

Current Grand Master:
William H. Thornley, Jr.
3080 South Race Street
Denver, CO 80210-6331

Contact:
Charles R. Neumann
Grand Recorder
5097 N. Elston Avenue
Suite 101
Chicago, IL 60630-2460

CONVENT GENERAL, KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

August 27-28
Denver, Colorado
(annually)

Current Grand Master-General:
Howard R. Caldwell
8108 Grandview Avenue
Arvada, CO 80002

Contact:
Olin E. Lehman
Grand Registrar-General
7635 East Glade Avenue
Mesa, AZ 85208-3409

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., U.S.A.

August 29-September 1 Boston, Massachusetts (annually)	Current Sovereign Grand Commander: Francis G. Paul P.O. Box 519 Lexington, MA 02173	Contact: Winthrop L. Hall Executive Secretary P.O. Box 519 Lexington, MA 02173
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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL

September 12-16 Biloxi, Mississippi (triennially)	Current General Grand High Priest: Harold F. Yaeger 1200 Austin Crossroad Columbia Falls, MT 59912	Contact: William R. Selby, Sr. General Grand Secretary P.O. Box 489 Danville, KY 40423-0489
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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL

September 12-16 Biloxi, Mississippi (triennially)	Current General Grand Master: Evan L. Fleming, Jr. 1520 South Street Vicksburg, MS 39180	Contact: Bruce H. Hunt General Grand Recorder P.O. Box 188 Kirksville, MO 63501
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SUPREME ASSEMBLY, SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

September 20-24 Baltimore, Maryland (annually)	Current Supreme Worthy President: Lois J. Chant 5062 Aegina Way Oceanside, CA 92056	Contact: Gretchen L. Roth Supreme Recorder 1253 Second Place Calimesa, CA 92320
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SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A. & A.S.R., SOUTHERN JURISDICTION

October 18-19 Washington, D.C. (biennially)	Current Sovereign Grand Commander: C. Fred Kleinknecht 1733 16th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009-3199	Contact: William C. Sizemore Grand Executive Director 1733 16th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009-3199
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ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND

October 20 Washington, D.C. (annually)	Current Provincial Grand Master: Marvin E. Fowler 1904 White Oaks Drive Alexandria, VA 22304	Contact: Richard B. Baldwin Provincial Grand Sec. P.O. Box 125 Annandale, VA 22003
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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

October 29-November 4, 1994 Memphis, Tennessee (triennially)	Most Worthy Grand Matron: Virginia M. Painter 28169 W. Meadow Lane Road McHenry, IL 60050-7278	Contact: Betty J. Briggs Right Worthy Grand Sec. 1618 New. Hampshire Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009
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1993 ANNUAL CONCLAVES

DATE	GRAND COMMANDERY	CONCLAVE LOCATION	REPRESENTATIVE
February 21-23	Alabama	Decatur	William H. Thornley, Jr.
March 5-7	New Jersey	Eatontown	William H. Thornley, Jr.
March 12	Delaware	Wilmington	John C. Werner II
March 13	Arkansas	No. Little Rock	James M. Willson
March 13-14	South Carolina	Columbia	James E. Moseley
March 19-20	District of Col.	District of Col.	H. Courtney Jones
March 26-27	Mississippi	Jackson	Blair C. Mayford
March 28-30	North Carolina	Goldsboro	James M. Ward
April 1-2	North Dakota	Fargo	Blair C. Mayford
April 5-6	Louisiana	Shreveport	Charles R. Neumann
April 10	Oregon	Bend	Howard R. Caldwell
April 16	Oklahoma	Norman	William J. Jones
April 16-20	Texas	Houston	William H. Thornley, Jr.
April 17	Nebraska	North Platte	Clyde E. White
April 17-18	Connecticut	Cromwell	John L. Winkelman
April 21	Idaho	Idaho Falls	Robert M. Abernathy
April (to be determined)	Philippines	(to be determined)	Richard M. Strauss
April 24	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Blair C. Mayford
April 24	Tennessee	Nashville	James M. Ward
April 26	California	Irvine	William H. Thornley, Jr.
April 30	Indiana	Indianapolis	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 3	Maine	Portland	Charles R. Neumann
May 6-8	Kansas	Overland Park	Blair C. Mayford
May 12	Maryland	Ocean City	Thomas E. Weir
May 12-13	Georgia	Brunswick	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 13-15	Utah	Salt Lake City	William J. Jones
May 14-15	Virginia	Richmond	Blair C. Mayford
May 17	Washington	Yakima	Richard M. Strauss
May 19	Florida	Ft. Walton Beach	Earl R. Little
May 20-23	Pennsylvania	York	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 21-22	West Virginia	Clarksburg	John L. Winkelman
May 30	Vermont	Barre	William J. Jones
June 3-5	Michigan	Lansing	John L. Winkelman
June 3-5	Iowa	Sioux City	William J. Jones
June 5	Montana	Great Falls	William H. Thornley, Jr.
June 8	Nevada	Tonopah	James S. DeMOND
June 11	Missouri	Hannibal	James M. Ward
June 18	Wisconsin	Brookfield	Howard R. Caldwell
June 22-26	Minnesota	Austin	Thomas T. Rosenow
July 24	Illinois	Decatur	James M. Ward
September 11	Colorado	Denver	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 17	Wyoming	Laramie	Robert M. Abernathy
September 19	New York	Kerhonkson	Donald H. Smith
September 19-20	Kentucky	Louisville	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 25	South Dakota	Rapid City	Morton P. Steyer
October 2-3	New Hampshire	Merrimack	Charles R. Neumann
October 8-9	Ohio	Columbus	William H. Thornley, Jr.
October 15-17	Mass/Rhode Island	Newport, R.I.	William H. Thornley, Jr.
October 23	Arizona	Sierra Vista	William H. Thornley, Jr.

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation and the Computer Invasion

by The Reverend Thomas E. Weir, Grand Prelate

Five years ago, the Maryland Division of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation received three requests for financial assistance. There were no deadlines and no published criteria. The cases were considered individually, and there was no reason not to grant them all. By the beginning of 1992, our quiet philanthropy had been invaded by the computer. Entrepreneurs entered our Foundation into lists of organizations that supply money to students. By the middle of 1992, we received more than five hundred requests for applications. Most of these letters said, "Dear Sir or Madam, please send me an application and any further information for your program of financial aid for higher education," and were forwarded to us by Grand Encampment. In addition to the large number received from Grand Encampment, a significant number of telephone and mail requests, generated by computer services, come directly to the Grand Recorder. Few referrals by Sir Knights or school advisors are received. The scope of computer referrals for college financial aid is indicated by the fact that one service, based in Maryland, lists more than twenty-four thousand sources for student aid. Not all referral services are on target. One service sends Maryland requests to the Grand Recorder of Arkansas! He patiently sends them to us.

For the administrator, armed with typewriter and carbon paper, the task of sending all these persons applications, guarantors' statements and promissory notes is overwhelming. Until the end of 1991, Maryland sent each inquirer an application, two promissory notes, two guarantor statements and a letter explaining procedures. In October 1991, we responded to thirty-seven requests (13 pages of printing per request). One of the thirty-seven was filled in and returned. There has to be an easier way.

For Maryland, the answer was to fight the computer invasion with a computer response. An IBM compatible computer has been set up with WordPerfect 5.1, a soft font program and a laser printer. A total of fifteen forms are set up on disk to produce individualized responses to predictable steps in responding to the needs of students. When the responses should be "typed" as a formal letter, a letterhead is printed as part of the form. All letters are designed to fit into window envelopes to avoid typing envelopes separately.

Telephone follow-up suggests that a majority of inquirers expect a scholarship or grant and not a loan. In addition to the response to applications mailed in the latter part of the year, requests for information were only about two per cent. The mailing of as many as one thousand applications and supporting documents per year consuming materials costing \$1.37 (not including office expense or labor) and seventeen minutes each to persons who will not significantly respond cannot be justified. A screening process is necessary.

The Grand Commandery of Maryland has therefore set deadlines, similar to those established by trustees of other student assistance programs, for initial inquiry, receipt of application and other steps in the process of evaluation. May 1 was set as the deadline for consideration of requests for the next academic year, for two reasons. First, there are likely to be more funds asked for than available. The Committee may then consider all applicants and choose those who most nearly fit the criteria. Second, funds will be available to the student in time for the beginning of the school year.

A data base (WordPerfect secondary file) is opened for every applicant, regardless of when his inquiry is received, with name, address, and a log of the process in his case. When an inquiry

arrives between Christmas and May 1, a letter is sent to explain our program, especially the fact that only loans, not grants, are available. A leaflet setting forth the criteria and procedures for loan application is included. If the applicant feels he meets the criteria, he returns a request for an application. Those who inquire between May 1 and Christmas are sent a postcard telling them that the deadline is past and asking them to reapply "early next year." Nonresidents, those who ask for scholarships, and those who plan for more than two years of college receive postcards explaining why they cannot be considered.

Inquirers who return the "request for application" are furnished with an application, guarantor's statement, promissory note and instructions. When these papers are returned, the applicant is provided with forms to be completed and returned to the administrator. Since receipt of letters of recommendation is the biggest impediment to completing the application, forms are not mailed directly to the references. Instead, the forms are now mailed to the applicant with the advice that he or she explain that the application cannot be considered until the reference is returned.

When the application and supporting papers are completed, a local Commandery is assigned to investigate. When all is in order, the Grand Commandery Division Committee compares applicants, and makes loans according to ranking of applicants, not to exceed funds available for loan.

Any Grand Commandery interested in capitalizing on Maryland's experience may have a copy of all pertinent files and forms on 5^{1/4}" floppy disks for \$10.00 postpaid (checks payable to American Institute of Practical Theology, Inc.). Version 2.0 disks are formatted for IBM PC or clone. Three varieties are available:

2.0 (L): Two disks formatted for WordPerfect 5.1 and HP LaserJet II printer.

2.0 (D): Two disks formatted for

WordPerfect and dot matrix (Default: Panasonic PX-1124) which may be adapted to other dot matrix printers but still needs WordPerfect 5.1.

2.0 (A): One disk. All files are in ASCII. These files may be imported into any word processor, but WordPerfect features, such as mail merge, are necessarily lost.

Those with personal computers other than IBM PC type may, I understand, import the program by having it sent in via modem.

Printing the descriptive leaflet by LaserJet is recommended. Files to print the leaflet with WordPerfect and HP LaserJet II have been added to the dot matrix and ASCII versions.

You may be interested in our statistics. 372 inquiries were received between Christmas 1991 and May 1, 1992. Each inquirer was sent a letter and a descriptive leaflet. Of these, eleven asked for scholarships, seven each were nonresidents or planned more than two years more college. Between May 1 and July 1, 108 late inquiries were received. Six months total queries: 505.

373 information leaflets were mailed out. 64 were returned, and 64 sets of applications and supporting documents were sent out. Eight applications were filled out and returned. For three petitioners, no letters of recommendation were returned. One application provided one letter of recommendation.

Out of 505 possible candidates, only four produced applications which the Committee could consider. Two loans were approved. One loan was approved subject to replacement of a promissory note altered to read, "repay when I get a full-time job." One application did not meet the criteria. The Maryland committee feels that our process is both efficient and effective.

Sir Knight Tunas E. Weir, Grand Prate of fr Grand Encampment and P.G.C. of Maryland, is a member of St. Elmo Commandery tb. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland, and resides at 6409 Queens Chapel Roar, Hyattsville, MD 20782

Edson Fitch (1838-1906)

by Sir Knight James R. Case, KTCH

Matches by the million was the annual production of this pioneer in the "splint industry." Every pipe smoking habitant' in Canada welcomed the development of the friction match, as a means of keeping his continual and comforting companion conveniently lit.

"He was the only American citizen, retaining his allegiance as such, who ever occupied the Grand East of Masonry in a British Possession" as Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Quebec 1901-1902, according to Fitch's eulogist. No doubt his pride of ancestry and his Civil War pension were persuasive factors in his decision. But Masonry ignores international bounds.

Edson Fitch was descended from an early governor of colonial Connecticut, the family homestead in Norwalk at one time being the joint property of his sister and himself. However, he was born in Glens Falls, New York, and had just concluded his formal schooling and reached a point where he was to enter the business world when war broke out between the states.

On November 1st, 1861, he was mustered into the army at Bolton Landing as a lieutenant in the 43rd New York Volunteer Infantry, the "Washington County Regiment." First in action during the Peninsula campaigns, he was handed a Christmas present in 1863, being promoted to captain. He was wounded at the head of his company during fighting in the wilderness, and on return to duty was given responsible staff assignments until his discharge.

He was made a Mason in Senate Lodge No. 456 at Glens Falls before he went off to war, and was Raised July 6, 1862, probably when home on leave.

In 1867 he went to Canada with the intention of entering business as a producer of "match splints," at a time when the household friction match had been greatly improved and was much in demand for many uses.

Fitch saw his factory destroyed by fire on two occasions, but his indomitable pluck and perseverance" carried him through to a point where his establishment was the "largest of its kind in the world, making 90 million matches in a single day," employing 500 hands in all departments and using no less than seventy million feet of lumber in a single year.

Soon after arrival at Quebec, he was Exalted in Stadacona Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and became Grand Principal S of the Grand Chapter. In due course he was accorded the Orders of Masonic Knighthood in William de la More the Martyr, Preceptory of Quebec.

In 1873 he affiliated with Tuscan Lodge No. 28 in Levis, serving as Master in 1876. Grand Lodge service was almost continuous, as he was a district deputy, member of a variety of committees and boards, and progressed through the several stations until his election as Grand Master.

He had established himself in business and banking circles in Quebec City, was a director of the Quebec & Levis Ferry Company, and for several years was President of the Masonic Hall Association. He was a lover of the great

open spaces and interested in fish and game conservation. His many quiet acts of charity became known after his death, the nature and extent being widespread and liberal before his death and before his three score years and ten had been completed. He had no children.

"A lover of truth and honor ... one who hated falsehood and deceit... loyal to his friends... exemplary in his daily life and conduct... one who manifested by his deeds those truly Masonic ornaments of Brotherhood and Benevolence" - the whole city grieved to see him go.

Knight Templar is proud to posthumously publish this article by Sir Knight and Masonic scholar, James R. Case, KTCH, a longtime contributor to *Knight Templar Magazine*.

**Supreme Worthy President of
the Social Order of the
Beauceant, 1992-93**

Mrs. William (Lois J.) Chant of Oceanside, California, was installed as Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant on September 25, 1992, at the close of the 72nd Annual Supreme Assembly, held at the Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Chant is a Past President of Los Angeles Assembly No. 42. She will preside at the 73rd Supreme Assembly, which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, in September of 1993.



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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending December 4, 1992. The total amount contributed to date is:

\$35,916.33.

Alabama	\$340.00
Arizona	500.00
Arkansas.....	20.00
California	1,007.59
Colorado	610.00
Florida.....	3,000.00
Georgia	10,030.00
Illinois.....	470.00
Indiana.....	110.00
Iowa	510.00
Kansas.....	150.00
Kentucky	1,717.25
Louisiana	530.00
Maryland	180.00
Mass./R.I.	300.00
Michigan	1,330.80
Minnesota	105.00
Mississippi	230.00
Missouri	80.00
New Jersey.....	200.00
New Mexico	30.00
New York	1,160.00
North Carolina.....	1,079.00
North Dakota.....	2,000.00
Ohio	225.00
Oklahoma	510.00
Oregon.....	200.00
Pennsylvania	360.00
South Carolina	30.00
South Dakota.....	35.00
Tennessee.....	3,235.00
Texas.....	3,380.00
Washington.....	500.00
Wisconsin	10.00
Alaska No. 1	100.00
Heidelberg No. 2.....	200.00
Miscellaneous	1,441.69

International Grand Master's York Rite Class-1993

The International Grand Master's York Rite Class, hosted by the Indiana State York Rite Association, will convene March 20, 1993, in the Muncie, Indiana, Masonic Auditorium, 520 E. Main Street, 47302.

Candidate registration 7:00 AM., E.S.T.
Degrees begin 8:30 A.M.
All degrees and orders presented.

Candidate registration is \$15.00 (includes Chapter penny, Council monitor, certificate and lapel pin). **Does not include meals.**

Lunch by paid reservation	\$ 6.00
Banquet by paid reservation	15.00
Ladies' lunch and program	7.50

Headquarters hotel accommodations for the distinguished guests will be at the Hotel Roberts, 420 S. High Street, Muncie, IN; through Sir Knight Bradbury.

Candidate registration, hotel accommodations, luncheon, and banquet reservations, as well as reservations for the ladies' program, should be directed to Robert Bradbury, 212 Greenbriar Road, Muncie, IN 47304, (317) 288-6778.



Other motels you may personally select

Signature Inn, 3400 N. Chadam Lane, Muncie, (317) 284-4200.
Muncie Inn, 414 N. Madison Street, Muncie, (317) 282-5981.
Super 8 Motel, 3601 Fox Ridge Lane, Muncie, (317) 286-4333.
Holiday Inn, 3400 S. Madison, Muncie, (317) 288-1911.
Delaware Inn, 200 N. Broadway, Muncie, (317) 288-9953.
Day's Inn, 3501 N. Everbrook, Muncie, (317) 288-2311.
Dice's Motel, 1201 E. 29th Street, Muncie, (317) 288-5559.
L.A. Pittenger Student Center Hotel, (Ball State University), (327) 285-1555.

The Grand Master's International York Rite Class-1993 is being called the greatest Masonic event in two decades. We are exerting every effort to make it live up to its billing. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Fraternally,
Michael D. Gillard, E.P.C.
General Chairman

of the Mexican venture, subject to his two important provisos, Charlotte became enthusiastic about the prospect of moving to Mexico.

Following Leopold's advice, Maximilian obtained Louis-Napoleon's promise of continued French military support in Mexico. Maximilian also followed Leopold's instructions by telling a delegation of Mexicans that he would require evidence of strong support among the Mexican populace before he could accept their offer to be their emperor.

While Louis-Napoleon was trying to obtain Maximilian's consent to be the Emperor of Mexico, the military forces of England, Spain, and France landed at Vera Cruz on the eastern shore of Mexico. The English and Spanish had come to Mexico only to collect the money owed them by Juarez. When, however, it became clear that the French intended a major conquest of Mexico, the English and Spanish withdrew from the expedition. The French, thirty thousand strong, pushed on into the interior, taking the capital, Mexico City, and then spreading out to subdue the rest of the nation. As the French advanced, Mexican President Juarez and his republican forces retreated gradually north toward the United States' border.

In every town which they captured, the French, with their guns and bayonets poised, rounded up Mexicans like cattle and forced them to sign petitions beseeching Maximilian to come to Mexico and be their emperor. The petitions were taken back to Europe and shown to Maximilian and Charlotte. She wrote excitedly to a friend, "They want us ardently."

Louis-Napoleon had now met both the requirements stipulated by Charlotte's father: a promise to keep French forces in Mexico as long as Maximilian might require them, and evidence that the Mexican people sincerely wanted

Maximilian as their emperor. Although Maximilian still had doubts and fears about the unusual enterprise he was undertaking, Charlotte's enthusiasm for the project more than overcame her husband's hesitancy.

In the summer of 1863 a Mexican National Assembly formally declared that Maximilian was the Emperor of Mexico. At the same time, fears that the United States would finish fighting the Civil War, and then drive the French army out of Mexico, increased when the North won two great battles at Gettysburg and Vicksburg.

In the spring of 1864, Maximilian and Charlotte set sail for their Mexican empire. Before crossing the Atlantic they stopped in Rome to receive the blessing of the Pope, Pius IX.

After a warm welcome in Vera Cruz the royal couple made the arduous journey to Mexico City. In the capital they were given an imperial reception. The Emperor and Empress were reminded, however, that they were no longer living in a European culture when a native woman, instead of curtsying to Her Imperial Majesty, embraced Charlotte in a bear hug. Charlotte at first recoiled, but then quickly recovered her composure.

Maximilian and Charlotte spent their first night in the capital in the Presidential Palace, where they found the vermin and bedbugs so plentiful in their beds that Maximilian took refuge on a billiard table.

The Emperor and Empress devoted most of their time to getting acquainted with the people and understanding their ways. The Emperor traveled around the country bordering Mexico City. Visiting an Indian chief, Maximilian slept on the ground near the chief's campfire. In a letter to an old friend he wrote proudly that he and Charlotte were getting to be "regular Mexicans." He showed his identification with the Mexican people by dressing like them, in a white suit topped by a sombrero.

Just as he had tried in Italy to come to terms with Italian nationalists, Maximilian tried in Mexico to befriend and collaborate with his republican adversaries. He expressed democratic sentiments. He pardoned radicals who had been imprisoned. He even wrote a letter of reconciliation to President Juarez, who had taken refuge from the French army in northern Mexico. Hoping to unify the country, Maximilian offered to take Juarez into the imperial government. Juarez disdainfully rejected Maximilian's offer.

Maximilian tried to raise the cultural level of the Mexican people by organizing a National Theater in Mexico City. He built a museum in which to display ancient Mexican art. He restored palaces and old Spanish churches.

He also encouraged scientific investigation by founding the Imperial Mexican Academy of Sciences and the Mexican Society of Geography and Statistics. A naturalist, Maximilian was delighted by the wide variety of birds and butterflies he found in Mexico.

Because of his earlier interest in navigation he authorized the building of an observatory. He purchased a few ships to create a Mexican navy.

Charlotte meanwhile tried to encourage financiers to invest in the development of Mexico's rich natural resources. After her rough journey from Vera Cruz to Mexico City on their arrival in Mexico, she was very interested in getting a road-building program underway. She was instrumental in setting up a public transportation system in Mexico City. After witnessing widespread disease and inadequate sewer facilities, she became a crusader for improvements in public health.

In spite of her achievements in many fields, Charlotte felt like a failure in one of her most basic duties as Empress; she was unable to produce an heir to the imperial crown.

Maximilian and Charlotte also failed in

another important area; building a native Mexican army capable of protecting the new Empire if the French armed forces would ever depart.

Moreover, they did not succeed in making their government financially solvent, capable of paying its way without being subsidized by French loans.

Since, however, Louis-Napoleon had assured Maximilian that the French would continue and support the Mexican Empire as long as necessary, Maximilian and Charlotte felt fairly secure.

Then, one year after the arrival of Maximilian and Charlotte in Mexico, the Civil War in the United States ended in a total victory for the North. The victors made it clear concerning their opposition to the existence of a European Monarchy south of the Rio Grande. Both Maximilian and Louis-Napoleon were turned down in their requests for American recognition of the Mexican Empire.

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*Mother, Archduchess Sophia
and brother, Francis Joseph, future emperor.*



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The Grand Recorder of Indiana is seeking to complete a file of the Knight Templar Magazine since its inception and needs copies of all issues prior to November 1961. These will be placed in the permanent library of the Grand Commandery. Robert E. Price, P.G.C., G.R.; P.O. Box 702; Connersville; IN 47331: (317) 825-7919.

Wanted: Commandery jackets (coats) of any style in large sizes (size 40 and up). If you have any you would like to pass on or sell, please get in touch with me. It seems all we have on hand are small and smaller. Omlah R. Smith, Jr., Recorder; Palestine Commandery No. 5; P.O. Box 184; St. Johnsbury; VT 05819; (802) 748-3049.

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 lb. It has 4 different color inks, that are raised letter. The arch is a beautiful gold. The knight on horse is beautiful 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.

The Carl A. Davenport Company will donate 15% of the purchase price to the KTEF for any business card, letterheads, envelopes, or SWIPE Miracle Cleaner product purchases that mention Knight Templar Magazine. Price quotes are available by sending copy or calling (708) 839-0443. Carl A. Davenport Company. P.O. Box 133, Willow Springs, IL 60480.

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

Tulia Lodge No. 733, Tulia, TX, is celebrating its 100th anniversary of Masonry. To commemorate

this event the Ledge is selling an original lapel pin designed by renowned western artist Kenneth Wyatt. To order this unique lapel pin, please send \$5.50 each to Tulia Lodge No. 733, A.E. & AM.; P.O. Box 438; Tulia; TX 79088.

Perfect Union Lodge No. 1, F. & AM., Jefferson, LA, is celebrating its 100th anniversary with medallions, both silver and bronze-silver are 1 oz. of .999 fine silver and of a limited edition, struck and numbered. Send a check or money order in the amount of \$20.00 for silver or \$5.00 for bronze. Add \$2.50 for shipping. Send check to Perfect Union Lodge No. 1, F & AM.; P.O. Box No. 1; Metairie; LA 70004-0001.

Attention toy truck collectors: MacCalla Lodge No. 596, 100th anniversary commemorative, limited edition "Erti" 1917 model T Ford truck; \$30.00 each plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. Make checks payable to: MacCalla Hall Association. Send to: 332 Godshall Road, Souderton, PA 18964.

For the past 24 years, Worshipful Brother Edward Lisy, Past Master and historian of Boiling Spring Lodge No. 152, Rutherford, NJ, has published over 200 messages in the monthly trestle board. As a part of the celebrations of our worthy Brother's 24-year term as historian, the Lodge has republished in book form all of Ed's messages under the title Masonic Gleanings. This is a unique opportunity to acquire collected writings of a historian whose reputation for diligence and accuracy is unparalleled - \$12.00 per copy including postage and handling. Boiling Spring Masonic Association, 169 Park Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070.

For sale: platinum and diamond Shrine scimitar with 10 single cut diamonds, total weight .10 C; 14 K post and screw back. \$295.00. Mrs. Kenneth E. Hopper, 26 Chipman Park, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Beautiful ornate Past Master's jewel, 1 1/2"x3 1/2", 14 of gold with 3/4 zirconia; engraved on back "Presented to W. E. Coffin by Brethren of Jennings Lodge, F. & AM., Dec. 27th, 1899." Has ornate name tag "W. E. Coffin P.M." Excellent condition. Prefer

dealing with family or Jennings Lodge. Asking \$600.00. negotiable. B. J. Baggett, 2862 Duval Drive, Dallas, DC 75211, (214) 339-8068.

For sale: 32° Scottish Rite, 14 gold carat, Masonic mans ring, size 13; has a silver eagle around 3/4 carat CZ diamond. Asking \$250.00 Will send picture to interested party. Patricia Thomson, 12177 Bates Road, 61104 MS 39532-8.205, (601) 392-7094.

Wanted: copy or source of Stephen Knight's anti-Masonic book, The Brotherhood. Contact Joseph Dion, Box 5, S. Woodstock, VT05071; (932) 457-1536.

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.

Genealogy information FREE to all Masonic affiliations. Over 16,000 names in computer. Send No. 10 size SASE and names you are searching for. N. W. Rethenford, P.C., K. T No. 28; 6402 Alton Street; Riverside; CA 92509-5703.

For sale: Masonic china tea service, vintage forties; never used. R. I. Fiedler, Box 492, Battle Lake, MN 56515.

Seek information on the parents, brothers, and Sisters of Brother John William Green. He was a member of Red River Lodge No. 537, Adams, TN, from 1897 until death in 1927. He died in New Orleans, LA. Reply to Brother W. O. Kirkpatrick, 9901 Shady Pine Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564.

Wanted: lapel pins and tie tacks with logos or organization names. Most pins are relegated to dresser drawers after retirement. I am asking our membership to send unwanted or duplicate pins. They are never worn but mounted for display at fairs, art shows, etc. Ed Neville, 10 Serenity Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205, (501) 221-3100.

For sale: 2 burial plots w/marker and posts (sites 1-2 Lot, 532-A), Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, MD, Masonic section; below market price. John A. Riddle, Rt. No. 1, Box 128, Soperton, GA 30457, (9 12) 529-4942.

For sale: two side-by-side lawn crypts in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, Ocala, FL. Located in St. Mark's Gardens, Number 279-280. Paul W. Collins, 4102 Brentwood Park Circle, Tampa, FL 33624-1301, (813) 962-2844.

Attorney trying to locate the descendants of Neri Swetnam Walter and Mary E. (Hines?) Walter. They

had one known child, Henry Thomas Walter. Ned 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.

Fifty-one-year Knight Templar who collects discarded motorcycle license plates would appreciate any from the U.S. or Canada William F Kerr, 230 S. Second Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

Seeking soldiers who served in the 1st Army, 3rd Division, 10th Artillery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, Echo Battery, took their training at Ft. Benning, GA, in the fall of 1957 and were shipped to Schweinfurt Germany in the spring of 1958, discharged in August of 1959, stayed in Conn Barracks. This is in reference to an army reunion. Our captain's name was Captain Binko. Doyle L. Briscoe: Rt. 2, Box 171; Rutherfordton; NC 28139; (704) 286-9614.

Wanted: 2-valve marching bugle. Ross M. Daniels, 1104 Springfield Road, East Peoria, IL 61611, (309) 698-0280.

Desire correspondence with anyone with the following surnames between 1620 and 1900: Barr, Baker, Beatty, Cole, DeHart, Gabrietsen, Martineau (Martino) and Vanderbilt; mostly of southern New York Gilbert, Howard, Montague, Stille, Summrell and Ursy; mainly from North Carolina Variation of name spelling may occur. Jack P Gilbert, 10205 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, (813) 639-4320.

Wanted: old streetcar/interurban memorabilia (tickets, tokens, pictures, slides, movies and books) for Trolleyville U.S.A., Cleveland, Ohio. Clifford Perry, C/O Trolleyville U.S.A., 7100 Columbia Road, Olmsted Twp., OH 44138.

Camp Fannin, Texas, trainees and cadre from years 1943-44 and '45. Filly-year reunion of Camp Fannin will be held November 11-13, 1993. For information A. H. Benthine, 1202 E. Fremont St., Galesburg, IL 61401.

U.S.S. Cebu ARG 6, first reunion to be held in Plymouth, Indiana, in July of 1993. Seeking crew members and officers serving any time between April 15, 1944, until decommissioned in June of 1947. Clayton L. Bowman, 10750 Lincoln Highway, Plymouth, IN 46563, (219) 936-8349. We would also like info on disabled or deceased members.

WACKY MAC, a.k.a. the U.S.S. McCRAWLEY (AP10 and ApA4) belated 50-year reunion, Baton Rouge, LA, June 28-30, 1993. All welcome who sailed in her as crew, U.S.G.C. and staff of Cdr., Amphib. Forces So. Pac. Contact Chief Frenchy Maurais, 1116 E. Plate Dr., Palatine, IL 60067, (708) 358-7188.

