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# Our Fraternity Must Recognize find Utilize individual Differences

by Sir Knight Euan Fleming, Jr.  
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Sir Knights:

My term of office as General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International will end in September of this year. I would like to share with you some observations and the conclusions I have reached during my tenure of office. The strength of Freemasonry lies with its individual members, united in a common effort to obtain their goals, directed by capable leaders in all bodies of our Fraternity.

The "Great Captain of Our Salvation," in his infinite wisdom, created each of us as individuals, with different abilities, desires, and needs; even our fingerprints are not the same. Regardless of where I visited, I noted that those Masonic bodies having capable leadership were using those God-given differences of their members, and that they were prospering, while those who were adhering to business as usual were uttering naught but woe and lamentations." This tells me we need to make sure our own Masonic bodies are serving the needs, fulfilling the desires, and using the abilities of our members to benefit the Fraternity and not just doing business as usual, which often means, "as it has been done since the time when man's memory runneth not to the contrary."

Need I remind you, Sir Knights, we are living in modern times and facing obstacles our forefathers never dreamed of. We have a challenge, as well as a responsibility, as individuals, as Masons, and especially as Knights Templar, to use our God-given differences to pass on, "unsullied," our Masonic heritage to future generations. Now is the time to accept this challenge. Now is the time to insure Masonry's future in the coming century.



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

**MAY:** In this issue, Past Grand Master Donald H. Smith presents closing remarks on the 25th Voluntary Campaign, in anticipation of the 26th Voluntary Campaign beginning in less than six months; Sir Knight Evan Fleming, Jr., General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, Int., calls for the unifying of individual differences for the Fraternity's common goal; Sir Knight Barnard's saga of a scoundrel is completed; and Sir Knight Ellenberger warms the heart with a tale of two most admirable Brothers. Enjoy all this and more as you contemplate Christ's Ascension, depicted on the cover of *Knight Templar*.

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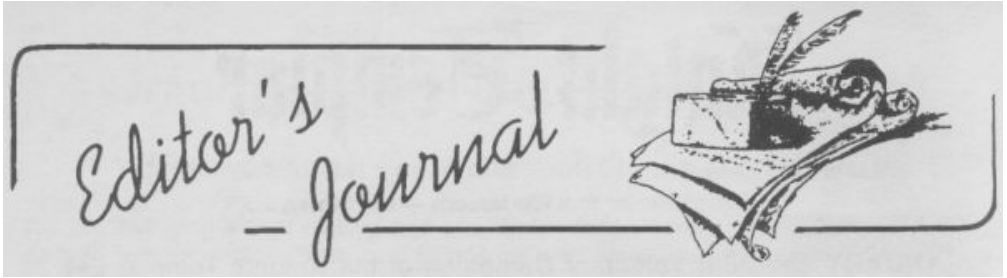
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**Announcement:** The Grand Encampment has begun a program of Honors, which has two levels: Knight Grand Cross of the Temple and Knight Commander of the Temple. This program gives the Grand Encampment a way of honoring Sir Knights who have distinguished themselves in their fields of endeavor. It does not limit itself to Masonry alone, but to qualify, a person must be a Knight Templar. The recipients receive a beautifully engraved Patent and a jewel. The jewel may be worn on the uniform or on a tuxedo. The recipients may also use the letters KGC or KCT after their names; they should be introduced along with the Knights Templar Cross of Honor holder.

**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.

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**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.

In the April issue *Knight Templar* inadvertently omitted the title of Ven. Jack Harris Watts' paper presented to the Council of Nine Muses, as reported in Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke's article on A.M.D. Weekend. The title was "A Pioneer Masonic Preacher." Our apologies to both Sir Knight Cooke and Sovereign Master Watts.



## The Silver Anniversary Of the Voluntary Campaign

by Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

When you read this, the 25th Voluntary Campaign to raise funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will be completed, but the war against eye disease, against blindness and darkness, continues as it has since time immemorial. As Knights Templar, we have contributed our time and our money to this noble Christian effort to bring light where there is darkness, to bring joy where there is despair as we were taught by the Grand Captain of our Salvation: "...and he answered and said, A man named Jesus made clay and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, go to the Pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight." (John 9:11)



The annual fund-raising drive began in 1968 under the leadership of Sir Knight John Crofts, Grand Master, in order to offset the drain on the funds caused by a great influx of applications for help. The first two campaigns brought in less than \$100,000.00, but over the years the amounts have added up to millions of dollars, and they have helped to keep the Foundation solvent and able to do the work given to us. It has also given Commanderies an activity to bring the Fratres and the public together and has given our order a higher profile as a national charity.

When the Voluntary Campaigns began, there were few special activities; however, over the years, we have received great contributions from Grand Commanderies that organized horse shows and other state-wide projects, and from Commanderies that staged ham and egg or pancake breakfasts, sidewalk sales, and a hundred other programs that require the help of many Sir Knights and their ladies working together and having fun.

As this is being written, we do not have the final Campaign figures, but we pray that, because of your service, we will exceed the 24th Campaign, which collected more than a million dollars.

We not only want to honor our Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, but also to continue his hope that each year we will gain more support for the Foundation and accomplish closer ties within the Commanderies as we care for more needy victims.

It has been a great honor to serve you as the Silver Anniversary Voluntary Campaign Chairman for the Grand Encampment, and I thank you for your work. I trust that all the Fratres and their ladies who read this will begin to plan for their efforts in the 26th Annual Campaign, which will begin in less than 6 months.

Remember God's first command as we help the needy: "Let there be light and there was light and God saw the light and it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness." (Genesis 1:3-4)

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## Grand Prelate Weir Named Director Of Hospital Visitation

According to a news bulletin released by the Masonic Service Association, the Board of Commissioners of the Masonic Service Association are very pleased to announce that The Reverend Thomas E. Weir, R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, has been named Director of Hospital Visitation.

The bulletin states that, originally, because of other commitments that had been made, Sir Knight Weir had agreed to serve in this position on an interim' basis. However, the commissioners of the Masonic Service Association think that he has already made a significant contribution to its program and that he represents the right person for the job.

They feel his experience as a minister and as a Navy Chaplain make him fully aware of the importance of the Hospital Visitation Program. He has visited many of these hospitals and has been a chaplain in a military hospital, and they feel quite strongly that this is the kind of experience they need in their program.

The commissioners are very pleased to announce that Sir Knight Weir has reconsidered his original interim commitment and now has agreed to take on these responsibilities on a full-time basis.



## Commanderies In Venezuela Receive Charters



At the 58th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in Washington, D.C., in August of 1991, the members of the Grand Encampment voted favorably to grant charters to Santiago Marino Commandery No. 1 of Caracas and Carabobo Commandery No. 2 of Valencia, located in Venezuela.

On October 15, 1992, Sir Knight Richard M. Strauss, Department Commander for Subordinate Commanderies and the Grand Commanderies of the Philippines and Italy, traveled to Venezuela to present the charters and to jointly install the officers of the two Commanderies.

The Most Eminent Grand Master, William H. Thornley, Jr., issued a dispensation permitting the officers and members of Santiago Marino Commandery No. 1 of Caracas to go to Valencia so that both Commanderies could receive their charters at the same time and also have their officers installed jointly.

The ceremony took place on October 18 and was held at the Masonic Temple in Valencia. It was a public installation, well attended by members of every branch of Masonry.

In the picture, left to right, are Jorge Levay, Eminent Commander of Carabobo Commandery No. 2 of Valencia; and Otto Jensen, Eminent Commander of Santiago Marino Commandery No. 1, taking the vow of office from Sir Knight Strauss.

# The Enigma of General James Wilkinson - Part II

by Dr. Robert C. Barnard

When Jefferson became president, Aaron Burr, the vice president, always a good friend and convivial spirit to Wilkinson, helped him to keep his generalship in the army. President Jefferson commissioned his highest ranking general to treat with the Southern Indian tribes and obtain commercial privileges on rivers east of the Mississippi; also to build a fort and trading post on the Tombigbee River in Alabama.

While performing these tasks, Wilkinson was summoned to share with General William Clairborne the honor of taking possession of the Louisiana Purchase for the United States. Our country doubled in size and Wilkinson's Spanish employers lost the central region of the continent permanently.

Wilkinson chose this time of American expansion to arouse Spanish fears with a letter suggesting that the remaining Spanish lands would soon be invaded by Americans and that he would do everything in his power to stop it. Spanish officials paid him \$12,000 as a special retainer fee" to insure his loyalty to them.

The general also recommended to them that Lewis and Clark, now on their trip of exploration up the Missouri, should be intercepted by a large Spanish force, arrested and taken to Santa Fe or Mexico for the crime of invading Spanish lands. The Spanish did send out scouts to find Lewis and Clark, but the American explorers were not found.

Had Jefferson been aware of Wilkinson's recommendation to Spain, he would no doubt immediately have removed him from the army. But the advice was secret, of course, and the president never heard about this or his further suggestion that Spain should hold on to both Floridas and occupy the west bank of the Mississippi as soon as possible. Had Spain done this, there would probably have been war with the United States, which seemed to be what Wilkinson wanted. He could then collect money from both sides.

Jefferson appointed Wilkinson governor of Upper Louisiana in March, 1805. It is difficult to understand why he trusted the general in this important position. Wilkinson had many political friends and perhaps the president felt that he had no choice, even though the Spanish affiliation was suspected by many people.

Wilkinson now sent Lieutenant Zebulon Pike on two long expeditions. He first explored and mapped the northern Mississippi River area and searched for the river's source in 1804-5. The British to the north resented this but took no official action.

The second trip in 1806 was to explore the Southwest, actually invading Spanish land. Pike seemed to have orders to spy on the Spanish and perhaps to encourage being captured by their forces. He was arrested on the Rio Grande River. His expedition was taken to Santa Fe, held several months, and then

returned by way of Texas and Louisiana. It is the opinion of some historians that Wilkinson sent Pike north purposely to cause trouble with Great Britain and that the second exploration on Spanish territory was a stimulus to cause actual war with Spain. Wilkinson did not succeed in fomenting major trouble with either nation.

No evidence connects Lt. Pike with Wilkinson's schemes. He seemed to be a naive young man, extremely loyal to his general and to his country and unaware that he was obeying the orders of a scoundrel. Pike remained a follower of Wilkinson, never believing in his guilt, even in later years.

General Wilkinson had begun his relationship with Vice President Aaron Burr by the turn of the century. In the winter of 1804-5, they were conspiring together often in Washington, and the following June, the general furnished Burr with conveyance to New Orleans and wrote him flattering letters of introduction. In September, he entertained Burr in St. Louis, headquarters of Upper Louisiana, of which he was now governor. He also commended Burr to the attention of Governor Harrison of Indiana.

Having failed in his bid for the presidency, Burr now transferred his field of action to the West. His plans seemed to include restoring New Orleans to Spain, together with a large chunk of the American territory. It is the view of many historians that Wilkinson became a coconspirator. Wilkinson, now having military authority as general and executive authority as governor, decided to join Burr in his plans to separate the Western lands from the Union.

Seemingly, there were plots within plots. Wilkinson and Burr schemed to cause a war between Spain and the United States and then lead an invasion to take over Mexico and the Spanish West. While maintaining his contacts as a Spanish spy and "earning" his retainer



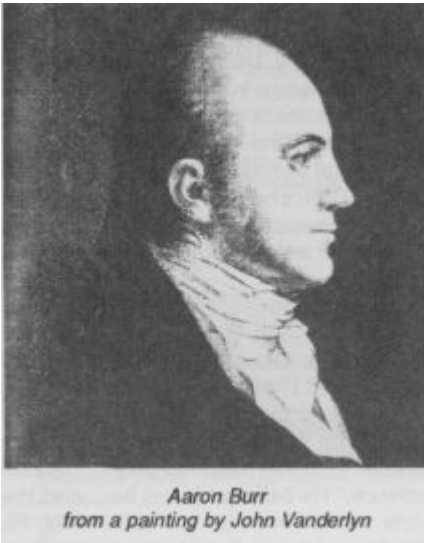
from Spain, Wilkinson plotted to destroy them. Zebulon Pike's force sent by Wilkinson through Colorado and New Mexico was provocation to start a Spanish war which never came.

During the summer of 1806, Wilkinson received word that Burr was bragging of the coming aggression and that the general's partnership in the conspiracy was being exposed. He then decided to take desperate measures to save himself. He warned President Jefferson that Burr was "leading a plot to disrupt the Union and to invade Mexico with his private army." Then, he transferred his troops to New Orleans and proclaimed martial law.

At the same time, Wilkinson contacted the Spanish governor, telling him that invasion of Mexico was imminent and asking for a bribe of \$120,000.00 to keep the U.S. Army out of it. But Spain was finally suspicious of Wilkinson; the general did not get his money.

In the ensuing months, during which Burr was arrested by Wilkinson and sent by military guard to Virginia for trial, President Jefferson seemed obsessed with bringing Wilkinson to trial and to ensuring the





outcome. He treated Burr as though he were completely guilty and Wilkinson as entirely innocent, which was far from the truth. He seemed to lay aside the principles of justice and constitutionality, stating in advance that "Burr was guilty of the severance of the Union." To maintain Burr's guilt, Jefferson upheld Wilkinson's actions in New Orleans and elsewhere. The president said that Wilkinson's measures of defense were justified.

Wilkinson served in the Burr trial as the chief witness for the prosecution. But he did not fool most people. Chief Justice John Marshall acquitted Burr of the charge of treason, making use of technicalities to save him. In essence, he was guilty, as was his chief accuser.

Wilkinson was then forced by John Randolph, who headed the grand jury, to appear before a court of inquiry which lasted six months. He was acquitted by the court, but not by his fellow citizens.

President Jefferson, however, continued to back him and he was sent back to the New Orleans command. Here, he proceeded to stir up more trouble by contacting Spanish officials in Havana and

Pensacola with a weird plan of alliance which would include the United States, the Spanish possessions, and Brazil.

These activities led to a second congressional inquiry, embracing his entire career. He was forced to sell much of his Kentucky lands to pay for his defense; also, his appeal to Spain to vindicate him had negative results.

In July of 1811, President Madison ordered Wilkinson court-martialed. He was again acquitted and assigned to his command in New Orleans.

Deciding now to attend to real army business for a change, he occupied Mobile in West Florida, which was claimed by Spain. Congress showed its approval by sending him a commission as major general for the first time.

When the War of 1812 with England began, General Wilkinson was ordered northward to the St. Lawrence frontier. He now proved that he was a strong plotter and conniver, but a poor soldier. He quarreled with his fellow army commander, Wade Hampton; the two refused to cooperate and made a fiasco out of the attack against Montreal. Wilkinson was relieved from duty and ordered to Washington just in time to see the British burn the United States Capitol and other public buildings after the American defending army beat a speedy retreat from the fray. The military inquiry into Wilkinson's disastrous command of the Montreal campaign did not, as in former instances, result in his being reinstated in the service. He was recognized as the dishonest buffoon that he was; politically and militarily, he was through.

Seeking to justify himself in the eyes of the American government and public, General Wilkinson asked the aid of his personal friends to help publish a three volume autobiography titled, *Memoirs Of My Own Times*. Few people read it, and it was not a financial or literary success.

In 1810, the general took a second wife, Celestine Leveau, and the couple



lived on her large plantation below New Orleans for a decade. However, Wilkinson never seemed to be satisfied with his current situation.

The former president, Thomas Jefferson, remained favorable to Wilkinson in retirement. Perhaps he was grateful for Wilkinson's aid in prosecuting Aaron Burr. In 1818, he wrote the general that he "witnessed the merit of your services when I was in a position to know and benefit and I make no inquiry into the circumstances which terminated them." The sentiment contained in this sentence might be attributed to politeness from a former chief executive to a late army commander when both were past life's major activities.

The reversal of his fortunes also seemed to end Wilkinson's Masonic activity. There is no record of his attending Lodge after being forced to retire from the U.S. Army. Perhaps he believed that the tie of brotherhood could no longer profit him personally.

In 1818, Mexico once more claimed

Wilkinson's attention. He moved to Mexico City and gave gratuitous advice to the Emperor Iturbe. Ultimately, he obtained an option on lands in Texas, but before he could claim them and recoup his fortunes, he died, on December 28, 1825.

General James Wilkinson was interred in the Church of the Archangel San Miguel. He remains rest unidentified with others in a common vault under the church.

Perhaps Wilkinson's philosophy of life is best shown in his recorded statement to the Spanish official, Gardoqui, on January 1, 1789: "Some men are vain, some are sordid, some are ambitious. To detect the predominant passion, to lay hold of it, is the profound part of political science." He believed that if he pulled the right wires, ignoring right and wrong, he would always obtain what he wanted. It is to be hoped that by the end of his misspent life, General Wilkinson learned the fallacy of this belief.

Activated by just and moral precepts, James Wilkinson could have been a splendid man and Mason. Instead, he let overwhelming selfish interests lead him to an unmarked and forgotten grave in a foreign land.

The great poet and Mason, Sir Walter Scott, seems to be thinking of men like Wilkinson when he wrote the closing lines of his patriotic poem:

*High though his titles, proud his name,  
Boundless his wealth as wish could claim,  
Despite these titles, power and pelf,  
The wretch, concentered all in self,  
Living, shall forfeit high renown,  
And, doubly dying, shall go down  
To the vile dust from whence he sprung,  
Unwept, unhonored and unsung.*

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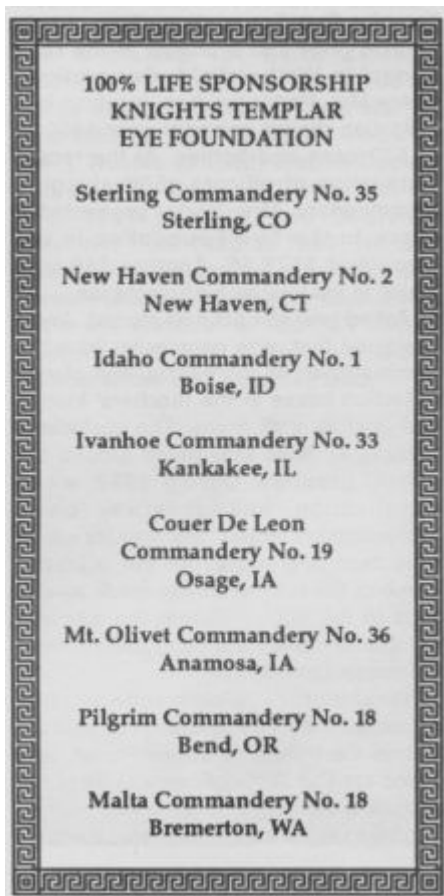
New Grand Master's Club And  
Grand Commander's Club Pins

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.

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending April 9, 1993. The total amount contributed to date is \$557,501.55.

Alabama.....	\$12,338.00
Arizona.....	5,878.45
Arkansas.....	1,875.38
California.....	15,846.21
Colorado.....	14,580.64
Connecticut.....	8,647.15
Delaware.....	1,448.95
District of Columbia.....	25,289.82
Florida.....	14,750.20
Georgia.....	50,516.79
Idaho.....	2,203.55
Illinois.....	15,868.75
Indiana.....	8,082.50
Iowa.....	6,484.01
Kansas.....	1,681.50
Kentucky.....	14,085.66
Louisiana.....	8,242.48
Maine.....	5,718.30
Maryland.....	7,291.00
Mass/RI.....	14,004.00
Michigan.....	11,366.30
Minnesota.....	9,550.70
Mississippi.....	3,261.00
Missouri.....	6,891.40
Montana.....	6,899.77
Nebraska.....	1,783.00
Nevada.....	3,183.00
New Hampshire.....	3,541.81
New Jersey.....	7,140.75
New Mexico.....	9,326.00
New York.....	9,782.50
North Carolina.....	7,069.00
North Dakota.....	2,310.00
Ohio.....	19,903.40
Oklahoma.....	2,337.00
Oregon.....	9,727.00
Pennsylvania.....	43,329.60
South Carolina.....	11,533.97

South Dakota.....	2,274.00
Tennessee.....	21,198.26
Texas.....	27,381.25
Utah.....	5,057.48
Vermont.....	2,420.00
Virginia.....	15,707.90
Washington.....	30,746.00
West Virginia.....	12,003.00
Wisconsin.....	7,958.75
Wyoming.....	2,417.48
Philippines.....	500.00
Honolulu No. 1.....	50.00
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks.....	100.00
Anchorage No. 2, Alaska.....	4,200.00
Porto Rico No. 1.....	637.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico.....	20.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan.....	170.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany.....	2,010.00
Solo di Aruba, U.D.....	800.00
Miscellaneous.....	18,080.89



## Highlights

### Connecticut Sir Knight Delivers Soda-Can Treat for Eye Foundation

Sir Knight C. B. Fowler, Grand Jr. Warden of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, submitted the following article:

Three years ago, Sir Knight Emil G. Lido, Past Commander of Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, Connecticut, asked his daughter Joyce Porter if she had any empty soda bottles or aluminum cans she didn't want. He planned to return them for the five-cent deposit and contribute it to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This simple request grew into a project at the High School in Wethersfield, Connecticut, where Mrs. Porter teaches, resulting in a collection during calendar year 1992 of 11,573 cans and bottles. At the recent installation of officers of Washington Commandery, Mrs. Porter presented a check to the Eye Foundation in the amount of \$578.65. Another \$50 was added to the total by Sir Knight Lido.

Asked how she got it all started, Joyce explained that, with permission from the administration at the school, she placed collection boxes in the teachers' lounge and in other staff areas. The custodians brought in those they found around the school grounds. During 1992, while construction was underway on a modernization project, the workers saved their cans and bottles for the teachers. Some of the teachers even made weekly trips to the school during the summer months to collect the contributions from the construction force.

Washington Commandery has requested the Eye Foundation to award a Patron Certificate to Joyce Porter, and Associate Patron Certificates to all of the dedicated workers who were instrumental in making this endeavor a success: Walter Wewiorski, Paul Gustafson, John Saccente, Diane Gullotta, Cynthia Greenblatt, John Landry, Bruce Cusanelli, Deiphine Farrelly, and John

Hegenbart, and of course, Sir Knight Emil Lido.

### KTEF Benefits from Sale of New Hampshire York Rite Belts



Great Father's Day gift, and all proceeds from sale go to the Eye Foundation! Made in New Hampshire by some skilled Masons, they are 51 inches long and made of tough webbing for strength. York Rite designs are woven into a heavy black background and will not disappear with wear. Lettering is gold thread. A brass buckle complements the belt. Please make out your checks for \$12.00 to: Frederick H. Heuss, P.G.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue; Rochester; NH 03867. Price includes postage.

### 85-Year-Old Virginia Sir Knight Has Sixty-Three-Year Masonic Career

Sir Knight Durwood Belmont Adams, Jr., Eminent Commander of Hampton Commandery No. 17, Newport News, Virginia, is a sixty-three-year Mason and is eighty-five years old, according to Sir Knight Eugene W. Wiggins, P.D.D.G.C. and former editor of the Virginia Supplement. He was Raised in Kanawha Lodge No. 20, A.F. & A.M., Charleston, West Virginia, on May 2, 1930. He completed the Scottish Rite degrees two weeks later and became a member of Beni-Kedem Temple, AAOONMS,

## from the Masonic Family

on May 17, 1930. Sir Knight Durwood was Exalted



to the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in 1931 in Tyrian R.A.C. No. 13, and Knighted in 1934 in Kanawha Commandery No. 4, Charleston.

He retired from the newspaper business, and after receiving his fifty-year veteran's emblem from the Symbolic Lodge, affiliated with local Masonic bodies in Newport News, VA.

Sir Knight Durwood has served as High Priest of three Royal Arch Chapters; Warwick 80, Uroy Harris 83, and Wilbur A. Spain 84; served three terms as Worthy Patron of Mildred Warner Chapter No. 129, O.E.S., Gloucester; and served two terms as Royal Patron of Faith Court No. 12, Order of the Amaranth. He is a member of Virginia Research Royal Arch Chapter No. 1753, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., Alex M. Conner Council No. 201, Allied Masonic Degrees, Hampton Roads York Rite College No. 95, Fayetteville Council No. 27, R. & S.M., North Carolina, and the Royal Order of Scotland.

This Sir Knight is an accomplished ritualist and is an inspiration to all.

### **Pennsylvania Brother Frank E. Jobe Supreme Tall Cedar of Lebanon, N. Am.**

At a mid-winter conference held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, during the month of January 1993, Frank E. Jobe was installed as Supreme Tall Cedar of Lebanon of North America.

Brother Jobe was Raised as a Master Mason in 1946 at Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, F & A.M., in Latrobe, PA, and became a Tall Cedar in 1947. He is a member of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, a 32<sup>o</sup>, Valley of Coudersport, PA, and a member of Syria Temple, AAONMS, Pittsburgh, PA. He served as Scribe of Westmoreland Forest No. 77 from 1957 to 1974, Grand Tall Cedar in 1977, Trustee in 1982, District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of District No. 19 from 1981 to 1983, and Supreme Treasurer from 1985 to 1989. He is a Past Secretary/Treasurer of the Past and Present Officers Association, District No. 19, a life member of the Tall Cedar Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, and a member of the Tall Cedar Key Club.



## **History of the Grand Encampment**

### **Chapter XXII Uniforms**

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

This Special Committee reported at the 44th Triennial Conclave in San Francisco in 1949, and proposed the following amendment, which was adopted:

"Section 62:

(a) The Order of Knights Templar is declared to be a uniform order.

'(b) The purchase of a uniform by a candidate shall be optional unless the Grand Commandery holding jurisdiction shall require each member of its Constituent Commanderies to be provided with a Templar uniform.

'(c) Each and every Officer of any Constituent or Subordinate Commandery shall be required to own and possess a dress uniform prior to his installation.

"(d) Each Constituent or Subordinate Commandery shall maintain a unit or units equipped with full Templar dress as prescribed in chapter XIX of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, or that prescribed by the several Grand Commanderies, to be worn at full form openings, and conferring of the Order of the Temple."

Many opinions were represented both for and against such a radical change in the Constitution, but the increasing cost of the uniform, the question of its style and comfort and the possibility of its being an unfavorable influence in soliciting new members were deciding points in the adoption of the amendment, far outweighing

the plea for retaining the uniform on the basis of its being the outward symbol by which the public judged the allegiance of Knights Templar to Christianity.

The requirement of a uniform is now in the hands of each Grand Commandery. From the sentiments expressed at the Conclave, there does not seem to be much doubt that most, if not all, of them will make it optional. However, the officers, degree units and drill teams must be uniformed. It still remains to be seen whether this is the final solution of the uniform problem, which has disturbed the Grand Encampment for so many years.

### **Chapter XXIII**

#### **Biographies Of The Grand Masters**

From the organization of the Grand Encampment in 1816 to the Conclave in 1949, there have been thirty-six Grand Masters to preside over the forty-four Conclaves of this great Christian Order. In the early years it was not unusual for a Grand Master to hold office for several terms, but since 1865, only one term has been the rule.

In the list of Grand Masters given here it will be noted that they have come from all parts of the country. New York has had five, Massachusetts, Ohio, California and Illinois three and six States have had two each, the rest being scattered among the remaining states. It is interesting to note that eighteen were members of the legal profession, twelve were in various types of business, two in the ministry, three in medicine, and one in dentistry.

While each Grand Master has had his own individual personality and methods,



they seem to have had the qualities most needed at the time they held office. For example, Sir Knight W. B. Hubbard, an able jurist, was the great leader when the organization needed a firm and decisive hand to establish its supremacy, while Sir Knight B. B. French was at the helm when his conciliatory and friendly touch kept the Order united throughout the nation during the critical period of the Civil War.

Each has given generously of himself, of his time and talents, while holding high the banner of the Order, and proclaiming its high purposes, great principles, glorious ideals, and its Christian character.

## **DEWITT CLINTON**

### **First Grand Master**

#### **1816-1828**

DeWitt Clinton was born on March 2, 1769, at Little Britain, New York, the son of James Clinton, a Captain of the Provincial Troops in the French and Indian War, and later a Brigadier General of the American Army during the Revolutionary War. Clinton attended the public school in Little Britain and the Academy of Kingston. In 1784 he entered Columbia College from which he graduated in 1786. Soon after his graduation he took up the study of law with Samuel Jones, an eminent lawyer of New York City. He was admitted to the bar in 1790.

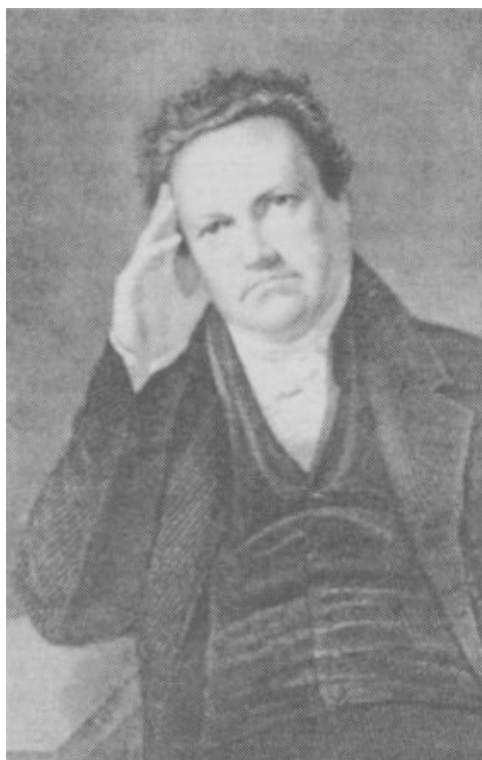
From 1790 to 1795 he served as secretary to his uncle, George Clinton, who was then Governor of New York. In 1798 he was elected to the State Senate and at once become a dominant factor in New York politics. He continued as an able leader of his party for over twenty-five years.

In 1802 he was elected to the United States Senate, but resigned the next year to become Mayor of New York City, which office he held for ten years between 1803

and 1815. He became Governor of New York in 1817 serving two terms. He was again elected in 1825 and served until his death in 1828. During his terms as Governor he devoted much energy to the building of the Erie Canal, which he was fortunate to see completed in 1823. He passed away suddenly at his home in Albany on February 11, 1828.

DeWitt Clinton was raised in Holland Lodge No. 16 (now No. 8) on September 3, 1790. He became secretary of the Lodge in 1792 and was elected Worshipful Master in 1793. In 1806 he was chosen Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York and held that office until 1819.

He was exalted in "Old" or "Ancient" Chapter No. 1 in New York City in 1791. At the formation of the Grand Chapter of New York in 1798 he was elected Grand High Priest and was twice re-elected. In 1816 he was elected General Grand High Priest and continued in that office until 1826.



## 16th Holy Land Pilgrimage

A total of eighty-four Christian ministers from forty grand jurisdictions have returned from the 16th Holy Land Pilgrimage. Forty-three ministers were on the First Section with Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley, P.G.C. of Michigan, as their servant, and forty-one ministers were on the Second Section with Sir Knight R. Frank Williams, P.G.C., Indiana, as their servant.

The ministers experienced the holiness of the Holy Land. When they read the Bible, they will experience what they are reading because they were there. The Bible has come alive for them. They will preach with authority because they have walked where Jesus walked.

To date a total of 591 Christian ministers from forty-six grand jurisdictions have made the pilgrimage to the Holy Land as the guests of the Knights Templar, since 1977 when the 1st pilgrimage of seven Christian ministers left New York.

Plans for the 17th **Holy Land** Pilgrimage have been made. The First Section will be from February 8 through February 18, 1994, and the Second Section will be from February 21 through March 3, 1994. The cost will be approximately \$1439.00 from New York.

It is not too early to start making plans for the 17th Holy Land Pilgrimage. Your fund-raising programs can start now. Your minister selection programs can start now. Sir Knights, let us send at least one Christian minister from every state on the upcoming 17th Holy Land Pilgrimage. Your support of this great Christian Templar program is greatly appreciated.

Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage  
R. Frank Williams, P.G.C., Indiana  
Co-chairman  
P. Fred Lesley, P.G.C., Michigan  
Co-chairman

## 3rd Holy Land Pilgrimage Medallion



*Artist's rendering of Holy Land Pilgrimage Medallion*

The 3rd Holy Land Pilgrimage medallion has been created. It is a beautiful  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bronze medallion depicting the crucified Christ and the empty tomb, a scene with which every Knight Templar is familiar. Only three hundred of these medallions have been struck, so you will want to get your keepsake now before they are all gone. The

cost is \$40.00 each, and \$18.00 of each will be returned to the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund of your Grand Commandery.

To purchase one of these beautiful medallions and at the same time make a contribution to the Holy Land Pilgrimage, please write to: P. Fred Lesley, P.O. Box 498, Battle Creek, MI 49016.



*View of reverse side*

# The Characteristics Of Christian Knighthood

by Dr. Howard R. Towne

Recently some in a major church denomination in our country have called our order anti-Christ. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Christianity is the soul of Templary. Apart from the life, death, resurrection and ascension of the Son of God, it has little meaning or reason for being. It is based on the Christian religion. Knights Templar are Christian Soldiers.

An eminent writer recently said, "One of the best evidences of religion is the type personality it produces." How different are the characteristics of a person who declares his faith in Jesus Christ. Before receiving the Holy Spirit by Faith there is a spirit of fear and timidity, but afterward there is daring and boldness and power. It is the gift of God to everyone who has accepted the Risen Christ in Faith. St. Paul wrote this great truth to Timothy. In his letter he said, "God hath not given us a spirit of fear but power and love and a sound mind." Well, that is something to get out of one's religion. And many knights have it. Ours is a great age of fear. Next to war itself, there is nothing of which we would like to rid the world as the scourge of fear. Millions of lives today are tinted by, poisoned, or all but ruined by fear. I don't need to enumerate them. "Eliminate fear," says one of our great medical doctors, "and 75% of the world's ills will vanish." Now that is one of the characteristics that Christianity eliminates. It gives us a spirit of power.

Real power is a matter of the inner man. It is of spirit and not of flesh. The power of His Spirit transforms fear to courage, doubt to conviction. It is the power by which a weak personality can become strong, a

divided personality becomes unified and is the secret of peace and poise! Christians alone have the power. It is the possession of every Christian Knight.

Again observe that God has given us, not a spirit of fear, but power and love. This characteristic has nothing to do with soft sentimentality. "Love" is one of the strongest words in our vocabulary. Whenever men live in faith and obedience, the Lord gives them the spirit of love! This is a quality which cannot be personally developed. It is a quality which cannot be purchased at a drug store. It is not a windfall. It is given to us by the Holy Spirit, and when it comes, it is the mainspring of our lives. It is the steam of the boiler that makes the engine go.

This emotion expresses itself. We have Knights Templar in the world because somebody felt. We have churches because some people felt. We have Red Cross because people felt. Back of all the constructive work and all good causes is this driving emotion. No man could live in this world without the spirit of love, which is God-given. Because Christian Knights have felt, we have the Educational Foundation which operates for the purpose of lending money to college students to complete their college educations. And the Eye Foundation for research, treatment and hospitalization for injuries of eyes to prevent blindness. When this spirit comes into a Knight, it puts within his life tasks and responsibilities and opportunities which end in creativity. The whole of life is out-reaching. The very nature of our Order makes Templary one of service. "I used to pick and choose my friends," said

a Knight, "but since the spirit of true Templary has come to me, I take everybody into my heart."

Now finally, St. Paul tells us that God has given us a sound mind. This is the great need of our world today. Paul's words are, "Strengthen with might by his spirit in the inner mind." Today, there is a continuing attack upon religion, the church, ethics, morals, family values and the government itself. How Templary needs the strong mind to confront this challenge! It needs to make a bold declaration of its inner convictions. It is

a time when the world needs the affirmation of the Christian gospel expressed in the lives of Christian Knights everywhere. We need the leadership of the Soldiers of the Cross in our troubled world. Let the characteristics of Christian Knights be expressed in our communities wherever we live!

Sir Knight Howard R. Towne, D.D., G.P. Emeritus, Grand Commandery of Michigan, is a member of Traverse City Commandery No. 41, Traverse City, Michigan, and resides at 521 Webster Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

### **Recipients of the Grand Encampment Membership Jewel**

40. James F. Vaughan, Etowah Commandery No. 15, Gadsden, AL. 2-10-93.
41. Peter P. Kloskowski, Nazarene Commandery No. 24, St. Cloud, MN. 3-9-93.
42. James Henry Home, Palestine Commandery No. 20, Fayetteville, NC. 3-9-93.
43. John M. Myers, Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 12, Wichita, KS. 3-18-93.

### **Pennsylvania Knight Templar Honored at Military History Museum**

Robert E. "Sam" Beatty of Avalon was formally inducted into the Hall of Valor in Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, March 27, 1993.

Plc. Beatty was awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism while serving as a member of Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division in action against enemy aggressor forces at Bloody Ridge and Heartbreak Ridge in South Korea on April 8 and 9, 1952.

The Hall of Valor is part of the military history museum, wherein Allegheny County honors recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver

Star, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. At this time there are over 250 men honored. Each plaque contains a photo of the man, a picture of the medal, and the deed.

Mr. Beatty is an active member and past officer of several organizations including the 1st Marine Division Association, the Marine Corps League, Perry-Ionic Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons, Allegheny Commandery of Knights Templar, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Pittsburgh, Syria Shrine Temple, Robert D. Fleming, Post #2454 VFW, DAy, Valley Veterans Association, Islam Grotto, and Teutonia Maennerchor. He is an alumnus of Carnegie Mellon University.

## The Family of Freemasonry Featured in Rose Parade

by Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt R.E.P.G.C.  
Grand Commandery of California

For the second year, the Family of Freemasonry was represented by a beautiful float in the 1993 New Year's Day Rose Parade at Pasadena, California. This parade has one of the largest television audiences of any program, with more than three million estimated viewers live and on the screen. The float was sponsored and produced by the Grand Lodge of California, with approval of Brother and Sir Knight Stanley Cazneaux, then-Grand Master. It was financed largely by individual California Lodges and private contributions. It received financial support from almost all of the concordant bodies in California, as well as twenty other Masonic jurisdictions. The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of California, and the two other York Rite bodies were among those making financial contributions.

In keeping with the "Entertainment on Parade" theme of the 1993 parade, this float was entitled "Masons in Music." It was fifty-five feet long, and included three rotundas on which the theme was represented. One group played the music of Amadeus Mozart; another featured **John Philip Sousa** marches. The third featured a contemporary Brother Mason, western singer and composer Ferlin **Husky**. He was joined by his wife Marvis (an Eastern Star), daughter Jennifer and son Terry (also a Mason). Brother Ferlin has sold over twenty million records, and has appeared in 18 movies and numerous TV shows. He has a star on Hollywood Boulevard, right next to that of Brother Gene Autry.

In keeping with the "family" theme, the following also rode on the float: Jennifer Mentel, Miss International Job's Daughters, from Illinois; Cynthia Jopson, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order Rainbow for Girls, from California; Thomas Denslow, International Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay, from New Mexico; and Mrs. Jeannie Walls, of California, Grand High Priestess, White Shrine of Jerusalem.

The basic float cost was \$75,000, with other expenses bringing the total to approximately \$100,000. Over seven hundred youths of the Job's Daughters, Rainbow, and DeMolay from all parts of California worked for several days to mount, by hand, all of the flowers and greenery which covered the float. There were so many young volunteers that they loaned themselves out to other floats, and became outstanding ambassadors for the Fartilly of Freemasonry. Their food was provided by Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar.

The following Grand Lodges made contributions to assist in the cost of this float, which is now becoming very much an "international project": Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Arizona, New Jersey, Ohio, New York, Nevada, Kansas, District of Columbia, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Mexico, Philippines, and one Lodge in France.

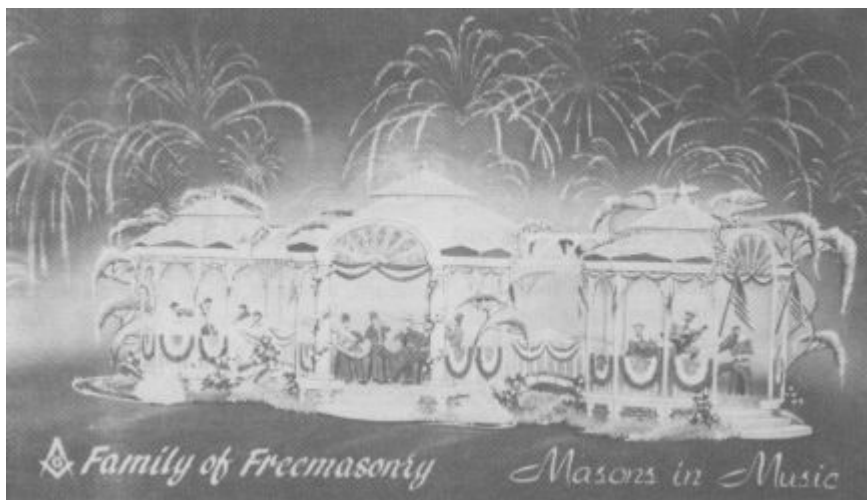
Under the leadership of Sir Knight Stan Channon, Past Grand Master of Masons of California, work is well underway to raise funds and produce a

That for 1994. The overall theme of that parade will be: Fantastic Adventure." With the number of great adventures and events in which Masons have been involved, there are ample opportunities for an excellent theme for next year's Family of Freemasonry Float. Brother R. Stephen Doan, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of California (and a Sir Knight), is very much behind this project. Committee Chairman Brother Stan Channon advises that all financial help will be gratefully received. Donations or inquiries should be sent to: Tournament of Roses Committee, P.O. Box 3377, Arcadia, CA 91066-3377.

Furthermore, readers are reminded to be on the watch for an interesting commemorative pin, tee shirts, and other memorabilia which are used to support this worthwhile project.

Most of all, if you can't be on Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena next New Year's Day, be at the television to enjoy the next "pride of Freemasonry" - the 1994 Family of Freemasonry Rose Parade Float!

Sir Knight. W. Bruce Pruitt, R.E.P.G.C., California, is a member of Palo Alto Commandery No. 47, Palo Alto, California, and resides at 14101 Manuella Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022



### **Ohio Sir Knight Is Knight Templar Of The Month!**

Sir Knight L Glen Marshall is a 50-year member in Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery since 1942; a member of Scottish Rite, 50 years in May 1993; a Shriner and an Eastern Star member, 44 years. He is a KYCH; a 33<sup>o</sup> Mason; a Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Master of Council and Past Commander; a Past Sovereign of Red Cross, Past Preceptor of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, and Past Sovereign of A.M.D.

His civic record includes 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years on school board, a past president of chamber of commerce, a past president of auto dealers' association and an active member in his local church for 58 years.

He is 77 years old, has been married 55 years, and has 4 adult children.

Sir Knight Marshall is a member of Fostoria Commandery No. 62, Fostoria, Ohio. His mailing address is: P.O. Box 852, Fostoria, OH 44830

The author wrote in a letter that arrived with this *article*: *"The Emerson quotation came to mind about the same time I was recalling some of my many Masonic Brothers. Now, at age eighty-five, many of them have passed to the unseen Temple above. But their shadows cast across my path have influenced me in many ways. Hence, the enclosed article."*

## LONG SHADOWS

by Sir Knight William J. Ellenberger

When Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: "An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man," he probably did not have a particular institution in mind. Had he been a Freemason, he might have written that our Craft is the lengthened shadow of millions of members. Each Brother, including those who have passed this way before, casts his shadow and makes Freemasonry what it is today.

In over six decades of membership in the Craft, I have seen a tremendous range of shadows. Each of these is proportional to the way that Freemasonry is accepted in the hearts of its members. The dues paying but inactive members who seldom attend Lodge are at one end of the scale. At the other are the officers and devoted "sideliners" who are ready always to accept committee and other assignments so they can "lend a hand." Often, though, the less visible Brothers do their best work outside the meeting room where it does not show. They work not for recognition but because of true devotion to our Masonic teachings.

I recall one Master and later Grand Master who, after the formalities of recognizing the officers and dignitaries present, called up the members not previously recognized. He always had a good word for them emphasizing that they are the heart of the

Lodge. Yet unfortunately, there is another group of equally devoted Masons who do not receive any recognition at all. Through circumstances of their profession or vocation, they cannot attend regularly or accept a station in the Lodge. Despite their absence, they live by the tenets of our Fraternity and are actually an asset to the Craft. Two such men were Daniel Willard, a long-time president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and Andrey A. Potter, a long-time Dean of Engineering at Purdue University.

### **Daniel Willard (1861-1942)**

Willard descended from a line of hardy, independent Vermonters. At the age of seven he was responsible for keeping the kitchen wood box filled, regardless of the weather. At fifteen he was superintendent of the Sunday school. His first railroad job, track laborer at \$5.40 per week, was the bottom rung of the ladder that ultimately led to the top job in railroading. From there he moved up - Fireman, engineer, road foreman of engines, chief clerk, assistant general manager, vice president to president - in thirty-one years of rugged labor, concentrated study, and wide experience; he moved back and forth across the country as he undertook greater

responsibilities. He became president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in 1910, serving the company thirty-one years at which time he retired as president, but continued as chairman of the board of directors until his death.

He received the symbolic degrees in Crescent Lodge No. 66, Lyndonville, Vermont, in 1882. His work took him to Minneapolis, where he took a demit in 1889 and became a charter member of Arcana Lodge No. 187. Among his close Masonic friends were James J. Hill (another great railroader), labor leader Samuel Gompers, and the heads of three railway labor unions.

The rugged life of a railroader made him tough mentally and physically. Having learned responsibility at home he never avoided a task that would give him more and broader experience. He dealt with superiors, equals, and subordinates fairly and openly, never taking advantage of his position. His negotiations with labor unions were marked by a calm discussion of problems and a mutually agreed upon solution. Having occupied all the positions covered by union membership he could appreciate their viewpoint. Completely unassuming, he and his family lived in a residence distinguished by simplicity and dignity.

As he reached the top of his profession, there were increasing demands upon his time to undertake civic, educational, and other public service responsibilities. If he was not a frequent attendee at Lodge meetings, he certainly set an example outside the lodge room of all the characteristics we value. He was first among his peers, an industry statesman who set an example for a whole generation of railroad employees from track maintenance foreman to president. He was not a large man, he weighed less than 125 pounds when he became a locomotive engineer, but he cast a long shadow.

## **Andrey A. Potter (1882-1979)**

This fifteen-year-old immigrant from Russia easily passed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology entrance examinations in French, German, and mathematics but "flunked" English. After a year of "prep" school he was admitted and graduated with the class of 1903. The young mechanical engineer worked briefly for General Electric until he found his niche in engineering education, first at Kansas State Agricultural College. But the greater part of his half-century in engineering education was at Purdue. Over 30,000 engineering students were directly influenced by his teaching, his ideals, and his personality. Most of his students felt a strong bond of friendship; many became national leaders in engineering.

Retirement from the deanship was the beginning of another two decades of service to his profession and to his country in which he continued former activities and undertook new ones. He continued to serve as a consultant on engineering education to universities and the U.S. service academies. His last major service to the nation was membership on the board of the National Science Foundation from 1951 to 1958, but he considered his most challenging job to be president of Bituminous Coal Research, devoted to finding new uses for and more efficient use of coal. It was during this period that he came to know Daniel Willard, president of a major coal hauling railroad.

Potter received the degrees in Lafayette Lodge No. 16, Manhattan, Kansas, in 1915. In 1922 he transferred to Lafayette Lodge No. 123, Lafayette, Indiana. He was inducted into the Acacia Fraternity at Kansas State and upon relocation to Purdue he became advisor to the Purdue Chapter of Acacia. In 1970 the Grand Lodge of Indiana awarded him the prestigious Caleb B. Smith medal.



The teachings of our Craft are evident in Dean Potter's writings and talks on a wide variety of subjects. As a teacher, he was forever seeking more light. He showed consideration for his colleagues regardless of rank or position. Ten doctorate degrees did not affect his humility. He said: "The secret of success is to love one's fellow men," certainly a Masonic tenet. During his ninety-seven years, Dean Potter cast an increasingly long shadow, not lost by death because he had influenced generations of engineers and members of our Craft who have followed him.

Freemasonry covers the face of the earth and embraces men bound by belief in the Great Architect of the Universe who desire to improve themselves and serve their fellow men; that service takes many forms. Each of us in our daily life is making some contribution to our Craft and our fellow men. That contribution is measured by the shadow we cast. What is the length of your shadow?

Sir Knight William J. Ellenberger is a member of Marion Commandery No. 36, Marion, Ohio, and resides at 15234 Sky High Road, Escondido, CA 92025-2401

### **Annual Masonic Day At The Alamo**

Annual Masonic Day at the Alamo is held the first Saturday of each March. The Grand Commandery of Texas is proud that for the third year in a row the Grand Commandery was represented in uniform. The Sir Knights in the picture are, left to right: front row: Wintford H. Owen, R.E.P.G.C.; James N. Higdon, immediate Past Commander; Edward L. Reid, Captain General; Robert L. Jett, Generalissimo; Roger N. Pena, Guard; and Frank E. Draper, P.C., Recorder; back row: R. Furman Vinson, P.G.C.; Sam E. Hilburn,



P.G.C.; Donald L. Smith, South Central Dept. Commander; James M. Willson, Jr., P.G.C.; Robert P. Walker, then - Grand Commander of Texas; and Charles L. Smith, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commandery of Texas

### **Florida Sir Knight Is Treasurer 35 To 46 Years In Local And Grand Bodies**

Sir Knight Russell W. Houston of Miami, Florida, is very proud to have been honored since his Raising in 1924 with many offices in Blue Lodge; Chapter, R.A.M.; Council, R. & S.M.; Shrine; Red Cross of Constantine; Order of High Priests; Order of Silver Trowel; and of course, Commandery. Among other honors he served as Worshipful Master, High Priest, Illustrious Master, Eminent Commander, and was R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida in 1949-1950. Most striking, however, may be his service as Treasurer for from 35 to 46 years in Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and also Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery. He still holds the title Treasurer Emeritus and Grand Treasurer Emeritus in all these bodies. Sir Knight Houston lives at 509 E. Ridge Village Drive, Miami, FL 33157

## Letter To Masons - Everywhere!

Greetings, my Brothers in Freemasonry: Please extend to me a few moments of your valuable time on a subject of great importance to those of us in the Craft, in this great country and round the world, where freedom rings. The woeful beast of sectarian extremism in religion is once again rearing its head in the form of anti-Masonic influences. For those who attended the Scottish Rite December stated meeting, I presented an anti-Masonic film which could sway the unknowing or uninformed. Religious extremism is our age-old antagonist, whom we have faced through the pages of history, and as it has been in the past, it is now in the present and will be in the future. Even now, with the Grand Lodge of France having aided in setting up the first Lodge in Moscow and aiding other Lodges in Russia, and with brand new Lodges popping up all over, wherever the people have been just set free and liberty has taken root, our enemies are around us.

The message of Freemasonry is very simple: All men and women have the God given right to freedom, and they have the right to think for themselves in all matters, be these matters, civil, political or religious' Masonic law compels us to be lovers of all religions the world over, and to be faithful to whatever religion we would choose to worship or follow. The anti-Masonic extremists are at their vile work in all faiths, attempting to pressure Freemasons to choose between their chosen religion and their membership in Blue Lodges. The prime example of this was at the Southern Baptist Church's convention of 1992, where some forced the creation of a special investigation of Freemasonry by the Interfaith Witness Department, to see if the Christian faith and Freemasonry are compatible to one another.

A leader of this investigation has beforehand publicly admitted that, no matter what the investigation finds, unless the inquiry finds against and does so condemn Freemasonry worldwide, the report is to be overlooked and ignored and resolutions condemning Freemasonry to be acted on at once!

My Brethren, these deeds and plans are as old as history itself. Everywhere there are those who hate freedom and wish to suppress the grand Masonic beliefs. I truly believe these persons should seek pause and reflect upon the true tenets of the Craft, and realize Masons are true lovers of freedom - Why else the God given right of freedom to choose, above all else?

Whenever and wherever oppression bears its bloody fangs, Masons are always first to act. So now we should act to stop the slander. All Masonic students of history know the true roots of all the world's freedoms were founded and flowered by the Freemasons.

Brothers, please write the following three people, who oversee the Southern Christian Baptist Convention and their investigation of Freemasonry, a simple statement of fact, that you have never found any conflict between Freemasonry and your faith. Now is the time for all good Masons to act. Please write the following: Dr. Ed Young, President, Southern Baptist Convention, 6400 Woodway, Houston, TX 77057; Dr. Morris Chapman, Exec. Sec./Treas., Executive Committee, S.B.C., 901 Commerce St., Suite 750, Nashville, TN 37203; Dr. Mark Coppenger, S.B.C., Public Relations Office, 901 Commerce St., Suite 750, Nashville, TN 37203.

The findings for the investigation will be handed down at the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14-17, at the Astrodome in Houston, Texas, so please write your letters now, to make your true feelings known and counted.

Col. Terance L. Kelly  
P.O. Box 3443  
Scottsdale, AZ 85271-3443

Last week another Lodge "bit the dust." Of course, it didn't simply die leaving the Brothers without a place to meet. It merged with another, more vigorous and larger Lodge. The same could be said almost monthly for Masonic bodies at all levels. This is a tragedy.

Presumably, members of that Lodge joined *that* Lodge because they felt a very special relationship with it. But except for the very few, most of them did little more than pay their annual dues afterwards. These, past lessons teach us, probably dropped away entirely, not even paying dues anymore; and thus the numbers decreased.

Economic conditions have little to do with it. During the Depression, which extended into the 1930s at its deepest point, many members were lost to Masonry through simple inability to pay dues. Following the recovery which began in the late '30s with preparations for World War II and continued through World War II, a growth period started for Masonic activities and exploded in the 1950s. Since then the decline has been steady. Why?

Question: What do Masons do besides meet to pay their bills and make other men Masons?

If a man has been a Mason for more than a very few years, he has almost certainly been asked that question in one form or another. Unfortunately, for most Masonic bodies, at whatever level, the answer, if truthful, would have to be: "Oh, we do lots of things: We attend Masonic funerals. We have fascinating stated meetings, at which, in addition to paying our bills, we discuss who is sick and/or incapacitated; we review items of old business and discuss items of new business, particularly how to get more members; and when we meet, we eat!"

Of course, the so-called "higher" bodies have one limitation on getting new membership, i.e., they must be members

## **Obituary For A Lodge**

by Sir Knight  
Donald L. Dorward

of a Blue Lodge. This limits our ability to solicit new members to join our more elaborate organization. Since the "higher" bodies usually cover a larger geographic area; when they die from inanition, those members are usually lost, permanently, to that particular appendant Masonic body.

Of course, there have been many speeches made and articles written concerning the place of boredom in the destruction of the Masonic superstructure. I won't belabor the issue any further.

My thought has to do with another problem of Masonry; the proliferation of so-called appendant Masonic bodies; and the implied, if not obvious, elitism which accompanies these bodies.

Through the 18th century, particularly in France, at one time there may have been as many as 2,200 so-called "eccosais" (Scottish) degrees being conferred. For many of the Scottish Masons who were exiled in France

following the Jacobite rebellions in Scotland, the creation and selling of these degrees to new Masons was a way of supporting themselves and their families.

Ultimately, cooler heads prevailed and the Scottish Rite degrees were reduced to approximately thirty with the formation of the first Grand Orient in Charleston, South Carolina. One degree, the Super Excellent Master, found its way into the

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Counsel degrees. These relatively few degrees have been subject to change in the nearly two hundred years since, but the idea was a good one.

Now, today, I doubt if there is anyone who can provide a record of all of the so-called Masonic degrees which can be conferred. There are several organizations which were formed for the purpose of research and Masonic education. With few exceptions, even these have created new rituals and become degree-conferring organizations. The degrees, and orders, being conferred, range from the sublime (such as the Order of the Temple, the Super Excellent Master, the 32nd Degree, and others) to the almost profane and certainly ridiculous. (I happen to be a member of Kennel No. 1 of the Yellow Dogs). A man would need to have a fortune to be able to pay dues if he were to attempt to belong to all Masonic-related organizations. Certainly, he would need to have more time than is available in the average day, week, month and/or year. His wife would truly be a "Masonic widow" and his children "Masonic orphans."

However, the average Mason avoids the problem through another facet of the system.

Question: "How should Masons meet?"

We all know the answer to that, hearing that at the close of every Lodge meeting. My mother, a former school teacher, used to have a favorite saying, "Your actions speak so loud I can't hear what you say." How true this is of so many of these appendant bodies. Membership in many of these bodies is by invitation only. Membership is restricted to a relatively few, and no vacancies occur except by death or transfer. A very casual, and brief, survey of the leadership of those bodies demonstrates a vast duplication of names. The end result is that many Masons who might be interested and possibly have talents useful to such organizations never get an opportunity to demonstrate that they have something to offer. The reason, ultimately, is that one has to be "somebody" with money before he is even invited to look at the possibilities of these other organizations. A brief survey of the meetings during the "Masonic Week" in Washington, D.C., is a good illustration of what I am saying.

There are ways that the problems of boredom and elitism can be reduced, if not overcome. We might take a lesson from some of our European Brethren.

One of the problems of our American culture is a firm belief in "bigger is better." When I was Master of my Lodge, five of the ten largest Lodges in the state, including the largest, were located in that same community. All had memberships near, or above, the one thousand member level. Looking at the largest Lodge, there probably was not more than one or two nights a year when they would have as much as 10% of their membership present. The one special night called for nearly that 10% just to participate in the work being done. That was an exceptional meeting, for Masons

only, which attracted bus loads of visitors from all over that part of the state. While that did much to impress Brother Masons, it did little to improve Masonic communications among the Brethren.

There has been at least one state in the United States whose Grand Lodge had a policy that if a Lodge had more than 250 members, they should seriously consider splitting into two or more Lodges. In today's society, it is almost impossible to maintain really close relationship with even that many men and families. Freemasonry is supposed to encourage close social relations among its members. How can you maintain close social relations if you don't know who is sitting next to you?

In Europe, it is quite common for Lodges of less than one hundred members to be encouraged to split. There is an element of discipline which is lacking in all of the American Lodges. There, one is expected to attend the meetings, and he is subject to censure if, for no good reason, he fails to attend the meetings. It is interesting that the ritual

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speaks of one being notified of a meeting "by summons." As a lawyer, I'm well experienced in issuing a summons to require people to appear in court. They don't kid about it in the European Lodges.

Secondly, advancement isn't automatic. You are expected to wait for a period of time before you advance to even the second and third degrees. Meetings, in most of those Lodges, are conducted in the Entered Apprentice Degree because that is where the bulk of the membership can be found.

One earns the right to advancement, but with a small membership, if one applies himself, he not only may advance, but he has a good opportunity to become an officer. In a smaller Lodge, one rapidly becomes very well acquainted with all of the members, and there is incentive for social interaction outside of the Lodge.

Furthermore, the successful Lodges don't just meet to "pay bills and make Masons." They have programs to make it worth the while for the members to attend. Horrible thought: They might even be educational programs, since education was one of the original purposes for the Lodges' existence. Young men might be more interested if there were something for them to do besides sit on the sidelines and watch their elders perform.

When I speak of elitism, I do not deny the reason and attraction for individuals to be honored for special contributions which can benefit the Fraternity or society in general. The conferral of honor is an essential part of all society, not just ours.

However, if the ritual requires an organization have only a limited number of members, and the organization or order has a truly beneficial purpose, what is to prevent the formation of more chapters of that organization to allow others who might be interested and able to become members? if the proliferation of Masonic-related organizations is of value to the Fraternity, then there is no reason to exclude men who have already established their credentials by being elected to membership in the Blue Lodge. We emphasize that "No Mason is a higher Mason than the Third Degree of the Blue Lodge."

Unless we practice what we preach, in today's society there will be plenty of people to point fingers at us and sneer.

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For sale: 1001h anniversary plate of Damascus Commandery No. 42, Detroit, MI. Only 200 eight and one half inch plates were struck for the anniversary, 1891-1991. We still have some available for \$25 plus \$6 S & H - total: \$31. As Damascus has since consolidated with Detroit Commandery, this will be a collector's item from this famous Commandery. Very limited supply, so order now. Mail check to Detroit Commandery No. 1, K. I.; Masonic Temple; 500 Terre Ave.; Detroit, MI 48201.

Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 1, Knights Terr4r. And Union Council No. 7, Royal & Select Masters, Pensacola, FL, are celebrating their 125th anniversary with a joint medallion - Commandery on one side. Council on the other - in one oz. .999 fine slyer for \$20, bronze for \$5, and aluminum for \$2.50. Send check or money order to The York Rio Bodies of Pensacola. P.O. Box 18 13, Pensacola. FL 32598.

Members of Hanselmann Commandery No. 16 have started publishing a monthly newspaper. The Cincinnati Mason is a monthly publication which is sent free to all Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies in the southwest Ohio area, it features news and articles of current and historic interest to all Masons. From those of our subscribers who are gifted with the art of rhetoric, we ask for submissions of articles. Subscriptions are available to individuals for a \$15 annual fee. Please do not send cash. Make your check payable to The Cincinnati Mason, and mail to 1516 Chapel St., Cincinnati, OH 45206.

Great gift idea for Past Commanders' night and incoming new Knights, and a great gift for any holiday - a beautiful Knights Templar certificate for sale. The certificate is 1104 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 Street, Allentown, PA 18104. The certificate will be mailed to you within 7 days.

Elkanah Commandery No. 30, Bemidji, MN, has a dozen or more fatigue caps, and a dozen baldries. They would like to dispose of these to any Commandery that can use them. Don Churchill, Recorder; 2514 Bemidji Ave.; Bemidji, MN 56601

Wanted: Commandery jacket, size 46 rag. If you have such a coat that you want to sell or pass on, please contact Theodore Delaney (C. G. Sullivan-Hugh de Paynes Commandery), Elm Street, Extension RI. 3-497; Claremont; NH 03743; (603) 542-6404

For sale: limited number of new C.P.O. coats, sizes 48XL and 42S (no 4.4s or 465). These can be posted. Also, sizes 33S to 38XL, inclusive. Price is \$20 plus postage while they last. Will sell 33S for pocket flap material for \$5 each. This is an opportunity to put your Commandery in uniform at a low cost. J. William Meyers, 1460 East U.S. Highway 20, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-5686 or John D. Myers, 2120 North State Road 127, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-2797

Sir Knight in Commandery line needs an Ohio regulation sword (silver chrome), 33-in, or less from hilt to point. Neal W. Beck. 9983 Lady Catherine, St.Ootsboro, OH 44241-5030, (216) 626-1063

For sale: Knight Templar Commander's sword with golden hue face. The name Kenneth Crisholm is embossed on blade. Fine sword with ebony handle (the small cross on handle missing). Elaborately designed silver plated scabbard looks perfect. \$250, but night consider a trade of a Knight Templar or Blue Lodge ring, 10K gold, size 13-14, in good condition. Wesley L. Maple; RI. 1, Box IOG; Liberty, ME 04949

Commemorative coins, lapel pins and more for your Lodge or event by 12-year Arizona Mason. I can help you design and market your special or fund-raising event souvenir. Call me and I will quote special fraternal wholesale prices. Feel proud? Show ill Sic Lekian III, 5323 F. 10th St.; Tucson; AZ 85711-3116 or telephone: 1-8-00-758-5890. Percentage of proceeds guaranteed to directly benefit the KTEF.

Wanted: Ignition distributor for 1935 Dodge, 6-CYL - director staff parade car, Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans, LA. Call Ca! Chambers, (504) 834-1850, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Central Time.

For sale: 14 Kt. yellow gold, heavy 13 dwt. Shriner/Masonic ring set with one 2.20 ct. VSI brilliant cut diamond. Call (703) 434-4622, Harrisonburg, VA.

For sale or trade: Syria Shrine Temple glass. I have duplicate Syria Temple glasses for sale or will trade for other Masonic commemorative items. Bill Murpower, 200 Three Oaks Dr., S.F.; Calhoun, GA 30701

The Grand Lodge of Vermont kicks off its 1994 Bicentennial with an attractive lapel pin available for \$3.50. Features blue outline of Vermont, square, compasses, and G on white with gold lettering "1794-1994 Vermont 200th. Remit payment to Grand Lodge of Vermont, 431 Pine Street, Burlington, VT 05401

For sale: Middlebourne Lodge No. 34, A.F. & A.M. of Middlebourne, WV, 125-year commemorate coins at \$5 each. Remit payment to commemorate Lodge No. 34 and mail to John W. Crumrine, Sec.; HC 69, Box 31, Middlebourne; WV 26149

Wanted: Masonic catalogs. The Livingston Masonic Library & Museum of the Grand Lodge. F. & AM., seeks to expand its already strong holdings of Masonic catalogs. Although our primary collecting focus is Masonic materials, catalogs related to other fraternal organizations will also be welcome for the light they shed on the manufacture and sale of Masonic materials. We are particularly interested in catalogs from before 1950. If you or your organization have old catalogs you wish to donate or if you want to make a financial donation, contact *William D. Moore, Director; Livingston Masonic Library & Museum; 71 West 23rd St.; New York, NY 10010-4171.*

In its sixth year, *The South Carolina Masonic Research Society* has proven to be a solid investment in promoting Masonic research. Membership entitles you to a copy of the annual *Transactions*, a lapel pin, dues card and the Society's quarterly newsletter. To become a member, send your name, address, Lodge name and number, and your annual investment of \$15 to *The South Carolina Masonic Research Society; C/O Paul Hawdley, Secretary; 3 Plainfield Dr.; Charleston; SC 29407-5367.* The 1989 *Transactions*, can still be purchased, \$8; all others are \$10. *The War Years* also available, \$12.

GENEALOGY: Masons: Send #10 S.A.S.E. with surnames you need. Wives: Send maiden surname. Free info to any with Masonic affiliation, O.E.S. or other. *N. W. Rethertord, P.C., K. 7 No. 28; 6402 Alon St.; Riverside; CA 9.2509-5703.*

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

For sale: Dudley Masonic watches; also some chains and charms. Please call before 8p.m., C.D.T. (217) 245-7651.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building the collection for 23 years and still need several thousand pieces as I collect all varieties. I will gladly send you a check for each piece or will buy your collection. Any assistance will surely be appreciated. Why not find a home for your mark, as one day this collection will end up in a Masonic museum. *Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 274; Tucson; AZ 85705; (602) 888-7585.*

Wanted: Photos, equipment, or any information regarding Masons who have played baseball at any level. *Mike Gorisolin, 242 La Pere Circle Danville, CA 94526, (510) 838-0361.*

Wanted: pocket knives, jack knives, and any other cutlery item with Masonic insignia. Ardent collector wishes to assemble for display at knife shows. Masonry will be on display, tool *Joe OKm, Box 5, S. Woodstock, VT 05071.*

For sale: 2 burial plots in Masonic Garden, spaces No.3 and No. 4, Section No. 833, Block M - t. Located in Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, 8200 West National Rd., New Carlisle, OH 45344. Asking price, \$800; will sell for \$500. *Edna L. Clay, 70 Lori Lee Dr., Lafayette, IN47905, (317)447-7851.*

Wanted: a small Maltese cross, preferably in sterling silver, to be worn on a neck chain - reasonably priced. Phone (601) 489-2602. Leave message. *Donald Royce; Rt. 1, Box 137A; Pontotoc; MS 38863.*

Looking for: Romanus (Romy) F. Delay, Waco Army Air Base, 1943. Last known address: Kingston, NY. 1953. Contact *Alon Bunnell, 4116 Gthn Ave., Waco, TX 76710.*

I collect marbles, all types, all sizes. If you have any you are willing to part with, send picture of same and price if any to *John Damon, 197 Trinity St., Warwick, RI 02886.*

Collector of Nipper dogs (RCA/Victor logo), old and new. If you have such, please contact me with a description

(photo if available) and your price. Especially interested in early paper Mache dogs and chalk dogs. Would also appreciate any historical info about the early use of the dog. *Roger R. Scott, 525 South Main, No. 1111, Tulsa, OK 74103, (918)583-8.201.*

Want to exchange German area stamps: Weal and East Berlin, 3rd Reich, occupations, Croatia, Serbia, also German Empire and Republic, for same, used or mint, 50-100 stamps at a time. Also need new style Commandery jacket, 42-44 short. *Ed Rich; HG 61, Box 7; Chadeetown NH 03603, (603) 826-4285.*

Gardeners wanted to exchange seeds. For information send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to *Seed Exchangers, P.O. Box 10-K, Bumps, MI 49314-0010.*

My sincere thanks to Sir Knights who were so kind as to send me motor cycle plates. I have a few auto plates would like to trade for cycle plates. *William F Kerr, 230 S. 2nd St., Black River Falls, WI 546 15-1724.*

Patriot seeks information, stories, pictures, testimonials of heroism for a book to be titled *Chief: The Evolution, Development and Role of the Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Naval Service.* Send all with permission to print to *Joe B. Havens, Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman, U.S. Navy Retired; 3452 Highland Park Pt.; Memphis,- IN 38111.*

Would like to correspond with members of the 131h Inf. Regiment. 8th Int. Division, who served in Ulm. Germany. from Aug. 56-Dec. '57. I was in Co. C, let platoon, 3rd squad. *Bob G Ray; R.R. Z Box 32; Owingsvills, KY 40360.*

Reunion notice: 50th anniversary of the 4th Naval Seabee Special, October 28-30, 1993, Port Hueneema, CA. *For more info write 41h Naval Seabee Special Assn., PD. Box 1548; Jacksonville, IL 75766.*

Reunion: U.S.S. Hovey (DUS-11 and [-]-208), Holiday Inn-Ocwmrtewri/Malacet Square, 318 West Durango, San Antonio, TX 78204. on October 6-10. *Dusty I-Ib,tmnart, 2827 Mr,twdi St., San Diego, CA 92123, (619) 278-0985 or 278-5723.*

Reunion: LST-1063 on October 7-9, 1993, at Virginia Beach, VA. Contact *Harry McMinn. 25 W. Methodist Rd., Greenville, PA 16125, (412) 588-9575.*

Reunion: WACKY-MAC - U.S.S. McCawley (PA4-AP10), June 28-30, Holiday in Baton Rouge, LA. Crew members, Corn Amphib forces staff, U.S.C.G. guest passengers of SeaBees Army and Marines all welcome. *Frenchy Maurais, ex. C.P.O.. U.S.N.; 1116 E. Plate Dr.; Palatine; IL 60067; (708) 358-7188.*

5th Annual Reunion: U.S.S. Charles Lawrence (DE-53 and APD-37), 50th anniversary, October 8-10, Charleston, SC. *Henry B. Cranford, 14547 Pebblewood Dr., North Potomac, MD 20878, (301) 762-313.2.*

Reunion: U.S.S. Ruddy (MSF-380) in Nashville, TN, September 17-18, 1993, for crew members from 1951-1956. *George E. Bodenner, 856 South 75th Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, (4 14) 743-8755 or J. I Martin, At. I, Box 55, Coffeerville, MS 38922, (601) 675-2593.*

Reunion: The 166th General Hospital will hold a reunion, September 17-19, 1993. Contact *Helen Wenning, 6082 Meaner Rd., China, MI 48054.*

1st Reunion: U.S.S. Cebu (ARG-6), In Plymouth, IN, July 16-17, 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, (279) 936-8349.* We would also like info on disabled or deceased members.

