



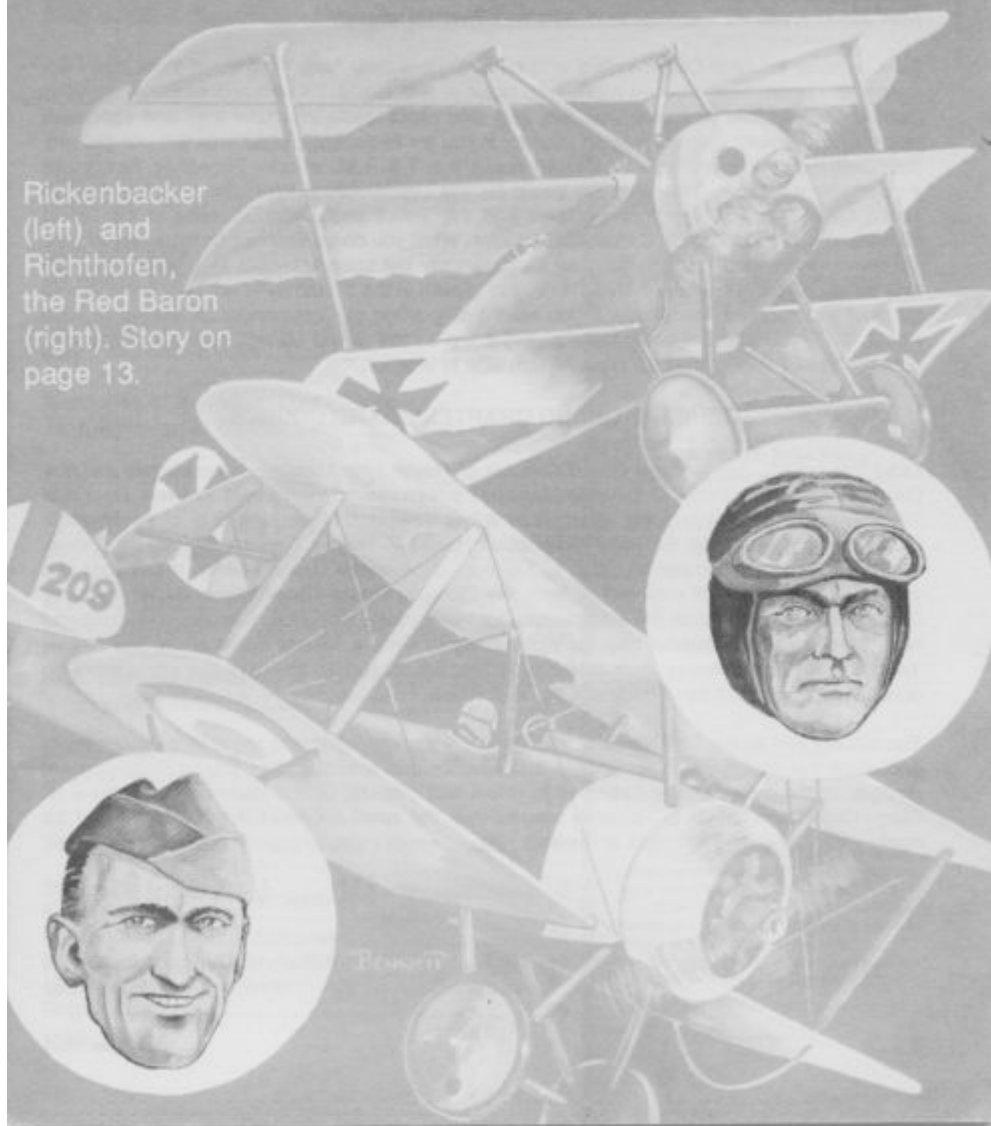
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(left) and  
Richthofen,  
the Red Baron  
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# Grand Master's Page

## September And Time To Begin



For many of you Eminent Commanders, this is the last four months of your term of office. Usually, if you have done nothing to this point, you will not do anything, so it could be another "lost year" - loss in membership, loss in interest, loss in momentum, but more especially, loss in local leadership. For those Commanders who took office during the late spring or early summer, the four months between now and January will be your most productive months. After January, you will be on the road to being a Past Commander.

So it is those Eminent Commanders who have most of their "year" in front of them that I am trying to reach. You should have had your plans made for every Conclave of your Commandery before you were installed, and also plans made with your dais and appointed officers. Remember, "No man is an island"; if you try to do it all, often you will not get any cooperation from anyone. You should make it a T.E.A.M. effort - Together Everyone Accomplishes More. This was the thrust for the Leadership Conference that was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in July for dais officers and the Senior and Junior Wardens of the Grand Commanderies of the South Central Department. What you do as Eminent Commander of your Commandery reflects not only on your Commandery but upon Masonry as a whole. We are only as strong as our weakest link. The key to growth in the Fraternity is not only membership but, just as important, leadership. If you elect a ding-a-ling as Commander (or Master or High Priest, etc.), you will eventually have a ding-a-ling as the Grand Master, Grand Commander, etc., because the delegates will have no one else to vote for.

## General Grand Chapter/Grand Council

Later this month, the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, and the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, will meet in their Triennial Convocation/Assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi. It has been one of the highlights of my Masonic career to work with Most Excellent Companion Harold F. Yaeger, General Grand High Priest, and Most Puissant Companion Evan L. Fleming, Jr., General Grand Master, these past two years. As a permanent member of both the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council, I have known both the Companions for many years. Both M.E. Companion Harold and M.P. Companion Evan have had the opportunity to write a "Guest Editorial" for the *Knight Templar* magazine during their terms of office, which should indicate the close working conditions between all three bodies of the York Rite of Freemasonry.

The officers and all the Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment join with me in wishing our sister bodies of the Rite a most productive and harmonious meeting. The Grand Encampment pledges to the new General Grand High Priest and General Grand Master, Companions R. Glenn Capps and Dalvin L. Hallaway respectively, the same cooperation that has existed for many years between the bodies of the York Rite.

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

# **Knight Templar**

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

SEPTEMBER: Our cover shows a Sopwith Pup in combat with a Dri Triplane. The story of World War I flying aces and Sir Knight Eddie Rickenbacker, America's top flying ace, starts on page 13. On page 5 Past Grand Master Donald H. Smith is back. It's time again to plan for the KTEF Voluntary Campaign - the 26th Campaign begins on December 1, in just ninety days! Sir Knight Jan L. Bederstadt, one of our pilgrim ministers, writes his inspiring account of the last Holy Land Pilgrimage, starting on page 9. Enjoy your magazine.

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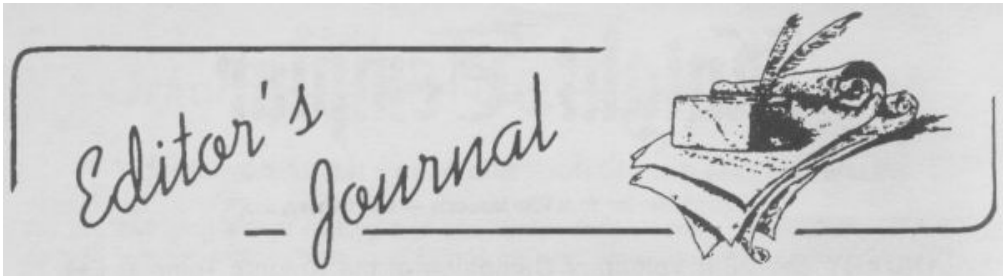
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**Greeting Card Program:** Thank you to all who have contributed to the Grand Encampment through our greeting card program; and I hope that those who have not will soon reconsider.

The money that the Grand Encampment has received over the past few years has enabled us to purchase a building. Owning this building allows us to better control the cost of the operation of our office. We have also transferred some money to the Permanent Fund of the Grand Encampment. This will help insure that there will be a Grand Encampment for future generations.

We have also not had a per capita increase since 1985, and we are trying not to have one in 1994, but we need your help. The *Knight Templar* magazine now costs the Grand Encampment more than our per capita of \$3.30 to print and mail. When I became your Grand Recorder, there were 10 full-time and 3 part-time employees, plus myself. We now have 5 full-time and 1 part-time, plus myself. We have tried to save money in our office wherever possible.

Will you please help me to keep from asking for a per capita increase by contributing to our card program today?

Thank you,  
Charles R. Neumann  
Grand Recorder

**Attention:** All Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 1993; and Grand Recorders: In the upcoming *November* issue, *Knight Templar*

magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders on November 1. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 10. If your Installation will be in late September or October, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 10. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine. This will be the final **notice**.

***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 available at \$20.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling.

# I'm Back!

## ...26th Voluntary Campaign Knights Templar Eye Foundation



by Sir Knight Donald H. Smith  
Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

The campaigns began in the fall of 1967. Sir Knight John Crofts was our Grand Master and Sir Knight Waiter DeLamater, P.G.M., was Executive Director and Founder of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I don't know what office you held, but I was Senior Warden of my Commandery. It was twenty-six years ago, and since more money was needed because of the great demand for our help, the Annual Voluntary Campaign was started. Together, the first and second Campaigns brought \$80,000.00 to the fund. It was a good start, but in contrast, the past two Campaigns - the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - have brought over \$2,000,000.00 to help us care for those in need.

In 1967, the Foundation processed 1,008 cases costing about \$300,000.00. In 1992, almost 3,000 cases were processed at a cost of almost \$5,000,000.00. In twenty-five years we have tripled the number of persons treated, but the medical costs have risen to sixteen times as much.

All of this brings us to the fact that the 26th Annual Voluntary Campaign to raise funds for the furtherance of our great charity will begin on December 1, in just ninety days. I ask every Knight Templar to become involved as a contributor, as a member of the Commandery campaign committee, and as one who can be pleasantly proud of what has happened in the past in this foundation. At just thirty-six years of age, your Eye Foundation has assisted more than 50,000 needy persons inflicted with serious sight problems at a cost of almost \$45,000,000.00.

Begin to plan now for the activities through which your Commandery will raise more funds than ever before for this worthy cause. If each of you would give a little of his time, his purse, and his intelligence, every Commandery could reach the goal of at least \$10.00 per member and every Sir Knight, a Life Sponsor.

I close with a portion of a letter received in the KTEF office, March 30, 1993.

"Dear friends of Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.:

"It is with great joy and thanks that I write this letter to you. We don't realize how much we miss our sight until we don't have it. I'm thankful that mine could be restored.

"I never knew your foundation existed until I needed assistance. May your good work continue and generous donations pour in to help others in need. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
E. W., age 55"

Let's go for Two Million this time –

Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and P.G.C. of Kentucky, is a member of Richmond Commandery No. 19, Richmond, Kentucky, and resides at 1041 Idyiwild Drive, Richmond, KY 40475

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There is hardly a person anywhere in the world who doesn't have some reaction or thought when the name "Holy Land" is mentioned. A place sacred to four religious faiths, it occupies theology as well as the nightly news. For me, a Christian minister as well as a Knight Templar, it also brings into mind many other images as I think of the place where our Savior walked, taught, was sacrificed, was resurrected and ascended into glory.

Last February, I joined forty-two other modern-day pilgrims to visit the land that has become the cradle of modern theology.

Each of us on the trip was a Christian pastor. Seven of us were also Freemasons, and six of those were Knights Templar. We represented a number of denominations from Methodist to Lutheran, Anglican to Baptist. Some, like myself, were beginning our ministries; others' ministries were coming to a close. But each of us was coming to the place we had taught about, but never seen before.

I remember being told once that one can study about children all he wants, but once one has them, one's opinions will change. Upon having children, I found it was true. So it is with visiting Israel. One may study its culture, its people; one may know all about



*The marketplace.*

*"Masonry sponsors many charities, but few touch as many people as the Holy Land Pilgrimages do."*

## **Memories of a Modern-Day Pilgrim**

by Reverend  
Jan L Belderstadt, P.C.

ancient Hebrew life, but once one has experienced it all firsthand, it becomes so much clearer and so real. Many former concepts and thoughts become discarded as new knowledge replaces them.

The Bible suddenly becomes so much more alive, as one begins to visualize the place names in color. Distances shrink as one realizes just how compact the country really is. Also a surprise are the variations of the land, from the snows atop Mt. Hermon in the north to the desert of the Negev, from the sub-tropical shores of the Mediterranean to the lowest point on earth at the Dead Sea. From palms to pine trees, from lush green to desert; all are within the small country of Israel.

The Bible is sometimes hard to understand because we look at it with a Western viewpoint, while it was written for the Eastern mind. Much of the traditions and cultures that the writer took for granted are very alien to us. But these traditions and cultures are very much alive in the Middle East today.



*Some of the Michigan pastors with their "shepherd," P. Fred Lesley, P.G.C., Chairman of the Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage, second from left.*

To see the rocky fields of Boaz, still worked like they have been for thousands of years; to walk through an "eye of the needle," a small opening in the wall; to experience the inside of a Bedouin tent and feel how the patriarchs lived; to observe fishermen still casting their nets into the Sea of Galilee or hear the Sermon on the Mount read where it was given by our Lord two thousand years ago - these bring it all to life.

What were the highlights of my trip? I would have to break them down into two parts, the theological and the Masonic.

Theologically, it was to walk on the Via Dolorosa, where Jesus walked to Calvary, and to step into the Garden Tomb and have worship there. It was to see sunrise on the Sea of Galilee, watching the sun break over the Golan Heights and illuminate the beautiful waters below while fishermen put out to check their nets. It was to look at a two thousand-year-old olive tree in the Garden of Gethsemane, or bend down and feel the soil in Galilee, knowing it may have been the same spot where Jesus set foot. It was to see the synagogue where the defenders of Masada, overlooking the Dead Sea, chose to

die by their own swords rather than be executed by the Romans because they knew the promise of resurrection of Ezekiel 37. So many thoughts come to mind, where can one end such a list?

For me as a Mason, it included sitting in Holy City Lodge No. 4 in Jerusalem, and seeing Jews, Christians and Moslems, blacks and whites, sitting together in peace, love and unity. It was raising the Royal Arch with two other Knight ministers in the Crypt of St. John in the fortress at Acre. It was standing in the Mosque of El Aksa and knowing that centuries before Christian Knights Templar first organized right here.

When I was on the trip, I wondered how much I would remember, as so much is presented on the trip. But a day doesn't go by when my life isn't again touched by an experience of the Holy Land, which suddenly brings new meaning to a thought or Bible verse.

As a pastor, my preaching and teaching have been enriched, because I can now speak like one who has truly been there, rather than one who has seen pictures in a book. It is one thing to read about something; it is entirely



*Part of the group, members and visitors, at Holy City Lodge during the Knights Templar sponsored Holy Land Pilgrimage.*

another matter to have actually experienced it.

Masonry sponsors many charities, but few touch as many people as the Holy Land Pilgrimages do. Each pastor will literally touch hundreds, if not thousands, of people with his or her ministry, and will for the many years of ministry.

I hope that the Knights Templar will continue in their efforts to promote this program and continue sending Christian

ministers to the Holy Land. I am grateful for the opportunity to go, and encourage our fine order to continue to send modern-day pilgrims to these truly holy lands.

Sir Knight Jan L. Baderstadt, Past Commander of Lake Superior Commandery No. 30, Marquette, Michigan, is now a member of Lexington Commandery No. 27, Lexington, Michigan. He resides at P.O. Box 137, Sterling, MI 48659

### **The Holy Land Pilgrimage Letters From Ministers**

Dear Fred (Lesley):

Thank you for the thoughts expressed in you letter and for the list of fellow pilgrims. I can't begin to tell you how that trip has impacted my life. Not a time goes by when I read the Scriptures that I don't visualize in my mind's eye, a place, with color, with feelings—it is almost indescribable!

My people have noticed a change; they speak of a "revitalized pastor." They may be speaking of a difference they hear and see in my sermons, when I can share a personal experience or some information regarding a place or happening in the Scriptures.

I have shown my slides to our State's Men's Retreat. They were well received and certainly appreciated by those men who were members of a Masonic order. On Maundy Thursday, I will be sharing my slides with my people, and then we will have communion with the little chalices that I brought from Israel.

It hurts to hear the news these days from Israel. I pray these factions will resolve their differences and seek justice and righteousness for all God's people.

With best wishes to you and yours, and a special thanks for your spirit on our pilgrimage, and a special blessing in this Lenten and Easter season. May the spirit of the living Christ be a means of peace not only in our hearts and lives but in the lives of God's people everywhere.

In His service,  
Reverend C. W. "Con" Slaviero  
Bay View Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Fred, Friend and Fellow Pilgrim:

Thank you so much for your recent letter. The names and addresses will help me recall my new friends in Christ. The Pilgrimage was a wonderful experience. It has taken me a full month to really begin to understand its significance for my life and ministry. The Holy Spirit continues to bring to my heart the joy of seeing the land of Jesus, my Lord. It has been hard to find the words to express my joy. I pray that as the days pass, I will gain deeper insight into the pilgrimage's effects on my discipleship.

Please express my appreciation to the Knights Templar. I am eager to share my experiences with others within your organization. If the opportunity would present itself, I would be glad to share in whatever arena possible. I have expressed this same sentiment to the local group in Oklahoma. May God continue to be glorified by the ministry of Knights Templar.

In Christ's Love  
Mike Schlittler  
Oklahoma

### 3rd Holy Land Pilgrimage Medallion



The 3rd Holy Land Pilgrimage medallion has been created. It is a beautiful 2 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



# Sir Knight Eddie and the Red Baron - Part I

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, 33<sup>o</sup> KYCH

World War I was not a romantic war in the literary sense of the word. It was a conflict that blended the stagnation, mud, and utter futility of conflict with the horror of dying under those circumstances, starting in 1914 and ending on November 11, 1918. One small segment of that monumental struggle has retained an aura of romantic adventure, however; that being aerial combat during those dreary years of impasse.

When one attempts to compare the exploits of the great German champion, Manfred von Richthofen, with his American counterpart, Edward V. Rickenbacker, it evaporates quickly for lack of a level playing field. Circumstances and length of time expended in aerial combat vary greatly. Richthofen amassed his great record of aerial victories between the dates of September 17, 1916 and April 21, 1918, while Rickenbacker posted his from April 29, 1918 to October 30 the same year - with nearly three months of inactivity because of health problems.

At the outset, it should be noted that Rickenbacker's name is not projected as the Allied Ace of Aces, only the American. The Frenchmen, Rene Fonck and Charles Nungesser, collected seventy-five and forty-five victories respectively. Britisher Edward Mannock chalked up seventy-three (with only one eye), and his Canadian counterpart, Billy Bishop, added seventy-two more. Rickenbacker's total of twenty-five aerial victories is modest compared to the other

Allied Aces, who all had a great deal more combat time in which to accumulate them. Nobody approached the record of the legendary Richthofen with eighty kills during his combat career.

In a comparison of personalities, Richthofen emerges as a perfect antithesis of the gregarious Rickenbacker. Introverted and aloof, hating social gatherings and public appearances, the Red Baron contrasts starkly against the friendly American ace, who had literally millions of friends all over the world. Eddie never lost an opportunity to rub elbows with everybody wherever he happened to be. He was a professional PR" man, and that great talent served him handsomely during his long, productive life. He was an ardent Freemason, too, and for that reason we are interested in his life as a military hero in contrast to that of the somber Prussian flying ace.

First, let's talk about Richthofen. Much has been written about him, albeit not in recent years. He continues to stimulate the imagination of society, even to the degree that he is portrayed as a swarthy, mustached aviator in a TV pizza commercial, wearing a leather jacket and helmet. The image is ludicrous. The Red Baron was tall and fair, the classic image of the blond, blue-eyed Prussian aristocrat described in literature.

The family Richthofen were not of the "old line" Prussian aristocracy. They were admitted to that select circle during the reign of Frederick the Great by remaining loyal to the German throne while making

their home in Silesia. They were gentlemen farmers and dairy herdsmen. As a reward for their loyalty, the Richthofen family was awarded a barony and knighthood. Manfred's father, Albrecht, was born in Silesia in 1859 and eventually was admitted to the officer corps of the German

**"Eddie was an ardent Freemason, too, and for that reason we are interested in his life as a military hero in contrast to that of the somber Prussian flying ace."**

army, attaining the rank of major. He was discharged prematurely when he became deaf as the result of an accident. Manfred was almost nine when his father retired. The major had married the daughter of a wealthy family, Kuningunde von Schickfuss und Neudorff. Her money enabled the Richthofen family to support an affluent and genteel lifestyle at Schweidnitz.

The first Richthofen child was Ilse, born on August, 1890. The two sons that followed during Albrecht's army career were Manfred, born on May 2, 1892, and Lothar, born September 27, 1894. The father was adamant that both sons would have careers in the military, longing for the glory he had never achieved.

Manfred inherited his mother's blond beauty and iron-willed disposition. Arrogance manifested itself during his earliest years in his treatment of the Slavic workers on his father's land. His greatest love was guns and hunting on the estate. Manfred was an excellent marksman who reveled in the thrill of bringing down game. His first shooting trophies were three domestic ducks dispatched with an air rifle.

Manfred was bundled off to cadet school in Berlin when he reached eleven. Never interested in academics, he exerted only sufficient effort to obtain passing grades.

However, he was enthusiastic about gymnastics, and entered into scholastic sports. Generally, he hated the Spartan life of military school, and the discipline that went with it. At the end of his first year, his youngest brother, Karl Bolko Richthofen, was born. Manfred spent six years at Wahlstadt School, graduating in 1909. At the conclusion of summer vacation, he returned to Berlin to complete his studies at Lichterfelde. He was a tall, slim 18-year-old, whose physical fitness was somewhat masked by his rather frail appearance.

Manfred completed Lichterfelde at the end of 1910 and entered the Berlin War Academy for a year of final polishing. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and enlisted in the 1st Uhlans Regiment (Cavalry lancers) at Schweidnitz, near his home. Military life was a great adventure in 1912, the chief pastime being steeplechase racing and the development of equestrian skills. For Manfred it resulted in two broken collarbones in quick succession.

When the war broke out on August 1, 1914, Manfred was stationed six miles from the Polish border at Ostrowo. Following a scouting mission into Poland, the 1st Uhlans were transferred to Belgium.

The Uhlans were assigned scouting duties near the front at Virton, close to the Argonne Forest. Manfred had his first taste of combat when his patrol was a victim of a French ambush, from which he escaped injury. After a month on the front, Manfred was convinced that cavalry warfare was a thing of the past. Experience had already proven horses useless against trenches and barbed wire. A transfer to the signal corps ended his cavalry career abruptly. The winter of 1914-15 was one of relative inactivity for Richthofen, during which he became intrigued by the daily observation flights over the lines. The airplane had assumed the cavalry's observation and scouting duties.

Manfred was transferred to the supply corps in April, 1915. Disgusted with the

prospect of trucking food and ammunition, he applied for the air service. His request was approved and Manfred was detailed to an observer school at Cologne in June, 1915. That was the usual aerial assignment for a commissioned officer. Richthofen graduated at the head of the 29-member class and was assigned to Grossenhain for two final weeks of training before being awarded his observer's badge.

Ordered to the eastern front, he served in the 69th Observation Squadron, reporting troop movements to the Austrian 6th Army. His first pilot was Lieutenant Zeumer, a daredevil dying of tuberculosis. Although he had some hair-raising adventures flying with Zeumer in the old biplane, Manfred soon grew dissatisfied with his role as observer.

Richthofen transferred to an airdrome near Ostend, Belgium for duty with a 'secret' squadron being formed to bomb England. The project was not successful and he was soon assigned to a bombing group at Metz. En route to Metz on a train, he met and talked with Oswald Boelke, the most distinguished aviator in Germany. Although impressed by the famous Boelke, Manfred had already decided to be a pilot. He prevailed on his friend Zeumer, who was at Metz, to give him flying instruction. Manfred soloed on October 15, 1915, before applying for formal flight training. He completed pilot training at Doberitz (near Berlin) on December 25, 1915.

Manfred was assigned to the 2nd Fighting Squadron near Verdun and immediately attached a machine gun to the upper wing of his 2-seat Albatross in order that he, as well as the observer, was armed. His first combat victory came on April 26, 1916, although he received no confirmation for the victory since it crashed behind enemy lines. By late summer,



Manfred's hard work and dedication convinced Oswald Boelke to offer him an assignment in a new squadron he was forming. Boelke had nineteen victories to his credit in August, 1916. His extensive combat experience was to be utilized to its fullest extent in "Jagdstaffel 2," the unit in which he intended to develop the finest flying talent he could assemble into equally-fine combat pilots. Richthofen was one of that select group ordered to report to "Jasta 2" at Legincourt, France on September 1, 1916.

Jasta 2 was equipped with Albatross DI single-seat fighters, one of a series of great aircraft provided the pilots of the German air service in World War I. In 1916, they were superior to anything the Allies could put in the air.

Air warfare had undergone rapid and radical transition since the beginning of

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## **History of the Grand Encampment**

### **Chapter XXIII Biographies Of The Grand Masters (Continued)**

#### **Archibald Bull Fourth Grand Master 1844-1847 (Continued)**

In 1844 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York. That same year he attended the Conclave of the General Grand Encampment held at New Haven, Connecticut, as the representative of the Grand Commandery of New York. He served on the Committee of Doings of the General Grand Officers, and on the Committee on Finance. His ability and pleasing personality brought him recognition, and at the election he was selected as the General Grand Master.

He presided at the Conclave of 1847 in Columbus, Ohio, at which the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Grand Encampment be presented to the M.E. Sir Archibald Bull for the able, courteous, and dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body.

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure and present to the Past General Grand Master, Sir Archibald Bull, an appropriate jewel."

The General Grand Treasurer, Sir E. A. Raymond, reported in 1850:

"Jan. 26, 1849 - Cash paid for Past Grand Master's Jewel for Sir Archibald Bull, \$31.00."

The proceedings of the Grand Encampment show no further report of his activities in Templary.

#### **William Blackstone Hubbard Fifth Grand Master 1847-1859**

William B. Hubbard was born in Lowville, Lewis County, New York on August 25, 1795. He received an academic education and entered the law office of his uncle, Silas Stowe. In 1816 he went to Ohio, locating at St. Clairsville, where he began to practice law. He soon made a prominent place for himself in his profession and enjoyed a lucrative practice. He became active in the political life of the State and served several terms in the State Legislature. In 1817 he married Margaret Johnson of St. Clairsville and eight children were born to that union.

In 1839 he moved to Columbus, where he became associated with a banking firm and acquired other business interests. His wise investments and practical business methods made him a man of considerable wealth. He died of a stroke of paralysis at his home on January 5, 1866.

Sir Knight Hubbard was raised in Rising Sun Lodge No. 125 at Adams, Jefferson County, New York, on September 21, 1821, while on a visit to his mother. On October 17, 1821, he affiliated with Belmont Lodge No. 16 at St. Clairsville, Ohio, and represented it in the Grand Lodge in 1828. He was named Worshipful Master in the Charter for Columbus Lodge No. 30 at Columbus, which was granted by the Grand Lodge in 1841. He became active in the Grand Lodge and was Grand Master for three years from 1850 to 1853.



He was exalted in Zanesville Chapter No. 9 at Zanesville, Ohio, on August 26, 1822. In 1828 he represented Union Chapter No. 15 of Stuebenville at the Grand Chapter and was a Charter member of St. Clairsville Chapter No. 17. He was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and served from 1842 to 1847.

He was elected to receive the 33rd degree on September 25, 1851 but his name did not appear on the roster until 1854. In 1861 he was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council but declined to serve in that capacity.

He was knighted in Lancaster Encampment No. 2 at Lancaster, Ohio, in 1841. In 1844 he affiliated with Mount Vernon Encampment No. 1 of Columbus, Ohio, and served as its Generalissimo from 1844 to 1848. He never held office in the Grand Commandery of Ohio. In 1844 he attended the Conclave of the General Grand Encampment and acted as General Grand Junior Warden at the opening. He also served on the Committee of Credentials. At that Conclave he was elected General Grand Captain General, and in 1847 he became the Grand Master.

At the Conclave of 1850 he gave a lengthy report of his official actions. This was the first of such reports to be made by any of the Grand Masters. He was reelected Grand Master in 1850 and again in 1853 and 1856. The Revised Constitution adopted in 1856 was largely his work.

As Grand Master, his industry was unparalleled. He kept up a voluminous correspondence maintaining an active interest in Templar affairs in all sections of the country. His decisions have become the basis of our present Templar law. He gave much time, research and study to all questions of jurisprudence, bringing all his legal training and experience to the field of Masonic Jurisprudence. His decisions were

models of brevity and simplicity, and their soundness was seldom called into question.

He came into the office of Grand Master when the Order was spreading to all sections of the country, and his rare executive ability, as a director, organizer and leader, together with his indomitable zeal and energy soon brought respect and admiration for the authority of the Grand Encampment. He placed the Order on a sure foundation and was largely responsible for the supremacy of the Grand Encampment being recognized and its edicts being observed and obeyed.





**Franklin Herbert Churchill**  
Vermont  
Grand Commander-1966  
Born August 27, 1909  
Died February 19, 1993

**Willard Albert Vincent**  
Maine  
Grand Commander-1968  
Born December 9, 1911  
Died July 6, 1993

**George R. Schenk**  
Connecticut  
Grand Commander-1972  
Born May 15, 1907  
Died July 16, 1993

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

**Grand Commander's Club**

New Jersey No. 28-Frederick E. Schlosser  
Pennsylvania No. 72-Robert O. Parke  
Illinois No. 53-Walter Robinson  
Georgia No. 126-Charles W. Davis, Sr. in  
memory of Charles W. Davis, Jr.

**Grand Master's Club**

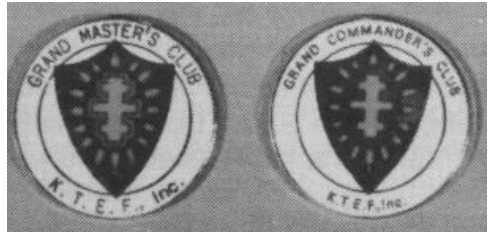
No. 2,044-Henry Doherty (MS)  
No. 2,045-Joe C. Foster (TN)  
No. 2,046-John C. Wilson (TX)

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.



**A Report from Sir Knight Burton E. Ravellette, Jr.**  
Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations  
concerning

*The 119th Imperial Council Session of the Shrine of North America*

The following is the text of a report of Sir Knight Burton E. Ravellette, Jr., that was sent to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. He would like to share its contents with all Sir Knights.

To the Members of the Committee on Fraternal Relations:

Sir Knights:

During the 119th Imperial Council Session of the Shrine of North America held in San Antonio, Texas, on July 5-8, 1993, there appeared an item No. 6 in the Call.

**Item No. 6 advocated removing York Rite and Scottish Rite and substituting instead that a petitioner only had to be a Master Mason in good standing in a recognized Grand Lodge as the prerequisite for Shrine membership.**

Being a solid believer in and a vociferous advocate of the principles of Freemasonry and the unanimity of the Masonic Family, this proposition known as Item No. 6 weighed heavily on my mind.

The action proposed by Item No. 6 would have incalculably devastating and detrimental effect on every affiliated body of Freemasonry.

This proposal raised many questions in my mind and pressed upon my soul so heavily that I simply had to rise and speak with every ounce of strength and support I possessed in opposition to such a crucial question so relevant to the survival of Freemasonry.

The following is the complete text of what I said:



*Sir Knight Burton Ravellette, Jr., P.G.C., K.C.T., is the chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, Grand Encampment, and is serving as Deputy Imperial Potentate of the AONMS, North America. He is part of a 13-member body that helps regulate the Shrine.*

"Imperial Sir, Imperial Sirs, Right Worshipful and Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Illustrious Sirs, fellow Representatives and Nobles all:

"I am Burton Ravellette, Jr., Representative from Sahara Temple, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and I rise to speak in opposition to Item No. 6.

"It is the inherent right of a Representative to this Imperial Council to propose amendments and resolutions which may change the bylaws of this corporation. Nobles, I espouse that right and I will stand steadfast and defiant in support of that right as long as there is strength left in my body.

"It is my belief that these bylaws, when enacted by the founders of this great organization and when changed by amendments or resolutions over the years, were meant to enhance the well-being of this organization.

"I can only assume that the proposers of Item No.6 in the call (most of whom I know well) believe that what they are proposing is good for the order.

However, I have taken a long and hard look at this proposition and I can find no merit - no benefit - no achievement or gain accruing to our order by approving this proposal.

"To the contrary, I find it to be divisionary and disruptive; whether intended or not, it is a first step in the theory of divide and conquer. Even though that may not be the intention of the proposers, it already has that effect, as you are witnessing even as we speak.

"Should this proposal be enacted it would immediately place us in a dreadful conflict within ourselves and strife within the Fraternity. Without question, Nobles, "They are We" and "We are They."

"Each is bound to the other by time-honored, solemn oaths to protect our Brothers if harm be near, assist them in time of trouble, whisper good council in their ear, and laugh with them when good fellowship prevails.

"Nobles, many factions in this world seek to ravage, wreck, and ruin the esteem, honor, and character which our organizations have built over the years through the efforts of hundreds of thousands who have preceded us.

"Now is not the time for strife and discord.

"Now, instead, is the time to go forward in harmony and solidarity to meet the challenges before us in total unanimity.

**"TOGETHER NOBLES - TOGETHER BROTHERS.**

"We simply must not forget our mutual heritage, for on Masonic principles is built

the foundation of the Shrine and of America.

"Nobles, I urge you to cast your vote in opposition to this proposal and send a strong message to those who would divide us from ourselves to the detriment of our Fraternity and our great Philanthropy.

"Thank you, Nobles, for your kind attention."

As I completed my remarks the Representatives arose in near unison and demanded the question on item No. 6 be called for and the ballot was immediately spread.

The Representatives voted overwhelmingly (69% to 31%) to defeat the proposal and retained York Rite or Scottish Rite membership as the prerequisite for Shrine membership.

Needless to say, I breathed a sigh of relief.

Sir Knights, this victory over those who would divide us from ourselves is a temporary one. Believe me, they won't quit. They will try, try and try again.

Therefore, we must be ever vigilant, we cannot let our guard down even for an instant or we may apathetically and lethargically lose unity, which is the foundation of the Masonic Family.

As I said we must "go forward in harmony and solidarity to meet the challenges before us in total unanimity."

So mote it be.

Sir Knights, your comments are always welcome. Let's keep Fraternal Relations foremost in our thoughts, acts, and deeds.

Yours for Templary, Burton Ravellette, Jr., P.G.C.

Sir Knight Burton E. Ravellette, Jr., P.G.C., K.C.T., is a member of Damascus Commandery No. 8, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Correspondence: 1706 West 34th Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71603

# **59th Triennial Conclave Grand Encampment, Knights Templar Of The United States Of America Denver, Colorado**

This is to let you know that we are getting serious about the plans for the 59<sup>th</sup> Triennial to be held in Denver, Colorado, August 12-17, 1994.

The headquarters hotel will be the **Radisson Hotel**, located at 1550 Court Place, Denver, 80202.

The dates to put in your calendar for the Triennial are **August 12-17, 1994**.

The drill competition will be at the **Merchandise Mart**, which is located at 451 East 58th Avenue, Denver, 80216.

The hotel, **Inn at the Mart**, is located at 401 East 58th Avenue, Denver, 80216 and will be available for those who will be in the drill competition, if desired.

The **housing** chairman for the Triennial will be:

Jack H. Jones  
3281 Vivian Drive  
Wheatridge, Colorado 80033  
Phone: (303) 237-2894

Please do not contact the hotels directly, but go through the housing chairman.

This notice is to give you the what, where, when, and how so you can all be thinking of these dates and making plans to come to "colorful Colorado" in August, the 12th through the 17th of 1994.

As we get closer to the end of this year, we will have more information available.

Howard A. Caldwell, General Chairman  
59th Triennial Conclave

### **"NEW" Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Plan**

Updated to meet the New  
Federal Guidelines

If you are eligible for Social Security Medicare, you also need a plan that picks up the deductibles Medicare does not pay. The **New** Knights Templar Medicare Supplement plan does just that and even more!

To receive your free enrollment packet in the mail, call our Insurance Administrator toll free:

**1-800-336-3316.**

### **Nursing Home Insurance**

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A stay in the nursing home can drain your lifelong savings. To protect those savings your Grand Encampment sponsors the Knights Templar Long Term Care Nursing Home Insurance Plan for the benefit of Sir Knights and their ladies.

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## Highlights

### Age is No Deterrent for a Winner! At Rio Hondo Commandery No.6 Roswell, New Mexico



Sir Knight George Shanks (seated) of Rio Hondo Commandery No. 6, Roswell, New Mexico, displays the Knights Templar Cross of Honor award that the Grand Encampment awarded to him this year. The presentation was made by Eminent Commander Brian T. Miller (on the left) and Jay Twilley, Right Eminent Grand Commander (on the right). Sir Knight George Shanks was four months past his One Hundredth birthday at the time of the presentation. The KTCH award was a crowning jewel of recognition. In 1976 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., and in 1978 the international Award from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons was presented to him.

### Third Generation Knighted by Father In Rockford, Illinois

In March 1993 the inspection of Crusader Commandery No. 17, Rockford, Illinois, held special meaning for

Commander Alvin G. Gunter, Jr. The Candidate for the day was Alvin Scott Gunter, his son. With the Knighting of Scott, three generations were Sir Knights. Both Al's Father, Alvin G. Gunter Sr., and his father-in-law, William Krogh, had been Commanders of Crusader.

Since Scott lives in West Bend, Wisconsin, special dispensation had to be given by the Wisconsin Grand Commandery and Scott's Commandery, Ivanhoe No. 24 of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ivanhoe brought more than twenty Sir Knights and their ladies to help with the Knighting.



Pictured left to right are Sir Knights: Richard R. Salsbury, Grand Standard Bearer and inspecting officer; Robert Illing, Past Grand Commander of Wisconsin; William Van Zile, Commander of Ivanhoe No. 24, Milwaukee, WI; Alvin Scott Gunter, candidate; Alvin G. Gunter, Commander of Crusader No. 17, Rockford, IL; Henry J. Deheer, then Grand Commander of Illinois; Charles R. Farrell, Past Grand Commander, WI; Robert K. Kronk, Grand Senior Warden, IL.

### Amaranth Gifts American Diabetes Association at Annual Assembly

In the picture, H. L. Bert Toland, Supreme Royal Matron, and Sir Knight Alexander Loo, (right), Supreme Royal Patron, are shown presenting a \$220,000 check to Mr. Michael A. Green (center), chairman of the board of the American Diabetes Association at the 96th Annual

## from the Masonic Family



Assembly of the Supreme Council Order of the Amaranth in Little Rock, Arkansas, June 27, 1993.

The Order of the Amaranth has reached the 1.8 million dollar mark in contributions to the association. Each year contributions by the Order of the Amaranth have permitted two to four doctors to each receive a \$50,000 or more research grant for their research into a cure for diabetes.

### **New Executive Officer of DeMolay In the Land of Enchantment**

Past Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico, Sir Knight Danny R. Calloway, is the state's new Executive Officer of DeMolay. "Danny," as everyone knows him, remains young at heart by being active with baseball and a member of the Ballut Abyad Shrine Circus committee. This Knight Companion of the Red Cross of Constantine, St. Sophia Conclave, not only served as Master Counselor of Albuquerque DeMolay Chapter in 1967 but was also State Master Counselor in 1969, earning numerous awards along the way. According to Sir Knight Elliot H. Chappelle, New Mexico's supplement editor, it is good that Sir Knight Calloway is at the helm of New Mexico's DeMolay as he'll sail this youths' order into the twenty-first century with vitality and renewed brotherhood.



### **Local Groups That Really Work!**

#### **Patchogue Commandery No. 65 Islip, New York**

Sir Knight Vincent Fortunato, Treasurer and zone officer, reports that this Commandery has been presenting itself to the public, thereby exposing Templary to the less informed, and it has been well received. Besides regular meetings and ladies' dinners, the Commandery has participated in several parades including Memorial Day and 4th of July parades. It has had several go-to-church Sundays, including one at Thanksgiving. During Ascension Day services twenty-two Sir Knights participated with seventeen in uniform. Total attendance was sixty-five and included Grand and Past Grand officers. A good time was had at the Annual Yaphank Pilgrimage on the first Sunday in June with Sir Knights marching and the Kismet Temple Shrine Band entertaining the guests. Zones 1, 2, and 3 unite for Christmas and Ascension Day Observances, and this year for the first time these zones participated in the Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday Observance.

**La Crosse Assembly, S.O.O.B**  
**La Crosse, Wisconsin**

Mrs. James F. (Frances) Fitzpatrick, Past Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B., and correspondent for *Knight Templar*, writes that La Crosse Assembly No. 215 has given regular support to the veterans' home and has adopted a veteran. He enjoys the visits and the cards, gifts, and treats given to him, as do the other veterans, who are also remembered. The guys have named the ladies "Redcoats" because they appear in red jackets. Last October the Assembly enjoyed the visit of Mrs. William Chant and her Sir Knight and Supreme Inner Guard, Mrs. Charles Flaum from Milwaukee Assembly. They have an annual Christmas party and monthly luncheons followed by tours to places of interest, planned by Worthy President Mrs. Martin Callaway. The Assembly collects food for the food pantry and Salvation Army, saves apple labels from Scott products for the Ronald McDonald Home, collects books for inner-city children, provides mittens for needy children, and supports Job's Daughters, among many service projects.

**New Membership, S.O.O.B.**  
**Long Beach Assembly No. 39, Calif.**

Long Beach Assembly No. 39, Social Order of the Beauceant, has initiated four new members this year. The picture shows three of their new members. From left to right: Worthy President, Mrs. Victor Tortorici (Josephine), Mrs. Ira Green, Mrs. Richard Foster, Mrs. Eugene Piantone,



and Supreme Worthy President Mrs. William Chant (Lois) on her official visit to the Assembly. Another new member was initiated in March 1993. Mrs. Mark Davis is not shown. They were expecting another member soon.

**Eleanor Dudgeon, Co-founder Ohio**  
**Assembly No. 252, S.O.O.B.**



Eleanor Dudgeon, pictured above, is a co-founder and charter member of Findlay, Ohio, Assembly No. 252, S.O.O.B. She has been active in her travels throughout Ohio, and to Supreme Assemblies. Eleanor of Rawson, Ohio, is now a resident of the St. Catherine's Care Center, 8455 Co. Rd. 140, Findlay, OH 45840. She will appreciate receiving cards and notes from any of her many friends and Beauceant sisters.



# Should We Stop Calling Our Buildings 'Temples'?

by Brother Vernon B. Ingraham, W.M.

I recently heard the question asked, "Why are Masonic buildings called temples?" I must confess that I was somewhat at loss to adequately answer this question. This proved particularly frustrating since the questioner was a high school student.

Some Masons support the idea that the word "temple" should be removed from our Masonic edifices and that these structures should be referred to in secular terms, for example, "the Masonic Building" instead of "the Masonic Temple."

Before we decide this issue, we should understand the meaning and application of the word "temple." This is, after all, a description that has been applied to our structures for many years, in fact, for centuries. We should be deliberate and thoughtful in considering this issue before making a decision.

Reflect for a moment on who we are and on the basis of Freemasonry. The occupation of operative masons was to construct temples and other edifices. The symbolism of speculative Freemasonry is intimately connected with temple building. One of the great symbols of speculative Freemasonry is the Temple of Solomon. In addition, many Masonic symbols are based on the tools used by the operative masons in constructing the temples and cathedrals of Europe. Our moral and philosophical teachings are intimately connected with this symbolism.

Masonic lodges are symbolic imitations of the ancient temples. According to Albert Mackey, as the derivation of Masonic temple symbolism is from the Hebrews, the temple is the symbol of a Lodge. For example, the lodge room is in the oblong form of the

ancient temples and has a "sacred" place. It is not the House of God; rather, it is a house where God (or substitute your word reference for Deity) is contemplated upon by men of all religions and faiths.

During the first millennium the Christian religion was brought to Britain. Accompanying this religious tide were the churches, monasteries, priests, nuns, abbeys, schools, and the Latin language. Latin made its first great contribution to the English language near the end of the 6th century A.D. It was at this time that the English word "temple" was created.

The word "temple" is derived from the Latin word, *temp/urn*, meaning "sanctuary" or "consecrated place." The contemporary meanings of "sanctuary" and "consecrated place" are both religious and secular. For example, the religious meaning of sanctuary is "a holy or sacred place," whereas the secular meaning is "a place of refuge or protection." The religious meaning of consecrated is "to set apart as sacred" and the secular meaning is "to dedicate or devote, as to a particular purpose." The word "sacred" generally is used in its religious context as "to set apart for, belonging to, or dedicated to a deity or religious use or purpose." But it, too, has a secular meaning which is "exclusively devoted, dedicated, or consecrated to someone or something."

*Temp/urn* was probably derived from an old Latin verb, *temp/an*, meaning "to contemplate." The word "contemplate" was, therefore, born in a temple. When the ancient Roman priests contemplated they were literally *con-*, "with," and

*templum*, "temple." In a contemplative frame of mind they were considering the signs that might be revealed in the sacred area, the temple.

The use of the word "temple" is also associated with the word "speculative." The contemporary definition of this word is "given to serious thinking or inquiry; reflective; thoughtful." Mackey states that this word was borrowed from Roman temple worship, the Latin word being *specular*, meaning "to observe" or "to look around." He states:

**When the angur (priest), standing within the sacred precincts of his open temple on the Capitoline hill, watched the flight of birds, that from it he might deduce his auspices of good or bad fortune, he was said, *speculari* to speculate. Hence the word came at length to denote, like contemplate from *templum*, an investigation of sacred things, and thus we got into our technical language the title of "Speculative Masonry"...**

The 19th century Masonic philosopher, Robert Macoy, recited the history of temple development. He stated that temples were consecrated spots for worship of deities. The first temples were castles in the air, being set in the heavens above. The ancient Roman soothsayer called his temple a *templum* - *this* being a section of sky he would mark off and treat as a sacred object toward which he would gaze for divine signs and omens so that he could foretell the future.

This soothsayer also called a section of ground likewise marked off for similar divine purposes a *templum*. This consecrated ground often had an earthen altar and was in the open air.

Later, temples took the form of buildings that were erected for worship of deities. The Greeks and Romans placed great emphasis on erecting monumental temple edifices.

Examples are the temples housing protecting deities such as those of Jupiter, Juno, and Minerva. These temples were situated on elevated ground so as to overlook the surrounding area. The Hebrew Temple of Solomon was built on Mount Moriah in a similar fashion.

Contemporary dictionary definitions of the word "temple" include the following:

1. A stately edifice consecrated to the worship of one or more deities.
2. An edifice erected for religious purposes such as a synagogue or a Christian church.
3. A place or object in which God is considered to dwell, as in the body of one who is sanctified.
4. Any of three successive sacred edifices built in Jerusalem for the worship of Jehovah.

Freemasonry is a symbolically based science of ethics. Its beauty and meaning are reflected in artistic terms and symbols. Whereas a religious temple refers to a place

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of worship in a certain religiously prescribed manner - to the House of God - a Masonic temple refers to a place for serious reflection and contemplation on charitable and moral conduct, a place where men of all faiths and religions agree to certain moral and social precepts and values.

In Masonic usage, the word "temple" does not denote a religious edifice; rather it connotes a place of contemplation, reflection, and moral teaching. We base our

use of the word "temple" on the following:

1. The ancient meaning of the Latin derivation for temple; i.e., *templum* - meaning "consecrated place" and *templum* - meaning "to contemplate."
2. The ancient meaning of the Latin derivation for speculative; i.e., *specular* - meaning "to observe" or "to be reflective."
3. The use of ancient temples for speculation; hence the adoption of the term "Speculative Masonry" and the use of Masonic temples for speculation.
4. The direct association of Speculative Masonry with Operative Masonry and, hence, temple building.
5. The symbolic significance of the lodge room, it having the basic form of ancient temples.
6. The symbolism used in Freemasonry to instruct the craft in Masonic teachings - this symbolism being tied to operative working tools and to the Hebrew Temple of Solomon.

Those who criticize us for calling our buildings temples would probably criticize us for other reasons if we didn't call them temples. This criticism doesn't bother this Mason. I am glad that we have something that stands out as unique in society, that ignites curiosity, and that even inspires some into controversy with us.

Masons concerned that we have taken on the trappings of a religion, or give the appearance of being a religion by how we refer to our edifices, should have no cause for alarm. As discussed above, there is a rational and well founded basis for using the word "temple." It does indeed have a deep and significant meaning and properly describes our structures.

If we are to give up traditional and symbolical descriptions for fear of being viewed as a religious order - when we are not one and never have been one for our

almost 300 years of existence - then we should probably reexamine why we need to require a belief in a Supreme Being or have the Holy Bible on our altars. That is the next logical step in the process of "religious" critique which we seem to be subjecting ourselves to.

Our obligation is to better understand who we are and why we are and then to seize opportunities given us by curious inquirers and adversaries to explain to them and to the world at large who we are without apology. In doing so, we should respect the rights of all citizens to

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freedom of thought and speech. But we should never fail to exhibit pride and respect for the institution of Masonry and its usages and terms. Being "politically" or "religiously correct" is not the attribute of a reflective and contemplative mind. Some things are ageless and should not be subjected to the whims and social forces of the moment.

If the Masonic Temple at 16th and Welton were simply known as the Masonic Building," that high school student would never have asked the question "Why are Masonic buildings called temples?" and his interest and fascination with Freemasonry may never have been ignited. We should be careful that we don't give up, for the wrong reason, what makes us so special in the social order of things.

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## **Eddie and The Red Baron - from page 15**

the war. In the beginning, pilots were expected to do little except take photographs and be artillery observers. Gradually, they began to fire pistols at one another, and it was a short step to machine guns, which were cumbersome and inefficient until they could be fired through the propeller. The advantage of a rear cockpit swiveling gun manned by an

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observer was offset by the inferior performance of a 2-seat aircraft.

A new dimension of aerial combat was introduced when French aviator Ronald Garros mounted steel plates on his wooden propeller blades to deflect machine gun bullets firing through it. The danger to pilot and aircraft from ricocheting bullets striking the steel plates, plus the wasted ammunition, made the crude device a mixed blessing. At the same time, Anthony Fokker was developing an interrupter gear actuated by the engine camshaft, timed to fire the machine gun when the propeller was horizontal. It was the ultimate solution and a pair of Spandau machine guns became standard armament on the Albatross biplanes of Jasta 2.

On a flight with Boelke on September 17, 1916, Manfred scored his first confirmed kill, an FE2 2-seater. He wrote a glowing letter to his mother, dramatizing the details of the victory. Privately, Richthofen longed for the day he would qualify for the 'Blue Max,' Germany's most coveted award. It was roughly equivalent to the Congressional Medal of Honor, but it was awarded for

continued meritorious service to only living officers.

Boelke was killed on October 28, 1916, when a plane in his own flight collided with him. He was buried on November 3, the morning Richthofen made his seventh kill, before attending the funeral. Jasta 2 was renamed "Jagdstaffel Boelke."

By December, 1916, the German General Staff was searching diligently for military heroes to divert attention from increasing hardships and shortages on the home front. Their attention was drawn to the mounting score of the young Prussian airman in Jasta 2. When Manfred killed the distinguished British ace, Major Lanoe E. Hawker, first pilot to receive the Victoria Cross, the baron was given a flight of his own. It was Richthofen's 11th victory, and on December 11, the next day, he made it an even dozen. He bagged two more kills a few days later and celebrated Christmas, 1916, by having his Albatross D IV painted flaming red.

The air service was the darling of German military arms. The pilots were feted and idolized by an adoring public and the General Staff encouraged the hero worship, realizing the great value of such a positive image. Richthofen was not a party animal, however. He drank sparingly, disliked music and red meat, avoided the festive board, and had little interest in socializing with women. He preferred spending his leisure time hunting, alone with his thoughts and plans for the future. Richthofen was not a romantic in any sense of the word.

He regarded an airplane as nothing more than a weapons platform for killing the enemy. He was contemptuous of pilots who performed unnecessary aerobatics, terming them nothing more than exhibitionists. Not a truly great pilot himself, he never derived pleasure from acrobatic maneuvers. His brother, Lothar, also a pilot, was an exact opposite. Lothar caroused and drank with great abandon when off

duty, and was given to exuberant aerobatic exhibitions. He did not, however, possess the same consuming desire to shoot down airplanes that dominated Manfred's life. Manfred ended 1916 with 15 kills. When his 16th was confirmed on January 16, 1917, he was awarded the Blue Max, officially known as the Pour le Mérite. It was a decoration Manfred wore constantly, even under his heavy flying coat.

In keeping with his exalted image, Manfred was soon given command of Jasta 11. He focused immediately on surpassing the victory record of Jasta 2, which exceeded that of his new command by 100 planes downed. Richthofen commanded his group with the same methods employed by Boelke, patiently

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drilling his pilots on the fine points of aerial combat, and demanding total knowledge of Allied planes and their capabilities in combat. A competent and highly respected commander, Richthofen was not idolized nor accorded the same affection as Boelke. Only results mattered to the 'Red Battle Flier,' as he was known to his adoring German public. The world knew him as The Red Baron.'

March, 1917, was an eventful month for Richthofen. He was promoted to first lieutenant; and his brother Lothar was assigned to Jasta 11, determined to pass Manfred's record. It would never be. However, it turned out that April was the most productive month of the war for German air power. Jasta 11 posted 110 victories during the period from January 23, 1917, and April 23. At the end of April, the Red Baron's record stood at 52.

It has been widely reported that Richthofen utilized his flight companions to "set up" his kills for him and that he only attacked when the odds were stacked in his favor. That is not entirely accurate. The baron was an uncanny marksman with the airborne machine gun just as he was with the hunting rifle. He also clung religiously to the air tactics taught by Boelke, the most important being never to forget to look behind and around yourself constantly, thus thwarting a surprise attack. Another cardinal rule was to get in close to the quarry before opening fire. Anything short of point-blank range was a waste of ammunition, according to Richthofen. He had developed a fatalistic philosophy by April, 1917, and confided to his mother that Germany would lose the war. He also had a premonition of death that became stronger in the coming months.

At the end of April, he was called to Berlin and given command of a new "hunting" wing, entitled 'Jagdgeschwader,' shortened to JG1. It would soon become known as "Richthofen's Flying Circus," due partially to the fact that it was a mobile unit, and also because of the gaudy color schemes on the aircraft. The General Staff asked Manfred to write his memoirs, intended to be used for propaganda purposes. While on leave, he was promoted to captain, and entertained by the General Staff, which included lunch with the Kaiser himself. His image was reproduced on thousands of picture postcards and distributed throughout Germany. He was the country's greatest public hero.

**Don't miss Part II in the October issue!**

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Great gift idea for Past Commanders' night and incoming new Knights, and a great gift for any holiday - e beautiful Knights Templar certificate. The certificate is 1104 on blue parchment paper that is 80 lb. with 4 different color inks, raised letter. Arch is a beautiful gold. The knight on horse is beautiful black, brown and red. 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.

Men's Masonic dress watches for sale: quartz movement, leather band, and square and compass on the dial. Very nice watch includes 1 year warranty. Percentage of proceeds guaranteed to be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Price includes postage. Send \$30.95 to Target Marketing, P.D. Box 449, Rutland VT 05702.

For sale: a beautiful colored print titled, "The First Crusaders," painted by Sir Knight V. M. Villazon, Past Grand Commander of Florida (1983). It consists of the Crusaders mounted on horses and is 1104", plus a border without frame. This would make a great gift for Past Commanders, new Sir Knights, plus every Commandery should have one. The net proceeds are for benefit of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Send \$7.00 to Albin W. Dif Pasca, State Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for the Grand Commandery of Florida, P.O. Box 510, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447-0510. The print will be mailed to you within 7 days.

For sale: Commander chapeau in very excellent condition. The size is <sup>73/8</sup> and the price is negotiable. Tom Branscomb, 1270 Oakwood, Columbus, OH 43206, (614) 443-2424.

Trying to locate the Templar sword of Peter J. Sauer (deceased) who was a member of Golden West Command" No. 24 of Shelby, Montana 59474. Please contact his daughter Ruth Sauer, Franciscan Care Center, Sand Point, ID 83864 or E. Don Coolidge, Recorder, P.O. Box 632; Shelby; MT 59474.

I have eleven copies of Knight Templar magazine as follows: Sept, 1970; Jan. and April, 1971; Sept., 1973; and June through Dec., 1974. Also, two copies of Royal Arch Mason magazine: summer and fall, 1974.

You pay postage only. Katherine J. McMaster, 8040 Shawnee Run Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243, (513) 561-6409.

For sale: Commandery P.C. sword, chapeau, leather case and belt; P.C. jewel; P.M. ring, gothic; Easter Star ring, gothic, etc. Write or call Tom Sims, P.O. Box 64, Huffman, TX 77336, (713) 324-2040.

Attention, coin collectors: Hamasa Shrine Temple, Meridian, MS, is issuing 100th anniversary, commemorative coins: .999 fine silver - \$20.00; 10-gauge antique bronze - \$10.00. Order from P.O. Box 365, Meridian, MS 39302.

I have recently joined the Stewards of Araba Temple in Fort Myers, Florida. I have a new red vest to wear in my position as bar tender and would like to decorate it with pins relating to all areas of Masonry. I have a quantity of the 1993 Potentate's pins that I will send in return for any you send to me. Can you help this rookie be the best decorated Steward at Araba? Thanks! Harris P Marios 113 Edward Ave., Lehigh Acre, FL 33936.

Wanted: Masonic books, music, videos, etc. Tax deductible. Contact Ron Shafer, C/O Masonic Library, Paul Revere Lodge No. 998, 1521 W Wilson Ave., Chicago, IL 60640.

You are invited to join the Maryland Masonic Research Society and receive the annual transactions, publication of papers, and newsletter. The Society meets quarterly and invites members' wives to fully participate. Send \$20.00 to Don Miller, Secretary; 7705 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21229.

Kennesaw Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M. of Marietta, Georgia, is celebrating its 150th birthday and has had a coin struck to commemorate the event. The working tools and holy altar are on one side and the years and name on the reverse. Coin is available in bronze for \$5.00 and .999 fine silver for \$20.00. Mail check to H. F Watson; 2774 Hicks Road Marietta, GA 30060.

Douglas Lodge No. 12, F. & A.M., Genoa, Nevada, is offering metal-alloy, commemorative tokens and .999 fine silver coins to celebrate its 125th anniversary. A very collectable addition to any collection from the oldest active Lodge chartered by the Grand

Lodge of Nevada. Checks for \$5.00 (tokens) and \$20.00 (silver medallion) should be made payable to Douglas Lodge Na 1Z F & A.M. and sent to P.O. Box 262, Genoa, NV89411.

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 Burbing4 VT 05401.

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

Gold Rule Lodge No 562, Willard, Ohio. celebrated its first 100 years of service to man and community. Charter, Oct. 1891. The Lodge has medallions struck in bronze and silver-silver-1 oz. .999 fine silver in a presentation box. Bronze may be had in either slip pack or presentation box. Silver of limited number, only 200. Send check or money order in amount of \$20 for silver or \$5 for bronze to Golden Rule Lodge No. 562, P.O. Box 237, Willard OH 44890.

For sale: ore-quarter-inch wide. 18K, 33" and KYCH, 1886 antique, combination ring with a diamond in the double-headed eagle. Purchased at an estate sale for \$449.00; will sell for \$400.00. Lee Burchfield, (615) 899-8.857 or write 306 Liner Lane, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

I would like to thank all those who answered my request for old coats, pants, and other items. We use them for a living history, and the young men get a great deal of use from them. If anyone has any more, please let us know. We will send postage. Thank you. Roger Pruitt 403 E. Arlington Drive, Trento4 OH 45367.

For sale: We have received another shipment of new GPO coats: poly/wool, summer weight; sizes 42S, 44S, 44L, 44XL, and 48XL. Price \$20, plus S and H. John D. Myers, 2120 N. State Road 127, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-2797 or J. William Meyers, 1460 E. US Hwy. 20, Angela, IN 46703, (219) 665-5686.

Wanted: antique Masonic items. Stephen J. Kapp, 1180 B Okinawa Lane, Yigo, Guam 96929-1220, (671) 653-6143.

GENEALOGIES: FREE INFORMATION TO ALL MASONS. Send: SASE (stamped, self-addressed envelope) and names you are searching for: wives, relatives, etc. N. W. Retherford P.C.; 6402 Alton Street; Riverside; CA 92590-5703.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 23 years, and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will and up in a museum. Why

not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy any accumulation. If you collect I will gladly exchange. Any assistance will surely be appreciated. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (602) 888-7585

Attention: Huntington, West Virginia Masons: For sale: 4 lots in Masonic section of White Chapel Memorial Gardens. Selling for \$1,000 each; take all four for \$1,100. Harry S. Hardman II, 3491 Roselawn Blvd., Fort Pierce, FL 34982, (407)461-9352.

I would like to hear from my Brother Masons and fallow Sir Knights from the following states: Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee. I would very much like to team more about Masonry in the South, and I would like to correspond and exchange ideas with Masons from these states. I will respond to all letters Peter J. Westboro, 33 Philip Avenue, Guelph, Ontario, N1E 1R5, Canada.

Detroit. Michigan - I need information on the death and burial place of Paul E. Ziegler, 32" Mason, who died in an auto accident elsewhere in the state. Calculated to have been about 1929. Funeral was in Detroit where he lived. Gerakne Cole, R.D.4, Box 261, Ashlanj 01-1 44805-9412

Two, four, or six cemetery lots for sale in National Memorial Park, 7400 Lee Highway, Falls Church, Virginia: valued at \$1,900.00 each. Will sell for one half price, part or at (0). Write or call collect Edward S Paylor, 6807 Cranberry Dr New P0,1 Richey, FL 3465 (813)845-8778

t am a violinist, teacher, and a collector of violins. I would like to buy violins, violas, and cellos in any condition, and add to my collection. If a good student cornea along I let him/her use one at no charge. H. Harry Kazarian, 91 Beaufort Street Providence, RI 02908.

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

For sale: Chinese Oriental rug, 9'x12', fine condition. Warren Van Trees, 1230 Park Boulevard, Rushville, IN 46173, (317) 932-2601.

For sale: 1986, twin manor, double-wide mobile home on my 50s80 lot in Barefoot Bay, FL - between Melbourne and Vero Beach on East Coast. Has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, living and dining rooms, galley kitchen with eating area and appliances, screened porch, laundry room with washer and dryer and work bench, carport, extra parking, 3-car total. \$41,800.00. Richard Dittman, (407)589-6103.

Reunion for FASTERON 102, U.S. Navy, Norfolk, Virginia, 1951-1955, to be at Holiday Inn, Greentree, Pittsburgh, PA, September 24-27, 1993. Robert Barnett, 1508 Charlotte Street, Ironton, OH 45638-1143.

Reunion of the USS Fred 1. Berry (DD/DDE-858) on October 14-17, 1993, at Virginia Beach, Virginia. Contact Joe Ryan, 1170 Gene Autry Way, Anaheim CA 92805-6789, (714) 978-9111 or (310) 432-3407.

My heart leaps up when I behold  
A rainbow In the sky:  
So was It when my life began:  
So is It now I am a man;  
So be It when I shall grow old,  
Or let me die!  
The Child is father of the Man;  
And I could wish my days to be  
Bound each to each by natural piety.

*My Heart Leaps Up*  
William Wordsworth