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Brother Kit Carson and his horse, Apache. The story starts on page 7.

Grand Master's Page—January 1994

The Grand Master's Heritage Tour of England and Wales

We are planning a tour of England and Wales for selected Knights Templar, their families, and friends for next June (June 10-24, 1994), and I am personally inviting you to come along. The tour will be limited, so it is a 'first come, first served' reservation. This is NOT a canned tour, but is planned to visit those places that most tourists never see - York, the Lake District, Chester, North Wales, Cardiff, Winchester, and Windsor, to name a few. If this sounds like "your cup of tea," please call Travel Bound, Inc., at (800) 874-7898, as soon as possible. I will promise that you will enjoy yourself, even if you have visited the United Kingdom before.



Spartan ... As In "Tough

If you believe all the self-help works on the subject, you will also believe that if you want something strongly enough, you'll get it. In other words, "you want it, you get it."

I don't know how you feel about it, but I'm convinced there's a bit more to it than merely "wanting" something. Very seldom does the finger of the Lord descend from the sky and designate a man for Masonic office simply because he wants it.

Of one major fact I am quite sure: We have far too many **Sunshine Soldiers** (those who melt away in a crisis) and far too few imaginative and intelligent leaders in our Commanderies. That can be said of any branch of Masonry - or any organization - but I am talking about the "here" and "now" in Templary, not the 'if" and "when" in some other body.

We have all seen losses right across the board - Symbolic Masonry, Scottish Rite, Shrine,

Chapter, Council, and Commandery. We point to the death rate as our excuse for declining membership. Those losses we can not control, but if we get off our duffs and pull our weight, the losses could be easily overcome.

Come Back To Your Commandery and to Masonry

And when you come back, bring some friends with you. Make the supreme sacrifice: Invite others to become Templars. Don't permit good friends of yours to miss the sublime experience that only a York Rite Mason enjoys.

Come back, come back to Templary, and bring your company with you. Come back home, and reap the benefits of straightforward Knights Templary.

Come back to the sound, old-fashioned brand of Masonry. Come back to the York Rite.

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

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Knight Templar

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

JANUARY The 26th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has begun, and *Knight Templar wishes* each Commandery success in its efforts for this magnanimous cause! This month we feature Sir Knight Barnard's story about Brother Kit Carson; frontiersman, soldier, and more. Sir Knights Towne and Gillard offer provocative thoughts for the New Year, ideas to renew and strengthen every Knight and every Commandery. There's more on the upcoming Triennial, and there are lists of Masonic conferences and Annual Conclaves. May you all have a happy and productive year!

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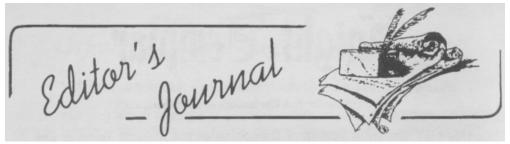
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A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right: This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is now available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library.

Throughout its history, Freemasonry has never lacked for detractors, and because it has a long history of never answering critics, it makes a wonderful target for bigotry. Recently, a group of religious fundamentalists has managed, after years of struggle, to take a position of great power in the largest Protestant denomination in the United States, and it has launched an assault on Masonry.

Robinson relates the history of attacks and the motives and makes an eloquent plea for an end to this kind of hatred.

The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder; the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

Born In Blood: The exciting book by John J. Robinson about the Lost Secrets of Freemasonry and their relationship to the Knights Templar is available 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; IL 60630-2460.

Dungeon, Fire and Sword: The Knights Templar in the Crusades. This history of the Knights Templar by author and medievalist, the late John J. Robinson,

author of the much-acclaimed *Born in Blood:* The Lost Secrets of Free Masonry, is now available from the Grand Encampment. Copies are \$20.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling.

The Unseen Journey, Masonic а 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 emplovs the 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.

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.

Correction: In the December issue *Knight Templar* referred to John Hopkins University's Wilmer Eye Institute. The correct name is Johns Hopkins University.

For some time now, I think that Christian Knighthood is in the market for an exhilarating faith. We need to catch the spirit of doing the impossible. Our forefathers certainly had it when they started the crusades. As we see one Christian stronghold after another go down, believers beaten back, we need to ask ourselves when is this retreat going to stop? When is the Christian faith going to start winning again? When are we going to take the offensive?

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, wrote these challenging words, "A wide open door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." What a challenging thought we find in those words! Paul saw an open door for doing a great work before him, and as an afterthought, he wrote, But there are many adversaries."

Well, today we would put the adversaries first. We are better at seeing our difficulties and our problems than we are at seeing our opportunities.

Our great Christian order needs to have an aggressive mind. Let's stop talking about our losses and look at our gains, like Napoleon, who had a tremendous capacity for attack but no technique for retreat.

Today, if we are charged with a great responsibility, what do we do? We appoint a committee. Someone has defined a committee, as a group of people who waste hours and keep minutes. When the committee reports back with its new strategy, the Knights vote for "no changes." It just doesn't seem to occur to them that the crisis itself may be an opportunity, that the very decline may be the new chance for the opening of the door. We seem to lack the techniques for attack today, the ingenuity to take advantage of the disadvantages.

Now, what then are the essentials of a spiritual offensive? How can Knighthood advance, move in and not out, take the initiative and not retrench, or how can we just hold on to what we have? What are the essentials of a spiritual offensive? The answer is an aggressive mind!

An Open Door for Christian Knighthood

by Dr. Howard R. Towne G.P. Emeritus

Some years ago there was a grasshopper plague in the Midwest. One farmer was asked what he did when the hoppers destroyed his crops. He replied, "I gathered about two tons of the critters, dried them and stored them and will feed them to my chickens this winter. Reckon I will come out of the problem ahead!"

Wouldn't you like to have a mind like that, a mind that can face defeat and win out? Wouldn't you like to walk through doors where there are no doors, look at difficulties and call them opportunities?

That is the first essential in a spiritual offensive - a genuine capacity for attack!

Another essential is adequate resources. The reason why Paul was not intimidated by the vastness of his problems lay simply in his confidence that God had entrusted him with enough power to meet them. He said, "I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God!" Well, that is the feeling that Templary should possess today. Paul could win the day over his adversaries because he knew the power he had behind him.

My hope for this new year is that Templary will move closer to the problems that face It.

There is a real need to get new members in our order. All about us are men who need the truth that we can offer! They need us and we need them!

This is the time to get on the offensive, remembering that the best defense is in attack! Let us put on the whole armor of God and get in the fight somewhere, while there is still time. We have a great, great Captain to lead us, the Risen Christ. He alone is the Hope of mankind.

Far too much importance today is attached to modern education and science and the presumed equality of mankind. Men need to know that all are sinners and that all are saved through the same marvelous Savior. The mind of man needs to be filled with the vision of Christ, as the Savior of all mankind! This is the open door for our efforts today!

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Price Hall Sir Knights of Pennsylvania Participate in Divine Service of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania

On July 11, 1993, Division No. 2, in conjunction with the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, held a Divine Service in the Heinz Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. This was an historical event in that the Masonic Knights Templar, Prince Hall Affiliated, were invited to participate with the Pennsylvania Knights Templar on this special day. All of the other York Rite bodies were represented along with officers of the Scottish Rite and members of the Syria Shrine. As far as we know, this is the first time the Masonic Knights Templar, P.H.A., and the Pennsylvania Masonic bodies participated in an event such as this.

Shown in the picture, from left to right, are: Sir Knight Robert E. Rayner, R.E.G.C. of Pennsylvania; Sir Knight Larry Dunn, Commissioner of Allegheny County; Dr. and Brother Robert D. Forsythe, Pastor of Riverview Presbyterian Church; and Sir Knight George T. Williams, M.E.G.C., P.H.A., of Pennsylvania.



Christopher Carson, commonly known as Kit, the strong, capable frontiersman of the far West, caught the imagination of nineteenth century Americans in the same manner that Daniel Boone represented the indomitable settler of the Kentucky and Ohio regions to people of that era. Carson was truly a great hunter, Indian fighter and agent, and soldier, but probably he was best known as the most competent guide available to explorers of the wilderness that became the Western United States.

Kit's birth and early years did not forecast his future fame. He was born on Christmas Eve in 1809, the sixth child of Lindsay and Rebecca Robinson Carson, in Madison, Kentucky. Lindsay Carson was a poor farmer, and when Kit was one year old, he moved with his family in search of better land, settling in Howard County, Missouri, located on the wild frontier.

Unable to find good land to farm that was safe from Indian attacks, the Carsons joined with neighbors in building a picketed log fort. They slept in the fort at night and carefully plowed and planted their fields by day, with loaded rifles near at hand. Thus, Kit's childhood was spent in hostile surroundings and he learned all of the secrets of survival on the frontier. The wilderness was his only school.

At the age of fifteen, Kit could support himself in a dangerous environment, but he could not read or write. No means of formal education were available.

Lindsay, wanting his son Christopher to learn a trade suitable for a civilized life, apprenticed him to a saddle maker by the name of David Workman. The saddler, seemingly a capable and kindly man, did his best to teach Kit the trade. The boy learned, but his heart was never in the saddle business. For two years, he worked in leather as a favor to his father.

In 1826, when Kit was seventeen, he could stand the settled life no longer. A



Brother Kit Carson

by Sir Knight Robert C. Barnard



group of trappers, hunters, and mountain men passed through Missouri on their way to the Rocky Mountains, and Kit ran away to go with them. Kit's employer, saddler Workman, perhaps to let Kit know that he was missed and could return if he wished, advertised for the runaway apprentice in the newspaper, offering a penny reward for his return. No one ever tried to collect the money.

After several months with the trappers, Kit became a cook in the trapper settlement of Taos, New Mexico, then in Spanish territory. After two years, his

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conscience began to bother him, and he started back for Missouri and home, but he was of two minds about returning and when he met a party of traders and trappers bound for the Spanish stronghold of Santa Fe, Kit decided to go back with them.

The leader of this trapping band, Ewing Young, pretended to trade with the Spanish, but really came only to trap in the lush beaver streams of Spanish America, which was strictly illegal for Americans. This didn't stop the trapping, however, and thousands of pelts were gathered, bringing wealth to the band.

In their wanderings to find the best trapping areas of the Southwest, the group became lost. They were attacked by Indians, but the forty frontiersmen soon proved to be a formidable force, capable of destroying even large bands of Indians.

The group continued west, passing Grand canyon and continuing through the desert and over the coastal range until they came upon the Spanish mission San Gabriel in California. Trapping in the virgin

California streams was excellent, and the band moved on to San Fernando and then to the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers.

By this time, Kit Carson was twenty years old and had reached full maturity, physically and mentally. As described later by Jesse Benton Fremont, wife of his best friend and mentor, John C. Fremont, Kit was small in stature, compact, with a large and finely developed head, twinkling gray eyes and sandy hair. He was about five feet, eight inches in height, with a long body and short limbs."

Judging by Kit's appearance in later years, people were sometimes disappointed on first meeting the great frontiersman. However, as soon as any kind of action came, these same people praised Kit highly.

Kit's Companions had found the young man to be a superior hunter and trapper and also a pillar of strength when fighting the Indians. He seemed to understand them and was both trusted and feared by them. In later years, he was described as having a perfect knowledge of Indian customs, manners, habits and groundwork of conduct. If action comes with the Indians, Carson acts and never boasts."

When Indians stole the sixty horses of the trapper band, Kit led the twelve-man party that trailed the thieves, defeated them, and brought back fifty-four horses. The other six had already been eaten.

While trapping in the Los Angeles area. Spanish authorities tried to get the group drunk so that they could be arrested and jailed without a fight. But Ewing and Carson detected the plot and got them out and started back for New Mexico.

For the next decade, until 1839, Kit continued profitable trapping activities, sometimes with Ewing and at other times on his own. During this time, he trapped most of the major streams of the West and learned the territory as well or better than any other man.

One Carson adventure during his trapper days concerned a large party of Indians returning with two hundred stolen horses from Mexico. Kit gathered some of the trapper band, wiped out the Indians, and brought the horses to Taos.

All of the trapped beaver pelts had to be smuggled out of New Mexico. A friendly American copper mine owner let the trappers hide their pelts in his mine until the proper time to take a large cache by pack horses to United States territory to sell.

The fur trade began to fade when beaver hats became out of style and the wealthy of the world began to wear silk hats. The profit in beaver pelts became less each year and other furs were never extremely profitable. It was during his last year as a trapper that Carson was bullied in camp by a large Frenchman known as Captain Shuman. Since Kit was quiet and rather small, Shuman felt no qualms in attacking him. One night, Shuman stated that all Americans were cowards, especially all present. Kit got up and ordered Shuman to prove his statement in battle. He then shot Shuman off his horse with his first shot and returned to his quiet serenity. Kit's reputation among the mountain men grew from a number of actions such as this.

By 1840, when trapping was no longer worthwhile, Kit became a hunter to supply meat to Bent's Fort in southeastern Colorado. This allowed him to continue to live the wilderness life that he loved.

In the summer of 1842, Carson met young Lieutenant John C. Fremont of the U.S. Topographical Service and the two became lifelong friends. Fremont needed a competent guide for his explorations. Their first trip was through South Pass to the Wind River Mountains and then back to Missouri. Fremont published a report and wrote articles about the trip, praising Carson highly. In a short time, the average man in the Eastern American states knew about Kit Carson.

The following year, Kit rejoined Fremont on a trek to Salt Lake, up the Oregon Trail to the Dallas River, south to Klamath Lake, then west across the Sierra Nevadas over the pass Fremont named for Carson to Sutters Fort in California. After reconnoitering the California situation in this area now owned by Mexico, the two friends went east to Colorado and Kit left Fremont at Bent's Fort.

While Fremont was on this exploration, his father-in-law Senator Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri sent him a letter addressed merely to Lt. Colonel Fremont in California or New Mexico, in care of Mr. C. Carson. Kit's fame was so great by this time that the letter was delivered. The letter is now on display in the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles.

Kit knew that Fremont's duties would call him west again. While he waited for his friend to return, he established a sheep ranch near Taos.



In 1845, Carson guided Fremont's third expedition across the Rockies to Sutter's Fort in California. Fremont had information that the Mexican War would begin any time and it was his desire to secure the Mexican territory of California for the Union. Suspicious Mexican authorities ordered him to leave, but Kit guided the party toward the mountains and remained in California.

A short time later, Fremont and Carson helped discontented Americans to organize the Bear Flag Revolt. When several hundred of them were surrounded by a much superior force of Mexicans near San Diego, Carson and a naval lieutenant crawled through the enemy lines and returned with reinforcements to rout the enemy.

Fremont then sent Carson with dispatches to Washington. However, Kit met General Kearney with a small American army on the way to California and Kearney desperately needed a guide. The dispatches went on with another courier and Carson guided Kearney back to take California for the U.S., accomplished after the battle and siege of San Pasqual.

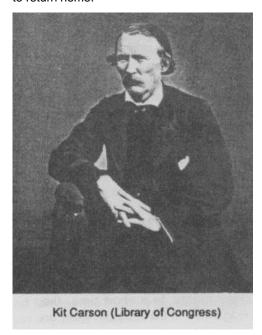
The general appreciated Kit's help and recommended that he be made a lieutenant of mounted riflemen. But politics played an active part then as now, and Congress refused to give Kit his commission, no matter how well earned. In disgust, he returned to his ranch near Taos.

It was at this time that Kit pursued sheep ranching on a large scale. Since there was little market for sheep in New Mexico, he decided to take his herd of 4,000 sheep to be sold in prosperous California. Such a feat had never been accomplished before, and Kit's friends predicted probable disaster, with the entire herd dying of thirst in the desert or being killed by the numerous Indian tribes on the way. However, no catastrophe occurred, and Kit returned to New Mexico with a great deal of money.

Peaceful years of ranching also gave Kit time to join the Masonic Lodge. He

received his degrees in Montezuma Lodge No. 109, then under Missouri charter although in New Mexico. (E.A. March 29, 1854; F.C. June 17, 1854, M.M. December 26, 1854). When Bent Lodge No. 204, named after Kit's friend, Charles Bent of Bent's Fort, was chartered by Missouri in Taos on December 15, 1859, Carson demitted to it and became its first Junior Warden. When that Lodge surrendered its charter, Kit returned to Montezuma Lodge and remained a member until death.

When the Civil War began, Kit determined to offer his services to the U.S. Government as a soldier. By now, the Fremont and Kearney reports and articles had made him famous and he had no trouble becoming colonel of the New Mexico Volunteer Infantry which he organized. His unit fought in the Battle of Val Verde and then went out against the Apache and Navaho bands that took advantage of the Civil War to make trouble of their own. In 1865, with five years of service behind him, he was brevetted a brigadier general. Kit continued with the army after the war until 1867, then resigned to return home.



But the government valued Kit's services too highly to let him retire. He was known and trusted, or at least respected, by all of the Indian tribes of the Southwest and a superintendent of Indian affairs was needed in this area. The tribes found Kit fair and strong. He rewarded and protected those who kept the peace but punished severely those guilty of depredations or underhandedness.

On May 23, 1868, Kit Carson died, probably of a heart attack, at the age of fifty-nine. His virtues were probably best described by his best fiend, Fremont, the "Pathfinder," "Christopher Carson was a

remarkably peaceable and quiet man, temperate in habit and moral in deportment. Carson and truth were the same thing." It was these sterling qualities, coupled with courage and dependability, which made him a real American hero. Carson City, capital of the State of Nevada, is a fitting memorial to this true man and Mason.

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Recipients of the Grand Encampment Membership Jewel

- 67. Todd E. Smith, Milford Commandery No. 11, Milford, MA. 8-16-93
- Charles T. Robbins, Greensboro Commandery No. 8, Greensboro, NC. 9-24-93. Included 2 bronze clusters.
- 69. Harvey L. Ward, Pilgrim Commandery No. 7, Gainesville, FL. 9-24-93.
- 70. Ervin E. Engel, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 31, St. Peter, MN. 10-15-93.
- 71. J. Gordon Cartrette, Florence Commandery No. 10, Florence, SC. 11-2-93.
- 72. Edelito Hernandez Medina, San Jose Commandery No. 10, San Jose, CA. 11-5-93.

In Memoriam



Col. William E. Barkman District of Columbia Grand Commander-1966 Born January 18, 1898 Died November 6, 1993

Donald J. Rayburn Kansas Grand Commander-1957 Born May 16,1896 Died November 10, 1993

Lawrence C. Drescher Connecticut Grand Commander-1945 Born December 9, 1891 Died November 18, 1993

McKinley Clayton Lewis, Jr. Arkansas Grand Commander-1974 Born October 8, 1918 Died November 21, 1993

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club

No. 100,001-Kenton D. Morgan (CA)

No. 100,002-W. August von Dohlen (SC)

No. 100,003-Don W. Mumford (OH)

No. 100,004-Richard W. Spangler (CO)

No. 100,005-Russet H. Pruett (KY)

No. 100,006-C. Edward Yeager (WV)

No. 100,007-Mark J. Rutter (PA)

No. 100,008-John P. Bohanan (GA)

No. 100,009-Jim Williams (GA)

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No. 2,066-Frederic J. Brenner (PA)

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No. 2,068-Leroy A. Giglio (MI)

No. 2,069-Phillip K. Crumm, Sr. (CA)

No. 2,070-Ray Walker Smith (TX)

No. 2,071-Warren M. Young (FL)

No. 2,072-William Hugh Lewis (GA)

No. 2,073-Thomas Sigmon Hutcherson (GA)

How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. addition. members of the Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. 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.

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.



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Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending December 10, 1993. The total amount contributed to date is \$34,133.29

Alabama	\$1,420.00
Arkansas	140.00
California	1,515.27
Colorado	1,005.00
Connecticut	
Delaware	350.00
Florida	372.00
Georgia	4.683.48
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	100.00
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Kansas	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	
Maine	

Maryland	200.00
Mass./R.I	320.00
Michigan	2,457.00
Minnesota	
Missouri	130.00
Montana	5.00
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	
Ohio	
Oklahoma	
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	6.388.00
South Carolina	
Tennessee	
Texas	
Virginia	135.00
Washington	650.00
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	
Alaska No. 1	
Fairbanks	100.00
Heidelberg No. 2	
Germany	200.00
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Fourth Golden Chalice Presented

Grand Master William H. Thornley, Jr., presented the fourth Golden Chalice award to Sir Knight Luie W. Mayfield for his contribution of at least \$10,000.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The award was presented at a special meeting of El Paso Commandery No. 18, El Paso, Texas, on November 11, 1993.

Pictured at right are Grand Master Thornley (right) and Sir Knight Mayfield.



59th Triennial Conclave Grand Encampment Knights Templar Of The U.S.A.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The headquarters hotel is the Radisson Hotel Denver, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado 80202, (303) 893-3333.

Room rates at the Radisson Hotel are: single room, \$79.00 plus tax; one bedroom suite, \$200.00 plus tax; two bedroom suite, \$275.00 plus tax.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

All Events Scheduled on Mountain Time

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1994

- 10:00 A.M. KTEF Trustee meeting.
- 5:30 P.M. KTEF Trustees leave for dinner at Tivoli Deer Lodge, Kittredge, CO.
- 7:00 P.M. KTEF Trustee dinner (ladies included), Tivoli Deer Lodge, Kittredge, CO.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1994

- 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. Registration open.
- 1:30 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. Grand officers' meeting.
- 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. Knights Templar Educational Foundation meeting.
- 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. Drill team judges' meeting (at the Inn at the Mart).
- 4:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. Drill team captains' meeting (at the Inn at the Mart).
- 6:00 P.M. Saint Bernard Commandery hospitality hour.
- 7:00 P.M. Saint Bernard Commandery dinner (for all members and their ladies).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1994

Note: All drill team activities will take place at the Mart of Denver.

- 6:00 A.M. Drill Team Judges' Centennial Breakfast.
- 7:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. Drill team competition, drill team inspection, and drill team photographs.
- 12:00 NOON Drill team judges' luncheon.
- 7:30 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. Drill Team Pass in Review and Awards.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1994

Activities that will take place at the Radisson Hotel.

- 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Registration open.
- 9:00 A.M. Committee on Finance.
- 10:30 A.M. Committee on Jurisprudence.
- 2:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
- 3:00 P.M. Committee on Ritualistic Matters.
- Bus trip available to Central City: leave hotel at 2:00 PM.; return to hotel at 8:00 PM.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1994

- 7:00 A.M. Texas Breakfast (by invitation only arrangements by Texas Grand Commandery).
- 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. . Registration open.
- 10:00 A.M. Divine Service, hotel ballroom.
- 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 *P.M. Knight Templar Magazine*, editors' meeting

- 5:00 P.M.—Mutual Guild meeting. (Grand Secretary/Recorders)
- 6:00 P.M.—The Forty-Fivers' Dinner. (Tickets required.)
- 7:00 P.M.---Mutual Guild Dinner (for members and wives only).
- 8:30 P.M.—Grand Master's Reception (tickets required), hotel ballroom.
- Bus trip available to Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods: leave hotel at 1:00 PM.: return to hotel at 6:00 PM.
- Bus trip available to Central City: leave hotel at 1:00 PM.; return to hotel at 8:00 PM

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1994

- 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.—Registration open.
- 7:00 A.M.—.Southern Breakfast (tickets required).
- 8:15 A.M.—Grand Encampment officers and distinguished guests assemble.
- 9:00 A.M. (sharp)—Grand Encampment opening ceremonies (open to ladies and invited guests).
- 11:30 A.M.—Ladies' luncheon (tickets required).
- 12:00 NOON—Grand Encampment officers' luncheon.
- 2:00 P.M.—Grand Encampment business session.
- 4:30 P.M.—Grand Encampment business recessed.
- 5:30 P.M. TO 6:30 RM.—Hospitality hour in Grand Master's suite (by invitation only).
- 7:00 RM.—Grand Master's Family Banquet (by invitation).
- Note: Monday evening is open for State Dinners.

Bus trip available for ladies to Central City: leave hotel at 2:W PM; return to hotel at 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1994

- 7:00 A.M.—Honors Breakfast (tickets required) for: KTCH, KCT, HRAKTP, Red Cross of Constantine, KYCH, MSA, KCCH, 33° Masons, and Royal Order of Scotland.
- 8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 —Registration open.
- 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON—Grand Encampment business session.
- 12:00 NOON—Grand Encampment officers' luncheon.
- 12:00 NOON—Ladies' luncheon (by invitation), sponsored by Deputy Grand Master's wife.
- 1:30 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.—Grand Encampment business session.
- 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.—Social hour.
- 6:20 P.M. (sharp)—Grand officers and guests assemble for the Grand Master's Banquet.
- 7:00 P.M.—Grand Master's Banquet (tickets required). Attendance is limited to 1,100 people (first come, first served). Program: Air Force Academy Chorale.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1994

- 9:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.—Grand Encampment business session (if needed).
- 10:30 A.M.—Installation of officers (open to guests).
- 12:00 NOON TO 2:00 RM.—KTEF meeting and lunch, auspices of incoming Grand Master.
- 3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.—Grand officers and committee chairmen meeting.
- 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.—Hospitality hour in incoming Grand Master's suite.
- 7:30 P.M.—Incoming Grand Master's Family Dinner.

History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXIII
Biographies Of
The Grand Masters
(Continued)

John Quincy Adams Fellows Ninth Grand Master 1871-1874 (Continued)

He received the Mark Masters Degree in Bethel Mark Lodge at Royalton, Vermont, on February 20, 1850. This lodge merged into Randolph Royal Arch Chapter No. 5 and its work was legitimized by the Grand Chapter of Vermont in August, 1850. On Moving to New Orleans, Fellows withdrew from Randolph Chapter and received the other degrees in Orleans Chapter No. 1 in 1852. He served as High Priest in 1855, and in 1859 became Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

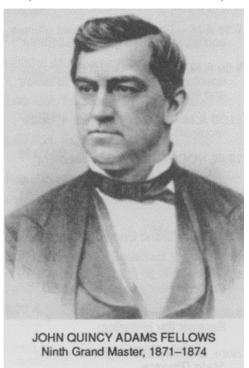
He was greeted in Louisiana Council No. 2 in February, 1854. On October 6, 1855, he withdrew from Louisiana Council and assisted in the organization of Orleans Council No. 4 of which he was the first Thrice Illustrious Master. He took an active part in the formation of the Grand Council of Louisiana and was Grand Master in 1868.

He received the 32° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Grand Consistory of Louisiana on August 1, 1856, and the 33° on February 12, 1857.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1 on August 4, 1856, and represented his Commandery in the Grand Encampment at the Conclave held in Hartford, Connecticut in September of that same year. In 1860 he assisted in the organization of Orleans

Commandery No. 3 and became its first Eminent Commander. He promoted the formation of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana and was the Grand Commander in 1865. He attended the Triennial meetings of the Grand Encampment from 1856, missing only the meeting of 1862 on account of the Civil War. In 1865 he was elected Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, in 1868 Deputy Grand Master, and at the Conclave held in Boston in 1871, he was elected Grand Master.

Sir Knight Fellows met with firmness and tact the many problems and controversies that arose during the period of adjustment that followed the Civil War. At the Conclave of 1874 he made his report, which included forty-three decisions. The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a unanimous report



sustaining all his decisions, which was adopted without a negative vote. This remains a remarkable and outstanding record in the annals of the Order.

After he retired from the office of Grand Master, he continued to serve the Order he loved so well, acting on the Committee of Jurisprudence. His wise counsel and ready suggestions were always at the command of the Grand Encampment. For more than fifty years he gave his best efforts to the Order. With kindness yet with firmness he upheld the high standards of Christian Knighthood at all times. He was a commanding figure in the Order due to his scholarly attainments and his pleasant and magnetic manner.

James Herron Hopkins Tenth Grand Master 1874-1877

James Н. Hopkins born in was Washington County, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1832. After completing his law studies he was admitted to the Bar in Pittsburgh in 1852, and for over twenty years practiced his profession in that city, becoming one of its most prominent members. He was also active in the banking business. For several years he was vice president of the Chamber of Commerce in Pittsburgh. He was elected to Congress from the Pittsburgh District and served in the Forty-fourth and Forty-eighth Congress.

He died at North Hatley, Canada, on June 18, 1904. He had left Washington with his family on May 31st for his summer home at North Hatley. He had been feeling quite well, but suffered an acute attack of indigestion which caused his death.

The remains were returned to Washington, where the Knight Templar funeral service was held at his residence on June 21, attended by the Officers and Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia. The burial service of the Episcopal Church was afterwards read by Reverend

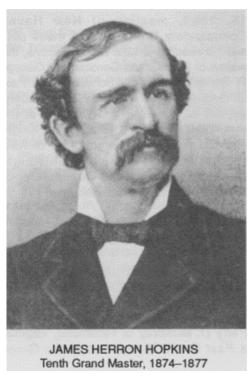
Sir Knight Alfred Harding. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Sir Knight Hopkins was made a Master Mason in Franklin Lodge No. 221 at Pittsburgh on December 4, 1856, and served as Worshipful Master from 1861 to 1864.

He was exalted in Zerubbabel Chapter No. 162 at Pittsburgh on October 2, 1860, and was High Priest in 1867.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he received the 32° in Pittsburgh in 1866. He was Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Consistory in 1871-72 and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33° on September 19, 1872, at New York.

He was created a Knight Templar in Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 at Pittsburgh on April 21, 1862 and became Eminent Commander in 1866. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania from 1869 to 1870. In 1874 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment at the Conclave held in New Orleans.



Highlights

Connecticut's Lady Schenk Receives Widow's Pins



the custom of the Grand Ιt is Commandery of Connecticut to present a widow's pin to the widow of a deceased Past Grand Commander. Similarly, New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, presents a widow's pin to the widow of a deceased active member. At the October 15, 1993, meeting of New Haven Commandery No. 2, both of these pins were presented to Mrs. Mabel Schenk, the widow of Past Grand Commander George R. Schenk. Sir Knight Schenk was a Past Commander of New Haven Commandery, as well as a Past Prelate. Shown at the presentation are, left to right: Sir Knight Richard A. Eppler, Commander of New Haven; Mrs. Schenk; and Sir Knight Rodney I. Gray, Grand Commander of Knights Templar Connecticut.

Virginia Brother Returns Rare Masonic Gift to Indiana

One of the highlights of this year's annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was the presentation to the Lodge of a treasured, heirloom, silver service by Perry D. Mowbray of Richmond, Virginia, a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia.

Originally manufactured in Indianapolis, the silver service belonged to William Sheets, Grand Master of Indiana in 1831-32. Sheets had given leadership to the erection of the Grand Masonic Hall in Indianapolis in the 1850s, and for these efforts was presented the service by the Grand Lodge on May 29, 1855 at its annual meeting.

P.G.M. Sheets promised to hand down the service to succeeding generations and this promise bore true prophesy for after his death in 1872 it began an interesting odyssey that took it from coast to coast.

Finally, it was given to Brother Mowbray who, seeing its significance to Indiana, stored it at the Grand Lodge of Virginia office with the idea that it would someday return to the Hoosier State.

Masonic Shrine, Black Camp Gap Tradition Continues in North Carolina

Each year since 1935, Masons have held their North Carolina Summer Assembly at this lovely place in the Appalachian Mountains. The Assembly and the park service have worked together to improve the area and after three years of work to get the wording approved by Washington, a National Park Service sign in the parking area says in part:

"The Shrine was erected in 1938 in a cooperative effort with other Masons throughout the world. Its 687 stones were sent from the various states, 41 nations, and every continent, including Antarctica. There are stones from Plymouth Rock and from the Rock of Gibraltar, from the Alamo, and from the White House. T. Troy Wyche of Waynesville Lodge led the efforts to erect the monument.

"The scenic setting of this shrine, surrounded on all sides by National Park lands, was chosen to signify the universality of the Masons. Their ideals of equality, morality, charity, and a brotherhood of humanity are symbolized in the cement that binds these stones and bricks."

North Carolina Summer Assembly Masons are justly proud of this achievement!

from the Masonic Family

Grand Master William H. Thornley, Jr. Honored by Scottish Rite Valley in PA



Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (second from left), was the honored guest and addressed the 75th Anniversary Fall Reunion of the Valley of A.A.S.R., N.M.J. Sir Knight Reading, Thornley is pictured with (left to right) Sir Knight Robert E. Rayner, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; Brother Richard E. Hummel, Sovereign Prince, Valley of Reading; III. Brother C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°. Active for PA, A.A.S.R.; Brother Conrad L. Heimbh, Thrice Potent Master, Reading Lodge of Perfection; III. Brother Edward J. Rissmiller, Commander-in-Chief of Reading Consistory; Brother John J. Hughes, Most Wise Master, Valley of Reading; III. Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, 33°, Deputy for PA, A.A.S.R., who also is a Past Grand Master of Masons in PA; and Sir Knight John L. Winkelman, Right Eminent Department Commander of the Northeastern Department of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A.

Tape on Capitol Cornerstone Bicentennial Benefits Washington Masonic Memorial

A television documentary about the U.S. Capitol Cornerstone Bicentennial has been released. The two-hour, two-part series, which is included on one tape, describes how George Washington dedicated the United States Capitol's cornerstone two hundred year ago on September 18, 1793, in the most famous public Masonic cornerstone ceremony in history. The tape includes the 1993 U.S. Capitol Bicentennial celebrations in Washington, D.C. \$5.00 of each VHS tape purchase will be donated to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in tribute to George Washington. Send check or money orders in the amount of \$40.00 each to: Capstone Productions, Inc, 12002 Citrus Grove Road, N. Potomac, MD 20878. (MD orders add 5% tax.)

Drill Team Competition 59th Triennial Conclave Denver, Colorado

Ten drill teams have entered the Grand Encampment drill competition to be held in Denver at the 59th Triennial Conclave, and many more are expected to enter in the near future.

Please notify Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, P.O. Box 429, Van Wert, OH 45891-0429, as soon as possible concerning your team's entry in the drill competition for August 13, 1994, in Denver, Colorado.

Let Sir Knight Dull know if you have need of any information or materials.

MASONIC CONFERENCES-1994

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

February 17-19
Washington, D.C.
(annually)

The Philalethes Society
Grand College of Rites, U.S.A.
Grand Master's Council, A.M.D.

Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D.

Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.

Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte

Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knights Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A.

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The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, HRAKTP

GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA, HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

February 19 Washington, D.C. (annually) Current Grand Preceptor: James McCrorry Willson, Jr. P.O. Box 666

Floydada, TX 79235

Contact: George M. Fulmer Grand Registrar 278 Valerie Lane

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA February 20-22 Current Conference Chairman: Contact:

Crystal City, Virginia (annually) Werner H. Morlock 6459 Silver Ridge Circle Alexandria, VA 22310 Albert T. Ames
Executive Sec./Treas.
110-R Bacon Street
Natick, MA 01760

Lusby, MD 20657

CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES OF NORTH AMERICA

February 21-22 Crystal City, Virginia (annually) Current President: Robert P. Dudley P.O. Box 6506 Raleigh, NC 27628 Contact: Stewart W. Miner Secretary/Treasurer 5428 MacArthur Blvd. N.W. Washington, DC 20016

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

February 21 Alexandria, Virginia (annually) Current President: Charles A. Brigham, Jr. 2909 Ebenezer Road Cincinnati, OH 45233 Contact:
 Donald M. Robey
 Executive Sec./Treas.
 101 Callahan Drive
 Alexandria, VA 22301

THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

February 22 Alexandria, Virginia (annually)

A. Harold Small 305 Small's Lane Kalispell, MT 59901

Current Chairman, Exec. Comm.:

Richard E. Fletcher Executive Secretary 8120 Fenton Street Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785

Contact:

SUPREME SHRINE, ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM

May 3-6

St. Paul, Minnesota

(annually)

Current Worthy High Priestess:

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Reno, NV 89509-5026

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Helen R. Piechulis Supreme Worthy Scribe 107 E. New Haven Ave.

Melbourne, FL 32901

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SUPREME FOREST, TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA No Report No Report No Report

UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

June 2-4

Arlington, Virginia

(annually)

Current Grand Sovereign:

Charles V. Brewer 8912 Ridge Place

Bethesda, MD 20817

Contact: Ned E. Dull Grand Recorder

> P.O. Box 5716 Springfield, IL 62705-5716

SUPREME TEMPLE, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

June 5-10

Pheonix, Arizona

(annually)

Current Supreme Queen: Barbara J. Lawrence 3461 Lannette Lane

Lexington, Kentucky

Contact:

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NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.

June 15-18

San Diego, California

(annually)

Current National President: Col. Frank W. Harris III 13009 Caton Place Woodbine Woods

Manassas, VA 22111

Contact:

Nelson O. Newcombe **National Secretary** 8301 East Boulevard Dr. Alexandria, VA 22308

HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

June 17-22

Palm Springs, California

(annually)

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St. Louis, MO 63123-7823-55

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INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DeMOLAY

June 22-25

Kansas City, Missouri

(annually)

Current Grand Master William J. Mollere

10200 N. Executive Hills Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64153-1367

Contact:

Robert W. Murphy **Executive Director** 10200 N. Executive Hills Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64153-1367 (816) 891-8333

SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF THE AMARANTH, INC.

July 3-7

Costa Mesa, California

(annually)

Current Supreme Royal Matron: Jessie M. See 8631 Yorktown Avenue

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Contact:

Ethel B. Frv Supreme Secretary 2303 Murdoch Avenue Parkersburg, WV 26101-2532

IMPERIAL COUNCIL, AAONMS

July 3-7

Denver, Colorado (annually) Current Imperial Potentate:

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YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA

July 27-30 Toronto, Ontario (annually) Current Governor General: Roy E. Van Delinder, Jr. 28 Menio Place Rochester, NY 14620

Henry A. Montague Secretary General

500 Temple Avenue Detroit, MI 48201

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

July 24-27

Baltimore, Maryland (biennially) Current Supreme Worthy Advisor:

Margaret Kofoed

5014 Lakeridge Terrace East

Reno, NV 89509

Contact:

Contact:

Mary E. Sperry Supreme Recorder P.O. Box 788 McAlester, OK 74502

SUPREME GUARDIAN COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS

August 7-14

Seattle, Washington (annually)

Current Supreme Guardian: Tomilynn W. McManus 5311 N.E. 86th Street Seattle, WA 98115 Contact: Susan M. Goolsby Executive Manager 233 W. 6th Street

Papillion, NE 68046-2210

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

August 12-17

Denver, Colorado (triennially) Current Grand Master:

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CONVENT GENERAL, KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

November 11-12 Williamsburg, Virginia

(annually)

Current Grand Master-General:

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Rev. Olin E. Lehman
Grand Registrar-General
7635 East Glade Avenue
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SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., U.S.A.

September 25-28 Cleveland, Ohio

(annually)

Current Sovereign Grand Commander:

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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL

November 3-6, 1996

Asheville, North Carolina

(triennially)

Current General Grand High Priest: Contact:

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William R. Selby, Sr. General Grand Secretary P.O. Box 489

Danville, KY 40423-0489

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL

November 3-6, 1996 Asheville, North Carolina

(triennially)

Current General Grand Master:

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Canyonville, OR 97417

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Bruce H. Hunt

General Grand Recorder

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SUPREME ASSEMBLY, SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

September 26-30 Springfield, Missouri

(annually)

Current Supreme Worthy President: Contact:

Sandra Dean

2908 Laurel Street West Tampa, FL 33607-5219 Coetta Chalker Supreme Recorder 1009 Valen Road Westminster, MD 21157

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SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A. & A.S.R., SOUTHERN JURISDICTION

October 9-10, 1995

Washington, D.C. (biennially)

Sovereign Grand Commander:

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Washington, D.C. 20009-3199

Contact:

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ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND

September 28 Cleveland, Ohio

(annually)

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Contact:

Richard B. Baldwin Provincial Grand Sec.

P.O. Box 125

Annandale, VA 22003

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

October 29-November 4 Memphis, Tennessee

(triennielly)

Most Worthy Grand Matron: Virginia M. Painter

28169 W. Meadow Lane Road McHenry, IL 60050-0621 Contact: Betty J. Briggs

Right Worthy Grand Sec. 1618 New, Hampshire Ave.,

N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20009-

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DATE	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	REPRESENTATIVE
February 28	Alabama	Dothan	James M. Ward
March 4-6	New Jersey	Ocean City	William H. Thornley, Jr.
March 10-12	Arkansas	North Little Rock	Donald H. Smith
March 11	Delaware	Wilmington	John L. Winkelman
March 13-14	South Carolina	Myrtle Beach	James E. Moseley
March 18-19	Mississippi	Jackson	William J. Jones
March 19	District of Columbia	District of Columbia	William H. Thornley, Jr.
March 25-26	North Dakota	Bismarck	James M. Ward
March 28-29	North Carolina	Greensboro	Charles R. Neumann
April 9	Connecticut	Cromwell	John L. Winkelman
April 9	Nebraska	Columbus	Thomas K. Rosenow
April 9	Oregon	Eugene	Joel C. Bingner
April 14-15	Louisiana	Gretna	William H. Thornley, Jr.
April 15-19	Texas	Arlington	William H. Thomley, Jr.
April 22	Idaho	Post Falls	Howard P. Lumbar
April 23	Tennessee	Nashville	William J. Jones
April 23-25	Oklahoma	Bartlesville	Howard R. Caldwell
April (to be determined)	Philippines	to be determined	Richard M. Strauss
April 26	California	Concord	James M. Ward
April 29	New Mexico	Carlsbad	William J. Jones
April 29-30	Indiana	Indianapolis	Blair C. Mayford
May 2	Maine	Bangor	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 7	Kansas	Salina	Robert M Abernathey
May 7	Missouri	Columbia	Blair C. Mayford
May 11	Maryland	Ocean City	John C. Werner II
May 11-12	Georgia	Toccoa	Charles R. Neumann
May 12-14	Utah	Midvale	Howard R. Caldwell
May 13-14	Virginia	Portsmouth	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 16	Washington	Everett	William J. Jones
May 19	West Virginia	Huntington	James S. DeMond
May 20-23	Pennsylvania	Wilkes-Barre	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 23	Florida	Altamonte Springs	James M. Ward
June 2-4	lowa	Cedar Rapids	Thomas K. Rosenow
June 2-4	Michigan	Flint	William H. Thornley, Jr.
June 4	Montana	Kalispell	Blair C. Mayford
June 6	Nevada	Winnemucca	Robert M. Abernathey
June 15-16	Vermont	Burlington	John L. Winkelman
June 17	Wisconsin	LaCrosse	Thomas K. Rosenow
June 23-25	Minnesota	St. Paul	Blair C. Mayford
July 21-24	Illinois	Decatur	William H. Thornley, Jr.
August 26	Arizona	Phoenix	Charles R. Neumann
September 9	Colorado	Pueblo	Ernest I. Teter
September 17	Wyoming	Riverton	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 16-18	New York	Suffern	Grand Captain General
September 19	Kentucky	Louisville	Russell P. Livermore
September 24	South Dakota	Huron	Grand Captain General
October 1-2	New Hampshire	Nashua	John O. Bend
October 7-8	Ohio	Youngstown	Blair C. Mayford
October 14-15	Mass/Rhode Island	Burlington, MA	John O. Bond
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Lead the Craft!

by Sir Knight Michael D Gillard

"He's the Master, he ought to...!" How often in our Lodges have we heard such statements? We have all had the occasion to fault our presiding officer for not doing what, in our opinion, should be done. Even the best of Masons may be guilty of uttering statements such as the one above.

For the sake of this article, I am going to attribute the above statement to a Brother who has never presided over a Masonic body. This Brother is retired. He was a successful businessman and leader in the community. He accumulated a substantial business during his working years and led it to a place of prominence in his chosen field. In the process his business made him a prosperous citizen. Now, as a retiree, he has the time to attend Lodge and participate in the work of the Craft.

"He's the Master, he ought to..." comes easily to this man. Although this Brother has never passed through the chairs to preside over a Masonic body, he feels that success in the business community gives him a basis for making such a comment.

Another Brother, this one a Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Worthy Patron, makes the same comment: "He's the Master, he ought to..." Coming from this Brother does the comment have any more validity? Often, while "passing through the chairs," this Brother had to rearrange his work plans to be at Lodge and Chapter.

His experience within Masonry gives him the basis for understanding the trials and

tribulations attendant with presiding over a Masonic organization. His terms as Master, High Priest, and Worthy Patron were good terms. He experienced good attendance. During his time as Master the Lodge had several petitioners, degree work was well done, officers were proficient. As High Priest and Worthy Patron he took pride in his office and in the members.

"He's the Master, he ought to...!" comes easily to this Brother, too. His experiences as a "Past" give him a basis for presuming the authority for such a statement.

My Brethren, both men are WRONG.

Masonry utilizes a time proven method of moving men into positions of leadership. The system of passing through the chairs, while tedious and prone to discrepancy, is the system used by Masonry. Even with the possibility of error so existent in such a system, it is the mode utilized among most Masonic bodies, and it is a system that works.

Both men in my examples above may have had a correct basis for feeling "He's the Master, he ought to...," but they are wrong in uttering such sentiments. The "Master" of whom they speak has spent several years in progressing to the position of leadership. During that progression he has had the opportunity to witness many different attitudes and standards of the Fraternity. If our Master has learned his lessons well, if he has applied himself to the study of our ancient order, he has a basis for Masonic decision making.

It is easy to understand that not all of his decisions will be popular decisions. It is quite possible that he will make errors - even substantial errors. No doubt he will not please all of his members, nor will he do all that he ought to" do. But he Is the Master, he has passed through the chairs to that position, and he will do the best job within his power and capability to do.

The title of this article is "LEAD THE CRAFT." In order that our Master" may have the capability to do what he ought to..." let's examine some areas in which he should have, while passing through the chairs, acquired a basis for Masonic leadership.

The able and proficient Masonic writer, Carl H. Claudy, wrote "To pack your

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Lodge rooms, to have them sending to the basement for more chairs, give Masons what they cannot get anywhere else, give them Freemasonry."

We live in an era of "doing." People are busy. Our members have many, many commitments other than Freemasonry. The demands on our time are greater today than ever before in the history of the world. Jobs are more demanding of our time. Families require nurturing and time. Leisure time activities today are organized activities, activities that require an ever increasing amount of time. Time to be allocated to Masonic meetinas and activities diminishing. Masons of today do not have the TIME that our forefathers had to devote to Masonry.

How, when our members have so little time, do we get them to allocate time for Masonry? I believe this is where we put

Brother Claudy's advice "...give them Freemasonry" to work for us.

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Now let's clarify this. I do not mean boring and lengthy business meetings. Nor do I mean run-of-the-mill degree conferrals. I mean Freemasonry - interesting, active Freemasonry: an Entered Apprentice Degree conferred in a Low Dell, or High Hill, conferred by moonlight with only the glow of the "Three Lesser Lights" to illuminate those "Three Great Lights"; a Fellowcraft Degree performed by craftsmen in costumes reminiscent of King Solomon's time; a Master Mason Degree depicted in a local stone quarry, or in the defiles" of a nearby mountain or ravine. All degrees must be given by skilled ritualists, delivered with feeling and meaning.

"Give them Freemasonry." Take a new Entered Apprentice to your jurisdiction's Masonic home or children's home. Have a degree conferral at a Masonic historical site. Form your Lodge in procession and march together to a local church service or synagogue worship. Celebrate the festivals of the Holy Saints John. Have a "table Lodge." Put on a Masonic play. Host a visitation from a Lodge in a neighboring state.

Give them Freemasonry." Invite a noted Freemason to deliver a lecture on a Masonic subject - Masonic education is not dry, distasteful, or dull, when it is well delivered by a knowledgeable Brother.

"Give them Freemasonry." Invite the Executive Secretary of your nearest Valley of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite to attend Lodge and talk about the history of Scottish Rite Masonry. The new Brethren will appreciate getting Scottish Rite information, and your older members will possibly learn something new about Masonry.

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officer to visit the Lodge to discuss "Christian Freemasonry." Let the Christian Brother know that there is a segment of Freemasonry requiring adherence to the Christian religion.

"Give them Freemasonry." Have a Royal Arch historian relate the significance of Judaism to the degrees conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Make your Jewish Brother aware of the significance of his religion on the ritual of a major body of Freemasonry.

"Give them Freemasonry." How many of your Lodge Brethren know that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is actually composed of four bodies: Lodge of Perfection, Council Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Consistory Princes of the Royal Secret. (A.A.S.R., N.M.J.)

"Give them Freemasonry." Do the Brethren of your Lodge know about the degrees Royal and Select Master? Are they aware of the Cryptic Rite? The officers in your Lodge do know that the "wages of a Master Mason" are different than the "wages of a Fellowcraft." While "passing through the chairs," have the officers of your Lodge learned that a Master Mason's wages are "a penny a day," and that the oldest known Masonic manuscript, the "Regius MS," gives us that information?

"Give them Freemasonry." Are the leaders in your Lodge familiar with the ft that the Supreme Council of Thirty-third Degree for the United States of America - the first Scottish Rite Supreme Council in the world-was founded by eleven Masons of whom four were Jews, five were Protestant, and two were Roman Catholic? This Supreme Council, founded at Charleston, South Carolina, was comprised of only two native born Americans - the other nine were born abroad.

"Give them Freemasonry." How many of your Lodge Brethren know about the 330? Do they know that only 7,000 (approximately) Scottish Rite Masons, of a Scottish Rite membership exceeding

one million, hold the honor of being Honorary 33°

"Give them Freemasonry." Is a member of your Lodge an O.P.C. (Order of the Purple Cross) of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America? Do your Brethren know about the Sovereign College, or about the honors conferred by the York Rite Sovereign Colleges?

"Give them Freemasonry." Have an officer from the York Rite College give a lecture on "Athelston, King of all England," who gave the Masons Crayft fifteen Artycles an' fifteen Poyntes," and a Royal Charter for the

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government of Masonic Lodges. The Athelstan legend dates to the year A.D. 926.

LEAD THE CRAFT. All too often our Lodges compete for a member's time by trying to compete with other activities that occupy our Brethren. Some men like to play golf, so we organize golf outings. Some enjoy family picnics, so we have picnics for the Masonic families. Some of our members like to fish, so we have fishing trips. All of these are good for some of our members, and I would not discourage the leaders of our Lodges from doing these things. But, my Brethren, do not let these activities replace Freemasonry. "Give them Freemasonry."

LEAD THE CRAFT. Hold special dinners to honor widows of our departed Brethren, father and son nights, father and daughter banquets. All have a place within the Masonic Fraternity, and give us the

opportunity to introduce Freemasonry to our sons, daughters, and families.

LEAD THE CRAFT. 50-year pin presentations, 25-year pin presentations, receptions honoring Brethren who have received distinguished awards (330 O.P.C., grand office) are all good for Freemasonry, and are a way to give" Masonry to our Lodge Brethren.

LEAD THE CRAFT. Masonry, at present, has a declining membership base. The large influx of men becoming Masons at the end of World War II are now reaching 50-year status. Many of those Brethren have passed on to the Eternal Lodge" of death. Demits have

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taken their toll in these times of tight money. The old adage about the cup being "1/2 full or 1/2 empty" applies. A Mason reaching 50-year status gives us the OPPORTUNITY to invest him with a 50-year pin. It gives the OPPORTUNITY to impress the family, (sons, grandsons, sons-in-law, great grandsons) with the solemnity of Freemasonry.

LEAD THE CRAFT. When a Brother of our Lodge dies, we mourn his passing. When the light of life is gone we are saddened at the loss. But death gives us a OPPORTUNITY new to "give them Freemasonry." The Masonic Memorial Service is a beautiful ceremony designed to show our respect and love for our departed Brother, and for our Brotherhood, When well and solemnly delivered. the Masonic Memorial cannot help but be impressive to the family of our departed Brother.

Demit has become an ugly word in Masonry. Demits are the bane of many Lodges. When a Brother demits it is usually for one of two reasons: He can no longer afford the dues we are charging for membership, or he has lost all interest in participating with us and no longer values his membership. To the problem of demits I have two answers: LEAD THE CRAFT, and "Give them Freemasonry."

As Masons we are taught that Charity extends beyond the grave..." If one of our Brethren can no longer afford to be united with us, if our dues are beyond his means - then we have an OBLIGATION to extend to him the charity of dues remission. A demit request, if dues are current, must be honored. But the Master who would LEAD THE CRAFT will not grant a requested demit without investigating the cause of such a request.

"Give them Freemasonry." We are obliged as Masons to extend charity when called for whether such charity has been requested or not. If a Brother is in want, be that want so small as a need for remission of dues, it is our duty to grant relief of that want. Believe me, even the poorest of Lodges can afford to remit a man's dues when needed. And, my Brethren, that is "giving them Freemasonry," too.

The second cause of demits, loss of interest, is a much harder situation to answer. Initially, I would be inclined to say that we have failed to "give Freemasonry" to the Mason who has lost interest in remaining a member. But in our day and age, there may be other forces at work: Perhaps the church a Brother has joined takes a dim view of Masonic membership; perhaps job, or family, incline a Mason to demit from membership. Flagging interest in Masonry may be rejuvenated by a Master and Lodge who LEAD THE CRAFT, but not all causes of interest loss can be addressed. Some members may demit regardless of the efforts exerted to keep them.

When interest has gone, it is hard to define the causes or prescribe a solution. Not all men were Masons "in their hearts," when they received our degrees. Not all men join uninfluenced by mercenary motives," and with a 'desire of knowledge." For those men we have no answer.

My Brethren, at the beginning of this article I cited two Brethren who made the statement: "He's the Master, he ought to..." Those Brethren were wrong. We elect officers to lead our Masonic Lodges

and those we elect are deserving of our support and encouragement. Part of our support and encouragement may be suggesting some of the ideas presented in this article. Help your elected Lodge officers to "Give them Freemasonry" and to LEAD THE CRAFT.

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"All In The Family" In Mayfield, Kentucky

According to Sir Knight Kent Berkley, P.G.C. and past editor of the Kentucky Supplement, Mayfield Commandery No. 49 of Kentucky recently Knighted four new Templars: a father, two sons, and a cousin. In the picture, left to right are Sir Knights: Greg Wilkerson; Jack Wilkerson, the father; Richie Wilkerson; and James Ellegood.

Mayfield, reports Sir Knight Berkley, is just thirty miles from Illinois or



Missouri and ten miles from Tennessee and is one of four Commanderies in the Jackson Purchase area of western Kentucky. Like most small Commanderies, it has cycles of activity which come and go; however, Mayfield Commandery has missed only one year since the inception of the Voluntary Campaign in receiving a plaque for its contributions to the Eye Foundation.

Sale of Cross and Crown Lapel Pin to Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is pleased to offer a custom-made, 14 kt. solid gold lapel pin that anyone would be pleased to wear. We believe it will be a cherished keepsake for years to come and will make a unique gift for any occasion. Ladies also enjoy wearing this pin. All **profits will be donated to the 26th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye** Foundation. Please send your check or money order for \$25.00 plus \$1.00 shipping and handling to: Duquesne Commandery No. 72, K.T.; CIO Charles A. Garnes, P.G.C., Recorder; 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Satisfaction guaranteed. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.





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The library of the Grand Commandery of Indiana wishes to locate a copy of History of the Grand Encampment, K.T of the U.S.A. by Francis J. Scully (1962) for donation or purchase as soon as possible. Robert E. Price, G.R.; P.O. Box 702; Connersville; IN 47331.

Wanted: Octogenarian E.C., 56", 140 lbs., interested in economically acquiring E.C. chapeau, 6/8-6/8; sword, blade length max. 25". Could be interested in cap and other apparel. Phone (708) 386-2408 and give details.

Past Commander needs chapeau (gold trim not silver), size 71/4 or next size larger. Good condition please. Still looking for old Masonic canes and walking sticks, also. Please call (206) 675-3869 or write Lloyd Linn, 7075 725th Avenue E., Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

My 50-year-old Knight Templar ring is worn out. I can pay a reasonable price for medium to large size ring in good condition. William B. Marlow, 13195 St., Rt. 669 E., Crooksville, OH 43731-9716.

For sale: short jacket, size 46R with Past Commander's straps (bullion) and sleeve crosses; Past Commander's chapeau, 8" plume, 6-ply, size $7^{1}/_{8}$, leather chapeau case (brown); P.C. sword, 28" with straps; P.C. jewel, triangle pin bar, issued 1953. For prices contact Virgil Parrott, 1213 Elgin Avenue, Joliet, IL 60432, (815) 723-6767.

For sale: uniform coats. New polyester/wool, summer weight, C.P.O. coats mean your Commandery can obtain coats at a low cost. We have 42S, 44S, 44XL and 48XL. (The XLs can be cut down to L or R.) \$20.00 each plus S&H. We also have small sizes for \$5.00 each to use as pocket flap material. Percentage will be donated to KTEF. J. William Meyers, 1460 East U.S. Highway 20, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-5686 or John Myers, 2120 N. SR. 127, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-2797.

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes 44 short, 44X long, and 46 short. \$23.00 includes shopping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company, 13690 Broad Street, SW.; Pataskala; OH 43062; (614) 927-7073.

For sale: York Rite belts from New Hampshire Grand Commandery. They are made 51 inches long to cover most waistlines and may be shortened. Larger can be furnished. Made on a black military web belt, and the emblems are woven into a black ribbon that is securely sewn into belting. Lettering is gold thread and emblems are silver, gold and red thread, repeated several times around length. Makes a fine gift for any York Rite Mason. Proceeds will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

and the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. Send check or M.O. for \$12.00 each to Frederick H. Heuss, PG.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue, Rochester, NH 03867.

For sale: Masonic rings, Signet style with classical square and compasses on top, trowel on one side, two-ball cane on the other. Ring is very durable, yet elegant. Custommade of hard chrome and nickel alloy. Solid throughout. Silver color only. \$99 plus tax, \$4.00 S&H. Whole sizes only, 7-15. 10% of profits will go to KTEF. Check or MasterCard/Visa info to Auratech Designs, 107-M Plaza Drive, Suite 123, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. Money back satisfaction quarantee.

For sale: First Day Covers and U.S. Stamp Collection (mint) going back to 1930. All proceeds will be donated to the KTEF. Albin W Johnson, Box 333, Randolph, MA 02368, (617) 983-3300.

The part that Masons played in the history of the U.S. parallels the history of Masons in the circus world. Dan Rice, the world's greatest clown, performed before President George Washington. Both were Masons. Add the Ringling's Emmett Kelley, Red Skelton, Ernest Borgnine, Clyde Beatty, Tom Mix, Pawnee Bill Lillie, Buffalo Bill Cody, to name but a few. Send \$20.00 for a set of eight First Day Covers featuring these Masons. 10% of proceeds will be donated to the KTEF. Edsel Masonic Covers, P.O. Box 36, Haze/wood, MO 63042.

For Sale: 14 kt. yellow gold, heavy (13 dwt.) Shriner, Masonic, 32^1 ring, set with one 8.7 mm. x 5.0 mm. F/G color, VSI brilliant cut diamond, wt. 2.20 cts.; size $12^1/_4$. Call (703) 434-4622, Harrisonburg, VA.

Wanted: Shrine directors staff pins for my collection. Please send pin and note with price and info for remittance. I will send money or a new Antioch Temple directors staff pin if you prefer. Harry Malone, 1559 N. Euclid Avenue, Dayton, OH 45406-5922.

Pentalpha Lodge No. 194, Germantown, Maryland, is celebrating its 100th anniversary of Masonry this year. Our minted coin is priced at \$5.00. Please send self-addressed, stamped envelope (\$52) for each coin to Charles Hahn, 20705 Scottsbury Drive, Germantown, MD 20876-4111.

Friends on the Lahn Lodge No. 860, A.F. & AM., Giessen, Germany, will celebrate our 35th year of English-speaking Freemasonry in Germany on May 9, 1994. The Lodge has commemorative coins, bronze, with Lodge bijou imprinted, for only \$6.00 each, postage included. Make checks to Friends on the Lahn No. 860 and send to

friends on the Lahn Lodge No. 860, 234thBSB-GSN, Unit 20911. APOAE 09169.

Marshall Lodge No. 39, Lynchburg, VA is celebrating its bicentennial in 1993, and coins have been struck in bronze and silver, $1^1\!/_2$ -in. heavy material. Bronze, \$5.00; silver, \$20.00. Please remit request to Marshall Lodge No. 39, P.O. Box 804, Lynchburg, VA 24505, attn. William A. Robertson, Sec.

Bellville Lodge No. 376, F. & AM., Bellville, Ohio, still has some coins available in bronze celebrating their 125th anniversary, 1867-1993, at a cost of \$3.50. Make checks payable to Bellville Lodge No. 376, and send to Secretary Paul L. Frontz. 356 Main Street, Bellville, OH 44813.

We invite you to join us in N.C.T, National Camping Travelers, Inc., a nonprofit organization made up of Master Masons in good standing in a recognized Lodge throughout the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. The object of N.C.T. shall be for the entertainment and enjoyment of those whose fraternal affiliations are satisfactory and who use tents, trailers, campers, and other RVs to sightsee, have fun, promote good fellowship, make friends along the way and get more out of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Write National Camping Travelers, Inc.; P.O. Box 2894; Chesapeake, VA 23327.

For sale: Masonic jewelry and memorabilia business. Complete inventory of Masonic jewelry, including display cases, for sale at wholesale cost. Will sell only complete inventory—no partials. Two full size display cases (5'x6') with full stock of Masonic and fraternal jewelry—\$2,500.00; retails at \$5,000.00. Michael D. Gillard, P.O. Box 277, Gaston IN 47342-0277, (317) 358-4484.

For sale: 14 books dating from 1891 to 1987, dealing with Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, and Scottish Rite. If interested, write for list and cost Harry B. Fredericks, 1706 Warwood Avenue (rear), Wheeling, WV 26003.

For sale: three grave sites in Masonic section of Nassau Knolls Cemetery and Memorial Park, in Port Washington, on north shore of Long Island, New York. Selling for only \$125 each, well below the current list price of \$225 each. P Buskirk, 3324 St. Antoine Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49006.

For sale: 1, 2, 4, or 6 cemetery lot in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, DC, valued at \$1,900 each but will sell for half price to Masonic member or family of. Terms available. Roy DeHaven, P.O. Box 30937, Charleston, SC 29417, (803) 766-1645.

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 end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. Any assistance will surely be appreciated. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85 705; (602) 888-7585.

GENEALOGY: over 16,000 surnames. If you are a Mason, say so, and send a No. 10 envelope with a stamp on it and your name and address on the front. Tell me the names you are searching for. Computer information free to all Masons. N. W Retherford, P.C.; 6402 Alton Street; Riverside; CA 92509-5703.

I am writing a book on my job search experience since attaining my doctorate in 1985. So it is that the writer offers the following topic for discussion by members of all Masonic bodies. "Has the time come for us, as Masons, to develop an

internal mechanism by which any Mason needing employment can seek support and references from his Brothers? What do you think? Has the time come for Masons to REALLY help Masons? Imagine the effect on membership gains if we do so!" Dr. Lawrence Kent, P.O. Box 574473, Orlando, FL 32857-4473.

Limited edition 100th anniversary coin 1893-1993) Palatine Chapter No. 206, Palatine, Illinois. Limit of 3 coins only per order, while supply lasts. \$5.00 each. Send your order to the Secretary Jim Maurais, 1116 East Plate Drive, Palatine, IL 60067, (708) 358-718.8.

For sale: Scottish Rite ring, size 10, 10K gold band with 9 emblems around it (MM., Past Master, 14°, 16°, 18¹, 30¹, 32¹, double eagle, Shrine) - \$300.00. Call nights only (804) 331-2832.

For sale: The Builder Masonic magazine, complete 1915-1930; bound and in pristine condition. A \$300.00 value, All reasonable offers considered. John E. Roberts, 12 W Diane Drive, Keene, NH 03431.

For sale: collectible, antique, Dudley pocket watch: 19 jewel, white gold filled case, all Masonic emblem in mechanics, circa 1925, excellent condition. Price, \$1,250.00.1814) 676-8978, C. A. Stewart, Box 313, Rousewlle, PA 16344.

For sate: oil cleaner that keeps dirt and water out of the oil. Removes .000039 (1 micron) particles. Goodbye to oil changes. Also used on tranie, coolant, and fuel. Works on cars, trucks, and boats. Change from one vehicle to another. It's a lifetime unit 10% of price of a unit will be **donated** to KTEF. A. Richardson, 1873 Shamrock Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

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I am a certified German watchmaker with 39 years of experience. My specialty is the repair and restoration of fine docks and watches. If you need my services, please call "the clockmaker" 218 Sand Shore Road, Budd Lake, NJ 07828, (201) 691-8960.

Wanted: 1940s, 1950s neckties. I will pay cash for wild and weird, old ties. Especially seeking hand painted, but will consider any type. Phillip C. Williams, 126 Felmet Street, Waynesville, NC 28786, home: (704)452-9511; work: 1-800-962-7754.

Wanted: used coca cola checks with coke logo and also photographs of pre-1950 motorcycles. Will pay fee and postage. John Mullan, P.O. Box 758, St. Petersburg, FL 33731.

Wanted: motorcycle license plates, especially: Arkansas, California, Colorado, and Connecticut. I have a few auto plates for trade. William F Kerr, P.O. Box 953, Black River Fails, WI 54615-0953.

Wanted: Hedrick genealogy, leading to placing Henry, born early 1800s, wife Elizath Heistand Hedrick, in Bucks or Montgomery Co., PA. Bruce Hedrick, 739 S. Chubb Dive, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Reunion: U.S.S. Walke (DD-723), February 12-16, 1994, at Tampa, FL. Contact Ray Harves, Rt. 3, Box 145-M, Odessa, MO 64076, (816)633-7496.

Reunion: U.S.S. Rainier (AE-5 and AEO-7), 12th Annual Reunion, August 4-6, 1994, in Portland, OR. Contact your 1994 Skipper Larry L. Hill, 4631 N. Amherst Street, Portland, OR 97203, (503) 285-6052.

The log was burning brightly.
Twas a night that should banish all sin,
For the bells were ringing the Old Year out,
And the New Year in.

The Miner's Dream of Home William Godwin