



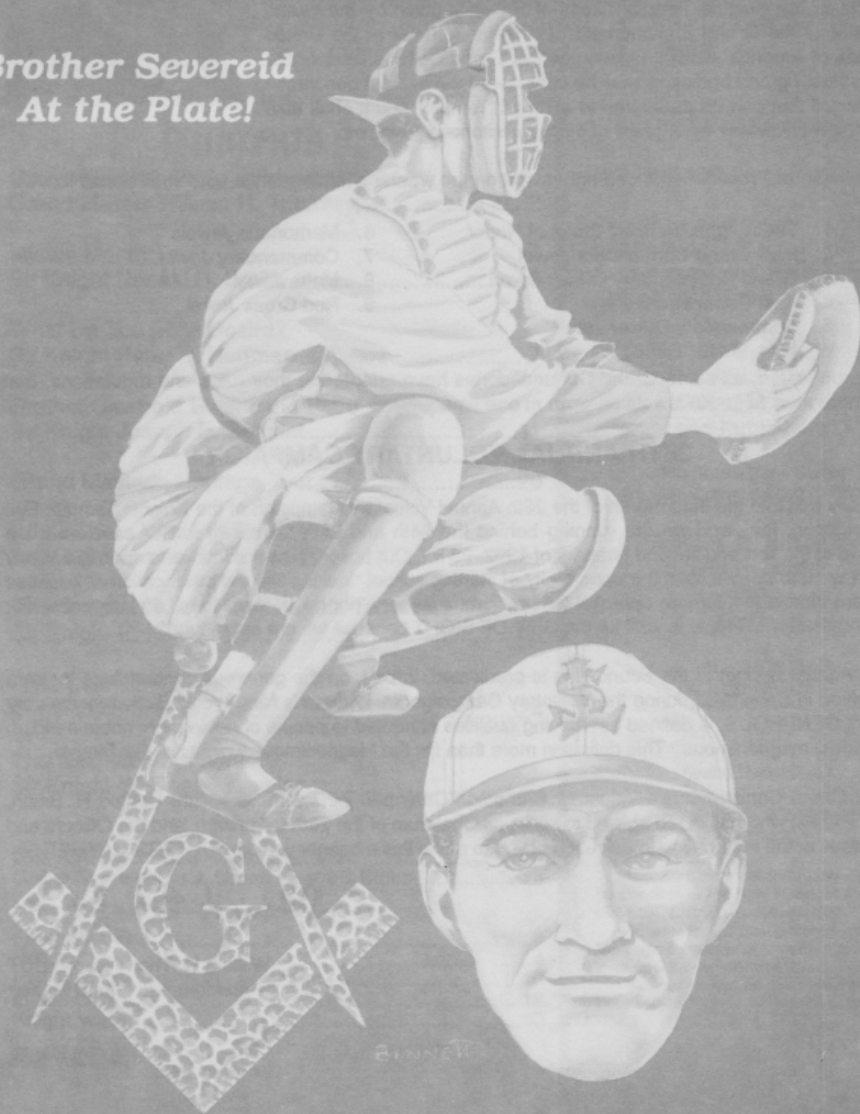
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**Brother Severeid
At the Plate!**



Grand Master's Page—February 1994

Grand Master's Decision for KT Jewels

Knights Templar Cross Of Honor

I have been requested by the Grand Commandery of California to reiterate the "Order of Precedent" for those jewels that can be worn on the Templar uniform, made by Sir Knight Ned E. Dull when he was Grand Master (1982-85). This requires an interpolation of Section 257 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.



Because the Knights Templar Cross of Honor is given by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America after nomination by the Grand Commanders of the constituent grand bodies, it shall be considered the highest decoration or award that can be presented to a Knight Templar and it shall take precedent over any other jewel of office, meritorious jewel, etc.

The Order of Precedent (placed right to left on the wearer's left breast) is, and shall be, as follows:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The Knights Templar Cross of Honor | 6. Meritorious Jewels |
| 2. Past Grand Commander Jewel | 7. Commandery Jewel |
| 3. Grand Commandery Officer Jewel | 8. Malta Jewel |
| 4. Past Commander Jewel | 9. Red Cross Jewel |
| 5. Commandery Officer Jewel | |

It is suggested, as some Grand Commanderies have adopted in their rules and regulations, that no more than three (3) jewels be worn at one time.

26th Annual Voluntary Campaign

We are well into the third month of the 26th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and we are running behind the 24th and 25th Campaigns. Our caseloads are ahead of the first and second quarters of 1992-93 FY. Our hospital costs continue to soar. We surely don't want to deny a child the opportunity of starting school "looking like the other children" because we are unable to afford an approval for strabismus surgery, nor do we want to tell an indigent senior citizen that he will have to wait for the GIFT OF SIGHT because we are out of funds.

The Annual Budget of the Foundation is predicated, in part, on the generous contributions that are received in Springfield during the Voluntary Campaign. In *Webster's New World Dictionary* the very word, GENEROUS, is defined as; "having qualities attributed to people of noble birth; noble-minded, gracious, magnanimous." This definition more than fits the Magnanimous Knights of the Temple.

Your Grand Commandery's Voluntary Campaign Chairman joins with Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, M.E.P.G.M., who has again agreed to serve as Chairman of the 26th Campaign, and the Officers and Trustees of the Foundation to ask each of you to make this a banner year so "OTHERS MAY SEE."

William H. Thornley, Jr.
GCT President and Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

FEBRUARY: The 26th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has reached its middle point, and on page 5 Past Grand Master Smith offers a wonderful way that Knights Templar can celebrate Valentine's Day, a day of charitable thoughts and deeds. Congratulations to our new Grand Commander's Club and Grand Master's Club members, many of whom are listed on page 18. As we look forward to spring, *Knight Templar* happily presents the story of a baseball great, Brother Henry "Hank" Severeid. There is much, much more, so sit back and enjoy.'

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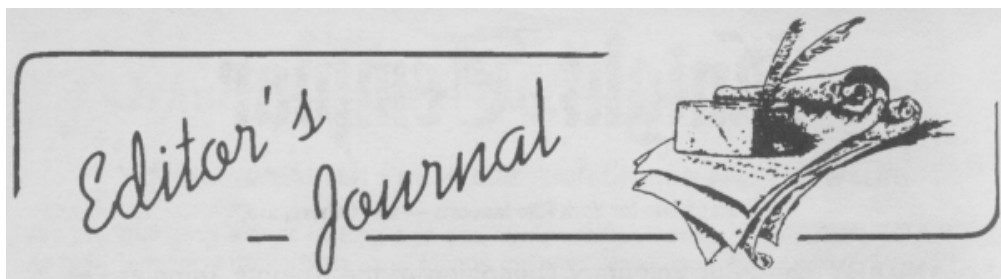
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Correction: In the January issue on page 24, the Grand Master's representative to the Annual Conclave of Arkansas was incorrect. The representative is Donald L Smith, not Donald H. Smith.

Correction: Dates and Place for Utah Annual Conclave: At a special meeting of the Grand Commandery, Grand Council and Grand Chapter of Utah, a proposal was passed to change the York Rite grand sessions from May 12-14 to May 19-21, 1994. The sessions will be held in Salt Lake City.

The Grand Council, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc.: The dates for the annual meeting are May 15-20, 1994; place: Louisville, Kentucky. The current Grand High Priestess is Marsha G. Maxwell, Lot 22, C.M.H.P., Corbin, KY 40701. Contact: Betty J. Rathbun, Grand Recorder; 1111 E. 54th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Sir Knights, Attention! An important and invaluable booklet entitled *The York Rite of Freemasonry - a History and Handbook*, is available from the Grand Encampment. Authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, KYGCH, Past Grand Preceptor of the Grand College, HRAKTP, and Past Grand Commander of North Carolina; this comprehensive, illustrated 78-page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, and benevolent programs of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery, with illustrations of the jewels of the officers of each body and the Red Cross, Malta, and Templar banners.

You will find it a useful reference that belongs in the library of every member of

your Commandery, answering many of the questions that are asked about the Rite; and it makes a perfect presentation to the new Templar at the time of his Knighting. It could be distributed as part of your membership program to officers/ members of the Masonic bodies in your area - and the price is right!

There is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies; \$1.00 each over 100 copies. Write your checks and mail to the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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 history, Freemasonry has never lacked for detractors, and because it has a bright history of never answering critics, it makes a wonderful target for bigotry. Recently, a group of religious fundamentalists has managed 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.

...26th Voluntary Campaign Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Middle Month

by Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, National Campaign Chairman
Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

February is the month in the middle of our Voluntary Campaign to raise funds for our great charity. The first two months have been good ones in my home Commandery, and I hope that you have had the same experience.

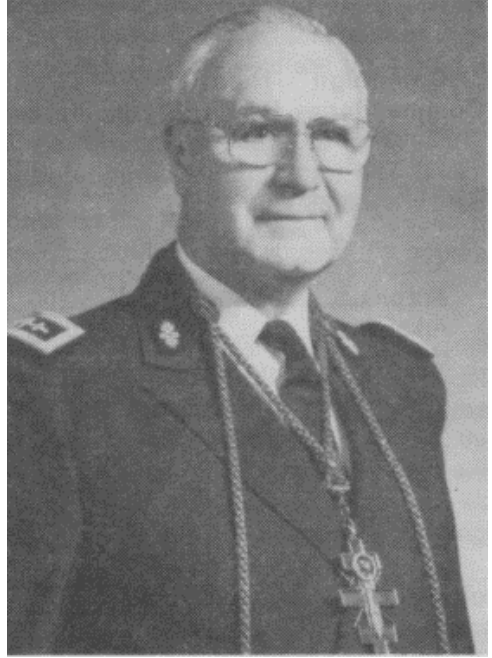
February has a special day of love in it, a day when we tell others that we love them and ask them to be our Valentines. In Latin, the word for love and dearness is 'caritas'; and from that word comes our word "charity," the word that describes our Eye Foundation, so it would be a good idea for us, as Christian Knights, to ask a lot of people who have been stricken with the darkness that comes with blindness to become our Valentines this year. We can do this by making a personal contribution to our Eye Foundation, or by joining with other Knights in our Commandery to sponsor a fund-raising event that will prove our own understanding of the word 'charity.'

Here are some clips from letters sent recently by our Valentines:

"Thank you, Knights Templar! You will be in my prayers when I close my eyes in sleep and when I wake up, able to see with both eyes... Thank you again and may God bless all of you." P.A.W., 9-18-93

I thank God for organizations like yours. You have renewed my faith in human beings and again I want to thank you." B. F. J., 12-14-93

"Dear Sirs, Thank you for paying for my husband's surgery - you were a positive answer to prayer. I don't know what else to say except may God richly bless you for your generosity to someone you don't even know. Love and Prayers." B. C., 12-20-93



Happy Valentine's Day, and thank you, Sir Knight, for being someone's Valentine!

Time is passing quickly: We have just a dozen weeks to go in the 26th Annual Voluntary Campaign.

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 Idylwild Drive, Richmond, KY 40475

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Twenty-Sixth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand
Commanderies for KTEF Officers and
Trustees for the week ending January 7,
1994. The total amount contributed to
date is \$166,669.83.

Alabama.....	\$1,710.00
Arizona.....	1,750.00
Arkansas.....	560.00
California.....	5,979.53
Colorado.....	8,429.00
Connecticut.....	2,335.00
Delaware.....	500.00
District of Columbia.....	2,437.00
Florida.....	4,761.00
Georgia.....	14,143.48
Idaho.....	563.00
Illinois.....	6,035.75
Indiana.....	3,601.05
Iowa.....	1,014.00
Kansas.....	1,269.00
Kentucky.....	5,585.99
Louisiana.....	1,740.00
Maine.....	2,296.05
Maryland.....	675.00
Mass./R.I.....	2,875.00
Michigan.....	5,913.58
Minnesota.....	1,430.00
Mississippi.....	1,685.37
Missouri.....	1,495.01

Montana.....	1,110.00
Nebraska.....	1,285.00
Nevada.....	720.34
New Hampshire.....	1,930.00
New Jersey.....	1,052.25
New Mexico.....	1,718.85
New York.....	2,297.00
North Carolina.....	5,040.00
North Dakota.....	100.00
Ohio.....	6,326.00
Oklahoma.....	440.00
Oregon.....	885.00
Pennsylvania.....	18,153.00
South Carolina.....	6,012.00
South Dakota.....	448.00
Tennessee.....	6,931.38
Texas.....	7,679.61
Vermont.....	400.00
Virginia.....	1,895.00
Washington.....	875.00
West Virginia.....	8,408.00
Wisconsin.....	4,061.00
Wyoming.....	150.00
Alaska No. 1	
Fairbanks.....	100.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan.....	1,000.00
Heidelberg No. 2	
Germany.....	230.00
Miscellaneous.....	8,638.59

What Do You Most Desire?

by Sir Knight Peter D. Hartman

As Masons, we all know the answer to this question. It is light, of course, that we most desire; light in Masonry, that is.

As a York Rite Mason, this and many other questions had been asked of me in my journey throughout the many degrees taken in my progress in this great society.

However, in early August of this year, the question concerning my desire for light took on a far different meaning for me. It became quite noticeable that my eyesight was deteriorating quite rapidly. A visit to my optometrist confirmed that there was a problem. The light becoming less and less all the time was due to the formation of cataracts on both eyes.

Needless to say, at the age of forty-seven, this was quite unexpected. I could no longer function to support myself or my family. Something had to be done.

Being a member of Damascus Commandery No. 23 here in Keyser, West Virginia, I was aware that our Commandery had assisted in paying for three eye surgeries so far already this year. Seeking the advice of Sir Knight Frank Keedy, who assisted those in such need, I learned more about Anwar Eye Clinic in Moundsville, West Virginia. After talking with others who had been to Anwar Clinic, my choice was quite clear. The praises of all those I talked with were not only almost unbelievable, but very reassuring.

I talked with my optometrist and he scheduled the appointment for me.

As stated earlier, Anwar Clinic is located in Moundsville, West Virginia, and is owned and operated by Dr. And Mrs. M. F. Anwar.

On my initial visit, I learned that Dr. Anwar does modern cataract surgery, lens implants and YAD Laser Application.

After the most extensive eye examination I have ever had, I met with Dr. Anwar and a panel of five or six other doctors and technicians, who agreed the right eye had a cataract that needed to be removed. Surgery was set for 1:30 P.M. the following day.

I was surprised to learn how content I was with this arrangement. I felt a deep inner peace. My faith in God and my belief in Dr. Anwar were all I needed to make it through this surgery. Of course, the presence of my lovely wife Betty made it all complete.

As the day of my surgery dawned, I was awakened at 6:30 A.M. for breakfast. Dr. Anwar maintains a forty-two bed guest house within easy walking distance of the clinic, and we were invited to stay there. It made things so much easier as we did not need to seek out food and lodging. Everything was provided for us.

Early in the afternoon I was called for surgery, and after proper preparation, it was my turn. Into the operating room we went and the final preparations were made. I then heard the voice of Dr. Anwar offering a brief prayer for all concerned, and after about twenty minutes, I was taken to recovery. The surgery was over before I knew it.

After a few minutes in recovery, I was reunited with my wife Betty, who had viewed the surgery on a monitor placed in a portion of the operating room, separated with a glass partition, so that family and friends can view the surgery if they so desire.

Another service provided by Dr. Anwar is the video taping of the surgery, so that the patient has an opportunity to view it as well.

The following day, the dressing was taken from my eye, the eye thoroughly cleansed and necessary eye drops applied and then came the moment my wife and I had been waiting for. My sight had been restored in that eye!

Two weeks later I returned to Anwar Clinic to have my left eye operated on, and that surgery has given me more sight than I've known since birth.

The purpose of this article is to glorify the name of God and to praise his good work through the capable hands of Dr. M. F. Anwar. I also wish to encourage all Sir Knights who are not supporting the Eye

Foundation to think about it and please do so. For the price of a Life Sponsorship, which is \$30 here in West Virginia, you may help Dr. Anwar restore the precious gift of sight to someone less fortunate.

The following passage of scripture is seen throughout the clinic and guest house:

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Sir Knight Peter D. Hartman is a member of Damascus Commandery No. 23, Keyser, West Virginia, and resides at 36 Sharpless Street, Keyser, WV 26726

59th Triennial of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U.S.A. Denver, Colorado August 12-17, 1994

Below is information for all constituent Commanderies and Grand Commanderies to place ads in the Program for the 59th Triennial Conclave. Space and prices are included.

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Sir Knight U. Dean Mathena
11420 West 84th Place
Arvada, CO 80005
Residence phone: (303) 421-5329

Any special ads, for example those with pictures, should be camera-ready for the program.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Sir Knight Howard R. Caldwell
General Chairman

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The 26th Voluntary Campaign
(Your Commandery Will Receive Credit)

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Delivery will be made to address on form below (sorry, no P. O. Box delivery).

Many of us purchase these bags at various stores. You can "HELP OTHERS TO SEE" by making a \$20.00 donation to Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

(Donation is Tax Deductible)
(Your Cancelled Check is your Receipt)

YES, I WANT TO "HELP OTHERS TO SEE" THROUGH THE
K.T.E.F. AND HAVE ENCLOSED A DONATION OF \$ _____
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THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC.
P. O. BOX 27044
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Letter To The Editor

In the December issue an article appeared, written by Sir Knight Charles Wood, "Should We Call Our Buildings Temples? - NO!"

Sir Knight Wood stated the pyramid builders of ancient Egypt were prisoners or slaves. I have found this may not be the case after watching such channels on television as the Learning Channel and Discovery Channel. Modern Egyptologists refute claims the tombs and pyramids were built by non-skilled slaves and prisoners. Not far from the Valley of the Kings a city existed that housed craftsmen, who built the tombs and carved the inscriptions. These men were highly skilled in their craft and in the evidence of their work it is most clear it was an evolving skill with a long history. There is evidence these men were paid by the king's representatives for their work. There is also evidence that the craftsmen went on strike when pay was not forthcoming in a timely manner, hardly something a slave or prisoner would do in ancient times. Another program discussed a ruin close to a pyramid. Its real meaning was uncertain, but through a process of elimination it was decided the ruin probably was a meeting facility for craftsmen working on the pyramid.

Sir Knight Wood also stated there appears little evidence of any continuing lineage from Solomon's time to the emergence of fraternal orders in the Middle Ages in Europe. One must remember that after the fall of Rome the Dark Ages obscured much light. It was only after Charles the Great defeated the Moors and European man entered what is now Spain to find their great libraries that science was "rediscovered." There is evidence that early Christians destroyed much of ancient religious practices and writings to obscure the heathen past. In this country it was done to the Mormons in Missouri in the 1800s. This practice was not the sole domain of Christians as we recall the fate of Solomon's original Temple. New churches or temples were built over destroyed temples. The Cathedral of York, England, with Masonic marks on the wrought stones was built in 900 A.D. over what is believed to be a Roman temple. Modern archaeologists are more scientific than their earlier colleagues, many of whom were political appointees with preconceived notions of ancient man, who set about proving these notions regardless of the facts. An example of how politics influences written history can be found in the schools of this country. History books I read never mentioned anything about Masonic tradition and its valuable influence. One can't conclusively state Masonic tradition does not go back to Solomon or even farther into the ancient world.

Let those who claim Masonry is a religion cast their erroneous stones. The truth has always found a way to rise to the surface. We need to be about the business of Masonry, opening it to all good men. Masonry is the finest tool mankind has to bring men of God together in mutual tolerance. Let us strive for that most honorable purpose and not worry about what name we give our meeting places. If we Masons are true to our principles, our meetings will surely include God's presence and bring honor to the Craft and the place where we meet.

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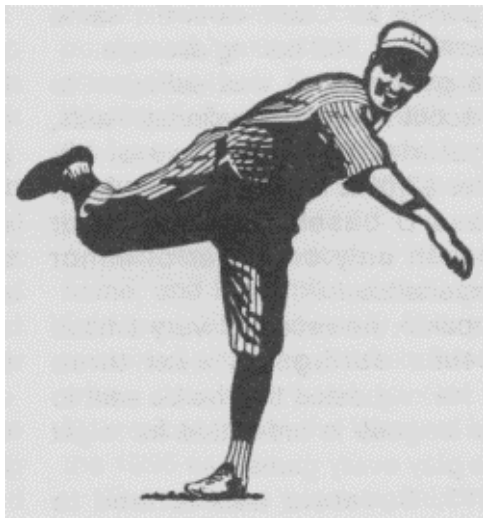
The sands of time have nearly obscured the memory of one genuine baseball superstar and accomplished Freemason. In the years when truly great players abounded, Henry Levai "Hank" Severeid was known by fans as one of the finest catchers in the game. In the 1920s, he was qualified to breathe the same rarefied air as Bill Dickey, Mickey Cochrane, and Gabby Hartnett -all Hall of Famers eventually honored for their accomplishments - while he was clad with the tools of ignorance," the glove, pads, and mask of the major league catcher.

Severeid was as durable as a block of Vermont granite, and his fervor for the game was unquenchable. With those attributes and a fine natural talent, he carved out a niche among the most accomplished segment of baseball players.

The Norwegian boy from Story City, Iowa, began catching when he was fourteen years old and never hung up his glove until he was forty-six. The span of thirty-two years between the alpha and omega of Severeid's playing career provides a story to warm the heart of every Mason - plus that of every kid who ever dreamed of making it in the "big leagues."

Never as spectacular as two other prominent Masons, the irascible Ty Cobb and the gifted Rogers Hornsby, Hank projected a temperament that was diametrically different. He was a model of quiet competence, kind and considerate to all; and a fatherly mentor to younger players.

Severeid was born on the bank of the Skunk River, just east of Story City, on June 1, 1891. He was one of ten children born to Lars and Mary Severeid, nine of



Brother Severeid Behind the Plate!

by Sir Knight
Joseph E. Bennett, 33°. KYCH

whom were boys. Hank's parents, born in Norway, were married in their native land prior to immigrating to the United States to settle down in Iowa.

Hank was next to the youngest of the nine brothers, all of whom were baseball players of varying abilities. Three of them enjoyed brief professional careers, but only Henry Levai was good enough to make it into the major leagues. Of course, in the early years, Hank had plenty of tutoring from the older siblings.

The youngster became bat boy for the Story City team when he was eight years old. By the time he reached the age of 14, he was the team catcher. That was in 1905.

Four years later, he was signed by the Burlington, Iowa team of the Central Association in time to play the final twenty-

five games of the 1909 season. The next year, he played for Ottumwa in the same league, posting a .302 batting average.

Hank's performance was sufficient to attract a scout from the Cincinnati Reds, who negotiated the purchase of his contract for \$3,000. Hank made the jump from Class D baseball to the major leagues with only one year of minor league experience.

As a rookie, he received very limited playing time during the next three seasons. He requested that he be sent to the minor leagues in order that he might be able to play every game.

In 1913, Severeid was farmed to Louisville of the American Association, where he became an instant star. His

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accomplishments through the next season were sufficiently outstanding to earn him a place in the Louisville Hall of Fame in later years, and the "Player of the Year" award in 1914.

On the strength of his fine showing in Louisville, Hank's contract was purchased by the St. Louis Browns, where he opened the 1915 season under one of the all-time great managers, Branch Rickey. Incidentally, Rickey was also an enthusiastic, longtime Mason.

The high point of Hank's first year as a Brown was a grand-slam home run he clouted against the Chicago White Sox's pitching ace, Hi Jasper. The blow wiped out a 3-0 deficit in the last of the ninth inning. The Brown's owner, Robert Hedges, presented Hank with the game-winning ball, beautifully gold plated, in commemoration of the event.

Between the years 1915 and 1918, Severeid established himself as one of the premier catchers in the American League, although his hitting had not yet equaled his accomplishments behind the plate. A memorable event for Hank during those years was the opportunity to catch two back-to-back no-hit games, playing against the Chicago White Sox on May 5 and May 6, 1917. Pitchers Bob Groom and Ernie Koob were on the mound for the Browns. The White Sox pitcher victimized by Groom on May 5 was Ed Cicotte, implicated later in the infamous Black Sox scandal of 1919.

Hank enlisted in the U.S. Army Tank Corps in the summer of 1918, and arrived in France near the end of World War I, but he saw no action. He was mustered out of service in time to renew his baseball career with the St. Louis Browns at the beginning of the 1919 season.

Although 1919 and 1920 were great years for Hank Severeid, a period in which he re-established his reputation as one of the finest fielding catchers in the majors, he did not reach his hitting peak until 1921. That year, he posted a glittering .324 batting average, using a 46-ounce war club.

The five seasons from 1921 through 1925 were the most accomplished of Severeid's career. He hit well over .300 in every one of those years. His highest seasonal batting average was achieved in 1925, after being traded to the Washington Senators in mid-season. He was purchased by Washington to replace their injured catching star, Herold "Muddy" Ruel. Hank recorded a .364 average for the balance of the season. He caught one game during Washington's losing world series against the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1925, and was voted a full player's share for his splendid service to the club. The loser's share in 1925 amounted to \$3,734.60 per player.

Severeid was thirty-four years old in 1925, an age when most big leaguers

- particularly catchers - were approaching the end of their careers.

Ruel was five years junior to Hank, so youth won the nod. At mid-season in 1926, Severeid was sold to the New York Yankees through the waiver process.

The Yankees were bound for the world series that year, and in need of additional catching strength. Once again, Hank stepped into the breach and provided tremendous help on short notice. He caught all seven games in the series between New York and the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Yankees lost the series to the Cardinals, thanks to tremendous pitching from aging star, Grover Cleveland Alexander. "Old Pete" won the second and sixth games with pitching masterpieces, but the climax came when he relieved Jess Haines in the 7th inning of the seventh game. Alexander struck out dangerous Tony Lazzeri with the bases loaded to end the inning. Pete went on to hurl two more scoreless innings to win the world series for St. Louis. Four home runs from the potent bat of the legendary Babe Ruth were not enough to win the series for New York that year.

On a happier note, Severeid was voted a full loser's share of the series receipts in recognition of his contribution to New York, even though he had played only a part of the season.

Hank saw another friend and prominent Mason play an important role in that series. He was the St. Louis manager, Rogers Hornsby.

At the close of the 1926 season, Hank requested that he be sent to the minors where he could play regularly. Yankee owner, Ed Barrow, complied with the request by sending him to Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League, where he played through 1928. Early in the 1929 season, Hank was traded to Hollywood in the same league, where he remained until the close of the 1931 year. In each of those five seasons in the Pacific Coast League, Severeid batted over .300.

Hank became a player-manager in 1932, when the St. Louis Browns purchased his contract and placed him in charge of their Texas League team at Wichita Falls, Texas. In 1933, he opened the season at San Antonio, in the same league and in the same capacity, as player-manager.

San Antonio became his permanent home, and Hank piloted their team to the first pennant in twenty-five years. He remained with San Antonio through 1935, when he was sent to the Omaha, Nebraska team in the Western League for the 1936 season.

The next two years signaled the end of his playing career, but he finished it in a blaze of glory by catching both ends of a double-header on the final day of the 1937 season. Severeid was forty-six years old, and it marked his 2,607th game as a catcher in professional baseball.

What golden memories Henry Severeid had created during his long playing career

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of twenty-eight years, which had begun back in 1909. One that stuck out vividly in his memory was that of throwing out famed base stealer, Ty Cobb, three times in a game between the Browns and Detroit Tigers in 1921. Cobb announced to Severeid before the game that he intended to steal five bases that day. He was able to steal three, but fell victim to Severeid's powerful throwing arm on three failed attempts. Cobb later told Eddie Collins, another celebrated base stealer, that no other catcher in baseball had thrown him out three times in one game.

Hank caught for some great pitchers during his long career. Prominent on that list were the names of Walter Johnson, Stan Coveleski, Waite Hoyt, Herb Pennock, and Urban Shocker.

However, the most notable achievement during his career was not those with whom he played, but his own durability and consistency. Hank caught 1,375 games in the major leagues, plus another 1,232 in the minors, to make the total of 2,607 already mentioned. That achievement was considered at the time to be the record for total games behind the plate.

"Hank was a member of Kohinoor Lodge No. 576, in Story City, Iowa. He received all of his degrees in the month of February, 1921; on the 8th, 14th, and 17th, respectively."

Hank's lifetime batting average was .289 during seventeen major league seasons, an impressive figure for a catcher. He only dropped one foul ball in fourteen seasons with the St. Louis Browns, and never suffered a finger injury—an eloquent testimony to his sure-handedness. (Hand and finger injuries are the nemesis of all baseball catchers.)

The years following active playing days were fruitful ones for Hank Severeid. Most important to him, they were devoted to baseball. Hank served as supervisor of the Cincinnati Reds minor league organization from 1938 through 1942. During 1943 with World War II raging, he scouted for the Chicago White Sox. He joined the Boston Red Sox organization in 1944 as a scout, and remained with owner Tom Yawkey in that position until his death on December 17, 1968.

Hank married Adele Messmer, a St. Louis native, in 1920. The happy

marriage produced three daughters: Jane Marie, June Adele, and Joan Ruth. The children were reared in San Antonio, Texas, where the Severeids established residence after a fire destroyed their home in Story City.

Severeid was never selected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, in spite of his memorable career and abundant prerequisites. Many believe that is partially due to the fact that the major portion of his career was spent with the cellar-dwelling St. Louis Browns. Candidates from the Browns to baseball's Cooperstown shrine have been sparse over the years. Perhaps, one day soon the oversight may be corrected.

Hank was a member of Kohinoor Lodge No. 576, in Story City, Iowa. He received all of his degrees in the month of February, 1921; on the 8th, 14th, and 17th, respectively. He maintained continuous membership until his death, and it was a fraternal association he cherished his entire life.

When one attempts to assess the life and times of Henry Levai Severeid, several facets of his personality dominate the process. Kindness, loyalty, fortitude, love of family, and total dedication to his chosen profession are recognized instantly.

These are the very same attributes we seek in every man who aspires to become a Mason. Small wonder that the quiet, friendly Norwegian from Story City personified the ideal candidate. For the reasons stated, he is revered by the Fraternity with the same fervor as that accorded by baseball students, and rest assured that countless thousands of those populate the Western world!

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History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXIII
Biographies Of
The Grand Masters
(Continued)

James Herron Hopkins
Tenth Grand Master
1874-1877
(Continued)

He was one of the most active members of the Grand Encampment, ever ready to devote his time and energy in the discharge of any duty assigned to him. His wise judgment has left its impression upon the Templar Jurisprudence of the Grand Encampment. In 1889 the following tribute was paid to him for his valuable service:

"Whereas, Past Most Eminent Grand Master James H. Hopkins has given faithful and efficient services as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, not only at this but many past Conclaves, it is fitting that some recognition of these services should become a matter of record and it is hereby

"Resolved: That the Most Eminent Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrant for the sum of five hundred dollars in favor of Past Most Eminent Grand Master James H. Hopkins."

Sir Knight Hopkins replied:

"That while gratefully appreciating the feelings which prompted the motion, his work for the Grand Encampment had been a labor of love and he could not consent to accept compensation therefore."

In 1892, at the Conclave held in Denver, Sir Knight Hopkins was presented with a beautiful silver goblet by Grand Master Gobin, which he received with expressions of deep appreciation.

Vince Lombard Hurlbut
Eleventh Grand Master
1877-1880

Vincent L. Hurlbut was born in West Mendon, New York, on June 28, 1829. His father, Dr. Horatio Nelson Hurlbut, was a prominent and widely known physician of Chicago. His early education was acquired in the public schools of West Mendon, and at Jefferson Academy after the family moved to Ohio. When he completed his course at the Academy, he decided to follow his father's profession, and attended a course of lectures at Cleveland Medical School during the winter of 1849 and 1850. In 1851 his father moved to Chicago to establish his practice there and Hurlbut entered Rush Medical College, graduating in 1852. He remained in Chicago, and for the next forty-four years was actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He was a prominent member of the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society, and Vice-President of the Cook County Medical Society.

During his years of medical practice, he endeared himself to all by his kindness and charity. He had the esteem of his colleagues and the respect of all who knew him. He passed away at his

home in Chicago on July 24, 1896. The services were held at his residence on July 25 under the auspices of Apollo Commandery No. 1. The funeral was attended by distinguished Knights Templar and prominent Masons from all parts of the State. The Grand Encampment was represented by Past Grand Master Palmer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Throughout his life he had a warm interest in Freemasonry. He was raised in Wawbansia Lodge No. 160 in Chicago in 1857. He was exalted in Washington Chapter No. 43 on December 31, 1858.

He received the 32° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Chicago on April 21, 1864. He was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Van Rensselaer Council on May 18, 1865, and became an active member of the Supreme Council on June 26, 1868. He was Deputy for Illinois from 1870 to 1873.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Apollo Commandery No. 1 at Chicago in 1859. At once he became active in the work and in 1863 was elected Eminent Commander. In 1864 he was elected Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Illinois and in 1867 became Grand Commander.

At the Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1871 he was started in the official line as Grand Generalissimo. In 1877 at the Conclave held in Cleveland, he was elected and installed Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

He served faithfully and well, and in closing his address, he stated:

"All that I have seen or heard confirms my faith, exalts my pride, and strengthens my confidence in this great and growing Order of Knighthood. The day of doubt and conflict has passed,

and the day of achievement has come. We are standing on the threshold of a future of dazzling possibilities. All we need is fidelity to ourselves and to opportunities that invite us to make actual all and more than we dare to hope or dream."

At the Conclave of 1883, held in San Francisco, the following tribute was given to Sir Knight Hurlbut:

"Resolved that the services of our Past Grand Master Vincent Lombard Hurlbut are hereby recognized by the Grand Encampment and that as a tangible expression thereof a committee be named to prepare and present to him the official jewel of the Body together with the best wishes that he may have length of days and all prosperity."



VINCENT LOMBARD HURLBUT
Eleventh Grand Master, 1877-1880

In Memoriam



Carroll Moulton Fogg
New Hampshire
Grand Commander-1978
Born May 16, 1923
Died December 15, 1993

James C. Abernathy
Oklahoma
Grand Commander-1973
Born June 16, 1907
Died December 25, 1993

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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.



Past Grand Commanders Serve As Flag Escorts At Installation Of Tucson Assembly No. 115, S.O.O.B., Arizona

At the installation of Tucson Assembly No. 115, S.O.O.B., held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Tucson, four Past Grand Commanders escorted the United States' flag. (Mrs. Charles) Dorothy Meek, P.S.W.P., installed all officers, including the newly elected Worthy President (Mrs. Russell) Jennie C. Amling.

The picture shows the four Past Grand Commanders with Worthy President Jennie Amling. Left to right are Nicolas J. Tambures, P.G.C., Arizona; Russell K. Amling, P.G.C., Minnesota; Jennie Amling, W.P.; Olin E. Lehman, P.G.C., Arizona; and Lawrence M. Schaeffer, P.G.C., Arizona.



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While There Was Yet Time

by the Reverend James William Robbins, P.G.C., P.C.

Just as I entered seminary (over forty-five years ago) the professor of New Testament was retiring. Now that I am retiring from the active pastorate myself, the memory of that event is returning to me in new perspective.

The elderly professor was popular both with students and faculty, and was held in great affection by almost everyone.

Someone started the idea, and many jumped aboard the plan, to give him a trip to the Holy Land as a retirement gift since he had made no secret of his hope to visit there, "someday." Contributions came from all sorts of people whom he had touched in his long ministry of teaching, including many who knew of him but who had not been among his students in a formal sense of the term. The goal of the fund-raising was met with relative ease, and at the retirement party he was surprised with the tickets for an all-expense tour of the Holy Land. Another ticket was presented for his wife to accompany him. There was even a cash stipend to cover his incidental expenses.

I had contributed what a first-year seminarian could afford. I heartily approved of the entire plan to give the professor what he had longed for over the years.

He would see those places he had taught about, but had known only from books and photographs. A picture may be worth a thousand words, but seeing first-hand is wondrously better.

Years later, I was given "the" trip as a minister - pilgrim of the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage program. I recalled the old

professor and thought that I too would have the privilege of seeing the same sites.

However, one great difference occurred to me. I was having this trip while I was still in the active pastorate, not as I retired. This has resulted in my being able to share those insights I developed in Israel with my parishioners. The professor was at the end of his teaching days and doubtless had few opportunities to infuse the results of his trip into his ministry.

How thankful I have become, the more I have thought about it. Sharing something with others is always a privilege.

I recall that one of the saddest moments of my entire life was when I was prevented from sharing as I would have wished. It was only a few weeks after the unexpected death of my wife. My life's partner of twenty-three years was taken in a matter of four brief weeks by that dread foe, cancer. Just enough time had passed that I was losing the anesthesia of the event.

At a meeting we heard a most excellent musical presentation by the madrigal choir of a local school. I was enjoying myself and was feeling better than I had felt for some time, when the realization swept over me that there was no one waiting at home for my return. I could not, as had been our custom for many years, describe in detail for my partner the event which only one of us had witnessed. At that moment I was devastated. I needed to share, and had no one with whom to do it.

I wonder if my professor had felt that way. He and his wife enjoyed the trip, I am sure; he was so thrilled when given the tickets. He truly appreciated this magnificent gift from his students and colleagues. He wanted to see where "Jesus had walked" so very much, yet perhaps there was a bit of wistfulness mixed with his emotions of joy and gratitude. If only the trip could have come a few years earlier! He must have understood that there would be only limited opportunities to enrich his teachings with the learning of the trip - an occasional lecture here or there, perhaps a presentation to a church school class. How much more he might have done with the trip had it come ten years earlier in his ministry!

The more I muse on this, the more grateful I have become of the trip I was given during my active ministry. I truly appreciate the kindness of Redford Commandery for nominating me, and I am grateful to my fellow Templars for providing the means for this trip.

I have tried to make good use of the events of my pilgrimage in sermons and confirmation classes, in adult religions education meetings, and in any other

setting possible. While on the trip I shot a fifty-minute movie of the event and have shown this film numerous times to service clubs, and other organizations, as well as to church groups.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage program is most beneficial to the clergy of every denomination who are honored by being included in a tour. The program is worthy of the support of all Templars. Through their financial support it becomes possible for many young ministers, in their most productive years, to have the benefit of a trip to the Holy Land. The blessings of the gift are many, and the understanding of the benefits no doubt vary among individual pilgrims, but for me, I am most grateful that I was enabled to go while I could still share with so many others the results of the trip. I am truly thankful that it came while there was yet time.

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Staten Island Sir Knight Awarded Medal After Twin Towers Blast

Sir Knight Jacques Jacobsen III, High Priest of Tyrian Chapter No. 219 for 1992 and 1993 and a member of Empire Commandery No. 66 and Empire DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 14, Staten Island, New York, was awarded the World Trade Center Award for Exceptional Service given for an extraordinary level of effort or accomplishment in the aftermath of the bombing of the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993." At the time of the explosion, Sir Knight and Companion Jacobsen and a co-

worker were trapped until their supervisor led them to safety. They then checked offices to see that everyone was safe and evacuated. Although suffering a severe cold brought on by smoke inhalation and exposure to the cold, he was called back to work because of his intimate knowledge of the Twin Towers buildings. Equipped with a walkie talkie, he guided tenants via accessible routes to their offices to retrieve important papers and computer records enabling them to continue business from temporary locations. He continued until early April when the Trade Center reopened.



The Templar Rule or the "Regula Templi"

by Dr. E. K. Edwards, Jr.

All monastic groups live by a rule or "regula," which is their guide to religious life. Many of the famous rules were written 1,500 years ago, or more, and are still practiced and followed carefully by various monastic groups. Various examples of monastic rules would be the rule of St. Benedict, followed by the Benedictine monks, or the rule of St. Augustine, followed by the Augustinian monks.

One of the strictest and most ascetic of the monastic groups today and nearly 1,000 years ago were the Cistercians. Their order was founded in 1098 A.D. by St. Robert de Molesme, a Benedictine monk, in the French city of Citeau, which was known as Cistercium in Roman times. Membership grew rapidly in this order thanks to the genius of the mystic St. Bernard of Clarvaux. It was St. Bernard who was mainly responsible for the impetus of the early crusades.

In 1118 St. Bernard devised the Templar rule or "Regula Templi" for a group of monks trained in the military arts. This new group was to follow strict Cistercian rule and would be known as the Poor Fellow Soldiers of the Temple of Solomon, or simply Orden Templi" or Order of the Temple. After being chartered by Hugues de Payens and seven fellow knights, they were to be based mainly in the palace of Badlwyn II of Jerusalem. The Templars were basically Cistercian monks who had extensive training in the "ars belli" or the art of war. Knights Templar adopted

the Cistercian garb which was the white tunic and mantle with a red cross. The basic tenets of Templar rule can be summarized as follows: Be on guard constantly against sin. Do not love one's own will. Submit to superiors in strict obedience. Hold fast to patience. Confess one's sins. Believe one is unworthy. Believe that one is less than others. Keep silent until questioned. Do not be over ready to laugh. Speak few and reasonable words with a modest voice. Always show humility in one's heart. Strive for the mystical union with Jesus Christ through God the Father.

These rules give us a clear idea of basic Templar philosophy. Even after the Templar order was dissolved in France in the early 14th century, the Templars continued to flourish under other names, such as Knights of Christ in Portugal, or they were absorbed into already existing military monastic orders such as the Teutonic Knights of Germany, or the Knights of Calatrava of Spain. We, as Templar Masons, inherit this rich history and the Templar rule, which is as fitting today as it was 1,000 years ago.

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The Celestial Lodge

by Virginia-Anne Edwards

We want to go beyond the moon,
Beyond the furthest far;
The end of space where angels soar,
Above the highest star;

Where altitude will fade to dust,
And other suns shed light;
Dimensions where all dreams are born,
And time is not in flight;

A place no map shall ever know,
Or telescope shall find;
A place that's far more splendid,
Than a thought in mortal mind;

A ground where golden carpets roll,
For souls with silver wings;
And colors spark the twilight sky,
While distant voices sing;

Where gardens grow forever,
Never wither, never die,
For flowers grow from nothing,
And it rains not from the sky;

Where things are always better,
Than they were the life before
For evil is a word unknown,
Another sea and shore;

A place beyond the galaxy,
From which we're worlds apart.
If you look up it's miles away
But seconds from your heart.

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Knight was a proud word, humble in origin, denoting a knecht or servant. Seigneurs (signoirs) meant a lord or feudal lord, signifying the territory or jurisdiction of a seniority, a manor or lordship.

Stemming from a German root, feudalism could also mean cattle (or horses, sheep or cows) and fear (which could also mean fear of war or enemy). This implied there was a fundamental difference between the intangible net worth on the one hand, and the power of the sword on the other.

Long before the twelfth century, the military powers were the largest properly owners in Outremer (the land beyond the sea). Money had not yet been recognized as being of special significance in a country where possession of the coin was not always tantamount to great wealth and powers.

The fortresses of the military orders cost the Frankish rulers nothing in construction and upkeep, but they were not bound to furnish the sovereign with the troops and other dues. They acted as voluntary allies rather than vassals, helping to conserve their resources.

However, the military powers did furnish recruits and other personnel. One of the first to present these rulers with newly created knights were the Templars, the first of the military to do so. These Templars had been formed in 1117 or 1118 by two Sir Knights, Hughes de Payne from Champaign and Fulk, Count of Anjou. However, they were not recognized by the Church until ten years later. At that time, Bernard of Clairvaue became one of their most enthusiastic supporters.

The Templars became one of the most powerful armies through its tighter discipline on the march and in battle. To become a Knight Templar was the object of many a young man who wanted to join the order.

The Knights Seigneurs

by Sir Knight W. Duane Kessler

The aspirant Templar arrived in his best clothes, ready to change into the uniform of the Knights Templar. After going through a lengthy examination, the new Knight swore he would follow these instructions, concluding the ceremony by saying Yes Sir, if God pleases."

The new knight agreed to follow with all of his might against the infidel. His horse and arms were always ready to give battle and he was the last to flee the battlefield. Furthermore, he swore never to suffer any unjust and unlawful abuse, and he was always ready to maintain personal chastity, poverty and obedience. His final instructions were to "Go, and may God make you an honest man."

The drapier's office then handed him the remainder of his uniform consisting of: two shirts, two pairs of pants and two tight fitting breeches, a tunic, a jacket and a cape, a spare mantle, and a surcoat which went over the hauberk, chain mail for the legs, iron shoes, iron shoulder pieces and an iron hat.

His weapons were a sword, a lance, a mace, a dagger, a large shield, plain and undecorated. Equipment for active service included a bread knife and an all-purpose knife, a cooking pot with a basin for measuring out barley and a pestle for crushing it, two drinking cups, two flasks, one dipper of horn and one spoon, one

hatchet, one grater, two leather straps, one with and one without buckle, three wallets (one for himself and two for his servants), and a small tent, besides the customary high saddle. (Stirrups were not to be shortened without permission, and not to be cut.) He might not bathe, take medicine, bleed himself, or walk abroad without permission - and he was forbidden to walk and direct his horse.

The brethren slept two by two, in cells bare but for palliasses or two little carpets. There was one sheet, two blankets, and a coverlet apiece, two small chests without

"At midnight they were roused to hear Martins - and say thirteen paternosters. They were to inspect their horses, and if necessary hold speech with their squires."

locks, and a lamp to be lit throughout the night; the sleepers must keep on their shirts and breeches with girdles well fastened.

At midnight they were roused to hear Martins - and say thirteen paternosters. They were to inspect their horses, and if necessary hold speech with their squires.

They might go back to bed then, saying one more paternoster. The Office of Prime then awakened them for prayer, at 4:00 A.M. in the summer and 6:00 A.M. in the winter. This was followed by Terce, the hour for the Holy Spirit. However, breakfast was not held until after the midday Office of Sext. The knights would occupy themselves with overhauling their arms and accouterments after Terce. They would see the horses again and give to the squires instructions for the day. Conversations were to be confined strictly to business and conducted with politeness. A drill was then held, either on the pavement or at the parade grounds next to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, by courtesy of the Cannons.

Mt. Moriah accommodated around two thousand horses. In Outremer there were only five or six hundred at a time. The chaplains, serjeants, turcoples and infantry, as well as, artisans and slaves brought the number up to several thousand.

Among those present were bookkeepers and translators, carpenters, smiths, shepherds, gardeners, rope-makers, engineers, millers and cooks as well as dairymen and masons. There were also tent-makers, armorers, field hands, laundry worker, vintners and grooms.

Meals were taken in three communal sittings, with the Master served first, with a goblet of glass, which was luxury usually afforded personages, but it was also a precaution against poison. Next came the chaplains, the seneschal, the treasurer-cum-commander of the kingdom, the drapier and the turncopoler.

Next were the custodians which was a fragment of the Templar True Cross. The rest of the knights ate at a second sitting, and the upper knights took the third. Silence was enjoined during the meal and necessary communication made in sign language. Latin was the language so most knights did not understand the lecture.

There were only two fast days, usually at the Master's discretion. Fresh meat was served twice a week; otherwise it was poultry, which was classified as fish. Fish and poultry was classified as the same, as God created fish and fowl on the same day. Brothers were to keep check on each other, and not practice absenteeism, for it was their function to keep fighting fit.

Templars heard mass again, and all absentees were to take mass at a makeup session. After vespers the knights supped, and assembled for worship at Compline. Before retiring, orders and business for the next day were discussed.

Penalties were severe, ranging from expulsion, imposed for treachery and cowardice, to lesser Templar offenses,

with suspension of membership up to one year. These lesser offenses included throwing off the mantel in a fit of anger to keeping undesirable company. The Templars and Hospitalers agreed not to take in each other's expelled knights.

The Temple seal was known for its many versions. Probably the best known depicts two knights seated on a horse, in the token of poverty, humility, and brotherly love. The last quality was taken in place of chastity, for defections from brotherly love were more punishable than defections from chastity, which included rape and sodomy.

Senior Templars who had outlived their usefulness were provided with gentle mounts and delicate foods. Special houses were provided in the West, and invalids were given every dietary advantage. This included three kinds of soup, made with wine, in honor of the three persons in the Holy Trinity. Those who had contracted leprosy were not expelled without money, clothing, and an ass to bear them away.

Cookery was a great art for cooks were in constant demand to prepare superb banquets which included native and foreign princes, and for inaugurating successive Crusades, coronations, royal marriages, distinguished embassies, or state funerals.

Soups were especially in demand, for they were as carefully put together as medicines and sweet meats. Sauces, varied in their concoction, were an instrument of the Crusades. Spices, worth their weight in gold in Europe, were commonplace in the Orient, merely adding to the self-assurance and snobbishness of the Muslims.

The horse, with all of its Spanish connections, was the object of meticulous care by all the ranks of the nobility. The classes displayed their distinction in many ways, and little did they care who did what and why. Their place seemed to be in Outremer, the land beyond the sea. They

guarded each van and the rear of all marching troops, whichever seemed to be more perilous. Their battle cry was "Non nobis, Dominus, non nobis, sed nomine tua, da gloriam." (Not unto us Lord, not unto us, but to Thy name give glory).

The Crusades brought new trades into being, for the Templars did a great deal towards mapping out the country, for troop directions, measured out into traveling stages in many lands or countries. Sailing ships, flying under their Red Cross, swiftly grew into fleets, and alleviated much of the pilgrim traffic. The

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Templars were able to move men at an annual average of six thousand passengers, not to mention freights. The Templars and Hospitalers were the chief builders in the Holy Land and wherever they gained a foothold, building activities started anew.

Timber was their only scarcity since other materials were plentiful. The hillsides were strewn with stones, rubble, ruins, and defunct water veins. However, labor was not lading for the Templar program contained peasants, pilgrims, soldiers, prisoners of war; men, women and children. Even knights, complacent in their mechanical incompetence, could be employed.

Typical of Templar power was the building of Castle Pilgrim, built in a short space of time by unskilled hands. It was so named for pilgrims who lent willing hands to the construction of the temple, yet it was for all intents and purposes a thoroughly professional job. It was a community all its own for nothing was wanting for self-sufficiency. It had orchards, springs, pastures, vegetable

gardens, fish ponds, salt mines, mills and even had some natural woods. It also had a natural harbor and shipyards.

The domain had everything needed for the support of fifty knights, thirty serjeants, fifty turcopolos, three hundred arbalestiers, eight hundred and twenty squires and infantry along with forty slaves. Architects and regular masons had come into action and were able to make use of unskilled hands. Moslem and Christian techniques, however, were so similar that Masonic marks were the only distinguishable figure which could be ascertained.

The only disadvantage to this way of building was that workers, having made their contribution to the Crusades, felt they had fulfilled their vows and done their stints.

However, they helped build Castle Pilgrim, which embraced no ramparts on the south, west and north, as the

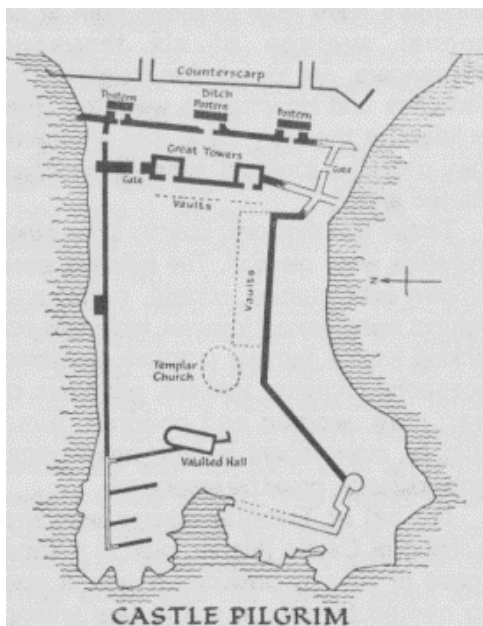
Mediterranean was their moat. This building was the most secure fortress in France, built between the years of 1218-1244. The Templars had built a tower and a church whose top reached into heaven.

This church leaned towards the Templar octagonal or round church, for it was said the square is the most perfect form, symbol of the visible world, which moves in four directions. The octagon is a square capable of extending in all directions, thus containing the fundamental expression of geometry. Two diagonal lines drawn between the farthest points of either side form the four-triangle cross (the cross of the Templars) being the symbol in its early manifestation. Completing every line of the four triangle cross will give us another octagon, which is intelligence in its most earthly form. This indicates the Templars' desire for octagonal or round churches with the Church of the Holy Sepulchre as an example, the shape being determined by the central shrine which this building enclosed.

The prototype of a knight was a free man, holding land, and owing feudal military service. The western European knight may be summarized as a mounted, heavily armed and armored soldier, a free man and a landholder and a member of a caste with a strong sense of solidarity.

The Church's ideal of Soldiers in Christ, shown by the military orders, fought the infidel in the Holy Land, eastern Europe, and Spain. The Knights Templar were the most famous, but other orders included the Knight Hospitallers, the Teutonic Knights and the Spanish Orders of Knighthood.

Originally eight or nine men were called upon to police an empire, but everyone was a knight or leader, whereas the Knights Hospitallers were simply monks. The Templars originally were a handful of knights who were determined



CASTLE PILGRIM

Castle Pilgrim was so named for the many pilgrims (knights) who built it, yet from all appearance, it was a thoroughly professional job.

to give themselves to Christ and to remain fighting men.

The Templars took the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and were sworn to defend the kingdom. Very soon the Knights were given accommodations in a building near the Dome of the Rock, on the supposed sight of the Temple of Solomon. Already they had given themselves a name, the Poor Fellow Soldiers in Jesus Christ. Before long this long and unwieldy title was altered and they became Knights of the Temple of Solomon or more simply Knights Templar. From blood, rage and pity, the Order of the Temple was born.

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In Good Hands

Some of us have traveled the road of York Rite Masonry to go from Blue Lodge Masonry to the Shrine, and some have traveled by way of Scottish Rite. Some have joined Blue Lodge and remained there to work and make their mark. Others have gone on to Royal Arch or Council or Commandery and remained there to work. Some, a select few, have stopped along the way to work in the various branches of York Rite Masonry and have earned the title of KYCH. Some have worked hard in Scottish Rite Masonry and have been rewarded with the title of KCCH. Some also have gone into the Shrine to make their outstanding marks in Masonry.

Regardless of where we toil in the vineyards of Masonry, we must remember that we are all Master Masons, that we all knelt at the same altar, and that we all took the same obligation: to promote the principle tenet of Masonry; Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. I am certain that we all have the same desire to be serviceable to our fellow creatures.

Some of the bridges over which we have passed are worn and in need of repair. We must go back to shore up the foundations, to strengthen the weakened handrails, and to replace the worn planks over which future generations of Masons travel. We must remember that we too will travel that same road on our return.

We must all renew our commitment to Masonry to insure that this Fraternity, which has been temporarily placed in our custody, will be strong and healthy when passed on to those who follow.

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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 (1952) for donation or purchase as soon as possible. Robert E. Price, G.R.; P.O. Box 702; Connorsville; IN 47331.

For sale: an 11x14" print called From Darkness to Light, a very colorful print showing the path to Knight Templar from 1st degree, naming all degrees up to the Order of the Temple. This will be a conversation arouses for every Knight's home. Can be framed. \$6.00 plus \$1.50 postage. 10% of proceeds will be donated to the KTEF. Gerald L. Pat/cat, Sr.; 7129 Cerritos, Stanton, CA 90690.

For sale: U.S. stamp collection and First Day Covers, dating back to 1930 and succeeding years. Proceeds to be donated to the KTEF. Albin Johnson, P.O. Box 333, Randolph, MA 02368, or contact Grand Commandery office, (617) 426-1973.

For sale: a Masonic quiz program for IBM-PC or compatible computers. System requirements: MS-DOS version 3.1 or later, 256K RAM. The program has three types of quizzes to test your knowledge of Freemasonry. 10% of proceeds will be donated to the KTEF. Send \$8.00 to Stephen Hill, 5539-2 Hood Drive, Foil Riley, KS 66442.

Temple Commandery No. 23, Grand Junction, Colorado, Would like to announce the 19th Annual Pancake Breakfast for the benefit of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The breakfast will be March 12, 1994, from 6:30 A.M. until 1100 A.M. A donation of \$4.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children entitles you to an all-you-can-eat breakfast. The contributions from this breakfast have grown so that last year's contribution was \$.75 per member.

For sale: Masonic widow wishes to sell late husbands Knight Templar ring, a beautiful ring with 5 diamonds totaling over one K, in a traditional but unique setting. Appraised at \$3,650; appraisal supplied upon request. She will consider any reasonable offer. Mrs. Eileen Nelson, C/O Edward E. Nelson, P.O. Box 1026, Lawrence, KS 66044, (913) 749-1536.

For sale: four 8-inch plates with dark blue border, gold leaf scroll and trim. All four have different persons, 2 women and 2 men in center of plate. Gold printing around pictures as follows: Pittsbs,gh Commandery NO. 1 K.T., Twenty-Eighth Triennial, Louisville-1901-Kentucky. Beautiful, antique collectible. Best offer—like new. (217) 243-6229, R. D. Milk, 14 Noctvais Drive, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650.

Wanted: P.C. gold sword with scabbard in excellent condition. Phone or write: George W. Barnes. 4578 Exceisk,r Road, Eureka, CA 95503, (707)443-3642, collect.

For sale: uniform coats. New polyester/wool, summer weight. G.P.O. coats mean your Commandery can obtain costs at a low cost: 42S, 44S, 44XL and 48XL. (The XLs can be cut

down to L or R.) \$20.00 each plus S&H. 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, Angela, IN 48703, (219) 665-5686 or ,John Myers, 2120 N. SR. 127, Angola, t'146703. (219) 665-2797.

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes 4.4 short, 44X long, and 46 short. \$23.00 includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sale, will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company, 13690 Broad Street, S. W; Pataskala; 01-143062; (614) 927-7073.

For sale: York Rite belts from New Hampshire Grand Commandery. 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. 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. P(C); 6 Vernon Avenue, Rochester, NH 03867.

Wanted: entire York Rite uniform: polyester/wool, summer weight CPO coat, size 48 regular; P.C. chapeau, 7-1/4 with carrying case; P.C. belt; gold sword/scabbard with flannel and black leather carrying case. J. P. Fleming, Jr., 11724 Park wood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815. (504) 275-8799 (before 11:30A.M.)

Wanted: Tiftarea Daylight Lodge No. 745 is a newly chartered Lodge and is in need of a chest of drawers for our officers' aprons, it your Lodge has a surplus chest of drawers the we can get, please call collect (912) 382-1617and let us know the price or write R. H. McMillan, Jr.; 417 North Park Avenue, Tifton, GA 31794.

We have two used, Lodge room, Masonic pillars, 10', handcrafted by a Brother of metal. Need repainting. Excess because of Lodge merger. Contact Sec. Stu Venable, PM.; Pacific Rim Lodge No. 567, 5155 East Pac. Coast 1-MY Lang Beach CA office, (310) or home, (310)430-9091

Streator Lodge No. 607, A.F. & AM., of Streator, Illinois, is celebrating its 125th anniversary and still has a coin available to commemorate the event. The working took, all-seeing eye, and square and compass on one side; Lodge name and years on other. Coin in antique copper finish, \$4.00, or gold finish, \$7.00, but the gold finish is in short supply. Make checks payable to Streator Lodge No. 607, and mail to William Sanford, P.O. Box 98, Rutland, IL 61358.

Forrest Lodge No. 19, A.F. & A.M., Huntsville, Texas has a custom designed coin minted 10 commemorate their 150th anniversary. 1844-1994. One side has the square and compass over stale of Texas. Opposite side denotes Forrest Lodge being chartered by Grand Lodge of republic of Texas: antique bronze. \$5.00; silver, \$25.00. Please Include \$1.00 per coin for postage. Send check or money order to Forrest Lodge No. 19, P.O. Box 1004, Huntsville TX 77342-1004.

For sale: cookbook—from our Lodge to you. Its 85 pages of home cooking recipes. All proceeds go to help retire the note on the Masonic Lodge. Check for 87.00 Includes shipping, to Mm. Lucy Sharp, 2220 W. Main St, Tupelo, MS 3880 1.

Bay View Flatbush Chapter No. 298. R.A.M., in dire need of funds is offering a beautiful maroon tie with triple tau of R.A.M. imprinted thereon as a fund-raiser. Price. \$15.00 pp. Send requests to S. Caradonna, 1069 E. 4th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Make checks payable to Bay View-Flatbush Chapter.

For sale: Knoxville Council No. 75, R. & SM., celebrated their 100th anniversary in late 1992 and have a limited number of our anniversary coins left. These are non-stock items and custom designed. Reserve yours today for only \$5.00 each, postpaid. Please no more than three per order. Check payable to Knoxville Council No. 75, 505 Locust Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.

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

A limited 100th anniversary edition stone paperweight was made for Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, OK. The paperweight is available while supplies last for \$6.00 each including S & H. Send check or money order to L. D. Clark, 2600 N. Hammond Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73127.

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. Write National Camping Travelers, Inc., P.O. Box 2894; Chesapeake, VA 23327.

Wanted: KYCH member looking for ceremonial equipment viz: king's crown, altar drapes, etc. Please give description and asking price to Joseph J. Meighan, 307 Columbia Street, Cohoes, NY 12047, (518)233-1331.

To all York Rite bodies and Scottish Rite bodies and Shrine units: If you have any costumes that are old and you do not use them any more, would you consider donating them to a DeMolay Chapter that is in dire need of DeMolay degree costumes? Your assistance would be appreciated by many young men who do study their ritual and who do still care. Please respond to Robert Puckett, 553 N. County Line Road, Hobart, IN 46342 or phone (219) 942-3545. Your assistance would make fifteen young men quite happy.

Mizpah Chapter No. 19. O.E.S., of Pioche, Nevada, has a 75-year coin for sale, it is the only Star coin struck in Nevada to our knowledge. Available for \$6.00 in bronze. Mail check to Jerry B. Evans, 4324 Jadeetone, Las Vegas, NV 89108.

Thank you, Sir Knights, who ordered the first in the series of Masonic stems. From October 1 to Decanter 13, there were 701 stems sold and sent out. There are 299 stems back ordered, that were in at the end of January, if anyone is still interested. The color is brown at the bottom instead of blue. There are 50 stems already reserved to send Out. If interested, please send a check or money order in the amount of \$45.00 to reserve a brown stein. The information is in the Decanter issue of Knight Templar, page 20. When they are gone, that will be it for the first series.

For sale: Montgomery R. A. Chapter No. 262 anniversary plate. 1882-1907, Ardmore, PA. Beautifully designed and in mint condition, \$25.00. John W. Cranar, 406 West College Street, WileGbOtO, NC 28697, (919) 838-5347.

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

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 Stordc, Sr., 775W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (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 Afton Street; Riverside; CA 92509-5703.

All Brother Masons and Knight Templars: Novice researcher and collector of Civil War postal history, stamps, letters and patriotic covers of the Confederate and Union states would very much like to hear from Brother Masons with the same interests. Would like to establish some Masonic connections to Civil War postal history. I will answer all loner. PeW J. Westboro; 33 /Thill, Avenue; Gueh, Ontario; NIE IRS; Canada.

For sale: refrigerator magnets cut to the shape of the state of Ohio with the square and compasses or the Shrine emblem stamped in center—\$1.00 each and all proceeds go to Masonic charities. Send \$1.00 and self-addressed, stamped envelope to Itner L. Jietice, 935 Monroe Street, Be/evue, OH 44811.

Attention. Brother Masons: a fellow Mason wishes to purchase for his collection German and Japanese military souvenirs, helmets, uniforms, hats, swords, daggers, medals, books, or any other military item. Carl H. Faust, Box 2141, Setaulcet, NY 11733, (516) 751-5556.

Wanted: antique, Masonic items. No jewelry, books, or uniforms, please. Stephen J. Kapp, 1180 B. Okinawa Ln., Yigo, Guam 96929-1220.

For sale: Small antique stein commemorating the 60th Founder's Day of Lodge No. 22, Newark, NJ. All script in German and dated Nov. 20, 1911. \$40.00 pp. Steve Shaffer, 333 10th Avenue Dr. N.E. No. 21 Hickory, NC 28801.

Wanted: 1940s. 1950s neckties. I will pay cash for wild and weird, old ties. Especially seeking handpainted, but will consider any type. I will pay postage whether or not I buy the ties, Phillip C. Williams, 126 Fe/met Street, Wayneville, NC 28786, home: (704) 452-9511; svik: 1-800-962-7754.

I am interested in obtaining a copy of a book titled, The Gospel According to Pontius Pilate, written by H. Mason. Milton W. Bassett, 1800 St. Lucie Blvd., Bldg. 9, Apt. 303, Stuart, FL 34996.

Knight Templar line officer is an avid collector of Axis and Allied military items, weapons, and all else, as well as souvenirs taken. Instant cash for those pieces collecting dust up in the attic or packed away in the garage behind the workbench. Terry Kelly, P.O. Box 3443, Scottsdale. 4285271.

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

Reunion: Aviation Repair Unit, Navy No. 145, Guadalcanal and AEOb-Noumea. May 22-24, 1994, Rapid City, SD. Contact George E. Turner, P.O. Box 492, Huron, SD 57350, (605) 352-3897.

Reunion: the survivors of the U.S.S. Calhoun (DD-801), which was sunk April. 6, 1945, will hold a reunion in Long Beach, CA. on April 5-7, 1994. For more info: John Mize, Secretary/Treasurer of the organization. at P.O. Box 834, Salem, IL 62881 or call (618)548-5944.

Labour to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

George Washington

Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour

Sparks' *Life of Washington*

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