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Dr. Douglass Houghton

Explorer and Masonic Mediator

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There Is So Much More

Message from Robert O. Ralston, 33^o
Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

One of the many exciting insights that is revolutionizing American business is something called *teaming*. Automobile designers, manufacturing experts, marketers, advertising specialists, engineers, and others at Ford locations across the world worked together to create the new Ford Taurus car. The end result is a far better product brought to the market in less time and at lower cost. The total resources of the Ford Motor Company were involved in creating the new car. And it all happened because of teaming.



The lesson of teaming applies to Freemasonry. Each Masonic body has a unique perspective on our Fraternity, as well as specialized resources and members with unusual expertise. Each Masonic organization is an incredibly important and valuable resource for all of Freemasonry.

Each Masonic body contributes to the rich texture of the Fraternity, builds member allegiance, serves noble charitable purposes, and extends the reach of Freemasonry.

But even with the many wonderful accomplishments of the individual organizations, we cannot fulfill our Masonic mission alone. Each group is a facet on the Masonic jewel. *Each Masonic body makes a contribution that enhances the lives of the others.* We are enriched by each other.

Most importantly, we are *all* Masons. The Symbolic Lodge binds us together, and it is this common Masonic experience that makes it possible for us to be Knight Templar *Masons*, Scottish Rite *Masons*, and Shrine *Masons*. What we do separately elevates and broadens our Masonic experience.

The Internet is making it possible for tens of millions of people around the world to talk to each other at home and at work. Technology lets us communicate more quickly and more clearly than ever before. Together, each Masonic body is a part of the *MasonicNet*, a bond that is just as mystical, real, and marvelous as the Internet. Down through the centuries we have called it brotherhood, and it applies to Masonic bodies as well as Masonic Brothers.

The wonder of Masonry is that there are so many amazing and profound ways to express the spirit of Masonry. Masonry sets us free to extend the reach of the Fraternity and to find new ways to build character and serve the community. We need each other because we enrich and support each other.

A black and white image of a handwritten signature, which reads "Robert O. Ralston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert O. Ralston
Sovereign Grand Commander
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J.

To Illustrious Brother and Sir Knight Robert O. Ralston, 33^o Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the U.S.A., Northern Jurisdiction: Our many thanks for taking the time and effort from your busy schedule to write the above editorial.

Blair C. Mayford
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

SEPTEMBER: Don't miss an inspirational message by Robert O. Ralston, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, on page 2. Our cover is a celebration of the life of a beloved Mason, Brother Douglass Houghton; his story starts on page 23. Masonry is a sacred bond that ties Brother to Brother, but others experience the "tie that binds," too, as is shown in the story of Fannie Beers starting on page 19. As dark Commanderies awake and revive for the busy year ahead, our issue is surprisingly full of news of Commanderies and Sir Knights who continued activities all summer.

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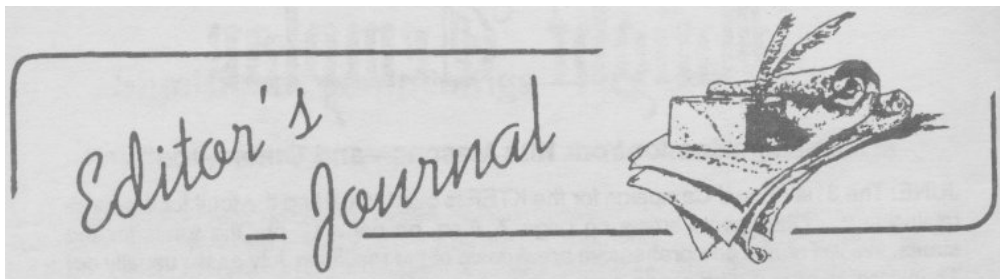
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The Tenth Crusade to the Holy Land Closed:

Reservations are filled for the Grand Encampment and Grand Master Mayford's Tenth Crusade to the Holy Land, scheduled for this fall. Grand Master Mayford has authorized another trip to the Holy Land, scheduled for November 5 through November 15, 1996. Details will be provided at a later time.

Wanted: The Grand Encampment is in need of a copy of *History of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America* by Francis J. Scully, M.D. for its library. If you have a copy to donate or sell, please contact the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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

Announcing: The Widows Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A **Green** pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a **Red** Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past Commanders, and grand officers.) Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to

the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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, 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. There is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies; \$1.00 each over 100 copies, plus shipping and handling. Write your checks to 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. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. • *Born In Blood:* The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$16.00, including S & H. • *Dungeon, Fire and Sword: The Knights Templar in the Crusade* This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is now available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. 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.

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News from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

\$19,890.00 Research Grant To Dr. Susan G. Robbins
Harvey and Bernice Jones Eye Institute
University of Arkansas, College of Medicine

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has awarded a grant in the amount of \$19,890.00 to Dr. Susan G. Robbins, Ph.D., of the Harvey and Bernice Jones Eye Institute at the University of Arkansas, College of Medicine, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dr. Robbins will use the grant for a study of "the role of vacular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) in vascular development and oxygen-induced neovascularization in the rat retina." The announcement of the grant was made by Grand Master Blair C. Mayford, President of the Eye Foundation.

A formal presentation was made to Dr. Robbins at the Jones Eye Institute at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 1995, by Frank S. Zimmerman, Jr., of Malvern, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Arkansas, and other representatives: Sir Knights Wayne E. St. John, Grand Recorder of Arkansas, and Robert B. Mitchell, State Chairman of the KTEF.

In the picture blow, left to right, are: Frank Zimmerman, Jr.; Robert Mitchell; Dr. Susan Robbins; Dr. John Penn; and Wayne St. John.

The Eye Foundation was formed to furnish eye treatment for those who cannot afford it and to further studies in the treatment of eye illness and disorders.



Alabama's Dr. Michelle Ardell Receives Grant From Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Michelle Ardell (right), Ph.D., a postdoctoral fellow in the College of Medicine, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, has been awarded a \$20,000 grant by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Ray Rutledge (left) of Jasper, Alabama, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Alabama, presented the award to Dr. Ardell in a ceremony at the U.S.A. College of Medicine.



Dr. Ardell's research focuses on the study of genes that may be involved in the congenital hereditary blinding disorder, Bardot-Biedl Syndrome. Children with this disease are born blind and have mental deficiencies and abnormal kidney function. They usually die at an early age of kidney failure. The exciting possibility that a gene that is critical for vision also has critical function in the kidney may lead to the identification of the cause of this devastating disorder.

Sale of 1994 Denver Triennial Patches to Benefit the KTEF

All who are desirous of obtaining an embroidered 1994 Denver Triennial Patch may do so by mailing your order to Kansas City, Kansas York Rite, P.O. Box 851, Mission, KS 66202. The cost will be \$3.50, postage paid. A donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will be made from the sales.

Grand Master Mayford and Grand Recorder Neumann Attend the 121st Imperial Shrine Session



Grand Master Blair C. Mayford and Grand Recorder Charles R. Neumann were in attendance at the Imperial Shrine Session in Indianapolis, Indiana, over the Fourth of July. Unanimity was the theme of the sessions as the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, Imperial Sir and Sir Knight Burton E. Ravellette, Jr., a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas, presided.

The Sovereign Grand Commanders of both the Northern and Southern jurisdictions

of Scottish Rite, Illustrious Brothers C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33^o, and Robert O. Ralston, 33^o, were in attendance. The newly elected Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America is Imperial Sir and Sir Knight Robert B. Bailey of Indiana.

Your Grand Master Mayford had the privilege and pleasure of presenting our newly elected Imperial Potentate with the Knight Commander of the Temple honor.

The First Knights Templar Created in the United States

by Sir Knight Michael S. Kaulback, P.C., E.R.

The connection between the Knights Templar of old and Freemasonry has been written about many times and in many ways. The origins of the Masonic Knights Templar are lost or hidden in the mists of time, but how did the Knights Templar arrive in America? Who were they, and where were the first Knights Templar created in America? The answers to these questions are better documented, but to find them we must travel back in time to the year 1769.

In the year 1769, Masonry had only officially begun thirty-six years before in the year 1733 when Henry Price of Townsend, Massachusetts, acted upon a warrant issued to him by the Grand Lodge of England. This was the start of St. John's Lodge in Boston and the start of recognized Freemasonry in the United States. It was a year of change: The bathe between the "Moderns (England) and the "Ancients (Scotland) was heating up dramatically, and a second Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of St. Andrew, was forming in the Massachusetts colony. It is here that the earliest records of Royal Arch Masonry and the Knights Templar in the U.S. are to be found.

The earliest written records available in America mentioning Knights Templar are to be found in the records of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter (called a Royal Arch Lodge at that time) when on August 28, 1769, William Davis was "accepted and accordingly made by receiving the four steps - that of Excellent, Super Excellent, Royal Arch, and Knight Templar." St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter must have been formed previous to this date, but little documentation exists.

Originally, it was believed that the British Army Lodges working in Boston (Glittering Star No. 322, Irish Constitution, and British Army Lodge No. 58, English Constitution) brought Royal Arch Masonry and Templary with them from Ireland, where they had been stationed. However, in the records of St. Andrew's Lodge, we find a copy of a letter dated October 29, 1762, sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland requesting a charter for a Royal Arch Lodge. It is, therefore, logical to conclude that there was one existing Royal Arch Lodge or at the very least, a group of Royal Arch Masons previous to the arrival of the British Army Lodges on September 30, 1768. It is interesting that the officers who performed at St. Andrew's were, in fact, members of those Lodges. James Brown, who was listed as Royal Arch Master, was also Master of Glittering Star No. 322; Charles Chambers listed as Senior Warden was also Senior Warden of No. 322; and the other officers were either direct members of St. Andrew's or members of No. 322.

What ritual was used to confer the four steps or degrees? Many, many people have speculated on this topic for years without success.

We would love to know the content of those early degrees, but our cunosity and thirst for knowledge will probably remain forever unsatisfied. There are no written records of ritual used, and those records that may have existed have long since disappeared.

There does exist a plate used in the printing of summonses (notices of

meetings) in 1790. This does have many recognizable emblems and seems to show that the central idea of the Knights Templar Order was basically the same as it is today with a very much shortened ritual.

We do know that it was customary to "work" or "communicate" the four steps at one meeting. The ritual itself must have been communicated as a bylaw of St. Andrew's Chapter of 1769 appears to indicate that the early meetings were held with the members seated around a table. In the book *Pour la Foy* on pages 207-211, we read an extract from the "Regulations of the Temple" relative to the reception of new Fratres. The extract consists of a list of questions and answers that was used in ancient times to admit Knights to the Brotherhood of the Templars. At the end of the text, it is indicated that the Scottish Templar ritual is based on that work. It is my guess that the ritual communicated to William Davis on that August evening probably followed this list as well. The officers who conferred the four steps probably learned them in Ireland, where they had previously been stationed. Here in the Grand Lodge of Boston we have a Knight Templar certificate of membership dated 1759 from Ireland, so it is safe to assume that there was an active Templar order there before that date.

Who was William Davis and what was his background? How did he happen to be in the right place at the right time to become the first Knight Templar created in America? He was born the son of William and Mary Davis in Boston, Massachusetts, and was baptized in the church on July 19, 1724. He had one sister, Hannah. He was an educated man and owned an apothecary shop on Prince Street near the Charles River Bridge in Boston. He was married three times, and his third wife, Sarah, outlived him. He had one son Benjamin Davis, who eventually became a major in the local Massachusetts militia. Very active in local 1776 in charge of

politics, he was a member of the Committee on Correspondence from May to November inspection and safety in the local area.

Military life also fascinated him for it was he who proposed the "barrel defense" used in the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775. This was a simple but effective defense and consisted of barrels filled with stones and earth rolled down on the attacking units. He is mentioned in the "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War" on the "List of men subscribing to regulations for formation of an independent company to be raised in Boston." The officers of this company were commissioned in council on December 7, 1776, with John Hancock named as major general and colonel of the regiment. His immediate superior was Colonel Henry Jackson and the dates of his service were from February 1, 1777 to October 15, 1778, when he received an honorable discharge from General Sullivan.

Freemasonry was also an important part of his life. He is listed as a member of St. John's (First) Lodge in Boston on December 26, 1750. He then slips into the mists of obscurity for a time, emerging as Worshipful Master of British Army Lodge No. 58, and is one of the signers of the petition sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the appointment of Joseph Warren as Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" established in Boston. Although there are no written records, it is obvious from his attaining the lofty rank of Worshipful Master that he not only continued his Masonic career, but he excelled at it. It was during this period that we see mention made in the records that he joined the Lodge of St. Andrew (1757) and probably became friendly with Paul Revere and Joseph Warren. He was present at the St. John's Day banquet on December 27, 1769, when Joseph Warren was installed Provincial Grand Master and again on March 2, 1770,

It was a natural extension of Davis' Masonic career that led him to petition for and receive the four steps of Excellent, Super Excellent, Royal Arch, and Knight Templar on August 28, 1769. **He** was a member of an "Ancients Lodge," and interestingly at that time the "Moderns" or English did not recognize any degree above the Third or Master Mason Degree. It is a credit to the "Ancients" that the higher Orders of York Rite Masonry came into being.

American soil and should be acknowledged by us as the forerunner of us all.

One further historical note is the names and dates of the next two Knights Templar; the second was Paul Revere, whose name everyone recognized and who took the four steps on December 11, 1769 in St. Andrew's Lodge. The third was Joseph Warren who took the four steps on May 14, 1770, also in St. Andrew's Chapter. He rose to become Grand Master and a martyr to freedom as he was the last person to be killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

These were the first men and Freemasons that rallied to the call of the Beauceant, a vast army of Christian Freemasons that have sworn "to hold their swords ready." It is an organization of which I am proud to be a member.

Sir Knight Michael S. Kaulback, P.C., is a member and the Recorder of Jerusalem Commandery No. 19, Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He resides at 148 Parsons Circle, Fitchburg, MA 01420

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Jachin and Boaz

by Sir Knight Vernon B. Ingraham

Two great pillars standing on the porch
Giants of brass gleaming in the light.
Topped with chapiters and other works of art
The left named Boaz and Jachin, the right.
Planned by Solomon but cast by a widow's son
A part of his Temple they graced so well,
And now today, several thousand years later
Of their fame and symbolism we reverently tell.

Strength and Establishment the pillars denote
This being achieved only through God's will,
And so of these qualities If they are for us to have
Can our Blessed Lord, and only He, instill.
Further meaning we also find these pillars have
If you'll take the time to look a little more,
For once we view the chapiters surmounting each
We'll see in their adornments more for us in store.

As an ornament for the chapiters
The lilywork was made,
An artistic sign of beauty
The lily was so engraved.
The first lesson the lily then teaches
And of this we should be ever alert,
The beauty that It gave the pillars
Should also adorn our work.

With the pillars so adorned
By a beauty that doesn't cease.
The lily has a purity
A reflection of lasting peace.
The second lesson the lily then teaches
And of this we should never lose sight,
When we live our lives with purity
We are united with God in the Light.

Also adorning each of the chapiters
Is the network uniting the whole,
It firmly bonds one part to the next
Making unification its grand goal.
It is a detailed work of an intricate kind
Giving beauty and strength that will last.
So by this work It preserves in the future
As well as sustains the past.

As each brother is brought into the fold
By a network of love and affection,
We are bonded together in fraternal unity
By the strength of enlightened reflection.
Thus, to ponder on unity when the network we see
In our brotherhood an inner strength awakes,
When the ties that bind are strong and never broken
A union of reflection our bonding makes.

The chapters each had a third adornment
The pomegranate and its many seeds,
And with it Solomon's Temple has oft been compared
As a symbol of fertility, thus to meet life's needs
Of the pomegranate the temple builders made it a symbol
Throughout the ages a mystical meaning it has held,
And by the meaning of fertility we see many seeds in plenty
For in this very manner our Fraternity has excelled.

Freemasonry gives many insights to the precious life we live
By its rich and fertile system of teaching what is right,
And so for many centuries it has prospered and survived
Indeed it's been a special kind of pleasure and delight.
For the past and present then, the pomegranate tells us
To make our minds a fertile ground for seeking truths most dear,
Reaping thoughts, words, and actions of a high order in plenty
Thus serving an example for others to imitate and mirror.

On the top of the pillars the pommels were placed
As globes these are seen, our Masonic tradition teaches,
Resting thereon at such a tremendous height
Representing the search for the Way, thus our quest reaches
The one globe is celestial, the other terrestrial
On Jachin and Boaz, respectively,
The two so different and yet so alike
They cause us to pause reflectively.

The terrestrial globe, that of our earth
Speaks to us of human needs.
Of our life in this world and our human nature
Of our emotions, our thoughts, and our deeds.
The celestial globe displays the heavens
As we see them from here on earth.
What a glorious sight we have in the night
When our thoughts are of God and rebirth.

The terrestrial globe symbolizes man's nature
The celestial, that of spiritual self,
The two natures together we must balance in life
For the middle way brings us true wealth.
We can't be too earthly to forget the heavenly
Nor too spiritual to neglect we're body-sharing,
With this balance achieved, through life we proceed
And for eternity, our spiritual temple we're preparing.

And so the pillars now stand in full height
And our spirits now are soaring,
For we are seeing from the ages past
A mystic significance that's so adoring.
But, the Mason should not stop his study here
For always more light there is to shine,
A little more search may to each of us give
Further wisdom from Solomon's time.

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Highlights

William Gasaway,
50-year Member Chapter and
Commandery, Paris, Illinois



Sir Knight William Gasaway (center) is shown with Charles Pennnington (left), Past Commander, and Elmer Hoggatt, Jr. (right), D.D.G.H.P. He had just received his 50-year pins and certificates for fifty years of membership in Palestine Commandery No. 27 and Edgar Chapter No. 32, both in Paris, Illinois.

Donald L. Shaw, National President
National Sojourners, Inc.



Brother Donald L. Shaw was installed as National President of National Sojourners, Inc. on June 23, 1995, at the 75th Annual Convention held at Hartford (Farmington), Connecticut. He became a Sojourner in Fort Meade Chapter No. 4, Maryland, in 1969 and was their Chapter President in 1972-73. He has served in numerous positions including Area and Regional Representative, a member of the Committee of 33 (Emeritus), National

Membership Chairman, member of the Board of Directors of the Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism, and Secretary of Kentucky Chapter No. 134. He was also Camp Commander of GEN Zachary Taylor and CPT John Parker Camps, Heroes of '76. He was honored with the presentation of the Houghton Memorial Award, the second highest award of the order in June 1979 and was the recipient of the Sojourner Legion of Honor in 1989.

Brother Shaw was born at Shoals, Indiana, on May 17, 1931. He was Raised a Master Mason in White River Lodge No. 332, F. & A.M., Shoals, Indiana, on December 1955. He currently holds membership in Camp Knox Lodge No. 919, F. & A.M., Radcliff, Kentucky, where he serves as Trustee. He is a ³³⁰ in the Scottish Rite, a member and Ambassador in the Shrine, a member of the York Rite and York Rite College, and a member of the Eastern Star, Royal Order of Scotland, and the Red Cross of Constantine.

New Mexico Sir Knights
Support DeMolay at installation



Members of Albuquerque's Pilgrim Commandery No. 3 showed their support for DeMolay by attending a recent installation of officers for Metro Chapter. In the picture, left to right, are: Sir Knight John Zubersky, Sr. Deacon of Temple Lodge; James Hart, Sr. Councilor; Sir Knight Danny A. Calloway, P.G.M. and Executive Officer for DeMolay in New Mexico; Shane Davis, Jr. Councilor; Brother John Kirk, Chapter Dad; and Christopher A. Romero, Master Councilor. (Photo by Sir Knight H. William Hart.)

from the Masonic Family

Dinwiddie Lampton, Jr.,
Kentucky Made an Honorary
Past Commander



Sir Knight Dinwiddie Lampton, Jr. (center), was given his certificate as a Honorary Past Commander of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12 at the Annual Conclave of the Commandery. Sir Knight Lampton is a 50-year-plus member and has made many important contributions to the Commandery, as well as holding the KCT and the Grand Encampment Membership jewel. On the left in the picture is Sir Knight G. Michael Miller, then Eminent Commander of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery, and to right is Sir Knight John E. Moyers, KCT, who received the Commandery Merit Award for his outstanding efforts in promoting unity and cooperation between the York and Scottish Rites in Kentucky.

Rainbow Scholarships
Presented in TX

The Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, presented three scholarships at the Grand Assembly session held in Fort Worth, June 11-14, 1995. Deborah Bane received the \$2,500 Victor C.



and Martha Mario Whitfield Scholarship, Marilynn Ostrander received the \$2,500 Lela and Roy Jones Scholarship, and Rhonda Weaver received the \$500 Past Grand Officers' Scholarship. In the picture are Mrs. Marlene Dibrell (left), Grand Committee, the Victor C. and Martha Marie Whitfield Scholarship Fund and the W. Mark Sexson Loan Fund; and Miss Deborah Bane, Waco Assembly No. 18.

(Mrs. Arthur E.) Anna B. Lewis,
MI S.O.O.B Celebrates Her 101st
Birthday



Grand Rapids Assembly No. 68, S.O.O.B., Grand Rapids, Michigan, recently celebrated the 101st birthday of Anna B. Lewis. Anna, a life member of the Assembly, was initiated on November 13, 1944, and was President in 1950. She served as Recorder from 1960-64 and was a very active member until she moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, following the death of her Sir Knight. Her husband was a Past Commander of De Molai Commandery No. 5 in Grand Rapids.

History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXIV
Biographies Of
Noted Knights Templar
(continued)

Thomas Smith Webb
(continued)

He was one of the delegates to the convention in Philadelphia and later in New York when the General Grand Encampment of the United States was organized on June 22, 1816. He became the Deputy General Grand Master and held that office until his death.

In September 1797, while living in Albany, New York, he published the first edition of his "Freemason's Monitor or Illustrations of Masonry." This monitor had a wide circulation among the Masons of the New England States. Enlarged and improved

editions were printed in 1802-05-08-12-16 and 1818.

Webb's activity in Royal Arch Masonry did much to establish the Chapter as an independent organization, and his influence in the organization of the General Grand Chapter has been noted. He revised and enlarged the existing rituals of the Mark Master, Past Master and Royal Arch Degrees, and largely created the ritual for the Most Excellent Masters Degree.

The American Order of Knight of the Red Cross has often been credited to Webb, but records show that it was conferred long before he had received the Orders of Knighthood. There is no doubt, however, that he modified and elaborated the ritual which formed the basis of our present work. His interest in Templary was not limited to the ritualistic work, but was directed to the organization of state and national governing bodies, which could better control and direct the work of the Great Christian Order of Knighthood. The General Grand Encampment stands as a monument to his memory.

Henry Fowle

Henry Fowle, one of the early leaders of Templary in Massachusetts, was born at Medford, Massachusetts, on September 19, 1766. His schooling was limited and ended with the beginning of the Revolutionary War. For a time he worked with his father in the tailoring business, but the close confinement did not agree with his health. In 1783 he entered into an apprenticeship with Mr. Richard Skillen of Boston, a block and pump maker. He found this work quite agreeable, and in 1788 was able to purchase tools and set up his own



business. After some reverses the business prospered, and in 1815 he took his son, Henry, into partnership.

On November 1, 1789, he married Miss Elizabeth Bently. Thirteen children were born before she died in January 1811. The next year he married Miss Mary Adams, who passed away three years later during the birth of their first child. In January 1815, he married Miss Ruthy Skimmer, and six children were born to that union.

In 1827 he became crippled with rheumatism, which was to incapacitate him during the rest of his life. He finally sold his business to three of his sons; Henry, William and Joshua. They were to make monthly payments to him as long as he lived, but after two years when business became dull, they broke the agreement and sold out the business. This left him without any income. He moved to Jamaica Plains but in 1830 returned to Boston where he remained until his death on March 10, 1937. His later years were very difficult because of his poverty and failing health.

Fowle was made a Mason in St. Andrews Lodge in Boston in 1793. He received the Entered Apprentice Degree on April 11th, the Fellow Craft Degree on June 17th, and the Master Degree on August 2nd. Soon afterwards, he was the Junior Warden and two years later became Senior Warden. In 1800 he was one of the petitioners for Mount Lebanon Lodge and was its first Worshipful Master. The work and lectures used in this new Lodge were revised by Fowle, who felt that many improprieties and errors had crept into the work as it was generally conferred in that vicinity. This work had the approval of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master Isaiah Thomas offered Fowle a salary of one hundred dollars a month if he would teach this work throughout the jurisdiction. A little later he reaffiliated with St. Andrews Lodge and became the Worshipful Master, which office he held for six years. In 1801 he was

appointed Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and became Senior Grand Warden in 1809. When Francis J. Oliver was Grand Master in 1817, he served as Deputy Grand Master for the third Masonic District.

On January 28, 1795, Fowle received the Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees in St. Andrews Chapter. In 1804 he was elected High Priest and was reelected annually until 1808. He was Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts for eight years and when elected Grand High Priest declined to accept the office. In 1798 he was a delegate with Benjamin Hurd and William Woart to the convention at Hartford, which resulted in the organization of the General Grand Chapter. On June 6, 1816, he represented the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts at the fourth meeting of the General Grand Chapter held in New York. At the next Triennial meeting in 1819 he attended as Deputy Grand High Priest of Massachusetts and was elected Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. Due to ill health he was not present at the meeting in 1826.

Fowle received the Knight Templar Degree on January 28, 1795, in St. Andrews Chapter, at the same meeting that he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason. From that time on his zeal for Templary is evidenced by his work in organizing the Masonic Knights of Boston. March 12, 1802, he became the Sovereign Master of the newly organized Council of Knights of the Red Cross. When that body was reorganized as the Boston Encampment of Knights Templar in 1806 he was elected Grand Master (Eminent Commander) which office he held until 1824. When the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island was established in Providence on March 6, 1805, he was chosen Grand Generalissimo. In 1817 he became Deputy Grand Master, and in 1820 Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In Memoriam



Reuben C. Welker

Ohio

Grand Commander-1982

Born November 8, 1920 Died

July 16, 1995

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Mary Commandery No. 36
Philadelphia, Pa



No war incites the passions of man like a civil war. Brother turns against brother, friend against friend. This was true of our own War Between the States in which a scarlet streak of blood divided the two sections into warring enemies. Kinsmen battled each other; families were torn asunder. Even the churches divided between North and South. Only the Masonic brotherhood stretched out hands across the carnage of war and by this act provided an anodyne to the sickness of those terrible times.

Fannie A. Beers was a case in point. Although Northern born she had married a man from New Orleans and clung to his cause as though it were her own. Accompanied by her little boy, she was sent home to New Haven, Connecticut, while her husband enlisted in the Confederate artillery. There the friends of her girlhood shunned the "Rebel" in their midst; when it was learned that she had a tiny Confederate flag on her person, the mob broke into her parents' home and demanded it. Fanny saw the terror and embarrassment she had caused her parents by the banner but refused to give it up, secreting it next to her breast. All around her were ardent partisans of the Union, ready, if necessary, to relieve her of her precious memento. It was then she remembered her husband's instructions to present a talisman if ever in extreme danger.

The talisman was no other than his certificate of membership in the Lodge. Withdrawing it from a drawer, she presented it to one she knew was of the brotherhood as her husband had instructed her. Presenting it she exclaimed: "If there be any virtue in Masonry, let it now protect me and the roof which is at present my only shelter." There was virtue in Masonry, and she was left unmolested.

These same Brothers then assisted her in returning to Dixie, to join her husband in northern Virginia. On the way across the lines, others of the brotherhood fed and

The Most Powerful Bond

by Sir Knight Norman Johnson

assisted her. Those that wore the Blue remained true to the oath that binds us all - little did they know she would repay their kindness many times over.

Unwilling to remain far from her husband, Fanny stayed near him in the capacity of a nurse. First in northern Virginia, then in Alabama, and finally at Newnan, Georgia, she nursed the sick soldiers. She prayed, wept, nursed, and cleaned them. She saw the side of war that never makes the history books. The smell of unwashed bodies, of dysentery and gangrene. The misery and heartbreaking sounds of the dying. The broken bodies and lack of supplies to aid them. She toured the countryside begging for food for her boys, more than once calling upon Masonic ties to extract food from those who had little enough of their own. She was a veteran of a score of bloody battles when she arrived at Newnan, Georgia, during the terrible siege of Atlanta.

It was here she was able to repay the kindness of the Masons that wore the Blue. Caught behind the lines, she was left alone to tend the shattered remnants of Hood's men. Alone with her little band of mutilated men, she was faced with an even more awesome task. Hundreds of Union soldiers were crawling in from the

backwater of the battle. Men with terrible wounds were assisted by those that were ambulatory but wounded themselves. Enemies! Men that only minutes before were killing men that wore Confederate Gray. How could she tend them? A thousand blue bodies lay writhing and whimpering under her feet. She hesitated no longer. Blue and Gray were now the same, reduced to mangled flesh - not soldiers, not enemies, but simply men. And she nursed them all and stayed with them throughout the battle. When the Northern soldiers broke through the lines, she used her Masonic ties to feed them all. And when it was time for the Federal surgeons to relieve her of her charges, she secured a pass to admit her into the besieged city of Atlanta.

Atlanta! A city of the damned with Federal shells hitting the city at regular intervals. There she secured baskets of food, defying the missiles that rained death all around her, and she proceeded to the front lines. Time and time again she returned through the hail of shot and shell to administer to the soldiers at the front.

Atlanta fell, but her task was not over. In Fort Valley she found men abandoned because of smallpox. She entered the charnel house that was called hospital and nursed them. Nursed them alone. Blue and Gray - until once again she was relieved by the Federal surgeons. Returning to what was

left of the Confederacy, she still found time to nurse what was left of the army. And then it was over. The South she had adopted fell to the invader, and she was to return home.

Many years later (in 1885), Dallas, Texas, paid her homage at the Confederate Reunion. The only woman, she was to sit with the braided officers. For one last time she mingled with the boys she had tended, 'Her Boys'; and among them those that wore the Blue, once enemies, now compatriots. This wife of a Mason returned the kindness she had received from the Craft many times over.

Fanny Beer's story was not an unusual one. Many people experienced the tragedy of the war that enveloped an entire generation. What is different is how the Craft rose above the passions of that time. Ties of brotherhood were not torn by the conflict. Decency and the oath taken were not forgotten. This is our legacy. This is what Masonry has accomplished in the past. May we be worthy of such a heritage!

Source: Memories: A Record of Personal Experience and Adventure During Four Years of War, Mrs. Fannie A. Beers.

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Jeffrey L. Speaker
Executive Director of DeMolay International

Jeffrey L. Speaker, a resident of St. Joseph, Missouri, was appointed Executive Director of DeMolay International at the 75th Annual Session of the International Supreme Council held in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Speaker, a Senior DeMolay, has served as interim Executive Director since February 1995. He joined the DeMolay staff in April 1987 as Director of Management Information Services. Since that time, he has assumed the duties of Controller and Director of Administration as well.

Speaker possesses extensive experience in data processing, finance, management, and departmental operations. He has worked with various manufacturing, governmental, and service-industry agencies.

You Wouldn't Believe It!

by Brother William C. Houck

Ever so often, following an initiation of Entered Apprentices into the Masonic Order, one or more of the candidates will excitedly speak up, saying, "You wouldn't believe some of the stories I have been told about what goes on inside Masonic Lodges! And the funny thing is that it was said by people who are not Masons and did not think that I should join."

Yes, we would believe that there are many uninformed and misinformed non-Masons throughout the country. And that is precisely the reason the Grand Lodge of North Carolina created the Masonic Public Relations Committee. And that is the reason that every Blue Lodge in every state needs one, too. Myths, rumors, and gossip always travel under their own power, regardless of the facts or the truth. This is especially true if the subject of the topic takes place behind closed doors, because then the imaginative distortions begin to resemble lurid tales that raise eyebrows and bring a blush to the cheeks.

If the Lodge has not created a positive public image, it is almost certain that it is well on its way to becoming "that place." Soon, an interested citizen will take it upon himself to crusade against such a supposedly disgraceful organization which brings shame on the name of the community. Such actions could include: seeking the revocation of the Lodge's tax exempt status, bringing discrimination suits to the courts, and surprise government inspections.

You as a Mason claim that you and the Lodge haven't done anything wrong, that Masonry is a charitable organization going about doing good, and that you do

not deserve to be "tarred and feathered" (or whatever the legal equivalent is). Want to make a bet?

What failures has your Lodge experienced recently? Has it:

1. failed to perform any kind of community service?
2. failed to initiate men into the order especially young, family men?
3. failed to recognize outstanding citizens, such as: policemen, firemen, citizens-of-the-year, philanthropists, scouts, Eastern Stars, Rainbow girls, DeMolay members?
4. failed to establish or maintain a good relationship with the media?
5. failed to contact various organizations and ask what areas need help?

The obligation imposed by having our Masonic emblem over the entrance to the Lodge is one of serious responsibility. It is not one to be taken lightly, or to be delayed and discussed at the next meeting or the one after that.

When our fellow citizens have a solid and favorable opinion of our Lodge, based upon our actions day in and day out, there will be no scandalous and unbelievable stories about us to take root in any fertile ground, or any that start will soon wither away.

Brother William G. Houck is a Past Master, past presiding officer in Scottish Rite and York Rite, and past Education Chairman of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. He resides at 4704 Longleaf Hills Drive, Wilmington, NC 29409

Templary On Parade In Texas



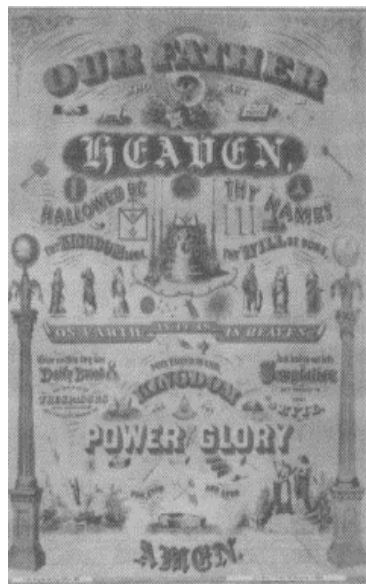
Park Place Commandery No. 106 of Houston, Texas, entered the above float in the Friendswood, Texas, Centennial Fourth of July Parade - yes, one hundred consecutive years of Independence Day celebrations. The dais officers, Commander Hal Smith, Generalissimo Jack Cleveland, Captain General James Acton; Past Commanders Howard Purkale and N.W. Hanna; and Kenneth Fischer, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, rode on the float that was pulled by a truck driven by Past Commanders Dozier Gossett and John Elkinton. Since this is a very popular and well attended event, two to three thousand saw Templary on parade.

Historic Lord's Prayer Prints Aid the Eye Foundation

Sir Knight James E. Stratton again offers beautifully antiqued, four-color prints of the historic Symbolized Masonic Lord's Prayer, which have provided over \$8,000.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to date.

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Dr. Douglass Houghton Explorer and Masonic Mediator

by Reverend Jan L. Beaderstadt, E.P., P.C., P.M.

On May 15, 1846, the ship *Wisconsin* pulled into port at Detroit with her flags flying half-mast. The whole town turned out to see its precious cargo, the remains of a man that they dearly admired and loved, Dr. Douglass Houghton.

Detroit was then the capital of the new state of Michigan, organized nearly nine years before. One of its leading citizens, Dr. Douglass Houghton had been appointed by Governor Steven T. Mason to be the first state geologist, to survey the state and determine its borders, geography, and mineral content.

Dr. Houghton was a popular man. He came to Detroit in 1830 to give a series of lectures. After they were done, he stayed on. He was an explorer, a doctor, a mayor, and a Freemason and was to be nominated for the gubernatorial race of 1846, when news of his death in Michigan's Upper Peninsula came to the citizens in late 1845.

The news stunned the citizens of Michigan, and when the *Wisconsin* arrived in port, the people turned out to pay their respects to this great man, who in just thirty-six years of life had accumulated an impressive set of accomplishments.

His Early Years

Dr. Douglass Houghton was born September 21, 1809, in Troy, New York. He was the fourth child born to Judge Jacob and Mary Lydia Douglass Houghton. In all,

the Houghton's would have seven children, five boys and two girls.

In 1813, Jacob Houghton decided to move his law practice and family from the comfortable eastern New York town of Troy to the wilderness of the western part of the state. Canadawa (now Fredonia), New York, wasn't much more than a "few rude cottages" only a few miles south of Lake Erie. His practice grew with the village and eventually Jacob became a judge for the county.

Douglass was a sickly child and was small in size, a feature that followed him all through life as he was noted as thin and only about 5'5". His mother thought she might not be able to raise him because of his poor health, but he showed great aptitude and intelligence. His biographer and brother-in-law, Alvah Bradish, noted that "his intellect was sound and bright, he was quick in apprehension, of a joyous nature, sympathetic and sensitive; as he grew to boyhood his strength and health were assured; he was no recluse or dreamer in boyhood. He mixed readily and heartily with those of his age and was distinguished for his bold enterprise among his companions at the age of six years. His figure, especially for a boy, was small, but it was instinct with nerve and activity. In temper he was quick and resolute, a little obstinate, perhaps. His decisions were prompt, like those of a commander, and his boyish plans were matured without much consulting of others."

Young Douglass showed an early interest in natural sciences. When he was ten, he observed gasses rising in the bed of the Canadawa Creek. He gathered some of the fluid up in a hat and brought it home to his mother, where he lit it to prove that it was flammable. Others had simply observed the rising gas - Houghton went a step further to discover its properties.

As a youth, he experimented with electricity, although the most he accomplished was to cautiously apply a spark to the nose of the sleeping dog Prince.

As a teen, with a classmate, William Hart, he became involved in an enterprise of making coarse gunpowder. Hart needed someone who understood chemistry, and young Houghton provided him the

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knowledge he needed. They set up the operation next to a five- to six-foot waterfall on a branch of the Canadawa River, that ran behind the Houghton household. Houghton figured out a way to harness the power from the falls, and they set up shop. Bradish doesn't say how long the operation lasted, but it was moderately successful, until the place blew up. Houghton was carrying some gunpowder past the stove when a spark set it afire. While he was burned in the accident, the building was destroyed and operations ceased.

His Education

Douglass Houghton attended Fredonia Academy, and when he was sixteen, he studied medicine under his father's friend, Dr. Squire White. Houghton would later be admitted to practice medicine in Chautauqua County, New York, when he was twenty-one.

His interest in natural sciences landed him at Rensselaer Scientific School in Troy, New York. It's founder, Patroon Van Rensselaer, was one of the leading scientists in the country, and his school was the only such school in the United States. School began at 4:30 a.m., and in order to pass, each student had to 'give eight lectures demonstrating thorough understanding of all courses offered by the Institute.

At age 19, Houghton received his Bachelor of Arts in October of 1829. Professor Amos Eaton, the school's principal, asked him to stay on as a faculty member, and in February of the following year, he was made assistant professor of natural history and chemistry.

On to Detroit

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Detroit had been simply a frontier border town. Even as the territorial capital of the territory of Michigan, it hadn't been much more than a military outpost and was known as an old French town. The opening of the Erie Canal in 1817 had started growth in Detroit, but it still remained primitive. General Cass and Lucius Lyon, territorial delegate to Congress, along with Major John Biddle, Colonel Henry Whiting,

E. P. Hastings, Shubal Conant and Reverend Dr. Berry, were patrons of the sciences and were seeking some culture for the young capital.

They approached Professor Eaton with their request, and after some thought, he opened the door to the laboratory adjoining his office and called forth Douglass. Lyon was quite surprised at the

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suggestion of Houghton as the person to do the lectures, but Houghton agreed to the opportunity immediately, and Eaton assured the delegation of Houghton's competence in matters of science.

Houghton arrived in Detroit around November 17, 1830, with only ten cents in his wallet. He began to advertise his lectures, the first series consisting of twenty-six discourses on chemistry to be held in the Lecture Room of the Old Council House on Jefferson Avenue. Price for the season was \$4.00 for three persons in a family, with each additional family member charged \$1.50 and individual tickets were \$2.00.

The lectures were successful, and his personality and knowledge attracted a following. He decided to stay in Detroit.

In the spring of 1831, he returned to Fredonia, where he was to receive his medical license as a physician. Upon his return, he was appointed surgeon and botanist on the federal expedition under

the leadership of Henry Rowe Schoolcraft to explore the source of the Mississippi River. On the trip, he discovered several new species of plant life and studied smallpox among the Chippewas. This began a series of explorations that would consume most of Houghton's life.

In 1832, he left with Schoolcraft for Sault Ste. Marie, where Schoolcraft was the Indian agent. The mission was to try to establish peace between the Chippewa and Sioux tribes. Houghton was also acting as a correspondent for *the Detroit Journal and Michigan Advertiser*.

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In Detroit

He returned to Detroit in the fall and began a medical practice, where he did surgery and dentistry for the next four years. He was a leader in combating the Asiatic cholera that plagued the city, working tirelessly and soon earning the affectionate nickname, "the Little Doctor."

In 1833, he married Harriet Stevens, a childhood friend and a classmate of his sisters at the Fredonia Academy. They had three daughters: Hattie was born in 1837, Mary in 1840, and infant daughter Katherine died in infancy.

He was involved in real estate ventures, which made him a rather wealthy man; he died with an estate valued at \$38,000. In 1844, he became involved with the Peninsular Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

In 1838, he was offered the presidency of the University of Michigan, which he declined because of his survey work. He

did accept the position as professor of geology, mineralogy and chemistry.

He was also an active Episcopalian, and when the Second Protestant Episcopal Church was established in July of 1838, he was one of its eight vestrymen.

He organized the first temperance society in Detroit in 1835 and was active in the Young Men's Literary Society, serving as its first vice-president.

He was Raised a Master Mason in Detroit Lodge No. 2 on November 15,

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1843. While he was a regular attendee, he never held an office in the local Lodge. Grand Master John Mullett appointed him Masonic Mediator for New York, which resulted in the reorganization of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in 1844.

Also, while on one of his survey expeditions, he was nominated and elected mayor of Detroit on the Democratic ticket, defeating the incumbent in 1842. Houghton had reluctantly agreed to run, assuming he would never defeat the incumbent. He served as mayor for one year and then turned the duties of the office over to his friend Zina Pitcher.

As State Geologist

Michigan was two hours old as a state when the legislature passed a resolution naming Houghton State Geologist. His duties were to survey the state and to see what it

had to offer. There was curiosity among the legislators as to what the Upper Peninsula offered. The Toledo War of 1835 had delayed Michigan's entry into the Union by two years. Michigan had hoped to gain Toledo as the border between Michigan and Ohio was in dispute. Armed militia were sent to the region by both Michigan and Ohio. No shots were fired, but Congress ruled in favor of Ohio, and Michigan was given the Upper Peninsula.

Houghton was given \$3,000 to accomplish the first year's work - a large commitment as Michigan was financially destitute. He proposed an organization consisting of four divisions: geology, zoology, botany and topography.

Geology was a new science, and some of the legislators weren't too thrilled with such an expenditure. Bradish reports that a "worthy farmer" from Macomb County looked down upon the idea and Dr. Houghton with contempt. His friends tried to get the legislator to visit Dr. Houghton, but he would have nothing of it.

The legislator figured that if one wanted to examine stones, he had plenty on his farm, and Houghton could study them there if he wished.

Finally, the legislator's friends got him over to Houghton's house for a game of cards. They sat in the parlor while they played, and Houghton entertained them with his humorous stories. Not a mention of the survey was discussed, but the next day, the Macomb legislator declared that "the little doctor was a right good fellow, and had more in him than many a man of twice his size." From that point on, he was in full support of the surveys.

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In 1838, the surveys were halted financially by the legislature due to the financial panic of the previous year. so Houghton used his personal finances to honor the contracts. Work, however, was halted because the contractors refused to complete the work because of "fears as to the health of the country."

In the summer of 1839, Houghton left with a survey party on the *Constellation* for Mackinaw Island, where they boarded a smaller boat for the U.P.

On December 26, 1840, Houghton reported on his trip to the south shore of Lake Superior, and he told of the significance of the copper deposits on the

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Keweenaw Peninsula. He stated "I hope to see the day when, instead of importing the whole immense amount of copper and brass used in our country, we may become exporters of both." This statement aroused the interest of prospectors and investors as they heard stories about the "vast copper deposits," and Houghton's prophecy would come true: These words would launch the first mineral rush in the U.S. to the regions of western Lake Superior.

One part of this report was remembered not only in Michigan but across the country: "With a single blast I threw out nearly two

tons of ore. With this there were many masses of native copper from the most minute specks to one of about forty pounds in weight." His report went on to compare the Keweenaw Peninsula with the great copper producing peninsula of Cornwall, England.

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The Death of Dr. Houghton

The summer of 1845 must have looked quite different to Houghton and his survey party. Copper Harbor was becoming quite a boom town, and plans were being made to establish the first lighthouse on Lake Superior by its harbor. Mine shafts were being put down into the earth, and Ft. Wilkins had been built the year earlier to protect prospectors from the Indians. There was no threat of Indians, so the fort protected the miners from each other. A year later the first newspaper would be established in Copper Harbor, and Freemasonry would be officially organized in the Upper Peninsula in Ontonagon nine years later. Ontonagon Lodge No. 67 would be chartered on January 13, 1854.

Houghton continued his surveys, now financed by the federal government. He would discover the iron deposits on the Marquette Range with William Burt. But he would continue his exploration of the Keweenaw Peninsula.

On October 12, he and his party of voyageurs, Peter McFarland and Baptiste Bodrie, along with Houghton's black water spaniel Meeme were camped at Eagle Harbor. That night must have seemed good to Houghton as his work as State Geologist was nearly complete. He had spent eight years of his life amongst the elements, fighting mosquitoes and black flies, bad weather, and dense underbrush, exploring the wilderness of Michigan. There was talk of nominating him for governor, and as president of the Michigan Insurance Company, his financial future was very secure.

The next morning the party launched their Mackinaw oar/sail boat with plans to head to the new port and town of Eagle River, where Houghton would send a dispatch to Detroit. They arrived in Eagle River, deposited their provisions, and then set out to look for another survey party under the direction of the colorful Sam Hill, whose name we remember in the colorful expression, "What in the Sam Hill," which is a result of his expletive vocabulary.

They sailed to the west at noon, with a gentle breeze blowing. Tousin Piquette and Oliver Larimer joined the trio in the search. Hill was finally found around sundown, and Houghton gave him his instructions. The party then began the return trip to Eagle River.

The land breeze had changed into a strong wind. The crew wanted to put in at one of the sand beaches, but Houghton insisted that they push on. It then began to snow. The companions again suggested they put ashore, but Houghton replied, "Pull away, my boys, we shall soon be in, pull away."

The boat was tossed by the waves. For over an hour they tried to row against the weather without much success. Suddenly, a large wave struck the boat about two hundred yards from shore. This one swamped the boat. The next big wave capsized it.

McFarland was the first one to surface,

and he caught hold of Houghton's collar, instructing the doctor to hang onto the keel. Houghton did as he was told, then said to McFarland "Peter, never mind me; try to get ashore if you can; I will go ashore well enough."

That was the last time he saw Houghton alive. Another icy wave hit the boat, and Houghton disappeared beneath the waters. McFarland was washed ashore alive against the rocks. He soon heard the voice of Bodrie, but Piquette's body was not recovered for several days. Meeme's was recovered and was sent to Houghton's boyhood home. But the body of Dr. Houghton was not found until the following spring, about six miles from the site of the accident. It was identified only by the DH in hobnails on the bottom of his boots. His other companion Larimer was never found. - - -



Douglass Houghton Falls, Houghton, Michigan. Picture courtesy of the Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Houghton's discoveries never financially benefited him, but they brought millions to others. He discovered the coal deposits in the lower peninsula, gypsum south of Tawas, limestone deposits and much more. Memorials in Ann Arbor, Houghton, Detroit, Lansing, and Eagle River attest to the respect and love he had from the people of Michigan.

There is also a lake, county, city, township, waterfall, and a mine named for Dr. Houghton. The former Houghton Lodge No. 218, F. & A.M. (now consolidated with Copper Country Lodge No. 135), bore that

name for over a century in the town that was named for him.

Dr. Douglass Houghton accomplished much in thirty-six years of life. His attributes as a man and a Mason were much to be admired. Indeed, he lived respected and died regretted.

The reverend and Sir Knight Jan L. Beaderstadt is a Past Commander of Lake Superior Commandery No. 30 and is the current Prelate of Alpena Commandery No. 34. He resides at P.O. Box 137, Sterling, MI 48659

Order of DeMolay Elects National Officers Joe A. Williams, 64th Grand Master

DeMolay International held its 75th Annual Session of the International Supreme Council and 28th DeMolay Congress Session in Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 14-18, 1995.

Joe A. Williams (right) of Oklahoma was installed as Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay. Williams became a member of DeMolay when he joined the Guymon Chapter in Guymon, Oklahoma, and served as Master Councilor (1954). He received the first Representative DeMolay Award for his Chapter, earned the Blue Honor Key, and is a Past State Master Councilor of Oklahoma (1955).

Joe was elected an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council in 1977 and became an Active Member in 1980. He was Executive Officer of Oklahoma from 1981-1993 and has also served as a Region Representative, Chairman of the Executive Officers' Conference, and chaired several International Supreme Council committees. Williams has been honored with the Degree of Chevalier, Legion of Honor, and Cross of Honor of the Order of DeMolay.

Joe is a member of the Guymon Masonic Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Tulsa Scottish Rite, Tulsa York Rite Bodies, AKDAR Shrine, Sand Springs Order of Eastern Star, and Rod Cross of Constantine.

Other national officers installed at the sessions are: E. John Elmore of North Carolina as Grand Senior Councilor; Donald E. Jenks of Oregon as Grand Junior Councilor; Joe R. Manning, Jr., of Oklahoma, who will continue to serve as Grand Secretary; and Dan G. Loescher of Illinois, who will continue to serve as Grand Treasurer. Elected as officers for the International DeMolay Congress are: Benjamin W. Johnson II of Kentucky as International Master Councilor and Derek C. Thamarus of Michigan as International Congress Secretary.





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And green grasses blow at your feet.

Go seek a place where the kingfishers swoop,
Some haunt where the quiet waters gleam-
Go seek a bank where willow trees stoop
Over the brink of a stream.

In the green silences We seems so good.
Here all your questionings cease...
For the hush at the heart of a bird-haunted wood
Gives you a sense of God's peace.

Patience Strong