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Dedication Of New Memorials Placed In Chapel

Dedication ceremonies were held at the second annual Easter Saturday Luncheon, at the Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C. on April 6. Two items were dedicated, the first, a miniature Knight astride a charger (his trusty steed), and a beautiful lead crystal vase memorializing the pilgrimages of the 10th Crusade, of which many of us have been privileged to take part.

The reason that the dedication ceremonies were held at the Saturday luncheon was that there was not enough room in the Chapel at the George Washington National Memorial to hold the large gathering of Sir Knights, their ladies, and guests.

The miniature Knight's horse has mounted on it small plates engraved with the names of Sir Knights who have served Templary as Grand Masters. All Sir Knights of the Ancient Order, through Sir Knight Jacques De Molay, the last Grand Master of the Ancient Order, have their names mounted on this historic statue. All of the Grand Masters of the New Order of Templary, from Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton, our first Grand Master, and including myself for serving as Grand Master during the 60th Triennium of this Grand Encampment, are mounted on small plates with their names engraved thereon. There is quite a history connected with this mounted Knight, and it will be published in our magazine at a later date. We do want to pay special thanks to Sir Knight John C. Werner II, for having the foresight to preserve this mounted Knight and to Past Grand Master, Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr., for initiating the precedence in having plates mounted on this statue.

The beautiful leaded crystal Vase, memorializing the 10th Crusade, is a work of art. Thanks to Sir Knight Charles A. Gurnes for designing and having the vase made available to those who traveled to the Holy Land on the 1st Pilgrimage of the 10th Crusade.

A dedication ceremony, fitting to both the statue and the vase, was under the direction of Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, assisted by Sir Knights John C. Werner II, Past Department Commander of the Northeastern Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and Sir Knight Charles A. Gurnes, Honorary Past Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Many Grand Commanders and their ladies, who are serving their Grand Commanderies at the present time as Grand Commanders, have taken advantage of being the guests of the Grand Encampment at the Saturday luncheon. We hope that in the future more of our serving Grand Commanders take advantage of this special event in their term of office and attend the Easter Service in our nation's Capital.

**Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight Louie
at the**

60th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment

Remember the date, August 9-13, 1997, in St.

Louis, Missouri, at the Adams Mark Hotel on the St. Louis Riverfront.

Watch for the BIG ANNOUNCEMENT in an upcoming magazine this summer. The committee is planning a gala event, so come to the "Show Me State" to be shown.

Blair Christy Mayford
Grand Master



Knight Templar

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

APRIL: At Easter, Grand Prelate Donald H. Smith presents his inspirational sermon to the participants at the 66th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and for those unable to attend it is reproduced here. You've still got time to support the 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign. Chairman Garnes has more on that endeavor. Also, don't miss an interesting report on the A.M.D. Weekend. We have a host of news and articles for your perusal, so enjoy!

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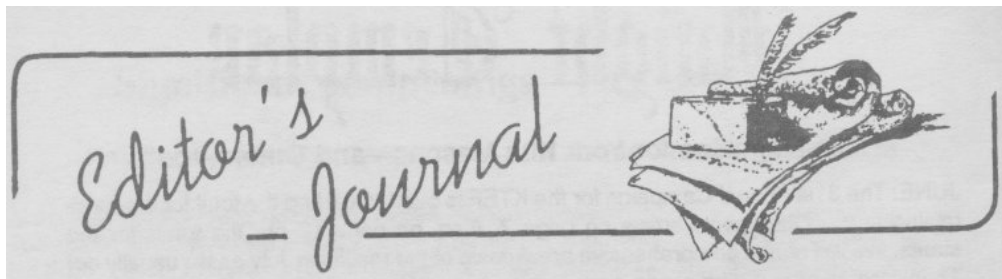
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Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded to the Grand Encampment. NO nominations will be accepted if sent directly to the Grand Encampment office. Any further questions should be directed to the Grand Recorder of your state.

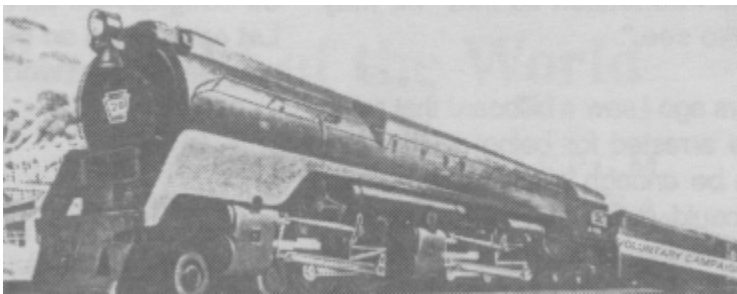
Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A green pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a rod Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the 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. There are 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 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 shipping and handling. • **Dungeon, Fire, and Sword: The Knights Templar In the Crusades:** This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is 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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The 28th Voluntary Campaign Is Nearing the Destination!

Did You Contribute to Its Success
Or Did You Let Apathy Control You?

by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary P.D.C.
and Chairman of the 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign

The Voluntary Campaign Train is on the home stretch. If a large number of Sir Knights sent in their "mailbags," then it is downhill from here on, but if many of us forgot or just don't care, then there is a steep hill ahead for the campaign. **You can still make the home stretch easily by sending that envelope now!**

As we approach the final month of the 28th Voluntary Campaign, we all need to think about what the massive team of over 200,000 Sir Knights have accomplished during the last four months. Perhaps, this is like preaching to the choir, but if this is so, then we need the support of the choir (those who read the *Knight Templar* magazine) to encourage participation and support of **Our Charity**. Did you enter the campaign with a goal to achieve the quota set for each Commandery or did you say "This does not apply to me."? Did the leaders of this Great Christian Order respond to the call of those in need by stressing the importance of the 28th Voluntary Campaign? Each of you must answer for yourself.

Remember, a few can make a difference as was the case in 1118, when a small



group of Knights hearing the call of those who were being robbed and killed on their way to the Holy Land responded by forming the nucleus of the Great Order of Knights Templar, which has affected the world in one way or another to this day. No, we are not direct descendants of the Old Order," but we are obligated to bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Listen carefully and you can still hear the cry of those ancient souls who were in need, but today the need is for funds in the Knights

Templar Eye Foundation so that "we may help others to see."

Several years ago I saw a billboard that read: "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" We could modify this and ask ourselves this question: If we were arrested for being Knights Templar, would there be enough evidence to convict us?" Think about this question, only you know the answer.

Sir Knights, we all have a cross to bear. Let each of us so bear that cross that we may be deemed worthy to wear the crown.

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The Last Supper

by Susanna Burton Goehier

Jesus Christ and his twelve disciples gathered to celebrate and pray
It would be the last time they would do so as their Master was taken away

The world would then know this last celebration as "The Last Supper"
A new covenant and holy ordinance which Christ initiated at their last meal

Christ took the bread broke it and gave it to his disciples
"Take eat this is my body which is broken for you"

He then took the cup and when he had supped from it said unto them
"This cup is the New Testament in my blood drink it in remembrance of me"

"As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you show the Lord's Death"

Christians throughout the world would practice their religion accordingly
They would follow the ten Commandments and the teachings of the New Testament

Observe the Holy Communion which had been given to them through their Faith
Proclaiming the Life Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ their Lord and Saviour.

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The Light of the World

by Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, M.E.P.G.M. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.

Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith presents "The Light of the World" at the 66th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 7, 1996.

A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master Blair Christy Mayford to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at this traditional Easter service. For those who are unable to attend the 1996 Easter ceremony in Alexandria we would like to share with you the Grand Prelate's Easter message. Sir Knight Smith has served as the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, 1985-1988, and was the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Kentucky, 1974-1975.



We have met at this wonderful Masonic edifice for our Easter Sunrise Service since 1983; this is our 14th service here. We have met in sunshine and clouds; in snow, sleet, rain, cold, and even in darkness. On one Easter Sunday we even had to go inside because the weather was so bad. However, regardless of the weather we came together to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as we do today.

Of all the conditions I have mentioned, the worst was darkness.

On that terrible Friday, 2,000 years ago, on the hill of Calvary where Jesus died, darkness came over the land and the veil of the Temple was rent.

That darkness in the sky and the terrible darkness in their minds, a darkness they could not understand, caused His disciples to scatter, frightened and confused.

How could their leader be dead? How could He have allowed their enemies to torture and kill Him on that cross? He was the Son of God, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords. His power was beyond their imagination. They had seen him bring sight

to the blind and painless movement to the crippled; he had even brought the dead to life. How could *He* be dead? but He was! They had seen Him as He gave up the ghost and died.

Darkness - it fell upon the face of the deep both in the mind and in the body of each of His disciples. How could this be? A terrible question! How could this BE? He is the light of the World! Why the darkness?

The Saturday that followed after Jesus was put in the Tomb must have been even darker to His disciples. The fear of death came to them, also. They must have asked, 'Where can we go, where can we hide?' Then some came to the inevitable conclusion: Let us go home.

Early the first day of the week, when the caring women went to tend the body of the Lord, they experienced a terrible earthquake, and an Angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow: Fear ye not, for I know ye seek Jesus,

which was crucified, for he has risen, Come see where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he goeth forth into Galilee, there you shall see him."

With fear and great joy they went to tell the disciples. The brilliance of the Angel, and of his message turned off the darkness. Bright light had returned to the world. The sun was shining in the sky, and in their hearts and in their spirits.

"So what does it mean to us as Christians, this great Commission, this great duty? We who, like the eleven, may not be trained to do this work, we who are not professionals, we who might consider it enough to hear the Word and do the Word, we may not realize that we need to tell the Word to those who will listen.

They went to Galilee as Jesus had appointed. They were no longer in the dark. They had heard, seen, and except for Thomas, had believed that the Lord was alive; and they worshipped Him - all but Thomas, who had to be shown. Thomas' doubts and his darkness were taken away as he saw and touched Jesus and he uttered the words of faith: "My Lord and my God."

Jesus left them and us with these words, "All power is given to me in Heaven and on Earth, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

What a commission!, What a calling!, What a challenge! to the eleven men who sat there to hear this!

But of course, they were all well-educated, great orators, great authors, great leaders, and great professionals. They were not! They were none of those things. They were poor men, uneducated, except by the words and deeds of Jesus. They were untrained as

leaders or speakers or about anything except perhaps fishing or collecting taxes. But Jesus had called them the *Light of the World, who had to let their light shine before men and glorify their Father in Heaven*, with good works. How could these men do this?

All the disciples had were the Words of the carpenter - a Carpenter who was the Son of God. All that they had was the Holy Spirit within them; all that they had was the blessing of God and a Commission to spread what they had seen and what they had heard to all the peoples of the world. All that they had to do was do it!

And did they do it? Our presence here today is proof of the fact that they did it, and that those who call themselves Christians have been doing it for almost two thousand years.

Yes, they obeyed that great Command given to them by the Risen Savior of the World, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and we are blessed because of their obedience.

So what does it mean to us as Christians, this great Commission, this great duty? We who, like the eleven, may not be trained to do this work, we who are not professionals, we who might consider it enough to hear the Word and do the Word, we may not realize that we need to tell the Word to those who will listen. Just as those nonprofessionals did it in the first century, we need to do it as we near the beginning of the 21st century, which is only fifty-six months away. We, as Templars, do much to spread the Word in Christian Love: We believe we should feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. We share our Faith, our Hope, and our Charity with others through our gifts. Our faith is strengthened through the Holy Land Pilgrimages that we sponsor by sending ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the land where Jesus lived and taught, to be renewed and to return to their churches, better able to see in their minds and spirits the Son of God. Our Hope is in the future of our young people, in their education and their abilities as we assist them through our Educational Foundation. And

our Charity is in the assistance we give through our Eye Foundation to those who

A Living Faith is a Giving Faith - it is a brilliant light.

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are blind or can become blind.
But is this enough? We do those things together as an order of Christian men. What have you done as an individual to carry the Word? to your family? to your friends and neighbors? to the ends of the Earth? You will have to search your heart and mind for the answer to that question. True faith in our Lord and Savior brings from us the work that He taught us to do. The second chapter of the Book of James gives us this thought: What good is it to say we have faith if we do nothing to prove it? Suppose there were brothers or sisters who needed clothes and did not have enough to eat. What good would it be to say to them, "God Bless you, keep warm and eat well!" if one did not give them the necessities of life?

Christian Sisters and Brothers: When Jesus said it to the disciples, He said it to you: "Ye are the Light of the World, let your light so shine before the world that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven." AMEN

Let us rise and sing a great hymn to our Risen Savior,

Lead on, O King Eternal!

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The Resurrection

by Susanna Burton Goehler

Darkness fell throughout the land and they were all afraid The earth gave up her dead Saints rose from their graves They had crucified the Son of God in a sepulcher he lay

Myrrh and aloes anointed the body of our Lord Jesus Christ He was then wrapped in white linen with spices

Christ bore the burden of earthly wrath and hate He was crucified to take away the sins of the world

The stone was rolled away from the sepulcher where Jesus lay Inside the sepulcher Mary Magdalene saw two angels from heaven

One was at the head and the other at the feet where the body was Their countenance was like lightning raiments white as snow

"Fear not" one said "Jesus who was dead was buried The Son of God Jesus Christ our Lord He is now Risen"

Thus the covenant between God the Father and his Son was sanctified The Lamb of God Jesus Christ was sacrificed to save us all

"I am the Resurrection and the Life
He that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live
Whosoever liveth and believest in me shall never die"

World of Poetry—Golden Poetry Award

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A Letter from Washington State's Pilgrim Minister, Reverend Steve Morris

The morning sun shone brightly in a clear blue sky. Birds sang quietly in the cool of the beautiful garden. To our right was a craggy hillside known as the Place of the Skull. To our left down the hillside was an empty tomb. There forty-eight pastors from across the country gathered quietly to exalt our Risen Lord by celebrating communion. The story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ was read from God's Word and we lifted our voices in hymns of praise, as we passed the elements. This was truly a spiritual experience that none who participated will ever forget. It was an experience made possible by you, the Knights Templar. It was part of a life-changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land granted each of us through the good will of the members of the Knights Templar.

For myself and my partner from Washington State, Jim Martin, we are particularly indebted to the fine work of Mr. Herb Miller. Herb did an excellent job of handling all of our arrangements, as well as seeing us off and welcoming us home. Herb was so excited at times that one would have thought he was the one taking the trip!

We are also extremely grateful to Mr. P. Fred Lesley, who acted as our representative and tour leader from the Knights Templar. Fred has been involved in more than fifteen of these tours and truly has all the right connections in Israel. Our tour guide in Israel, Ezra Eini, could not have been better. He has been doing tours for the Knights Templar for about eight years, and knows how to handle forty-eight ministers! A former teacher and principal of the school which trains official Israeli tour guides, as well as being an author and part time archaeologist, Ezra is a walking encyclopedia of the Holy Land.

Traveling from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, we entered the city on foot at the Mt. of Olives, overlooking the temple mount and Old City. "Jerusalem City of God" shone brightly in the rays of the setting sun. We spent several days in Jerusalem, tracing the steps of Jesus. We experienced the utter barrenness of the Judean desert, with Massada, the Dead Sea, and Qumran. We envisioned the shepherds at Bethlehem. We were overwhelmed by the Shrine of the Book, Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum), the National Cemetery, and scale model of the Old City. We journeyed from Jericho north up the Jordan valley and into the Valley of Armageddon. We encountered Nazareth, Cana and other cities of the Galilee where Jesus walked and taught. We soaked up the peacefulness of the Sea of Galilee and its environment. We walked through the ruins of ancient cities like Bet Shean, Capernaum, Bethsaida, and Megiddo. We stood on mountain tops such as Mt. Tabor and Mt. Carmel. We basked in the sun along the Mediterranean at Caesarea and Tel Aviv. We did so much more as well.

And now we have returned. We have returned to our individual congregations. We have returned with new insight; with new enlightenment; and new vitality that only a pilgrimage to the Holy Land can offer. We have gone and come back because of you the Knights Templar. We can never express to you our thanks for your generosity. We can only encourage you to keep this program going, so that others may have this tremendous privilege.

Reverend Steve Morris
Walla Walla Alliance Church
Walla Walla, Washington

Allied Masonic Degree Weekend

by Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke, KCT, P.S.M
Past Department Commander

Supreme Magus College, SRICF, opened the Annual A.M.D. weekend at the Washington Hotel in our nation's capital, on Thursday, February 15, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. sharp; Ill. James M. Willson, IX', Chief Adept, presiding. North Carolina College conferred Grade IV of the First Order in excellent fashion.

The College was followed by the High Council of the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, with M.W. James M. Willson, IX', Supreme Magus, presiding. Following the usual business, Grade VIII of the Third Order was also conferred by North Carolina College in a most impressive manner.

M.I. Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Chancellor, convened the Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A. to begin the Saturday sessions. Following regular business, new officers were elected and installed. M.I. William Schoene was elected Grand Chancellor, R.I. Paschal R. King, Grand Registrar, and Charles Iverson, TX, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

Next order of business was Grand Masters Council A.M.D., Ven. C. Clark Julius in the East. Charles Iverson was elected Sovereign Master, and George Adams, MA, was appointed Sentinel.

Harvey Mize, Excellent Chief, then called to order Great Chief's Council "0" Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Donald L. Smith, TX, was appointed and installed later as V.E. Excellent Chief.

Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., followed with M.E. Evan L. Fleming, Grand Chief, presiding. Reese L. Harrison, TX, was elected Great Chief, and Lawrence Taylor, TX, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

Afternoon meetings began with K.P. Rodney Williams, Jr., K.C., calling to order

the Grand Preceptors Tabernacle, HRAKTP. Willie E. Phillips, M.D., was elected to a two-year term as Preceptor. M.E. Russell Am ling, KGC, installed the officers.

M.E. Russ Am ling then called to order the Grand College, HRAKTP. He announced the erection of a new Tabernacle, Centurion No. LXVII in Kentucky. David B. Slayton, KGC, P.D.C., was installed M.E. Grand Preceptor, and Tom Yantis, TX, Outer Guard.

The Society of Blue Friars then took over with M.I. Wallace McCieod, presiding. The new Friar is Ill. Richard H. Curtis, 33⁰, editor of the Scottish Rite, N.M.J., magazine, *The Northern Light*. He presented a provocative paper on "Looking Forward to the Future: a View of Freemasonry after 3,000 years, in 2017." Due to the untimely death of Bruce Hunt, Dr. Forrest Haggard was elected Secretary General.

Later on the annual Philalethes banquet and meeting was held, with Forrest Haggard, F.P.S., presiding. The speaker for the evening was Lance Brockman.

The last function of the evening was the conferring of the Order of Secret Monitor. Substituting for the late Dr. Thomas Weir, Supreme Ruler, was Dr. William G. Peacher, Past Supreme Ruler. It was a very interesting presentation.

M.E. Donald L. Smith, KGC, Grand Master General, presided at the annual breakfast of Knights of the York Cross of Honour on Saturday morning. A goodly number of Knights were present, and the various quadrant holders were recognized.

With M.E. James M. Ward, K.H.C., Sovereign Grand Master, in the Chair, the 104th Annual Communication of the Grand Council of A.M.D. was convened. Regular business transpired, and then the election and installation of officers for 1996 was held.

Advancing to Sovereign Grand Master was M.V. William H. Thornley, KGC. Interesting enough was the election of Bill Thornley, M.E.P.G.M. of the Grand Encampment, to succeed Jim Ward, R.E. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Appointed to the bottom of the line were Edward Fowler and Gary Hermann.

After lunch, the Excellent Master Degree was conferred by Georgia Council, A.M.D. It was impressively done, although different in some respects from that exemplified in other jurisdictions.

Nine Muses Council No. 13, presided over by Ven. Walter H. Winchester, Sovereign Master, followed immediately after. Dr. Winchester offered a slide presentation of the stained glass windows of Jerusalem, including some history, which was most informative.

The Annual Banquet of A.M.D. was well-attended, and M.V. James M. Ward, KGC, was M.C. in his own inimitable Mississippi, Suh, manner. The speaker for the occasion was well hyped, and was R. W. Thomas Jackson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of PA.

During many of the meetings, memorials

were conducted for the five A.M.D. leaders who had passed away within the year, three within a two-month period. They were Harold D. Elliott II, KGC; Alvin L. Grump, KGC; Dr. Tom Weir, R.E. Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment and a Past Grand Commander of MD; Bruce H. Hunt, KGC, P.M.I.G.G. Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International and present General Grand Recorder at the time of his death, and Carl Roy Griesen, M.E.K.G.C.. All were extremely active in many facets of Freemasonry, but especially in the Allied Masonic Degrees in Washington. They will all be sorely missed.

Topping off the evening of Feb. 17, as usual, was the Antiente Order of Corks.

While the weather outside was frightful - snow, cold, windy - the fellowship inside was warm and delightful. Next year the A.M.D. will meet at the Washington Hotel on Feb. 20 to 22, 1997. Y'all come!

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Pennsylvania 200-Year Anniversary Stein To Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is celebrating its 200-year anniversary, and to commemorate this event, a beautiful Chapter stein has been manufactured. This stein is 7 inches high and has a white ceramic body which holds 20-oz. liquid measure. It has a pewter lid with a special insert and eight different colors and is outlined in 22c gold. This is a limited edition of 3,000 pieces. The price is \$48.50, which includes shipping and handling. Please add \$15.00 for additional shipping costs if you live outside the United States. If you are ordering a stein, please state that you saw this ad in the *Knight Templar*, and \$1.00 will be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Delivery is about four weeks from the date you mail your order. Please send check or money order made payable to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. For phone contact: (610) 837-9429.



In Memoriam



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Georgia

Grand Commander-1961

Born February 11, 1910

Died February 4, 1996

Edward L. Pine

Nevada Grand Commander-1959

Born March 24, 1914

Died February 10, 1996

August S. Johnson

Oklahoma

Grand Commander-1970

Born August 21, 1905

Died February 22, 1996

David Edward

Wennerstrand Illinois

Grand Commander-1966

Born November 27, 1904

Died March 1, 1996

James D. Mooney

Texas

Grand Commander-1994

Born September 12, 1937

Died March 4, 1994

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History of The Grand Encampment

Chapter XXV

The Future Of Templary

(continued)

Templary must have a definite goal. While the fellowship and entertainment found in the meetings of the Sir Knights are fine, they are not the real objectives of the order; nor is the mere ritualistic conferring of the Orders of Knighthood to be regarded as the sole purpose of Templary. Every effort should be made to have the ideals of Templary accepted as the guiding principles of life and a Christian and spiritual influence to be followed. By this it will become a stabilizing force in every community.

Through the Educational Loan Foundation, Templary has accomplished a great work in giving young men and women an opportunity to obtain an education. There is still a great field for such work. In addition, scholarships could be established to train leaders. A few hundred leaders properly trained would have a tremendous influence for good in the world today. There is over five million dollars in the Educational Fund. With proper administration, application, and publicity it could give Templary a name that would be everlasting.

The entire history of our order has been written in terms of service. The glorious deeds of the past are a challenge to greater accomplishments in the future. With the Sir Knights united, our Christian Order of Knighthood can be a great potential force dedicated to the establishment of peace and good will amongst men of all nations. With capable leaders Templary can become the background for such a worthy and glorious undertaking. It is time that our order should have a rededication, to the old, but none the less important principles based upon Truth and Christian teachings. Each Sir Knight should be awakened to his responsibility. There is work to be done. Let us be about the Master's business.

From the pages of history have come the Knights of old with stories of tasks well and faithfully performed. From their hands the Sir Knights of today have received the banner they so proudly follow. It bears the sign of the Cross in memory of Him who gave us life everlasting. It also bears the words, *In Hoc Signo Vincas,* and *in this sign we shall conquer.* Thus shall the challenge of the future be fulfilled.

Selections From The Appendixes

Appendix I

Circular Letter of

the Templar History Committee, 1857

To the State Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States.

Sir Knights: At the triennial session of the General Grand Encampment for the United States of America, held at Hartford,

Connecticut, in September 1856, Mr. Gourdin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, a correct history of the Order of Knights Templar, subsequent to the martyrdom of our revered Grand Master, James DeMolay, has never been written; and whereas, such a history would greatly tend to produce unanimity of sentiment among the Brethren of the various Masonic rites, and to place our Illustrious

Order in its true position before the world; and whereas, also, the materials for such work can only be obtained in Europe.

Be it therefore resolved, that a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report, at their earliest convenience, concerning the feasibility of producing an accurate history of the Order of Knights Templar, from the death of the Martyr to the present time; and the best method of accomplishing this object.

Which was read, and on motion of Sir Knight Morris, laid on the table until the new Constitution is acted upon and disposed of.

But subsequently this resolution Was on motion of Sir Knight Morris, taken up and referred to a select committee, consisting of Sir Knights Gourdin, Tucker and Gould.'

We desire to report at the next triennial session of the Grand Encampment at Chicago, Illinois, in September 1859; and in order that we may do so advisedly, beg leave to solicit your views concerning the resolution proposed. To enable you to fully comprehend the importance of the proposition, we crave your attention to the following remarks:

The Templars seem, after the death of DeMolay of the 11th of March, 1314, to have become divided into at least four parties, viz.:

I. The Knights in Portugal and Italy, subsequently called Knights of the Order of Christ.

II. The followers of Peter d'Aumont. These Knights are principally found in Sweden, and Stockholm is said to be the chief seat of their order. They contend that Peter d'Aumont was the legitimate successor of DeMolay, and produce a list of Grand Masters down to the present time. Their Grand Masters have never, we believe, been acknowledged except in the Masonic System of "Strict Observance."

III. The followers of John Marc Larmenius, who claimed that he was the successor of James DeMolay, and the founder of the present Order of the Temple in France.

They produce a list of Grand Masters from Larmenius to the present day. But these Grand Masters have never, it seems, been recognized as such except in France.

IV. The Templars who are not embraced in either of these three divisions. And these may be again divided into Scotch and English.

The Scotch Templars may be subdivided into two classes:

First - Those who fought for Bruce at Bannockburn.

Second - Those who entered the Order of Knights Hospitallers.

To the first of these we are probably indebted for the Rite of Heredom, of twenty-five degrees, which was subsequently amplified into the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" of thirty-three degrees; and the second for the degree of Malta, which is incorporated into our Ritual. A portion of the Templars of Scotland, however, at the present day contend that they have preserved the order in all its purity from the time of De Molay unconnected with Freemasonry.

The English Templar may be subdivided into three classes:

First: The Knights of Baldwyn.

Second: The Templars who owe allegiance to the Grand Conclave of England.

Third: The Templars of the United States.

The Knights of Baldwyn assert that their Encampment at Bristol, termed the Baldwyn Encampment, was established about the time of the return of Richard Coeur de Lion from the Holy Land, and that it has been in active operation ever since. The Grand Conclave of England claims to be the legitimate head of the Order in England and Wales. The Templars of the United States generally suppose that they derive their origins from the three original Encampments - at Bristol, Bath and York, the two latter of which became extinct many years ago; though at what time and by what authority the order was introduced into North America seems to be involved in obscurity.

4,000 Years of Antient Mysteries and Fraternalism

by Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard, P.G.C., IV, Florida College

The question keeps arising "How did Freemasonry originate?". Is there a connection with the ancient mysteries throughout civilization and Freemasonry? Perhaps, perhaps not. It would be impossible for anyone to prove or disprove or document completely all the answers to this question.

For the sake of beginning, let us be reminded that serious students of Masonry have for ages continued searching for answers to the many questions that seem unanswerable. Thus they are constantly searching for or seeking Light, more Light, and still further Light. We are taught for every revelation there is a re-veilment, thus the never ending search. We can, if we want, accept the work of some scholars if for no other reason than it is a point of beginning.

There were virtually dozens of mystical organizations that emerged, flourished, and died during man's civilization. The intention here is to show the possible connection of a few so-called "mysteries," or societies with that of Freemasonry.

For the sake of a beginning, let us begin with the idea presented in an exhaustive piece of work put forth by Dr. Ginsburg.¹ This piece of work is called *The Kabbalah*.²

According to Dr. Ginsburg, the Kabbalah was first taught by God to a select company of angels. These angels formed a theosophical school in Paradise, and there most graciously communicated this heavenly doctrine to the disobedient child of earth "Adam."³

The following is a brief description from the KyBallion: R. Simon, who composed the celebrated work "Sohar" (Splendor states the Kabbalah is divided into two kinds:

The first is Practical, and the second is Theoretical. The first (Practical) is occupied with the Talisman and amulet, and has no bearing or connection with Masonic science.

The second, or Theoretical, is subdivided into two parts: The first is Dogmatic, and the second is Literal. The Dogmatic is the summary of the rabbinical theosophy and philosophy, while the Literal is the science that teaches a mystical mode of explaining sacred things by a peculiar use of the letters of words, and a reference to their value.

The Literal also is subdivided into three categories:

1. Geometria: This is a rabbinical corruption of the Greek word "geometria." This is a mode of contemplating words according to the numerical value of their letters.
2. Noterican: This is the ability to construct one word out of the initial of many, a sentence out of the letter of a word (perhaps this was the first shorthand).
3. Temura: This is a rabbinical word signifying permutation.

Primitive and Spurious Masonry Year 0 to 2345 B.C.

Adam passed it on to his sons, Seth and Cain. Seth passed it to his son who passed it on down to Noah. Noah passed it down to Abraham (the Friend of God), who carried it to Egypt. There a portion of this mysterious doctrine oozed out.

Seth continued this heavenly doctrine in its pure or primitive state, and passed it on to his descendants who would likewise be responsible for its accuracy. Cain, however, corrupted it for his own particular use, and as a result, spurious or clandestine masonry was born. During this period

the seventh generation of Adam, Tubal Caine was born.

Another theory of Primitive Masonry, according to Dr. Oliver, is as follows: The principles and doctrines of Freemasonry existed in the earliest stages of the world, and were believed to have been practiced by primitive people. These people used this form of religious doctrine in a paganized manner. Primitive Masonry was probably without ritual, or many symbols. Its dogma was unity with GOD, and immortality of the soul. Its greatest object was to preserve the redeemer as well as cherish the redeemer.

Primitive Masonry survived the flood through Noah and his three sons; Shem, Ham, and Japeth. However, Ham propagated the worst features of Primitive Masonry with that of Cain's corrupted version so that its symbols were perverted to false worship.

Now we know, Noah was told to build an ark for there would be forty days and forty nights of rain, and the world would be covered with water, and all would be lost. In anticipation of this, Noah, Shem, and Methuselah built two pillars; one of stone and one of brass; and upon these two pillars they inscribed all the world's history and knowledge.

After the great flood and as the world once again began to become more populated, the descendants of Adam and Seth called themselves "Sethiles." However, a few of the descendants who observed the very strictest doctrines of Primitive or Pure Masonry called themselves "Noahites."

If Noah's Ark does indeed rest upon Mt. Ararat, it becomes quite easy to accept the mythical doctrines and religious ceremonies of that area, which have been given the name of Arkite Worship. This was supposedly confined to the sacredness of the high mountains. It has been presumed this knowledge of the high mountain worship was derived from the recollection of an Ararat living on the mountain and from the presence in all its

mysteries of a basket, chest, or coffer mystical character bore a resemblance to the Ark of Noah.

Several scholars including Bryant Faber, Higgins and Banier have made concentrated in depth investigations into Arkite Worship, which if consulted by Masonic archeologists may have some advantages.

Stone Masonry-2345 B.C. to 426 A.D.

Continuing the study of Antient Mysteries and according to old manuscripts containing legends of the craft we find the name of Hermes mentioned in sacred history. In fact, there are two Hermes mentioned. The first is the divine Hermes, who is said to be the Father of Wysdome, because this Hermes was said to have found one of the two pillars where all the history of the world and all the knowledge including science was written thereon. It was during this period of 2345 B.C. to 426 A.D we find the building of the Tower of Babel, city of Tyre, and the story of Jacob's Ladder.

The second Hermes was Hermes the Tremegistus (Tri-mog-es-tis) or "Thrice the Great," a celebrated Egyptian legislator. He was said to have lived around 2670 and was said to have written thirty-six books on theology, and philosophy, with six more on medicine. Unfortunately, all have been lost.

All the old manuscript constitutions refer to the legend of Ewclyde (Euclid). According to the "Dowland Manuscript," the legend is when Abraham and Sarah, his wife, went into Egypt to teach the seven sciences they had with them a mar called Ewclyde (Euclid), who was well versed and quite learned. He was a master of all the Liberal Sciences, and was supposed to have derived all this knowledge from being able to understand Pythagoras' 47th problem (now known as the 47th problem of Euclid).

Euclid taught the sons of the Lords of the realms the science in practice to work

in stone, and all work belonging to building of churches, temples, castles, towers, and any other buildings. Euclid gave this science of building the name "geometrie," and throughout the entire land it became known as "masonry" Thus Geometrie and Masonry were synonymous.

Tradition tells us at the time of Hermes 2670-2800 B.C., a band of men came to the region that is now known as Egypt. These men supposedly came from the continent of Lemuria. This continent was known as the "motherland" or Musons, phonetically "Mason" according to scholars specializing in symbols. it was also called the land of Mu.⁶ Were these men the real builders of the pyramids?

In approximately 3000 B.C. another mystery, society, sect or brotherhood appeared. This society was called Zorasterism. Zorasterism denounced Nature Worship of the old faith, antagonism of light and darkness, sunshine and storm, with good and evil being transformed out of them. Pure Zorasterism was monotheistic, and was similar to the Jewish notion of Ya-Weh or Jehova. Jehova is called the "Creator" of all earthly and Spiritual Life, the Lord of the Universe at whose hands are all creatures. He is Wisdom, and Intellect; the light itself, source of light, the rewarder of the virtuous, and the punisher of the wicked.

Zorasterism taught the concept of future life and the immortality of the soul. They believed the utterance of twenty sacred names was the best protection from evil. The chief sacred name was AHMI- "I AM," another AHMI VAT AHMI - "I AM WHO I AM." This is reminiscent of "I Am That I am," which we are familiar with.

If the principle doctrine of Zorasterism is the resurrection of life, it should not surprise us then to learn that their scriptures, which are known as Zendavesta, would be familiar to us.

Zendavesta is composed of two words: 1) Avestra, meaning sacred text, and 2) Zend, meaning commentary. There is only one

known book remaining today on Zendavesta. The rest were lost during the persecution of the Persians by the Mohammedan conquerors, and that book that remains contains only twenty chapters.⁷

The Zendavesta is the scripture of the modern Parsee Mason, and constitutes the Book of the Law, or Trestleboard. The Parsee recognized the Zendavesta as Divine Authority, and they say in their catechism: "We consider these books to be heavenly because God sent tidings of these books to us through the Holy Prophet Zurthost."³ The actual interpretation of this book appears to be forever lost since it is in a sealed book and written in the old Zend language.

Now, approximately 1000 B.C. another society was established in Asia Minor and was known as the Dionysian Architects. The members were linked by mysteries similar to the Masonic Fraternity. Charity was sacred for the poorer brethren, and they were governed by masters and wardens, held general assemblies each year with pomp and circumstance, and they employed many of the implements still to be found among Freemasons today. They used a universal language whereby one brother could distinguish another in the dark of light. This served as a way to unite the brethren scattered over Syria, Persia, and India.

This order was still in existence of Tyre during the building of the Temple. Thus Hiram, the Widow's son, to whom Solomon entrusted the superintendence of the workmen was in all probability a member of the Dionysian Architects. We may legitimately suppose, then, some of the workmen sent by Hiram, King of Tyre, to assist King Solomon in the construction of the Temple were also Dionysian Architects. If this theory is correct it is here the pagan mysteries are interwoven with the Jewish Mysteries.⁹ Many scholars believe that not only were the Dionysians involved with the construction of the Temple, but also, the Assidians, Kassidians (Kassians), or Chasidim.

The Chasidim, or phonetically Kassadian, were a sect existing in the time of the Macabees. They were organized for the purpose of opposing innovation upon the Jewish faith. The essential principles were to observe all the ritual laws of purification, meet frequently for devotion, submit to acts of denial, devote themselves to contemplation, and sometimes withdraw from society.

Some Scholars, as mentioned, seek to connect the Chasidim with the Masonic Fraternity as a continuance of the masons of the Solomon era, as a religious fraternity, or an order of the Knights of the Temple of Jerusalem.¹⁰

Having learned about the Chasidim, it is not surprising, then, to find still another society emerging. This society was known as the Saducees (Sad-U-Cees) and named after its founder, Sa Doc who lived around 250 B.C.

The Saducees denied the resurrection, a future state, or the existence of angels. This sect apparently lasted for several hundred years or at least to the coming of Christ.

Other scholars say that the Wise Men or Magi were flourishing at the time of Christ, and that among the Jews was a school called the Pharisees. The Pharisees separated themselves from the rest of the Jewish Nation. They claimed to have a mysterious knowledge unknown to the masses. They pretended to have the exclusive possession of the true meaning of the scriptures by virtue of the oral law as communicated to Moses at the burning bush, and also, secret traditions which Moses received on Mount Sinai.

Speaking of Moses, some noted scholars say it has been revealed that Moses, who was learned in all the Wisdom of Egypt, was initiated into the mystery of the Kabbalah in the land of his birth, and became proficient in it during his forty years of wandering. It has also been the theory of some that through this science Moses was able to solve the difficulties that arose during his management of the Israelites. It is said he (Moses) laid down the secrets of the first four books of the

Pentateuch but kept them out of the "Book of Deuteronomy" and that it was passed down through direct lineage to David and Solomon and that no one dared write any of it until Simon ben Jochai, who lived at the time of the destruction of King Solomon's Temple.

Having learned of the Chasidim (Kassadians), Pharisees, and the Saducees, and the fact that Christ criticized the latter two, we should not be surprised to learn of another society known as the Essenes.

Many of the laws of the Essenes contained the same precept found in the New Testament.

Philo says Moses instituted the society. Josephus said it existed since the time of ancient fathers, while Frankel, a German, says the Essenes were merely an intensification of the Chasidim, whom Lowrie calls Kassadians. It has been agreed by most scholars that the Essenes were exclusively and intensely Jewish in their membership, their usage, and their doctrine.

The Essenes were so strict in observing the Mosaic Laws of purity they withdrew from the rest of the Jewish nation and formed their own brotherhood. They abstained from marriage, had no distinction between rich and poor, had recognition of rank through degrees and orders, and were governed by a president, elected by the entire brotherhood. Also, any member who violated their rules was, after due trial, excommunicated or expelled.

Any candidate, after serving a period of time, was presented with a spade, a white robe, and an apron. They had three ranks (or degrees). They had a strong feeling for children, wanted to care for the sick and afflicted, and were ready to help the distressed. They also admitted no women into the order. Their signs of recognition bore a strong resemblance to those of Freemasonry.

Since Jesus condemned the Saducees and Pharisees but not the Essenes, it has

been strongly accepted among some scholars that Jesus, himself, might have been an Essene.

The Essenes had many qualities resembling those of Freemasonry. Although we may have hopped around a bit, we would be remiss if we did not mention the Cabiric Society or Mystery. The Cabiric Society should not be confused with the Kabbalah.

The Cabiric Society or mysteries were first established on the islands of Samothrace, and are sometimes referred to as the Samothracian Mysteries. They were actually a modification of the earlier known Arkite mysteries.ⁱⁱ Remember the basket, coffer, or similar object to which we referred? Well, the legend states the youngest Cabiri was slain by three brethren. After the young Cabin was slain the three brethren fled with his virile parts in a mystic basket. His body was crowned with flowers, and then buried at the foot of Mt. Olympus. The Cabiric Death was in fact a type of "Hiramic Legend" and was analogous to that of the third degree of Freemasonry and the Osiris and Isis legends of Egypt, which we shall at this time not go into.

This paper would not be complete if we did not mention erudite Muratori, 'The searcher out of' antient manuscripts." He unearthed from the archives an edict dated November 22, 643, which had reference to a powerful guild.

Guild or Operative Masonry 426-1646 A.D.

This powerful guild was called the Commacine, and it was properly organized, and had degrees of different ranks. It was so powerful it even spoke of having a very antient foundation. There has long been a theory that there was a connection or a direct succession of the operative guilds of the Roman Colleges to those that eventually merged into Sepculative Masonry in 1717.

Perhaps the Commacine were in existence prior to finding the edict in 643, but that we are

not sure of. We do know that after being in existence for five hundred years, the Commacine or Commacine Masters began to relax their bonds of union, and by the end of the 15th century, or approximately nine hundred years after their beginning, they completely vanished.

It is interesting to point out that the German historian, Krause, stated that there is an absolute identity between the Roman Colleges of Numa, seven hundred before Christ, and the Lodge of the 9th century.

This then would tend to substantiate the theory that the Commacine Masters were operative Guild Masons and the union is made with that of speculative Freemasonry.

With the vanishing of the Commacine Masters in the 15th century we should not be surprised to discover that in the year 1617 John Valenti, noted philosopher, together with thirty others, sent forth "Fama Fraternities." In this work he depicts the life of Chrisitan Rosenkreug, a fictitious (modern spelling "fictitious") person whom he makes the founder of a new society - the Rosicrucians.

The Rosicrucians had a large number of symbols some of which were common to Freemasonry, and some peculiar only to themselves. The principles were the globe, a circle, sword, compasses, working tools of geometric design, triangle, level and the plumb line.

It has been said by some scholars that in the 13th century Roger Bacon established the principles and doctrine, and that it claims to be exponents of the true Kabbalah.¹² Thus according to some we find the connection of Alpha and Omega; however, I certainly hope we haven't reached the true Omega. Truly science is indebted to the order of Rosicrucians.

We should point out that the famous physician and philosopher Robert Fludd, who died in 1637, and the remarkable alchemist and physician Baptist Von Helmont, who died in 1644, attest to the power of the famous brotherhood.

As many of you know, Elias Ashmole is recognized as the first speculative Mason in England (1646), but his name has not been found on a lodge roster of Freemasons for a period of more than sixteen years. He also was a member of the Rosicrucians. Was he attending meetings of this other society with similar principles and doctrines?

We have now progressed through a few of the various mystical societies from A (ARKITE) to Z (ZENDAVESTA); from Adam, the first person taught the great doctrine, to Elias Ashmole, the first recognized Speculative Mason.

We have learned that Pure or Primitive Masonry for all practical purposes lasted from ADAM 1 A.M. to about 1800 A.M. (Anno Mudi, year of the world) or up to about 2100 B.C., a period of about 1800 years. From Pure or Primitive Masonry emerged the stone masons. This era lasted some 2500 years or from approximately 2100 B.C. to 426 A.D. The period from 426 A.D. to 1717 is known and referred to as the era of Guild or Operative Masonry, about 1300 years. Here we find the Grand Lodge established in Kent in 926. The Crusades followed shortly, and the oldest Masonic Manuscript (Hollowell MIS was written in 1310, and the first printing of the Bible was in 1380).

From 1717 to the present is the era known as Speculative Masonry. Thus if we accept these theories, we have learned that Masonry has indeed changed. It changed, however, only to keep up with the times of the men living then. True Masonry, its principles and doctrines have not.

Finally, this paper was not presented nor written with the idea of expressing any particular belief or opinion, nor to alter yours. It is merely presented and written whereby it shall become recognizable that all that we have is not all that there was, or all that there was is not all that we have, nor will be.

I also wish in conclusion to express my thanks to Dr. Albert G. Mackey for the research he and his associates did in writing *the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* from

which much of this information was obtained. Also, we must thank all those that worked on or helped in constructing or detailing the Illustrated Chart of History, and to all the dedicated brethren who gave of their time and talent to assist me.

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Kenneth Mackenzie's *The Royal Masonic Cyclopedia* states (on p. 157):

„We find in existence a wandering guild of builders, consecrated to Dionysos or Bacchus. They make their appearance certainly not later than 1000 B.C. and appear to have enjoyed particular privileges and immunities; they also possessed secret means of recognition, and were bound together by special ties known only to themselves.. They were divided into communities, governed by a Master and Wardens, and called _____. The reference continues. It is followed by another subject, Dionysian Mysteries which also related to Bacchus. Their ceremonies are detailed located primarily in Athens, but I have seen their location in Sicily at Syracuse.

Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard, IV', P.G.C. (Florida), is a member of Springtime Commandery No. 40, Clearwater, Florida He resides at 2450 Meander Lane, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.

Newsfront...



Sir Knight Richard G. Winn, E.P.C., Virginia, Receives 50-Year Pin

On the occasion of Richard Graham Winn's 50th anniversary of his Knighting in Fredericksburg Commandery No. 1, a group of fourteen of his Frates called upon him in the nursing home, and he was presented with a 50-year pin and a certificate attesting he was Knighted in 1945. In the picture Sir Knight George D. Stevens (left), Past Grand Commander and member of Fredericksburg No. 1, makes the presentation

Florida Four Receive 50-Year Awards

At Damascus Commandery No. 2, Jacksonville, Florida, 50-year awards for Chapter, Council and Commandery were presented by Sir Knight Paul E. Hockett, R.E.G.C. (Florida), who was assisted by Leslie H. Scott, Jr., Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Chapter, and Vernon E. Adams, Grand Marshal, Grand Council. In the picture with their certificates are, left to right: Sammie Whittington; Roy T. Lord, M.W.P.G.M. of Grand Lodge (Florida); Charles North; and James Solomon, P.H.P., P.I.M., P.C. Behind them are Grand Commander Hockett (left) and Sir Knight Clarence Gruber, Commander of Damascus No. 2.



Grand Commander Of Washington Receives 32° In Scottish Rite Ceremonies



On Saturday, February 3, 1996, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Washington, Glenn A. Siron, received the 32^o in Scottish Rite, Valley of Yakima, in ceremonies at Yakima, Washington. The Grand Commander was called upon to speak at the Ceremony of Induction. He commended the degree teams for their outstanding efforts in putting on the degree work and was proud to support the current efforts to unite the York Rite

and Scottish Rite Bodies of Washington State. Shown page 24, left to right, 1st row: Victor Stein, 32°; Albert L. Stanelle, Jr., 32°; Carl L. Schibig, 32°; Curtis W. Walker,, 32°; Rance P. DeWitt, 32° 2nd row: Glenn A. *Siron*, 32° and R.E. Grand Commander of Washington; William L. VanCleave, 32°; James S. Levno, 32° III. Milford D. Koliha, 33°; 3rd row: III. Roy L. Harrison, 33° David A. Wells, 32°, KCCH; Richard W. Peterson, 32° Class Marshal, 130th Scottish Rite Reunion.

In Memoriam

Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, was saddened the end of February by the loss of Past Supreme Worthy President (Mrs. Maurice W.) Ruth Roney. Mrs. Roney, who served Supreme Assembly as President in 1985-1986, was a member of Stillwater No. 124 in Oklahoma and dual with Waco No. 199 in Texas. *Knight Templar* correspondent, (Mrs. Keith W.) Sandra Dean, P.S.W.P. writes: "Ruth, a kind and gentle soul who was loved by all, will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to her Sir Knight Maurice and the rest of her family during this sad time.



You Can't Miss Them In Maine!



The cars and plates above are owned by: Sir Knight Shirley Webster of Lewiston, Maine; Sir Knight Duncan Webster of Auburn, Maine; and Kathleen Webster, Past Worthy Matron, O.E.S. They are father, son, and son's wife.

New Bethel Of Job's Daughters In Texas

Sir Knight Stephen E. Kimball writes that as Director of Fraternal Relations for the new Bethel he would like to announce that Bethel, U.D. (under dispensation), was formed in Georgetown, Texas on March 2, 1996 at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Judith Bavister, P.H.Q., Supreme Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters, and Brother James Patterson, Associate Supreme Guardian, presided over the ceremonies during the day. Miss Angela Willis, S.B.H.Q., initiated the first class of six; Miss Erin George, Miss International Job's Daughters, preside as installing officer for the installation of officers. Temple York Rite Bodies presented a monetary donation to assist the new Bethel as did the Masonic Brothers of the Georgetown business community. The Bethel has the blessing of San Gabriel Lodge No. 89, A.F. & A.M., to meet within their lodge.

Sir Knight Frank S. Weise Installed Supreme Tall Cedar Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America



At a midwinter conference held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania, January 11-13, 1996, Sir Knight Frank S. Weise was installed as Supreme Tall Cedar.

Sir Knight Weise, pictured at left, is a member of Hanselmann Lodge No. 208, F & A.M. He proceeded through Kilwinning Chapter No. 97, Royal Arch Masons; Henry Weeks Council No. 137, Royal and Select Masons; and Hanselmann Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Valley of Cincinnati, Ohio Scottish Rite; Syrian Shrine Cincinnati Temple; Ideal Court No. 4, Order of the Amaranth; Cincinnati Police Department Masonic Club and Cincinnati Fire Department Masonic Club. He is, also, a life member of Pvt. Charles Gailey Post No. 7340, Cincinnati, Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars,

and Edward C. Gehlert American Legion Post No. 554. Sir Knight Frank is a life sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and received the Legion of Honor Chapel of Four Chaplains. He also holds the commission of Colonel on the staff of the Governor of Kentucky in the Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels, Inc.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 28,000 members in 110 Chapters (called Forests) throughout the U.S. and Canada. Since 1951, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over \$8,000,000.00 to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

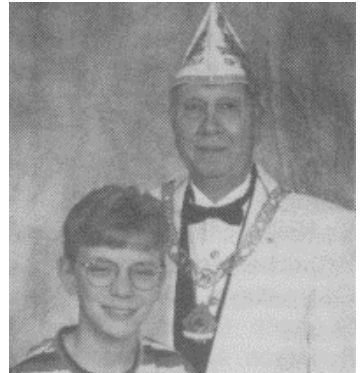
Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador For 1996

Pictured at right is the Supreme Tall Cedar of North America, Frank S. Weise from Cincinnati, Ohio, with the Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 1996, James Allan Bowling II, from Fairfield, Ohio.

James was diagnosed at Children's Hospital in 1993 with Freidrich's ataxia. Fairfield Ohio is home to James, his parents Christina and Jim, and his sisters, Jilian and Jessica.

James, a straight A student, is in the 9th grade at Fairfield Freshman School. He has served on the year book staff at the school for two years and is active in drama at school and church. He and his family lived in Venezuela, South America, for three years, where he attended Venezuela preschool, and learned Spanish and English at the same time. James loves computers and baseball cards and is active in his church youth group.

James Allan Bowling is looking forward to attending many functions and affairs with the Supreme Tall Cedar, Frank S. Weise, throughout 1996.



Reflections On The Holy Land Pilgrimage

by Reverend Nancy A. Voegelé

St. Paul's Church, Concord, New Hampshire

All those clichés about the Bible coming alive in new ways are true. Every which way we turned, there was another significant biblical site. I could almost feel my brain rearranging old images, throwing some out, and making room for all the new data. It really was one "Aha!" moment after another.

After several days, we started joking how most everything was somehow connected to rocks or stones. One person said that he was going to preach a sermon entitled 'It's all about rocks.' I filed that comment without much thought, until I was thinking about what I wanted to say this morning. And I realized that it really is all about rocks.

In Jerusalem, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher contains for many Christians the site of Jesus' death and the site of the rock hewn tomb in which his body lay for three days. In an upper chapel, you can see next to the altar the rock that split in two the moment Jesus died. Under the altar, you can reach your hand down a hole and actually touch the rock on which he was crucified: the rock of Golgotha.

In Bethlehem, the Church of the Nativity is built over the traditional site where Mary gave birth to Jesus. You can go down in the lower chapel and, again, touch the stone where Jesus is said to have been born.

There's a place right on the Sea of Galilee called St. Peter's Landing. There's a church there, as well, built on a huge rock. In fact, the rock juts out through the floor of the church - it is the focal point. This place is the traditional site from which St. Peter did his fishing. It is also the traditional site where, after Jesus' resurrection, he appeared to his disciples and made them breakfast on the seashore. After breakfast, Jesus said to Peter three times, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" And three times Peter said,

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." On the stone beach, right next to the church, there are three heart-shaped rocks, each about three feet wide. These were carved about the time of the Crusaders as a memorial to those three questions of Jesus and Peter's three responses. And we visited that place on Valentine's Day.

At all the archeological sites we visited - at Massada, at Qumran, at Jericho, and throughout the city of Jerusalem - the rocks and stones which lay hidden for centuries were now visible for all to see and imagine what those places had once looked like. We actually visited - and I touched - the stones of King David's ancient wall of Jerusalem - almost 3,000 years old!

And then there was the Judean wilderness - the setting for this morning's Gospel lesson. It's not a desert of sand, as I once imagined, but a barren wilderness of rocks and stones and dust. There was very little to no vegetation.

Even in parts of the country that had vegetation the fields were littered with stones - to such an extent that it made New England fields seem stone-less! In most fields, therefore, there were olive or almond trees or grapevines...or sheep and goats! These seemed to be the only things that could handle the stony landscape.

But all of these stones weren't just stones. They told a story. They bore witness to the significance of each place. And being a group of clergy, we started thinking about all the passages in Scripture that have to do with rocks or stones.

I immediately thought of John the Baptist. He said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the

wrath to come?... Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham." (Luke 3:7, 8)

Someone else in the group thought of Jesus' triumphal entry that we celebrate on Palm Sunday. As Jesus rode along the people began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." Jesus answered, "I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." (Luke 19:37-40)

Later, I thought of the parable Jesus told about the wise man who built his house on a rock and when the rains came and the winds blew, the house did not fall, "because it had its foundation on the rock." (Matthew 7:24-27)

And what about the very large stone which was placed over the entrance to Jesus' grave? It was placed there to make sure none of his disciples would come and steal his body. But an angel rolled away the stone. And Jesus walked out of his three days' prison - alive.

This past week, when I started looking in earnest at all the places in the Bible that mention rock or stone, I was amazed at the first reference I came upon. At the end of the Book of Genesis, Jacob calls all his sons to his side to bless them. It's a long discourse in which Jacob - surprise, surprise - talks about God. The surprise for me was what he called God: 'The Mighty One of Jacob, the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel.' (Gen. 49:24)

All of a sudden, my focus shifted from rocks and stones to the Rock, the Stone. I recalled the numerous references in the Psalms about God as The Rock of our salvation, "my Rock and my Redeemer," "my God, my rock in whom I put my trust." And the Prophet Isaiah proclaimed, "Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock." (Isaiah 26:4)

And what about the New Testament writers that talked about Jesus as the stone that the builders rejected which had become the cornerstone - the most important stone? (Acts 4:11, Romans 9:33, 1 Peter 2:8) And Jesus is not a dead stone - an inanimate object. He is a living stone. 1 Peter states. "Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house." (1 Peter 2:4,5)

In ancient Israel, whenever they sensed God's presence in a place, they would set up an altar - a pile of stones - so that everyone who walked by would know that the Lord had been in that place. During my trip I saw a lot of stones, a lot of piles of stones. And in many of those places, if I stood still and soaked it in, I could still sense God's presence. May we, as living stones, be built together in such a way - with Christ as our cornerstone - that when anyone walks by, they, too, will know that the Lord has been and is in this place - and is in this place, too (pointing to myself: i.e., in each of us). May we, as living stones, cry out in joyful praise, "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!"

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For sale: Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver mm and silver bullion thread, embroidered crossed sword on flap, and skull and cross bones on the apron: identical to those worn by all Sir Knights in the last century and still worn in some jurisdictions. Brand new, \$75.00, plus \$5.00 U.P.S. Part of each sale goes to York Rite charities. Jacques Jacobsen, Jr., P.C.; 60 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10310-2698.

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Wanted: C.P.O. coat (summer weight preferred), size 54 regular; Knights Templar belt, gold or silver, size 44; and trousers, waist 44. Howard R. Gregg, 904 Highway 96, Yreka, CA 96097, (916) 475-3521.

Wanted: used chapeau case for Sir Knight. Mar/and G. Ward, 49047 Hamilton Road, East Palestine, OH 44413-8730, (216) 457-2358.

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Central Lodge No. 70, F. & A.M., Montevallo, Alabama, is celebrating its 150th year. They have 150-year commemorative

bronze coins at \$5.00 each plus \$1.00 S & H. Send the ck or money order to Central Lodge No. 70, F & A.M.; P.O. Box 213; Montevallo; AL 35115.

Baraboo Valley York Rite of Baraboo, Wisconsin, has for sale a very special commemorative coin in celebration of its Chapter's 1 20th anniversary (one side) and its Commandery's 100th anniversary (reverse side). Because they had to order 250 of these coins, they have many to sell. The cost of the coin with shipping is \$10.00. Order to Recorder Anthony W. Harper, 120 Ash Street, Baraboo, WI 53913.

Bailey Lodge No. 146, A.F.M., of Greer, South Carolina, is celebrating its 125th anniversary and has some coins available. The face has the Lodge name and location around three steps, columns, all-seeing eye over square and compass, with plumb and level to side and hands below; the back has shape of state with years. The coin is antique copper and comes with a certificate. Check or money order for \$6.00, payable to Bailey Lodge No. 146 and mail to U. Walter Elder, 112 Stribling Circle, Spartanburg, SC 29301.

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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. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585.

Wanted: all kinds of Masonic belt buckles and other buckles, also. Send size in inches, description, and price to Ben Morlan, 707 Oak Knoll Drive, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

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In Memoriam: Donna Lee Paschal, born April 5, 1921, Paola, Kansas; died January 15, 1996. Memorial service was at Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church on January 18, 1996. The loving concern and thoughtfulness of your cards, flowers, phone calls, and donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation are greatly appreciated by the family. We wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all our friends as she was a very caring partner for 49 years, 6 months, and 18 days, doing for others more than for herself. Sincerely, J. C. Paschal.

Would like to correspond with anyone with surname "Memory. Dave Memory 702 Davie Avenue, Statesville, NC 28677-5309.

Order of knighthood with Christian emphasis led by a European royal family now able to accept applicants. For information, write to Knighthood, P.O. Box 2581, La Puente, CA 91746.

To all Sir Knights who are firefighters, paid or volunteers, I would like to trade patches and correspond. Pat Hogan, P.O. Box 641, Belleville, NJ 07109.

Sir Knight collecting military history books and other books appropriate to being placed in community church library. As a volunteer effort, send all books to Joe B. Havens, USN. ret.; Homeport Place, No. 43; Pleasant Valley West; Greenbrier; AR 72058.

Wanted: foreign and U.S. stamps: This is a hobby to occupy the time for a handicapped Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, Knights Templar, Shrine and veteran Mason. Send your stamps to Leonard J. Kucharski, 871 Juniper Circle, Harleysville, PA 19438-1023.

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Seeking information on my great-grandparents: Rebecca Lee, b. 3-8-1788, in Richmond, VA and d. 7-10-1838; and John Williamson, b. 5-11-1774 or 1784 in England. They married in Richmond, VA, on July 9, 1818. Also, anything on Robert L. Chapman, b. 1806 in KY, d. 5-2-1884 in Randolph Co., MO. John A. Williamson, 14252 Suonslope Road, Calciweli, 1083605.

Two adjoining lots available at \$1,200 each in Cedar Park Masonic Cemetery in the Chicago area. George Peterson, 6074 Old Porter Road, Portage, IN 46368, (219) 762-2887.

For sale: two cemetery lots in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, 1806 N. Oliver, Wichita, Kansas—Sermon on the Mount Section, 440A, spaces 1 and 2. The current value of each space is \$835.00. Will sell both for \$1,000.00 or best offer. J. C. Paschal, 3476 Jeanette Ct., Wichita, KS 67204, (316) 83.8-5529.

For sale; 8 lots in Barberry Section, Cedar Park Cemetery, 12540 S. Halsted, Chicago, Illinois. Hugh Harris, 5800 N.E. 21 Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308-2520, (954) 491-2586.

For sale: 4 lots, \$500.00 each, Acacia Park Cemetery, Hemlock Section, 7800 W. Irving Park, Chicago, IL 60634. George Schwanko(f), (847) 823-6488.

Reunion: U.S.S. Samuel N. Moore (DD-747), September 25-29, 1996, Channel Inn Hotel, Washington, DC 20024. For information Paul R. Berry, P.O. Box 133, Hopkins yule, KY 42241.

The 47th Reunion of the 93rd NCB (See Bees) of WWII will be at the Holiday Inn, Michigan City, IN, October 1-3, 1996. Contact Vic Pagel, 3115 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City, IN 46360.

Reunion: 188th Ordnance Bn. H.M. Tank - Hq. and medic, WWII, in Branson, MO, May 9-12, 1996. Contact Harry C. Howell, P.O. Box 457, 120 Merrimon Avenue, Weaverville, NC 28787-0457, (704) 645-6641.

American Association of Navy Hospital Corpsmen (AAONHC) will hold its reunion, September 12-16, 1996, at Corpus Christi, Texas. For information, send SASE to Ned Johnson, Jr., Reunion Coordinator; 224 Jackson Street; DeQuincy, LA 70633-4128.

Easter

There's a glow on Easter morning
In rose-tinted eastern sky.
There is dew upon the lilies;
Church bells ring from belfries high,
Ringing clear in perfect rhythm
In the cool, fresh morning air,
Calling all to join and worship
In a resurrection prayer.

There is joy on Easter morning
When we hear the gospel read,
Telling Jesus Christ, our Savior,
Has arisen from the dead.
Oh, with prayerful hearts uplifted,
We should all join in to sing,
"Christ is risen, Hallelujah,
And He lives, our Lord and King."

Hattie Pope