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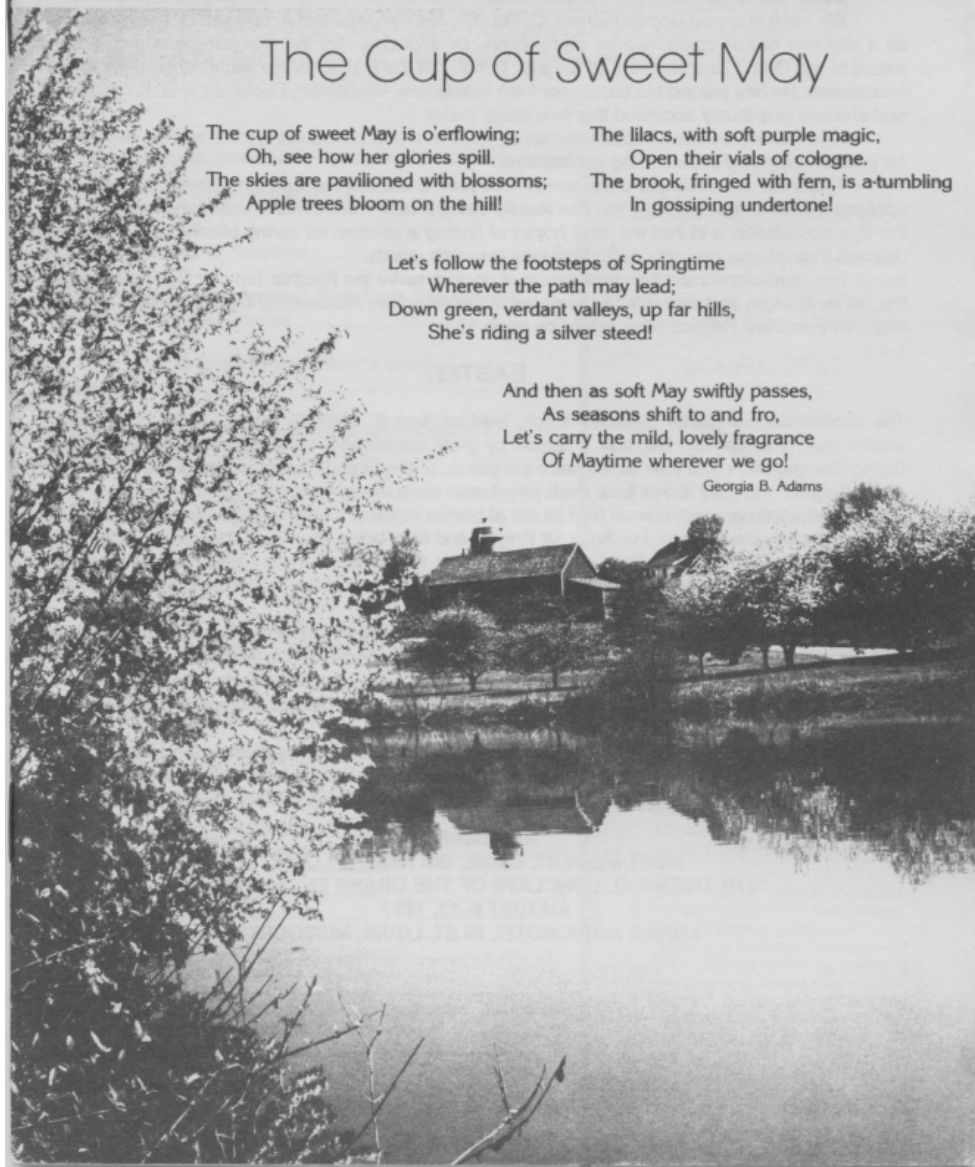
The cup of sweet May is o'erflowing;
Oh, see how her glories spill.
The skies are pavilioned with blossoms;
Apple trees bloom on the hill!

The lilacs, with soft purple magic,
Open their vials of cologne.
The brook, fringed with fern, is a-tumbling
In gossiping undertone!

Let's follow the footsteps of Springtime
Wherever the path may lead;
Down green, verdant valleys, up far hills,
She's riding a silver steed!

And then as soft May swiftly passes,
As seasons shift to and fro,
Let's carry the mild, lovely fragrance
Of Maytime wherever we go!

Georgia B. Adams



Reflections

Saturday, March 30, 1996, was another milestone day for our great Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. This day marked the first time in the history of the Foundation that twenty grants, amounting to \$400,000.00 were given to a select group of young pediatric ophthalmologists. Six of the seven leading ophthalmologists of the United States of America, who make up our medical staff of the Scientific Advisory Committee, were present to screen and announce the names of those awarded grants this year.

Doctor Dan B. Jones, M.D., of Baylor College of Medicine, is Chairman of this great scientific team.

We have honored Doctor Richard O. Schultz, M.D. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, having served as a member of this committee for many years, by awarding him the Companion of the Temple award of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. for his valuable services to our Foundation. He has named his successor from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Doctor Jane D. Kivlin, M.D., and she has graciously accepted this new assignment.

New guidelines were established for applicants and a new scoring method was developed for greater efficiency in screening applications.

This year we received thirty-seven first-year grant applications and seven second-year applications for further funding. You can readily see just how important our Voluntary Campaign for the Eye Foundation is in that we have hopes of finding a solution for curing blindness in new born children through our pediatric ophthalmology research grants.

For your information this great group of doctors serve the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., at no charge, and they are all members of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the National Eye Care Project. (See article on page 13.)



Easter

The second annual Easter Saturday lunch, held on April 6, 1996, in the ball room of the Hotel Washington, Washington, DC, was enlarged by great attendance; some 350 were present. Many Grand Commanders and their ladies were the guests of the Grand Encampment for the lunch, and all Sir Knights and their ladies from each jurisdiction were recognized.

Dedication ceremonies were held for the all bronze statue of a Knight astride his trusty steed, and the lead crystal vase dedicated to those Sir Knights and their ladies who made the journey to the Holy Land during the 10th Crusade. Both have been placed in the Knights Templar Chapel in the Memorial.

All attending the lunch received a certificate showing that he or she was a participant in these ceremonies.

I urge every Sir Knight, his lady and his family to visit the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. It is a beautiful place of meditation and prayer. The Grand Encampment has installed a new and improved audio system in this holy shrine. Remember, this is our George Washington Masonic National Memorial. All of Masonry contributes to the upkeep of this great edifice.

Sir Knight John Werner II, Past Department Commander, who was instrumental in our having this bronze statue in our Chapel, is at home recuperating from a very serious by-pass heart operation. As soon as he is able, he will write an article on the history of our miniature Knight.

Remember:

Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight Louie
60th Triennial Conclave Of The Grand Encampment
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Knight Templar

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

MAY: This month the magazine is chock-full of stories to entertain and please, from the inspirational (Wendy Wilson's Story) to the historical (Freemasons and the Northwest Ordinance and Benedict Arnold). As the 28th Voluntary Campaign draws to a close, we have updated news from Chairman Garnes (page 5) and updated figures (state-by-state tally) and listing of new club members (page 14). Also, Grand Master Mayford and Sir Knight Sledd have news about recent advances for the KTEF.

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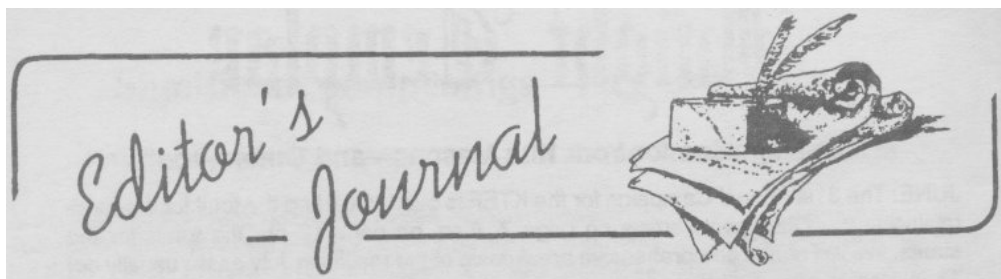
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Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded 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.

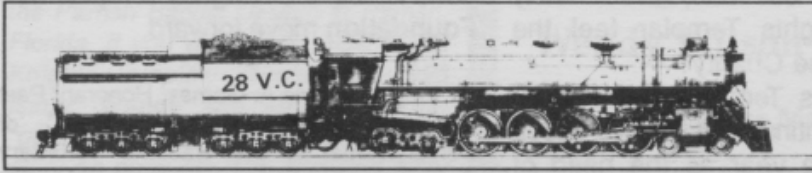
Sir Knights, Attention!: An important and invaluable booklet entitled *The York Rite of Freemasonry - A History and Handbook* is available from the Grand Encampment. Authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, this comprehensive, illustrated, 78-page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, 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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WELCOME TO SPRINGFIELD STATION



The 28th Voluntary Campaign... The Train Has Arrived!

Was Your Contribution on Board
Or Did It Fall by the Wayside?

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

By the time you read this message, the **28th Voluntary Campaign** will be history and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will be adding up the numbers. This is the time when we must ask ourselves about our success. Some will say "We did a good job in the various fundraising activities." Others will say "We fell short of our goal." And there is a large, complacent group that shows no concern or interest in the Campaign; they look at it as just *another* charity asking for money. How sad it is to think that any Knight Templar would feel this way.

On behalf of the Most Eminent Grand Master and the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, I thank all those who have supported the 28th Voluntary Campaign by personal donations, fundraising, and helping in any other way. Many Voluntary Campaign chairmen across the country have worked hard, and we thank them for their untiring efforts. I hope that more of the chairmen who are a part of the Voluntary Campaign Team will develop new interest and motivate their Grand Commandery and Commanderies in the next campaign. **Every Commandery can and should participate - There are no exceptions.**

Blindness takes no holiday, so it behooves us to begin immediately to plan for the next campaign. The goal should always be to do better than the previous year. Isn't this the way we should be in our daily lives? Why shouldn't Knights Templar feel the same about the Charity?



The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., continues to receive cases throughout the year as the need of those less fortunate continues, and in many cases we can be the "helping hand by helping others to see."

To all Sir Knights and friends of Templary, we thank you for all you have done to help the **Knights Templar Eye Foundation** move forward.

Sir Knight Charles A. Games, Honorary Past Department Commander and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, is the National Voluntary Campaign Chairman and a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. He resides at 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Thanks Pearle Vision Foundation

The administrative office of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation announces the receipt of a \$20,000.00 grant from the Pearle Vision Foundation to assist us in meeting current case authorization commitments and our pediatric research program.

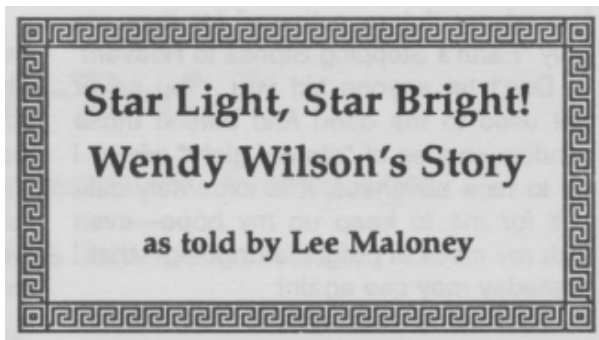
Established by Pearle Vision, one of the world's leading eye care and eye wear providers, the Pearle Vision Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of optimum lifetime vision. The Pearle Vision Foundation believes, as the Eye Foundation believes, that anyone with a vision problem should not be dependent on the ability to pay.

The Pearle Vision Foundation helps economically disadvantaged individuals with surgery and medical treatments for vision problems. In addition, the foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations to support vision related causes including eye exams and eyeglass assistance programs, vision research, equipment for testing and improving vision, and museum, park and media programs which improve the quality of life for the visually impaired.

On behalf of the Board, staff, and those we serve, we express our appreciation for the confidence the Pearle Vision Foundation has shown in us and we shall endeavor to continue to merit it in the year ahead.



By way of introduction, I would like you to read the following letter from Reverend Al Overstreet, pastor of the Parrish Baptist Church in Parrish, Florida. If you will check back, in the Knight Templar, December 1995 issue, Wendy and several of her "guardian angels" were featured in a story on page 10. The following letter pretty well sums up what Wendy's struggles have been to win the vision back in at least one of her eyes. Then if you Will take a glimpse with me as I peek into the heart of our young teenage "heroine." I discovered that many of our Sir Knights are busy trying to open one of God's Windows to light up her world on a more permanent basis!



Lee Maloney

Dear Ms. Maloney:

Sir Knight Jesse Johnson gave me your correspondence pertaining to Wendy Wilson. I apologize for the length of time it has taken to gather the information.

While playing volleyball, Wendy was hit in the head with a ball and her retina was detached in one eye and the retina was torn in the other. On October 31, 1994, she had her first surgery: They fixed the detached retina and her other eye. After the surgery she had to lie on her stomach and could not raise her head. She attended school for one week. On January 7, 1995, she had the second surgery, retina detached again. The third surgery was in March and the fourth in May. Her last surgery was on July 14, 1995. She still has no sight in her left eye and is now awaiting a cornea transplant.

Wendy's mother is a single parent and works two jobs. She is a faithful member of the church I pastor.

Thank you for your concern.

Yours because of Jesus,
Sir Knight A. H. Overstreet

Star Light, Star Bright!

I do not know why God has chosen me to be the recipient of so many guardian angels while I am here on earth...but, in my case.... I am tremendously glad He has! To name some, I have all of my Knight Templar Angels abounding in concern for my welfare; the continued support and tenderness of my pastor, Al Overstreet (also a Knight Templar); all of those adding their prayers in the congregation of my Parrish Baptist Church and of course, always crying softly through long and dark nights - my mother! Truly I have come to know how much handiwork of grace and courage God has

placed into my mother's heart since my accident in school playing volley ball. Nor do I wish to forget to mention warm words of praise for my other "Earth Bound Stars"...all of the physicians and specialists who turn their medical skills to my best advantage in trying to restore my sight! Between the "angels" and the "stars" I often am quite busy at night with my prayers, asking God to watch over them for me in an extra special way! This is the very reason I hope they read this article. I want them ALL to realize how very much their help has

formed my "future pathway" for they are truly "Earth's Stepping Stones to Heaven!"

Don't let anyone kid you... You never get used to the dark! And behind those window shades of "eternal night" where I try to face blindness, it is extremely difficult for me to keep up my hope - even with my medical progress ongoing - that I someday may see again!

Try closing your eyes for ten minutes and moving around a room you have been familiar with all of your entire life! Within a few seconds of this self-imposed test of darkness, your fears and apprehensions over "survival" will close in on you so solidly you will be only too glad to open your eyes to see again!

When you are blind, some days you honestly get so disheartened you feel that even God may have forgotten how tough life can be in the dark! These dark stages pass for me with a lot of prayer and the constant hope that indeed I truly will one day see "the light at the end of a very long tunnel" as the yards of bandages are unwrapped from across my eyes.

When the bandages are off, one does not see immediately as in dramas on TV. It takes weeks to even get some semblance of different shades of gray and to focus on anything other than fuzzy forms!

At each and every operation, before I sleep in a far away tunnel, I remember most the touch of my mother's hand as they wheel me into the operating room. This is the "real" I most look forward to as I know I will awaken but still be in "black." The quiet as I come to full consciousness is almost stifling. Sometimes I play a game with my imagination and tell myself that the thicker the bandages feel around my head the longer the operation must have taken! This frightens me, but then through this sense of foreboding, as always comes my mother's voice telling me that everything went fine and that she is right there beside me! With my mother's wonderful faith in my future, I am now trying to keep my own heart just as light as I wait for my cornea transplant in May!

I remember back to a time when I took life and my eyesight for granted - a time when as a young teenager my life was so active physically. Now I have to lie perfectly still!

I even go so far as to question whether I should try screaming out my frustrations! Would it hurt or help? But I don't want to disappoint God, so I stay still.

I do not even know if there will be a so-called "teenage life" left by the time all of these operations are completed.

Please offer me, if you will, your prayers of "friendship"... They too will always be the real stars I will see in heaven. I will close by whispering:

Star Light, Star Bright, please God
allow me to see
someday a real star in your heavens
of night,
and to wear in my heart this "Beacon"
as a return gift of love
that sees the good in others without
truly needing "sight!"

Wendy Wilson
Parrish, Florida
February 26, 1996

Tragically In early March, a young girl of thirteen years old was murdered. Her eyes were lovingly donated to the Eye Foundation Bank by her family as a "Gift of Life." Wendy's cornea transplant was pushed forward to receive this.

It takes one whole year, however, to see if the transplant will not be rejected and vision restored. We know all of our Sir Knights and their families who read about Wendy's continued struggle against blindness will keep praying along with Pastor Overstreet and his First Baptist Church parishioners of Parrish, Florida, that this hope will become reality.

Cards and well wishes to Wendy may be sent In care of her Pastor: Sir Knight A. H. Overstreet, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 195, Parrish, Florida 34219.

Ms. Lee Maloney, a past contributor to Knight Templar, resides at 1501 North Parton Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706

Benedict Arnold - Part 1

Arnold Leads Americans at Saratoga

by Sir Knight C. Clark Julius, P.C., KTCH

In the summer of 1777 a large army under British General John Burgoyne began to advance southward from Canada into upper New York State. Burgoyne's army consisted of German mercenaries as well as British regulars.

The only obstacle to Burgoyne's invasion of New York State was the northern American army, which was encamped above Albany. In August 1777, the American Congress named General Horatio Gates to be commander of the northern army. On the recommendation of George Washington, Congress appointed General Benedict Arnold as Gates' second-in-command.

Before being assigned to the same command, Horatio Gates, who was fifty, and Benedict Arnold, who was thirty-six, had been good friends. From the moment they started working together, however, in August 1777, they argued vehemently with each other about the best strategy to employ against Burgoyne.

Gates thought that a defensive holding action would halt Burgoyne's southern progress. Arnold advocated an offensive attack which would knock Burgoyne's army out of action.

During their arguments Benedict Arnold acted increasingly imperious, as if he, not Gates, were the commanding general. As friction increased between the two generals, Gates stopped consulting with Arnold and limited his communication with Arnold to giving orders to his subordinate general. Gates stopped inviting Arnold to staff meetings.

When Burgoyne's army attacked the Americans near Saratoga, New York, on September 19, 1777, Arnold at first



obediently carried out Gates' orders by holding his men in their defensive positions and by controlling his strong impulse to lead his men in a counterattack. But when Arnold overheard an aide reporting to Gates that the battle was thus far a stalemate, Arnold could restrain himself no longer. Exclaiming "By God, I will soon put an end to it," he mounted and spurred his horse toward the center of the battle. Gates sent an aide after Arnold, with an order for Arnold to return to his tent.

From his tent Arnold was forced to passively witness Gates' defensive strategy as it determined the course of the struggle. By the end of the day neither side had gained or lost any ground. Arnold was contemptuous of Gates for not having won a decisive victory.

In a report on the battle which Gates sent to Congress, Gates praised a number of battalions and regiments for their contributions to the conflict but failed to mention any of the units serving under Benedict Arnold. Arnold, who believed that his men had fought as well as, if not better than, the rest of the army, was infuriated by Gates' oversight. Arnold went storming into Gates' tent to express his outrage at Gates' unfair treatment of Arnold's men. Gates,

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offended by Arnold's disrespectful and abusive verbal attack, responded in kind. For several minutes the two generals hurled obscene epithets at each other. At the end of the shouting match, Gates removed Arnold from command of all troops.

After Gates stripped Arnold of his command, Arnold planned to go south and fight alongside George Washington. But when Arnold announced his plans to leave to the officers who had served under him, they tried to dissuade him from going. They told him that the rank-and-file soldiers in the northern army felt a "great uneasiness" when they heard about Arnold's plan to leave. A petition urging Arnold to remain was signed by a majority of the officers in the northern army. They wanted the aggressive Benedict Arnold to be around when British General Burgoyne would strike again. In response to the support he was getting from his men, Arnold lingered with the northern army. He defied Gates by assembling his former troops in order to present a cash award to one of his men for distinguished action. Infuriated by this rebellious display, Gates came strutting out on the parade ground and rudely interrupted Arnold's little ceremony. Gates informed Arnold that he had no authority to make awards.

Arnold's continued presence with the northern army was an aggravation to Gates. Arnold was still occupying his tent when Burgoyne again attacked the Americans near Saratoga on October seventh. During the early part of the fighting, Arnold, frustrated by having no men to command, remained miserably at his tent, which was near Gates' headquarters. Thirsting for glory that was passing him by, Arnold paced to and fro in front of the tent, muttering curses. When he sensed that the battle was reaching a climax that would soon determine the victor, he called for his horse and said that no man was going to keep him out of this fight. He then mounted his horse and galloped off to the thick of the struggle.

As in the first battle, Gates saw his disobedient subordinate heading toward the battlefield. Gates sent a courier after Arnold to order him back to his tent - but the courier soon lost sight of Arnold, who was obscured in the mass of contending men.

When the men he had commanded saw their old leader in their midst waving his sword in the air, they let out a mighty cheer. "God bless you, boys," Arnold called back to them. As his men rallied around his uplifted sword, Arnold shouted to them, "Now come on, boys. If the day is long enough, we'll have them all in hell before night!" One of Arnold's men later remarked, "We followed him to conquest or death." Arnold led them to vulnerable points in the enemy line, and then to other sections of the battlefield that needed attention. To his soldiers he appeared to be oblivious to the hail of bullets.

Whenever one of Arnold's assaults was repelled, he charged again with increased ferocity, eventually sweeping everything before him. Beholding his ceaseless, frenzied activity, some of his men wondered whether he was possibly drunk or mad.

One of the British generals, an unusually ally aggressive officer with a fierce temperament much like Arnold's, repulsed Arnold's charges. Arnold took care of the bold British general by giving permission to an American sharpshooter to pick off the troublesome and conspicuous Englishman,

who was leading a counterattack when he was struck down.

The most stubborn fighters in the British army were the German mercenaries, whom Arnold could not at first dislodge from the center of the British line. The German general, aptly called "Butcher" Breyman, shot and killed four of his men who started to retreat when Arnold attacked them. A fifth German, whom the general was about to shoot, shot and killed his general. Without their unyielding and merciless general, the Germans crumbled under a second assault led by Arnold.

During this charge on the Germans, Arnold's horse was shot from under him. Arnold was then shot in his leg by a wounded young German. When an American came rushing at the German with a bayonet, Arnold called out, "Don't hurt him; he did but his duty; he is a fine fellow." Arnold's call came just in time to spare the young German's life.

The shot which penetrated Arnold's leg was among the last fired that day. When darkness fell the entire British army was in retreat.

With two poles and an army blanket, Arnold's men made a litter on which to carry their wounded general to the hospital tent. As Arnold was being borne from the field, the courier conveying Gates' order for Arnold to keep out of the battle finally appeared and delivered his message.

Burgoyne's army was rendered useless by the relentless pounding it received from Arnold in this second battle of Saratoga. Trying to retreat several days later, the British were headed off by Gates. On October 17, Burgoyne surrendered to Gates. Burgoyne's army was disbanded and sent back to England, on condition that none of its members would ever fight against America again.

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Gates' only act at the second battle of Saratoga had been to position his men on the field before the battle. Thereafter he stayed at his tent, which was over a mile away from the fighting. It was Arnold who directed the combat where it was occurring. Nevertheless, as commander, Gates received most of the credit for the great victory. Only those who were best informed

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about the battle knew that it had been won mainly by the valor of Benedict Arnold. General John Burgoyne, the British Commander, was probably the best qualified person to decide who was most responsible for his defeat. In his report on the battle to his commander-in-chief Burgoyne wrote: "It was Arnold's doing."

Throughout the American colonies Arnold, as well as Gates, was a hero. Amid all the praise Arnold received for his performance at Saratoga, no one mentioned the fact that he had accomplished his magnificent exploits in defiance and disobedience of orders he had received from his superior officer. In disobeying Gates, Arnold had undermined the foundation of military discipline. If the battle had been lost by the Americans, Arnold most certainly would have been court-martialed. Instead, he was basking in adulation. Even George Washington, who did not tolerate the slightest disobedience by men serving under him, praised Arnold for his deeds at Saratoga.

A year and a half after the battles of Saratoga, Arnold would desert his fellow Americans and join the British. This time he would be disloyal, not to Gates, but to Washington and the entire cause of the American revolutionaries.

Part II - Next Month

Sir Knight C. Clark Julius is Past Commander of York-Gethsemane Commandory No. 21 of York, PA, and a holder of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. He resides at 20 Carlisle Road, York, PA 17404.

Full-Form Order of Malta Performed In Massachusetts By Boston Commandery No. 2 of Boston

On February 21, Boston Commandery No. 2 conferred the Order of Malta in full form on a class of seven candidates, including Aleppo's First Ceremonial Master John W. Riggs III and Noble Richard D. Bokavich. Five Past Potentates and Recorder Harvy J. Waugh participated in the conferral of this rarely performed Order. Some believe the Masonic Knights of Malta are directly descended from the Medieval order formed during the Crusades.



In the picture above are, left to right: kneeling: Richard D. Roquemoire, Richard W. Esancy, Mark W. Shaw, Robert G. Wilson IV, Commander, Harvey J. Waugh, and Robert W. Canfield; sitting: Russell P. Mead, Edward H. Wheeler, David L. Esancy, Donald D. Stewart, and Robert N. Krusell; and standing: Robert G. Wilson III, Herbert Johnson, William A. Reid, William P. Kyle, Salvatore P. Russo, J. Anthony Mick, Donald D. Stewart, Jr., Andrew W. Polluck, Robert S. Phillips, Frederick W. Shaw, and James Roberts.

KTEF Supports National Eye Care Project

by Sir Knight Herbert B. Sledd
Honorary Past Grand Master
and Trustee of the Knights
Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Following a presentation to the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., at a special meeting held August 11, 1995, in St. Louis, Missouri, the Trustees present unanimously voted "that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation explore the possibility of participating in the program as outlined by the National Eye Care Project of the American Academy of Ophthalmology." All members of the Board of Trustees were present at that meeting with the exception of Sir Knights Crofts, Grump, Dull, and Thornley.

The presentation was made by Dr. Robert D. Reinecke, an original member of our Scientific Advisory Committee, and Dr. B. Thomas Hutchinson, who has served as the Chair of the National Eye Care Project since its inception in 1986. The NECP, sponsored by the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and state ophthalmological societies, provides eye care at no out-of-pocket cost to U.S. citizens and legal residents sixty-five years of age and older. Eligible persons can call 1-800-222 - EYES, 8 am. to 4 p.m. Pacific Time (11 am. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time) for information and referral to the nearest of more than 7,500 volunteer ophthalmologists, who provide medical eye examination and follow-up care in 9,300 participating offices.

As requested by the Board of Trustees, the officers and legal representatives of KTEF and NECP met in Chicago on August 31, 1995, and drafted a memorandum of understanding concerning the mutual support and operations of the project.

A copy of that memorandum was then circulated to each of the eighteen trustees with a mail ballot and thirteen of the fourteen trustees who replied approved the Foundation's participation in this project.

Since the National Eye Care Project was launched in 1986, more than 461,000 of the nation's elderly have received information about eye disease and its treatment, and nearly 200,000 people have been referred to volunteer Academy members for evaluation, and more than 126,660 persons have received timely, quality medical or surgical eye care. The volunteer Academy members providing the eye care have accepted as payment in full whatever insurance coverage, if any, the patient may have. Through December 1995 aggregate funding of \$5,180,000.00 has been provided by Academy members and contributions to the Academy's Foundation.

With the financial support to be provided by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, it is projected that by 1999 an additional 451,000 elderly Americans will require and receive information and medical and surgical eye care through the NECP. All operational portions of the project will continue to be furnished and maintained by the Academy and its Foundation, and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will contribute periodic financial support in the total amount of \$2,250,000.00 from January 1, 1996, through December 31, 2001, provided, however, that the KTEF may withdraw its support at any time the project does not meet expectations by giving six months written notice prior to the next scheduled payment. It is anticipated that with this opportunity to help in meeting the needs of the elderly, our continued research grant support benefiting our youth, and our continued case support payments we will further enhance our charitable effort to bring all of our people from "darkness to light."

Sir Knight Herbert D. Sledd is an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, a trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and a Past Grand Commander of Kentucky. He resides at 6326 Colby Road, Winchester, KY 40391-9801

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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending April 5, 1996. The total amount contributed to date is \$546,388.95.

Alabama	\$62,641.36
Arizona	2,885.50
Arkansas	13554.87
California	16,885.11
Colorado	11,826.70
Connecticut	8,318.00
Delaware	510.00
District of Columbia	2,981.00
Florida	11,770.34
Georgia	37,885.00
Idaho	2,492.92
Illinois	10,065.10
Indiana	7,730.31
Iowa	12,116.91
Kansas	6,050.00
Kentucky	8,365.55
Louisiana	5,869.60
Maine	4,744.83
Maryland	6,261.00
Mass./R I	13,594.50
Michigan	17,996.47
Minnesota	2,215.00
Mississippi	3,615.00
Missouri	6,665.75
Montana	5,754.00
Nebraska	1,697.00

Nevada	5,581.00
New Hampshire	2,329.91
New Jersey	6,166.60
New Mexico	2,720.34
New York	6,590.30
North Carolina	7,779.00
North Dakota	270.00
Ohio	14,468.60
Oklahoma	2,245.00
Oregon	14,325.25
Pennsylvania	54,554.50
South Carolina	10,435.57
South Dakota	3,821.50
Tennessee	22,584.36
Texas	13928.17
Utah	9,656.70
Vermont	1,460.00
Virginia	17,292.48
Washington	6,696.57
West Virginia	5,013.00
Wisconsin	12,349.00
Wyoming	2,235.00
Hilo No. 3, Hawaii	30.00
Alaska No. 1	100.00
Porto Rico No. 1	1,230.00
Anchorage No. 2	280.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico	128.00
Kodiak U.D., Alaska	100.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	605.00
Harry J. Miller No. 5, Germany	50.00
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Miscellaneous	35,171.28

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An Eye Foundation Recipient Responds...

Today the patch was removed from my eye, and I can see, thanks to the Knights Templar' My first cataract surgery was in January. What a joy it was then to be able to look at the alarm clock and see the time without having to tumble trying to locate the dock, bring it to my face in order to see it. That was a first in my life, and it was just one of the joys. The ability to be able to read again without having to bring things close was a wonderful experience. Things were getting so bad that I would have had to let go of my part time job working for the health clinic in their outreach to the migrant workers in Georgia. And now that both eyes are done, I look forward to being able to see in the distance again, being able to read the road signs far ahead, and being able to recognize friends again.

The gift of sight is wonderful! Thank you so much for making this possible for me - making it possible for me to spend many more years of my life dedicated to helping others. Most of my life has been working as a missionary among the poor both here in the U.S. and in other countries.

Please find enclosed a donation to be added to your fund for the Eye Foundation, and I hope that my name and address will go on your mailing list each year so that I will be able to join thousands of you wonderful Knights in helping in a small way to establish a fund for someone else.

I wish to also say that Mr. Walter Walker, the Knight who interviewed me here in Macon, was a wonderful example of Knighthood. He impressed me very much with his Christian kindness and interest. Again, thanks millions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation!

Charles T. Meisner
Macon, Georgia

History of the Grand Encampment

Selections From The Appendixes

Appendix I

Circular Letter of the Templar History Committee, 1857 (continued)

To elucidate the mystery which hangs over our order since the death of DeMolay, to investigate the claims of these and other (if there be any?) branches of our common family to legitimacy, to unite them, if possible, as of yore, under one common head, and to ascertain the real connection between Freemasonry and Templarism, at which time it occurred, and whether it should be continued are the great objects we have in view in recommending such a work.

No correct history of our order, subsequent to the martyrdom of DeMolay, has ever been written. Such a work, besides being a great desideratum to the literary and Masonic world would probably be the means of accomplishing the following highly desirable objects:

1st. It would dispel the obscurity which envelops the second and most interesting period of our order. It would enable each Templar to give reason for the Faith that is within him; and would convince the uninitiated of the truth of our claim to antiquity; for we should then have what we have long needed: facts supported by dates. In a word, it would show in what manner the order has been transmitted to modern times.

2nd. It would probably be the means of uniting under one Common Head, as in the days of our prosperity, the Templars of every land and of every rite. It is a well known fact, that in almost every Masonic rite, there is a degree in which the candidate is constituted a Knight Templar; and this degree is usually at or near the summit of the rite. Then we would as in olden time, form one mighty Brotherhood, under the auspices of one Grand Master for the World, united by the sacred tie of love and common creed, for the purpose of

recovering, not Palestine from the infidel but the world from the EVIL ONE. Then might we hope to accomplish the holy object of our warfare: TO BENEFIT THE HUMAN RACE BY PROPAGATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF TRUTH.

3rd. It would perhaps be the means of inducing the Freemasons of the lower degrees to unite in the practice of one uniform rite. Masonry is unfortunately, as you are doubtless aware, divided into different rites or systems, as the religion of the blessed Jesus into various sects; but with this marked difference, however, that, while a Christian can be a member of one church, a Master Mason of one rite is not only acknowledged as such everywhere, but he may be, and indeed often is, a member of two or more rites. We hold that Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees and no more: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.

How did Masonic Rites originate?

Though the design of Ancient Craft Masonry and its modes of recognition are the same in every country, yet having no central governing power to control the order and to preserve uniformity in our rituals, as soon as men begun to study scientifically our symbolism, there being no scientific treatises on Masonry, they would naturally, from their peculiar habits of thought, differ concerning the interpretation to be given to certain Emblems and Traditions. During the last century, the obligation not to divulge the secrets of Freemasonry was construed more strictly than it now is in this enlightened age. Many things which are now in print would then only have been communicated within the tyled precincts of the Lodge. The learned Mason of the last century, to instruct his brethren in his peculiar views concerning the true interpretation of the

symbols of the three degrees, would compose degrees; the learned Mason of today, for the same purpose, writes books. Several of these degrees combined together constitute a rite. Everything beyond the Royal Arch, which undoubtedly is the completion of the third degree, should therefore be regarded as extraneous. The Royal Arch Mason, or he who has found that which was lost, is alone the true Master Mason; for at this state only is his education completed. The superior degrees, being explanatory of the three inferior degrees and the Royal Arch, are merely superstructure reared thereon. A rite, therefore, philosophically considered, is merely the peculiar system of Lectures adopted by the Masons of a country. If this be the true theory of the origin of the numerous rites now in existence, let us unite the Templars, who are the head of each rite, and it will be an easy matter to unite the brethren of the Inferior Grades, not under one Grand Master, (we doubt whether this would be desirable), but into one rite or system of Masonry. Then would brethren from every clime be able to visit our Temples, and to participate in our Mysteries, in all the degrees, without being first formally healed.

Are you willing to assist in this great and glorious undertaking? U so, you will favor us with your views on this subject. We are not wedded to any particular plan. We merely desire that the great object shall be accomplished in the best possible manner. We shall be happy to receive suggestions from all; and shall endeavor, in our report, to give them due weight.

We think, however, that to produce a correct history of our order, it will be absolutely necessary that the materials should be obtained in Europe, and under the auspices of the Grand Encampment of the United States. No individual, however wealthy he might be, could accomplish this work alone and unaided; because he could not, as a private individual, enjoy such free access to the manuscript records of the old Encampments, as he would if acting officially. We therefore propose, should such a course meet with the approbation of the majority of the Commanderies, that the Grand Encampment of the United States, at its next triennial session, should select some

learned Sir Knight and send him to Europe for two or three years, to visit England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Portugal, Italy, Germany and Sweden, to examine the manuscript records of the old Encampments and to ransack the immense libraries which, in many places, have been accumulating for ages, in order to obtain proper materials for compiling a history of our order subsequent to the death of DeMolay. In addition to the actual traveling expenses of the Brother employed to accomplish this work, we must defray the cost of purchasing occasionally rare works, and of obtaining copies and translations of manuscripts and engravings; and we should bear in mind that one employed to leave his home and occupation for such a purpose, and for so long a time, should be amply compensated for his personal services. It is estimated that there are 4,710 affiliated Templars under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Let each one of these subscribe two dollars per annum for two years, and the mighty work can be accomplished. Will your Commandery consent to make such an appropriation? If not, what amount will you contribute towards the accomplishment of such a work? Your subscription for the first year may be transmitted to the Very Eminent and Hon. Benjamin B. French, of Washington, D.C., Grand Recorder, at any time previous to the next triennial session of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, which will occur on the second Tuesday in September, 1859. Should a sufficient amount be subscribed at that time to warrant the undertaking of such a work, the G. Encampment may, should they think proper to select a competent person to perform it, make suitable arrangement for safe-keeping and judicious expenditure of the funds collected; and the distribution of the work, when published, among the subscribers to it. But it is absolutely necessary that we should learn the views of each State Grand and Subordinate Commandery before we can prepare any report whatever on this highly important subject. We trust, therefore, that we shall hear from each of you as soon as practicable.

A Masonic Salute to Panama and Its Flag

by Sir Knight James A. Marples, 32^o
Imperial Essayist, Mystic Shrine of North America

For many years, Masonic Light has shown brightly in Panama. The degrees of Symbolic Masonry have been worked there as have the York Rite and Scottish Rite Masonic degrees.

And as early as 1911; Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights who sought membership in the Mystic Shrine and who hailed from other Temples formed their own Shrine club. In 1913, the Shrine's top official, Sir Knight William W. Irwin, the Imperial Potentate, issued a dispensation giving Osman Temple of St. Paul, Minnesota, the high honor and legal right to conduct a Shrine Ceremonial Initiation of candidates in the Canal Zone.

An amusing story tells of how the subject was first brought before the Osman Temple membership for approval: Sir Knight J. Harry Lewis, a Past Potentate of Osman Temple, spearheaded the project. He was a Masonic and Shrine writer of some significance, who even published a national Shrine magazine called *The Crescent*. Lewis, like other Shriners, was a devoted Mason who believed in launching honorable projects with a touch of flair and enthusiasm. Allegedly, he asked for a rising vote to approve the pilgrimage to the Canal Zone. Little did anyone know that, supposedly, Lewis had arranged that the chairs to be electronically wired beforehand, and at the touch of a button, the Osman Temple Divan and the slate of other officers jumped to their feet with such vigor that the remainder of those in attendance followed accordingly. It is important to keep in mind that this lighthearted approach was done to enliven the membership and set a happy tone for the honorable task ahead.

Interestingly, that Ceremonial happened and it was held on the floor of the canal before the water was allowed to flow.

In the following years, Masonic enthusiasm remained at a high pitch, and on June 6, 1918, Abou Saad Temple received its charter; the one and only Shrine Temple in Panama.

Later, the Scottish Rite Supreme Council of the 33^o was established. There were also many energetic York Rite Masons. The region felt the heartbeat of Masonry.

In the year 1977, the United States renegotiated the Panama Canal Treaty, which marked the abolition of the Canal Zone and marked the beginning of the Republic of Panama as a sovereign nation. As Imperial Essayist of the Mystic Shrine of North America, I am happy to report the following:

At the 121st Imperial Council Session held this past July in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Imperial Council representatives approved a resolution to officially recognize the national flag of the Republic of Panama. Importantly, Panama's flag will be used in the Shrine's official protocol and will be flown alongside the flags of Canada, Mexico, and the United States, and at all Shrine parades, functions, and meetings.

Shriners are well-known for the Shrine Pledge: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the country for which it stands, One Nation Under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.

Shriners pledge allegiance to one flag (the flag of their nation), but they SALUTE THE OTHERS FOR THEIR MASONIC AND SHRINE STATURE.

I am pleased to join my fellow Sir Knights who are Shrine Masons in saluting Panama's Flag. "Hand Salute..."

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Masonic Charity and the Choices We Make

by Sir Knight Edward J. Wildblood, Jr., 33°, KYCH

At one time or another we have probably all read an article or story dealing with the "choices" that we are required to make in our lives and the impact that such choices often have on the future of ourselves and others. For many of us the "choice" to get involved with the Masonic Fraternity has changed our lives and opened avenues which we would otherwise never experience.

While recently thumbing through an issue of a local magazine *Vermont Maturity* I noted an article with the not unfamiliar title "Life Is a Bowl of Choices." In reading the article I was surprised to learn that it involved a

couple with whom I had been quite well acquainted: Reverend/Brother Fred Yohe, a former Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and his wife Louise. Brother Yohe passed away in 1991, and it was my sad duty to conduct his Masonic funeral. Regretfully, I must admit that I have had only infrequent contact with his widow since our Brother's death. Fortunately other members of our Fraternity did a better job in fulfilling their Masonic responsibilities, which brings me to the point of this story... But let Maggie Maurice, a talented local writer, tell it in her own words:

Life Is A Bowl Of Choices

by Ms. Maggie Maurice

"The trouble with looking at birds," a naturalist once observed, "is that you miss so much else while you are looking at them."

The same might be said for looking at ferns or rocks, or for choosing to write, or to do housework. To move to Florida in February. Or stay put and train a puppy. You make choices. If you choose one thing, you cannot choose another. In life, loss and gain are part of every choice. You will always miss something.

For most of us, however, the choices come after we accept the hand that has been dealt us.

Then, faced with money worries, health problems, or just the toughness of getting through winter in Vermont, we sometimes feel buffeted by circumstances.

That's where friends come in. Did we ever know the value of someone to talk to more than we do right now?

Let me tell you the story of Louise Yohe of Isle La Motte.

I first met her in 1987 in Isle La Motte, when her husband, the Reverend Clair Frederick Yohe, retired for the second time. They lived almost on the corner of East Shore Road and School Street, next to the

Methodist Church, built in 1884 of stone quarried a mile away.

Before they moved to Vermont, he had served as pastor in many churches in New York State - Highland, East Quog, Port Jefferson, and Stony Brook. He had three assignments in New York City.

Retirement, to the Yohes, meant serving several little parishes in northern Vermont when the minister was sick or on vacation, in all kinds of weather - Louise who often did the driving particularly hated it when the roads were icy - the two went from church to church.

"We filled in at Enosburg Falls, West Enosburg, Milton, and South Hero Congregational Church," she said. "Finally, Fred said, 'Let's retire.'"

Their house was surrounded by Louise's flower gardens, but they both worked on the vegetable garden, which was across the road. What a garden it was! The day I was there, Fred pulled some onions and said, "Take these home and cook them tonight." I did, and made a cream sauce - the best onions I ever tasted - ambrosia from the gods.

"This little true story may not be very dramatic but to me it certainly does dramatize the true nature and spirit of Masonic Charity in Action."

Through the years we kept in touch. Then there was a silence. I read in the paper that Fred Yohe had died November 23, 1991 in Albany Medical Center in New York, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

"Mrs. Yohe, also injured in the accident, will spend more days in the hospital." That's all the write-up said.

I wrote at once. But I didn't hear from her until July 1994.

"I just returned from the garden with some small onions, lettuce, and just forming potatoes," she wrote in her even, Palmer Method handwriting. "It will be enough for a meal. Spring was cold so planting was late. The onions made me think of you."

Her garden had been good for her, she said. "I enjoy seeing things grow, and I keep the broken bones active, so they won't go stiff and useless. The garden is smaller, fifty by thirty feet, but enough for me to freeze, fill my root cellar, and give to kind friends."

In closing this wonderful letter, she wrote, "Broccoli is forming heads now. Come see!"

All summer long, I told myself I'd take an afternoon and drive to Isle la Motte, but I never did. Choices. I made the wrong one. Last June I had a reprieve. Another chance. Louise had continued to stay in her house, she wrote, doing all the jobs that four hands used to do. Her tiger cat died, and she missed him. ("Now I really come home to an empty house.") The garden was doing fine. During the drought, she carried water in her wheelbarrow to keep her seedlings alive. died, and she missed him. ("Now I really come home to an empty house.") The garden was doing fine.

During the drought, she carried water in her wheelbarrow to keep her seedlings alive. "Do come see me," she wrote, but call first so I'll be home!"

With her letter in front of me, I

remembered the long talks Louise, Fred and I had about life, loneliness, and friendship - about reaching out to others. "I don't think a single one of us has any patience or even understanding of other folks when they retire," Fred said, one time. But we never talked about death. I dialed her number.

How does she manage by herself? She laughed. "Not by myself, with friends," she said. "The Freemasons keep an eye on me and stop to do some of Fred's jobs for me. During my first three weeks home from the hospital, my Eastern Star women brought me a hot supper every night and ate with me. Now they still take me to meetings. I have a car but don't drive at night. Fred would be pleased to see how folks watch over me.

"The Isle La Mote Fire Company has me wear a locket now," she said. "If I fall or need help, I push a button, and it calls the firemen or the Alburg Rescue Squad. Another Mason comes in once a month to put forty pounds of salt in my water softener. They saw me on a step ladder cleaning out my gutters. I got scolded. They do it now.

"I like to be independent, and live here, so they keep an eye on me," she said, in January. "Last week I had my 85th birthday."

Would it be like that if you still lived in Highland Park, I wondered.

"Everyone down there thought we were crazy - retiring to Isle La Motte - but this is the only house we ever owned. Years ago the (Methodist) District sold it to us at a low price, because the roof was falling in. We fixed it up ourselves," she answered, thinking about the question. "Besides, city life was getting pretty rugged; people barely knew their neighbors. We were glad to come up to this area, right on the border of Canada Here I know the whole village."

What will happen to our friendship? This time, the choice had to be made. No more postponing.

"Louise," I said, "I'm coming up to see you next week. Is Wednesday good for you? I'll bring lunch. We'll talk about onion sets."

And we did.

I don't believe that Maggie Maurice has any "Masonic connections," but when I contacted her and asked if she had any objection to my quoting her story for Masonic publication, she said that she would be honored. The Vermont Maturity also said that they had no objection to use of the story.

Since reading this story I checked with one of our Past Grand Masters who was a close friend of the Yohe's and learned that

Louise is now in the Medical Center in Burlington. Ever since Fred Yohe's death his Past Grand Master and his wife have made the long trip from their home to Isle La Motte (about 100 miles) to visit with and check in on Louise on at least a monthly basis.

*This little true story may not be very dramatic, but to me it certainly does dramatize the true nature and spirit of **Masonic Charity In Action.***

Sir Knight Edward J. Wildblood, Jr., 33°, KYCH, and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, is a member of Burlington Commandery No. 2, Burlington, Vermont, and resides at 44 Lamplite Lane, Williston, VT 05495

**A Message from: The East Central Department Commander
Sir Knight Russell P. Livermore**

**RE: the 1996 Knights Templar
East Central Department Golf Classic
Saturday, July 6, 1996—**

Valle Vista Country Club in Greenwood, Indiana

Everyone welcome, including Sir Knights, all York Rite Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, Shriners, Master Masons, and their ladies. Everyone is encouraged to play, including ladies. Individuals are encouraged to register, because prizes will be awarded with a Banker's Handicap and on raw score.

When you send in your reservation, you will receive a map to the Country Club to plan your travel. For overnight reservations two hotels are included on the form, and **you will need to make your own reservation.**

The cost for the day's activities is \$75.00 and includes golf fees, cart, on course refreshments, prizes, and your dinner. Dinner without golf is \$20.00 for those who do not wish to play. **Include this on your entry form.**

For an entry form contact Sir Knights Harry McLaren, (317) 356-6389; Greg Snipes, (317) 773-5208; or Russell Livermore, Jr., (313) 881-0926. Send your reservation ASAP as we are limited to 144 golfers.

Masonic Goals

by Sir Knight Kent W. Gist, P.G.C.

The word "goal" has several meanings. According to Webster's dictionary, it means "an objective, a purpose, an aim, or to score points in a game or contest." In professional, or amateur sports, it is quite simple: Goals mean points, and the object is to score more than the other guy. Those who do not are soon replaced.

In business, the goal is to make a profit. Those who do not are also soon replaced, unless some sort of other subsidy is in evidence. Young people graduating from school may have professional goals or objectives, that may or may not be realized. Those who do not graduate from school also may have goals, but unfortunately, there seem to be many who never see the opportunities or enjoy the dream.

Without a goal or objective life would be dreary indeed. Everybody should have some reason to get out of bed in the morning, and look forward to a day of satisfaction and hope of accomplishment. I well remember my father telling me one time that he would farm as long as he were able. "I have seen too many of my friends quit, move to town, and die in a year or two," he said. Dad enjoyed planting the crops and watching the baby calves and pigs grow, and he looked forward to the harvest. It was his life, and he wanted no other.

Masonic goals can be many and varied, and hopefully subject to growth and change. The first, of course, is to petition a Lodge, and hope for a favorable ballot. Having passed this obstacle, the next is to receive the degrees and pass the required proficiency. For some this can be a formidable challenge, and far too many give up without a struggle. Somehow, there has been a failure to successfully communicate the pathway or the goal. In these cases, it is always incumbent upon us to re-examine our methods of presentation and the spirit in

which we do it, but we must always realize that there are those who may not be either ready or able to respond to our own enthusiasm.

After accomplishing proficiency in the three degrees, most of us are again at a point of either setting new goals, or considering that we have accomplished all we set out to do and so will merely pay our dues from then on. We may show up for special occasions and enjoy a few meals with our Brothers, but the door to further vistas is either closed or ignored. Even though for many of us we are at a point of beginning, many also are content to be dues paying members of the Craft, with no further ambitions - a most unfortunate circumstance.

The next set of goals may be to occupy various offices in the Lodge, with the goal of providing leadership or of participating in the day-to-day activities of the Lodge. Others may have as an objective the receiving of the degrees in the York Rite or the Scottish Rite, either for learning the valuable truths they continue to teach, or to provide a way to become a member of the Shrine. Here again, many reach their final goal and become complacent in membership.

Those who truly catch the spirit soon learn that the Cryptic Mason degree brings a message of truth when we are informed that each revealment is also a reveilment and that each achievement of a spiritual goal merely opens the gate to another unknown truth yet to be discovered. These Brothers eventually learn what is meant when we conclude that King Solomon's Temple will never be completed in their lifetimes.

In recent times, two Brothers in an Idaho Lodge both achieved the necessary proficiency entitling them to be elected as Master of the Lodge. In a close election, one Brother was elected. The other, apparently feeling rejected, immediately severed all connections with the Fraternity. His only goal apparently

was to be the Master of a Lodge, and he desired instant gratification of that goal. He apparently had not grasped the importance of the admonition that time, patience, and perseverance would accomplish all things.

It is easy for any of us to convey the idea that the receiving of the degrees is the ultimate goal of Freemasonry. We put a lot of time and effort into doing them, and all draw a big sigh of relief upon seeing another Brother in the fold. In truth, it is probably the most critical time in any Masonic career when the third degree proficiency is completed and the new Brother receives his Master Mason's certificate. It is at this time that those of us who have been fortunate enough to have caught a glimpse of the potentiality of the Fraternity need to get really busy and try to give the novice a new goal to pursue.

The true goal of Freemasonry is not to be the Master of the Lodge, or a Shriner, or a 33° or a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, but rather to continually strive to become a better person, to learn to live in harmony with our fellow men, and most important, with ourselves. This is a goal that will never be completely achieved. It is the most important goal we can ever pursue. It is also the most elusive goal we will ever pursue. Just when we think it within our grasp, it will dance out of reach, and dare

us to continue the pursuit.

In sports or games a goal counts as many points, and at the end of the allotted parameters, there is usually a winner and a loser. Next time is a whole new contest, with everybody starting even, at least as to score. In business, there is either a profit or a loss. We either live within our income or suffer the consequences.

In Freemasonry, if we set our goals as the accomplishment of any specific degree, or any specific office, with no plans for further progress, we fail into the province mentioned by my dad when he spoke of his friends giving up their lifelong work, and soon meeting death. Death, of course, may be either physical or spiritual, but the net result is about the same. Spiritual death is just prolonging the agony.

Alexander the Great is said to have died at an early age because he could see no more worlds to conquer. One must conclude that this was a perfect example of a life with a single goal, the accomplishment of a physical objective without a backup plan or new goal in life. Freemasonry provides a proven plan for a well spent life.

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Traveling Gavels

According to Sir Knight H. William Hart, a member of New Mexico's Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee: "When New Mexico Masonic Brethren decide to attend other Lodges, they often have to travel great distances. To encourage large turnouts on these visitations, Traveling Gavels from various Masonic districts are awarded to the Lodge with the greatest number of members in attendance." Seen at a recent "Passing of the Gavels," left to right are: Sir Knight Howard Achilles, W.M. of Estancia Lodge No. 33, Estancia; Sir Knight Jeff T.

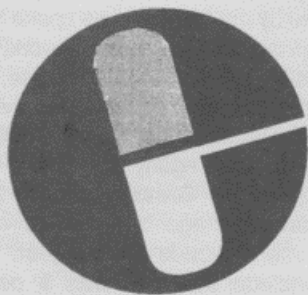
MacCubbin, W.M. of Sandia Mountain Lodge No. 72, Albuquerque; and Brother Bill Lewis, W.M. of Sandoval Lodge No. 76, Rio Rancho.



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A Heaven To Rest My Heart In

by Lee Maloney

My "Book of Life" has memories of precious perennials laced into its delicate pages with the happiest of tears,

For Gods choice was to give me a Heaven to Rest My Heart in whom He called "Mother" - a patient guide for learning years.

Her smiling face turned each day of heartache into blessed examples of courage... rather than I accept its dark defeat.

For how could I fail when I knew her pillow became damp with

"Please" to the "Man Upstairs" from whom she received answers, oh, so sweet!

By daylight's rose-scented clouds or prayers to astro-streak through the stars,
My I-love-you's are carried faithfully on high,

Straight to mother's window seat where she gathers them to forever cherish -knowing we are but apart.. .by mere patch of open sky!

Earned wings have not lessened her concern or patience for
God keeping my best friend from me - whom sorely I do miss,

For she intends to keep her promise to be there waiting
and the first to see me.. "Coming Home"

TO GIVE HER CHILD A KISS!

dedicated to my mother Lily
on May 12, 1996, Mother's Day

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 31, Pennsylvania Receives 100% Life Sponsorship Plaque

James H. Richards II, Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, presents a plaque to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 31 of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, for the Commandery's 100% Sponsorship of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Pictured, left to right, are: Charles L. Klingaman, P.C.; John H. Shickram, P.C.; James H. Richards II, Grand Commander; and Edward W. Moran, E.C., Ivanhoe Commandery No. 31



Freemasons and the Northwest Ordinance

by Sir Knight William J. Ellenberger

Probably the "Ordinance for the government of the territory of the United States northwest of the river Ohio," enacted by the Congress of the Confederation, July 13, 1787, had more influence on our country than any other legislation prior to the Constitution. In 1782 the British government recognized the independence of the United States of America and our boundary with Canada.

The movement of settlers into what became Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin led to conflict with the Indian tribes, often egged on by the British still occupying forts in our territory. As settlers moved into the vast wilderness and started to convert it to productive farms some form of government was essential to provide civil administration and protection from the Indians. President Washington appointed Major General Arthur St. Clair, one of his generals in the War for Independence, governor with broad powers to develop the framework of territorial government. The first law St. Clair and his associates wrote created a militia for self-defense in Indian country. There followed laws creating a court system and in 1792 a requirement that every county build a proper courthouse and other public buildings. Early in 1789 St. Clair renamed a small town on the Ohio River Cincinnati and made it the territorial capital. He named it for the Society of the Cincinnati, formed after the late war by officers of the Continental Line closely associated with General Washington. Arthur St. Clair had a tremendous loyalty to the national administration and three principal executives: President Washington, Secretary of War Henry Knox and Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton, whom he had fought with in the

war. Furthermore, he was President of the Pennsylvania branch of the Society of the Cincinnati. Needless to say his duties as governor kept this devoted administrator extremely busy traveling over the vast territory and solving local problems.

A 1789 treaty with the Indians gave the settlers the right to most of Ohio but several powerful tribes were not party to the treaty. In 1790 the Indians defeated an army sent to clear the Maumee River valley. Therefore, in 1791 Governor St. Clair took to the field with an army of approximately 2,000 men. He was a brave and competent officer as shown by his performance in the late war, but he was not familiar with Indian tactics. In a battle with the Indians they hid behind trees in the heavy forest cover and picked off their opponents. The militia panicked but St. Clair led a bayonet attack by the regulars which temporarily overcame the Indians. Despite this, later in the day St. Clair's troops were outnumbered and surrounded. He fought through the encirclement and led the survivors to safety 30 miles away. He then gave up his military duties and resumed full-time his administrative duties as governor.

President Washington and Secretary Knox decided a full-scale military operation was necessary to free the territory from Indian attacks. The president gave Major General Anthony Wayne command of the army and the task. Wayne had the qualifications to insure success: an outstanding military planner, a strict disciplinarian and past experience in Indian fighting. For three years he trained the army and built forts as a base for operations against the Indians. In 1794 his decisive defeat of the Indians at the Battle of Fallen Timbers (it lasted about 40 minutes

was followed by the Treaty of Greenville whereby the Indian tribes gave up most of Ohio and lands in the vicinity of Chicago, Detroit and Vincennes. The same year (1795) the British agreed to evacuate all their forts in our territory. It could then be said that our independence was finally won and St. Clair could complete his work of laying out counties and townships.

One other war veteran should be mentioned, Brigadier General Rufus Putnam. After the war he headed the Ohio Company of Associates and led them into the territory in 1788 where he founded the first permanent city, Marietta, on the Ohio River. Appointed territorial judge in 1790 (part of St. Clair's court system) and surveyor general of the United States in 1796, he held the latter position for seven years.

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From the foregoing one would expect that Governor St. Clair's success in establishing territorial government should bring him praise and a well-earned retirement. Unfortunately this was not the case. Sectional politics interfered including matters relating to land speculation, something St. Clair eschewed, feeling it improper to use his office to personal advantage. Not so some of the men he appointed to office. Forced retirement came in 1802 following the election of Thomas Jefferson and the defeat of the Federalists. It has been called: "an undignified and unjustified end to a long and

distinguished public career." Returning to his home in western Pennsylvania he lived sixteen years during which time he sought reimbursement for much administrative expense paid for personally with the expectation he would be repaid by the national government. A combination of policy and political revenge refused his request and he eventually died almost penniless having given fourteen years to his gubernatorial duties without thought of his personal affairs. He is largely forgotten in our political history despite the fact that his contribution to civil government was equal to or exceeded his military contribution to our independence.

Who were these three army officers and Freemasons who contributed so much to the Old Northwest"? Arthur St. Clair (1734-1818) was born in Thurso, Scotland, a member of the St. Clair family

Prominent in Scottish Freemasonry. He served in the British army in America under General Wolfe at Quebec. Having married Phoebe Bayard in 1760 he resigned his commission in 1762 and they settled in western Pennsylvania. His wife's wealth would have permitted a life of ease, but his dedication to his adopted country kept him active in public affairs. When war came he joined the Colonials and served with distinction as one of Washington's most effective military commanders, participating in important actions such as the battles of Trenton and Princeton.

He was probably made a Mason in a British military Lodge. In 1791 he was a signer of the request to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to charter Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2 at Cincinnati which he visited frequently. In 1798 the Lodge's anniversary oration was dedicated to him. Following his Masonic burial service the ex-soldiers of Greensburg conducted a service in his honor. The original stone monument over his grave dating from about 1830 became illegible due to weathering. In 1913 Westmoreland Lodge No.

518 in Greensburg erected a granite monument replacement.

Anthony Wayne (1745-1796) was born near Valley Forge, Pennsylvania and learned farming and tanning from his father. At school he excelled in mathematics and teamed surveying which he practiced for a time. In 1766 he married Mary Penrose, daughter of a wealthy Philadelphia merchant. They lived on his father's estate taking over its management when his father died. Elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly he served only a short time until he was appointed colonel in command of a Chester County regiment early in 1776 and spent most of the rest of his life in military service. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1777. Among his most successful military operations were the Battle of Monmouth and the capture of Stony Point on the Hudson. In the former he Attacked the British troops evacuating Philadelphia and moving to New York City. A British Guards unit, one of the best in the British army, counter attacked with a bayonet charge but was repulsed with great loss. General Washington made Wayne the commander of a separate Corps of Light Infantry. He led these troops in a surprise attack on Stony Point in which they overran the garrison in one of the shortest successful military actions in history, the most brilliant in Wayne's career. The climax of his military service came in the Battle of Fallen Timbers.

His mother Lodge has not been identified. He is said to have been a member of Winchester Lodge No. 12, location not identified. In June 1778 he is reported as having given a grand entertainment and banquet to the members of the Masonic Fraternity. The Wayne estate called Waynesboro, near Philadelphia, occupied by the Wayne family for several generations, is now a museum which, together with lectures sponsored by the Chester County Historical Society, keeps the history of the estate and the neighborhood alive.

'These three Brethren served their country in peace and war. They were a credit to their community, their state and our nation. They were welcome in any Masonic bodies where they happened to be sojourning. They set an example that has been followed since their time and should continue to be followed in the future.'

Rufus Putnam (1738-1824) was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, a cousin of Israel Putnam also of Revolutionary War fame. An orphan early in life he was apprenticed to a millwright, good training for his future military engineering work. After service in the Indian Wars of 1757-60, he farmed in New Braintree, Massachusetts. During the Revolutionary War he constructed siege works at Boston, Newport, New York City and at West Point achieving the rank of brigadier general.

He received his degrees in American Union Lodge at West Point, New York in 1779. When this military Lodge brought its altar to Marietta, Ohio, in 1790, and reorganized he became the Junior Warden, later serving as Master seven different times. During a visit to Philadelphia in 1792 he was made a Royal Arch Mason. Back in Marietta he served as High Priest of American Union Chapter 1797-99. In 1808 he was unanimously elected first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio but declined due to his age.

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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 \$500 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.

IN Waco Commandery No. 10, Waco, Texas, has discovered a box of souvenirs given away at the 1920 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas. These give-aways are very well made of metal that has been gold washed. Still in original tissue paper, top shape after 70 years. The pin bar is 1.625 inches wide, Maltese cross suspended by chain and are one inch square with a passion cross in the center. These souvenirs are a fund-raising project: \$20.00 ea. or 2 for \$35, S & H paid. Bob Finley, Recorder; Waco Commandery No. 10; 724 Washington Avenue; Waco; TX 76701-1360; (817) 753-2929; fax: (817) 756-5361.

Needed by Demolay Commandery No. 9, Tiffin, Ohio: large size uniform coat, size 52 and 54 or 56, for degree work. Prefer short uniform coat, but long coat acceptable. Will pay shipping cost if donated; please advise if there is a cost. David A. Martien, 212 Harvest Lane, Tiffin, OH 44883, (419) 447-9838.

at For sale: K.T. Commander's chapeau, size 6/s, and case; leather belt, size 32; shoulder boards; sleeve and collar crosses - all excellent. L. C. Saverda, 33 W. Rosehill, Marshall, MO 65340-3354, (816) 886-5364.

Member of Miami No. 22, Lebanon, Ohio, needs long coat, size 58 or 60, and belt Also, need chapeau, size ^{77/s}. I am on a fixed income, but if anyone has these at a reasonable cost, I would like to buy them. I will pay all shipping costs. John W. Snyder, 9375 Wnthing Lane, Loveland, CW-1 45140-1122, (513) 683-6602.

For sale: C. P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes 44 short, 44 X long, and 46 short. \$23.00

includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad Street, S. W.; Pataskala; OH 43062; (614) 927-7073.

Wanted: Knight Templar magazines from January 1960 to November 1964. Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560-9622.

at I am in possession of a Knight Templar sword bearing the name "Daniel L. Gates." It is in slight disrepair, but if anyone is looking for it, please contact me. H. Morton Talbott, 4310 Lancaster Avenue, Chadeston, WV 25304-2525, (304) 925-2242.

For sale: 30 1/2-inch K.T. scabbard for sword, excellent - \$40; 2-vol. set Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1929, very good - \$95; size 36-inch silver/black cord leather sword belt w/buckle, good - \$55; size 36-inch black leather sword belt, good - \$35. U.P.S. extra. George Odle, P.O. Box 788, Mt. Home, TN 37684-0788, (423) 282-3735, fax 282-4055.

Would like to communicate with anyone having possession or information about Knight Templar or Scottish Rite sword. At the time I saw it I was seven or eight years of age. (I am now 75 years young.) The name on the blade is "E. E. Bartlett" (my grandfather), and it was in a scabbard. Jack E. Bartlett; 16 Cain Street, N.E.; Decatur; AL 35601; (205) 353-4918.

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Baraboo Valley York Rite of Baraboo, Wisconsin, has for sale a very special commemorative an in celebration of its Chapter's 120th anniversary (One side) and its Commandery's 100th anniversary (reverse she). Because they had to order 250 of these coins, they have many to sell. The cost of the coin with shipping is \$10.00 MI profits go to R.A.M. nursing scholarship fund, R. & SM. arteriosclerosis fund, and Holy Land Pilgrimage. Order to Baraboo Valley York Rite, 108 Second Avenue, Baraboo, WI 53913.

For sale: white York Rite cap with six-color embroidery showing Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery emblems. Donation to the 3 York Rite charities. \$10.00 each, plus \$1.00 postage. Robert Hauptert, P.O. Box 433, Farmington, NM 87499.

For sale: Commemorative bronze key chains or coins celebrating the 150th anniversary of Mercer Lodge No. 121, F. & AM., of St. Marys, Ohio. Supply limited, \$3.00 each. Send check or money order to Jonny Lade, Secretary ; 7029 Four Turkey Road; Celina; OH 45822.

Union Lodge No. 38, F. & AM., of Tennessee (chartered 10/6/1821) has 175th anniversary pins for sale. Proceeds benefit the Lodge's annual "Cave Degree. Send \$3.00 per pin, plus \$1.00 shipping, to Thomas Bodudt, WM.; P.O. Box 1030; Kingston; TN 37763.

is For sale: Western Star Lodge No. 37 of Norfolk, Connecticut, has a limited supply of original design 200th anniversary coins for sale-1.875-inch diameter, two ounce 0.999 silver for \$35, and a matching gold-tone bronze for \$8.00 - both postage paid. Check or money order to Western Star Lodge No. 37 and send to Duncan Denny, 549 North Street Norfolk, CT 06058.

Is Limited edition 100th anniversary coin (1893-1993) for Palatine Chapter No. 206, Palatine, Illinois. Limit of 3 coins only per order, while supply lasts - \$5.00 each. Send your order to Secretary Jim Maurais, 1116 East Plate ()*w, Palatine, IL 617, (708) 358-7188.

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Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 23 years, and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. if you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585.

Do you keep a library on Masonic history? Lodge No. 12 at Austin, Texas, has written a book just for you. It contains 460 pages and tells the annals of this great Lodge. The author will autograph your book. Send \$15.50, plus \$5.00 S & H to James M. Baker; Austin Lodge No. 12, A.F. & AM.; P.O. Box 5150; Austin; TX 78763.

For sale: 7 volumes of Mackey's Revised History of Freemasonry by Robert Ingham Clegg, 33rd. 1921, bound and embossed with leather and gold leaf, 8-inch x 11-inch x 1 1/2-inch thick, 2,376 pages. Make offer. Marshall R. Case, 11097 Farrand Road, Montrose, MI 48457, (810)639-6711.

For sale: men's and ladies' watches, personalized with your name, Lodge, Chapter. Stretch band or leather. Imported movement (Seiko); assembled in

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Masonic Stanhopes wanted. These are tiny pictures mounted in be pins, rings, be tacs, pens, letter openers, cuff links, buttons (not pinbacks), etc - any item having a tiny hole containing a micro picture. The picture is about the size of a pinhead and must be held close to the eye to view. I have seen two Masonic ones and need some to display in my collection of 150 different ones. Please describe and give your price. Raymond Kirin; 6981 Seaview Terrace, SW; Seattle; WA 98138-I 755; (206)932-3207; fax (206)938-8304. Also, want Kodak vest pocket camera with Masonic emblem - premium price up to \$1000 for mint condition.

Wanted: Blue Lodge ring: 14K white gold, large blue enamel G surrounds all-seeing eye within compasses and square, trowel and plumb on either side in blue enamel. I lost mine and am looking for same type. Bob Pares P.O. Box 322, Meriden, CT 06450, (203) 269-8316.

Wanted by Odd Fellows/Masonic collector: books and jewels. Looking for book, Ex Corde Locubones: Words from the Heart Spoken of Dead Brethren Le the Grand Conwmander of the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for the South Jurisdiction of the U.S., 1860-1891 by Albert Pike. Send list of books/jewels for sale. Patrick J. Wells, Th.D.;P.O. Box 673;Hefrnitage, TN 37076-0673.

Wanted: books on or about hypnosis. I am a collector and not a seller. Send list of what you have and how much you want for them to Travis Plugger, 750 Warehouse Road, San Angelo, TX 76903.

Looking for info on my g-g-grandfather, Marcum Lott Manning, b. Ca. 1766 in Granville, NC, the son of Moses Manning, a Revolutionary War participant Marcum Loll married Margaret Spaulding, b. 1776 in NC. She was the daughter of Henry Spaulding. Info about either or both families appreciated. James C. Mashburn, 1303 Gardenia Dive, New Braunfels, TX 78130, (210) 625-0819.

Reunion: former crew members of U.S.S. Guadalupe (AO-32), October 10-14, 1996, in San Antonio, Texas. All officers and members of U.S. Navy who served aboard during the time it was in commission (including WWII, Korea, Vietnam) are invited. Tom Camps, 1039 Bayshore Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33919-2605, (941) 481-0447.

Reunion: U.S.S. Kankakee (AO-39), June 13-17, 1996, Boston, Massachusetts. Roy E. Stewart, 523 Mockingbird Drive, Long Beach, MS 39560-3118, (601) 864-3010.

Mother - Like a Flower

A flower garden pearled with dew
Reminds me, Mother dear, of you.
The iris frail portrays your face
In lovely lavender and lace.

The Shasta daisies' starry eyes
Are yours in moments of surprise.
And lilies robed in purest white
Reflect your love both day and night.

In every flower I see a trace
Of your own sweet, God-given grace.
You are a flower of heaven born,
A perfect rose without a thorn.

Ruby R. Walton