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Events-Past And Future

Department Conferences

We have just completed the second year of this triennium. With the end of the second year we have also just completed the second round of Department Conferences. What we have attempted to do, in these Conferences, and have accomplished is a Leadership Training Program that not only included the dais officers of the various Grand Commanderies but all Past Grand Commanders, junior officers, and Sir Knights that have been in attendance. We have, with the assistance of the Grand Encampment officers and Department Commanders, completed two very successful years of getting our officers and members of the Grand Encampment



to participate in discussing the problems that exist in our various jurisdictions. Complete discussions of their various assets and liabilities that are present in the everyday operation of their various jurisdictions have been the key to these successful programs.

This is only the beginning. We are going into the third year of this triennium with a renewed effort in our Leadership Training Program. Starting in September and ending next June, the seven Department Conferences will have an all new theme. Only you Sir Knights; the grand officers, both dais and junior, Past Grand Commanders, and all the Sir Knights of all the jurisdictions; can make this third year the most successful yet. We urge all to attend and take part in this program. Don't be a no-show.

60th Triennial Conclave Of The Grand Encampment
Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight Louie
August 9-13, 1997, At The Adams Mark Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri

Ladies and Sir Knights: In just one short year the 60th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will be held at the base of the Arch, the Gateway to the West, on the St. Louis Riverfront. We have the finest committee working on the arrangements, and this committee has only one duty to fulfill: Make SL Louis one of the finest Triennial Conclaves to date. St. Louis has been the host to two previous Grand Encampment Triennials. The first, the XVII Triennial, September 15-18, 1868, and the second, the XXIII Triennial, September 21-24, 1886. Come to St. Louis, and let the Sir Knights and their ladies from Missouri, the Show Me State, show you our great Missouri hospitality and warmth, and enjoy a great hotel where everything from drills to banquets will all be under one roof.

We are planning at this time if Murphy's Law can be kept at a minimum that this issue and the next issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine will have additional announcements concerning the program book and hotel reservations and registration for the Conclave.

Sir Knights and ladies, now that the summer vacation is well on its way, each of you have a safe and enjoyable vacation and be ready in September to join ranks and support our York Rite and especially our Grand Lodges.

Blair Christy Mayford
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

AUGUST: As the summer months draw to a close and we anticipate the return to vigor of all Commanderies; there is much of Templar and Masonic interest here. Our cover is a celebration of St. Louis and the up-and-coming Triennial Conclave taking place there a year from now. Make your plans soon. There is information here, and of course, there will be more in future issues. On page 5 is an article on the Holy Land Pilgrimage: Now is the time to make plans to send your clergy on this trip. On page 14 is an article on the newly dedicated statue that resides in the Knights Templar Chapel of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. That's just a start. Check it out!

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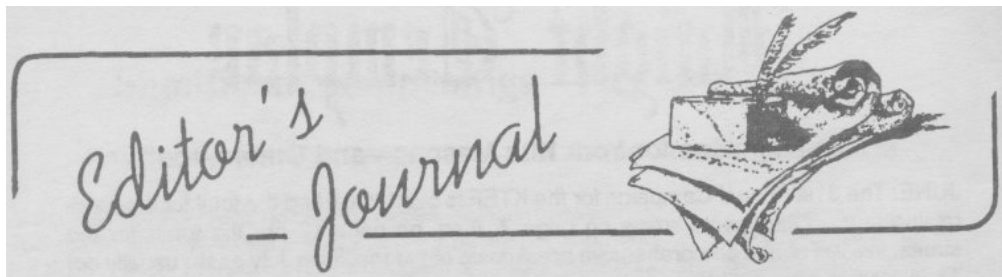
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Attention: all Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 1996; or Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November Issue, Knight Templar magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders on November 1. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 10. If your installation will be in late September or October, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 10. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.

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 red Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past Commanders and grand officers). Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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

Walking Through Biblical History

The following article was taken from a news article by Jackie Brooks, staff writer for the News Journal of Pensacola, Florida. It was edited for use in Knight Templar magazine.

Knights Templar sponsored trip to Holy Land brings "the Bible alive" for Pensacola minister

Mark Roberts is glad his trip to the Holy Land came early in his ministerial career.

"It will strengthen my ministry for the rest of my life," the Cokesbury Methodist Church associate pastor said. "When you see it with your own eyes, it makes it all more personal and real to you. My faith was solid; now it's even more solid."

That's the reaction hoped for by the Knights Templar, the Christian order of the York Rite of Freemasonry, which has sponsored Holy Land pilgrimages for more than 850 ministers in the last nineteen years.

"In Bethlehem, we went to the Church of the Nativity built above a cave thought to be the birthplace of Jesus. It was a very sobering experience to be in Bethlehem and then to go to Calvary and realize all the sacrifice and pain Jesus went through to be born and live and die as a man. Those two places are a very profound experience."

Mark Roberts

Roberts is the first minister from Pensacola to participate in the program.

"The whole trip was filled with intensely moving and historically interesting sights," Roberts said of his February 6-16 trip to Israel. "We visited Bethlehem, Calvary, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Sea of Galilee - all the places whose names are so familiar from the Bible.

"Seeing it for yourself puts flesh on the bones of your faith," he said. "And it brings the Bible alive."

Roberts traveled with a group of forty-eight ministers from all over the country. Another group made the trip later, the first time the Knights Templar were able to send two groups in one year.

Several times in the past, the local Commandery has contributed money to help sponsor the national program, according to local program coordinator Joe Secrest.

"This year we received permission to raise money locally and select our own minister for the pilgrimage," he said.

"When we announced the selection of Mark Roberts, raising money was much easier than it had been in the past. It took us no time to get the \$2,000 for his trip because people were more willing to give for someone they knew. We hope to be able to send one or more each year from our area."

Hundreds of slides and photographs help Roberts explain the trip to others, but the images in vivid without visual his own mind are reminders.

"We toured the Galilee and sat on the mountain where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. We went to the Mount of Transfiguration and swam in the Dead Sea, which is so salty you can't sink," he said.

For all the volatility of Israel's years of existence and the clashes between Israelis and Arabs, the military presence keeps crime rate low, Roberts said, with only about fifty murders a year among a population of 5 1/2 million people.

As the birthplace of Judaism and Christianity, the Holy Land is a magnet to Christians and Jews everywhere and should be experienced by everyone, Roberts said.

An enriching experience for anyone, a journey through the Holy Land is a wonderful foundation for those who serve in the ministry.

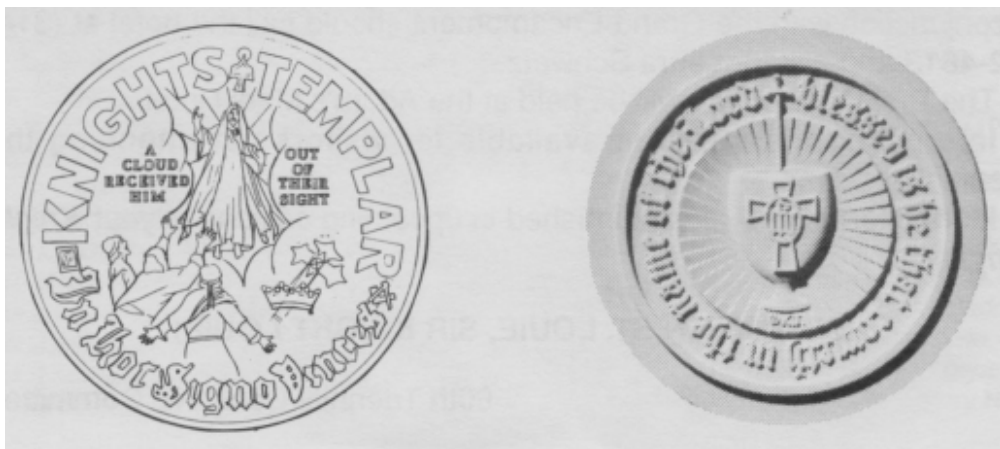
"This is really a great program," Roberts said. "I'll always appreciate it, and I will be able to share the experience with others throughout my ministry. The Knights Templar program is a ministry to ministers, many of whom would not be able to make such a trip on their own, especially early in their careers."

The 4th Holy Land Pilgrimage Medallion

The 4th Holy Land Pilgrimage Medallion is now available. It is a beautiful antique bronze medallion depicting the ascension of Christ, a scene that is familiar to every Knight Templar. Only three hundred of these medallions have been struck, so you will want to get your keepsake NOW before they are all gone. The cost is \$40.00 each, and

\$18.00 of this money will be returned to the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund In your grand Jurisdiction. Both sides of the medallion are pictured below.

To purchase one of these beautiful medallions and at the same time contribute to the Holy Land Pilgrimage in your state, please write to: P. Fred Lesley, P.O. Box 498, Battle Creek, MI 49016



Albuquerque, New Mexico, York Rite Bodies Support Youth

Thanks to all the Sir Knights and Companions of Albuquerque's York Rite Bodies, Kit Carson Chapter No. 447, Albuquerque National Sojourners, Inc., can send two additional students to Freedom and Leadership Youth Conference conducted annually by Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Seen presenting the airline tickets to two of the recipients (from left to right) are: H.P. Dr. Steven J. Lambert, P.M.,

Rio Grande Chapter No. 4; I.M. Karl W. Asendorf, Hiram Council No. 1; E.C. Dick R. Watkins, Pilgrim Commandery No. 3; Miss Abigail (Abby) L. Schairer, P.W. Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Miss Jennifer Marie Donavan, member of Albuquerque Assembly No. 20, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; and Sir Knight Robert W. Zarn, Southwest Area Representative of National Sojourners, Inc.



60th Triennial of the Grand Encampment
Knights Templar of the U.S.A.
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Below is information for all constituent Commanderies and Grand Commanderies to enable them to place ads in the Program for the 60th Triennial Conclave.

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These prices are for ads that are **camera-ready**. A surcharge will apply for any ads that are not submitted as such. **All ads must be submitted no later than May 15, 1997.**

Sincerely,

Vern H. Schneider, C.E.O. and General Chairman

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A Forgotten Mason

by Sir Knight Wilfrid A. Grose, P.G.O

This particular Mason was a soldier, lawyer, surveyor, legislator, businessman, and an explorer. All that he was and all that he accomplished merited very little recognition during his lifetime.

On one of the four quadrants of our city's public square, there stands a monument to this Mason who was here for only a short time, yet the ironic situation is that Cleveland, Ohio, is one of the few cities named after an historic figure who actually had a significant connection with the city.

His statue stands surrounded by tall buildings and a church which, if history is to be believed, the man himself would not have thought would ever exist as it does today, nor that it would be named after him.

Harvey Rice, a nineteenth-century historian, wrote: "The pose of the statue is not only graceful and manly, but indicates a high degree of physical energy combined with intelligence."

Sadly, this proud figure of a man is only visited by the city's pigeons and vagrants for most people simply pass by without a glance.

Few people know about the man or the statue which was once cut in half because many, at the time it was cast, thought the statue portrayed a man much taller than he really was in life. No one knows for sure his actual height or for a fact what he looked like since very few drawings or true illustrations are available.

All that is known about the man is what a few of his loyal acquaintances wrote in their journals. Amzi Atwater, a fellow surveyor who accompanied Moses Cleaveland and later became a judge in this portion of the Northwest Territory, noted that Cleaveland was a "short thickset man

of broad face, dark complexion, very coarse features, slovenly dress and very vulgar in his conversation and manners."

John Milton Holley, another member of the surveying crew, wrote: "His complexion was so swarthy, his figure so square and stout, his dress so rude, that the Indians thought some of the blood of their race had seeped into his veins."

His resemblance to the Indians was a common theme among those who knew him. It was said that his surveyors, who had accompanied him, would jokingly call him "Paque," the name of an Indian chief they had encountered.

It was Moses Cleaveland's resemblance to the Indians combined with his knowledge of the Mohawk and Seneca languages that aided him in his negotiating with Red Jacket, Brant, Farmers Brother, Little Billy, and Green Grass Hopper, all members of the Six Nations, a confederation of American Indians, i.e. the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscaroras Indians.

As a side note, forget the often told story you may have heard or learned in school that claims the spelling of our city's name was the result of an editor of the *Cleveland Gazette* lacking an "a" in his type case.

The spelling of Cleaveland's name, like so many words at that time, was unsettled. Moses Cleaveland himself sometimes spelled his name "Cleveland," as did some of his relatives. (President Grover Cleveland was a descendant of Moses Cleaveland.)

Moses Cleaveland held an Army commission during the Revolution and was known as "General" Cleaveland. He served with George Washington at Valley Forge. His military exploits, however, left much to be desired. He was appointed a captain in the companies of sappers and miners in the continental Army in August of 1779. He later

resigned and returned to his law practice in Connecticut.

He was made a brigadier general, but it was in the Connecticut militia, and this was a political appointment owing to his service in the state legislature. The appointment was

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made in 1796 after the war and before he left for Ohio.

After the Revolutionary War, in 1786 Congress requested the state of Connecticut to relinquish its claim to lands in the Northwest Territory. The Connecticut Legislature agreed only on condition it could retain its rights to 3,000,000 acres as per its original Colonial Charter of 1630. 500,000 acres were reserved as retribution to be distributed to those families burned out of their homes and property by the British during the war.

This reserved land later came to be called the Western Reserve and was the beginning of the Connecticut Land Company.

Moses Cleaveland was a Yale educated lawyer, a Connecticut "Yankee" businessman prominent in his hometown of Canterbury. His "Yankee" skills and an investment of 32,600 dollars in the Connecticut Land Company would be his historic beginning of note.

Moses Cleaveland was not a true explorer, but due to his age (42) was selected to lead a surveying party of fifty people to the Western Reserve of the Northwest Territory.

It is of interest to note that the Connecticut Land Company paid the huge sum of 1.2 million dollars for the right to develop the Western Reserve. Lorenzo Carter, one of the first tenacious settlers, thought the Connecticut Land Company price of \$25.00 per acre was too high.

Moses Cleaveland and his party of men, women, and children traveled sixty-eight days from Dover across New York State to Conneaut, Pennsylvania, named "Port Independence" by Moses Cleaveland because the date was July 4, 1796. The men fired their muskets and celebrated.

Seth Pease, one of the surveyors, located an original marker bearing the inscription: "42 degrees north latitude seven minutes thirty-two seconds west Pennsylvania."

It was from this point the surveying party traveled an Indian trail towards their destination, the "Crooked River." They kept Lake Erie in view as they made their way west. Part of the trail they took was later to become known to us as route 20.

Upon arriving at the lake, they put their boats into the water and followed the shore to the mouth of the Cuyahoga River, where they found the ground to be marshy and soft. Moses Cleaveland climbed a bluff to get away from, as he wrote, the "gnats and ever present mosquitoes and observed that wild game was plentiful," and this would be the site of his city in the Western Reserve.

General Moses Cleaveland and his party arrived at the Cuyahoga River, July 22, 1796. After only a few months he returned to Canterbury, Connecticut, and never again came back to Ohio.

Among those who had come with Moses Cleaveland were James Kingsbury, his wife, and three children. They were the parents of the first white child born in the Western Reserve. They moved from the river settlement to near the area of Newburgh.

Moses Cleaveland was born January 29, 1754, the second son of Colonel Aaron and Thankful Paine Cleaveland. Moses married Esther Champion, daughter of Henry Champion of Calchester, Connecticut, on March 2, 1794. Moses and Esther were the parents of four children.

Moses Cleaveland was made a Master Mason in American Union Lodge, a military Lodge, in September 1779, while the Army was stationed in what was known as the Hudson Highlands.

Later he affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge in Litchfield, Connecticut, in 1781. In 1791 he was named Worshipful Master of Moriah Lodge, the first Lodge to be chartered by the new Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

As Deputy for the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, he instituted Putnam Lodge at Pomfret, Connecticut, in 1801. He also served his Grand Lodge as Grand Marshal. Moses Cleaveland died November 16, 1806, and is buried in Canterbury, Connecticut.

A memorial was erected near his grave November 16, 1906, by the Cleveland (Ohio) Chamber of Commerce, which is inscribed "a lawyer, a soldier, a legislator and a leader of men."

In 1896 a prominent citizen of Cleveland represented Moses Cleaveland in the city's centennial celebration. In 1996 the city of Cleveland will celebrate its 200th birthday and Moses Cleaveland is all but forgotten.

The Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio, has many of Moses Cleaveland's papers and some of his business correspondence relating to the Western Reserve.

Source of Information:

Western Reserve Historical Society,
Cleveland, Ohio Cleveland Public Library,
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The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History by
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The Western Reserve by Halan Hatcher

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One-Day York Rite Festival In Roswell, New Mexico

New Mexico's first one-day festival has been held in Roswell. The class are pictured. They are: 1st row: Isaac Hustey, Johnnie L. Evans, Jeff Dobbs, Gary Gairiter, and Roy Conn; 2nd row: Gilbert Salaga, E. M. Teaney, Bill Joe Shaw, and Fred Emrich; 3rd row: Milton H. Read, Arthur A. Gorrell, Jr., Clerence O. Brady, and Steven Kokora; 4th row: Robert Sonnamaker, John Scott Ellis, and Weldon T. Hawk. Phillip R. Maxey, Ellis, and Weldon T. Hawk. Not pictured is Phillip R. Maxey.



According to Sir Knight Brian T. Miller, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Commandery of New Mexico, ritual teams were from Roswell, Clovis, and Albuquerque, and many traveled one hundred to three hundred miles to ensure that the candidates received the very best degrees and orders possible. There was a short-form Cold Sands and initiation into Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple, where six new Nobles were created.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Illustrious Master, Robert Hauptert, and the then Grand Commander Kermit Schauer and many of the grand officers were in attendance.

Connecticut's Washington Commandery No. 1 Announces 200th Anniversary

Grand Master Blair C. Mayford to be Guest

Another historic milestone in Templary is now underway with the first observance of a 200th anniversary by any Commandery of Knights Templar in the U.S. To commemorate this occasion, Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, Connecticut, has announced plans for a weekend gala to be held October 25-27, 1996, at which our Most Eminent Grand Master Blair C. Mayford of the Grand Encampment and his Lady Dorella will be honored guests. In addition to the Grand Encampment, grand jurisdictions of the Northeastern Department, Connecticut's Grand Commandery, and sister Commanderies; invitations have also been distributed across the rest of the Masonic family, including the York and Scottish Rites. A full representation of Fratres is to be expected to be on hand to make this event truly memorable.

A wide variety of Templar and social activities are being arranged for everyone's enjoyment. Beginning Friday, October 25, Sir Knights from Washington Commandery will be dispatched to welcome dignitaries and visitors traveling from afar. On Saturday there will be various day trips to popular attractions around Connecticut, a display of historical Commandery items, hospitality galore, and of course commemorative souvenirs. Saturday evening will feature a formal banquet and dancing to a live orchestra. Sunday morning features a divine worship and rededication service before a farewell breakfast.

That this event is of historical significance to us all as Templars may be an understatement. According to Sir Knight William Miller, Eminent Commander:

"Whether or not Washington Commandery can claim without dispute to be the oldest Commandery in the U.S. and consequently the root of Templary in America is a subject best left to historians. Our Commandery history as well as that of early Templars of the U.S. actually dates back to July 1796 when three sojourning Knights Templar from three Commanderies opened an encampment in Colchester, CT. Existence and longevity of these other Commanderies are sketchy, but Washington was the first to receive a charter in this country, said document coming not from the Grand Encampment in England but from Lord Rancilffe of Ireland, Supreme Grand Master of a Grand Conclave of Knights Templar in London. We were also the first to observe a centennial, so it stands to reason that we're the first to celebrate a bicentennial. Either way, 200 years is a pretty long time for any organization to exist. And if Washington Commandery is not one of the roots of Templary in the U.S., we're pretty close to the base of that tree! We are proud of our history and welcome any Sir Knight to participate in our celebration. For reservation information, feel free to write our Recorder, Sir Knight Charles B. Fowler, 35 Elaine Mary Drive, Windsor, CT 06095."



Grand Master Visits Knights Templar Chapel

Several days before Easter, Grand Master Mayford visited the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Virginia. In the photo of that visit, shown left to right, are Bob McMarlin, P.G.C., Chapel Committee Chairman; Kay Smith; Donald H. Smith, M.E.P.G.M and Grand Prelate; Karla Neumann, Charles R. Neumann, Grand Recorder; Dorella Mayford; and Grand Master Blair C. Mayford.



Scottish Rite Leaders Install New Jersey Commandery



On February 12, 1996, the asylum of Trinity Commandery No. 17 of Plainfield, New Jersey, was crowded to see Sir Knight Eugenio Melendez installed as Eminent Commander. The installing team consisted of the following members of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.: Ill. Thurman C. Pace, Jr., 33^o, active Grand Commander; Ill. Donald D. Miller, 330, active - Grand Marshal; Ill. Raymond W. Hammell, 33^o, active emeritus - Grand Prelate;

and Ill. Raymond B. Perry, 33^o, active emeritus - Grand Warder.

This was the first time in New Jersey's history that a Commandery had its officers installed by the four top leaders of the Scottish Rite.

Sir Knight Pace, a Past Department Commander, is the Scottish Rite Deputy for New Jersey and a member of Trinity Commandery, along with Sir Knights Hammell and Perry. Sir Knight Miller has served Helena Corrnandery No. 3 of Palmyra as its Commander three times.

Pictured at the installation ceremony in the front row are Sir Knights: M.W. Leopold L. Otway, Past Grand Master of Masons; Thurman C. Pace, Jr.; Eugenio Melendez, Commander; William Schoene, Jr., Grand Commander. In the back row are Sir Knights: Raymond Hammell; Donald Miller; Steven Lutz, Ill. Grand Master; James Mason, Grand High Priest; and Raymond Perry.

A Knight Astride A Charger

by Sir Knight John C. Werner II, P.D.C., KCT

As you browse among the displays and artifacts of the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, you might notice a recently acquired, magnificent statue of a knight on horseback, cast in bronze and weighing a couple of hundred pounds. Often there is a human interest story behind each artifact, and this is not less so regarding this item.

By viewing it at a glance and not reading the original inscription plate which is located on the table on which the statue stands, you will not know that the statue was presented by the Grand Encampment in 1880 to Past Grand Master James Herron Hopkins of Washington, Pennsylvania, for his outstanding service to the Grand Encampment. He was our 19th Grand Master having served in 1874. There is no known history or documentation of Past Grand Master Hopkins' special accomplishments.

It is presumed the statue remained with Grand Master Hopkins from the time of its presentation until the time of his death in 1904. From 1904 to 1946 the statue dropped out of sight and its whereabouts remained a mystery until August 20, 1946, when the grandchildren of Most Eminent Past Grand Master Hopkins made a presentation of the statue to Brightwood Commandery in Washington, D.C. No one knows why Brightwood Commandery was chosen to receive the statue. Was there a

connection by a member of his family to this Commandery? It is a known fact, that the family wished to have the statue preserved.

With the consolidation of Commanderies in the District of Columbia, Brightwood Commandery was integrated into Potomac Commandery, and the statue did not have the original meaning for the newer Sir Knights because they did not know what Commandery was the owner.



The statue was finally placed in the Grand Recorder's Office of the Grand Commandery of Washington, D.C. in the former Masonic Temple at 13th and New York Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C. Over a period of time it became very badly tarnished making it difficult to read the attached, original plate. It remained there until the Grand Lodge was forced to sell the Masonic Temple and the building had to be vacated.

The day before the Masonic Temple was to be turned over to the new owners, I (John C. Werner II of Potomac Commandery) made a trip to the Temple on New York Avenue and went through the asylum and the offices to make sure all artifacts were removed. I found the statue of the knight on horseback sitting on the floor by itself, unassuming, tarnished and



looking a bit forlorn. It seemed to be an object not desired by anyone. Two workmen with a hand truck were asked to load it into my car. It was then taken to my home in Fairfax, Virginia, where I stored it for safekeeping until a permanent home could be found.

Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr., when he was Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment visited me at my home where the statue was shown to him. Sir Knight Thornley was enthusiastic about the future of the statue and asked me to continue storing it until he became Grand Master when he would decide how best to utilize this piece of artwork. After Sir Knight Thornley became Grand Master, he and I took the statue to a firm to have the statue restored. The work took nearly a year. The transformation was unbelievable. Sir Knight Thornley stated that the twenty-five ancient Grand Masters' names should be engraved on the end plates of the statue and the modern Grand Masters' names would be placed on separate front and back plates with the front plate to be removable so that future Grand Masters' names can be added.

Grand Master Blair Christy Mayford dedicated this beautiful statue at the Easter luncheon at the Hotel Washington, April 6, 1996.

As you view this artistic statue, perhaps you can furnish the information on its missing years between 1904 to 1946. It may be a challenge, but Masonic history is important. I hope you will enjoy this almost forgotten artwork. If anyone has information on this statue, please send the information to Sir Knight John C. Werner II, R.E.P.D.C., K.C.T., 8907 Southwick Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22031-3236.

Sir Knight John C. Werner II is a Past Department Commander of the Northeastern Department of the Grand Encampment. He is a member of Potomac Commandery No. 3, Washington, DC. For correspondence: 8907 Southwick Street, Fairfax, VA 22031-3236

History of The Grand Encampment

Selections From The Appendixes

Appendix II

The Story of the Beaumont Diploma (continued)

The same publication shows that Lodge No. 40 was represented at twenty-six meetings of the Grand Lodge between December 25, 1783, and December 27, 1788, inclusive.

"In the list of Lodges at the end of this volume is found -

No. 40 - St. Andrew's Lodge, Charleston, South Carolina. Granted July 12, 1783; surrendered and renewed May 25, 1787. Surrendered September 24, 1787. Joined the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.'

"At the meeting of September 9, 1783, -

'A letter from Bro. George Carter, Master of Lodge No. 40, of Charleston, South Carolina, addressed to the R. W. Grand Master, was read, informing that he had received the warrant sent him by this Grand Lodge, by the hands of Bro. Weyman, as also one other letter to Bro. Joseph Howell, with a power appointing him, and Bro. Michael Jennings, proxies in behalf of Lodge No. 40, which was admitted.'

"To still further establish the authenticity of the diploma," says Grand Master Dean, "I wrote Sir Knight Jennison that the best service you can render is to prove the authenticity of the signers of the diploma,' also, inquiry should be made whether the records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania show to whom charter No. 40 was given.' I also, myself, wrote to Sir Knight Charles E. Meyer, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Sir Knight Jennison sent me an original communication

of which the following is a copy:

C. KERRISON, JR.,
REGISTER MESNE CONVEYANCE,
CHARLESTON COUNTY. 'E. L. JENNISON,
Esq.

'Dear Sir and Brother - In reply to yours of 13th, I beg leave to state that none of the parties named in same appear on the books of this office but one, viz., Wm. Nesbit. Several transactions of his are recorded between the years 1779 and 1784. I write this officially, as you may so desire.

Very respectfully,

'C. KERRISON, JR., *Register M. C*

'Sir Knight Charles E. Meyer replied to my inquiry as follows:

Pardon my seeming neglect or delay in answering your letters. I have been trying to get you some information about Lodge No. 40. A warrant was directed to be issued on July 12, 1783, by Wm. Adcock, G.M.; Alex Rutherford, D.G.M.; Thomas Proctor, S.G.W.; George Ord, J.G.W., for Lodge No. 40, of which George Carter was to be the first Master, Thomas Pashley, Senior Warden, William Nesbit, Junior Warden.

The Lodge has no name, but was number forty on our list, and was located at Charleston, S.C. I have searched the records and find no further record except in the book of warrants as above. There are no papers, applications, or lists of members' names. I do not think they ever returned any names.'

"It will be noticed," says Grand Master Dean, "that it is 'St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1' in the body of the diploma, and its date is '1 day of August' and 'Lodge No. 40' is on the seal, and that the warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was authorized on

the 12th of July previous. The word 'August' and '3,' and the figure '7' in the date are in a different handwriting (probably that of the Recorder) from the body of the diploma, showing that the diploma was one of a number prepared in advance, and that it was merely filled out and the seal attached afterwards. The evidence of the authenticity of the diploma would seem to be conclusive, and therefore it proves what is contained in it, that the Lodge was held 'under charter from the Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America,' and that it conferred the degrees and orders of Knighthood mentioned in it. It shows, using the language of Bro. Pike, 'that there is much yet to be found out in regard to the Masonry in the old days, in this country as well as in England.'

"I now come to the curious story of the finding of the original seal of South Carolina Encampment No. 1, which appears to have been the original seal of 'Lodge No. 40,' the date and the circumstances of which are unknown.

"My researches in the Grand Secretary's office in Massachusetts brought me information that Sir Knight A. G. Haley, of Salmon Falls, New Hampshire, had such a seal in his possession. He gave it to me to be disposed of according to my discretion, saying that he bought it of the cook of a schooner in Dover, New Hampshire. He bought it in the Massachusetts centennial year for one dollar. The cook said that he had, a little time before, thrown it up out of the ground while banking up the earth around his house in Bath, Maine. He also said it was valuable because it was pirate money. On being told that pirates did not make their own money, but stole other people's money, and that it probably was connected with the Knights Templar, he did not think it was worth much, and parted with it. It is of silver, of which seals were made at the time of its date.

"But this is not all. The industry of Sir Knight Jennison appears to have been still

further rewarded. In consequence of information derived from Sir Knight Calvin Fay, of Atlanta, Georgia, he corresponds with Bro. Sidney Hayden, the author of 'Washington and his Masonic compeers,' the result of which was the following letter, throwing a flood of light upon the Grand Lodge for the Southern District of North America:

SAYRE, PA., May 1, 1883

'E. S. JENNISON, Eso.

'Dear Sir and Brother: - I received last week your letter of April 25, also your pamphlet relating to S. C. Commandery No. 1.

'We knew nothing of Masonry in Florida (if any ever existed there), till after Florida became a British province in 1763, at the close of the old French war. It then became known as the *Southern District* of the British possessions in America, and was divided by the English Government into *two* provinces, called East and West Florida, over each of which an English Colonial Governor was appointed, with their respective capitals at St. Augustine and Pensacola.

James Grant was made Governor of East Florida, and in 1768 he received a charter from the *Grand Lodge of Scotland* to establish a Lodge in St. Augustine. Its registry number in Scotland was 143. The same year (1768), he was also appointed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland as Provincial Grand Master of the *Southern District of North America*, which embraced East and West Florida. Soon after his appointment (in 1770 I think) he established a Lodge in West Florida, at Pensacola. This was called St. Andrew's Lodge, of West Florida. I know of no other Lodges which he established in his district.

In Memoriam



Virgil Vern Viers

Colorado

Grand Commander-1968

Born May 19, 1911

Died May 12, 1996

Kenneth Wendell Gray, Jr.

Connecticut

Grand Commander-1988

Born January 14, 1942

Died June 5, 1996

Grand Commander's Club

- No. 100,501-in honor of Neilse B. Ratliff (GA)
- No. 100,502-in honor of Gordon L. Hamrick (GA)
- No. 100,503-4n honor of Joseph D. Westbrook (GA)
- No. 100,504-in honor of Donald J. Sprenkle (GA)
- No. 100,505-4n honor of Edward W. Hartley (GA)
- No. 100,506-4n honor of William J. Bird (GA)
- No. 100,507-in honor of C. Bradley Baker (GA)
- No. 100,508-Philip Craig (TN)
- No. 100,509-Paul E. Crowell (IN)
- No. 100,510-Harley R. DeShane (NY)
- No. 100,511-in honor of Emmett Johns (GA)
- No. 100,512-Lillard E. Payne (LA)
- No. 100,513-Reverend James W. Roberts (IN)
- No. 100,514-Clayton A. Wolfe, Jr. (LA)
- No. 100,515-4n honor of William Boyd Crowder (TN) by Chevalier No. 21, TN
- No. 100,516-Kenneth F. Weeks (MA/RI)
- No. 100,517-Jack O. Crooke (VA)
- No. 100,518-Luther A. Hill, Sr. (TN)
- No. 100,519-Jim and Alma Heap (IN)
- No. 100,520-William T. Hargrove (VA)

Grand Master's Club

- No. 2,626-to honor Robert E. Newnam (CO)
- No. 2,627-to honor Gerald L. Heagney (CO)
- No. 2,628-Carl H. Losse (WI)
- No. 2,629-Bobby J. Townsend (GA)
- No. 2,630-Ballard Wolfe (TN)
- No. 2631-in memory of Farley Clayton Lane by Kingsport No. 33 (TN)
- No. 2632-in memory of Willie Clyde Roller by Kingsport No. 33 (TN)
- No. 2,633-Reverend James W. Roberts (IN)
- No. 2,634-Michael Bennett (FL)
- No. 2,635-in memory of Ernest Edwards by Chevalier Commandery No. 21 (TN)
- No. 2,636-Walter A. Stacy (NH)
- No. 2,637-in memory of Lindsay Michelle Cooper by J. M. Cooper (IN)
- No. 2,638-Robert W. Prewitt (OH)
- No. 2,639-Morgan A. Hartman (NE)
- No. 2,640-Robert L. Switzer (MO)
- No. 2,641-in memory of Lady Barbara Siron by Glenn A. Siron (WA)
- No. 2,642-Jimmie Don Hester (TN)
- No. 2,643-James F. Northrup (WA)

How to Join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; P.O. Box 579; Springfield; IL 62705, (217) 523-3838

Grand Master's Club And Grand Commander's Club Pins

For all who became members of the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's clubs after July 1, 1992, new pins will be issued at no charge to the recipients. If you became a member of either club prior to that date and would like a pin for yourself, send a \$10.00 donation to the Eye Foundation in Springfield and you will receive one.

Life Sponsorship Pins Available

This very attractive pin in the shape of a shield is available for a donation of \$7.00 each or \$5.00 each in lots of twenty. Show your Commandery members that you are a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by ordering yours today. Pins are available to any Knight Templar who already has purchased a Life Sponsorship or who intends to do so. Contact: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; P.O. Box 579; Springfield; IL 62705; (217) 523-3838

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Rawlins, WY

Largest Wills Received

In May

Estate of Louise B. Ray
District of Columbia
\$40,887.10

Estate of Margaret Ryan Sampson
Nevada
\$35,000.00

In June

Estate of Leon B. Mead
Ohio
\$231,747.15

An Eye Foundation Recipient Responds...

Thank you so much for your generous help in securing the treatment which was needed to preserve my sight. When Dr. Millsap informed me that laser treatment would be required to prevent bleeding in my eyes that could lead to blindness, I did not know how we could ever be able to afford the expense. Now, because of your Foundation, the treatment has been successfully performed on both eyes. After the treatment, there has been minimal loss of peripheral vision, but the threat of blindness has been avoided.

Also I would like to thank Dr. Henry Smith and his staff for the courteous manner in which they accommodated me in making application for this assistance. All of you who have made it possible for me to keep the valuable gift of sight have my sincere thanks. I will always be grateful for your caring enough to have made this possible.

Paula Smith
Owensboro, Kentucky

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Awards Grants In California

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has awarded a grant of \$20,000 for "Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Inhibition" to J. Timothy Stout, M.D., Ph.D., at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

The presentation was made by Sir Knight William Chant, Grand Commander of California. In the picture, right to left, are: Sir Knight Chant, Dr. Stout, and Sir Knight O. Reed Bollin, Past Grand Commander of California



The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has awarded a grant of \$20,000 for the "Role of the Rotinoblastoma Susceptibility Gene in Retinal Photoreceptor Cell Differentiation" to Kathryn A. Rich, Ph.D., at Doheny Eye Institute in Los Angeles.

The presentation was made by Sir Knight William Chant, Grand Commander of California. In the picture, right to left, are: Sir Knight Chant, Dr. Rich, and Sir Knight O. Reed Bollin, Past Grand Commander of California.

Grand Commandery Of Kansas Provides Color Guard For Memorial Day Parade

An annual event is the Junction City Memorial Day Parade, and the Sir Knights of Kansas have provided the color guard for the last several years. In the picture the Sir Knights are seen as they march to the Veterans' Memorial, Junction City, Kansas. (Photo courtesy of Debris Bodine.)



On the Masonic Newsfront...

Packer Commandery No. 23 Hosts PA Sir Knights at Ascension Service

Packer Commandery No. 23 of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, who revived their traditional Ascension Day Service in St. Mark's Church, Jim Thorpe, stand before the huge stone reredos in the church, in memory of its founder Asa Packer. Front row, left to right, are: Fred Biederman, Albrightsville, aide to the Grand Commander; Norman H. Wolbach, Grand Sentinel; The Reverend Canon Kenneth S. Umbehocker, rector of St. Mark-St. John parish and a Past Grand Commander of the North Dakota Knights Templar; Wallace H. Berger, Jr., Lehighton, Commander of Packer Commandery No. 23; William S. Adams, Albrightsville, trustee of the Grand Commandery; and Gene C. Bower, Douglasville, Division Commander, No. 9. They are surrounded by other Sir Knights and Past Commanders from throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.



50-year Gold Award to Sir Knight Thomas F. Pollock of California



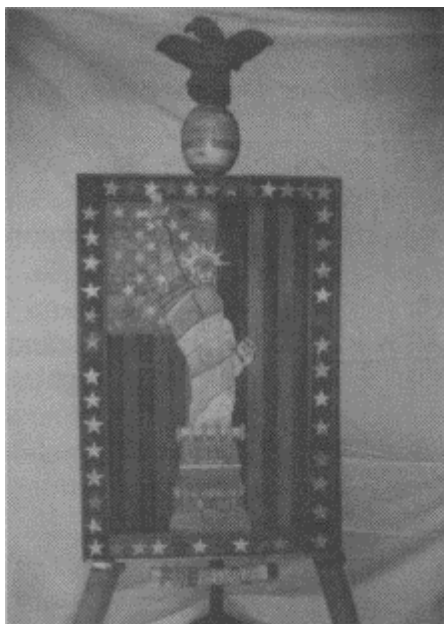
Sir Knight William Chant, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California, presented the 50-year Gold Award to Sir Knight Thomas F Pollock, P.C., during his official visit to Foothill Commandery No. 63 at Monrovia. Sir Knight Pollock was introduced as a 50-year member at the foot of the lines and later escorted to the East by Sir Knight O. Reed Bollin, P.G.C. of California and Treasurer of Foothill Commandery.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy after thirty-one years of service as a naval aviator, Sir Knight Tom demitted to Foothill where he served in some office for twenty-seven years including that of Commander in 1974. He is currently serving as Recorder.

In the picture, left to right, are: Sir Knights William Chant, G.C.; Thomas F. Pollock, P.C., E.R.; O. Reed Bollin, P.G.C., Treas. (Photo by Sir Knight C. Ned Richter, P.G.C.)

Ohio Sir Knight Donald Luneke's Finished Work

Sir Knight Donald Luneke, Reed Commandery No. 6, Dayton, Ohio, sent a picture of his finished wood project, a project he started in 1993. His idea was to gather wood from all the states to build the American flag with the Statue of Liberty in front of it. As you can see by the picture, the finished artwork is remarkable. Sir Knight Luneke reports that it is 1¹/₂-inches by 24-inches by 36-inches and has over 350 pieces of wood in it. The stars starting left top and going clockwise are from states in the order they joined the Union. The globe has thirty-one pieces of state wood and the 9-inch eagle is of walnut. (No state has walnut.) The Statue of Liberty is made of excess wood from the states. Sir Knight Luneke says he received wood from seven Past Grand Masters, seventeen Past Grand Commanders and ten Master Masons from across the states. He wishes to thank all for their support in this endeavor



Columbus Day Parades In Connecticut

For the past three years the Grand Commandery of Connecticut has participated in the Columbus Day Parade in Now Haven, Connecticut. Not only have they participated in them, but they have been awarded a first place trophy for fraternal groups.

Sir Knight Richard A. Eppler, P.C. of New Haven Commandery No. 2, writes: "Bringing together Sir Knights from all over the state helps to show the world that Knight Templary is alive and well and usually solicits inquiries from some of the people along the parade routes. This gives us the opportunity to tell them that we are a part of the Masonic family, and it may help us to increase our membership."

Mother/Daughter Memberships in the Masonic Family



All Masonic orders are proud of "family" memberships and take pleasure in recognizing them. The ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant are no exception, and they feel that their mother/daughter memberships are very special indeed. One such group was in attendance in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the evening of the official visit of the Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Howard L. McClure. The three generations of the Goodloe family; mother, daughter and great granddaughter, are pictured at left. They are:

the mother, (Mrs. J. Carter) Nancy S. Goodloe, charter President of Las Cruces Assembly No. 149; her daughter, (Mrs. Harry R.) Nancy G. Osborn, formerly Mrs. Victor L. Gallivan, S.W.P., 1989, charter Marshal of Las Cruces and charter President of Santa Fe No. 174 (now extinct); and her great granddaughter, (Mrs. Leslie W.) Margaret G. Baldock, also of Las Cruces No. 149.

In Florida, S.O.O.B. Works for Greater Recognition

The ladies of Florida continue their efforts to gain recognition for the Social Order of the Beauceant. Pictured, left to right, are Mrs. Richard Young, PP., Tampa No. 208; Mrs. Paul Case, P.S.W.P., Reading No. 117/Tampa No. 208; Mrs. Fred Piasedd, Ocala No. 249; Mrs. Russell Byars, Orlando No. 256; and Mrs. Keith Dean, P.S.W.P., Tampa No. 208, during their presentation of a paper entitled "Some of Our Business" to the DeLand York Rite Bodies. This paper, which is a history of the Beaucoant, was also presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Lodge of Research by Mrs. Dean.



Commander Newell Barker Carries Olympic Torch Through Pawnee, Oklahoma



The York Rite was represented in the Olympic Torch Relay as it went through Oklahoma on its route to Atlanta, Georgia As a "Community Hero," Sir Knight Newell Barker of Pawhuska, Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 26, Bartlesville, carried the torch through downtown Pawnee.

"Community Hero" torch bearers were selected on four basic criteria: outstanding volunteer-work; community leadership, role model, or mentor, acts of generosity or kindness; and extraordinary feats or accomplishments, locally or nationally.

Sir Knight Newell is past president of nine civic and charity-oriented fraternal organizations. He was

also active in initiating a fund-raiser to purchase "Jaws of Life" emergency equipment for the Pawhuska Fire Department. Other accomplishments: consistent Red Cross blood donor; recognized downing achiever in regional, national, and international activities; "Red Nose Award" recipient from International Shrine Clowns for volunteer efforts; crippled children sponsor in Shrine hospitals; and volunteer to entertain at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, churches, etc. As a participant, he represented over 20,000 downs in the United States.

Installation of Everett Assembly No. 242, S.O.O.B., Washington

At the beginning of the year, Everett Assembly No. 242 held its 24th Annual Installation of officers at the Maryville Masonic hall.

In the picture are all the installed officers, as well as Mrs. John Dorcy, third from left, front row, who is also a charter member.

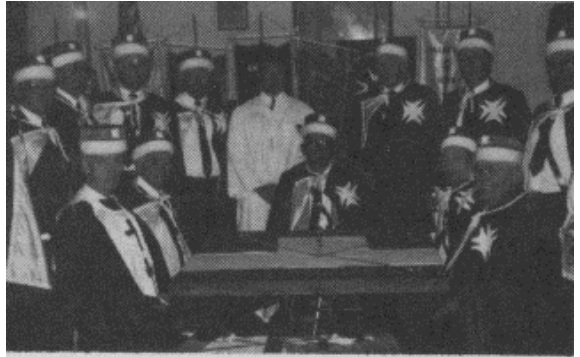


Malta Commandery No. 24, Virginia Confers Commandery Orders on Thirty-Four

On May 18, Malta Commandery No. 24 of Onancock, on the eastern shore of Virginia, conferred the Commandery Orders in full form and in costume on a class of thirty-four. Most of the candidates were from Chincoteague, and the majority of them were sponsored by Sir Knight Ira C. Hudson, E.P.C. Sir Knight Hudson "coached" many of the candidates through their Blue Lodge degree work and was able to inspire their interest in the principals of the York Rite of Freemasonry. The picture below shows the new Sir Knights, and the pictures under it are of the degree teams.



Pictured at right is the Malta Degree team. They are, left to right: sitting: Fred E. Lewis, Chaplain, Eminent Grand Junior Warden; Thomas N. Richardson; Aden L. Hundley, Prior; Clifton W. Taylor; and F. Burleigh Killmon, Jr., Marshal; and standing: Dixie J. Grinnalds; Carroll L. Thames; William T. Hargrove, District Deputy Grand Commander, 9th District; Burleigh Tatum, Past Grand High Priest; Jerry Martin Wimbrow (exemplar); James E. Smith, Commander; Robert M. Killmon; and E. Gerald Coulbourne.



Pictured at left is the Red Cross Degree team. They are, left to right: first row: William T. Hargrove, District Deputy Grand Commander, 9th District; E. Gerald Coulbourne, Zerubbabel; Douglass Cole Charnock, Jr. (exemplar); Thomas N. Richardson; James E. Smith, Commander; second row: F. Burleigh Killmon, Jr., High Priest; Carroll L. Thames; Paul Evans, Sovereign Master; Burleigh Tatum, Past Grand High Priest; Clifton W. Taylor; and Burnie L. Marshall.

Knights Templar Jackets
From The Grand Commandery Of New Hampshire
To Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation
And Holy Land Pilgrimage

Proud to be a Templar? What a nice way to show it by wearing a black coach's jacket that boasts of the Knights Templar. On the left breast is the red and gold cross and crown and "Knights Templar" written above it in gold. You will be helping Templar charities at the same time as you proclaim your pride. The cost is \$30.00, including shipping (priority mail). \$5.00 from each jacket goes to Knights Templar charities. To order, send \$30.00, your return address, and size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) to Charles J. Kennedy, 203G Raymond Road, Deerfield, NH 03037



New Hampshire York Rite And Freemason Belts
Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation

York Rite and Freemason belts from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire are still available. They have a good supply on hand and will be glad to ship you one or more upon receipt of your order. They are made of a finely woven black or blue ribbon, sewn onto a web belt of matching color. They come with a brass buckle to round out the package, and they look just great. The York Rite belt has the names of the three bodies and "York Rite" with the three emblems mixed in and repeated several times around the length, which is a standard

51-inches long and can be cut to fit. The Freemason belt is blue with several working tools and the name "Freemason" repeated several times. It, also, has a brass buckle. The colors of the designs are pleasing gold, silver, red, and brown. The cost is still \$12.00, postpaid, U.S. funds, and quantities can be shipped. Also, extra long can be supplied if needed. The Grand Commandery wishes to thank all those who bought these fine belts and thus assisted them in contributing over \$9,000 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, as well as monies for RARA and CMMRF. Also, MSA and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial received contributions. Send order to: Frederick H. Heuss, P.G.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue; Rochester; NH 03867-2034



Tiger Claws United by the Keystone

by Sir Knight James A Marples, 32°

Imperial Essayist Mystic Shrine of North America



Every Knight Templar is familiar with the design of the keystone which constitutes the uppermost part of an Arch, which is aptly described in full detail in the degree work of Royal Arch Masonry. As its name implies, it is the "key" stone which is placed in the center to act as a wedge that locks the others together. With that result, it creates a sturdy Arch.

However, do you know where the Keystone is located on the Shrine Emblem? Many people would say that they only remember seeing a scimitar, crescent, and a star. Those are the components of the Shrine emblem, but where is the Keystone found? It is found in the crescent.

The two co-founders of the Shrine in North America were Sir Knight William J. Florence, a member of Pittsburgh Commandery in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Sir Knight Walter M. Fleming, a Past Commander of Columbian Commandery in New York, New York.

Sir Knight "Billy" Florence was an actor who toured the world. While he was in Marseilles, France, he was invited to witness "a ceremony of an unusually elaborate character." He was invited to this by an official who knew that Sir Knight Florence was a Mason who had attained the Royal Arch. Florence carried the ritual into North America and conferred with his good friend and fellow Sir Knight Walter Fleming. Florence and Fleming had agreed that Masonic Unity was essential and decreed that all Shriners must have taken one (or both) Rites to be eligible for Shrine membership ... being either a Knight Templar in York Rite and/or a Prince of the Royal Secret in Scottish Rite. Although the Shrine has an Islamic theme, it holds consistently to beliefs that are in harmony with anyone, regardless of whether they are

Christian, Jew, or Muslim.

This is vividly clear with the Shrine emblem, which is officially described in early texts as:

The Scimitar suspended above the Crescent;

The Crescent is formed by two Tiger Claws united by the Keystone;

On the Keystone is a Sphinx head; from which the Star of Bethlehem is displayed beneath.

Sometimes the emblem is hastily and carelessly constructed by various modern sign, emblem, and logo manufacturers - but the KEYSTONE *is there!* It may be hidden or obscured by the Sphinx head.

With that understood, it is easy to see that the Crescent, in that context, is further representative of a variation of an ARCH. The two Tiger Claws are the sides of the arch, and the Keystone (this time, a subtle reference to Royal Arch Masonry and the other Masonic prerequisites) is what holds everything together.

If you see someone who cannot point to the KEYSTONE ON THE SHRINE EMBLEM, please take the time to inform him. Even if that person is wearing a fez, he may not be as knowledgeable as you, especially if that Noble has not experienced all aspects of the York Rite. By striking up conversation, you can inform someone who might just join us.

Just like the "key" stone, you may be the "key" person who has the "key" opportunity to explain the significance of Masonic emblems.

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What Do Masons Do?

by Sir Knight Charles H. Horn

What do Masons do?" I am sure that many of us have been asked this question.

We explain the Shrine hospitals, the charities of the York and Scottish Rites, and if we're Minnesota Masons, the Home and Cancer Hospital; but these aren't the answers which our questioners want. They want to know what happens in and around the Masonic trenches - our Blue Lodges.

The answer, of course, is that we try to help and care for other Masons and their families, even if they are personally unknown to us. It is laid out in the third section of the Entered Apprentice lecture.

But since that is a rather philosophical answer, let me give you a practical one. Most of such stories are written from the point of view of the recipient. This, forgive me, is from that of the giver.

The year 1977 started very badly for my family. My wife died early that year, and I, nearly fifty, found myself practicing law, raising two children in their early teens, and keeping house with the sole assistance of a once-a-week cleaning lady.

Although I had regularly attended my Lodge in the past, I now tried to make every communication, stated or special, that I could because I found that the Lodge was the only place where I could be with other people and not feel uneasy.

It was at a stated that autumn that gruff George, who was active with the Masonic Service Board, made an announcement. The teenage daughter of a Pennsylvania Mason had been stricken with leukemia and was coming to the University of Minnesota for a bone marrow transplant. A family member would donate the marrow but more was needed. Several days would elapse before the transplanted marrow "kicked in" and began to produce platelets and these were essential to check internal bleeding. The Pennsylvania Masons were asking the Minnesota Masons for donors. Gruff George warned that it would be a lot different from donating blood at the blood bank.

I volunteered, and when I was tested, I was found to be a compatible donor. I was directed to get to bed early, eat a hearty breakfast, and be at the hospital at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, December 3, 1977, and not plan anything for the rest of that morning.

When I got there that morning, I found out soon enough that gruff George knew what he was talking about. For three hours I lay on a thinly padded table with hollow needles in each arm connected by a long plastic tube. My blood was drawn from one arm to a centrifuge, which extracted the platelets, and it was returned to me through the other needle. I decided right away not to watch the procedure.

Everything worked for several years later I learned that the young woman had made a complete recovery and was to be married.

That Saturday, however, I neither knew her name nor the name of her Mason father.

Besides knowing that we had done something good, I got two other rewards. One was half-expected but the other was a surprise. Not too long after the donation I received a card of thanks from a Pennsylvania Lodge signed by dozens of Masons and their wives.

The other was different. About two months before, I'd met and started to date a very nice lady. When I explained to her what was up and why we shouldn't do anything Friday evening, she gave me orders to appear at her apartment at 7:00 a.m. Saturday for breakfast. She served me a delicious quiche. Real Masons eat quiche when it is for a good cause and real women order it. The very nice lady accompanied me to the hospital and stayed the whole time. By the time we left I had about decided what to do. The following Tuesday I asked her to be my wife. We have been married for over seventeen years.

So, if you are ever asked that question, you have my permission to show them this. If they don't understand then "what Masons do," I'm afraid they never will.

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'Tis True

"How's things at the Lodge?" asked a Brother.

"Is everything pleasing and fair?"

I replied, with a smile, to my Brother,

"You'd know if you'd only been there."

"Oh, I'm coming real soon," he answered.

"I'm busy, and all that you know.

Every time that I plan to attend,
There's some place else I must go."

"You fellows run things to my liking;

The job that you do is just right.

If the wife has no other plans,
I may just run down there tonight."

And so goes the story of Lodges;

The work's left for others to do.

The story's as old as the order;
There's nothing about it that's new.

There's a ring on his finger broadcasting,

But - he never, ever takes part.

There's a card in his pocket attesting,
But there's nothing enclosed in his heart.

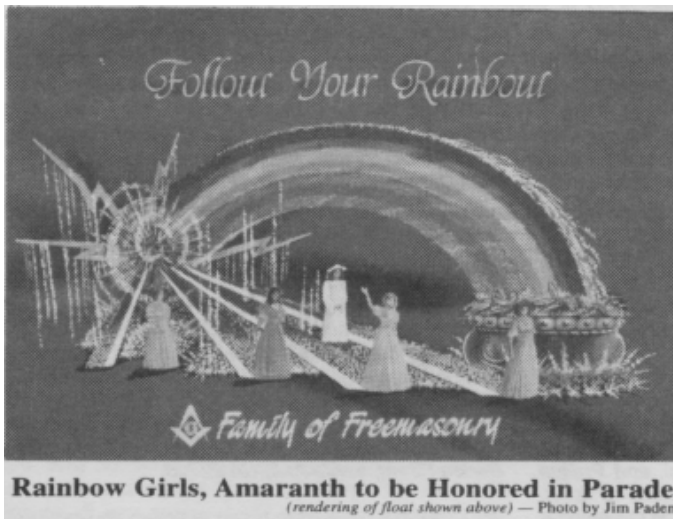
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Thousands of Flowers Will Create Colorful 1997 Float

No float in the 1997 Tournament of Roses parade will be more colorful than the entry produced by the Family of Freemasonry, predicts float committee chairman Stan Channon.

"What could be more colorful than a rainbow?," he questioned.

The rainbow, representing one of life's shining moments, will be created with a combination of red carnations, orange calendula, yellow mums, green bellies of Ireland, blue iris and blue and purple statice.

The pot at the end of the rainbow will be decorated with yellow and gold roses, sesame seeds and rustic coloring, with the jewels around the pot consisting of fresh carnation petals.

Coins, spilling out of the pot, will be made of straw flowers and sesame seed, while the entire float will be embellished with stringed flowers, including luneria and baby's breath.

Sun, storm and lightning will create a dramatic effect for the float as it travels

With the inspirational title of "Follow Your Rainbow," the Family of Freemasonry will again sponsor a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, it has been announced by Charles H. Alexander, Grand Master of Masons in California.

Honoring two Masonic organizations, the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Order of Amaranth, the fraternity's colorful entry in the Jan. 1 event in Pasadena will be ablaze with flowers in a high-arching rainbow from stem to stem.

For Rainbow for Girls, the float observes their 75th anniversary, while Amaranth is singled Out for its 100th birthday, according to Stanley Channon, the Masonic float committee chairman and himself a Past Grand Master.

"These two organizations are at the heart and soul of Freemasonry, so we feel it is very appropriate to honor them, particularly since they tie in so well with the parade theme," said Channon.

That theme, "Life's Shining Moments," will be depicted on the Masonic float with a full-color rainbow crowning a mass of storm clouds to represent a shining moment of nature.

From the rear of the entry, the rainbow will arch across a bed of thousands of flowers, culminating in a large pot of gold at the front.

The distinctive design by Phoenix Decorating Co. will produce rays of sunshine to penetrate the clouds and reach down to the base on each side of the 40-foot float.

And to accent the storm clouds, special effects will create lightning, thunder and

falling raindrops, appearing to emanate from beneath the rainbow.

"It should be one of our most exciting floats," said Channon.

While the abundance of live flowers, as required by Pasadena's Tournament of Roses organization, will create a panorama of color, the float will take on added beauty with the presence of eight young women from the Family of Freemasonry.

In fact, the Amaranth representative, dressed in cap and gown and standing in the center of the float, beneath the rainbow, depicts a shining moment in life college graduation.

Amaranth provides scholarships to worthy students and also supports the Diabetes Foundation.

On the float the student will be holding a certificate of graduation from the University of California, which she will obtain with the aid of an Amaranth scholarship.

Surrounding the flower-bedecked entry as it moves down Colorado Blvd. to be viewed by an international television audience and more than one million spectators along the parade route will be seven members of the Order of Rainbow.

They will be dressed in pastel formals to complement the central theme of the float.

All told, nearly a half-billion people in 90 countries will watch the parade and receive favorable impressions of float sponsors.

"That, of course, is the major reason we continue to sponsor entries in this gala celebration of the new year. But, at the same time, we get a great deal of enjoyment ourselves as hundreds of our

through Pasadena. Sound effects will produce thunder, and simulated raindrops falling from the rainbow and the lightning burst will provide an interesting counterpoint for what is expected to be a sunny day in Southern California.

Finally, the rays of sunshine, breaking through the clouds on the beautiful float, will come to life through the use of various colored roses, red carnations and iris.

Masonic youth unite to decorate the float. And we feel a real sense of pride in creating visibility for this wonderful fraternity," added Channon.

Nearly three million Masons comprise the world's oldest and largest fraternity, with countless accordant bodies contributing more than \$1.5 million daily for charitable causes, particularly children.

Many of these organizations, including the Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, High Twelve and the two organizations honored on the float contribute to its sponsorship.

Rainbow for Girls has more than 25,000 members internationally, while Amaranth has in excess of 45,000 members worldwide.

Contributions Needed

Masons throughout the world are asked to contribute to the cost of sponsoring the Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. You may do so by sending your donations to Robert C. Cue, treasurer of the float committee, at P.O. Box 661567, Arcadia, CA 91066-1567. Merchandise order forms are available.



Knight Voices

To place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to "Knight Voices," The Grand Recorder, 5097N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460. Items submitted to Knight Templar that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free of charge. All other items should be accompanied by a \$5.00 remittance made payable to the Grand Encampment. Any submission may be subject to editing. You must submit a written request and check, if applicable, for each time you want your ad to run. Each request must be separate and at monthly intervals, not several at the same time. All other requests for repeat ads will either run just once or will be returned to sender.

Join Pennsylvania's Grand Commander, Sir Knight George W. Metz, on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Egypt in 1997 as part of the 200th anniversary celebration of Knight Templar in the U.S.A. For a brochure, write to: Reverend William D. Hartman, 951 Bridge Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124-1710.

For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps. All ranks embroidered in gold and silver bullion on velvet: Past Commander, red; Commander (serving), green; Generalissimo and Captain General, green; Prelate, green; Generalissimo, Captain General, and Prelate Emeritus, red - \$35.00 a pair plus \$5.00 S & H. Honorary Past Commander in red with 'I.C.' embroidered in silver in old English letters, \$40.00 plus \$5.00 S & H. Grand Commander, large size with gold G.C. cross, \$40.00 plus \$5.00 S & H. Part of each sale to Knights Templar Scholarship Fund (NY). Make checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., P.C.; 60 Manor Road; Staten Island; NY 10310-2696.

Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver trim and silver bullion thread embroidered crossed sword on flap and skull and cross bones on the apron. They are 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.

Greenfield Commandery No. 39, Greenfield, Indiana, has a limited number of 100th anniversary commemorative coins for sale at \$5.00 each plus \$1.00 shipping and handling. Greenfield Commandery No. 39; CIO Walter Worland, P.O.G.; 730 West Main Street; Greenfield; IN 46140.

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.; Palaskala; OH 43062; (614) 927-7073.

I have three swords for Commandery I would like to sell, one of which is gold and has the name Arthur G. Rood inscribed on its case as well as on the blade. Anyone interested please write M. M. Hunerjager, 1.961 Lewis Drive, Niles, MI 48120

Author is interested in your experiences as a Knight Templar: "I wish some of the Sir Knights would send me short letters regarding their own experiences throughout their years in serving God and country so that I can write for them and perhaps get their stories in Knight Templar. Many people do not think they are interesting enough to see their 'hearts in print,' but they are. Please respond to Lee Maloney, 1501 North Parton Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706.

Collectors of Masonic historical items: You can own a piece of Illinois Masonic history! The building in which the present Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed (and the Grand Chapter and Grand Council) was razed in 1840 by its owner, a Mason who saved 150 bricks from the structure. These have been hand cleaned and sealed with a polyurethane finish and attached is a gold-colored plaque with the history of the brick silk-screened on it. Each brick is individually numbered and comes with a corresponding certificate of authenticity. They are hang offered for \$100.00 each, first come, first served, postpaid in U.S.A. Order with check to Jacksonville Lodge No. 570, A.F. & A.M.; P.O. Box 1305; Jacksonville, U 62651.

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 \$17.50, plus \$5.00 S & H, to Austin Lodge No. 12, A.E. & A.M.; P.O. Box 5150; Austin; TX 78763.

The Baraboo York Rite bodies of Baraboo, Wisconsin, have prepared a very special commemorative coin. These coins may be purchased for \$10.00 each, which includes shipping. All inquiries should be sent to Bruce Wimann, Recorder of Baraboo Valley York Rite; 215 11th Street; Baraboo; WI 53913.

50th anniversary silver trowel (7 1/2-inches long - boxed) of the Council of Anointed Kings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for sale at \$15.00 each (includes postage). Orders sent to Robert R. Havers, Sr., Illustrious Scribe; 283 Cinema Drive; Johnstown; PA 15905-1249.

For sale: 100th anniversary commemorative mugs. Mugs are food and dishwasher safe ceramic glazed for Stockton Chapter No. 330, Order of the Eastern Star, with the Eastern Star emblem. Proceeds will help support grants to local students entering the medical field. \$10.00 each mug, postage paid. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Limited supply. Make checks payable to Stockton Chapter No. 330. Mail to M. Townsend, 10203 E. Center Road, Stockton, IL 61085-9051.

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is of sterling silver with 24K gold vermeil. Price is only \$9.00 per pin, including S & H. 10% of proceeds will benefit the KTEF. These unique pins are available only through Professional Creations Unlimited, 1630 Orchard Hill Road, Cheshire, CT 06410-3728.

Masonic clip an for IBM compatible computers. Artwork includes Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Knight Templar, Shrine, and several others. Over one hundred images available for your correspondence and trestleboard publications. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for more info and printed samples. Percentage of proceeds will benefit KTEF. John Yates, P.O. Box 3496, Wichita Falls, TX 76309.

IN 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 loners. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585.

Wanted: volume VIII, Transactions of the Texas Lodge of Research, 1972-1973. Will pay for cost of publication plus shipping charges, etc. Erwin O. Jong, 809 N. 5th Street, P.O. Box 203, Copperas Cove, TX 76522, (817) 542-4241.

For sale: 32¹ Masonic ring, 5.+ cts. diamond set in one-of-a-kind gold and silver mounting. Appraised value (1982), \$50,000; will sell, \$25,000. Will furnish copy of appraisal and picture. 624 West University, Box 228; Denton; TX 76201. Give phone number, and I will call you.

is For sale: 1908 Pittsburg Syria glass, \$55.00; 7-inch silver-plated 1912 Maggie Baird Eastern Star candy dish, \$23.00; heavy brass Shrine ashtray (not old), \$23.00; Eastern Star small cup and saucer, \$15.00; pair of cast iron Masonic bookends, \$100.00. Postage included. Always looking to buy antique, Masonic items. Steve Kapp, 1180 B. Okinawa Lane, Vigo, Guam 969291220; phone: 011 67165*143.

Would like to communicate with anyone having information on or about: the Supreme Grand Synod, Ancient & Heroic Order of the Gordian Knot, which was established in March 5, 1963. I received the degree of the Gordian Knot in Germany 1989. Please help me! Lloyd T. Cochran, 511 Brookdale Drive, West Jefferson, OH 43162, (614) 879-6053.

is For sale: one George Wallace campaign-for-president, wristwatch - fighting little judge. He has boxing gloves on each hour hand and minute hand. Never been worn \$450.00. (615) 896-3049.

For sale: WWII, 24K, gold-plated, ruptured duck be bar and 1982 Liberty Bell and Eagle, 1. oz. .999 silver coin in airtight frame - \$12.50 ppd. Art Joel, P.O. Box 1388, El Toro, CA 92630.

all For sale: original, early 1900, zinc cartoon printing plates - many different series and sizes from one to seven columns. Also, some in plastic, aluminotype and a few electrotypes. A local decorator sells them at retail framed. Own a piece of American newspaper history. Charles H. Rose, 123 South Street, Oyster Bay, NV 11771-2246, (516) 922-6300; fax: (516) 922-6302.

Attention, WWII veterans: I would like to purchase the souvenirs you brought back from the war: daggers, bayonets, weapons of all kinds, helmets, uniforms, medals, beer stems, porcelain, etc. I am not a dealer. I am a collector. Sell it to me; let me keep it for the next fifty years. I'll give you a fair price. Also interested in souvenirs from other wars. Thank you! Al Cossey, 102 Burgess Drive, Greer, SC 29650-2624, (864) 224-5028. home; (864) 281-S.1R1, work.

For sale: in Joshua Tree, California 60121-29' Palms Highway - in the Masonic area in the Mountain Valley Memorial Park Cemetery: a double interment space with endowment care. Urgent need to sell - low price. Call collect: (219) 753-0170 or write for more information: M. J. Owens, 527 Burlington Avenue, Logansport, IN 46947.

For sale: a six-grave lot at Valhalla Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from Kenwood Lodge No. 303, F & AM., 517 East Beaumont Avenue, Whitefish Bay, 1&1 53217. Please contact John Iler, Secretary.

Cemetery lots for sale: six adjoining spaces in South Memorial Park (southeast Houston area). The price is \$3,000.00 or best offer. Contact Floyd R. Byerly at (713)649-2241.

For sale: four lots in Acacia Park Cemetery. Cemetery price, \$2,700.00; will sell for \$1500.00. Call collect or leave message on machine - (317) 362-0321 - or write Carl Schroeder, 5 Lincoln Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

For sale: four grave sites in Valley Oaks Memorial Park, Plot 1147, Garden of Gethsemane, Nrs A, B, C, 0, Westlake, California - \$500.00 each. Call (541) 673-1950 or write H. E. Kelley, 401 Acorn Drive, Roseburg, OR 97470.

For sale: two cemetery lots, South Meoral Park Cemetery, Houston, Texas, spaces 3 and 4, lot 95, block C, Masonic section. Selling br \$4,070.00; will take \$3,500.00. Thelma Amacker, P.O. Box 458, Florence, MS 39073, (601) 845-1986 or (601) 269-3353.

Reunion: The 47th Reunion of the 93rd NCB of WWII will be held at the Holiday Inn, Michigan City, Indiana, October 1-3, 1996. Contact Vic Page!, 3115 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City, IN 46360.

Ship reunion: U.S.S. Griggs (APA-110) and U.S.S. Grundy (APA-111), October 25-28, 1996, at Holiday Inn Surf Side, located at 26th and Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Contact Daniel L. Brown, 3258 2rrd Avenue, Orefield, PA 18069, (610) 398-1174.

