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Oklahoma Lewis,  
Paul Plumley Pendarvis,  
as a young college student  
at UCLA. His story starts on  
page 25.



## Reflections

The word reflection" as listed in *Webster's New Standard Dictionary* is described as The act of reflecting; state of being reflected; that which is reflected; the turning of thought back upon past experiences or ideas; attentive consideration; reproach or censure."

October is a month that is described in all of the above because, when we reflect upon our past, we can readily see that we have good and bad memories and visions that we would like to hold or erase.

As we turn the clock back to the First Pilgrimage of the 10th Crusade, we remember our anxiety about and hope that the 10th Crusade would be a success for all who journeyed to the Holy Land with a Grand Master who would be the first to set foot in the Holy Land since the death of Jacques DeMolay. All who traveled found richness in the very spot where our Christian religion was founded and discovered the great history of the country of Israel.

This November will mark the end of the five Pilgrimages that make up the 10th Crusade. The 10th Crusade will end on December 12, 1996, when the last pilgrims of this Crusade leave Israel.

The dates of the nine crusades are listed below as described in Brother John J. Robinson's book *Dungeon, Fire and Sword*. Our 10th Crusade has been placed on this list.

First Crusade	1096-1099	Second Crusade	1147-1149
Third Crusade	1189-1191	Fourth Crusade	1202-1204
Fifth Crusade	1218-1221	Sixth Crusade	1228-1229
Seventh Crusade	1248-1250	Eighth Crusade	1270
Ninth Crusade	1271-1272	Tenth Crusade	1994-1996

My many thanks to all of the ladies and Sir Knights who traveled to the Holy Land and wrote so many letters about their great experiences.

As we look back into the looking glass and reflect upon the 60th Triennium, our **membership, membership, membership** program has proven one thing. When York Rite Masons work together for a common cause, success is in the end result, and this has been proven in many jurisdictions.

Look to the future and the 60th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. It will be held in the Adams Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis near the north leg of the Gateway Arch. Get your reservations in early. Call 1-800-444-ADAM and mention Grand Encampment Triennial, August 1997. Also, get your registration forms in early (page 18 of this issue). Remember, you save \$25.00 by registering before the deadline.

Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight Louie!  
August 9-13, 1997, at the Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

Blair Christy Mayford  
Grand Master

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

OCTOBER: In his message Grand Master Mayford reflects on the pilgrimages of the 10th Crusade and reminds us of the upcoming 60th Triennial Conclave in August of 1997. The information you need for ads in the program is on page 10, and the advance registration forms for voting and non-voting delegates are on page 18. The Annual Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is right around the corner. The Foundation does so much as detailed on pages 5 and 6. We have a story of a simple and wonderful Mason beginning on page 7 and the story of a "Lewis" beginning on page 25, and as usual, there is news from across the country. Enjoy!

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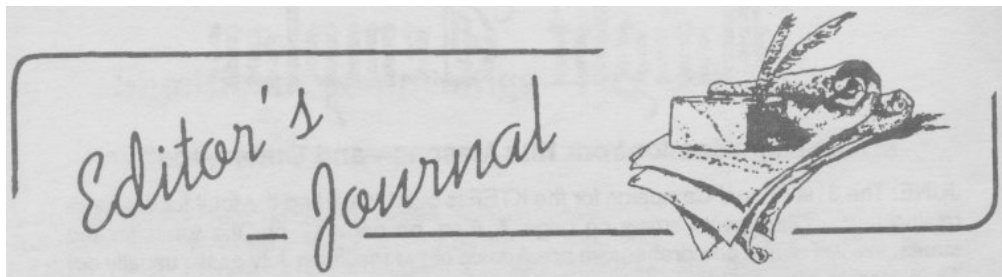
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**Announcement:** Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded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

**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.

**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.

Time flies, and the 29th Annual Campaign is just around the corner, starting on December 1, 1996. Now is the time to begin preparing for your annual fund-raising activities. If you have any doubts about the value of the Campaign and the Eye Foundation, this letter from a wife speaking for her family should convince you to join in and support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

### A Family Thanks the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The happiest event in our lives was going to the mailbox to find your letter, notifying us that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was going to sponsor my husband's case.

About twenty-five years ago my husband lost sight in his left eye. It didn't start giving him trouble until about two years ago. It started draining as if he were crying all the time. At times his head hurt so badly he would say, "I think the top of my head is about to explode!" He was wearing sunglasses to try to block out all light it hurt so much.

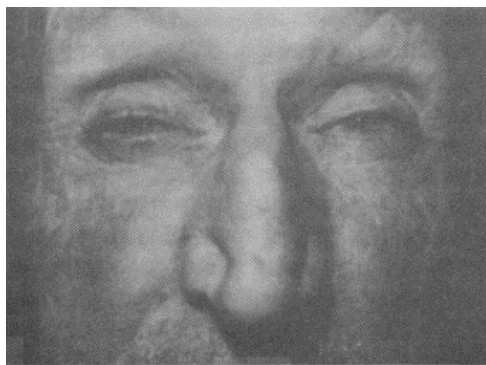
On February 22 and on March 3, he went in for surgery. After surgery and recovery, my husband returned to his room and said, "I can feel relief already!"

Afterward he wore a conformer for about three weeks. During this time he quit taking anything for pain because he didn't have any. For the first time in two years he was pain free. On April 20, my husband had his prosthesis made and put in.

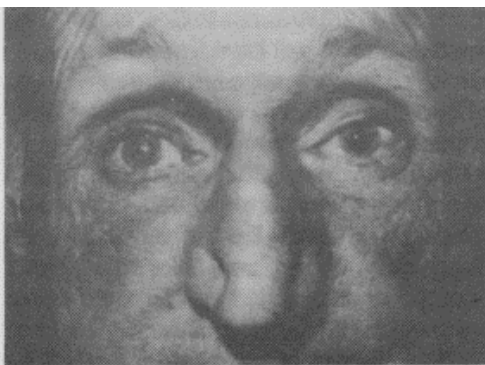
On May 4, there were events at our house for which your Foundation is responsible: My husband read our daughter's report card instead of handing it to me saying, "My head and eyes hurt so bad, read it to me." When our preschooler took a book to him, instead of saying "I can't" he sat and read the whole book to her for the first time.

*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,  
The family of James Shaw*

P.S. Also thanks to Dr. John Long (Eye Foundation), Dr. Cox (Cox Ocular Prot.) and his daughter Lisa



**before**



**after**

## Knights Templar Eye Foundation Renews Grant Support in Arkansas

Little Rock, Arkansas: Susan C. Robbins, Ph.D., a vision researcher at the Arkansas Center for Eye Research, has received a second grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., to continue her Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) studies.

Knights Templar from Arkansas visited the center's laboratories in July 1996 for a ceremonial check presentation. Members making the presentation included Sir Knights Kenneth E. Story of Jacksonville, Deputy Grand Commander; Robert B. Mitchell of Hot Springs, State Eye Foundation Chairman; and Wayne St. John of Little Rock, Grand Recorder and Honorary Past Grand Commander.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., will be added to the Vision Society recognition wall in the Jones Eye Institute lobby, and an Arkansas Center for Eye Research area will be named in recognition its continuing support.

The Eye Foundation, which contributed to Dr. Robbin's research last year, allocated an additional \$20,000 for her vision research project entitled, "Detection of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Receptors, Integrins and Receptor-Ligand Complexes in the Normal and Oxygen-Injured Rat Retina."

The researcher explained that ROP is a disorder of the premature infant's retina in which the immature retinal vessels may be damaged by prolonged oxygen therapy that is usually necessary to sustain life. The Knights Templar gift enables Dr. Robbins to



Above, left to right, are: John S. Penn, Ph.D., director of Arkansas Center for Eye Research; Susan Robbins, Ph.D., ACER researcher; and Sir Knights: Kenneth Story, D.G.C.; Robert B. Mitchell, state Eye Foundation chairman; and Wayne St. John, G.R. and honorary P.G.C.

continue her study of the abnormal blood vessel growth that is associated with ROP.

"We have identified where this growth factor is expressed and are now investigating where and how its receptors are expressed," Dr. Robbins explained. "We anticipate that this information will put us closer to controlling noovascular diseases like ROP."

Dr. Robbins joined the ACER/Jones Eye Institute in May 1994. She received her Ph.D. from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the National Eye Institute. Prior to joining ACER, Dr. Robbins was affiliated with the Casey Eye Institute at the Oregon Health Sciences University.

## Doctor James, Upstairs

by Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33<sup>0</sup>

It was Emily Bronte who penned in her moving verse, "Last Lines":

"Though earth and man were gone,  
And suns and universes ceased to be,  
And Thou were left alone,  
Every existence would exist in Thee.  
There is not room for death,  
Nor atoms that his might could render  
void:  
Thou-Thou are being and Breath,  
And what thou art may never be  
destroyed."

All men, though, perhaps, never fully cognizant, are launched upon a course of truth and goodness that will lead ultimately toward a gate, and through it we will enter into a kingdom of everlasting light where sorrow and death shall come no more.

There was one man who was sanctioned to attain the Paradise of God; his story is one that will forever remain within my thoughts. I will recount it here.

In the last years of the 19th century, there resided in a rural community in western Nebraska, an elderly physician who had dedicated his life to restoring health to the sick and injured of this vicinity. The poverty afflicting these folk afforded but small financial reward for his labors. The good doctor, albeit, gave unselfishly of his time and skill to relieve the suffering of his friends and neighbors.

His long hours and singular lifestyle deprived him of any reasonable amount of family association over the span of years. His wife had passed on. Their union had not been blessed with children. Dr. Caleb James did, however, receive a most rewarding source of contentment when he was initiated into Freemasonry in the small community in which he lived and labored so diligently. He had been now a Master Mason for almost fifty years. He loved his Lodge and his Brethren; they responded in kind.

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Though he was not able to serve his Lodge as an officer due to the demands of his medical life, he was ready always to aid in any fashion with things Masonic. He worked in the kitchen. He helped to prepare and serve dinners at picnics and at Lodge. The doctor could always be depended upon whenever the need appeared.

Yes, Dr. Caleb James was truly a beautiful person. Loyalty and kindness, gentleness and wisdom, all found residence within his being. He gave as much of himself as time would allow to the support of his community, his neighbors and his Brethren. He was loved deeply by all who knew him.

At any hour he was standing there to help lighten pain and diminish suffering. His entire life was service, and service was his reason for existence. Masonry provided for him moments of happiness and solace; the lodge room was, for him, a sheltering haven from the many storms of life he so often encountered.

Dr. Caleb James was now in the upper reaches of his life; soon he, too, would receive the final summons from the Grand Architect. Indeed, it was in the seventy-fifth year of his life that he fell while on a mission to deliver a new life. He suffered a hip fracture, followed by a lung infection from which he did not recover.

His death was a most tragic loss to the entire community, to his friends and Brethren. Caleb James was given a moving Masonic service. He was laid to rest in true Masonic fashion amidst his Brethren.

It was decided among the members of his Lodge that a fitting memorial be erected over his resting place, but, alas, no one could offer a suitable proposal for such a monument. Many hours and much discussion among the Brethren failed to resolve

this important question. All seemed to be at an impasse.

One evening, just before Lodge was to be opened for a meeting, some weeks after the funeral of the beloved doctor, the tiler came excitedly to the Worshipful Master and whispered something into his ear. The Master smiled broadly, then announced that a most suitable and proper answer had been found for their memorial to this dear Brother. The Master invited all of the members of the Lodge, their families and friends to join with him at the cemetery on the following Sunday afternoon.

There at the graveside were assembled a large group of friends and Brethren on a beautiful, warm, sunlit Sunday in June. Shortly, the tiler came up the path carrying a large paper bundle. All eyes were upon him as he placed the package upon a stone block at the head of the grave. Then he began, more reverently, to remove the wrappings. When the last paper had fallen away, there stood forth a most precious memorial to Dr. Caleb James. It seemed as if he were standing there among the assembled multitude as the tears welled up in their eyes.

For there was in place the very sign that

had hung for so many years above the doorway to the office into which so much suffering had entered and so much relief and happiness had departed. For emblazoned across the weathered board were these words, "Dr. James Upstairs."

Surely no finer tribute could have come, even from the hand of the Grand Architect himself.

"The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The captain and the kings  
depart; Still stands thine ancient  
Sacrifice,

An humble and contrite heart,  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget - lest we forget!"

Recessional  
Rudyard Kipling

Sir Knight Stephen R. Greenberg is a Past Commander of Mizpah Commandery No. 53 in Oak Lawn, Illinois, and an affiliate Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 in Chicago, Illinois. He is the chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of the Grand Commandery of Illinois and chairman of the Grand Commandery Historian Committee of Illinois. He resides at 416 Huron Street, Park Forest, IL 60466

### Maryland Doctors Receive Research Grants from KTEF



Deputy Grand Master James Ward of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar awards two \$20,000 research grants to Dr. Stewart J. McKinon and Dr. Michaela Kenny of the Wilmer Eye Clinic of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland. This presentation was made at the York Rite grand banquet held on May 14, 1996, at Ocean City. Looking on are officials of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Most Worshipful Grand Master Ponzillo and his Lady Pat.

Unable to be present for his award presentation was Dr. Kang Zhang, also of the Wilmer Eye Clinic.



## In Memoriam



**Lee Hargesheimer**  
**Minnesota**  
**Grand Commander-1968**  
**Born May 4, 1904**  
**Died August 12, 1996**

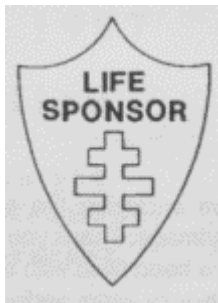
**Milton George Maisel, Jr.**  
**West Virginia**  
**Grand Commander-1973**  
**Born Nov. 18, 1916**  
**Died August 24, 1996**

Grand Commander's Club  
No. 100,525- D.R. Smith (FL)

Grand Master's Club

No. 2,587-in honor of John Oscar Bond, Sr.  
by Saint Amand Commandery No. 20 (ME)

How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commanders Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commanders Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commanders Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1000, 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.; 5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (312) 205-3838 until Oct. 12; then (773) 205-3838



## 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 Chicago, and you will receive one.



## Yes, We Have Moved!

**The Knights Templar Eye  
Foundation, Inc. now resides at  
5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 100,  
Chicago, IL 60630-2460. Our  
phone until October 12 is (312)  
205-3838; after October 12, it is  
(773) 205-3838.**

## 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.; 5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (312) 205-3838 until Oct. 12; then (773) 205-3838.

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### 60th Triennial of the Grand Encampment—Knights Templar St. Louis, Missouri—August 9–13, 1997

Below is information for all constituent Commanderies and Grand Commanderies to enable them to place ads in the Program for the 60th Triennial Conclave.

Back Page	\$600.00 (taken)
Inside of Back Page	400.00 (taken)
Full Page in Program	95.00
1/2 Page in Program	65.00
1/4 Page in Program	45.00
1/8 Page in Program	35.00

The Sir Knight in charge of the Program is Ronald E. Wood, Jr. All ads to be placed in the Program should be sent to: Sir Knight Ronald E. Wood, Jr.; 1904 N. 36th Street; St. Joseph, MO 64506–2311; (816) 364–4881.

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.**

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

***Note: The Registration forms for voting and non-voting delegates for the 60th Triennial Conclave are on page 18.***

### In Memoriam—Janet Page Wason P.S.W.P., S.O.O.B.-1971-1972

Supreme Assembly, S.O.O.B., was recently saddened by the loss of (Mrs. Lawrence W.) Janet Page Wason. She was called to the Great Assembly Above on July 20, 1996. A member of Natick Assembly No. 209 in Massachusetts, our beloved Jan was Supreme Worthy President, 1971-1972. She gave many years of "service with love" to our order before illness forced her to retire to Florida. Her wry humor and wonderful smile will be missed by all her sisters. (submitted by (Mrs. Keith W.) Sandra Dean, P.S.W.P.)



## *On the Masonic Newsfront...*

### Kentucky Flag Service Stops Traffic

On Friday, June 14, 1996, members of Marion Commandery No. 24, Lebanon, Kentucky, conducted a flag service at Bardstown, Kentucky, in the town square.

It did indeed stop traffic, as people were curious to see seven men in uniform, plumed hats, and armed with swords pay tribute to the flag of our country. Six members of Marion Commandery No. 24, along with the R.E. Grand Captain General of Knights Templar of Kentucky, G. Michael Miller, marched across the courthouse square to conduct the service in the center of town.



At first, there were a few catcalls from a passing car or two, but after the Sir Knights ordered swords and uncovered for prayer, the area got very quiet. The rest of the service went great as several townspeople gathered around the photographer to ask questions. Upon being informed that we were Knights Templar, Christian Masons from the local Masonic Lodge, they stopped and watched as the flag was lowered for a toast, then was reposted. (The flag flies twenty-four hours a day.)

It was a pleasant surprise to look up Main Street and see cars stopped in tribute to the flag. They may not have known who we were, but they knew we were paying honor to and showing respect for the flag of our country.

Members from Marion Commandery were: Sir Knights Howard Asa, P.C.; D. A. Jones, P.C.; E. Ray Young, P.C., P.G.H.P.; J. William Riggs, P.C.; Robert E. Cecil and Reed Nagle. Sir Knight G. Michael Miller of DeMolay Commandery joined us to complete our detail. We would like to thank Sir Knight Miller for taking the time to be a part of this special occasion. In addition to his duties as Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Miller also serves as Aide de Camp to the Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Donald H. Smith. (Report by J. William Riggs, Commander. Photo By Edward E. Fowler.)

### Recognition Night For Parsons Masonic Bodies, Kansas

The Parsons Masonic Bodies, Kansas, recognized members of Parsons Lodge No. 117, A.F. & A.M.; Parsons Chapter No. 39, R.A.M.; and Couer De Lion Commandery No. 17, K.T., Saturday July 6, 1996. A 6:30 dinner, served by the ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant, Assembly No. 84, preceded the open meeting at 7:30 P.M.

25-year emblems were presented by Larry Peters, W. Grand Musician of the Grand Lodge, to Leonard Phillips of Altamont and Norman Pruitt of Parsons.

50-year Masonic Grand Lodge emblems were presented by Carveth K. Neer, M.W. Grand Master of the M.W. Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Kansas, to Albert G. Chambers, Claude C. Mathis, and Donald E. Slagle, and a 65-year certificate was presented to John B. Markham. They are all of Parsons.

David F Snyder, M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Kansas and Wayne H. Rolif, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, presented 50-year emblems (pins) to Donald E. Slagle, who is the Secretary/Recorder for the Parsons Bodies. Noble Darrell Orender, Outer Guard of Mirza Temple, Pittsburg, representing the Potentate, represented a 50-year Shrine emblem to Noble Slagle.



The wife of each recipient pinned the emblem on her husband's coat with the traditional kiss. Coleen Slagle presented her husband with a plaque with the tour emblems showing 50 years continuous membership in each order.

Other Grand officers attending were: Tom Kleist; Stanley D. Browning; Larry Reeder; Oren E. Patterson; William E. Mansfield of the Grand Lodge of Kansas; B. Harold Barnett, Grand Chapter, R.A.M.; Larry Peters, Grand Captain General; and Leonard Scheurich, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery, Kansas.

Parsons Lodge officers were introduced by W. M. Ronald Hardman, who is the grandson of Donald Slagle and the youngest Master to serve Parsons Lodge No. 117.

Following the meeting a reception was held in the dining room. Submitted by Donald E. Slagle; Secretary/Recorder, Parson York Rite Bodies

In the picture: left to right, front row: Carveth K. Neer, Grand Master of A.F. & A.M. of Kansas; Donald Slagle, 50-year member. 2nd row: Noble Darrell Orender, Outer Guard Mirza Temple; Wayne Rolf, Grand Commander of Kansas; David Snyder, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. Neer and Snyder are both Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

## Illinois Masonic Medical Center Celebrates Diamond Anniversary

Chicago, Illinois: Illinois Masonic Medical Center celebrated its 75th anniversary with a daylong gala at Navy Pier on July 14. The Grand Ballroom of the pier played host to thousands of IMMC employees, physicians, and their families, all gathered to honor three-quarters of a century of providing quality medical care, education, and research. Others at the event included IMMC donors and well-wishers, members of local Masonic Lodges and appendant bodies, as well as city, state and national officials.



Speakers at the event included Sr. Sheila Lynn, Commissioner of Public Health, who represented the Mayor's Office; U.S. Congressman Michael Flanagan; State Representative Sarah Fiegenholtz; Illinois Masonic Chairman of the Board, Charles Gambill; and Illinois Masonic President, Bruce Campbell.

Illinois Masonic, located at Halsted and Wellington in Chicago, serves more than 20,000 inpatients and 380,000 outpatients each year. Its staff of more than 800 physicians, 180 medical residents and fellows, and 3,000 employees are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the medical center with the slogan: "Founded on Tradition; Focused on Tomorrow."

Pictured (above) with a ceremonial cake, modeled after the front entrance to the medical center, are from left: Charles Gambill, 33<sup>0</sup>, Chairman of the IMMC Board of Trustees; Michael Flanagan, U.S. Representative; Bruce Campbell, 32<sup>1</sup>, President and CEO of IMMC; and Sarah Fiegenholtz, State Representative. (Submitted by James Bolger.)

## "Knights Templar Graves At Kilmartin"

To those Brothers and Sir Knights who have perused John J. Robinson's *Born in Blood* and at least been exposed to the postulation that 'Craft Masonry' had its inception with the Knights Templar who fled from France in the early 13th Century to refuges - primarily in Scotland but also to England and Spain - and that the universally recognized symbol of Freemasonry, the square and compass is uniquely formed by removal of the horizontal lines of "Solomon's Seal"; there is the following from Volume No. 105 of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, a British Research Lodge No. 2076, page 247 titled "Knights Templar Graves at Kilmartin." I quote from "The Temple and the Lodge" by Michael Baigint and Richard Leigh, 1989: 'In a churchyard at Argyll, Scotland were rank after strictly regimented rank of badly weathered flat stones with various devices and a welter of Masonic symbols.' "On one a pair of compasses alongside a definite plumb and between what could be construed as ashlars." Though the possible Masonic implications of these symbols could be construed as a likely explanation of their presence - the fact that these stones mark the resting places of Knights Templar is authenticated primarily by the fact that there are silhouetted outlines of knights in Templar dress and pictorials of Templar swords. (Submitted by John A. Friedrichsen, Editor, Oregon Supplement and Grand Historian, Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Oregon.)

## Idaho Assembly, S.O.O.B., Celebrates 25th Anniversary



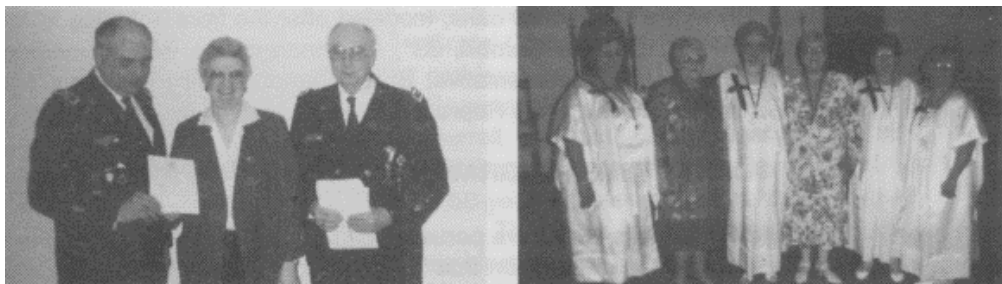
Lewiston Assembly No. 238, Social Order of the Beauceant, Lewiston, Idaho, met on May 22, 1996, to commemorate its constitution on May 22, 1971 - exactly twenty-five years! The meeting was preceded by a covered dish dinner with the Sir Knights of Lewiston Commandery No. 2. Anniversary cake was served following the meeting.

A history of their first twenty-five years was compiled into a booklet and presented to all attendees. Eight of the original thirty-five signers of the charter are still active, many of them holding offices.

Pictured is Mrs. James E. Ruckman, first Vice President and Chairman of the History Committee, presenting the history booklet to the current President Mrs. Ottis Davis.

## Wisconsin Assembly, S.O.O.B., Provides Life Sponsorships in KTEF

La Crosse Assembly No. 215, La Crosse, Wisconsin, continues in its goal to provide five Life Sponsorships to the Knights of La Crosse Commandery No. 9. Mrs. Martin Callaway, Worthy President, and Mrs. Richard Baker, Chairman of Area 6 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Past President of La Crosse, liked the idea of having the husbands of the Assembly officers who were not presently Life Sponsors receive their certificates from the Beauceant. Pictured left are Past Commanders Ray Amador and Leslie Tyler being presented their certificates by Mrs. Wesley Denny, Recorder of La Crosse, at the Commandery installation. Richard Braly, the Sir Knight of the Assembly's Standard Bearer, was scheduled to receive his at their September meeting. The enthusiasm and cooperation of the officers and members made this endeavor a success.



La Crosse Assembly No. 125 was recently pleased to initiate two new members. The picture on right was taken at that initiation and shows: Mrs. Martin Callaway, President; Mrs. Paul Hersh, Past President; Mrs. James Ellis, new member; Mrs. Wesly Denny, Recorder; Mrs. Erland Sagen, new member; and Mrs. Leslie Tyler, Preceptress. The ladies were initiated at the June meeting.

### S.O.O.B. Installs (Mrs. Milton F.) Coy Baker Supreme Worthy President

The 76th Annual Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant ended Friday, September 27, with the installation of (Mrs. Milton F.) Coy Baker as the Supreme Worthy President. Supreme Assembly this year was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the Amway Grand Hotel.

Mrs. Baker, a member of Baytown Assembly No. 153 since 1982, is the wife of Sir Knight Milton Baker, a Past Commander of Kennedy Commandery No. 61 in Baytown, Texas. Their home for the past thirty years has been in the town of Pasadena, Texas. The Bakers have two children, a son Bill, who also resides in Pasadena, Texas, and a daughter Debi Gannaway, who resides in San Diego, California. They have four grandchildren, two boys from Debi and two girls from Bill. Coy is most proud of the fact that Debi is the newest member of San Diego Assembly No. 67, having been initiated at Supreme Assembly on Thursday evening.



Mrs. Baker is very active Masonically, holding memberships in many of the affiliated bodies. A Past President of Baytown Assembly No. 153, Mrs. Baker started her Masonic career with the Rainbow Girls in Oklahoma City. She has continued her work with the Rainbow Girls by serving in many advisory positions. She belongs to two Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star and has served as Worthy Matron of both of them, and has served the Grand Chapter of Texas as Deputy Grand Matron and Grand Representative to Kansas. Coy is also a member and Past High Priestess of the Ladies Oriental Shrine, a member of the Daughters of the Nile and of the Order of the Amaranth. She is an active supporter of her Sunday school, and a past president of the Methodist Women in Arlington, Texas.

Mrs. Baker's itinerary, which will take her across the entire width and breadth of our great nation as she visits 145 Assemblies in thirty-three states, began with her official visit to Grand Rapids Assembly No. 68 on Saturday, September 28. As many of the delegates from Supreme Assembly stayed over, the meeting room was packed with visitors. What a wonderful way to start her year of service. [Report written by (Mrs. Keith W.) Sandra Dean, P.S.W.P and *Knight Templar* contact for the S.O.O.B.]

## Templar/Shrine Circus Band In New Mexico

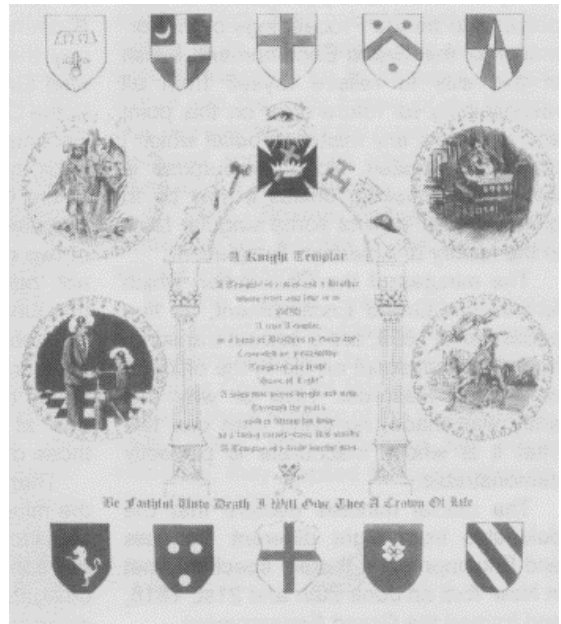


Music is the universal language which bridges all ages. At this year's Ballut Abyad Shrine Circus, New Mexico Knight Templar/Shrine Masons shared the bandstand with the DeMolay to entertain the public. Seen playing trumpet in the back row is Chief Rabban of Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple, Sir Knight William S. "Bill" Lord, along with members of the Shrine Band. In the front row with the clarinet players is

Josef A. Hart, State Master Councilor for New Mexico, Order of DeMolay.

## Knights Templar Poster To Benefit The Eye Foundation

This poster is 18 by 24-inch, and it is in full color with gold and silver and eight other colors, it has four blended colors to give it a very rich appearance. The images on the poster are inspired from the past to the present, and a poem "A Knight Templar" is included. The paper grade is fifty-pound, shiny, artist's paper. Each poster is numbered and signed. There will only be a limited number of these posters produced. The cost of the poster is \$25.00 each, which includes shipping and handling, and the net proceeds will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Shipping date should start around December 1, 1996. If interested, please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz.



## History of The Grand Encampment

### Selections From The Appendixes

#### **Appendix III** **Report On The Formation** **of the Grand Encampment** (continued)

by James H. Hopkins

I have recently had occasion to look more fully and deeply into the facts connected with the early history of the Order in this country, and with the formation of the Grand Encampment, and I submit some of the results of that investigation. None but the weak, or worse, will hesitate to make a frank admission of an error of opinion, when discovered, rather than obstinately adhere to a position proved to be untenable.

I desire to place on record this acknowledgement of the mistake into which I was led by the authorized publications of what purports to be the Proceedings of the formation of this Grand Encampment. I wish in this way to relieve myself from all responsibility for future error on this point and to correct any mistaken belief which I may have created. No other purpose is intended or desired, unless it may be to give a clearer view of some singular facts in the history of American Templarism.

The minutes of the Convention which formed this Grand Encampment, as first published in 1859, are a correct transcript from the manuscript on file in the office of our Grand Recorder. How or why this entry was made, no living man can tell. That it is wholly inaccurate is perfectly demonstrable.

The official minutes declare that the delegates from eight different Councils and Encampments, therein specified, met in New York on June 20th and 21st, 1816, and formed the Grand Encampment.

I have caused diligent search to be made for the records of the different subordinates mentioned. Some of them cannot be found of a date early enough to throw any light on the subject; and of those still preserved there is no mention of the appointment of any delegates for the purpose named, nor any action indicating that the Council or Encampment had any part in the work. The absence of any positive, affirmative minute in a matter of such importance is strong evidence that no such participation was had. But there exists not only negative proof that the subordinate bodies sent no delegates to the Convention, but direct evidence that they did not.

The minutes of the Boston Encampment (Commandery) show that on May 28th, 1816, the Treasurer was authorized to lend to the Grand Encampment (Commandery) the money in his hands to pay the expenses of the delegates from said Grand Encampment (Commandery) to the Convention referred to. Saint John's Encampment (Commandery), of Providence, by a vote, declined to make a loan to the Grand Encampment for the same purpose. Here is evidence on the records of two of the Commanderies that they did not, but that the Grand Commandery of that jurisdiction did, send delegates to the Convention. Of the other subordinates of Massachusetts and Rhode Island mentioned as participating, the minutes of the one at Newburyport cannot be found; those of Newport and Portland are silent.

Then we have the positive testimony of the minutes of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, wherein it appears that on May 15th, 1816, three delegates were appointed to confer with delegates from other Grand Encampment



(Commanderies) upon the subject of a general union of all under one head. On June 25th, 1816, there is the report of these delegates, and the action of the Grand Encampment (Commandery) of Massachusetts and Rhode Island approving of their action and changing the local Constitution so as to bring it into harmony with that of the general Grand Body.

Although this official record is in itself of no greater weight than that of our Grand Encampment, the corroborating and circumstantial evidence render it conclusive that our record is wrong and that of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is correct.

In addition to the minutes referred to, more conclusive evidence has been discovered amongst the papers of Thomas Smith Webb. These papers were examined by our late Grand Master W. Sewall Gardner, and by him vouched for as authentic and in Webb's handwriting. They consist of the credentials of the delegates appointed by the Grand Bodies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New York, and Pennsylvania, to represent them at a Convention in Philadelphia, a minute of the adjournment to New York, with a copy of the Constitution there adopted.

The Encampments (Commanderies) of New York which are reported to have had representatives in the Convention which formed this Grand Encampment were Ancient Encampment, New York; Temple Encampment, Albany; Montgomery Encampment, Stillwater.

None of the early records of these bodies can be found, and the history of two of them is mainly traditional. It is quite certain, however, that neither of them belonged to the Grand Commandery of New York in 1816. Not having access to the minutes, it is impossible to say whether or not they took any action relative to the formation of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Of the first officers of this Grand Encampment, Ezra Ames was a member of Temple Encampment (Commandery), Martin

Hoffman was a member of Ancient Encampment (Commandery). Thomas Lowndes and Jonathan Schiefefelin, also amongst the first officers, do not appear to have been members of either of the four bodies reported as represented in the Convention. Hoffman, Lowndes, and Schiefefelin were members of the Grand Encampment (Commandery) of New York, and Ames was apparently a member of the Grand Body of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, since in 1806, he was made its Grand Senior Warden and reelected each year until 1813. In 1816 he was elected Grand Junior Warden. During all these years he does not appear to have attended a single session. His position was always filled by proxy.

The Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of New York show that on June 4, 1816, Thomas Lowndes was appointed a delegate to the Convention to form general Grand Encampment.

It may, therefore, be considered as definitely settled that this Grand Encampment was formed by delegates from the Grand Bodies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and New York. It will not add anything to the dignity of its organization, nor evoke any special reverence for its founders, to look further into the early history of the bodies they represented. But the quest for truth has disclosed some things which may prove interesting, if not agreeable.

In 1802, Boston Encampment was formed by ten Knights of the *Red Cross* without any warrant.

In the same year St. John's Encampment, of Providence, was formed, without any authority, by *six Sir Knights*.

Darius Council, of Portland, was organized by three Knights of the Red Cross in 1805, when, after admitting two more members, they applied for recognition of Massachusetts.



## 60th Triennial Advance Registration

The Adams Mark Hotel St. Louis will serve as the headquarters for the Triennial Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri, which starts on Friday, August 8, and concludes on Wednesday, August 13, 1997. Placing your order for tickets with the committee before April 30, 1997, will save you a \$25.00 late charge. Below are official order forms. Complete the correct form (voting delegate or non-voting delegate), and mail it without delay: Make check payable to: 60th Triennial Conclave and mail to: Lionel J. Goede, P.O. Box 1132, Fenton, MO 63026-1132

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## Praise to the Masonic Mentor

by Dr. E. K. Edwards, Jr.

Early in the educational period of an aspiring Mason, one person in particular will often become the Mason mentor of the neophyte. This person may or may not be a Masonic instructor. The Masonic mentor is a person who is held in high esteem and considered of integrity by the newly initiated Mason. The mentor becomes somewhat of a Masonic lather" figure to the novice. It is the mentor who helps instill the Masonic values of friendship, morality, brotherly love, Templar-Christian values, and integrity to the newly made Mason. There is usually a strong fraternal bonding with the Masonic mentor.

Nearly all Masons that I have interviewed have or at one time had that one particular, special person who they consider their Masonic mentor. The Masonic careers of most members of the Craft have been greatly influenced by their mentors. The concept of the Masonic mentor is centuries old, but not much is written on this topic.

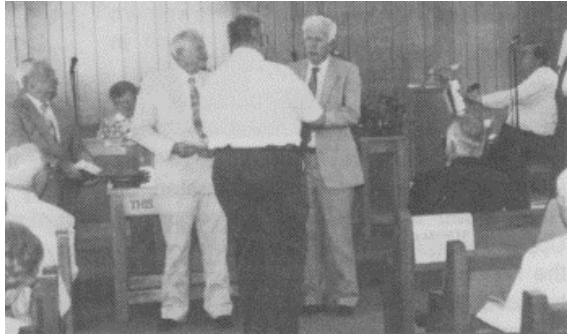
It is time for all Masons to thank their mentors for what they have done for others and in particular for the Craft in general. Let us not take this special group of people for granted.

*Author's note: I wish to dedicate this essay to my Masonic mentor, Sir Knight and Worshipful T. H. Chapman III*

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## Southern Baptist Church Honors Masons

On June 23, 1996, New Bethlehem Baptist Church located near Brewton, Alabama, honored members of the Masonic order by having a special Sunday morning service. The program was designed to put active Masons in each position such as pianist, song leader, and narrator. All prayers were said by Masons. The American and Christian flags were presented by members of the Mobile Scottish Rite Honor Guard.



"The Pledge of Allegiance" was said; the "National Anthem" was sung. The Pledge" was then said to the Christian flag and "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung following an appropriate responsive reading.

"Nearer My God To Thee" and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" were sung by all, and "Brethren We Have Met To Worship" was sung as a special contribution by some of the Brethren.

The morning offering of \$1,178.60 was equally divided between the Mobile Scottish Rite Learning Center, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and the Transportation Fund of Abba Shrine Temple of Mobile.

Following the worship service, the checks were presented to representatives of each of the above organizations and a barbecued pork and fried chicken dinner was enjoyed by all.

The overall attendance for the service was 108 people with fifty-two Master Masons present, representing twenty Lodges and five Eastern Star Chapters.

Plans are already being discussed to make this an annual event.

In the picture, left to right, receiving donations from New Bethlehem Baptist Church, are Ill. Ralph C. Lowery for the Mobile Scottish Rite Learning Center, Sir Knight Charles L. Turk for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and Noble James Christian for the Abba Temple Transportation Fund. Ill. MacArthur Davis, church deacon (back to camera), is making the presentations.

## Columbus Council, Mt. Vernon Commandery Share in Historic Dedication Ceremonies

Sunday, June 23, 1996, will stand as unique in the annals of central Ohio Masonry, particularly for the York Rite bodies, as this was the day in which the apartments and spaces of the Temple at 3880 Reed Road, Columbus, were dedicated by the grand officers of both the Grand Council, A. & S.M., and the Grand Commandery, K.T. for the state of Ohio.

In a day and age when our bodies have been seen as dwindling in numerical strength or community influence, this was indeed a special event; two bodies jointly dedicating and sharing the same facility, each looking forward and outward to the future in their new quarters.

As many Masons and friends in the central Ohio area are now aware, these ceremonies became necessary through the loss of the previous home" of many years for both bodies, the old downtown Masonic Temple on N. Fourth Street in Columbus.

After a search which occupied the efforts of many dedicated members, it was determined that a relocation to the Community Masonic Temple, located on Reed Road in the Columbus suburb of Upper Arlington, would adequately serve the needs of both as we approached the turn of a new century. Of course, the move not only entailed additional "labors" on the part of many of us, but it also required a full resolution, with an accompanying vote of approval for each body to establish this facility as a permanent site of operations for the future. This, in turn, created the need for a formal dedication and consecration ceremony featuring the services and talents of the grand officers of both bodies.

For those of us who were there, memories will remain for having seen or participated in a rare Masonic occasion. At 2:00 P.M. the officers of Columbus Council No. 8 led off the events of the day with a regular opening followed by the admittance of the Grand Council officers for the state of Ohio.

Using the traditional implements of office and "tools" of the position, Most Ill. Comp. James A. Warner of Toledo, Grand Master of

Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters in Ohio, proceeded to dedicate and consecrate the appropriate spaces at Reed Road for use by our Council. He was joined in this revitalizing ceremony by most of his line of grand officers, all of whom cared enough about the Craft to ensure its advancement by dedication in Columbus on a hot Sunday in June.

Following a short intermission, most of these same officers and Companions gathered again, this time as Sir Knights, for the opportunity to witness our Grand Commandery officers take part in the dedication and consecration process on behalf of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1.

Under the aegis of Paul R. Jellison, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and his able line of officers, these solemn ceremonies were carried through to completion, thus enabling our Commandery to firmly establish this building as a permanent residence for the order. Again, it was rewarding to see grand officers from across the state taking the time to share in continuation through consecration.

Both ceremonies also featured short talks on the history of the two bodies and their ties, their meaning, to the quality of Freemasonry in both the state of Ohio and the city of Columbus.

Upon completion of these ceremonies, all were invited to share some much needed refreshment and additional fellowship. We are, after all, working on the same side in the same good cause, and this was an opportunity to initiate or renew acquaintances which enable us to work to that end.

Our thanks go to all the grand and local officers of the line in both bodies and those families and friends who came to share in this unique occasion. As one local officer indicated, you may now go through Council to full Knighthood in the same building, with the same friends and associates, expanding your (and our) horizons through York Rite Masonry.

Remember, if you know of a Royal Arch Mason in good standing with an interest in our good works, members of both bodies are standing by with petitions throughout Ohio. In the central Ohio area, we'll consider all petitions submitted for either our fall/winter work or for the annual spring York Rite Festival. Regardless of the course you help set in the fulfillment of a York Rite career, do it now. We'll all be glad you did.

Some of the grand and local officers of York Rite bodies that gathered for the dedication were: Sir Knight Donald R. Losasso, Commander, Mt. Vernon No.1; Sir Knight Paul R. Jellison, Grand Commander of the Grand Corn mandery of Ohio; Companion Raymond McMahon, Illustrious Master, Columbus Council No. 8; and Companion James A. Warner, Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters, State of Ohio. (Submitted by Sir Knight John A. Spoff.)

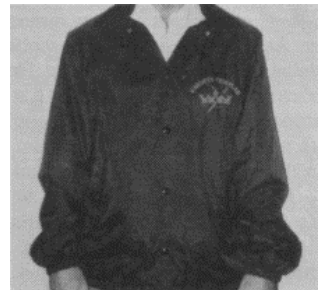
### 25 Years Of Templar Corn In Merrillville, Indiana

On August 10, 1996, E. H. Gary Commandery No. 57, Merrillville, Indiana, celebrated its twenty-fifth year of serving sweet corn at the Lake County Indiana Fair. Said Sir Knight William W. Roberts: As the proceeds have enriched our treasury, so the camaraderie has enriched the hearts and souls of our Sir Knights."



### Knights Templar Jackets from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire to Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Holy Land Pilgrimage

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## Paul Pendarvis: An Oklahoma Lewis—Part I

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

Although Daniel Webster and Albert Mackey define "lewis" as an attachment for lifting heavy stones, the word was given a second meaning when it was added to the lexicon of Freemasonry in England a very long time ago: to designate the son of a Master Mason. The subject of this narrative qualifies as an English "lewis" of great stature, and his story is well worth relating. The name of our lewis was Paul Pendarvis, a musician of great skill and achievement.

As the leader of an outstanding orchestra, he performed in many of the most opulent hotels in America during the decade before World War II. He created a legion of musical fans with his stylized dance rhythms during the course of a meteoric rise to fame. His disappearance from public view was equally swift and enduring. Until recently, the details of Pendarvis' life and career were unknown, and his accomplishments virtually forgotten. Almost nothing has been preserved to document his important contribution to the history of modern American music. It required five long years to uncover the Pendarvis story, plus the efforts of several dedicated Masons.

The narrative did not begin with Paul Pendarvis. The opening scene began on a pretty fall day in the small city of Enid, Oklahoma, situated some 100 miles west of Tulsa. The date was October 7, 1905, and the Reverend Scott Anderson that day united Earl Allen Pendarvis and pretty Pleiade Plumley in holy matrimony. Earl was a rising young Enid bank teller, and Pleiade was the daughter of a prominent real estate broker. For the first years of their marriage, the young couple made their home with Alex Plumley, the bride's father.

Those early years were busy and eventful. Winter was beginning with a hint of

Christmas in the air when Paul Plumley Pendarvis was born on December 2, 1907. He was a beautiful baby, but the doting parents were unable to peer into the future and foresee that they had been given an extremely talented son. That would become apparent over the next few years. Time passed rapidly for Earl Pendarvis as he pressed upward and onward with his own career goals. Prominent among his expanding activities was a growing interest in Freemasonry. In 1909, he petitioned Enid Lodge No. 80 and was accepted.

Earl received his E.A. Degree on April 7, 1909, with the F.C. Degree following soon after, on May 28. He was Raised on July 7, that year, beginning a lifetime of enthusiastic Masonic membership which included several appendant organizations, in addition to the Scottish Rite. Earl passed away on March 31, 1959, a devoted member to the end of his days. Today, his grandson Paul Ferguson cherishes his Masonic ring as a poignant memento of his beloved forebear.

Both Pendarvis children, Paul and his younger sister, Pauline, attended McKinley Elementary School in Enid, where they established fine academic records. During those same years, Paul developed an intense interest in music. Earl arranged for his young son to become a student of Enid's most eminent musical tutor, Professor Rein Dyksterhuis of Phillips University. He began a rigorous course of musical study which continued until Paul was sixteen. His instrument of choice was the violin, and at the end of his tutoring he had mastered the instrument, and was equally skilled in harmony and composition - a consummate musician. Earl and Pleiade looked forward eagerly to

the day when they would see their young son become a classical musician, perhaps a concert violinist. Paul's life took a slightly different direction.

During his early teens, Paul became intensely interested in learning to play the saxophone. His father objected strenuously until the boy came down with scarlet fever. He softened then, and purchased Paul an E-flat alto saxophone as a get-well gift. The lad mastered the instrument in record time without

"Enid's yearbook for 1924, *The Quill*, chronicles his musical achievements and outstanding record as a student. Both of Paul's parents realized that he had no interest in a career in classical music. Earl fervently hoped now that Paul would concentrate on a financial education."

benefit of instruction. When Paul entered Enid High School in 1921, he organized a small dance band and began playing for school social affairs and for dancing at the local Elks' club, one of the town's popular social centers. His small ensemble was called "Paul Pendarvis and His Snappy Five." Before long the group was hired to play several weeks at the local theater, providing musical background for the silent movies. They held that job until a new theater organ arrived.

The Pendarvis family experienced some turbulent times during Paul's high school days. His parents divorced in 1924, dictating a change of residence a few months later. Paul completed his junior year at Enid High School with a fine academic record. Enid's yearbook for 1924, *The Quill*, chronicles his musical achievements and outstanding record as a student. Both of Paul's parents realized that he had no interest in a career in classical music. Earl fervently hoped now that Paul would concentrate on a financial education in college, only a year in the future. Earl had risen to the office of cashier at the Central National Bank in Enid, a

position of importance. He planned to go higher, and he hoped the same for his promising son.

Pleiade and her parents moved to Santa Monica, California, in the summer of 1924 so Paul could enter U.C.L.A. at the conclusion of high school. Paul's grandfather, Alex Plumley, was retired then and able to establish a home wherever he chose. Young Pendarvis completed his senior high school year at Santa Monica and enrolled in U.C.L.A. at the beginning of the fall term in 1925. One of his first projects at the university was to organize a small campus orchestra, a quartet made up of fellow students. That became the nucleus of one of the finest hotel-style orchestras of the 1930s. Paul's musical recruits were drummer Art Parks, pianist Bill Collins, and trumpeter Jimmy Stewart. Stewart doubled as the group's singer, while Pendarvis rounded out the foursome performing on both violin and alto saxophone. They were talented and popular, and the size of the band increased steadily during the years at U.C.L.A. Summer vacations were usually devoted to working on the Dollar Line cruise ships. Paul and a small group made two around-the-world cruises during those years. It was a great adventure, providing first-class accommodations plus \$40 per month in exchange for four and one-half hours of musical entertainment daily.

Earl Pendarvis resigned from Enid's Central National Bank in 1926 and moved to Burbank, California, to live near his children. He founded the Burbank Community Bank and became its first president. He eagerly looked forward to the day when Paul would be able to join him in the business. Paul majored in economics at U.C.L.A. and had every intention of entering the banking profession upon graduation. In fact, upon receiving his degree from the university, he accepted a position in a Burbank bond house to gain some hands-on experience in the financial world. The job lasted only six months before Paul came to the conclusion that music, not finance, was the profession for him. Against the advice of his father and the dire predictions

of everyone around him that his plan to form a commercial orchestra was doomed to failure, Paul began to recruit the members for his musical project. He was short on capital but long on confidence.

The Great Depression was just beginning, and engagements for a 12-piece orchestra in 1932 were difficult to obtain = particularly if the band was unknown. However, the Pendarvis group had several assets which spelled the difference between success and failure. Paul, pianist Bill Collins, and bassist Jud DeNaut combined their talents to create an impressive library of arrangements which would be refined into one of the most elegant musical styles in the decade of the 1930s. In addition, the musicians, immaculately attired in white ties and tails, looked and acted like professionals. With the handsome features of a matinee idol, Paul Pendarvis was the epitome of elegance in the role of leader, and his brilliant violin added the perfect touch to his musical image. He was a great salesman, too and he was always selling his band and their music. Those attributes proved sufficient to land the new orchestra a contract at the popular Town Club on Los Angeles' Wilshire Boulevard.

The reputation of the fine new band spread quickly through the movie colony. It wasn't long before Pendarvis was engaged to play some of the more luxurious private parties in Hollywood. One of Paul's most memorable occasions was the first time they played for a party at Picklair, legendary home of film stars Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford. The band's performance was so impressive at the party that Fairbanks gratefully prepared a ham and egg breakfast for the young musicians as the sun rose over Hollywood Hills. Another of Paul's prominent clients was film star Joan Blondell, famous for her spectacular parties. It was inevitable that the band would be featured in several films during the height of their popularity. Paul personally enjoyed a few minor film roles, but those were just for kicks. He could not be deterred from music.

The orchestra's big break occurred when the wife of Paramount movie director Norman McLeod heard the band at the Town Club in early 1933. Bunny McLeod was enthusiastic over their music and wrote a letter recommending the management of the Muehlbach Hotel in Kansas City to audition the band. She was aware that representatives of the Muehlbach would be in Los Angeles prospecting for a new band in the near future. As a result, the Paul Pendarvis Orchestra was auditioned at the Lakeside Country Club in Los Angeles by a talent scout for the Muehlbach. The band was signed to a five-week contract with an option to extend if they proved to be popular. Pendarvis had a vocal group at the country club singing with the band, a trio of girls billed as the Debutantes. The Muehlbach declined to sign the trio for the Kansas City engagement, but they eventually enjoyed a measure of popularity singing with the Ted Fio Rito Orchestra.



*A rare photo of Pendarvis and his saxophone.  
(Courtesy of Paul P. Ferguson)*

The opening at the Muehlbach was a gala affair. Movie star and band leader Buddy Rogers was engaged to act as master of ceremonies and introduce "Paul Pendarvis and his Hollywood Orchestra." They were a resounding success from the very first night. The five-week stay lengthened into the entire winter.

The Muehlbach Hotel was one of the most prestigious venues in the Midwest during the Big Band Era. There was a permanent network radio wire to the hotel and their orchestras broadcast nationwide virtually every evening. The discriminating dancing patrons demanded the finest in sweet hotel-style music, and some of the greatest swing bands in the country failed to measure up. If the Muehlbach's dancers didn't like the band, they stayed away in droves. In such a setting, the Pendarvis aggregation skyrocketed to national prominence as the darlings of Kansas City dancers.

The Pendarvis style matured steadily in 1933, but it did not achieve full bloom until the Muehlbach engagement was well underway. The manager of the hotel, hearing the band's arrangement of "My Sweetheart" with Paul's fine solo, commented, "That should be your theme song." At that moment, the famous radio theme and tag line were born. The announcer would open every program with the statement, "When you hear the violin, it's Paul Pendarvis," while the band began the theme with the maestro playing his exquisite violin rendition. It was one of the lushest sounds on radio, and it showcased a master of the violin plus a unique style of music which ranked among the best of the early Big Band Era.

Few violinists were able to perform on the same level with Paul Pendarvis. One of the few who comes to mind was Emery Deutsch, but it required outstanding ability to project the sound of a violin solo in those days to compete successfully without the volume of the wind instruments. Paul was one who could.

The names of that 1934 orchestra have nearly been erased from our memory over

the years, and they were a remarkable group. They should be listed for many who recall those great people as part of their golden memories of the time. The band was usually comprised of eleven or twelve men. It featured a reed section somewhat reminiscent of Guy Lombardo or Jan Gerber, insofar as they played in a dramatic, sweeping style, with an emphasis on phrasing and dynamics. The benchmark of the reed section performance was established by Bill Miller's alto sax. He was assisted by Tommy Fabregat and Lew Layson on second alto and tenor respectively. The section work was outstanding, and the entire style was built around the reeds. By the time the band gained national prominence Pendarvis played his alto sparingly. Those of us who remember his band from the mid-30s recall he always played the alto during the sign-off theme but obviously did not wish to detract from his image as a violinist.

Everyone recalls the great Charles "Dick" Dickerhoff, who played lead trumpet, assisted by Ken Laird. Dick's beautiful muted solos accented the lush reed section in most of Paul's memorable recordings. In addition to the two trumpets, the brass included a pair of trombonists, Bob Steward and Paul Love. A trademark of Pendarvis arrangements were the trombone obligatos which supported the lead. Many muted trombone solos competed with Dickerhoff for brass honors. With Bill Collins at the keyboard and Jud DeNaut playing the string bass, the rhythm section was completed by guitarist John Davis and drummer Willard Gates or Booth Bertram. Of course, there were frequent violin solos by the maestro.

Another hallmark of Pendarvis music were his fine vocalists. The workhorse was little Eddie Scope, a tenor with a high-pitched voice, singing in a style that was very popular in the early 1930s. His fine performances are found on about two-thirds of the Pendarvis recordings. Paul's most notable female singer was a husky-voiced Marjorie Beatty, a pretty lass who married



*The Paul Pendarvis Orchestra at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, 1934. Sitting to Pendarvis' right are singers Joey Reardon, Marjorie Beatty, and Eddie Scope. (Courtesy of Paul P. Ferguson)*

pianist Bill Collins. She had all the attributes of a good torch singer, with a voice pitched as low as that of Gertrude Niessen, one of the most notable of that era. Marjorie's memorable vocals of "Life Is Like A Cigarette" and "Mad About the Boy" provide some of the band's great moments. There were other singers, of course, but those names were not as firmly entrenched in the history of the Paul Pendarvis Orchestra. A few that come to mind are Patricia Norman, who eventually went with Eddy Duchin; Joey Reardon; Dorothy Shay; Lois Clark; Phyllis Lynne; and Dorothy Sims. The Playboys were a vocal quartet featured several years with the band, playing their own string accompaniment.

Pendarvis' first important engagement on the west coast as a nationally-acclaimed band was at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, one of the most renowned in California. Paul followed the great Tom Coakley Orchestra into the Palace, where he continued to build his enthusiastic following. In 1935, MCA, the country's leading book agency, persuaded Paul to sign. MCA's clients enjoyed a circuit of

leading hotels in every major city in the country. They also provided continuous quality engagements. During his years with MCA, Pendarvis played in virtually every fine venue in the United States. Some of that long list includes the William Penn in Pittsburgh, the Mark Hopkins and St. Francis in San Francisco, the Adolphus in Dallas, the Peabody in Memphis, the Book-Cadillac in Detroit, the Lowery and Nicolet in Minneapolis, and the Statler hotels across the country. In addition, Pendarvis was booked regularly into the leading clubs and ballrooms, including Elitch's Gardens in Denver, the Aragon and Trianon in Chicago, Bill Green's Casino in Pittsburgh, and the Del Mar Country Club in Santa Monica. His resume literally bulged with glowing endorsements.

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# 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.

In going over the names of the Sir Knights and ladies from all over the United States who have telephoned and/or sent cards following my recent bypass surgery, I realize that the best medium of communication that I might be able to use to thank everyone is the Knight Templar magazine, so Bertha and (thank all of you for your thoughtfulness and friendship. God Bless all of you. And we thank the Grand Encampment for the use of their magazine. Sincerely, Sir Knight Gordon L. Kimball, Sr., R.E.P.G.C., Maine, and Lady Bertha.

Join Pennsylvania's Grand Commander, Sir Knight George W. Metz, on a pilgrimage to the Hy Land and Egypt in 1997 as part of the 200th anniversary celebration of Knight Templary in the United States. For a descriptive brochure and prices, write to Reverend William D. HarUnan, 951 Bridge Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124.

For sale: plate issued by Pittsburgh Commandery in 1898. The rim of the plate is deep blue with gold overlay. In center on white are ducks with date 1898, "Pittsburgh Commandery," cross and crown and "Twenty-seventh Triennial." On reverse side are "semi-vitreous porcelain," "Taylor," and "East Liverpool, Ohio, U.S.A." Clifton E. Srsicxi, 5364 Don Ricardo Dive, Carlsbad, CA 9200.

Where can (purchase in the U.S. the very convenient reversible KT sash? One side is green with a red cross on the breast for the Order of Red Cross; the reverse side is black with a cross and crown on the breast and a Malta cross at crossing. Also wanted: used KT sword and belt, 38-40-inch; 2 volume set of History of the Cryptic Rite; Masonic IBM PC freeware and clip art. Pierre Meste, 2 rue de Dakar, Toulouse 31500, France. Fax: (-33) 621 128 28.

For sale: a fine sword, sheath, and scabbard. Blade made: W. A. Ramold, NY. On one side of sword: "PATRIARCHS MILITANT." On sheath: "PAX-AUT-BELLUM" and lamb and lion faces. Name on sword is: R. B. Winal. Asking \$275.00. Wesley Marple, P.O. Box 93, Liberty, ME 04949-0093.

Wanted: an electric outdoor sign for our Masonic hall building in Austin, Nevada. We would like an old-style

sign that works or can be restored. The Lodge was chartered in 1864, the Chapter in 1882, and the Rebekah Lodge in 1897. We would like for the Masonic, Eastern Star, and Rebekah logos to be displayed on the main street of this old mining town. W. Wayne Perkins, P.O. Box 3028, Tonopah, NV 89049 or fax: (702) 482-3840.

Penn-Justice Lodge No. 766, A.F. & AM., of Penn Hills, PA, now has a Web site on the internet as part of our "Friend-to-Friend" campaign. We have information about our Lodge, internet addresses to other Lodges, internet Masonic clip art, and a gift shop area with over 50 items. The money from our gift shop is donated to charity. From your internet/world wide web software enter: <http://4www.icubed.com/users/blulodge/blulodge.htm>

Philadelphia/Potter Lodge No. 72, F. & A.M., of Pennsylvania, has a limited supply of original design 200th anniversary coins for sale. The coins are 1 1/2-inch in diameter by .102-inch thick and will be offered in the following three formats: brass: hand-finished, satin lacquered - \$6.00 each; fine silver (.999) -25.00 each; fine silver (.999) with 22 kt. gold plating - \$36.00 each. All coins will be enclosed in an airtight capsule. Prices include shipping and handling. Check or money order to Philadelphia/Potter Lodge No. 72. Send to Phila./Potter 200th Anniversary, P.O. Box 876, Richboro, PA 18954-9998.

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.

Would like some proof that those who threw tea into Boston Harbor in 1773 were members of St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston, MA. Massachusetts Grand Lodge said that no records of that particular time survive. My 3rd great-grandfather Moses Axtell who was only 18 at the time was one of the men who participated in the dumping of the tea. He was a minuteman and also at Bunker Hill. Write for more info or to help us in this endeavor to add this info to our list of

Masonic accomplishments. Marilyn (Axle!!) Cheney, 335 Hope Hull Drive, Hope Hull, AL 36043.

Masonic bumper stickers: To Be Or\*-Ask One" make great mementos for newly made members. \$1.00 each or twenty for \$10.00. Larry Nines, Secretary; Waukesha Lodge No. 37; P.O. Box 322; Wathesha; WI 53187.

7th District Masonic Convention, 100th anniversary bronze coin in a very nice plastic display case: \$6.00 each including postage. Send check or money order to James L. Brown, Sec/Treas.; 241 Chota Circle, Lafayette, GA 30728.

"Masons That Were Presidents v2.0" is now available Free with a donation of \$5.97 to cover S & H, materials, and a donation to support Freemasonry. This is a much improved program from version 1.0 and includes considerably more information about 14 Masonic Presidents, better quality graphics, and even sound capabilities. This program works on IBM PCs and compatibles using Windows 3.1 or Win95. Available only on 3.5-inch HDD diskettes. Send check or money order, along with your request to: Nu-Visions Software, 25638 Cove Way, Madera, CA 98638.

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 vanities. 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.

Would like to communicate with anyone having info on or about the Supreme Grand Synod, Ancient & Heroic Order of the Gordian Knot, which was established on 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.

Wanted: Knights Templar and other Masonic and Shrine badges. Also, any Masonic items and entire collections for my personal collection. Will trade. Why not use these items as a source of fund-raising for the KTEF? Fair and honest prices paid. I still need a Shriner's Cushman Eagle scooter. Robert L Kiefer, 1057 Brandywine Drive, Medina, OH 44256, (330) 725-0670 evenings.

The National Association of Collectors of Masonic Memorabilia and Research Society wishes to thank all Brothers who responded to our invitation to join our collecting and research society. We are in the process of placing our first publication in the very near future. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Additional inquiries, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to National Association of Collectors of Masonic Memorabilia and Research Society, CIO Robert L. Kiefer, 1057 Brandywine Drive, Medina, OH 44256. All inquiries answered.

For sale: 18 size Illinois, 15-jewel "Columbia," key wind, pocket watch, Duber silverine case (nickel silver) serial No. 426446. In running condition. \$2,000.00 or best offer. Donald P. Darms, 1300 Crestwood Drive, Harrison, AR 72601

Wanted: to buy toy trains. I am an avid train collector and I like to purchase toy trains to add to my collections. My major interest is in Lionel brand trains but I am also interested in other brands of trains. Would you please let me know if you have any that you would like to sell. I will consider buying one piece or an entire collection, and I will pay a fair price. Wayne W. Spiegel, 5022 Gladly Creek Drive, Urbana, C1 43078, (513) 652-3433.

Seeking info on my half brother, Wither Bennett, son of John Henry Bennett (a Mason) and Ethel Bennett. He lived in or near Patchogue, L.I., New York, in the mid-1940s and perhaps beyond. I would like to correspond with anyone having knowledge. Charles H. Bennett, P.O. Box 189, Milbridge, ME 04658.

Looking for long lost friend. He served aboard the U.S.S. Lowe (DER-325) from about 1964 through 1966. He was also in the South China Sea during Ytot Nam. His name is Jacob Ershul Mullins, Jr. (A.K.A. "Moon"). The last time I heard from fm, he was in Virginia. Originally, we were from Charlotte, NC. His mother's name is Nell. If you have any info on him or his whereabouts, pleas. call Wayne day or night, collect at (916) 343-7151.

Seeking former members of 80th General Hospital, WWII, who served at Camp White, or New Guinea or Philippines. Lawrence Wade, 518 Hawthorn Trail, N. Manchester, IN 46962.

Wanted: The Joy of Cooking, 1931-43, Bobbs Merrillco Pub. and/or The Joy of Cooking by Irma S. Rombauer, A. C. Clayton Printing Co., St. Louis, MO, 1931. George E. West, P.O. Box 1267, Cortez, CO 81321, (970) 565-3279.

Seeking help in learning the "WICCA" tradition, preferably by an initiated WICCAN. Ewald Greenwood, P.O. Box 68, Wonder Lake, IL 90097, (815) 382-9588.

Does anyone have or know of any one that owns a 32-gauge shot gun?: This gun was made in Poland prior to WWI, it is double barreled, and with outside hammers (rabbit-ears) Breechloader, walnut stock and forearm. If you will sell, contact D. C. Nichols, 317 Gateway Lane, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

Reunion: Camp Fannin Vets, WWII, April 3-6, 1997. For information Camp Fannin Association, P.O. Box 132024, Tyler, TX 75713.

Reunion: 8611 of U.S. Army's A.S.A. Baumholder. Meet annually. Ray E. Flowers, 937 Evergreen Avenue, Cayce, SC 29033-3308, (803) 796-7154.

For sale: 4 spaces in Arlington Memorial Gardens, Lot 15, Section 2: \$800.00 each or all 4 spaces for \$3,000.00. Del City, OK. Call Bob Gaodall, (405) 677-6761.

For sale: 2 grave sites in Skylawn Memorial Park, Garden of Vision near entrance gate, San Mateo, CA. Asking \$4,000 each or \$7,000 for both. C (707) 459-0653

## Bounteous October

October now at last has come,  
With all her bounteous store,  
To greet us one and all again  
As oftentimes before.

Her pumpkins are a golden heap,  
Her apples, rosy red,  
And leaves of many hues and shades  
Around us she has spread.

The sumac's crimson leaves look bright;  
The black oak's leaves are brown.  
Their colors seem to harmonize  
As they come drifting down.

The cornstalks wave their yellow tops  
And full-grown ears appear;  
Oh, what can be more glorious  
Than this time of the year?

*Esther M. Peterson*