A

**A Quick Guide to Freemasonry** by David Harrison (Book Review)—September, 34

“Among Whom No Contention Should Ever Exist...”—March, 9

[Grand Masters' sometimes arbitrary actions; personal opinions and prejudices become Masonic “law”; power struggles; responsibility comes with power; story of Charles in TN; Grand Masters should strive to be paragons of Masonry]

Anthony, Seth C.—May, 23

**April to April: Masons and Knights at the Beginning and End of the Civil War** — June, 23

[Brethren who participated in that so-called “Brother’s War.”; Major Robert Anderson; Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard; Fort Sumter; Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain; John Brown Gordon; Brevet Major General Chamberlain; ceremony of Confederate troops laying down their arms at Appomattox]

**Are the Clothes a Clue?** — June, 12

[level of “dress” of our membership; ritualistic instruction regarding “internal and not the external qualifications” is not license to lower our level of personal appearance; we as individuals subconsciously communicate to the world through our outward appearance the level of respect we have for our fraternity and for ourselves; need to exhibit a level of personal appearance and behavior fitting for a member of this great fraternity]

**Armor of God, The** — June, 30

[As Christians and as Knights, we are called by God to defend against the devil’s evil schemes; Ephesians 6:10; put on the belt of truth, the truth of the Lord; fasten on the breastplate of righteousness; put on the shoes of peace; shield is our defense for our faith; put on the helmet of salvation; take up the sword, which is our spirit; live Godly lives while modeling the way for other Christians]

**Arthur MacArthur, 32nd Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (Second in a series on our Grand Masters)** -- April, 9; May, 9 (Unintentional repeat from April)

[Troy, NY; Troy Northern Budget newspaper; Monitor and Merrimac; Troy Citizen Corps; charitable work; Masonic memberships; death]

B

Barker, Bruce W.—July, 34; October, 34

Buchholz, Philip G.—April, 13; June, 12

C

**Cabal of the Westford Knight: Templars at the Newport Tower** by David S. Brody (Book Review)—October, 34

**Case for Hiram Abiff, The** — August, 21

[Phoenicia; King Hiram of Tyre; King Solomon asked Hiram to send him cedar wood and other supplies along with a master artisan; Josephus; Templar presence in the principality of Tyre during the crusades; Abiff may be an abbreviation of Masonic origin or code; sarcophagus bearing the name “Ahiram”; “Abiff” is clearly not Hebrew nor is it Phoenician or Arabic in origin; possible interpretations of the word “Abiff” as well as the names of the three assassins of Hiram; the reputed curse of Jacques de Molay; the hidden meaning of the Masonic story is saying, is that the Bible itself (Jubayal), the King, and the Pope were the three murderers of Hiram Abiff who is one and the same with Jacques de Molay]

Charles Richard Neumann, Most Eminent Honorary Past Grand Master (Obituary)—November, 13

**Chief Strength and Support, The**—April, 13

[maintaining the peace and harmony of the fraternity; our style of communication varies; we are all different; the level of the fraternal bond is not universally constant]
Chivalry! —September, 13
[“The International Fellowship of Chivalry—Now”; gentleman; male code of ethics; Truth provides the foundation of chivalry; Loyalty; Courtesy; honor women; Justice; essence of romantic love is commitment; do our best in all things]

Christmas Message, A (Holiday message)—December, 20

Commandery Growth—January, 34
[Study For Growth; “Issachar Factor”; “Choice Factor”; “Number Factor”; “Israel Factor”; Study Of Growth; 1 Corinthians 9:22; Five Choices For Growth; Culture Choice; Leadership; Involvement Choice; Outreach Choice; Identity Choice]

Contentious History of a Holiday, The—April, 23
[religious festival of the Christian Church; Day of Resurrection; Passover; early Jewish-Christian intellectuals view of Jesus; early Judaic Christian views of the resurrection of Christ; Quartodecimans (“Fourteeners”); Pope Victor places Day of Resurrection on a Sunday; Council of Nicaea; Alexandrian astronomers; Celtic Church; St. Brigid; Roman and the Celtic Day of Resurrection were usually a week or two apart; dawn goddess, ‘Easter’, Easter’s festival; her sacred rabbit with its colored eggs; Easter in the American colonies; goddess’ name has become established as the official name of the holiday in the English language]

Compasses and Square—July, 32
[practical meanings on many levels; distance all men are from the divine; also reflects our earth; Roman quadra; Jerusalem considered the navel of the world; St. Augustine; tents or tabernacles which later became temples; tabernacles were supported by a central pole; its symbolism; Holy of Holies; Egyptians and ancient Maya constructed their sacred edifices to capture rays of the sun to fill designated areas with sunlight at certain periods of the solar calendar; the Masonic spiritual edifice]

Conway, Frank, Ph.D.—April, 23
Creating Engaged New Members, One Sir Knight At A Time—December, 30
[experience of being raised or knighted alone conveys a powerful sense of individualization; “festival” candidates remain less bonded and less engaged with their Masonic bodies; the more candidates a Masonic body may process in mass events, the lower their relative attendance at stated meetings and social occasions; duty of the Commandery to explain to each candidate prior to receiving the Order of the Temple that although he may be knighted on the same day with others, a singular honor is being bestowed upon him; creating more individualized experiences for successive new members]

D

Daily Battles We Face, The—September, 7
[Bill Perkins, “Six Battles Every Man Must Win (Book)”, issue of being self-serving, getting closer to our God, read at least one page of the Holy Bible daily, largest battle is within, fighting vices, vows as a Knight Templar]

DeMolay Degree, The. Fact or Fiction?—May, 23
[not historically accurate; King Phillip of France; Jacques DeMolay; seizure of Templars and their assets; Pope Clement V; Cardinals interrogate DeMolay; ecumenical council at Vienne; Templars burnt at stake; DeMolay and de Charney burnt as relapsed heretics; DeMolay’s curse; Chinon documents]

Denton, Barry—June, 30; September, 7

Dr. Francis Drake and the Grand Lodge of All England Held at York—November, 21
[Prince Edwin; York; Eboracum (History of York); Chester (city); Seth Agar; John Drake; “Premier or Modern” Grand Lodge; York Grand Lodge; strong and close “clique” of powerful local gentlemen seemed to rule the York Grand Lodge completely in the early decades of the eighteenth century; Charles Fairfax; Tobias Jenkyns; Jacobite; William Arundell; Dr. Francis Drake, FRS; Paine’s “Origins of Freemasonry”; Punch Bowl Tavern; town of Oldham; Lodge of Fortitude; Lodge of Friendship; William Blanchard; “Union” Lodge; John Browne]

Duval, Anthony—August, 21

E

Emerging Leaders Program FAQ—October, 6
F

Feld, Michael—May, 27

Following the Clues: Early Knights Templar Regalia and Certificates—February, 9

[Irish military Lodges; Boston Encampment; early certificates from Irish and Scottish Lodges offer a trail to follow; Charles Morison’s certificate; Lodge No. 212 on the registry of Ireland; by the mid-1780s several Encampments were active in NY; traveling certificate; Royal Arch Lodge Maybole No. 264; American Knights Templar wore regalia beginning in at least the late 1790s; silk apron & black sash; collar; Silas Pratt]

Freemasonry and the Art of Moral Navigation—January, 21

[ritual work and literature of Freemasonry are replete with references and allusions to the art of navigation; degree of Fellowcraft; jewel of a Past Master; Carl W. Davis; W. Kirk MacNulty; Noble but Slightly Dishonourable Degree of the Corks; the word ‘compass’; boxing the compass; degree of Master Architect; Just as is alluded to in Masonic ritual, our internal compass is ever present; we are travelers, journeying through life toward the great unknown; William Waterway poem, ‘Navigation’]

G

Golden Rule as a Talisman of Freemasonry, The—May, 22

[Golden Rule; Jesus; Confucius; feelings; consideration; Christians the people of kindness]

Grand Encampment Awards and Honors—August, 28

[Knight Templar Cross of Honor history and criteria; National Award criteria and selection; MEGM William H. Thornley designs three awards; Grand Encampment College of Honors; active, emeritus members of the College; Deputies of the College; Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) award and criteria; Companion of the Temple (CT) award and criteria; Knight Grand Cross of the Temple (KGC) award and criteria; Grand Cross Templar (GCT) award and criteria]

H

Hamilton, Jeff—September, 13

Harrison, Dr. David—November, 21

He was Master of His Lodge Twelve Times—June, 28

[Wigan, England; Grand Lodge of Wigan; Lodge of Antiquity now No. 178 (originally 235); Richard Holmes; Henry Miller; Thomas Holmes; during this period it was not uncommon for a Worshipful Master to serve for six months; Miller served twelve times as Master of Lodge of Antiquity from 1819-1856]

Hetoimasia: The Empty Throne, the Preparation Throne—May, 27

[act of preparation begins with a state of emptiness; Taoist and Buddhist teachings; symbolism of the Empty Throne; description of the Hetoimasia; symbolism carried over into Blue Lodge Masonry; need for preparation]

Hidden Wisdom, Secrets of the Western Esoteric Tradition by Tim Wallace-Murphy (Book Review)—August, 34

Horns of Hattin, The—March, 23

[battle in July 1187 that ultimately resulted in the fall of Jerusalem; Raynald of Chatillon; Constance of Antioch; Emperor Manuel I; King Baldwin IV; Gerard de Ridefort; Raymond III of Tripoli; Saladin; Guy of Lusignan; unwise decision by Frankish leadership; Crusaders trapped on the dusty plain; aftermath of the battle; Raynald slain by Saladin; Pope Urban III dies of shock]

I

Importance of the Ascension, The—May, 31

[the Ascension of Jesus; Jesus offered disciples the “3P’s.”; power of the Holy Spirit; witnessing to others; We should be ready for his sudden return]

Indices for Knight Templar Magazine—April, 5

J

Javor, Martin, Dr.—February, 21

John 3:16—March, 12

[God’s intense love for His creation; the profound sacrifice of His Son; God loves the world is a transforming thought;
the light that enlightens every man is the knowledge that God so loves the world]

Johnson, Robert H. – October, 21

K

Keevil, Jeffrey A.— October, 8
Kerr, Rev. Donald—April, 29; May, 22; November, 20; December, 20

L

Lewis, Tom, Jr.—January, 9; March, 9; July, 24
Lomax, Fred – June, 28

M

Marple, James A. – June, 9; July, 27
Marshall, George L.—April, 9; May, 9, 34; July, 9; August, 28; September, 9; November, 9, 34; December, 8

Masonic Secret Weapon, A: The H. L. Hunley—November, 27

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[submarine; U.S.S. Housatonic; the Hunley was designed, financed, built, armed, deployed, and commanded by Masons; Horace L. Hunley; New Orleans; Captain David Farragut; Mobile, Alabama; Lieutenant George E. Dixon; Mobile Lodge No. 40; Dr. John R. Fretwell; Edgar Singer; the “Hunley” described; Charleston, SC; Clive Cussler; recovery of the “Hunley” and its crew in 2000; Warren Lasch Conservation Center]

Matching the Method to the Message—August, 9

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[how verbal communications can be made most effective in teaching by degrees; the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences; references to the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences; the leaders and teachers of the Lodge use the art of rhetoric; importance of word emphasis, volume, speed, pronunciation, and enthusiasm; Listeners expect to receive something of benefit for their time and attention; elocution can be learned; Thought must be given to emphasizing key words and phrases; All of the concerns about proper speaking cannot be solved by adding electronic amplification; Don’t drop the last word in a sentence]

McCash, David P.—July, 32
Muth, Richard F.—November, 27

Men of the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial, The—October, 13

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[Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Union Captain Henry Bingham; Confederate Brigadier General Lewis Armistead; The Killer Angels (Book); Gettysburg (Movie); Armistead Masonic membership; The Better Angels of Our Nature: Freemasonry in the American Civil War (Book); Bingham Masonic membership; Bingham receives the Medal of Honor; Bingham in Congress; Winfield Scott Hancock; Hancock Masonic membership; Rutherford B. Hayes; Gettysburg Memorial Weekend by Knights Templar of PA]

More Old Fobs and Masonic Jewelry—January, 30
More Fobs & Regalia—April, 22
More Old Templar Bling – June, 13
Morris, J. B., Rev. Dr.—May, 31
Muth, Richard F. – June, 23; October, 13

N

Newell, Aimee E., Dr.—February, 9
Newman, P. D.—January, 21


[“born again”; the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Essenes, their characteristics & beliefs; Jesus an Essene?; practices of exclusion; resurrection only understood by a few before and now accessible to all; Nicodemus tended to the deceased body of Christ; Nicodemus understood the resurrection as a resurrection not just for some but for many]
Old Masonic Calling Cards: Timeless Fraternal Greetings — June, 9
[Victorian era; Masonic business cards; confined basically to introducing one member to another; not to be used for shameless self-promotion of a person’s trade or vocation or for campaigning for office; generally listed the name of the bearer and normally his town of residence along with the names of the various Masonic bodies with which he was affiliated; description of cards owned by the author]

On the Modernization of the Kingdom of Hungary’s Society and Freemasonry in 19th and 20th Centuries — February, 21
[Austro-Hungarian Compromise; many Freemasons actively participated in political life; Arts and philosophy were ostensibly the only objects of their support; Freemasons labeled the initiators of anticlerical laws; Laszlo Kiraly Lodge in Oradea; Oszkar Jaszi; Lodges in Slovakia predominantly “intelligent”; Many Lodges struggled with a lack of financial resources; Many prospective members could not even afford dues; pro-reform Freemasons; voting rights; attitude toward the church; other issues brought about by modernization such as the social question, family breakdown, and the emancipation of women; Freemasons supported the ideas of progress, development, social change, and above all, the orientation of society toward the rational; Lodge Brotherhood in Bratislava; Martinovic’s Circle; Galileo’s Circle; October of 1910, the project of spreading Freemasonry to more important towns was introduced; Grand Lodge in Budapest]

P
Palmer, John L. — April, 34; June, 34; August, 34

Penny on the Sidewalk, A (Inspirational message) — December, 8
Perkins, R. William — January, 34
Price, David L., III — September, 34
Pruitt, W. Bruce — August, 9

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Rarity of a Russian Double-Headed Eagle With All-Seeing Eye, The — July, 27
[an emblem of royal empires; emblem as in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry; Russian Medal, issued by Czar Nicholas I in the year 1849; on the obverse is a radiant triangle with the eye of providence (Almighty God) above a crowned double-headed eagle, wings upward, shield of armor, with scepter and orb held in its claws; The legend (translated) “God with us. Consider, Heathens, and Submit!”; use of double-headed eagle by Turks; Knight Crusaders; Russian coat of arms; Mercian kings of England; city of Vienna; appears in the 30th degree as a Kadosh emblem; white and black duality has much underlying allegorical symbolism; reasons for issuing the Russian pacification medal; Lajos (Louis) Kossuth; Kossuth Masonic memberships; The Emperors of East and West; double-headed eagle of Lagash; Crimean War; separation of church and state can and should exist; for all regular Freemasons, belief in Almighty God is paramount.]

[Congregational Church; St. Albans Vermont; Grand Lodge of Vermont; Grand Chapter of Vermont; Grand Chapter of New Hampshire; Grand Council R&SM of New Hampshire; General Grand Chaplain; General Grand Master of Grand Encampment; Grand Lodge of Illinois; “Mormon Lodges”; Nauvoo Illinois; formation of a Grand Lodge in Iowa; Fort Madison Iowa]

Rodkey, Christopher D., Dr. — January, 13
Rogitz, John L. — March, 12

Rolling Away the Stone — October, 30
[Jack London; Haleakela volcano; resurrection of Jesus; St. Paul; stone that sealed the grave; the stone rolled away exposes the empty tomb and proves that He is risen; His rising from the dead validates every other claim presented by Jesus; God is still in the business of rolling away stones; power of the Spirit of God]

S
Salberg, David L. — October, 25
Scholsser, Russell L. — December, 30

Survey of Nature, A — April, 29 [Holiday message]
Templar Memorabilia—March, 30
Thankful for What? (Holiday message)—November, 20
The Children’s Crusade: Medieval History, Modern Mythistory by Gary Dickson (Book Review)—November, 34
The Fourth Crusade: The Conquest of Constantinople by Donald E. Queller and Thomas F. Madden (Book Review)—May, 34
The Great Siege Malta 1565 by Ernle Bradford (Book Review)—March, 34
The Sword of Moses by Dominic Selwood (Book Review)—April, 34
The Templars by Piers Paul Read (Book Review) – June, 34
The Templar’s Secret by Thomas Madachik (Book Review)—July, 34
Thoene, Brock—October, 30
Thoughts of a Holy Land Pilgrim, The—July, 22

Church of the Holy Sepulchre; six of the most ancient Christian denominations worship side by side; sixteen hundred years, monks have served there; it is a living place of worship, charged with faith and passion; only church in the world where first-century Herodian, second-century Hadrianic, fourth-century Constantinian, eleventh-century Byzantine, twelfth-century Crusader, nineteenth century neo-Byzantine, and twentieth-century modern masonry are visible in one place

Tiner, Rev. Steven G.—July, 22
To Be a Pilgrim—September, 22
Jacques DeMolay; death of DeMolay and Geoffrey de Charnay; King Philip IV; Great Exile of 1306; Commandery at Paris; Boniface VIII; Guillaume de Nogaret; Benedict XI; Pope Clement V; “Templar origination” theory of Masonry; infamous Iles des Juifs; shifting mudflats; King Henry III; author’s visit to Paris described; idea of erecting a monument to DeMolay

Trip to the Serpentarium, A—July, 24
We were born pure, not seeing race, sexuality, ego, hate, or anger; fear of serpents goes back to the Garden of Eden; where does the hate and distrust (between religions) come from?; trip to Edisto Serpentarium; our children learn to fear what we fear, just as we learned to fear what our parents feared; Masonry teaches us that a man’s personal faith is not relevant in the Lodge as long as he has one; must divest ourselves of the fears we have learned; need to evaluate those we meet as individuals rather than as a member of a group or class; just live up to our Masonic obligations; rather than going in search of light, we would reveal it

V

Walter A. DeLamater, 46th Grand Master of the Grand Encampment—September, 9
Parents, education; marriages and children; military service; Mexican Border affair; WWI service; promotions culminating in Major General rank; Federal Civil Works Administrator of New York City; Masonic memberships; angelic vision; Knights Templar Eye Hospitals; vote to establish Knights Templar Eye Foundation; death and interment

What Seest Thou?—October, 8
Prophet Amos; plumbline; Dr. Thomas J. Constable; the method of Israel’s punishment; the standard by which God measures; standards; accountability

Who Are These New Masons, Anyhow?—October, 25
Robert G. Davis; WWII Era generations; Schwarzkophers; (Baby) Boomers; GenXers; Millennials or Generation Yers; differences among five generations of men; the GenXers and the Millennials are most interested in us; Millennials’ expectations of Masonry; old men with old ideas; use of technology; social network sites; websites and blogs; the Masonry which men plead for, learn about, opine over, and practice online is the Masonry they must come to find in the Lodge, Chapter, Council, or Commandery; guide the consciousness of our Lodge to that spiritual path of collective man-work; we must commit to give to our young brothers the stability and knowledge, the guidance and wisdom that can only come from life experience
Widow’s Son, The—October, 21
[Hiram Abiff; Ruth; Boaz; all the descendants of Ruth were known simply as “Sons of the Widow”; forty-five generations from Ruth to Jesus; Hiram Abiff of the line of Ruth; lineage of Jacob; Enoch; King David; Alpha Lineage; we follow in the footsteps of Hiram Abiff]

Wilbur M. Brucker, 49th Grand Master of the Grand Encampment—July, 9
[Parents; higher education & degrees; service in MI National Guard; U.S. Army service during WW I; Attorney General in MI; 32nd Governor of MI; Other political offices; Secretary of the Army; accomplishments as Secretary of the Army; fraternal and professional memberships; service as MEGM of Knights Templar; KTCH approved; Knight Templar magazine became monthly; death and interment]

Williams, Ben—March, 23; September, 22

With the Eloquence of Men and Angels—January, 9
[I Corinthians 13:1-3; Dr. Dalcho; resignation of Masonic leadership offices; why do members NOT come back?; feeling of brotherhood lost; misuse of power; Men come to a fraternity for fellowship, a sense of belonging, a feeling of oneness with the “brothers”; Masonry is not bearing the fruit it once did; Actions matter. They are all that matters]

Wolfertz, Scott—March, 34

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