A

A Mosaic Palace, Freemasonry and the Art of Memory by Martin Faulks [Book Review]—July, 34

Avenging Angel of Phillip IV (the Fair), The: Guillaume de Nogaret—July, 7
[birthplace; Albigensian Crusade; education; royal court judge; Pope Boniface VIII; quarrel between Philip and Boniface; Pope Benedict XI excommunicates Nogaret; arrest of the Templars; Pope Clement V; penance imposed on Nogaret; his death]

B

Battle of Lepanto, The—June, 29; December, 7 (Repeat)
[brief history of the 1571 sea battle between the Holy League and Ottoman Empire in the Gulf of Patras; Knights of Malta participation in; significance of the Battle]

Boice, Myron C.—September, 21

Bruneau, Robert—April, 10; May, 13; October, 30

C

Carpenter, Kenneth A.—November, 21

Casting Lots—April, 30
[use of Urim and Thummim as related in the Bible; symbolism of white and black balls used in lodge balloting]

Charity—May, 13
[definition of charity; ways that charity can be extended; chief reason to practice charity; results of charity when practiced correctly]

Clear & Present Danger—April, 11
[Essay on Knights Templar in the age of terrorism against Christianity & Christians; suggestions and ideas on protecting Templar asylums from disruptive intruders and terrorists]

D

Defending the City of God: A Medieval Queen, The First Crusades, and the Quest for Peace in Jerusalem by Sharan Newman [Book Review]—August, 34

Dinkel, John R.—August, 11

E

Earning Our Wages—May, 25
[Mark Master degree; use of fingers to make religious signs; sign of the Cross; our mark is our faith in Christ, and our wage is salvation]

F

Feld, Michael—May, 29; June 21, 34

Finding Logos in the Degree of Secret Master—May, 29
[Various aspects of “Logos”; we must not only have a purpose, but also work to accomplish it; we must divine the Logos to reveal our purpose and create order; Man’s Search for Meaning by Victor Frankl; Scottish Rite 4th degree emphasis on Duty as Logos; where truthfulness, endurance, and independence are the foundational planning, justice, mercy, and equity comprise the method of execution; Silence, Devotion, Attainment]

Freemasons and the Political Culture of the British Atlantic World, 1717-1798: Part 1 of 2—February, 21
[Anderson’s Constitutions of 1723 and revised version of 1815 mentions of political involvement; opinions of Masonry as being either radical or conservative; oligarchy and opposition in 18th century Britain; patriots and loyalists in colonial British America and their interactions with their British brethren]

Freemasons and the Political Culture of the British Atlantic World, 1717-1798: Part 2 of 2—March, 21
[Ireland: Freemasonry and “the Ninety Eight”; Freemasons’ implication in movements that challenged the British government, especially the United Irish Rebellion, had profound consequences, felt far beyond Britain’s shores]

G
Ganion, Richard L.—October, 27

H
Hamilton, Billy—May, 21
Harland-Jacobs, Dr. Jessica L.—February, 21; March, 21
Hendrickson, Tom—April, 7
Horath, Larry—September, 14

I
If It Ain’t Broke, Don’t Fix It!—October, 7
[Essay on where and how to find and implement an effective solution or solutions to membership problems; Robert Bly; Robert Putnam; Critical Mass Theory; attitude as a causal factor; impact of family and social values on membership; communication skills affect membership; basic, craft Freemasonry is essential]

I Greet You Well by Mike Lawrence [Book Review]—March, 34

Invisibles: The True Story of the Rosicrucians by Tobias Churton [Book Review]—April, 34

J
Jagush, Gabriel—May, 25
Jernigan, Richard—June, 7

Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension Truths—June, 13
[Jesus offers us peace when we are troubled; God’s spirit was given to us; Jesus’ Ascension has two major themes: The first is the enthronement of Christ and his power, and the other is his command to spread the gospel through the world; we need to listen to Jesus Christ calling us to follow him and do his work]

Jesus — The Missing Years (First in a Series of Two)—July, 25
[From age 12 to 30 no mention of what Jesus was doing in the Bible; possibly worker in his earthly father’s carpenter shop; Jesus’ baptism; Dead Sea Scrolls; John C. Trever; Qumran; Essenes; three Jewish sects— the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Essenes; Albert Pike; Pope Benedict XVI; the Essene Manual of Discipline; secret teachings of Jesus; Dan Brown’s book, The Lost Symbol]

Jesus — The Missing Years (Second in a Series of Two)—August, 21
[Dr. H. Spencer Lewis’ book, The Secret Doctrines of Jesus; there are records of Jesus having gone through an initiatory process; Great White Lodge or the Great White Brotherhood; Essenes; Nazarites; Mt. Carmel; Jagannath, India; Meng-tse; Persepolis, Persia; Jesus moved on to the Tigris-Euphrates region and met up with great sages of Assyria and Chaldea; travels to Greece; goes to Egypt; Akhnaton; Great Pyramid at Giza; Levi Dowling—his book, The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ; the “last days”]

Johnson, Peter H., Jr.—December, 21
Knights of the Cloister: Templars and Hospitallers in Central Southern Occitania 1100-1300 by Dominic Selwood [Book Review]—September, 34

Knight Templar Graveyard is Preserved—February, 10

[Paddy Houlihan from Ballybeg, Ireland, who, along with his granddaughter, are striving to preserve the Knight Templar Graveyard at Kilbarry, Ireland; oldest grave date 1598 and newest 1856; need to make sure that if we encounter a burial spot of Brother Masons we do our best to make sure the place is properly maintained]

Knights Templar Have Supported Charities Throughout the Centuries—February, 7

[yellow fever in Jacksonville, Florida in 1888 Knights Templar and Shrine relief corps work; bond sales during war; Buddy Poppy purchases; we must have charitable giving standards of the highest repute]

Kuntz, Jeffrey—April, 25; July, 25; August, 21

Lamb, Jamie P.—November, 9

Laws of God as Given to Mankind, The—August, 11

[first laws handed down from God to man are found in the book of Genesis in the Bible; the seven Noachide laws; the Decalogue or Ten Commandments; Jesus’ summary of God’s laws in Matthew 22: 34-40; the belief in our Creator, as well as conscience and moral integrity have been the sum of God’s laws from first to last]

Laying Down the Sword—May, 21

[a discussion of how we as Knights Templar should prepare and take steps for the time when we pass on and how to arrange for our funerals]

Leading During Difficult Times—June, 7

[essay and suggestions for leading the Fraternity during difficult times; establishment of core values; the need for discipline to carry out leadership functions]

Leilich, Matthew A.—February, 14

Lord’s Prayer According to the Knights Templar, The—May, 27

[essay on what each of the ten main points of the Lord’s Prayer is saying to us as Knights Templar]

Love Is Still the Greatest—April, 25

[essay on the “Love Chapter” of St. Paul: I Corinthians 13 and the “agape” of John’s First Epistle; description of various books, writings, and songs on love]

M

March, John K.—April, 11

Making a Daily Advancement by Mike Lawrence [Book Review]—May, 34

Marples, James A.—February 7, 10; April, 21; May, 11; June, 11, 29; July, 21; August, 7; October, 21; December, 7

Marshall, George L., Jr.—February, 34; April, 34; May, 7, 34; July, 7; August, 34; September, 7,34; October, 34; November 7, 34; December, 32

Masonic Knights Templar Regalia History, The: Part Two in a Series of Two—January, 21

[continued from Nov. 2018; Templar sword; sword belt; cap and mantle; gauntlet cuffs; condition of items; identifying Templar regalia; cost; personal perspective on collecting]

Masonic Lodge Seals: Official “Crimped” Seals-of-Approval—October, 21

[seal a means of attesting that a document is genuine and not forged; use of wax as a seal; brass crimping seal commonly used by Masonic groups; hand-pressed seal; use of the lodge seal as a tool; grand lodge seals; Knight Templar seals]
Medieval Pilgrim Dress—May, 7
[POems Plowman; scrip or pera; staff or bourdon; contents of the scrip; size and use of the staff; cloak or sclavina; broad brim or slouch hat; footwear; pilgrims with beards]

Mind the Gap—January, 7
[Essay on approaches Masonic leadership should consider and utilize to attract and retain new members, especially younger ones; what the leaders can and cannot prepare younger men for in Masonry]

Monument to Anti-Masonry, A—November, 21
[Brief Account of the Morgan Affair and Its Influence on the Anti-Masonic Movement in the United States in the Nineteenth Century]

Morris, Rev. J.B.—June, 13

Munoz, Joaquin—March, 7

Myth, Magick & Masonry: Occult Perspectives in Freemasonry by James Paul Lamb [Book Review]—February, 34

N

Nelson, Matt—January, 7

O

“O, Christmas Tree” —December, 21
[the symbolism of the generic tree in various cultures; the symbolism of the Christmas tree in various cultures; Manly P. Hall’s “The Story of Christmas” booklet; Dr. Carl Jung’s interpretation of the Christmas tree]

On the Origin and Development Of The Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences—November, 9
[the liberal arts vs. the illiberal arts; use of the liberal arts; Greek and Roman utilization of the liberal arts; use in medieval curriculum; the trivium; the quadrivium]

P

Peterson, Harold—October, 7

Pie, Coffee, and a Side of Education—April, 7
[men also come to us with a hunger to seek further light and enlightenment. We must be ready for that challenge and be ready to help lead them and help them find that which they are seeking; need to create a learning experience that engages the listener and makes education a more interactive experience; Minnesota Grand Chapter RAM plan: goal or learning objective is for every Chapter to create an environment in which the ritual and esoterica are performed, read, and discussed at every meeting— aspects of the plan are described]

Pontius Pilate’s Ring Discovered?—November, 7
[Herodion; copper alloy ring with Pilate’s name on it; did this ring really belong to Pilate?; grammar considerations; the type of ring considered]

Price, David L.—July, 34

Protection From Devil and Disease: Christian Talismans and Amulets—September, 7
[Dr. Theodore de Bruyn; talisman and amulet defined; cross or crucifix; St. Benedict and St. Christopher medals; scapular; Holy Water; Abraxas; stone, papyrus or parchment textual amulets, Marek Dospel; amulets often contained short common verses with Christian symbols; Christian authorities especially severe in condemning the practice because they regarded amulets as instruments of the devil]

Pruitt, W. Bruce—March, 34
Purpose of the Knights Templar, The—June, 11
[brief history of the founding and purpose of the ancient Templars; purpose at the beginning and even now is to take good men and make them motivated and dedicated to “support and defend the Christian religion.”; need to become more informed on the core precepts of our order]

R
Ragain, Brian—April, 30; May, 27
Reading 7 Habits of Highly Effective People with a Freemason’s Perspective—June, 21
[Stephen Covey’s The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People applied to Masonry and Masonic practices; Be proactive; Begin with the end in mind; Put first things first; Think win/win; Seek to understand, then to be understood; Synergize; Sharpen the Saw: Principles of balanced self-renewal; true leaders are wherever they need to be, the first or the last, willing to undertake any portion of the work, however humble it might be]

Reflections on the Role of Christian Masonry in Today’s Society—October, 30
[essay on how the modern mindset regarding Christianity and morality has changed; as Masons we need to practice and promote our teachings and virtues for the betterment of mankind]

S
Sacred 7s: Seal of the Order of the Red Cross—March, 7
[discussion of the symbolism of the banner used in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross; synopsis of the Order and its historical basis; the number 7 in Western esotericism; the religious significance of 7; sacredness of 7 in Freemasonry]

Sir Charles Warren finds “The Masonic Hall” near the Jerusalem Temple—September, 21
[surveyed Herod’s Temple and conducted excavations in Jerusalem, recording his discoveries in two books, The Temple or the Tomb and Under Jerusalem; Masonic membership; Warren uncovered an impressive hall about 400 feet from the Temple; part of a complex with a fountain and two side halls; built during Herod’s time; sight of a broken column undoubtedly caused Warren, a Freemason, to remember it as a Masonic symbol and to thus name the site; symbolism of the broken column; Robert B. Folger; Warren military service and decorations; his death]

Smith, Donald Hinslea, GCT, MEPGM—May, 16 [biography and obituary]
Smith, Harry J.—April, 11

Solomon’s Memory Palace: A Freemason’s Guide to the Ancient Art of Memoria Verborum by Bob Lingerfelt
[Book Review]—June, 34

Spiritual Meaning of Freemasonry, The—April, 10
[essay on interpreting some of the rituals used and their source and the meanings from which they are derived; how they influence the concept of brotherly love and truth]

T
Templar “Hides of Land” in Poland, The—April, 21
[definition of a “hide”; Templar chapel at Chwarszczany in Poland; Church of Saint Stanislaw Kostka; Templars as hunters; rules used inside Templar chapels]

Templary’s “Face” on the $500 Bill—July, 21
[William McKinley; McKinley becomes a Mason and a Templar; assassination of McKinley; when $500 bills were printed; wording on the bill; bills go out of circulation and reasons; McKinley a symbol of trust]

The Art and Science of Initiation by Jedediah French & Angel Millar [Book Review]—November, 34
The Crusades and the Christian World of the East: Rough Tolerance by Christopher MacEvitt [Book Review]—October, 34
Training and Doing It Right—October, 27
[description of military training and its applicability to Masonic training, especially as regards ritual work]

Tria Juncta In Uno—May, 11
[Red Cross of Constantine; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Masonic orders do not exist as social clubs but as ethical friendship societies based on the solid foundations enumerated in the holy books we take our obligations on; we must show that we believe in the motto “Tria Juncta In Uno.”]

Turner, Joe—April, 14

Two Perpendicular Parallel Lines—February, 14
[definition and discussion of perpendicular and parallel lines; application to Masonic ritual]

W

Wagner, Brian J.—January, 21

What Makes a Man a Christian Knight?—September, 14
[several military religious orders: Knights Templar, Knights of Saint John of Malta, Teutonic Knights; brief history of each of these; King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table; concepts of chivalric behavior; modern Knights Templar have mandates of: duty to country, duty to God, and duty to women; duty to study our history and role in society; challenge made to us all when we became Christian Knights is to strive to become better men by making the world a better place to live for all]

William Bromwell Melish: A Forceful Voice for Masonry—August, 7
[one of the most prominent voices in all of Masonry during the late 1800’s and early 1900’s; imperial potentate of Shrine; Grand Master of Knights Templar; President of Bromwell Brush and Wire Goods; summary of Masonic and Shrine career]

William Tracy Gould Jewel of Georgia—April, 14
[story of the PGC jewel presented to RESK William T. Gould of Georgia and a brief bio of RESK Gould]