

**ARIZONA
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**A Message from the Grand Generalissimo
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Greetings, Sir Knights! I have great news! New Sir Knights are members of the Blue Lodge that meets in your building. They maybe don't realize it yet. Make the York Rite known to them. Confer the Mark Master on them; pique their interest in the Royal Arch Chapter; show our Brothers why you keep coming to Chapter, Council, Commandery meetings – even if your favorite thing is good eats. If you need help conferring the Mark Master degree contact me – I know Companions that are willing to help with the conferral.

Commanderies should be in front of the public with Flag Ceremonies at schools or Installations, on Ascension Sunday attending church as a Commandery, or marching in a Memorial Day Parade.

Grand York Rite Sessions will be August 12-16, 2009 at Chaparral Suites Resort in Scottsdale. If you don't have the form I will be happy to forward, via email, the information to you. For the Colorado River Fall Festival, October 18th, 19th, and 20th, 2009, see the website at www.crff.org.

I'm always looking for Masonic websites that are a benefit to the Craft so please email me the link at stegen@riflemag.com.

In Brotherly love,
Sir Knight Mike Stegen
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Charles Jacob Shoup, Jr. (1927-2009)

He was Most Worshipful, Most Excellent, Most Illustrious, and Right Eminent, but most of all he was simply Brother Chuck. On March 16th the working tools of life dropped forever from the hand of our beloved friend. Chuck was an old fashioned Mason without apology. He had a well-formed opinion on virtually any subject and was not afraid to speak his mind. His work in the vineyards and quarries of the fraternity was prodigious. Chuck wore out at least three automobiles traveling throughout the west on Masonic business. His friendships were legion and Chuck was known and received as a Masonic dignitary throughout the western U.S.

Chuck lived his Masonry. He was constantly making phone calls and visits to ailing brothers and friends. Who can forget his homemade computer get well cards with the epigram, "another nightmare from Chuck"? His vigor and steadfastness to the Craft are certainly an example worthy of emulation.

Chuck also was a very dedicated Christian servant. His activities on the maintenance crew at Central Methodist Church in Phoenix were well-known. He also was a Sunday morning fixture serving as an usher.

Brother Chuck's legendary humor was recalled by his daughter at his recent funeral service. As a young man studying mortuary science it seems that Chuck impersonated the stiff at the class's first autopsy. Imagine the doctor's surprise when the dead man sat up and exclaimed, "Boy, it's cold here!"

Chuck was a man of many sayings, but one of his favorites was, "The office should seek the man, not the man the office". Things definitely won't be the same without this old friend at our future gatherings. All Companions and Sir Knights extend sympathy and prayers to Cleo and the Shoup family in these sad times. It is of comfort for us who are left behind to realize that Chuck's arduous labors are now finished and that the designs on his trestle board are now complete. -- Ed.

Knight Templar Eye Foundation Report

Congratulations, Sir Knights. Our per-capita is in excess of \$10.00. Arizona is ranked #3 in per-capita and #17 in total donations. SK Joe Cortez, REGC of Knights Templar in Arizona, is extremely proud of your effort, especially in these uncertain economic times.

Thank you from those needy souls who now need your assistance more than ever. Keep up the good work and let your local eye doctor know of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I appreciate your support and cooperation. If your Commandery needs donation forms, notify me at gary@carnicle.com. Provide your mailing address and I will send your forms within 48 hours.

Fraternally,
Gary Carnicle
AZ Chairman, KTEF

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