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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from the Grand Encampment!*



## Grand Master's Guest Editorial - December 1993

### Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has a strong commitment to children and to helping individuals with eye disease. Accordingly, there has been a focus on pediatric ophthalmology with related areas of research including developmental biology.

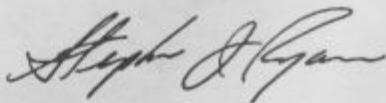
The leadership of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has had a long-term friendship with A. Edward Maumenee, who was widely acclaimed as our national leader in ophthalmology. The Board of the KTEF, Inc. requested Dr. Maumenee to recruit a group of ophthalmologists and scientists who might review competitive research proposals from around the country. We were very fortunate that he recruited excellent individuals including Bronwyn Bateman, John Dowling, Dan Jones, Robert Reinecke, and Richard Schultz. Thus, we have a group that covers a wide-ranging interest in vision science and research.



From the outset, we have emphasized funding for young investigators. The strategy is to pick those individuals who have the interest and ideas to ultimately help children through research studies in pediatric ophthalmology or developmental biology. These initial studies by these young investigators will hopefully produce preliminary data, which will form the basis for an application to the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health for more extensive funding for their vision research. In a very real way, the Knights Templar obtains significant leverage by funding young investigators, at the early and formative years of their career, to work in the field of pediatric ophthalmology.

All of us who have had the privilege of working with colleagues from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation are impressed by the caliber of the grant proposals. We are not yet in a position to fund all of the meritorious research proposals that are received. However, we have been pleased that a substantial number of Knights Templar Eye Foundation funded investigators have established significant careers in pediatric ophthalmology or developmental biology. Thus, in a very real way, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is achieving its goals.

For the past few years, we have recommended funding for ten or so proposals, with an average cost of \$20,000 per investigator, which therefore is a total of about \$200,000 per year. It is our belief that these funds are appropriately expended and are furthering the goals of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. All of us who have had the privilege to serve on the Scientific Advisory Board applaud the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for its vision to the future by investing in opportunities for vision research now. On a personal basis, it has been a great pleasure for each of us on the Scientific Advisory Committee to meet the leadership of the Knights Templar and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We look forward to our annual meeting and the review of grants from the excellent young investigators from around the country.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Ryan".

Stephen J. Ryan, M.D., Chairman  
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# Knights Templar

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

**DECEMBER:** To celebrate the start of the 26th Voluntary Campaign, this issue is packed with news about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and its influence on vision advances around the country; for example, Grand Master Thornley's guest writer is Dr. Stephen J. Ryan, chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the KTEF, and there is news of miracles at the University of Iowa, advances directly connected to the support of Knights Templar. Also, we include a list of the Cross of Honor recipients and a host of articles for your enjoyment. May your holidays be healthy, happy, and filled with the peace that follows true Christian commitment.

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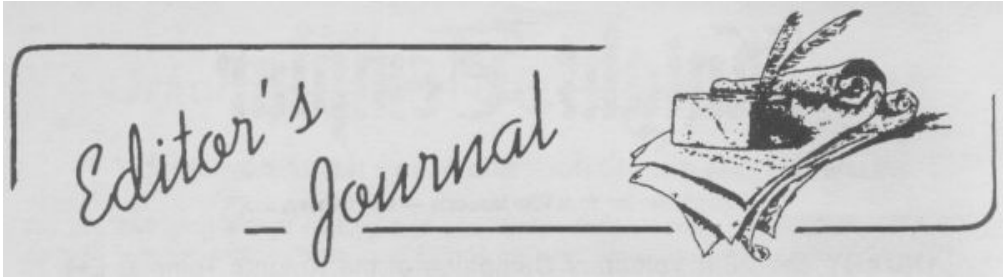
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It is with regret that *Knight Templar* announces the passing of **15-year** editor of the New York Supplement, David Aiken, Past Commander of New York, 1978.

***A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right:*** This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is now available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library.

Throughout its history, Freemasonry has never lacked for detractors, and because it has a long history of never answering critics, it makes a wonderful target for bigotry. Recently, a group of religious fundamentalists has managed, after years of struggle, to take a position of great power in the largest Protestant denomination in the United States, and it has launched an assault on Masonry.

Robinson relates the history of attacks and the motives and makes an eloquent plea for an end to this kind of hatred.

The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder; the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

***Born In Blood:*** The exciting book by John J. Robinson about the Lost Secrets of Freemasonry and their relationship to the Knights Templar is available at the price of \$16.00. 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.

***Dungeon, Fire and Sword: The Knights Templar in the Crusades.*** This history of the Knights Templar by author and medievalist, the late John J. Robinson, author of the much-acclaimed *Born in Blood: The Lost Secrets of Freemasonry*, is now available from the Grand Encampment. Copies are \$20.00 each, plus \$300 shipping and handling.

***The Unseen Journey,*** a Masonic videotape, is available from the Grand Encampment: A professional one-hour videotape telling the story of Masonry has been made for the Mason and non-Mason by Fratres of a professional audio/visual company, under the supervision of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. This exciting and informative tape employs the highest production standards. Copies are on sale here for \$29.95 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Send check to the Grand Encampment, 5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460.

**Announcing:** The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Most Eminent Grand Master, William Henry Thornley, Jr., has authorized the design and manufacture of an attractive Red Templar Cross pin for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past Commanders, and grand officers.)

You will certainly want to take this opportunity to honor your widows at regular programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece from Sir Knight Herbert Fisher, Honorary P.D.C., 553 Caren Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

*Templary's highest award..*

## **Our Cross of Honor**

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the 1993 recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected forty-nine Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

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## ***If You Think There Is No Santa Claus, Go to Phoenix!***

by The Reverend and Sir Knight  
Thomas E. Weir, Ph.D., KCT

Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar



Every Christmas, we are all expected to act like Santa Claus, especially by our children and grandchildren. The Masonic Service Association representative at the Phoenix, Arizona, Veterans' Affairs Medical Center, Don Jones, also *looks* like Santa Claus. Not only does he have a great mane of white hair, he has an enormous white beard. He makes no attempt to diminish the effect. When in shirt sleeves, he usually wears a red shirt with white suspenders. On more formal occasions, he wears a red jacket. More importantly, he not only *looks* like Christmas, he *acts* like Christmas.

This year, when Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Jesse Brown addressed the national representatives and deputies of the organizations whose members fill the ranks of volunteers at veterans' hospitals and nursing homes, he asked Don Jones to stand up. He told everyone that Don gets to the Phoenix V.A.M.C. every morning at 3:30 to start the coffee so that it will be ready for clinic patients when they arrive at the hospital. He then moves on to feed the patients who are unable to feed themselves. The rest of the day, he is all over the hospital, making certain that no patient feels he or she is without a family.

Don is not the only Mason who brings the spirit of Christmas to the patients and staffs of veterans' hospitals. At Phoenix, he is assisted by a group of "jolly elves" who wear red vests and are easily spotted at work in the corridors of the hospital. In Oklahoma City, Bob Waugh is the Masonic Service Association representative. From his electrified wheelchair, he and his wife Shirley lead the efforts of about seventy Masons who put wings to the concept of brotherly love in the Oklahoma V.A. Medical Center. At Gulfport, Mississippi, Jasper Pinson leads a group with a strong representation from the Eastern Star. In Miami, Representative Herb Goldman's Masons have such a great reputation that they are called "The Sunshine Boys." The Masonic Service Association has many other exceptional representatives and dedicated volunteers giving hands and hearts to express Masonry's concern for hospitalized veterans in more than 170 V.A. medical centers and state veterans' homes.

Christmas is a marvelous time of the year. The concept of "peace on earth; goodwill to men" is developed to include family celebrations, the giving of gifts, and countless acts of kindness and generosity to make certain that everyone is happy and that the greatness of God and the goodness of each person is acclaimed as the path to lasting peace and happiness.

As you celebrate this Christmas with your family and Commandery, please remember in your prayers those veterans who are hospitalized, especially those without families, and those volunteers, including those of the Masonic Service Association, who do their best to share the meaning of, "Glory to God in the Highest."

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*The Grand Master, together with  
the other officers of the Grand Encampment,  
wishes each of you and all of your families  
a sincerely Christian Holiday Season.*

## **A True Samaritan**

by Virginia-Anne Edwards

Sometimes we'll walk free on a field,  
While there are they who walk forth bound in pain,  
That has forced through its stagnant impression,  
And has hence left an indigent stain.

None can guess where the nameless face wonders,  
None suppress what cannot be held down.  
"Come and bless them," your conscience will tell you.  
"Just forget them," your eyes beg and frown.

There they stand all the weak and the weary.  
"Lift our weights," they implore you to do,  
And you cannot reply, as you pass them on by,  
For you think there's one kinder than you.

Yes, we all come to think there's another,  
Who the fruits of our kindness do hail,  
Yet perhaps since that gift falls upon you,  
Do not toss it, or let it grow stale.

For there's he who walks firm upon pity,  
Yet in action will not take a stand.  
Blessed is he who walks firm upon pity,  
Yet in action will offer his hand.

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# **Knights Templar and the Molecular Ophthalmology Laboratory Of The University Of Iowa**

from the Molecular Ophthalmology Laboratory  
Department of Ophthalmology, University of Iowa College of Medicine

In 1987, Dr. Edwin M. Stone was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. With this initial grant, Dr. Stone started a small laboratory with the ambitious goal of trying to find the genetic basis of the many inherited eye disorders that cause visual loss in children and in adults.

At that time linkage studies (linking the disorder to the particular location in the immense human gene map) was an undertaking primarily only performed by very large laboratories with budgets twenty to forty times larger than the original Knights Templar grant.

Dr. Stone knew, however, certain advantages he would have over the larger laboratories. First, he was associated with one of the finest ophthalmology departments in the world at the University of Iowa. Also, the University of Iowa had an excellent Human Genetics Division in their pediatric department. Dr. Stone knew, however, that his greatest strength was the people of Iowa who are a stable, mostly rural group, who are enthusiastic about participating in family studies. He would find out later that his association with both the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Grand Commandery of Iowa would prove to be an invaluable resource that would allow and ensure the development of a laboratory with the potential for great discoveries.

In 1987, the laboratory began in a single room which had no equipment. With the initial grant money, a technician was hired, who was trained to perform molecular biology experiments. Because most of the equipment was too expensive to purchase new, equipment discarded by other labs was rebuilt and modified so that the work could

begin. Work benches for the laboratory would have cost thousands of dollars of valuable resources. However, Dr. Stone found discarded cabinets from other sources in the University, and he and a graduate student remodeled the cabinets and added Formica tops, providing the work space for only a few hundred dollars. This along with new equipment purchased with Knights Templar money provided a working laboratory for the initial work.

Also in 1987, Dr. Stone and co-workers he recruited began finding families scattered around Iowa and surrounding states with familial eye diseases. Because many of the family members could not drive because of poor vision or lack of funds, Dr. Stone and his co-workers would drive to family reunions and perform eye examinations, draw blood, and get detailed pedigree information. The examinations were performed wherever possible. (Fifty patients examined in a Missouri barn in July with ninety-five degree temperature was among the most challenging experiences.) Blood was then driven back to the new laboratory for the challenging molecular genetic work to begin. As the field trips took the investigators all over Iowa and surrounding states (as far away as Kentucky), trip budgets were tight. Fortunately, Dr. Stone likes peanut butter sandwiches and an occasional Big Mac!

Over the next three years, many hundreds of patients were examined, and blood specimens were acquired. However, the long and arduous task of linking the eye diseases to particular sites in the human genes was producing little encouragement. To perform the work, experiments which can take several days

have to be performed hundreds of times in each family - repetitively and in a blind fashion, essentially as though looking for a needle in a haystack. Dr. Stone was funded during this time by a second \$20,000 from a Knights Templar Eye Foundation grant in 1988.

In 1989, when the Knights Templar Eye Foundation money was not eligible because it is only rarely even awarded twice to the same investigator, the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Iowa, stepped in and offered a phenomenal \$25,000 to keep the work going. They saw the hard work and dedication Dr. Stone was applying to the research to help prevent blindness in children and adults. It was this support by the Grand Commandery of Iowa and their belief in the work that Dr. Stone and the new laboratory were performing that in conjunction with initial Knights Templar Eye Foundation support led to the first breakthroughs.

The Grand Commandery of Iowa continued to support the laboratory generously and provided an additional \$20,000 in 1990.

These cumulative funds from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (1987 and 1988) and the Grand Commandery of Iowa (1989 and 1990) established the formation of the laboratory and helped the lab expand in size to nearly 1,700 square feet. The capabilities of the laboratory included agarose and polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, oligonucleotide DNA synthesis, DNA sequencing, CC-clamped denaturing gradient gel electrophoresis, Southern blotting, the polymerase chain reaction, tissue culture, photo microscopy, cloning, scientific photography, and high resolution graphics for computer drawing of scientific illustrations.

This base allowed Dr. Stone to compete at the national level for coveted federal grant moneys and in 1990, Dr. Stone was awarded a National Institutes of Health grant to provide over \$50,000 per year to fund the laboratory.

When the Molecular Ophthalmology Laboratory was founded in 1987, Dr. Stone was hoping to map at least one unique eye disease in his career. However, since the lab's humble beginnings, seven diseases have been mapped to locations on the human chromosomes, and over twenty individual mutations have been discovered in eye diseases. These include advances in such important diseases as retinitis pigmentosa, optic nerve disorders such as Leber's disease, macular degenerations such as Best's disease, butterfly dystrophy, and other blinding eye diseases. Most recently, national media attention was brought to the laboratory with the discovery of a glaucoma gene, which is the first such discovery in this important disease in the world.

In 1991 another young investigator working with Dr. Stone in the Molecular Ophthalmology Laboratory of the University of Iowa, David M. Brown, M.D., applied for funding to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for a separate line of genetic research in diseases of the eye that cause retinal detachments. Because of intense competition, the funding was denied despite very promising preliminary results. Again, the Grand Commandery of Iowa came in and provided the funding (\$20,000) to begin this additional line of





*Iowa Grand Recorder Albert R. Masters (left) and Grand Commander Glen N. Marshall (right) present grant to Dr. David M. Brown (center).*



*In attendance at presentation of grant to Dr. Brown were, l. to r.: Lois Masters; Dr. Stone; Glenn Marshall, G.C.; Jackie Marshall; Dr. Brown; and Al Masters, G.R.*

Stickler syndrome is the most common connective tissue in the North American Midwest and causes retinal detachments, cataracts, frequent blindness, and painful arthritis in children. This funding allowed the finding of the second known mutation in Stickler syndrome in the world. The Grand Commandery of Iowa provided additional funding for this research (\$20,000) in 1992, and continued work on this disease has allowed the discovery of five of the eight known Stickler mutations in the world by the Molecular Ophthalmology Laboratory at the University of Iowa.

With these results, the research in retinal detachment syndromes and in a familial disease that resembles retinopathy of prematurity was resubmitted for funding to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in 1993. The proposal not only was awarded funding at this time, but was the top rated proposal of all submitted as judged by the advisory council of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The Molecular Ophthalmology Laboratory at the University of Iowa is truly an example of how the Knights Templar Eye Foundation plays a substantial role in the fight against eye diseases in children. The support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and also the immense support of the Grand

Commandery of Iowa have made possible the formation and success of this laboratory which is making cutting-edge, world-class discoveries on a monthly basis. Dr. Stone, Dr. Brown, and the other investigators, technicians, and students are continuing to work toward this common goal. The laboratory is continuing research in eye diseases of children as well as research into the molecular basis of common disorders affecting older age groups such as age-related macular degeneration and glaucoma. Much of the equipment of the small one-room laboratory built with Knights Templar money in 1987 continues to provide valuable service. The blood samples from patients acquired both recently and going back to the earliest road trips are continuously worked on until an answer is found. In 1992, two major discoveries were made in families that were initially studied in 1987 (linkage of Best disease and butterfly dystrophy which are two types of macular degeneration). Because of the support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Grand Commandery of Iowa, the laboratory will continue this quest for many years to come, allowing the funds contributed for the development of the laboratory to make an impact far beyond the research that has already been conducted.

## **Progress with MagnaCam Low Vision Project And Proposal for Consideration**

### **Doctors Edwin Stone, Brett Rhode and David Brown**

Research in prevention of vision loss in children and adults is making great progress and daily discoveries are made which shed light on the causes and potential treatments of these disorders. However, until progress is made which can prevent visual loss in every disorder, the hundreds of thousands of children and adults with poor vision must cope with their handicaps. Last year, with the support of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, a pilot project was instituted at the University of Iowa to help some of these patients with a new type of low-vision device that they otherwise could not afford or would not have access to. These patients ranged in age from three to seventy-three. The project was designed to see if a scanner device that the patients could hook up to their own television could make an impact on their daily lives and to see which patients might benefit from such technology. Because of the cost of the devices (\$750 per unit), most patients are either unable to afford one or are not willing to incur the expense of a device that might not help them. The Knights Templar purchased ten of these units, and they were loaned out to visually impaired children and adults.

The results surpassed all of our expectations. To date, twelve people have had the opportunity to use the MagnaCam. A summary of the results is below:

J. B. is a five-year-old boy with Leber's congenital amaurosis who can at best count fingers held one foot from his face. With the Magnacam, he can explore toys and small objects which before he could not see.

T. B. is another boy with Leber's and is about ready to enter high school. Before using the MagnaCam, he was told he had to enter a Braille school. Now he is reading and doing homework both at home and school with his portable Magnacam. There is a good chance he will be able to attend his hometown high school because of the camera.

H. N. is a seventy-seven-year-old retired reverend who loves the device. He is now able to read an entire chapter of the Bible at a single sitting, whereas before he struggled through single verses using a magnifier. He thinks he can read twice as fast using his camera.

A seventy-nine-year-old gentleman with AMD, M.B., had extreme difficulty filling out checks to

pay bills. With the Magnacam he is confident that the amount is correctly entered. He also can read the sports page (his primary hobby) with greater ease.

J. M., fourteen years old, has Leber's optic neuritis, a disease that causes affected individuals to become legally blind rather abruptly at a young age. He can now read at least two times faster and is doing much better on his homework for high school. His estimated time of MagnaCam use is three hours a day.

P. E. is a thirty-eight-year-old lab technician who uses the device while at work. He enters thousands of pieces of data into a computer every day. While using a hand-held magnifier, this task was grueling. The MagnaCam allows large magnification and improved contrast. He can enter the data about twice as fast as before and is more accurate. He feels he is able to maintain gainful employment with the use of the MagnaCam.

M. L. is a teacher at an Iowa high school who has been loaning the camera to visually impaired students and has received very optimistic reports. People who normally must use a magnifying glass and read a single word at a time can now read entire sentences with ease.

Because of the tremendous response to the initial project, we would like to see the project expanded to help others. An additional 20 units could be purchased for \$15,000. We hope that this would help decrease the backlog of people on waiting list to try the MagnaCam. The units are loaned out for 1-6 month intervals to allow the visually impaired patients to see if they benefit. All patients with the financial resources to purchase the units are then asked to return the unit to the pool and purchase their own units. Most patients that receive benefit from the units feel it is definitely worth purchasing. In those cases where the patients are particularly helped, especially children, and in which financial need can be demonstrated by the family, the units are loaned for a longer period - some indefinitely.

Returned units are passed on to the next patients on the waiting list. Children are given first priority; the waiting list is currently twenty-five patients including several children.

The goal of this project is to establish a rotating pool of these extremely helpful aids to assist those patients with visual handicap that we are currently not able to help with modern ophthalmologic research, medical and surgical management. We sincerely feel the project is improving the daily lives of children and adults involved. We thank the Knights Templar of Iowa for their support of this project and hope that this work might continue.



**William Mime Tullock**  
Iowa  
**Grand Commander-1973**  
**Born July 14, 1908**  
**Died July 20, 1993**

**David Aiken**  
New York  
**Grand Commander-1978**  
**Born October 31, 1912**  
**Died October 23, 1993**

**Russell Douglas Joos**  
North Dakota  
**Grand Commander-1950**  
**Born March 23, 1897**  
**Died November 5, 1993**

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.**  
**New Club Memberships**

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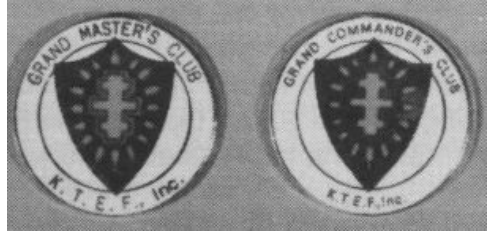
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**Grand Master's Club And  
Grand Commander's Club Pins**

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



**Eye Foundation Rewards  
Winning Eye Research In Texas**

On August 2, 1993, at the Cullen Eye Institute, Houston, Texas, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., awarded five grants of \$20,000 each to Baylor ophthalmology investigators to pursue their discoveries in vision research. Standing, left to right, are the recipients: Hua Gao, M.D.; Monica M. Stiemke, Ph.D.; Iswari Subbaraya, Ph.D.; Devjani Lahiri Munir, Ph.D.; Lifang Tien, Ph.D.; and Steven M. Hensley, Ph.D. Seated, left to right, are: Sir Knight Kurt J. M. Swanda, State General Chairman, Grand Commandery of Texas, Knights Templar Eye Foundation; Mr. Tom Moore, Office of Development; and Dr. Dan B. Jones, Professor and Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology.



## Highlights

### **Dr. Naash of the University of Illinois Receives Eye Foundation Grant**



Charles A. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment and Secretary of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., presents to Dr. Murta I. Naash a check for \$20,000 to continue her research at the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences of the University of Illinois, Chicago campus. Looking on at right is Dr. John Chandler, who is the head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the university.

### **San Antonio Foundation, Texas Supports Eye Foundation**

A grant of \$5,000 has been awarded to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., from the Dan and Gloria Oppenheimer Fund of the San Antonio, Texas, Area Foundation in support of our humanitarian work. The grant was recommended to the board of directors of the San Antonio Area Foundation by Mrs. Gloria Oppenheimer. On behalf of officers, trustees, staff, those we serve, and all Sir Knights, we express our grateful appreciation.

(Mrs. Herbert S.) Gretchen Roth received the title of Supreme Recorder Emeritus after completing twenty years as Supreme Recorder, Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant. Mrs. Roth is a dedicated member of San Bernardino Assembly No. 200 and a dual member of Santa Ana Assembly No. 61, California. She served on several supreme committees, and was recently honored with a donation of \$1,000 for membership in the Grand Master's Club of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by Mrs. Paul E. Mihal, Past Supreme Worthy President

Thank you, Mrs. Roth, for your many years of service to the Beauceant and to the Knights Templar.



### **Supreme Assembly, S.O.O.B., Welcomes Supreme Recorder Chalker**

In September 1993 at the meeting of the Supreme Assembly in Baltimore, Maryland, Coetta Chalker was elected to the office of Supreme Recorder. Lady Chalker, wife of Sir Knight Joseph F. Chalker, Grand Commander of the state of Maryland, was a charter member of Westminster Assembly No. 245, where

## from the Masonic Family

she was its original Recorder and served as Worthy President in 1987. She is still active in Masonic, church, and civic organizations in the Westminster area. Coetta retired as chairman of the Business Department of Westminster High School in 1987 and is executive secretary of the Carroll County Retired Teachers Association. Lady Coetta has been active with Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 31, Westminster, where her daughter Nancy served as Honored Queen. Lady and Sir Knight Chalker also have a son Stephen D. and six grandchildren.



### Eye Foundation Grant in Maryland to John Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute

On Tuesday, July 6, at John Hopkins Hospital's Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore, Maryland, Sir Knights assembled for the presentation of an Eye Foundation grant to Dr. Robert W. Nichells, Ph.D. The Grand Commanderies of both the District of Columbia and Maryland were represented. In the picture, left to right, are: Sir Knight Walter H. Kitts, R.E. Grand Commander, District of Columbia; Sir Knight John C. Werner, R.E. Past Northeastern Department Commander,

Grand Encampment; Dr. Robert W. Nichells, Ph.D.; Sir Knight Joseph F. Chalker, R.E. Grand Commander, Maryland; and Sir Knight Marion K. Warner, R.E. Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of the District of Columbia.



### Southern Indiana Masonic-Day Picnic Honors 65-year Member

On August 8, 1993, the second Annual Southern Indiana Masonic-Day Picnic was hosted by Branchville Lodge No. 496 near St. Croix Indiana. Twelve Lodges from the area were represented, and the highlight of the affair was the presentation of a 65-year membership pin to Brother Alvin Harbaville of Branchville No. 496. The presentation was by Worshipful Brother Harold E. Lynch of Branchville. Gracing the afternoon activities was Mrs. Elsie (Homer) McDaniel, truly a matriarch to many in the Fraternity. In the picture, left to right, are: Mrs. McDaniel, W.B. Lynch, and Brother Harbaville.



## **History of the Grand Encampment**

### **Chapter XXIII Biographies Of The Grand Masters (Continued)**

#### **William Sewall Gardner Eighth Grand Master 1868-1871**

William S. Gardner was born at Hallowell, Maine, on October 1, 1827, the only son of Robert and Susannah Sewall Gardner. He attended the public schools of his native town and in 1846 entered Bowdoin College at Brunswick, Maine, graduating in 1850.

In 1846 the family moved to Lowell, Massachusetts, where Sir Knight Gardner later took up the study of law, and was admitted to the Bar in 1852. He then made a trip to the southern and western states in search of a location to begin practice, but returned to Massachusetts and in March, 1853, opened a law office in Lowell. In 1855 he entered into partnership with Theodore H. Sweetser, and in 1861, the firm moved to Boston. In December, 1875, he was appointed to the Bench of the Superior Court in Massachusetts and in 1885 was elevated to the Supreme Judicial Court by Governor Robinson.

On October 15, 1868, he married Mary Thornton Davis at Brattleboro, Vermont. After her death in 1875, he married Sarah M. Davis of Worcester in 1877.

He was a devout and religious man and took an active part in the work of Grace Church at Newton, acting as vestryman from 1871 and Junior Warden from 1884.

He passed away on April 4, 1888. The funeral, held in Grace Church, was

attended by members of the Court, the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Massachusetts, as well as old friends from Ancient York and Kilwinning Lodges.

Sir Knight Gardner was raised in Ancient York Lodge U.D. at Lowell on August 11, 1852. He became interested in the work and when the Charter was granted he was chosen Senior Deacon. He was Worshipful Master in 1856 and 1857. In 1857 he was appointed Grand Marshal, and again in 1858 and 1859. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1860 to 1863.

In 1867 he was appointed Master of Kilwinning Lodge at Lowell and when the Lodge received its Charter he was elected the first Worshipful Master. In December, 1868, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and again in 1869 and 1870. He was present at every meeting of the Grand Lodge except three from December 1859 to December, 1871.

He was exalted in Mount Horeb Chapter at Lowell on November 21, 1851. In 1855 he served as Master of the First Veil. He was greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Ahasureus Council at Lowell on February 23, 1857.

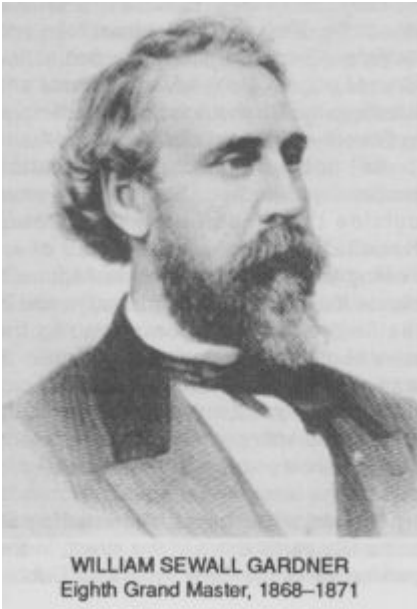
On May 12, 1854, he was knighted in Boston Commandery at Boston. Soon afterwards he joined with other Sir Knights in a petition to establish Pilgrim Commandery at Lowell. He was Eminent Commander in 1861 and 1862. In 1860 he was elected Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and in 1863 became Grand Commander, serving for two terms.



At the 17th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1865 he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and at the following Triennial held in St. Louis in 1868, he was elected Grand Master.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, he received the 32° in the Grand Consistory of Massachusetts at Boston in 1857. On May 16, 1861, he was elected a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° and was appointed Deputy for Massachusetts.

Sir Knight Gardner was an able jurist and lawyer. In the Masonic World he is better known as a capable conscientious writer of local and national Masonic History. At the meeting of the Grand Encampment in 1868 he presented the results of his investigation of the early records and papers of Sir Thomas Smith Webb. Carefully prepared copies of the papers were included in his report which brought to light many new facts about the organization of the Grand Encampment.



**WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER**  
Eighth Grand Master, 1868-1871

### **John Quincy Adams Fellows Ninth Grand Master 1871 -1874**

John Q. A. Fellows was born at Topsham, Orange County, Vermont, on April 3, 1825. He received his early education in the neighborhood public schools. At fifteen he began teaching school in the winter and working on the farm in the summer to accumulate funds to enter college. At twenty-two he entered the University of Vermont and graduated on August 1, 1849. He then moved to New Orleans, arriving there on December 17, 1850. He attended the Law Department of the University of Louisiana, and after graduating in 1852 he began the practice of law in New Orleans. On March 14, 1858, he married Miss Elizabeth Mills of Burlington, Vermont. He soon had an active law practice and continued with remarkable success until 1895, when a long and severe illness compelled him to retire. After long months of patient suffering he passed away quietly at his home on November 28, 1897.

Sir Knights Fellows received the Masters Degree in Rising Sun Lodge No. 7 at Royalton, Vermont, on November 28, 1849. On moving to New Orleans, he affiliated with Marion Lodge No. 68. He was elected Worshipful Master in 1857. From 1854 he was active in the Grand Lodge serving on important committees. In 1860 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and held that office until 1866.

## In Tribute To Brotherhood:

# **Thousands Crowd Gettysburg Dedication 3,500- plus Participate in 2-hour Parade**

by Brother Blame Fabian

### **17 Grand Masters Among Distinguished Guests for Historic Dedication Events**

The Dedication of the Friend-to-Friend Masonic Memorial Monument, plazas, and enhanced National Military Cemetery Annex at Gettysburg was a nationally historic occasion for Freemasonry and the people of the United States. The striking, larger-than-life statue of Union Captain and Brother Henry Bingham coming to the aid of Confederate General and Brother Lewis Armistead during Pickett's Charge of the Battle of Gettysburg now stands as a lasting tribute to the bonds of Brotherhood that transcend political differences and the emotions of war. Commissioned and placed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the monument honors the Freemasons and veterans who died in all of the wars and conflicts of the country.

Seventeen Most Worshipful Grand Masters were among the sixty-one fraternal dignitaries from across the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, who were in Gettysburg to participate in the Dedication of the Friend-to-Friend Masonic Memorial Monument, march in the parade, and attend the banquets, Friday and Saturday, August 20 and 21. Another seventeen of the guests were Right Worshipful Grand Lodge officers and five were Past Grand Masters from other jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is the first private organization ever

permitted to place a monument in a National Historic site.

### **Thousands Came Early**

They came to Gettysburg by the thousands on early Saturday morning for the historic unveiling and dedication of the Friend-to-Friend Masonic Memorial Monument.

Then, in the afternoon, they came by the tens of thousands, estimated to be more than 35,000, to cheer and applaud more than 3,500 participants in the two and one-half hour Masonic Dedication parade.

They were Freemasons and their families. They were historians and Civil War buffs. They were hometown folks and tourists. All came there to be part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's honor and tribute to the Brotherhood of Man: Friend to Friend - a Brotherhood Undivided."

An hour before the Dedication processional formed, Steinwehr Avenue outside the fence of the Gettysburg National Cemetery Annex was overflowing with people hoping to capture a choice location along the pathways and in the limited open areas surrounding the rows of graves of veterans of our nation's wars and conflicts. When the ceremony was underway, not only was the cemetery annex filled with people, but others stood several rows deep on the sidewalk outside the fence.

The atmosphere was awe-inspiring as some fifty yards down in the street, in the parking lot of the Early American Dobbin

House, the impressive processional of Freemasons organized and moved toward the cemetery, led by a color guard of DeMolay and Knights of Pythagoras youth. There was a respectful silence as the crowd stood back and watched the formal procession pass through the gates of the beautiful plaza to the National Cemetery Annex.

It will be difficult to duplicate anywhere the impressive sight of the processional of a couple of hundred, formally attired Freemasons opening ranks for the approach of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Edward H. Fowler, Jr. The stirring ceremonies were set against the focal point of the draped monument in front of three dozen massed American flags borne by uniformed and plumed Knights Templar, backed up musically by the Zembo Shrine Band. It was all under sunny skies with sufficient breeze to ripple the flags in their full splendor.

The Friend-to-Friend Masonic Memorial Monument was awaiting its historic moment, draped in red, white and blue bunting - the same bunting that a year earlier had covered the Washington-at-Prayer Statue in Valley Forge for its rededication. When the bunting parted for the unveiling, first there were gasps of appreciation and then rising applause marked the revelation of the touching, historically significant Friend to Friend" scene recreated in bronze by sculptor, Brother Ron Tunison.

In true Masonic form, R.W. Deputy Grand Master George Hohenschildt, R.W. Senior Grand Warden Edward Weisser, and R.W. Junior Grand Warden J. L. Ernette tested the monument with the working tools, declared the monument to be plumb, level and square, and reported the worthiness of the workmanship. With the spreading of the Corn, Wine and Oil, the ceremony included the laying of a Capstone in the plaza at the base of the monument, sealing a time capsule that contains fraternal and historic items.

In his Dedication Oration Brother Edward H. Fowler, Jr., Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, reflected the spirit of the memorial and the purpose for which it was created and presented:

Is there anyone who can look upon this larger-than-life statue of Brother Helping Brother' without sensing a love for humanity - without feeling the compassion and charity that comes from the Fatherhood of God and a Brotherhood of Man?

"It is the spirit of Fraternalism - the bond that exists among men of principle whose values lead them to do the right things ... the good things... instinctively, willingly and lovingly.

"It is the reflection of those values - and as a tribute to the men who lived and died for them - that the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania has sought to portray in the Friend-to- Friend Masonic Memorial Monument."

## **Brotherhood on Parade**

Freemasonry on parade filled the streets of Gettysburg as the color guard of DeMolay and Knights of Pythagoras youth and the Knights Templar with the massed American Flags led some 3,500 participants along the two-mile line of march. The highly spirited tone of the parade was set by the Yankee Rebels Drum and Bugle Corps serving as the lead musical unit of Division I. R.W. Grand Master Fowler in a convertible, preceded by the Grand Sword Bearer, headed the division, followed by the Grand Lodge officers and party and distinguished guests.

Blue Lodges were on parade in a sight that will long be remembered. Following the purple-aproned District Deputy Grand Masters were Blue Lodge Masons by the hundreds. First, there was a bloc of Worshipful Masters; then Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens, and Past

Masters, all wearing the aprons, collars and jewels of their offices. Then came a sea of blue and white" as row after row of apron-clad Master Masons from all parts of the state marched by.

The appendant bodies and affiliated organizations were all part of the parade. York Rite Bodies - Chapter, Council and Commandery - in regalia were present in large numbers. Scottish Rite Valleys participated, including a live tableau of historically costumed participants from Reading and a group with an antique car from Merchantville, New Jersey.

There were units from the Shrine Temples across the state. Especially large contingents were from Zembo, Syria, Lulu, Jaffa, and Rajah. The Mounted Patrols from Lulu and Rajah joined to parade as one unit. Among the units was the Shriners' Hospital float.

Youth added their spirit to the parade. There were youth from DeMolay and Knights of Pythagoras and Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters. Rainbow Girls drew special applause for their appearance, which was as striking as a rainbow. Each young lady was dressed in a color of a rainbow, and they marched in columns of colors.

There were Civil War Reenactment groups parading. Leading the contingent



of history buffs was the Civil War Masonic Association - a national organization of Civil War enthusiasts who are Masons.

All together, the Dedication, gigantic parade, and banquets will live on as a memorable, historic event, thanks to more than sixty Brethren and friends who worked diligently since February, and the scores more who coordinated arrangements and accommodations for August 20 and 21.

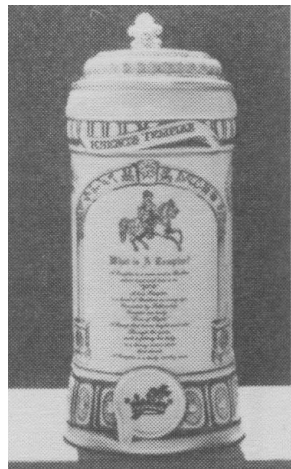
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## **Knights Templar Stein To Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

This first, limited edition, Masonic Knights Templar Stein will benefit the Eye Foundation. This stein is the first in a series representing different Masonic bodies that will be produced over the next eight years. Each stein is 20-oz. with custom-made, blue and gray body with a lid and shell handle, and includes nine pieces of artwork on the body. Each is hand-painted in 22c gold and platinum, and fired for seven days. Then three other colors (black, brown and red) are added to make up the beautiful five-color effect of this Masonic stein. Each stein is numbered for the limited edition; this series contains 1,000 pieces.

The cost of this stein is \$45.00, which will include shipping and handling, and of this amount \$10.00 goes to the Eye Foundation. Each contains a certificate of authenticity. This will make a great gift for Christmas, or any gift occasion for a Sir Knight.

If interested, please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. Shipment will be in approximately twenty-one days after receipt of order. Phone number: (215) 770-9416.



## Sir Knight Roy Acuff King of Country Music

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, P.C.

Recent articles in *Knight Templar* have focused on the careers of well-known figures from the entertainment world such as cowboy actor Tom Mix and band conductor John Philip Sousa. The following narrative reviews the life and accomplishments of an east Tennessee mountain boy who made good. Roy Claxton Acuff rose from humble beginnings to become known as the King of Country Music." In a career that spanned some sixty years, Acuff performed on Nashville's Grand Ole Opry for more than half a century, sold millions of records, and starred in several motion pictures. Casual fans will remember him for popularizing songs like *The Great Speckled Bird*, *Wabash Cannonball*, *The Precious Jewel*, and *Wreck on the Highway*.

Born on September 15, 1903, near Maynardville, Tennessee, Roy Acuff's father was a struggling, missionary Baptist minister, who later studied law and became a county judge. Grandfather Acuff had fought for the Union during the Civil War, and Roy would reflect his "mountain Yankee" and "Southern Mountain Republican" values throughout his life. While he also absorbed much of the rich Appalachian culture during his youth, which would later be reflected in his own music, the young Acuff manifested more interest in baseball and other sports. When his dad moved the family to the Knoxville suburb of Fountain City in 1919, Roy belatedly entered junior high and then high school, graduating from Knoxville Central High School in 1924. Athletics constituted his principal interests in those days and he lettered in baseball, basketball, and football.

After graduation, Roy worked as a callboy for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and played semipro baseball until he was felled by a sunstroke in 1929. He spent many months recovering his health and vigor, during which time he listened to early country phonograph records and learned to play the fiddle. By 1932, Acuff had emerged from convalescence and toured for several months with the Mocoton Medicine Show. When this valuable experience ended, he formed a band - the Crazy Tennesseans - which performed alternately over WNOX and WROL radio stations in Knoxville. The group played throughout the little towns and villages of east Tennessee but barely earned enough cash to survive in those Depression days.

In October 1936, the Crazy Tennesseans journeyed to Chicago, where they made their initial twenty recordings for the American Record Corporation (absorbed into Columbia in 1938). Among these numbers was a religious lyric of obscure *origins*, *The Great Speckled Bird*, which would ultimately become his signature song. Although none of the tunes could be classed as immediate hits, they sold well enough for the band to be recalled for additional sessions in March 1937 and November 1938. Ironically, some of the material recorded were somewhat, uptown country arrangements of pop songs with various band members doing the singing, but the numbers with Roy's lead vocal and the rough-edged, hard country sound went over better.

In the meantime, Roy moved his band from Knoxville to Nashville, where they joined the cast of the Grand Ole Opry at

WSM radio. The shift would prove a wise move in terms of being in the right place at the right time. The Opry had been a popular radio show ever since it had started in November 1925, but portions of it began to be carried via a regional network in 1939, and then nationally by NBC in 1941. Furthermore, the country music scene had increasingly shifted from an emphasis on string bands and duets toward individual solo stars. Uncle Dave Macon, the reigning individual Opry star, continued as a popular and revered figure, but at age 70 in 1940 he was a bit elderly to capture the younger audience. Acuff, who looked younger than he actually was, could and did hold this group. Older country folk, however, found his sentimental mountain ballads, such as *The Precious Jewel*, and moralistic warnings, like *Wreck on the Highway*, to their liking as well as the numerous sacred songs in his repertoire. By the end of 1940, he stood at the top in his field and remained there for several years thereafter.

In 1940, Roy Acuff took his band - renamed the Smoky Mountain Boys when he came to Nashville - to Hollywood for their first film *Grand Ole Opry* for Republic Pictures. It also starred Uncle Dave Macon, Opry emcee George D. Hay, and vaudeville veterans, the Weaver Brothers and Elvira. Although generally classed as corny by most critics, light in plot, and intended primarily for rural audiences; it did quite well at the box office and further spread the fame of the man baseball pitcher Dizzy Dean termed the "King of County Music." The same could also be said of the seven other films in which Acuff appeared during the decade of the forties. Some of these later efforts for *Columbia* such as *Smoky Mountain Melody* and *Night Train to Memphis* rank among the better of their type.

During this decade of his peak popularity, Roy Acuff petitioned East Nashville Lodge No. 560 to receive the degrees of Freemasonry. Accepted for membership, he was initiated an Entered Apprentice on November 29, 1943.



Subsequently Acuff passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on January 10, 1944, and received the Master Mason degree on February 21, 1944. Three months later he completed the Scottish Rite degrees and was created a Noble of Al Menah Shrine Temple on June 27, 1944. Beecher R. Kirby, known on stage as "Bashful Brother Oswald," a long-time member of the Acuff band and comedian, also became a member of these bodies. More than eleven years after his raising on the last three days of November 1955, Roy took the York Rite degrees at Edward G. Corbitt Chapter No. 147, R.A.M.; Nashville Council No. 1, R. & S.M.; and Nashville Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, all in the Tennessee capital city.

In 1948, Roy, being a popular figure of southern mountain Republican stock, was prevailed upon by volunteer State GOP leaders to seek the governorship of Tennessee. Two persons of country music backgrounds (and also both Masons), W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas and Jimmy Davis of Louisiana, had already been elected to the top office in their respective states. While east Tennessee provided solid Republican majorities, the state as a whole remained strongly Democratic and neither Roy nor his Senatorial running mate, B. Carroll Reece (long-time congressman, GOP National Chairman, and member of Roan Creek Lodge No.

679, Butler, Tennessee, and Watauga Commandery No. 25 Johnson City, Tennessee) did as well as hoped. Nonetheless, the King did rack up a record that stood for some years as one for amassing the greatest number of losing votes in a Tennessee gubernatorial contest. Although primarily an entertainer, he did participate in political causes of his choosing mostly for moderate to conservative Republicans, but he never again sought public office. He did, however, win the friendship and respect of several presidents from Dwight Eisenhower to George Bush.

The decade of the fifties saw Roy Acuff decline somewhat in popularity as newer and younger country stars began pushing him out of the limelight, yet he remained a revered figure in the business. After fifteen years, he left Columbia Records in 1951, switching to Capitol, and later, Decca, MGM, and Hickory. By the end of the decade, he began approaching the legendary status in the industry that he would hold for the last three decades of his life. Like Bob Hope he derived special satisfaction from touring foreign military bases during the holiday season and did so many times. In 1962, Roy became the first living member of the Country Music Hall of Fame. (As of this writing at least seven other Masons have also been elevated to this honor: Eddy Arnold, Gene Autry, Jimmy Davis, Tex Ritter, Jimmie Rodgers, Roy Rogers, and Hank Thompson.)

Life on the road tended to be a grueling experience and Roy barely survived an auto crash in 1965. But he mended and continued onward although he didn't travel quite as much afterward. From the early seventies he increasingly contented himself with Friday and Saturday night appearances at the Opry, and on certain special occasions. Through wise investments - including Acuff-Rose song publishing - he no longer had to work at all but he chose to do so because of his sheer love of performing and his fans'

expectations. He received numerous honors through the years both civil and Masonic, including the Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) on October 15, 1979, and the <sup>330</sup> degree on October 21, 1985.

A little more than seven years after receiving this highest of Masonic honors, Brother, Companion, Sir Knight, and Noble Roy Claxton Acuff went to his reward on November 23, 1992. In order to prevent his funeral from being turned into a spectacle as sometimes happens with celebrities, he was buried within hours of his death. A memorial service was held several days later. His wife Mildred had passed away some years earlier. A son and daughter survived; the latter had managed his business affairs in recent years. That many of his recordings remain available today on compact disc, some of them recorded more than a half-century ago, testifies to the enduring quality of much of his music.

*Those wishing to learn more about Acuff can consult the book, Roy Acuff: The Smoky Mountain Boy, by Elizabeth Schlappi (Gretna, LA: Pelican Books, 1978 and 1993). I am indebted for the aid of the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and Tennessee, as well as to Sir Knights Roger E. Van Dyke and Roger Wiseman.*

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# By the Light of the Silvery Masonic Moon

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

Though the night was made for loving,  
And the day returns too soon,  
Yet we'll go a-roving,  
By the light of the moon.

## Lord Byron

The moon, rising in the heavens, has always held a passion for mortals. Even in the time of the Old Testament, we read, in the book of Genesis that on the fourth day of Creation, God made two Great Lights: the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night." In Deuteronomy and in the Book of Kings, the moon was regarded as a symbol of permanence. In the early traditions of Masonry espoused by the ancient Grand Lodges, both in Scotland and in Ireland, ritual reference is made to three lights of the Lodge: the Sun, the Moon and the Master.

There were, in addition, three fixed or immovable lights, described by students of early Craft Masonry as three windows in the lodge room: 10 light men to and from their work." These windows, in some ancient traditions, have been replaced by three candles, one situated in the East, another in the West, and the third in the south, each in front of one of the three principal officers of the Lodge.

In the American ritual of Thomas Smith Webb, the moon is given reference in the first degree of Masonry as one of the lesser lights. In this tradition, it is identified as the Biblical rules of the night.

In the jewel of the Junior Deacon, this heavenly orb is enclosed within the square and compasses.

Though the spiritual and ritualistic ties which bind the moon into the Grand Masonic Circle are recognized, there is yet another and more significant link between the moon and the Craft of Masonry.

During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in rural America, it was only with much hardship that a Mason might journey to his Lodge or return from it because the depth of the night shadows reduced visibility and rendered travel most hazardous.

It was not uncommon for a Brother to face the existence of many long miles between his home and his Lodge. Darkness and the dangers of inclement weather often combined to make perilous travel.

The bright shining light beaming downward from a full moon would provide welcome illumination for night travel. Many rural Lodges, in awareness of this, planned fraternal gatherings in accord with the appearance of a full moon. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky published in its proceedings of 1874 an "Almanac of Full Moons," which showed the full moons in each year from 1869 to 1883, indicating the day of the week and the month upon which every full moon occurred. It was also recognized that the weather conditions were often most favorable at these times.



There were but few states that did not have at least one or more "Moon Lodges." By the middle of the nineteenth century, there were in excess of three thousand such Lodges in America. The greatest complement were found in the states of Vermont, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, and Kentucky. As the years moved ahead, this number has dropped until there remains but a handful in our time.

The occasions may differ, but improved roads, lighting conditions, and vehicles of greater dependability have combined to

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effect this change. A number of grand jurisdictions have legislated Moon Lodges out of existence; thirty-six Grand Lodges still maintain some, but the confusion over exact times of meeting, with the substitution of such constitutional wording as, "on or before" or "on or after" the full moon, has engendered much perplexity.

Though improvements in the standards of life in America have witnessed the demise of this Masonic custom, there are even now Lodges across the country that still cling to the conducting of meetings in relation to the appearance of the full moon in the heavens above. Acacia Lodge No. 51 in Minnesota, Freedom Lodge No. 194 in Illinois, Gila Valley Lodge No. 9 in Arizona, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11 in Washington State, and County Line Lodge No. 373 located on the border of Arkansas and Missouri have persisted as Moon Lodges. DeSoto Lodge No. 105 of Florida, chartered in 1889, still holds its

meetings on or before the full moon and on Tuesdays also on or before the appearance of the new moon. This Lodge has been affectionately dubbed, "the moonshine Lodge."

Some American Moon Lodges are of ancient vintage. Perhaps, the oldest was Friendship Lodge No. 7 in Rhode Island. This Lodge was chartered in 1802. Its charter contains an injunction that "after the lodge is closed, every brother shall decently and immediately depart." Furthermore, that "each visitor shall pay for himself and his horse the sum of 37<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cents; without a horse, 25 cents."

Clermont Social Lodge No. 29 of Ohio is believed to be the second oldest of the Moon Lodges, being established about 1850. The Lodge Treasurer's account book contains a bill in the amount of \$40 for a set of officers' jewels made of solid silver. These jewels exist today in Cincinnati at a value many, many times their original cost. The Lodge register also contains a bill in the amount of \$4 charged to the estate of one of the members for the purchase of wood to be used for making a coffin for his deceased wife.

Travel in these years was so difficult that at the installation of the Master in the year of 1885, G. B. Beacham requested that the Lodge Secretary, also a Justice of the Peace, conduct his marriage ceremony immediately after the installation and in the presence of the assembled Brethren and guests. Afterwards, he and his bride retired to the lodge dining hall for a wedding banquet, all with the design to save extra travel hardship.

A Lodge, meeting by the light of the moon in Albion, Idaho, held a family night in 1887. During the course of the evening, someone, as a prank, rearranged the blankets and clothing of all the infants who had been brought by their parents. Most of the mothers picked up their offspring only to discover miles away that they had carried home the wrong baby. Each was forced to return over rough

trails illumined only by moonlight, in order to rectify this mistake!

Claude Claudy, one of the most gifted of Masonic writers, authored a series of lodge room plays depicting interesting stories in a setting of fraternal meetings. Each of the twelve plays had a common home in a place called "Doric Lodge," often described as being a Moon Lodge.

Moon Lodges have imparted something of rural American ways that is truly unique, something that can never be replaced. These Lodges have demonstrated to us the importance which our early Brethren placed upon fraternal existence. Despite hardship, attendance was good, interest was keen,

and Masonry flourished in a spirit of love rarely equaled in the succeeding years.

Today, with every convenience of the modern world, Masonry seems to be losing a strong bond of fellowship, so much a part of former times. A loss of this challenge possibly has reduced the values placed upon fraternal presence - I wonder.

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### **York Rite Belts From New Hampshire Grand Commandery Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

The 1993-1994 York Rite belt program is now underway. The Grand Commandery has sold over 1,000 of these fine belts that advertise the York Rite in a unique way. They are made 51 inches long to cover most waistlines and may be shortened; larger can be furnished. They are made on a black, military, web belt, and the emblems are woven into a black ribbon that is securely sewn to the belting. The lettering is of gold thread, and the emblems are of silver, gold, and red thread, repeated several times

around the length. This belt makes a fine Christmas gift for any York Rite Mason. Proceeds will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and to the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. To purchase one or more send check or money order for \$12.00 each to: Frederick H. Heuss, P.G.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue; Rochester, NH 03867



### **Knights Templar License Plates Of Wheeling Commandery, WV To Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

Back by popular demand! Wheeling Commandery No. 1, Wheeling, West Virginia, is selling Knights Templar license plates for a donation of \$7.00 each. These plates have a white background with black letters, gold crown, and red cross. Proceeds go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and the plate is mailed postpaid. Make check out to: J. Nelson Deakin, Jr., P.G.C.; and mail to: 1276 National Road, Apt. 313; Wheeling; WV 26003-5771.

# Should We Call Our Buildings "Temples"? No!!

by Sir Knight Charles L. Wood

In the September 1993 issue of *Knight Templar*, Sir Knight Vernon Ingraham wrote about the historic bases for the designation of Masonic buildings as "Temples." His research and his knowledge are indeed commendable. However, it is the very strong position of this author that his conclusion is ill-advised. There would appear to be reasons, both relevant and material, why we should not use the designation of "Temples" for our structures.

Any society or organization needs to know about its roots. This includes not only the history of its structure but also of its vocabulary. In reviewing that kind of information, Sir Knight Ingraham helps spread Masonic light and knowledge among the Brothers of this great Fraternity. The problem is his conclusion that we should continue to do something simply because there is a past usage which supports it. Not so! Historical precedent does not create present imperative!

Pursuing that line of thought a bit, what languages were spoken by early operative Masons? Those who built the pyramids in Egypt were probably mostly slaves, prisoners of war who spoke the languages of their homelands, or Egyptian civil prisoners to whom hieroglyphics were as familiar as our own daily papers are to us. The ones who built pyramids in Central America spoke the Indian tongues of these native people, while the pyramid builders in ancient China would have been fluent in the prevailing dialects of that time and place. The builders of the first Temple in Jerusalem in the days

of King Solomon were surely fluent in Hebrew: Those who constructed the third Temple, the one Jesus saw, would have conversed in Aramaic. Bible students know that a part of Daniel is in that language, not in Hebrew. Does all this mean we should be conducting degree work in these languages? Of course not! History does not dictate the present, even though it helps explain it.

Most Masons are well aware that there is no evidence whatever of any continuous history connecting the Fraternity with these groups, or for that matter, even with the operative guilds of the Middle Ages. The social and fraternal organization as we now know it came later. All this affords no compulsion for our present use of the word, "Temple."

The English language as it was spoken as recently as three hundred years ago would sound somewhat strange to our ears today. Even our treasured King James translation of the Holy Bible has undergone some forty thousand editorial changes since it was first published in 1611, to accommodate the differences in spelling, punctuation, or word use. English is not a dead language, but a living one! Within our own lifetime, certain expressions have changed. For example, not long ago if a young person wished to express appreciation or approval of something, it was a "hot" item. Today, the young people say, it is cool," and a hot" item is one which has been stolen. Within a very few years, the meaning of "gay" has changed from happy" to something very different indeed.

Likewise, the word "Temple," which once meant simply a place of contemplation, has come to be almost exclusively associated with religion. It is dear to the hearts of all our Jewish friends, and all across America there are structures associated with the Jewish community affectionately known to Jewish persons as Temples. Latter Day Saints have erected temples around the world. And travelers in the Far East will encounter Buddhist temples in many places.

All of this raises two important issues. The first is that we who are committed to dealing squarely with all of mankind and particularly with our Brothers should be very careful not to deliberately offend others by using, in a fraternal connection, a word which today has, almost exclusively, religious overtones. The second is that we need to recognize that Freemasonry has repeatedly come under attack from religious groups who think that it is a religion. How much longer can we protest that it is not a religion and at the same time hold fast to terminology which seems openly religious? The number of religious groups who have raised questions about the appropriateness of their members being Masons might surprise some readers. Freemasonry has failed, over and over, to convey to the churches the message that the Fraternity encourages each member toward active participation in the religious faith community of his choice. Anything

we can do to lessen such tensions and conflicts is a step in the right direction. The use of the word, Temple," may well fall within the purview of that remark.

In summary, Freemasonry should discontinue the use of the designation, "Temple," for these reasons:

1. It would signify our acceptance of the fact that the word belongs in the province of religion.
2. It would emphasize our affirmation that Freemasonry is not a religion but rather a social and fraternal group.
3. It would avoid offense to those faith communities for whom "Temple" is a sacred word.
4. It would help reduce tensions between the Fraternity and the surrounding religious communities.
5. It would act out, in a positive way, our affirmation that Freemasons are taught to deal fairly with others.
6. It would signify that, while we are aware of historic precedents and roots, we are willing and able to move forward. Our fraternity, like our language, is a living thing rather than a static and unchangeable one.

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### **New Leadership For Scottish Rite Supreme Council, N.M.J.**

August 30, 1993, Francis G. Paul of Vestal, New York, announced his retirement after serving for eight years as the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. Mr. Paul remains a director of the organization with the title of Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus. Elected to succeed him as Sovereign Grand Commander is Robert O. Ralston, Cincinnati, manufacturing executive and fraternal leader.

Before the closing session, a class of 143 received the 33<sup>o</sup>.

The Northern Jurisdiction includes 15 northeastern and mid-western states with a membership of 375,000 members. A Southern Jurisdiction covers the remaining 35 states.

# *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*from the Staff of the Grand Encampment*



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Great gift idea for Past Commanders' night and incoming new Knights, and a great gift for any holiday - a beautiful Knights Templar certificate. The certificate is 11 xl 4 on blue parchment paper that is 80 lb. with 4 different color inks, raised letter. Arch is a beautiful gold. The knight on horse is beautiful black, brown and red. Black fancy script lettering arid off the sides of the arches are 6 different figures that are shadowed at 15%. The net proceeds from sale of this certificate will benefit the KTEF. Send \$7.00 to Starey C. Buz, 219 S. 18th Street, Allentown, PA 18104. The certificate will be mailed to you within 7 days.

For sale: a beautiful colored print titled, "The First Crusaders," painted by Sir Knight V. M. Villazon, Past Grand Commander of Florida (1983). It Consists of the Crusaders mounted on horses and is 11"x14", plus a border without frame. This would make a great gift for Past Commanders, new Sir Knights, plus every Commandery should have one. The net proceeds are for benefit of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Send \$7.00 to Albin W. Of Pasca, State Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for the Grand Commandery of Florida, P.O. Box 510, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447-0510. The print will be mailed to you within 7 days.

For sale: uniform coats. New polyester/wool, summer weight, C.P.O. coats mean your Commandery can obtain coats at a low cost. We have 42S, 44S, 44XL and 48XL. (The XL5 can be cut down to L or R.) \$20.00 each plus S&H. We also have small sizes for \$5.00 each to use as pocket flap material. Percentage will be donated to KTEF. J. William Meyers, 1460 East U.S. Highway 20, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-5686 or John Myers, 2120 N. SR. 127, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-2797.

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes 44 short, 44X long, and 46 short. \$23.00 includes shopping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company, 13690 Broad Street, SW; Pataskala; CV-1 43062,(614) 927-7073.

For sale: Masonic rings, Signet style with classical square and compasses on top, trowel on one side, two-ball cane on the other. Ring is very durable, yet elegant. Custom-made of hard chrome and nickel alloy. Solid throughout. Silver color Only. \$99 plus tax, \$4.00 S&H. Whole sizes only, 7-15. 10% of profits will go to KTEF. Check or MasterCard/Visa info to Clairatech Designs, 107-M Plaza Drive, Suite 123, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. Money back satisfaction guarantee.

For sale: P.C. gold sword in flannel and black leather case - excellent condition; P.C. chapeau with gold braid and carrying case; P.C. cap 73/8-71/2 with

gold braid; lightweight blue dress shirt, 16 1/2 with P.C. tabs on both shoulders. Everything for \$200.00 plus \$8.00 shipping. Paul S. Morton, 5401 W. Business 83, Harlingen, TX 78552, (210) 423-0040.

The Drum Corps of Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Maryland, has for sale 50 uniforms (yellow jackets, green pants and red cummerbunds) in very good condition. For further info Carl Leimbach, 13700 E. Devonfield Drive, Baldwin, MD 21013, (410) 592-6781.

At the Aladdin Temple Shrine Mosque, Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday, October 9, 1993, I attended the competitive drills, and after the drills I went to pick up my light-gray, London Fog coat with a Pweiter O.E.S. pin. It was full length, trench style, size 12 regular. It was not there. If someone picked up my coat by mistake, please call me at (614) 373-0359 or write Georgaleen Hockenbeay, 708 Second Street, Marietta, OH 45750.

Wanted to buy: I am a "funster" Shrine clown and want an old tuxedo for a clown suit: coat, 52 or 54; pants, 44-46. Norman Thompson, 1117 Erie Avenue, Bellefontaine, OH 43311, (513) 599-2814.

Estate sale: Good Buy!: man's ring, 10K w/g top yellow gold shank set with 1-0.95 ct. rd. brill. dia. in center, and 1-0.40 Ct. rd. brill. dia. set in Shrine emblem on side. Ring is 32° and Shrine. Must see to appreciate. Call (618) 533-4529. Ask for Marc.

For Sale: 14 kt. yellow gold, heavy (13 dwt.) Shriner, Masonic, 32° ring, set with one 8.7 mm. x 5.0 mm. F/G color, VSI brilliant cut diamond, wt. 2.20 cts.; size 12 1/4. Call (703) 434-4622, Harrisonburg, VA.

Wanted: Shrine directors staff pins for my collection. Please send pin and note with price and info for remittance. I will send money or a new Antioch Temple directors staff pin if you prefer. Harry Ma/one, 1559 N. Euclid Avenue, Dayton, OH 45406-5922.

The Supreme Council, 33°, Scottish Rite, S.J., offers as a fund-raiser for its network of nearly 100 Childhood Language Disorders Centers: art print, overall size 22"x33", limited collector's edition, signed and numbered by artist, Brother John Melius. The print of an original oil painting by Melius, "The Laying of the Cornerstone of the Capitol, September 18, 1793" is printed on acid-free paper and includes an essay by the artist detailing his research for the painting. Make checks for \$100.00 per print payable to The Scottish Rite Foundation, S.J., U.S.A., and send to The Supreme Council, 33°, 1 733 Sixteenth Street, N. W.; Washington; DC 20009-3199.

For sale: Scottish Rite, Valley of Peoria, 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary coins at \$5.00 each, including postage.

Also: 125th anniversary plates at \$20.00 a set We have numbers: 31,39,45, 47, and 49. Check to Scottish Rite, 400 N.E. Perry Avenue, Poona, IL 61603.

For sale: combined, commemorative coin, diameter of antique nickel-silver, commemorates the three upper bodies meeting at Mount Vernon, Ohio, Masonic Temple: Clinton Commandery No. 5, 150 years; Clinton Chapter No. 26, 150 years; Kinsman Council No. 76, 100 years. First time all three on one coin - \$5.00 each. Jack Lahr, Commemorative Coin Chairman; Masonic Temple; 2 1/2 Public Square; Mount Vernon; OH 43050.

Kennesaw Lodge No. 33. F. & A.M. of Marietta, Georgia, is celebrating its 150th birthday and has had a coin struck to commemorate the event. The working tools and holy altar are on one side and the years and name on the reverse. Coin is available in bronze for \$5.00 and .999 fine silver for \$20.00. Mail check to H. F. Watson, 2774 Hicks Road, Marietta, GA 30060.

Limited edition 100th anniversary coin (1893-1993) Palatine Chapter No. 206, Palatine, Illinois. Limit of 3 coins only per order, while supply lasts. \$5.00 each. Send your order to the Secretary Jim Maurais, 1116 East Plate Drive, Palatine, IL 60067, (708) 358-718.8

Brownsville Lodge No. 60, F. & A.M. of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, is celebrating its 200th anniversary in 1994 with a coin struck to commemorate the event. Coin is available in bronze for \$5.00 and \$1.00 for shipping and handling. Send check or money order to Philip Elko, 1111 Lewis Street, Brownsville, PA 15417.

Hanford Chapter No. 74, Hanford, California, is Issuing 100th anniversary coins: our building and Chapter name on front side and keystone and date on reverse. These engraved 10-gauge, antique, bronze coins will be shipped anywhere in the continental U.S.A. at \$6.00 each, pp. Check or money order to Robert L. McCrady, 2031 Short Dive, Hanford, CA 93.230.

250th anniversary coins for Winyah No. 40, A. & F.M., chartered by the Grand Lodge of London, England, in 1743: bronze coin, \$5.00; 1-oz. .999 fine silver, \$25.00. Send check or money order to D. E. Long, Jr. W; P.O. Box 1208; Georgetown; SC 29442.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 23 years, and one day it 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 collect all varieties worldwide, and more than likely need yours. Any assistance will surely be appreciated. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85 705; (602) 888-7585.

GENEALOGY: over 16,000 surnames, If you are a Mason, say so, and Send a No. 10 envelope with a stamp on it and your name and address on the front. Tell me the names you are searching for. Computer information free to all Masons. N. W. Retherford, PC.; 6402 Alton Street; Riverside; CA 92509-5703.

For sale: 10 K. gold Masonic ring, size 11, w/simulated red ruby, trowel on one side, plumb on the other. Also: sterling silver Masonic ring w/trowel and plumb, size 11. Both in mint condition and in original pouch, never worn. Asking \$275.00 for both. Paul J. Posti, Sr.; 13909 Sylvan Street, Van Nuys, CA 9 140 1.

Wanted by collector. mechanical wristwatches, mftd. 1940 and after. Need not be in running order but do not want any in poor condition. Prefer those with Masonic or other fraternal emblems on dial Also wish to purchase a

Knights of Pythias ring. Describe and state price, Wesley G Harding, 623 Smallwood Road, Rockville, IL 20850.

Want info on military lodges of U.S. Armed Forces, WWII to date. As U.N. military observer, 1992, in UNTAC (Cambodia), I found British peacekeeping troops had a traveling lodge and possibly others. I am curious as to why no U.S.A. military lodges overseas, to my knowledge. Midway island had a Square and Compass Club, 1941, for civilian contractors inducted into USMC; details lacking. Dr. Gale J. Raymond, P.O. Box 35695, Houston, TX 77235.

Wanted to buy: gold plated Masonic compass and square fob to attach to watch chain. I volunteer in costume as an 1880s medicine drummer" at our local museum and need some Masonic identity. My character is a Civil War vet from Co. F., 1st Minn. Inf., selling<sub>3</sub> snake oil" in Silver City, Idaho. Donald P. Kay, 6067 Teton Court, Bend, OR 97702-9400.

Wanted: Vol. I of Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry. I will trade my extra copy of Vol. II or advise me of cost, Jon Gillis, P.O. Box 713, Adamsville, TN 38310, (901) 632-4450 after 6p.m.

For sale: 1, 2, 4, or 6 cemetery lot in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, DC, valued at \$1,900 each but will sell for half price to Masonic member or family of. Terms available. Roy DeHaven, P.O. Box 30937, Charleston, SC 29417, (803) 766-1645.

For sale: four cemetery lots, one concrete vault, in Masonic section, Tyler Mountain Memorial Gardens, Charleston, West Virginia. All for \$2,000.00. Lloyd H. Gregory, 205 Maplewood Estates, Scott Depot, WV 25560, (304) 757-6357.

Wanted: badges, patches and other insignia and accouterments of police, fire, sheriff, park service, fish and game, Shrine Temple, and provost guards. Larry Baird, P.O. Box 7638, Moreno Valley, CA 92552.

Wanted: baseball photos, uniforms, equipment or any other baseball items which are or were used by Masons or have some Masonic link. Mike Gciosolin, 242 La Pera Circle, Danville, CA 94526, (5 10) 838-0361.

Gardeners wanted to exchange seeds. For information send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Seed Exchange's, P.O. Bar 10-K Bia7s, M49314-W10.

For sale: 1989, double-wide mobile home, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms on acre lot in Decatur Co, TN on KY Lake. Used about 3 mo. Appliances, L.R. furniture, table and 4 chairs and one bed never used. Central heat and at A. E. Harwill, .k., (901) 586-7870.

Camp for sale: 18' by 30' with 2 decks, self-contained, completely furnished, in Canada, sixteen miles from Maine border. Deer hunting on your own land and good fishing. Own 300-ft. frontage on lake and 200-ft. deep. Spring-fed with only 3 camps. \$35,000. William J. Gibson, Sr.; 3 Harrison Street, Calais, ME 04619, (207) 454-3895.

Attention, Brother Masons: a fellow Mason wishes to purchase for his collection German and Japanese military souvenirs, helmets, uniforms, hats, swords, daggers, medals, books, or any other military item. Carl H. Faust Box 2141, Setailet, NY 11733, (516) 751-5556.

Reunion: U.S.S. Biloxi (CL-80), May 19-22, 1994. Contact Chester Curtis, 402 9th Avenue, S.; Edmonds, WA 98020, (206) 778-7111.

Reunion: Aviation Repair Unit, Navy No. 145, Guadalcanal and AEOB-Noumea, May 22-24, 1994, Rapid City, SD. George E. Turner, P.O. Box 492, Huron, SD 57350, (605) 352-3897.

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Whispering candle  
Heard all over the world...  
Whose fragile and flickering  
Light touched men Everywhere.  
Leading them through  
The night.. .In prayer  
And understanding.  
So that all men might share  
The sacredness of the season  
And walk and talk together  
With the Prince of Peace.

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