

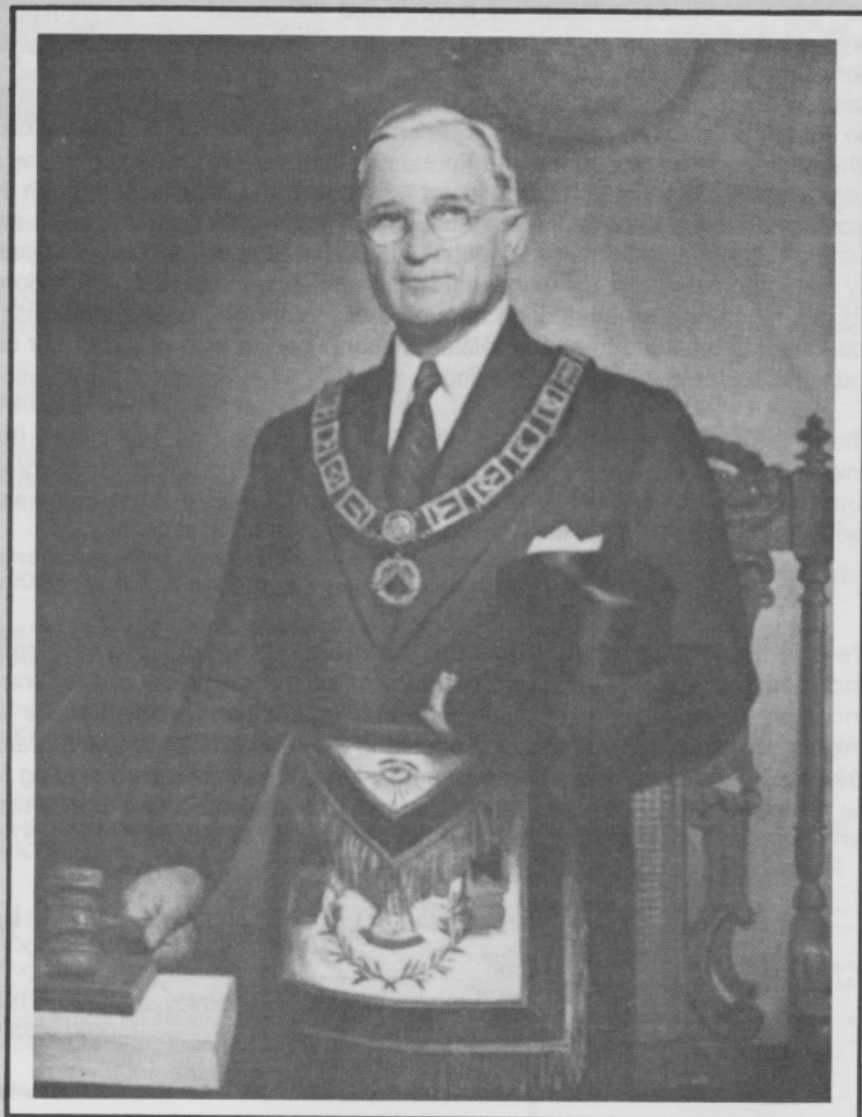


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## Grand Master's Page - June 1994

### KTEF 26th Voluntary Campaign

At the close of the Eye Foundation's 26th Annual Voluntary Campaign, I am reminded of the motto for this triennium, "Pride in our Past - Faith in our Future." We can take great pride in the knowledge that for the first time in the history of the Foundation, we have raised over \$1,000,000.00 per year during one triennium. The final total for the 26th Voluntary Campaign is \$1,080,168.72. I am very proud of the past accomplishments of our great charity. When this issue went to press, our Foundation had assisted 51,540 persons at a cost of



\$46,198,148.46. This would not have been possible

except through the efforts and funds raised during the Annual Campaigns. My thanks to each and every Sir Knight and Commandery who participated this year and in years past. My deep appreciation to the wonderful ladies who continuo to do an exceptional job in supporting the Foundation through their organizations and fund-raising activities. My gratitude to all the related Masonic bodies who rallied to our call and whose generosity was outstanding.

I have great faith in the future of the Eye Foundation as well. Faith that Knights Templar everywhere will continue to support and assist in this great humanitarian work. Faith that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will continue to grow, develop, and move confidently into the 21st century.

### 59th Triennial Conclave

We will be in Denver for the 59th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in a little over two months. All of the members of the Grand Encampment have received their hotel and reservation forms, and the Sir Knights' registration form has been printed in the *Knight Templar* in the March 1994 issue and once again in the issue for May. We have limited seating for the Grand Master's Banquet, and tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be sure to get your reservations to Gerald A. Ford, 3745 S. Pitkin Circle, Aurora, CO 80013, A.S.A.P. DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "William H. Thornley, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

William H. Thornley, Jr., GCT, Th.D.  
Grand Master

# Knight Templar

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

**JUNE:** This month we have final reports from Grand Master Thornley and Past Grand Master Smith on the 26th Voluntary Campaign, though a full accounting will appear in the July issue. We are happy to present an interesting story about President and Brother Harry S. Truman, whose portrait in Masonic regalia graces our cover. A trip to Aruba by Grand Master Thornley and Department Commander Strauss is included with pictures, and in celebration of St. Johns Day, which comes this month, there is a short article about John the Baptist. We close with thought-provoking articles on the spirit of Masonry and the condition of civilization.

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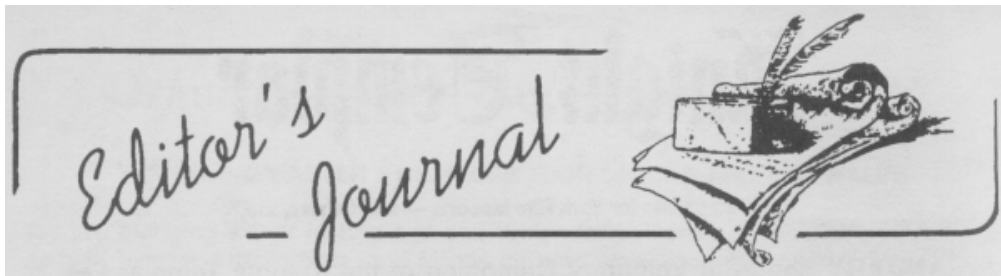
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It is with regret that *Knight Templar* announces the passing of the editor of the Missouri Supplement, Howard L. Adkins.

**Attention: All Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders** who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 1994; and Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November Issue, *Knight Templar* magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders on November 1. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 10. If your Installation will be in late September or October, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November Issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 10. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.

**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 a Green pin for widows of those below the rank of Commander and a 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 or special 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.

**Sir Knights, Attention!** An important and invaluable booklet entitled *The York Rite of Freemasonry - a History and Handbook*, is available from the Grand Encampment. Authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, KYGCH, Past Grand Preceptor of the Grand College, HRAKTP, and Past Grand Commander of North Carolina; this comprehensive, illustrated 78-page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, and benevolent programs of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery, with illustrations of the jewels of the officers of each body and the Red Cross, Malta, and Templar banners.

There is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies; \$1.00 each over 100 copies. Write your checks to and mail to the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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

The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. 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 is available at the price of \$16.00, including S & H. • **Dungeon, Fire and Sword: The Knights Templar in the Crusades.** This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is now available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

# Closed ... 26th Voluntary Campaign The Knights Templar Eye Foundation



## Thanks A Million!

by Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, National Campaign Chairman  
Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

The 26th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has been completed. The battle is over, the victory won. We can told our tents and stack our arms until the next campaign begins.

For the past quarter century, many Sir Knights and their ladies have labored very hard to make this campaign for the prevention of blindness a success. Our gratitude and the gratitude of those who have been and will be helped is beyond words. Each person who has worked to raise money and each person who has contributed has demonstrated that he or she truly believes that we must "love our neighbors as ourselves."

To each of you who has worked cooking for a fund-raiser; who has set the tables, swept the floor, or washed the dishes; who has contacted banks and corporate donors for contributions; who has ducked under the low ceilings of attics or storage rooms to find items to give to the yard sales; who has written a check to the Eye Foundation: you have our sincere gratitude.

But more than that. If you have read the letters of thanks that are printed in this magazine from time to time from those to whom your efforts have brought the special light of sight, you have seen that they often end their letters with these words: "I thank God for the Knights Templar."

In closing this 26th Voluntary Campaign, I ask all Sir Knights who did not work in this campaign to try to give a little time and effort and assist those who will labor for the success of the 27th Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign, that will begin on the first day of December.

It has been my honor to serve as chairman for the past two campaigns, and I offer my best wishes to my successor in the 27th Voluntary Campaign.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

(The results of the 26th Voluntary Campaign will be published  
in the July issue of *Knight Templar*.)

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## Letters to the Eye Foundation

This is to express my sincere appreciation for assistance rendered to me by your foundation.

I have an eye condition which is associated with glaucoma, and this condition resulted in my having to have eye surgery. Recently, this surgery was made possible by the support of the members of your foundation. As you are aware, I am a senior citizen living on a fixed income; therefore, without your generous financial support, this surgery may not have been possible. A follow-up visit at the Dauphin Street Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Center revealed that the surgery was a success.

I thank you for your insight in caring for and helping others. Again, I am indeed grateful for your generosity in aiding me in improving and/or maintaining this beautiful gift of sight. Your kindness will forever be appreciated and remembered.

Warceal Foney  
Whistler, Alabama

Thank you for funding my recent eye surgery. The surgery was successful, and I have been able to resume most of my regular activities. The doctors expect me to make a complete recovery.

Having cancer of the eye has been a difficult experience for me, and I really appreciate your organization making it possible for me to have the surgery necessary to save my eyesight and even my life.

I will always be grateful for your help. Best wishes as you continue to unselfishly give of your time and resources to help others.

Truman Boggs  
Counce, Tennessee

It is indeed with gratitude that I write this note to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

There are so many ways in which I am thankful: to have had the correct diagnosis, to have been guided by a nurse in Ohio to your foundation, to have had a doctor willing to work with you, and certainly for your generous foundation's gift.

Every morning when I awaken without a headache and know I am now able to do my work all the time without pain, I ask God to bless each of you for giving of yourselves for people like me. Every member of your team that I talked with was wonderful! Thanks to each of you, my life has been made better.

Rhoda Sacra

I wish to thank the Foundation and every Mason who made possible the removal of cataracts from both of my eyes.

The difference it has made cannot be reflected in a picture, but it can be expressed with words of deepest appreciation. My life is brighter in every way.

The foundation has afforded me opportunities I had lost the ability to pursue. In whatever area I utilize my vision, I hope I will be able to reflect the kindness shown me.

Ellen M. Wade  
Nixa, Missouri

# Brother Harry S. Truman

by Dr. Robert C. Barnard



On April 12, 1945, Franklin D. Roosevelt died in his fourth term as President of the United States. He was an immensely popular leader, and our country was engaged in the greatest war that the world had seen. He had led us through the Depression and through three long years of military conflict. Now, the gallant leader was gone, and the helm of the ship of state was given to the vice president, a relatively unknown man named Truman.

Brother Harry S. Truman had not been the vice president during Roosevelt's first three terms. He was selected at the last moment to replace Henry A. Wallace, who was thought by many to be too liberal and friendly towards Communism, even to the point of criticizing his own government for not approving every Russian move on the world scene.

Besides the leftists, who favored keeping the then-Vice President Wallace, Supreme Court Justice William Douglas and jurist James F. Burns were considered by many to be the foremost candidates. When powerful elements of the Democratic Party could not agree on a candidate, the chairman of the party, Robert E. Hannegan, proposed Senator Truman of Missouri as a compromise. Roosevelt accepted him with aplomb, but with no particular enthusiasm.

As Masons, we are interested in Truman, for he was one of us, of long standing and of high rank. Also, President Truman had many virtues to attract all Americans in his own right.

Harry S. Truman was born in Lamar, Missouri, on May 8, 1884. He had poor eyesight from early childhood and wore glasses after his eighth birthday. As a result, he shunned the rough and tumble games of the schoolyard and spent most of his free time in reading. By the age of fourteen, he had read most of the books in the library in Independence, Missouri, where his parents moved when he was six. He had read the family Bible through three times. His education gave him a firm background for making important decisions in later life.

After graduation from high school in 1901, Harry spent some time at the Kansas City School of Law, but did not attend long enough to obtain a degree. Instead, he became a timekeeper for the Santa Fe Railroad, then a bookkeeper in two Kansas City banks. When his grandfather died in 1906, he moved to the family farm near Grandview, Missouri, and remained a farmer until 1917 during World War I.

Patriotic to the core, Truman helped to organize a field artillery regiment, became an officer, and commanded an artillery battery in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne campaigns. He was discharged as a major in 1919, but remained in the reserves and later rose to the rank of full colonel.

From the time that he met Bess" (Elizabeth Virginia Wallace) as a small boy in Sunday school, Truman loved her. Six weeks after he returned home from France, he married her and to make a

living went into a partnership with an army buddy, Sergeant Eddy Jacobsen, in buying and operating a men's clothing store in Kansas City. The marriage was as successful as Bess and Harry knew it would be, but the clothing business did not prosper in the economic depression following the wartime economy.

Long before the war, while working on the farm near Grandview, Harry joined the Masons. He was attracted by the caliber of Masons he knew. On December 21, 1908, at the age of twenty-four, he petitioned Belton Lodge No. 450. He was elected on February 9, 1909, and took his first degree that evening. He was passed on March 9 and raised to the

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Later, he became Secretary for several years and then Master for a second time, just before leaving for the army in 1917. From the time of his return from the war, Harry's advancement in Masonry was constant and enduring.

By 1921, the clothing business failed altogether, and the partners were left owing a substantial debt. Harry refused bankruptcy and worked for about fifteen years to pay all obligations.

In this time of economic difficulty, their daughter, Mary Margaret, was born on February 17, 1924. Discouraged by the

failure of the store, Harry turned in some desperation to politics to make a living for the little family.

"Big Tom" Prendergast, party boss of Kansas City, aided Harry's political advancement. Perhaps this was because he felt that Truman could win votes because of his farm background, war record, and honest, friendly personality. He supported Truman successfully for county judge of Jackson County from 1922 to 1924 and again from 1926 to 1934.

During this period, although backed by the Prendergast machine, Truman proved his honesty and efficiency. He supervised projects for the county financed by more than \$60,000,000 in tax funds and bond issues.

It was in 1934, again with Prendergast backing, and following the Roosevelt presidential landslide over Hoover, that Truman entered rational politics, winning a seat in the U.S. Senate. Here, the backing of his party boss ceased abruptly, for as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Truman directed an investigation of railroad finances and found damaging evidence against Prendergast and other Missouri machine politicians. He carried the work through with honesty, and the guilty suffered the consequences.

A later government study revealed vote fraud and the other shady dealings of this party machine. But the scandal did not touch Truman, whose forthright actions shone in comparison with the corruption of others. When he came up for reelection in 1940, he easily won his Senate seat without help from Prendergast.

Although our country was not at war until the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor in 1941, defense spending rose to billions of dollars in 1940. Senator Truman set up a National Defense Program Watchdog Committee. The group found much waste and inefficiency and saved the federal government over \$1,000,000,000.



Thus, when World War II began, Senator Truman had a national reputation for integrity, although it was not appreciated by everyone. This made President Roosevelt willing to accept him as his running mate in 1944. The slate of Roosevelt and Truman easily won the election.

After only eighty-two days, Vice President Truman became president because Franklin Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Although staggered by the burden of the office in wartime, he immediately took command, carrying out all of the Roosevelt policies.

President Truman met with Sir Winston Churchill of Great Britain and Marshal Stalin of the Soviet Union at Potsdam, Germany in 1945. If Russia hoped to capitalize on the weakness or indecision of the new president, they were completely mistaken. Truman was forthright and outspoken in all things and he firmly believed the sign that he placed on his White House desk: "The Buck Stops Here."

That spring, the war in Europe ended, but the Japanese war machine still seemed to function, regardless of their great losses and the fall of Germany and Italy on the other side of the world. In August of 1945, the author was a young soldier in Czechoslovakia, elated at still being alive at the end of the European war, but saddened almost to despair by the news that his outfit would proceed through the Suez Canal and join the millions of other American fighting men gathering for the all-out attack on "Fortress Japan."

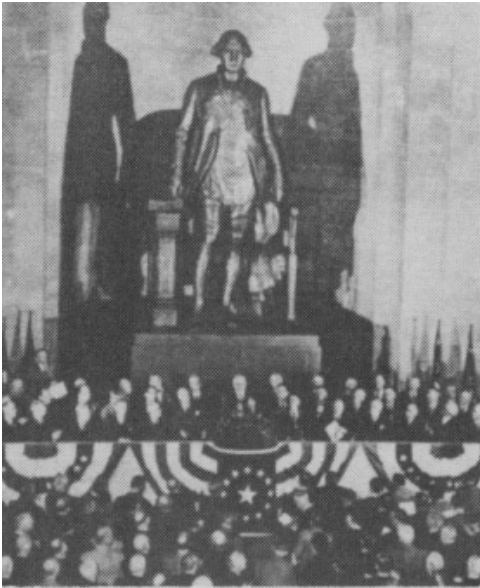
At that moment, President Truman made a momentous decision. America had won the war of discovery and we now possessed an atom bomb of gigantic and unknown potential. Should we drop it on Japan, causing great loss of life at the time, but with the chance of ending the war without attacking the Japanese mainland with our ground forces? Harry Truman gave immediate orders for the bomber, Enola Gay, to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.



*President and Brother Harry S. Truman begins the 1948 campaign. He was given no chance to win.*

The awful destruction shook the Japanese war machine, but the emperor, Hirohito, refused to give in to Truman's demand to surrender. After dropping millions of leaflets in explanation, the president gave orders to drop the second bomb on Nagasaki. This blast left no doubt that the first holocaust was not a fluke and the U.S. had the power to force compliance. On August 14, 1945, Japan accepted the surrender terms, and America, and especially her servicemen, thanked God for peace.

Harry Truman then proved that he was as capable a leader in peace as in war. He replaced the model of his old artillery gun on his desk with the small replica of a shiny new plow. In lightning fast order, the president commanded demobilization of the armed forces and the resumption of



*President and Brother Harry S. Truman dedicating the statue of George Washington, a gift from the DeMolays, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on February 22, 1950.*

the production of peacetime goods. He vetoed the Taft-Hartley Bill which he believed wrongfully limited labor action, even though Congress then passed it over his head.

The president supported the Fair Employment Act to prevent discrimination against blacks, Jews and other minorities. He passed measures for slum clearance and adequate housing. He backed the "G.I. Bill," which gave education to an entire generation of returned veterans.

When confronted by rising Russian aggression, he countered with the "Truman Doctrine," which said that America would aid democracy and stand against the enemies of freedom throughout the world. The Marshall Plan transferred massive economic aid to support free, but very poor, needy nations. Without this plan, much more of the world would have become communistic.

It was in the 1948 election that most of the media seemed sure that Thomas E. Dewey would oust Truman and become president, but Truman fought tooth and nail, covering the nation with 22,000 miles of train trips and giving 271 speeches. On election night the *Chicago Tribune* headline read, "Dewey Defeats Truman!" But Truman had faith all along that the majority of the American people were with him. They kept him in the White House and even gave him a Democratic Congress to go with the presidency.

When North Korea invaded South Korea in June of 1950, Truman pledged to defend the weak democracy, which never could have held out on her own. By September, General MacArthur was commanding an American army in South Korea, helped by small contingents of troops from other United Nations' allies. This experienced strategist from World War II days held the enemy in front while bringing in another force to attack their rear. The North Koreans were soon fleeing for their own border.

Then, the Chinese Army, egged on by Russia, attacked our forces in Korea and MacArthur asked permission to use the atomic bomb to blow them back to their own country. Realizing that the bombing of the Chinese would win the immediate action, but probably would result in the beginning of a World War III against China and Russia, Truman refused. Never daunted by decisions, he then commanded General MacArthur to come home, turning over his armies to his second in command.

The president was well aware of the great outburst of rage that the MacArthur dismissal would cause at home; this decision took every bit as much courage as did the one to drop the atomic bomb on Japan. But he never faltered; the buck stopped there.

Far from tapering off, Harry S. Truman's Masonic accomplishments actually increased through the years as his government career advanced. Soon

after World War I, he became a Grand Lecturer, then the District Deputy Grand Master of the 59th Masonic District. He remained in these stations from 1925 until his appointment to the Grand Lodge line in 1930. He was elected Grand Master of Missouri in 1940 when he was a U.S. Senator. In 1941, he represented Missouri at the Washington Conference of Grand Masters.

Brethren on the Masonic grapevine tell us that in 1948, on election evening while he awaited the voting which led to his victory against Dewey, the media thought that he was at home, but he was really at a Masonic meeting with his Brethren. While President of the United States, he was never too busy to render a Masonic service. It is said that Brother Truman raised more than thirty candidates while he was president, with the strict injunction that there would be no publicity whatsoever. There was none.

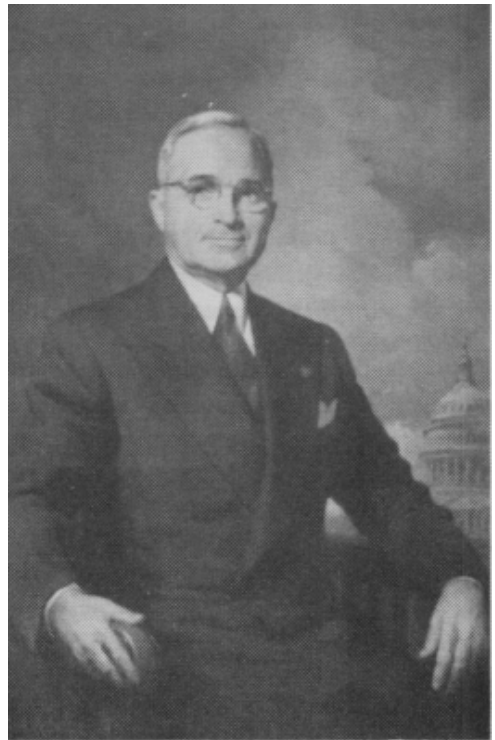
As Americans and as Masons, we may be proud of President Harry S. Truman. At the end of his term, he said, "I have served my country long and I think, efficiently and honestly." History agrees with this self-evaluation.

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**White House portrait of Brother Truman by Greta Kempton, who also did the portrait of Truman in his Masonic regalia, featured on the June cover of Knight Templar.**

# Grand Master Thornley and Department Commander Strauss Visit Aruba

by Sir Knight Richard M. Strauss, R.E.D.C.

ME. Grand Master William H. Thornley, Jr., accompanied by Richard M. Strauss, Department Commander for Subordinate Commanderies, Italy and the Philippines, paid an official visit to Solo Di Aruba Commandery No. 1, which is located in the Netherlands Antilles. They arrived on Wednesday, January 5, and were met at the airport by Sir Knight Oscar Flanders, Eminent Commander, and members and officers of the Commandery.



*Sir Knights from Solo Di Aruba Commandery No. 1 greet Grand Master Thornley and Department Commander Strauss at the airport.*

They were taken to Sonesta Hotel, located in the heart of Oranjestad, where lovely accommodations had been made for their visit.

On Thursday morning at 9:30 AM., they were taken on a tour of the island. Grand Master Thornley had as his guide, Sir Knight Harold E. Kock, Generalissimo, and Sir Knight Oswald F. Croes, Junior Warden, acted as guide for Sir Knight Strauss.

They stopped for lunch at a seaside restaurant, where a gourmet lunch was served. They returned to the hotel around 7:00 P.M., where some of the Sir Knights



*Shown at Columbus Lighthouse are, left to right: Sir Knight Croes, Sir Knight Kock, Grand Master Thornley, and Department Commander Strauss.*

and Companions gathered for several hours of fellowship. It was a wonderful tour in which all points of interest were covered.

On Friday morning a shopping tour was arranged. Many fine shops were visited near the hotel and at noon they returned to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon they were taken on another tour of the island, this time covering the opposite end of the island, which completed the tour of the entire island.

At 7:30 P.M. they were escorted to the Masonic House, where Commandery was opened in full form under the command of Sir Knight Flanders, Eminent Commander, who was assisted by all the officers of the Commandery. They did an excellent job, and Grand Master Thornley complimented them for the pride they take in doing their work.

At the completion of the full-form opening, the ladies were invited to come into the asylum with Companions of the Royal Arch and their ladies, where the Grand Master held a question and answer period with questions relating to Masonry, and in particular, to Templary.



*At the Masonic House with members of Solo Di Aruba Commandery No. 1, left to right: front row: Generalissimo Harold E. Kock, Commander Oscar N. Flanders, Grand Master Thornley, and Department Commander Strauss; second row: Sir Knight Wilfred Pannellek, Recorder Lodewijk F. Van Delden, Jr. Warden Oswald Felipe Croes; third row: Sentinel Fernando F. Leerdam, Prelate Bertie Viupree, Capt. General Rudy E. Benschoop, and Treasurer Johan S. Vrieswijk.*

The questions were surprisingly relevant to Masonry and included a discussion about the attack many religious and political organizations were making against Masonry. The Grand Master responded to all the questions in a manner that satisfied everyone.

At the conclusion of the question and answer period, Commander Flanders presented Grand Master Thornley with a miniature version of the Divi Divi tree, sculptured in silver and mounted on a beautiful wooden base. It was made by an outstanding artist in Aruba. The Divi Divi trees represent the magnificent flora of the Caribbean. The trade winds shape the

Divi Divi trees into natural works of art, which seem to defy the force of gravity. A gold metal plate was mounted on the wooden base, commemorating the Grand Master's visit. Sir Knight Strauss received a similar one, which was gold-plated.

Following the presentation, everyone retired to the dining room, where a wonderful five-course dinner had been prepared and was served by the Brothers of Hiram Lodge No. 102. An evening of fellowship followed the dinner, and this was enjoyed by everyone.

On Saturday Grand Master Thornley was taken on another tour of the island by Sir Knight Kock, Generalissimo, to points of interest not usually seen by a tourist. In the evening Companion Rowland De Mey, the Recorder of the Royal Arch Chapter in Aruba, and his wife hosted a dinner in honor of the Grand Master. As was the case throughout the entire visit, the hospitality that was extended to Grand Master Thornley and Sir Knight Strauss exemplified the true meaning of brotherly love.

Sir Knight Richard M. Strauss, Department Commander of Subordinate Commanderies, Italy and the Philippines, is a member of Detroit Commandery No. 1 Detroit Michigan, and resides at 1520 Washington Blvd., Detroit MI 48226



*Eminent Commander Flanders presents Grand Master Thornley with a Divi Divi tree.*

# Recipients Of The Grand Encampment Membership Jewel

Correction: The following is a correct listing. The information listed in the April 1994 issue was incorrect.

- 85. John C. Workman, Mt. Hermon Commandery  
No. 85, Sunbury, PA. 2-15-94.
- 86. Charles W. Henry, Potomac Commandery  
No. 5, Shepherdstown, WV. 2-15-94.
- 87. David J. Young, Atlantic Commandery No. 20, Ocean  
City, NJ. 2-28-94.
- 88. John W. Johnson, Gulfport Commandery No. 38,  
Gulfport, MS. 3-1-94.
- 89. Frank E. Draper, Jr., San Antonio Commandery No.  
7, San Antonio, TX. 3-4-94



## A Minister Reports On The Holy Land Pilgrimage

April 10, 1994

Gentlemen:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the pilgrimage you provided for me to the Holy Land.

The trip was emotionally moving and spiritually refreshing, having afforded me the opportunity to walk in the land where our Lord lived, died, and rose again! As I went through the Lenten and Easter season, sights and sounds of my visit kept returning to me, deepening my understanding of the path Jesus walked during his last days. Not only have I gained a greater appreciation of the scriptures, my people have also benefited from the insights I have gained. I appreciate greatly the ability to now say.....When I was there..." The pilgrimage was a trip I dreamed about weeks after my return to the United States. This is the kind of impact the trip to the Holy Land has had on my faith and my life.

Again, thank you for your graciousness and your prayers. If I can ever be of service to you, please think of me.

In the Service of our Lord,

Reverend Joseph E. Skillman, Jr.  
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church  
2120 Dundalk Avenue  
Dundalk, Maryland 21222

# John the Baptist, The Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Essenes

by Dr. E. K. Edwards, Jr.

John the Baptist was born in Judea in approximately the same year as Jesus Christ. His parents were Zechariah, a priest, and Elizabeth, first cousin of Mary, mother of Christ.

John may have been a member of the Essenes, an early monastic community. He lived an austere and ascetic life in the Judean desert and is remembered as a prophet.

John's message was directed toward all ranks of Jewish society. His chief point was that God's final judgement was imminent and one should repent and be baptized.

Shortly after baptizing Jesus, John was imprisoned by Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee, having accused Herod of illicit and illegal marriage.

Numerous similarities were noticed between the mission of John the Baptist and the Essenes upon the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The Essenes were a Jewish sect that lived in Palestine from approximately 100 B.C. to 100 A.D. They lived a strict communal life and are regarded as one of the first monastic groups. The Essenes lived in Qumran, and may have been the principal authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

These documents were discovered by a Bedouin shepherd in 1947. These scrolls may have been part of a vast library belonging to the Essenes. These

scrolls are considered to be one of the most important archeological discoveries of this century. The entire Hebrew Old Testament has thus far been discovered.

The contents are written in Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic. A veil of controversy still hovers over control and rights to the scrolls, and what can or cannot be published. The scrolls may hold the secrets concerning Rabbinic Judaism and early Christianity.

Obviously I am not saying that John the Baptist nor the Essenes were Freemasons, but the point I am trying to make is that many of the facets or tenets that John the Baptist espoused, such as, austerity, repentance, friendship, atonement, morality, brotherly love, and belief in a Supreme Being, are also found in the Craft of Freemasonry, especially Templar Masonry.

Were he alive today, John would have made an ideal Mason ... perhaps that is why Masonic Lodges are dedicated to John the Baptist, and we still observe his feast day.

This paper was presented by then-Worshipful E. K. Edwards, Jr., to Pompano Lodge No. 263, F. & AM., in observance of the Feast of St. John the Baptist, June 1993. Sir Knight E. K. Edwards, Jr., is a member of Melita Commandery No. 35, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. For correspondence: 1800 North Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, FL 33062

## St. Matthew: 13-17(KJV)

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John to be baptized of him.

But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

And to a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

*From Dr. Francis J. Scully's...*

## History of the Grand Encampment

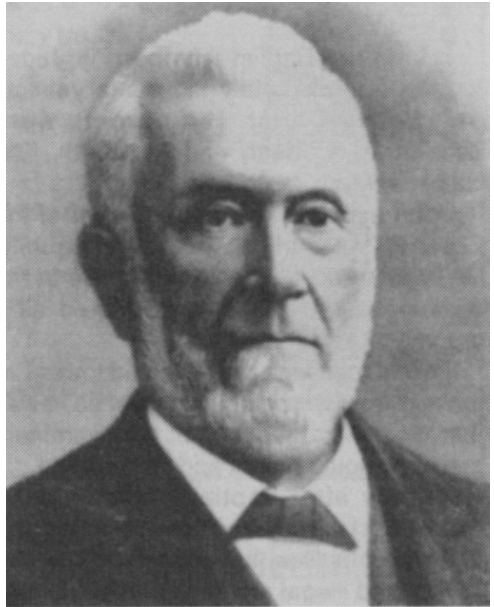
### Chapter XXIII Biographies Of The Grand Masters (Continued)

#### High McCurdy Sixteenth Grand Master 1892-1895 (Continued)

He was created a Knight Templar in Fenton Commandery No. 14 at Fentonville, Michigan, on March 13, 1866. He was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan on May 9, 1877. At the Triennial Conclave held in Chicago in 1880, he was elected Grand Senior Warden, and at each succeeding Conclave was advanced, until in 1892 he became Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. In his speech of acceptance, he stated:

"In whatever cause Knight Templarism had its origin, its only reason for existence today is its power to help men. Men are not asking today how far back into the past does your history extend; but how far reaching is your present everyday life? What of your own are you adding to the age in which you live? We cannot afford to live for our own gratification, nor for display of cross, plume, sword or star. By a larger growth in ourselves and a wider influence upon our fellow-man we must emphasize the meaning of our name and the significance of our symbols. I shall endeavor to keep in line with the spirit of this progressive age."

Sir Knight McCurdy was a gracious gentleman, a true and steadfast friend, a patriotic citizen and a Christian Knight.



Hugh McCurdy  
Sixteenth Grand Master, 1892-1895

In his address at the Conclave in Boston in 1895, he expressed his belief in the great future of the Order:

"Surely our Order has not yet reached the fullness of its glory and helpfulness, and its course must continue upward and onward in fellowship and harmony with the age and the lofty principles of Him whom we all acknowledge as our Lord and Master, Immanuel - God with us. This is our watchword. With Him we must be ever moving onward to better things."

#### Warren La Rue Thomas Seventeenth Grand Master 1895-1898

Warren L. Thomas was born in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on January 25, 1845. When quite young his parents



moved to Danville, Kentucky, where he received his early education. He graduated from Centre College and entered the life insurance business in his native state.

In 1890 he located in Pittsburgh, after retiring from the office of Grand Master. While living there he was elected an honorary Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Later he moved to Tucson, Arizona, where he made his home until his death. He passed away suddenly on November 23, 1914. He was buried at his home city, Danville, Kentucky, with both the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery participating in the services.

He was made a Master Mason in Hopkinsville Lodge No. 37 in 1867, and in 1869 affiliated with Franklin Lodge No. 28 in Danville. He was Worshipful Master in 1874, and was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky on October 20, 1880.

He was exalted in Hopkinsville Chapter No. 14 at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in 1867. In 1869 he affiliated with Franklin Chapter No. 22 at Danville and was elected High Priest in 1878. On October 18, 1880, he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, the same year that he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

He was greeted in Washington Council No. 1 at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1871, and assisted in organizing Danville Council No. 48, which received its charter on October 23, 1872. He was Thrice Illustrious Master in 1877, and was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky the same year.

He was also honored in the Scottish Rite, receiving his 32<sup>o</sup> degree in the Grand Consistory of Kentucky in October, 1877, and on January 23, 1889, he was coronetted Honorary Inspector General 330 degree in the Southern Jurisdiction.

He was knighted in DeMolay Commandery

No. 12 at Louisville, Kentucky, in October, 1872, and was one of the charter members of Ryan Commandery No. 17 at Danville. He was Eminent Commander in 1874. He attended the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky in 1874 and was elected Grand Senior Warden. On May 8, 1878, he was elected Grand Commander.

In 1874 he attended the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in New Orleans, as representative of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. In 1880 he was elected Grand Junior Warden and on August 29, 1895, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.



**Warren La Rue Thomas**  
Seventeenth Grand Master, 1895-1898

## In Memoriam



Eric L. Meal

Nevada

Grand Commander-1989

Born September 15, 1923

Died April 17, 1994

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

New Club Memberships

### Grand Commander's Club

No. 100,113-David Petphrey (OH)  
No. 100,114-James E. Stratton (NC)  
No. 100,115-E. Don Coolidge (MT)  
No. 100,116-Edward B. Williams (PA)  
No. 100,117-E. Freeman Millard (FL)  
No. 100,118-Luther Monroe Turner (GA)  
No. 100,119-Eugene R. Burger, Sr. (FL)  
No. 100,120-Cornelius K. McAvoy (FL)  
No. 100,121-Kenneth D. Burns (ID)  
No. 100,122-Maxey A. Piper (TN)  
No. 100,123-James A. Halt (OH)  
No. 100,124-Howard W. Van Scoy, Jr. (PA)  
No. 100,125-Gerald Wayne Nuckolls (GA)  
No. 100,126-John S. Proud (DE)  
No. 100,127-Walter D. Wagner (DE)  
No. 100,128-Donald D. Thomas (DE)  
No. 100,129-Horace G. Patterson, Jr. (DE)  
No. 100,130-William J. Littel (DE)  
No. 100,131-Franklin R. Townsend (DE)  
No. 100,132-Richard A. Scarfott (DE)  
No. 100,133-James A. Provins (PA)  
No. 100,134-William A. Bailey (PA)  
No. 100,135-E. George Albright (PA)  
No. 100,136-W. Daniel Hulings (PA)  
No. 100,137-R. Doyle Pritchard (TN)  
No. 100,138-Hugh T. Christie II (TN)  
No. 100,139-Amoki A. Barnes (TN)  
No. 100,140-George Robert Baddour (TN)  
No. 100,141-Roy Cleo Murdock (TN)  
No. 100,142-Richard Earl Van Tassell (TN)  
No. 100,143-Dean T. Massey (WI)  
No. 100,144-Jerry L. Fenimore (CO)  
No. 100,145-David Hoke Smith, Sr. (GA)  
No. 100,148-David W. Tipton (TN)  
No. 100,147-Elston R. Dibble (AZ)  
No. 100,148-John W. Yeager (CO)  
No. 100,149-J. Melvin "Mel" Nelson (AZ)  
No. 100,150-Dolan Mon Campbell (AZ)

## Grand Master's Club

### Correction

No. 2,165-Rodney J. Van Houten (VA)

### New

No. 2,169-to honor Ernest I. Teter (ID) by Idaho  
Commandery No. 1  
No. 2,174-to honor Walter B. Pearce (PA)  
No. 2,175-to honor J. Willard Register (GA) by  
St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3  
No. 2,199-Gordon G. Moeller (IA)  
No. 2,200-to honor H. C. Robason (TX) by  
Abilene Commandery No. 27  
No. 2,201-J. Fred Wetzsteon (MT)  
No. 2,202-Lyman E. Smith (MI)  
No. 2,203-Samuel J. Chapman (MI)  
No. 2,204-William E. Criss (MO)  
No. 2,205-James E. Stratton (NC)  
No. 2,206-Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (MO)  
No. 2,207-Antonino M. Gennaro (Italy)  
No. 2,208-William M. Peterson (VA)  
No. 2,209-Donald R. Fisher (KS)  
No. 2,210-Thomas M. Lowery, Sr. (TN)  
No. 2,211-Earl R. Lithe (LA)  
No. 2,214-Charles Thomas Robbins, Jr. (NC)  
No. 2,215-Wayne H. Garrett (GA)  
No. 2,216-Theodore G. Cooper (FL)  
No. 2,217-John H. Pigott (GA)  
No. 2,218-S. L. Dennison (TX)  
No. 2,219-Hiram H. Plunkett (GA)  
No. 2,220-Anthony R. Smith (GA)  
No. 2,221-James A. Huey (PA)  
No. 2,222-Arthur S. Abrams (OH)  
No. 2,223-Martin A. Compton, M.D. (IL)  
No. 2,224-Seth K. Walworth (FL)  
No. 2,225-in memory of Sidney Asbury Ellison  
(TN) by Millington Commandery No. 39  
No. 2,226-in memory of George E. Jones (GA)  
by Mrs. Corn A. Jones  
No. 2,227-Richard L. Gooding (CO)  
No. 2,228-Thomas E. Lee (GA)  
No. 2,229-Hugh T. Crawford (GA)  
No. 2,230-John W. Sisk (GA)  
No. 2,231-Waymon E. Ragan (GA)  
No. 2,232-R. Eugene Anderson (GA)  
No. 2,233-William C. Burgess (GA)  
No. 2,234-Frank Grice (GA)  
No. 2,235-William Montee Newsome, Jr. (AL)  
No. 2,236-Robert E. Rayner (PA)  
No. 2,237-Eben A. Winslow (MA/RI)  
No. 2,238-Robert R. McKinney (AZ)  
No. 2,239-Harold T. Stalker (AZ)  
No. 2,240-Mrs. Becky Arthur (TN)  
No. 2,241-John L. Winkelman (PA)

**How to join:** Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is now Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, IL 62705, (217) 523-3838.

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

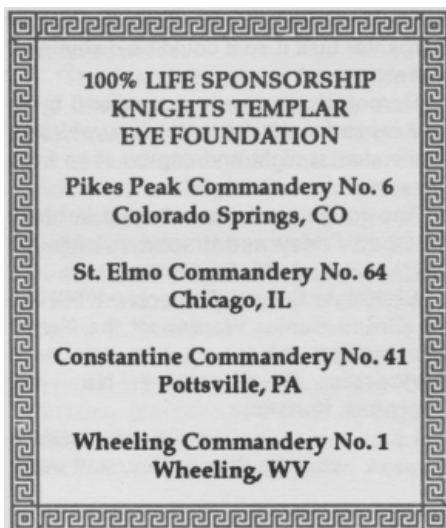
Grand Master Thornley is pleased to announce that, for all who became members of the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's Club after July 1, 1992, new pins will be issued at no charge to the recipients. If you became a member of either club prior to that date and would like a pin for yourself, send a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

### **Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Twenty-sixth Annual Voluntary Campaign**

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending May 6, 1994. The total amount contributed to date is \$896,122.39.

Alabama .....	\$6,678.85
Arizona .....	8,979.61
Arkansas .....	5,568.20
California .....	15,951.68
Colorado .....	29,311.51
Connecticut .....	10,915.72
Delaware .....	4,714.70
District of Columbia .....	7,135.54
Florida .....	23,714.94
Georgia .....	63,635.68
Idaho .....	3,629.12
Illinois .....	25,459.40
Indiana .....	30,407.97
Iowa .....	11,168.22
Kansas .....	5,449.00
Kentucky .....	19,388.65
Louisiana .....	10,723.23
Maine .....	5,075.18
Maryland .....	14,782.76
Mass/R.I. ....	27,048.40
Michigan .....	21,862.31

Minnesota .....	6,058.05
Mississippi .....	4,990.00
Missouri .....	17,135.86
Montana .....	7,689.00
Nebraska .....	10,606.26
Nevada .....	7,612.25
New Hampshire .....	9,042.49
New Jersey .....	8,216.10
New Mexico .....	5,909.85
New York .....	11,400.38
North Carolina .....	17,241.20
North Dakota .....	26,991.99
Ohio .....	37,720.47
Oklahoma .....	1,278.30
Oregon .....	12,431.72
Pennsylvania .....	94,233.37
South Carolina .....	18,731.39
South Dakota .....	1,826.69
Tennessee .....	39,587.74
Texas .....	81,734.04
Utah .....	4,056.50
Vermont .....	4,014.20
Virginia .....	52,423.13
Washington .....	9,184.05
West Virginia .....	12,851.10
Wisconsin .....	9,579.73
Wyoming .....	5,637.59
Honolulu No. 1 .....	20.00
Alaska No. 1	
Fairbanks .....	100.00
Porto Rico No. 1 .....	750.00
Anchorage No. 2 .....	100.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico .....	117.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan .....	1,117.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany .....	1,330.00
Italy Subordinates .....	1000.00
Solo di Aruba, U.D. ....	
Miscellaneous .....	20,904.27



## Highlights

### **Kansas Sir Knight's Rugged Cross Brings Added Meaning to Easter**

When members of Concordia's First Presbyterian Church congregation sang the well known, old hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross" on the first Sunday in Lent this year, their pastor, the Reverend Marlene Yanik, said she thought it was more meaningful than it had been in a long time.

A glance at the front of the church sanctuary gives a likely explanation for her observation. Dominating the chancel area is an 8 by 5-foot rough, oak cross draped in purple, the color of penitence.

Yanik said during the Lenten season she wanted a rough cross in the sanctuary. Her first thought was of a small one to set on one of the little tables.

However, after discussing it with committee members, it was decided it should be a big rough cross, and Sir Knight Corvon Carpenter agreed to build one and donated his time and material. He said it took him about three days of working off and on to complete the project.

The cross is made of one-inch rough cut oak made into a 6 by 6. Sir Knight Carpenter built it so it could be dismantled and stored.

Carpenter also made a smaller 5 by 3-foot cross for the front window, which is illuminated at night and can be seen from the street.

The rough cross was draped in black on Good Friday and draped in white on Easter, banked with Easter lilies.

Sir Knight Corvon Carpenter, KTCH, is the Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Kansas and a member of Concordia Commandery No. 42, Concordia, Kansas.

*from Concordia Blade*  
story by Sharon Coy, staff writer

### **Freemasonry Builds Its Temples—"In the Hearts of Men"**

"In the Hearts of Men" is the title of a brand new Masonic video that has been produced by the Media Committee of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. As this unique and fast-moving, thirty-minute video unfolds, the members of the cast (two judges, a physician, a farmer, a young married couple, a jet fighter pilot, and a school teacher) express in their own words the impact the words selected for the subject of this video has had on their personal lives and their careers. They present these comments from their own professional environment - from farmstead and the air base tarmac, the courtroom and the classroom, from the home and the doctor's office.

A side trip to the Statue of Liberty and Mt. Rushmore points out the Masonic membership of Brothers Auguste Bartholdi and Gutzon Borglum. At the same time, pictures of eleven other great Masons including George Washington, Henry Ford, Buzz Aldrin, and Mel Tillis float across the screen.

The 1990 video, "Opening the Doors to Freemasonry," remains a viable tool for men who have expressed an interest in our Gentle Craft. "In the Hearts of Men" is designed to create a favorable impression *causing them to express that interest*.

To order your copy of "in the Hearts of Men" please send \$20.00 to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., P.O. Box 279, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406. Phone orders are also accepted at (319) 365-1438.

Yes, the video "Opening the Doors to Freemasonry" is still available for \$20. Please be sure to specify: "In the Hearts of Men" or "Opening the Doors to Freemasonry."

## from the Masonic Family

### New Jersey's Excelsior Scottish Rite Supports Knights Templar Eye Foundation

At a reception for Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33<sup>o</sup>, Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., at Lincoln Park, New Jersey, on March 8, 1994, Sir Knight and Ill. Robert W. Bates, 33<sup>o</sup>, presented a \$3,000 check to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from Excelsior Scottish Rite Bodies of Collingswood, New Jersey. Accepting the check was Sir Knight Owen R. Henry, then-Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of New Jersey.

In the picture below, left to right, are: Sovereign Grand Commander Ralston, Past Grand Commander Henry, Sir Knight Bates, and Sir Knight Thurman C. Pace, Jr., R.E.P.D.C., Northeastern Department.

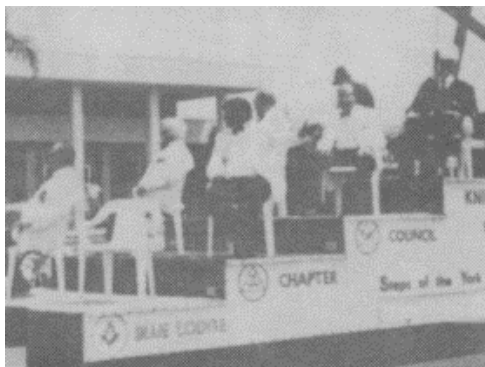


Fort Myers, Florida Sir Knights Participate in Parades

According to Recorder Wallace Bateman of Fort Myers Commandery No. 32, Fort Myers, Florida; Fort Myers Sir Knights have participated in three parades in the last three years. For the parades, the Sir Knights built a float as a tool to educate the public about

Lodges and York Rite bodies in the district and charities, especially the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The picture, below, shows the participation of Sir Knights and the float in the Lehigh Acres Spring Festival Parade. Sir Knights and the float also participated in Fort Myers Festival of Light afternoon parade and an evening parade for the same festival several days later.



### The Social Order of the Beauceant

(Mrs. Charles O.) Vivian B. Hobby, S.O.O.B. representative for *Knight Templar*, writes:

"The members of the Social Order of the Beauceant are ladies, indeed! However, qualification for membership in our order requires that one be a wife or widow of a Knight Templar, and we address the member by using her Sir Knight's name. (Mrs. Keith W.) Sandra Dean is serving as Supreme Worthy President currently, and (Mrs. Roland J.) Phyllis E. Maddox, Galveston Assembly No. 152, is Supreme Worthy First Vice President; (Mrs. Howard L.) Clara McClure, Steubenville No. 57, is Supreme Worthy Second Vice President; and (Mrs. Milton F.) Coy Baker, Baytown Assembly No. 153 is the Supreme Worthy Preceptress.

"The Social Order of the Beauceant was founded for the purpose of uniting the wives and widows of Knights Templar and to seek a wider extension of our order. We encourage all women who are eligible to become members of our order.

"The Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant will hold its Seventy-fourth Annual Supreme Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, on September 26-30, 1994."

## Maundy Thursday Service



**Above are the Grand Encampment officers who attended the Maundy Thursday Service in Washington, D.C., on March 31, 1994.**

Brother Johnson slowly sealed the envelope he held in his trembling fingers. He tried to keep his hands still, but the powerful emotions filling him easily overcame his futile attempt. After all, the envelope contained a letter he didn't think he would ever have to write.

Seven years ago, Brother Johnson returned from a military tour in Germany. While in Germany, he was Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a "military lodge." It was a new Lodge (less than ten years old), but the spirit of Freemasonry was very strong there. For hours Brother Johnson sat talking with Past Masters and other Brethren about Masonry and its meaning. The spirit of Freemasonry that pervaded that small Lodge quickly filled Brother Johnson. Not only did he carry a dues card, he was also a Mason in his heart.

When Brother Johnson's tour in Germany ended, he was discharged from the army. He returned to his hometown and started a new life. It wasn't long before he met a Brother who belonged to a local Lodge. He invited Brother Johnson to a stated meeting that Friday night. Brother Johnson accepted.

During the next few weeks, Brother Johnson became a familiar face at the Lodge. He became active in the Fellowcraft team, and he took part in the degree work. Attending Lodge helped fill a void in Brother Johnson's life - a void created when he left his Lodge in Germany. But something was missing.

It couldn't be the Temple. In Germany, his Lodge met in a small dining room in the back of a guest house. Every week they set up the stations before the meeting. When the Master closed the Lodge, all the Lodge paraphernalia was put away. This Lodge met in a beautiful old Temple.

It wasn't the size of the Lodge. The membership numbered over seven hundred. In Germany, he was the ninety-eighth

## That Which Was Lost

by Sir Knight  
'Thomas W. Olzak

member added to the roles. Although that which was lost eluded Brother Johnson, he decided to petition for affiliation. He was accepted by his new Masonic family. Shortly after, he was appointed Junior Steward.

For almost seven years Brother Johnson toiled in the quarries of his new Lodge. As time passed, that which was lost began to show itself. He caught glimpses of it when a Past Master refused to take part in the ritual because he had "already done my part for the Lodge" - even though several walking parts remained vacant during the Master Mason Degree. He saw it again each time a Brother complained that the Lodge hadn't repaid him with office or honors for his services. They owed him. Until they made it up to him, he just wouldn't come back. Again it showed itself each time the Master Mason Degree ritual was performed with disrespect. Each time a new Mason was cheated by the ritual work, the identity of that which was lost became more apparent. And finally, he caught a glimpse of it each time expediency and personal ambition won out over the needs and principles of the Fraternity.

Shortly after his election to the office of Senior Warden, Brother Johnson realized what it was that the Lodge had lost. It had been hard to find because it wasn't

something tangible. It wasn't big and heavy like the ashlars that sat in the front of the Lodge room. It wasn't colorful and ornate like the chapters and globes that adorned the Fellowcraft pillars. On the contrary. It was simple and delicate. It can be found only in the hearts of those who truly love the Craft. It was the Spirit of Freemasonry.

It is this spirit that makes a group of dedicated men a Lodge of Freemasons. You can easily tell the Lodge that has it. If you take away all the ornaments, the symbols, and all the other implements normally found in a Temple, the Lodge whose members still possess the Spirit of Freemasonry remains a Lodge in the purest sense. The lodge without the spirit is lost.

Once Brother Johnson realized what it was that was lost, he began to see other things differently. He understood that he had been caught up in the maelstrom of Lodge politics. Like many of the other officers and the Past Masters, he had begun to see his role as an officer as a personal achievement - not as service to his Lodge. Brother Johnson had begun to ignore the Spirit that keeps Masonry vibrant, dynamic, and alive. While he looked outside himself for the fundamental problems causing the decline of the Lodge, he was allowing the Masonic spirit within himself to die.

This was a very serious revelation for Brother Johnson. After his God and his family, Freemasonry was the most important force in his life. He couldn't continue along the path he was on.

For several weeks, Brother Johnson stayed away from Lodge. During that time, he searched his soul for the way back to the Freemasonry he had found in Germany. When the answer came, he knew in his heart it was the only way.

The Secretary opened the letter from his Senior Warden. He hadn't been at Lodge for

awhile. "I hope I don't have problems with this one when he becomes Master," the secretary said to himself as he turned on his desk lamp. He began to read:

### **"Worshipful Brother Smith:**

"After much deliberation, I find it necessary to resign from my office as Senior Warden.

"I do not take this action lightly. For several weeks I have struggled with an internal conflict between my desire to become Master of my Lodge and my desire to find a Lodge where the spirit of Freemasonry is still alive. I am happy to say the latter won.

"I can no longer participate in an organization where the structure and form of the organization mean more to the collective membership than does the pursuit of personal growth. After all, isn't the journey down the path to personal and spiritual growth the purpose of our ritual and of our Fraternity?

"The Lodge where I was Raised understood this. Although the Lodge was only ten years old at the time of my Raising, the spirit of Freemasonry was so strong it permeated every part of the simple back room of a small guest house in Germany where we met. The purpose of the meetings did not center around who did this or that. Rather, it was more important to discuss the next charity function, or the welfare of those who could not be with us. Then there was the ritual.

"We didn't have fancy paraphernalia or a projector for the lecture, but what degree work we performed! Each brother knew his part word for word. As fun was an integral part of our stated meetings, so was solemnity an integral part of the degree work. It was not difficult to impress upon the minds of the Brethren taking part the importance of good ritual work. After all, they were sharing with a new Brother those truths that would allow him to join and share in the brotherhood they loved without



reservation. I know that somewhere there must be a Lodge where Freemasonry means more than a struggle for the existence of worn-out rules and traditions - rules and traditions that become more important than the Masonic spirit around which they were constructed.

I am not bitter; only sad. Sad that I was unable to share my vision of the art of creating the perfect ashlar with the members of the Lodge.

I don't want there to be any misunderstanding. I am not perfect. Perfect men do not need a spiritual Freemasonry, a Freemasonry I will try to find again.

Fraternally,  
Thomas Johnson, Freemason

Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests  
Presents Checks to the KTEF and the George Washington Masonic National  
Memorial

The Lodge Secretary sat back in his chair. 'Now what do we do?' he thought. "Well, we'll temporarily fill the chair and finish the year. The loss of one officer won't stop us from going on as before." He tossed the letter onto his desk as he stood to go to supper. He shook his head as he took one last look at Brother Johnson's letter, and turned out the light.

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Sir Knight James M. Wilson, Jr. (center), P.D.C. South Central Department and chairman of the Grand Encampment Membership Committee, presents checks on behalf of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Accepting for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is Grand Master William H. Thornley, Jr. (left), President of the Eye Foundation, and accepting for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is Past Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler (right).

# Masonic Charity

by Sir Knight

Jarl-Alf red Van Santen

My first lessons in Masonic charity were implanted vividly in my mind during my first degree over twenty-five years ago in Landrum Lodge No. 48, Savannah, Georgia. It was some years before I got my first real opportunity to put into action what I had been so beautifully taught.

With becoming a volunteer every Thursday night at the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, Chicago Unit, I found a chance to be of service to others. The experience of playing with the boys from birth to eight years of age for an hour and then playing with the older boys and girls, as well as starting them collecting stamps, was the most enjoyable thing I have ever done.

It was very hard to give this all up after one and a half years when I went to work in Saudi Arabia and later in the Netherlands. In the back of my mind was always the idea, "What can I do now as Masonic charity?"

The first chance came with a little boy in Greece that a fellow Brother from the Netherlands had heard about while on vacation in Greece. It took more than three years before this boy, then age four, was old enough to be helped at the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, Chicago Unit. At this time he had never even stood. The doctors in Greece had told the parents he would be lucky if he lived to be seven. What joy when the father saw his son run off the airplane in Athens after his successful treatment at Chicago!

With this success more children came to my attention, and soon I had them from Italy and Poland, as well as Greece. There was no need to advertise as the news of a crippled child coming home was enough for others to ask for help for their children. To date more than eighty children have gone to the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children and

over 250 applications have been processed. Recently we have had two applications from Lithuania.

When people ask why I am doing this work on behalf of crippled children, I can only say I do not really have a choice. God has given me a chance to do charity, and I feel I cannot say no. After the changes I have seen made in some of these children's lives - some are alive today that wouldn't be if it were not in some small way for my efforts - how could I ever stop helping these children? For me leaving the world a better place to live in when I am gone is what life is all about. What better way then through the lives of children.

A letter I recently received from a boy in Poland, who had an s-curved spine and was successfully treated, reports that he is now driving a car and going to the university. The doctors in Poland had given him only a few years to live, and now he has an exciting and full life ahead of him.

I am very happy I have had a chance to do Masonic charity in this way. My advice to my fellow Brothers is to take advantage of every opportunity you have to do Masonic charity, and don't take no for an acceptable answer; make it happen because you really can make a difference.

Some years back, I received a card from grandparents of a child from Poland I was helping. It said that a mass was being said for me. The text of the mass card was translated for me as follows: "The one who on his life-way lit up even one glimmer of hope to the lost in despair, he did not live in vain."

Brothers, each of us has an obligation to do Masonic Charity; it only remains to find the opportunity and then do it without any thought of reward other than that inner satisfaction that lasts for a lifetime.

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We were hot, nervous, and uncomfortable; each silently blaming the other. We had paid hundreds for this tour up the mostly unsurfaced and treacherous coastal mountain road to Hana on the fabled island of Maui. We hadn't anticipated traveling in an aging, lurching van with inadequate air conditioning. My wife and I, finally on vacation in the Hawaiian Islands, had anticipated complete, uninterrupted comfort and luxury. She gave me a look that said, "See, we should have taken the snorkeling tour." I said nothing.

The driver/guide alternated descriptions, explanations, and demonstrations of well honed driving skills as he dodged the oncoming rental cars of the terrified tourists trying to avoid a collision or running off the road and the resulting salvage fee, amounting to thousands of dollars plus damages. We continued our bumpy climb, looking at the many lava rock foundations near the sea, hundreds of feet below; all that remained as testimony to the several hundreds of thousands of Hawaiians who had lived here before Captain Cook and the white men came and changed their lives forever. We stopped at a winery, saw a few *Paniolas*, or Spanish speaking cowboys imported from Mexico to support the cattle industry started there in the last century, and passed the spot where Charles Lindbergh had lived out his last years and was buried. During a lull in the scenery and the road war, the driver/guide lapsed into silence.

After about a minute he said we were nearing the Keanea peninsula, a place of great beauty. It contained a village laid out around a church, built from coral that the people had found underwater and shaped, piece by piece, until they had enough for its completion. The village, along with most of its population who thought the radio warnings were a joke, had been destroyed by a

## Highway to Hana

by Sir Knight Harve J. Hagerty



*tsunami*, or tidal wave, on April Fool's Day in 1946. The church survived, but according to some, it had been turned 180 degrees so that the door was now on the opposite end from its original position. More likely, said our narrator, it had been rebuilt that way.

We visited the village, saw close up the beautiful volcanic rock, and palm lined beach. We took pictures of the huge waves crashing on the massive black lava rocks that protected the rebuilt village from the pounding sea. Our tour continued; up the steep road from the beachside village to the coastal highway, carved out of the cliffs and steep, lushly vegetated gorges. The driver said we would soon be in an area where some mainland celebrities had estates. The road surface became pavement.

He was silent again for a while. Then with a dry little laugh he began, "Some of you may wonder how it was possible for the missionaries to succeed with the Hawaiians so quickly and easily. The remaining artifacts and many ceremonies that existed, some still in use, suggest that here was a people deeply imbued with their own religious beliefs." Having asked the question, he went on to answer,

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"Well, it seems that just before Captain Cook came to the islands there was a weakening of faith, and doubt spread that the gods had any power or that they would still help the people. This culminated in the issuance of a decree by the then-king which was taken to mean that the old gods didn't have to be obeyed or worshiped any longer. The people were, as we say, left to do their own thing, and the old taboos were ignored. A sort of chaotic period ensued."

"So," he continued with a little chuckle, "the people were ripe for the introduction of a new religion. The Christian missionaries, for the most part, introduced it; although others came too."

He changed subjects and began a narrative on the highway and its occupants. We didn't need to be concerned about the treacherous highway or the swarms of dangerously incompetent tourist drivers he reassured us, as he had spent years living in Peru and Guatemala, nations which, history shows, had met a fate similar to that of the Hawaiians, and whose people exhibited driving techniques, he said, similar to those

of the tourists on Maui.

We had been rotating seats as the trip progressed so that each passenger might have an opportunity to see as much as possible. During the last leg of our tour, my seat was next to his. We were of similar age, and our eyes met briefly. He had a surprisingly familiar face and I was almost sure that we had served together in the military in the dim past, though neither of us broached the subject. We exchanged smiles shared by those who know each other's thoughts. Ours coincided in the unsettling question, "Are we next?"

Later, at our hotel on Oahu, we watched a live TV circus sideshow called "The Judge Thomas Senate Confirmation Hearings." I thought of the driver/guide's explanation of what happened to the Hawaiian nation and wondered if it were not happening to ours before my eyes. Who might our "missionaries" be? What "religion" might supplant the mores and institutions we seem to have nullified through derision, or which are unknown to the young owing to disuse? Will the gang officially replace the family as the primary agent of acculturation?

Perhaps our children and grandchildren will dance and sing about faded glory in their "quaint" costumes for the newcomers and "tourists" while our decaying cities provide the dramatic and violent sounds and scenery of a theme park. The driver/guide's explanation of the Hawaiian nation's fate took on urgent meaning as we watched, this time in the tenuous safety of our mainland home, the dissolution of the Soviet Union. I was relieved that the answer to the question posed in our shared and frightening thoughts was no; at least, not this time.

Nearly four years have passed since we made that tour. Each day brings new and more frightening evidence that we are, as a culture, rushing into a time of interregnum. Famine, pestilence (new and

old) stalk various parts of the earth. Ethnic, racial, and religious intolerance and violence is fanned by "leaders" seeking power, revenge, and "justice" (the accomplishment of their particular groups' agenda). These incidents, coupled with natural and man-made disasters and failures along with their resulting miseries, need not be described here, as they can be witnessed by anyone watching, listening to or reading the daily news. We

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are in an *even more* tenuous position regarding witnessing these events in the "safety" of our own homes. Recently, our hometown was referred to as, "the drive-by shooting capital of the world," by a national media person.

Perhaps the poet, William B. Yeats, was more prophetic than his contemporaries realized when he wrote in "The Second Coming": "Things fall apart, the center cannot hold; mere anarchy is loosed upon the world."... ending with this chiller, "...and what great beast lurches toward Bethlehem, waiting to be born?" You probably remember reading it in either high school or college literature courses, if you attended before they were purged to accommodate more "relevant" materials. Perhaps, Sir Christian Knights, it is already born.

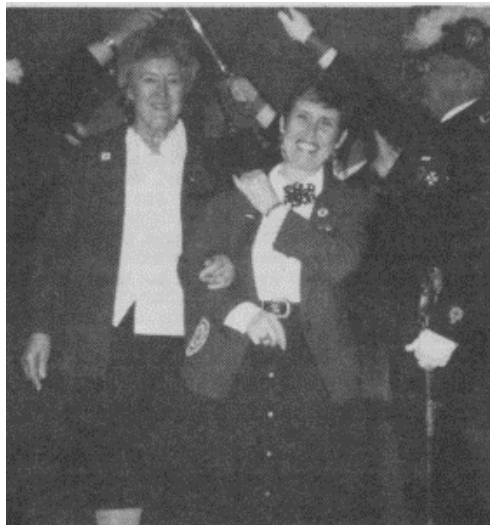
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## Colorado Templars Welcome Supreme Worthy President Dean

In the picture Mrs. Keith W. Dean (on right), Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, is welcomed and honored under an arch of steel by ten Knights Templar from Colorado Commanderies: Pueblo No. 3, Pikes Peak No. 6, and Canon City No. 9. She is escorted by Mrs. Fred Pruitt, Worthy President of Pueblo Assembly No. 11. Sixty-five ladies and their Sir Knight husbands were served dinner by Laurel Court No. 16, Order of the Amaranth.

Mrs. Dean was in Colorado making her official visitations to the following Assemblies: Pueblo No. 11 on April 7, Denver No. 1 on April 8, Grand Junction No. 88 on April 11, and Englewood No. 224 on April 12. Mrs. Dean hails from Tampa, Florida.

In her visitations throughout the U.S., she has emphasized the S.O.O.B. support of the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The three Commanderies presented her with "love gifts" for her charity project. The ladies of the S.O.O.B. have contributed over \$1.5 million since 1957 with a goal of reaching \$1.6 million by the end of this year.





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The library of the Grand Commandery of Indiana wishes to locate a copy of History of the Grand Encampment, K.T. of the U.S.A. by Francis J. Scully (1952) for donation or purchase as soon as possible. Robert E. Price, GA.; P.O. Box 702; Connersville; IN 47331.

Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Pittsburgh, PA, is continuing to offer the custom-made, 14 kt. solid gold lapel pin due to the large response for this item. Ladies are enjoying the pin as well as Sir Knights. All profits go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, check or money order for \$25.00 plus \$1.00 S & H may be sent to Duquesne Commandery No. 72; C/O Charles A. Games, P.G.C., Recorder; 1700 Jamestown Place; Pittsburgh; PA 15235. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

York Rite bets from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire are still available, and will be kept in stock as long as the response calls for it. We have met your demand and have sent out over 1,200 since the first ad in 1993. What an easy way to advertise the fact that you are proud of being a York Rite Mason, and perhaps obtain some petitions! The bet is made from a black, military type bell with a woven ribbon sewed on. Woven into this ribbon are the three York Rite emblems and the names of the three bodies in gold letters. The colors are gold, silver, and red, and these are repeated several times around the belt. It comes in a standard 51-inch length, but longer can be supplied if needed. A brass buckle completes the fine looking belt. Proceeds go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. Checks or money orders for \$12.00 to Frederick H. Heuss, P.G.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue; Rochester; NH 03867.

For sale: Commandery hats to help KTEF. They are black with white lettering (gold for P.C.) and have Commandery name and number with cross and crown. One size fits all: \$10.00 each. Please include \$2.50 for S & H. \$2.00 of each sale goes to KTEF. Send check to Malta Commandery No. 10. P.O. Box 560. Derby, VT 05829.

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

For sale: uniform coats. New polyester/wool, summer weight, C.P.O. coats mean your Commandery can obtain coats at a low cost: 42S, 44S, 44XL and 48XL. (The XLs can be cut down to L or R.) \$20.00 each plus S & H. Small sizes for \$5.00 each can be used 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.

This is an opportunity to listen and learn more of the historical and functional facts about our Masonic Craft. Ten sixty-minute tapes from Q.C.C.C. Recorded by Masonic scholars of world-wide renown. 10% of proceeds will be donated to the KTEF. Individual tapes are \$7.95 each. A set of tapes 1-5, or tapes 6-10, is \$34.95 per set. Please send to Stephen Hill 5539-2 Hood Drive. Fort Riley, KS 66442.

Cambridge Commandery would like catalogues from any and all companies handling Masonic jewelry, etc. We need to have several sources to order from, as our present suppliers cannot fill our requests. There is one. I believe in New Jersey, which we like but we have misplaced the catalogue. If anyone knows who I refer to, please let me know. Kenneth F. Harrison, 1510 Stewart Avenue, Cambridge, OH 43725.

For sale: one Knights Templar sword with name on blade: F. W. McCready. It's in good condition and has black handle. Best offer. Will ship U.P.S. Rex S. Helloberg, 526 Fairmont Avenue, S. Williamsport, PA 17701.

I have for sale a Knights Templar sword made by Henderson Ames Co., Kalamazoo, MI. Name on blade is Harry A. Fitkins. Very good condition, w/scabbard and carrying case. \$165.00 includes shipping. Phone (219) 594-5822, mornings or evenings.

Wanted: Knights Templar badges and other Masonic badges by avid collector: single pieces or entire collections. Honest and fair prices offered. Some duplicates for trade. Robert Klefor, 1057 Brandywine Drive, Medina, OH 44256-3091. (216) 725-0670.

I am trying to locate my father's sword; he was a member of Misphah Commandery No. 73, Chicago, IL in the 30s and '40s. Harry W. Hart" is engraved on the blade. I will pay a reasonable price for its return if in good shape. H. W. Han, 12112 Glen Canyon Road, N. E.; Albuquerque; NM 87111. (505)293-3098.

George Washington Lodge No. 585, located at Vicenza, Italy, is commemorating its 37th anniversary as the first military American Lodge in Italy. This memorable event is being honored by a limited edition, fine porcelain plate, 10" diameter, with a Masonic painted decoration. All profits go toward purchase of a permanent Lodge home. Cost is \$25.00 each. Including S & H. Send your order to Ole F. Olson, CMR 427/Box 2494, APO AE 09830. Checks or money orders only.

Forrest Lodge No. 19, A.F. & AM., Huntsville, TX. has a custom designed coin to commemorate their 150th anniversary (1844-1994). One side has square and compasses over state of Texas. Opposite side denotes Forrest Lodge being chartered by Grand Lodge of Republic of Texas. Antique bronze coins. \$5.00; slyer coins, \$25.00. Please include \$1.00 per coin postage. Send check or money order to Forrest Lodge No. 19, P.O. Box 1004, Huntsville TX 77342-1004.

Just published: Forrest Masonic Lodge No. 19 - Huntsville, Texas-150 Years. This Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas in 1844 and was the Lodge of early Texas heroes including Sam Houston, William Martin Taylor, and Henderson Yoakum. This history includes a list of approx. 1,700 known members of Forrest Lodge, as well as a number of photographs and illustrations. \$15.00 plus \$1.25 postage. (Texas residents please add \$1.25 sales tax.) Dickenson Research, P.O. Box 387, Huntsville, TX 77342-0387.

For sale: Scottish Rite, Valley of Peoria, 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary coins at \$5.00 each, including postage. Also, for sale: Scottish Rite, Valley of Peoria, 125th anniversary license plate at \$20.00 a set. We have number 45 left. Mail check to Scottish Rite, 400 N.E. Perry Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603.

Are you Catholic? I am. Have you had to deal with any overt or subtle shunning by your fellow church members? I would like to hear from Masons who are Catholic, especially active Catholics and active Masons. Tell me how you deal with the curiosity or prejudice from other parishioners or religious persons. Joe Gillis, P.O. Box 713, Adamsville, TN 38310.

Photography equipment wanted by Florida York Rite photographer. Prefer Nikon. Mamiya, or any large format: dark room, lights, etc. Please hut with condition and price to Bill Eubank, 5670 Hay. 17 South, Green Cove Spring, FL 32043.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building the collection for 23 years, and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. Any assistance will surely be appreciated. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road. No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (602) 888-7585.

For sale: single cemetery 101 on beautiful hillside at Acacia Park Cemetery, 7800 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois. Site is at S.E. quarter of Lot 16, Block 5. In the Memorial Section. Lovely old oak tree guards the gravesite. Price: \$400.00. Mrs. Julie Stevens, 225 W Johnson Street, Palatine, IL 60067, (708) 991-3211.

Knight Templar line officer is an avid collector of Axis and Allied military items, weapons, and all else, as well as souvenirs taken. Instant cash for those places collecting dust up in the attic or packed away in the garage behind the workbench. Terry Kelly, P.O. Box 3443, Scottsdale, AZ 85271.

Wish to correspond with relatives of Irene E. Arnold. Who lived in Sebastopol, CA, 6610 Evergreen Ave., about 1975. David H. Nelson, 3277 E English Way, Sandy, UT 84093.

For sale: 8 men's, mechanical, Moose watches with moose on revolving, second hand, plus 1 lady's Moose watch: \$40.00 pp. 4 analog (battery operated) men's Elk watches with calendar and elk on revolving, second hand, plus 2 ladies' Elk watches: \$45 pp. Elk watches are quartz. Also, 1 Desert Storm lady's watch with leather band, battery operated, quartz, \$50.00 pp. Harry G. Bowen, 2633 S. Country Club Way, Tempe, AZ 85282.

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, Selaukel, NY 11733, (516) 751-5556.

Wanted: shaving mugs, personalized, by the piece or collection. Good prices. Please send photo, if possible. B. Feni"ich. 151 Weal 8Th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401.

Mason's wife has written a book about 9 airmen from Erwin, TN. who were in the same prison camp in Poland during WWII. All the men were shot down at different times and were flying from different bases. \$11.00 including postage. Order from Sterling S. Padgett, 405 Otsto Avenue, Erwin, TN 37650.

For sale: condominium with 1 bedroom, living room with dining room, kitchen that passes through to dr., bathroom, Florida room. 2nd floor with balcony. Access to 2 golf courses, swimming, tennis, shuffle board, recreation and activity center. Use of these facilities and water, sewage, and garbage included in maintenance fee, which also covers outside repairs to building and upkeep of lawns and shrubs. Anxious to sell; will consider reasonable offer. For more info Mrs. Mary Ann Mercer, 2285 Israeli Drive, Apt. No. 53, Clearwater, FL 34623, (813) 797-3269.

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For sale: tour connecting cemetery tots in Johnson County Memorial Gardens, Overland Park, Kansas; valued at \$1,100.00 each, but will take \$950.00 each for all. Iris N. Heatzer, Route No. 3, Box 338-A, Gravois Mills, P.4) 65037. (314) 372-6249.

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Reunion: U.S.S. Natoma Bay (CVE-62) and VC-63, VC-81, VC-9, and CARDIV-24 on September 15-18,1994, in Asheville, NC, at Ramada Inn-West. Glenn MW#lania, 966 Harbor Towne Road, Charleston, SC 294 IZ (803) 705-8430.

Reunion: LST-063. October 6-8, 1994, in Nashville, TN. Harry McMann, 25 W. Methodist Road, Greenville, P4 16125, (412)588-9575.

Reunion: U.S. Army, ASA, FS 8611 DU, Germany, years 1952-1957. For information about 1994 reunion Carson Albert, Arkansas, 1-800-264-6540 or Ray E. Flowers. South Carolina, (803) 796-7154.

2nd Reunion: U.S.S. Deimos (AK-78) and U.S.S. Aludra (AK-72). WWII, September 19-23, 1994. Both were sunk by enemy torpedoes. June 23, 1943. South of Guadalcanal. Seeking any and all survivors. R. W. Parker, P.O. Box 719, Edgewater, FL 32132, or Richard Rogers, 2439 Jones Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, (707) 542-7294.

Navy reunion: U.S.S. Kadashan Bay (CVE-76NC-20) Assn.. 50th anniversary, in Vancouver, WA, September 1994. U.S.S. Marcus Island (CVE-77) and squadrons. Zachary Z e'c 602 Sunrise Drive, Clarkston, WA 99403, (509)758-6253.

In those days came John the Baptist preaching In the wilderness of Judea,

And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esayas, saying. The voice of one crying In the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Matthew 3: 1-3 (KJV)