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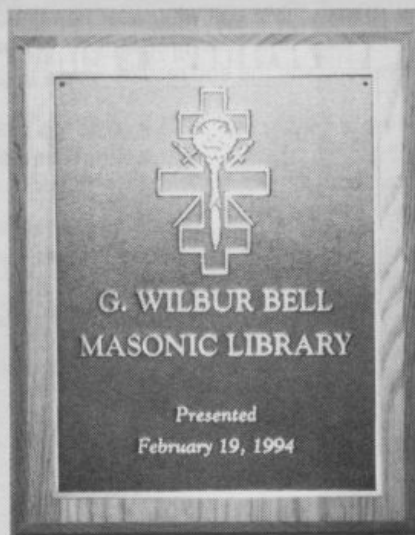
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Above: This plaque was presented by Mrs. G. Wilbur Bell at the presentation of the G. Wilbur Bell Masonic Library to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.



Left: This plaque will commemorate the gift of the G. Wilbur Bell Masonic Library to the Memorial and also the longtime service of Sir Knight Bell to the Masonic Fraternity.

Grand Master's Page—October 1994

Faith and Dedication

As we begin the second month of this triennium, we have a high hope of achieving our goals and ambitions. Only with the full cooperation of the Sir Knights of the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment can we accomplish this. We must have the Faith and Dedication to assist us in our final purpose.

October is a notable month in our calendar. It has a holiday that recognizes one who had the ambition and foresight to overcome many of the obstacles that could possibly be confronted in the history of the world. Columbus Day honors the man who accidentally discovered the New World. His landing on the Island of Guanahani in the Bahamas, now know as San Salvador, made him believe that he had reached and found a new route to the Orient.

Our great country recognizes Christopher Columbus by having some of its principal cities named in his honor. They are Columbus, Georgia; Columbus, Indiana; Columbus, Mississippi; and Columbus, Ohio.

Let us in our quest for **MEMBERSHIP** emulate the drive and faith of this great explorer and discover a way to benefit all of Masonry.

By now, Grand Commander, you and your dais officers should have received from your Department Commander our program for the next three years. Therefore, it is your duty and the duty of all of your dais officers and Sir Knights to carry out this program to its ultimate goal. With your dedication to the office to which you have been installed, I know that you will do what is expected and we will have a successful program. Your Department Commander will be at your call whenever he is needed, and I assure you so will your Grand Master. This is a new program. Don't let the seven steps to stagnation, listed below, interfere with the end results.

1. We have never done it that way.
2. We are not ready for that.
3. We are doing all right without it,
4. We tried that once and it did not
5. It costs too much.
6. It is not our responsibility.
7. It won't work.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blair C. Mayford". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Blair Christy Mayford
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

OCTOBER: You'll find more on the *Grand Master's membership program* on page 2 and page 5. Past Grand Master Smith is back and appears on page 6 to cheer on all Sir Knights for the up-and-coming 27th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We finish Sir Knight Bennett's story of Sir Knight John J. Pershing, and present Sir Knight Ivan Tribe's story of Brother Pee Wee King. In addition, you'll find a plethora of short articles, news items and a poem to warm your autumn days and nights!

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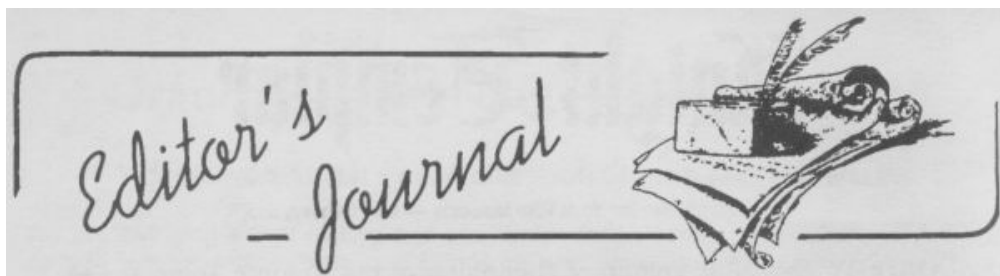
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Announcement: The Grand Encampment continues a program of Honors, which has two levels: Knight Grand Cross of the Temple and Knight Commander of the Temple. This program gives the Grand Encampment a way of honoring Sir Knights who have distinguished themselves in their fields of endeavor. It does not limit itself to Masonry alone, but to qualify, a person must be a Knight Templar. The recipients receive a beautifully engraved patent and a jewel. The jewel may be worn on the uniform or on a tuxedo. The recipients may also use the letters KGC or KCT after their names; they should be introduced along with the Knights Templar Cross of Honor holder.

59th Triennial Badges and Pins: Yes, the Triennial is over, and yes, we have some of the badges and ladies' charms available as follows: ladies' triennial pin, \$6.00; gold badge, \$15.00; silver badge, \$15.00; and 59th Triennial Committee badge, \$15.00. Add \$1.50 handling and shipping per order, and contact: James A. Henley, 9880 Garrison Ct., Westminster, CO 80021, (303) 421-2814. If you are interested in either the cuff links or the ladies' charm presented at the banquet, please let us know.

Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A Green pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a Red Templar Cross pin is 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, plus shipping and handling. 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

Membership Promotion Material Why Not Use It?

A colorful brochure is available that is appropriate for distribution to Masons and non-Masons alike. This brochure entitled "An Ancient Order Serving Mankind in the 20th Century" and showing "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future" is available from the Grand Recorder's office at a nominal price. This membership tool will provide good publicity for our order and should improve the image of Templary.

A tear-off card is provided so that anyone may request information about the Knights Templar programs, and it is appropriate for giving to every newly Raised Master Mason. If he is looking for answers that are not in the brochure or if he does not know whom to contact, the card will provide the contact. These questions will no doubt open the door to Masonic Light and Knowledge.

Every Grand Commander should promote the use of this publication as membership is his responsibility. Leadership begins at the top. Each

Grand Commandery officer should be enthusiastically promoting membership and should have a supply of these brochures and any other membership tools that you may have available. Among the membership tools must be blank petitions. "A salesman always carries an order book."

If we want Templary to grow, let alone survive, we must do some advertising of our order, and membership promotion at this time is the way to measure the dedication of our members.

The percentage of Master Masons in the United States of America who are Knights Templar is about ten percent. This indicates there is a fertile field that needs plowing and which will produce a number of prospects who are waiting for an invitation into Templary.

Committee on Public Relations Sir
Knight Charles A. Ganes
Chairman

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100 - Ernest R. Engle, Oregon Commandery No. 1, Portland, OR. 6-1-94

I'm B-A-A-A-C-K!

And We're All in This Together!



...27th Voluntary Campaign Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Twenty-seven years ago, Grand Master John Crofts called on all Knights Templar to come together to aid our new and growing charity, the Eye Foundation. The foundation was growing well beyond the usual dues contribution of each Knight; the need was accelerating and our foundation had to keep up. As a result, the Annual Voluntary Campaign was started. Over the years the contributions have grown; however, the number of applications for our assistance has grown faster.

We are called to join hearts and hands again and begin our Twenty-seventh Campaign with the hope that it will be our most successful yet. Your plans to raise funds must be prepared now. The time is short and the need is great.

Your annual ham breakfast, your annual yard sale, your annual horse show, or your annual passing of the chapeau - all or any of these can give you a project by which you may raise substantial funds. These activities will not only raise money for the prevention of blindness. They will also stimulate your membership with the great feeling that comes from helping the less fortunate of God's children.



We will begin our campaign on December 1 and continue through April 30. Those of you who have participated over the years are very familiar with these dates, and I know that you have felt the rewards that come with this task, but there are many Commanderies that have not joined in the labor of our Voluntary Campaigns. We ask that they join us in this twenty-seventh voluntary assault on darkness.

Our Grand Master Blair Mayford calls upon every Sir Knight to join in the struggle against darkness during this special donation period for our greatest charity. Over the nearly forty years of its service, your Eye Foundation has given help, aid, and assistance to over fifty thousand of God's children at a cost of almost fifty million dollars. Let us work to bring another fifty thousand out of the darkness and into His Light.

Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and P.G.C. of Kentucky, is the Voluntary Campaign Chairman and a member of Richmond Commandery No. 19, Richmond, Kentucky. He resides at 1041 Idylwild Drive, Richmond, KY 40475

Pee Wee King: Tennessee Waltz King and Fifty-year Mason

by Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, Ph.D.

Over the past two and one-half centuries, the entertainment world has been enriched by the contributions of numerous Masonic Brethren. These range from great actors of past centuries such as David Garrick and Edwin Forrest to such twentieth century favorites as Fess Parker, who portrayed both Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone on the TV screen. In the country and western music field, Masons include such pioneer figures as Jimmie Rodgers and Harry "The Bum Song" McClintock to modern stars like Roy Clark and Mel Tillis.

The subject of the following sketch, Pee Wee King, played a significant role in the modernization of the music, bringing it out of the hills and mountains to concert halls and network television. Along the way, Pee Wee King and one of his Golden West Cowboys, Redd Stewart, created such memorable hit songs as "Slow Poke," "Bonaparte's Retreat," "Silver and Gold," "Changing Partners," and most especially "Tennessee Waltz," which became a huge hit and all-time classic in both the pop and country fields.

A member of the Country Music Hall of Fame since 1974, Pee Wee King, like his friends Eddy Arnold and the late Roy Acuff, is also a long-time member of East Nashville Lodge No. 560 receiving his fifty-year pin in 1993.

King came from Polish stock, originally being named Julius Frank Anthony Kuczynski when born at Abrams, Wisconsin, on February 18, 1914. His dad knew how to play violin and concertina, and young Frankie took

lessons on both, but the accordion became his favorite and he mastered it. Having learned something about polka music through his dad and playing in their family band, the youth was also attracted to western musical styles. For entertainment purposes, he shortened his name to Frankie King. He worked on local radio in Milwaukee and Racine until J. L. Frank (1900-1952) hired him to back rising WLS radio star Gene Autry.

Frank, a pioneer booking agent and manager, would play a major role in King's life not only becoming his manager but also his father-in-law and the man who would spur his interest in Masonry.

Autry, a longtime member of Catoosa Lodge No. 185 in Oklahoma, gave King his nickname Pee Wee since at 57" he was the shortest person in the touring unit.

After some time Autry went to Hollywood while King went to WHAS Louisville. Pee Wee worked with Frankie Moore and His Log Cabin Boys until 1936 when he formed the Golden West Cowboys, the same year that he married Lydia Frank. The Golden West Cowboys went To WNOX Knoxville for three months prior to joining the Grand Ole Opry at WSM Nashville on June 1, 1937.

During his eleven years at the Opry, Pee Wee King and the Golden West Cowboys contributed numerous innovations to radio's most venerable institution. His band ranked as the first to use electrical instruments on that stage, the first to use drums, and the first to use a

horn ("Taps" when Franklin Roosevelt died in April 1945).

Henry (Redd) Stewart had been the principal vocalist with the band, but during his time in the military such fill-ins as Eddy Arnold and Lloyd (Cowboy) Copas later went on to launch careers as solo stars. Stewart, while in the service, wrote the classic sentimental war song "The soldier's Last Letter."

Fellow Opry stars Roy Acuff and Eddy Arnold followed in Pee Wee's footsteps. The three took the Scottish Rite degrees together in May 1944 and became Nobles of Al Menah Shrine in Nashville on June 27, 1944. Some other members of the Golden West Cowboys also joined the order and at one point in the early fifties they were a one-hundred per cent Masonic band. These included Redd



At one time the Golden West Cowboys were the nation's number one Country-Western band.

The Golden West Cowboys also made periodic junkets to Hollywood beginning with the Gene Autry film, *Gold Mine in the Sky*, in 1938. Later the band made four more films, two each with Johnny Mack Brown and Charles Starrett.

Pee Wee also became interested in Masonry during his Nashville years. He credits J. L. Frank (another Mason in the Country Music Hall of Fame) with arousing his interest in the Fraternity. King petitioned East Nashville Lodge No. 560, was accepted, initiated, passed, and ultimately Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on December 20, 1943.

Stewart, Gene Stewart, James "Shorty" Boyd (now deceased), Charles Wiginton, and drummer Harold "Sticks" McDonald. An earlier member of the Golden West Cowboys, Curley Rhodes, was also a Mason and Shriner. Opry comedians who were reportedly Masons and sometimes toured with King included Rod Brasfield and Ben "Duke of Paducah" Ford.

In 1946, Pee Wee King and Redd Stewart wrote "Tennessee Waltz," which would be their best-known song. They recorded it for RCA Victor in December 1947 and while it did quite well for them, its peak came in 1950 when Patti Page's

version topped the pop listings for thirteen weeks. Other top ten arrangements included those by Los Paul and Mary Ford, J0 Stafford, and Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians. Roy Acuff and Cowboy Copas also had hits with it in the country field, and Pee Wee's cut made both charts. One historian believed that "Tennessee Waltz" might well be the single most valuable copyright in country music history. It sold a reported six million records in all fields just during those early years. It still sells today.

Pee Wee King left Nashville and the Opry in 1948, returning to Louisville and WAVE-TV. Nonetheless, he continued turning out hit records for RCA Victor. In 1951, the country-western accordion player enjoyed his biggest personal hit, "Slow Poke," which spent fifteen weeks atop the Billboard country charts and three at number one in pop. He even cut a separate version for the English market titled "Slow Bloke."

His versions of "Changing Partners," "You Belong to Me," "Silver and Gold,"



A youthful Brother Pee Wee King.

"Bonaparte's Retreat," and "Busybody" also made their mark while the Golden West Cowboys turned out many quality instrumentals which went a long way towards bridging the gap between pop and country sounds as they existed at the time.

In addition to Louisville, Pee Wee and his band also had television shows in Chicago, Cleveland, and Cincinnati. During the 1955 summer season, he had a prime time 9:00 P.M. ninety-minute program on the ABC network, as replacement for Sid Caesar, which originated from Cleveland.

In the mid-fifties, King adapted sound-wise to style changes better than one might have expected even doing a spritely cover version of "Blue Suede Shoes" for RCA. While he never became a rock star, one can say in retrospect that he made some notable contributions to the emerging new waves that were engulfing music in the late fifties.

Through the sixties, Pee Wee King and Redd Stewart, with a smaller band, continued to be popular figures on the county fair circuit throughout the Midwest.

From the beginning, he took an active part in the affairs of the Country Music



A youthful Brother Redd Stewart.

Association and has seen long service on the board of directors including a term as president. Pee Wee kept active in a variety of business affairs around Louisville.

He transferred his Scottish Rite and Shrine memberships to Louisville, but he retains his Blue Lodge membership in East Nashville. On October 23, 1971, he was honored with Pee Wee King day in Kentucky. However, perhaps the greatest honor was his election to the Country Music Hall of Fame in November 1974. On August 2, 1993, Pee Wee was the proud recipient of his fifty-year pin from East Nashville Lodge No. 560.

He and Lydia reared four children and continue to reside in Louisville, where Pee Wee is a much respected leading citizen, who has more than done his part to elevate respect for his field of entertainment. While he experienced a few minor health problems in his eighty-first year, King remains a modest and

friendly gentleman who can take considerable pride in his career achievements including his Masonic memberships.

Note: Those who wish to learn more about Pee Wee King and his musical career can consult Charles K. Wolfe, *Kentucky Country: Folk and Country Music of Kentucky* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1982) and Chet Hagan, *Country Music Legends in the Hall of Fame* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1982). The author wishes to acknowledge the aid of Sir Knight Norman Lincoln of Eaton, Ohio, and especially Brother Frank A. (Pee Wee) King for their help in preparing this article.

Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, a professor of history at the University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Ohio, is a P.C. and member of Athens Commandery No. 15, Ohio. He resides at 111 East High Street, McArthur, OH 45651



Brothers Redd Stewart (left) and Pee Wee King, Co-writers of "Tennessee Waltz."

Letters from Pilgrim Ministers...

I am writing to express my deep thanks to the Knights Templar for making it possible for me to go to the Holy Land on pilgrimage.

This was a tremendous experience for me. I learned so much. My faith was deepened and broadened. My desire to serve God and human beings was strengthened.

The trip was extremely well organized. We were cared for better than I could have imagined. The quality of the whole experience was superb.

On this pilgrimage, Jesus Christ became far more real to me. That would be enough to make the trip very worthwhile. But in addition to that, I made good friends, had lots and lots of fun, was refreshed emotionally, and learned important things about Israel, Judaism, and the Palestinians.

This trip is a tremendous ministry. The Knights Templar are doing something of great worth and value. I am deeply grateful for this tremendous gift, and I feel great respect for the Knights Templar for this ministry.

Reverend Richard L. Stravers
St. Timothy Episcopal Church
Richland, Michigan

Please accept my deepest thanks for an absolutely delightful pilgrimage. I have had many learning experiences in my thirty-two years of ministry, but this, by far, exceeds them all. What a delightful, well put together plan of action! I am still savoring it every day! God bless you as you carry on your great work!

Reverend Glenn E. Skatrud
Faith United Methodist Church
Milton, Wisconsin

I have returned safely from the most glorious trip to the Holy Land. I want to give my deepest appreciation to the Knights Templar for their generosity in sending me to Israel.

The entire pilgrimage was arranged in such a thoughtful manner. I can never recall an occasion when I felt better cared for than on this trip. Every detail was well planned and organized, and I am truly thankful.

Personally my ministry will never be the same. I gained a much greater perspective in my faith by actually going to the biblical source.

I really cannot express how thankful I am to the Knights Templar for making this possible for me.

Rob Jennings-Teats, Pastor
Paradise United Methodist Church
Paradise, California

It is with grateful heart that I take pen in hand to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Arkansas provided me in allowing me to experience the Holy Land.

I shall never forget what my eyes saw, my ears heard, and my heart experienced. I have studied the Bible for more than thirty-three years. I have looked at pictures. I have seen slides of the Holy Land. But I now understand how the Queen of Sheba felt when she finally was able to see King Solomon and his courts. She said, "The Half has not been told me." Truly the Land of Israel is a land that flows with "milk and honey."

Our tour guide was excellent. Gate 1 and their associates made our trip most delightful and comfortable. The experience that you have provided me is one that I shall never forget. Thank you.

Jim Harrell, Pastor
Holland Chapel Baptist Church
Benton, Arkansas

This is just a follow-up after the trip" note, along with the "ministers analysis" to say how truly wonderful and life changing this experience has been for me. You will remember me as the one "of few words"...but I want to tell you that often on this trip I was moved to quiet tears by being in the footsteps of Jesus, my Lord. It is hard for me to put into words what this experience has meant for me or done for me. I know that my ministry will be enriched forever by it.. .and again, thank you!

Reverend William C. Hibbert St.
Andrew's Church, Episcopal Rapid
City, South Dakota

3rd Holy Land Pilgrimage Medallion



Artists rendering of Holy Land
Pilgrimage Medallion

The 3rd Holy Land Pilgrimage medallion has been created. It is a beautiful $2\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bronze medallion depicting the crucified Christ and the empty tomb, a scene with which every Knight Templar is familiar. Only three hundred of these medallions have been struck, so you will want to get your keepsake now before they are all gone. The

cost is \$40.00 each, and \$18.00 of each will be returned to the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund of your Grand Commandery.

To purchase one of these beautiful medallions and at the same time make a contribution to the Holy Land Pilgrimage, please write to: P. Fred Lesley, P.O. Box 498, Battle Creek, MI 49016



View of reverse side

Knights Templar Vehicle and Home Insurance Plans

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is pleased to introduce the new Knights Templar Vehicle and Home Insurance plans. This exclusive, members only, program was developed to provide our safe-driving members with complete, affordable vehicle and home protection. The Knights Templar Vehicle and Home Insurance Program is underwritten by National General Insurance Company (NGIC) of St. Louis, Missouri.

Intensive research and screening went into the selection of NGIC. Many important factors were looked at in comparing companies, and NGIC came out heads above the rest.

National General Insurance Company, a General Motors Insurance Company, stands alone in its commitment to rewarding members of associations with the complete vehicle protection they need and the low rates they deserve. Readers of a leading consumer reporting magazine ranked NGIC among the top five insurance companies in overall customer satisfaction. And based on financial stability, management strength, and performance history, NGIC has earned the A+ (superior) rating of the A.M. Best Company, a leading analyst of the insurance industry.

One big difference you'll see with the Knights Templar Vehicle Insurance Plan is that you won't be lumped in with every careless driver on the road when it comes to figuring rates. This members-only plan bases its rates on the safe-driving experience of mature, responsible Sir Knights.

The Knights Templar Vehicle Insurance Plan offers complete protection for your cars, pickups, vans, and RVs, with convenient, toll-free service hours - including a 24-hour, toll-free emergency claims hotline. That means, no matter where an accident happens, the help you need is as close as the nearest telephone - guaranteed. In addition to a wide choice of deductibles and liability limits, the plan offers full towing coverage. Many companies will limit this coverage to \$25, and if you've been towed recently, you know that's not enough to cover the expense.

In addition to the new Knights Templar Vehicle Insurance Program, a complete home protection package is also available to Sir Knights. Watch your mail for complete details on both plans.

If your current policy is due to expire, please call one of the toll-free numbers below:

Vehicle Insurance: 1-800-847-2886
Home Insurance: 1-800-847-7233

**G. Wilbur Bell Personal Masonic Library
Presented to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial**



Above, Mrs. G. Wilbur Bell presenting plaque at the presentation of the G. Wilbur Bell personal Masonic Library to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.



Left above, Most Eminent Grand Master Blair Christy Mayford, then Deputy Grand Master, addresses the gathering at the presentation of the G. Wilbur Bell personal Masonic Library to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Right above, Mrs. Bell standing in front of a portion of the library.

In Memoriam



James C. A. MacMillan
New Jersey
Grand Commander-1980
Born December 16, 1936
Died August 15, 1994

J. Fred Wetzsteon
Montana
Grand Commander-1954
Born August 29, 1906
Died August 27, 1994

Lynas Coburn Gustin
Arkansas
Grand Commander-1980
Born September 4, 1915
Died September 1, 1994

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

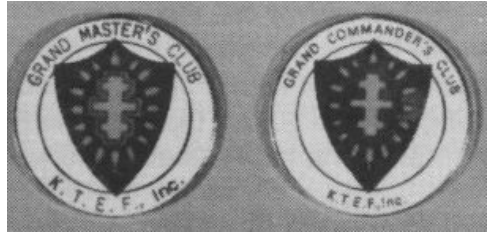
Grand Commander's Club

No. 100,192-Mark E. Jorgensen (KS)
No. 100,193-Mr. and Mrs. James Heap (IN)

How to Join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commanders Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution will begin your Grand Commanders Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commanders 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 Mayford 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.



Life Sponsorship Pins Available

This very attractive pin in the shape of a shield is available for a donation of \$7.00 each or \$5.00 each in lots of twenty. Show your Commandery members that you are a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by ordering yours today. Pins are available to any Knight Templar who already has purchased a Life Sponsorship or who intends to do so. Contact: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, IL 62705, (217) 523-3838.

Sir Knight Stanley C. Buz: **A True Believer in the Eye Foundation**

You may have noticed Sir Knight Stanley Buz's activities over the months. *Knights Templar* has consistently run articles about his artistic endeavors that benefit the Eye Foundation, including the article about the 2nd in his series of stems, which is on page 26 of this issue.

Although we were aware that Sir Knight Buz had several Grand Master's Club memberships, we learned only recently that Sir Knight has received a Golden Chalice award after a gift of \$8,000.00, the result of his 1st edition of eight stems he plans to offer for sale

Thank you and God bless, Sir Knight Buz!

History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXIII Biographies Of The Grand Masters (Continued)

Henry Warren Rugg Twenty-first Grand Master 1907-1910 (Continued)

During his term of office he became ill, but he had hoped that he might be spared to live to preside over the Triennial Conclave of 1910. Early in June he asked the Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Melish, to come to his home for consultation about the affairs of the Grand Encampment and the coming Conclave. He prepared his report and arranged all his affairs on June 11th. On July 21, 1910, he passed away peacefully. He was the first Grand Master to pass away during his term of office since Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton. Of him it may be said: "A true and courteous Knight has fallen in Life's battle with his armor on."

The funeral was held on July 25, 1910, with services in the Church of the Mediator, of which he had been pastor for so long. The Grand Encampment was represented by Deputy Grand Master William B. Melish, and the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island by Deputy Grand Master James B. Gay. There were delegations from all the Masonic Bodies with which Dr. Rugg had been associated during his lifetime. The solemn ceremonies of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were carried out.

Sir Knight Rugg was made a Mason in Fraternal Lodge at Barnstable, Massachusetts, on September 12, 1854.

When a new lodge was organized in West Dennis, Massachusetts, in 1855, he was elected the first Worshipful Master. He also served as Master of Solar Lodge of Bath, Maine, in 1862. Soon after he moved to Providence, Rhode Island, he affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 1. In 1868 he was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, which office he held, except for one year, until 1909, a period of forty years. In 1909 he was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and in May, 1910, was elected and installed Grand Master.

He was exalted in Orient Chapter at Hyannis, Massachusetts in 1857. He was appointed Chaplain of Providence Royal Arch Chapter in 1869, and Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island that same year. In 1886 he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. He was greeted in Providence Council in 1869.

In 1863 he received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Maine Consistory. In 1900 he received the ³³⁰ and became an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Maine Encampment, North Gardner, Maine, in 1863. In 1869 he affiliated with St. John's Commandery in Providence, and was elected Prelate. On December 4, 1871, he was elected Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery and in October, 1873, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He was elected Grand Commander in 1875 and again in 1876.

In 1908 he was appointed Representative of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada to the Grand Encampment of the United States, which position he held until his death.

In 1892 at the Triennial Conclave in Denver, he was elected Grand Junior Warden, and in 1905 was elected Grand Master.

Sir Knight Rugg delivered many addresses and orations of a Masonic and general character throughout New England. His wide knowledge of Masonic and religious literature and history, as well as his fine delivery, created a constant demand for his services as a public speaker. He was richly endowed to do constructive work in education, in the Church, and in Masonry. He added to character and culture, a graciousness of manner which was the outward mark of a sympathetic heart.

His last thoughts were with the great Christian Order of Knighthood, and he concluded his report:

"Much that I have done has been done in weakness of body, but all with the singleness of purpose and with never-failing love for our magnanimous Order, but not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory."

William Bromwell Melish

Twenty-second Grand Master
1910-1913

William B. Melish was born in Wilmington, Ohio, on July 28, 1852. His father, Reverend Thomas Melish, was for many years Rector of St. Phillips Protestant Episcopal Church in Cincinnati. He was educated in the public schools of Cincinnati and at Denison University, Granville, Ohio. He then entered the employ of the Bromwell Brush and Wire Goods Company as a clerk, and

rose through various positions until he was made a partner. He eventually became the president of the company and its largest stockholder

On September 16, 1873 he married Miss Sally Gatch of Milford. A son and a daughter were born to them. Sir Knight Melish was a zealous Church worker and president of several benevolent associations. He served on the staff of the Governor of Ohio with the rank of Colonel. He died in Cincinnati on October 21, 1927, on the fifty-fourth anniversary of his being made a Master Mason.

Melish was made a Master Mason in Milford Lodge No. 54 on October 21, 1873, at Milford, Ohio. He affiliated with Lafayette Lodge No. 61 of Cincinnati on November 6, 1881, and served as Worshipful Master in 1886. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1895.



WILLIAM BROMWELL MELISH
Twenty-second Grand Master, 1910-1913

Newsfront...

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 Of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Presents Grand Master's Club Memberships



At their 1994 Inspection, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, presented Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grand Master's Club memberships to the following Sir Knights, shown from left to right in the picture above: Charles R. Neumann, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment; Robert Stewart, P.G.C., Wisconsin; Carl Wussow, Grand Master, Wisconsin; David Preston, Eminent Commander, Ivanhoe No. 24; Brunell Roble, then Grand Commander, Wisconsin; Thomas Rosenow, P.G.C., Wisconsin, and then Department Commander; and Charles Farrell, P.G.C., Wisconsin, and Trustee of Ivanhoe No. 24. (Picture and information submitted by Linda Farrell.)

North Carolina's York Rite Of Freemasonry Gnome

In support of three York Rite national charities, North Carolina's 1994-95 York Rite grand officers commissioned Tom Clark of Cairn Studio, Ltd., Mooresville, North Carolina, to create and produce a limited number of a collector's series Gnome statuette. Tom Clark sculptures are known and collected world-wide. They are produced in limited quantities and quickly increase in value. Each piece is numbered and registered to the individual purchaser. Tom Clark has established a minimum price that must be charged, as he must protect his dealers and ensure the continued value of Tom Clark products. He has consented to allow the York Rite bodies to have exclusive rights to the Gnome for two years, after which, if any remain, they will be made available to dealers world-wide for sale to the general public. The cost then will be substantially higher than it is through the York Rite, as this is a very limited edition. When the mold is broken, the price will soar; this is an investment in our Masonic charities.

This Gnome is sculpted in the characteristic Tom Clark manner, and is easily recognizable as such. It is individually cast and each one is hand painted. The Gnome represents Freemasonry in general but York Rite Masonry in particular. His name is "Hiram," and the

Masonic working tools are all around him. In the brick wall that he is building are fifty bricks, each engraved with the initials of one of our fifty states.

The cost, through the North Carolina York Rite, will be the base price set by Tom Clark to encourage all York Rite members to participate. The cost is \$90.00 per Gnome with \$6.00 shipping for each. All profits from this project will be divided equally between three York Rite charities with \$15.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, \$15.00 to Royal Arch Assistance Association, and \$15.00 to CMMRF or Arteriosclerosis. Of the \$90.00 selling price this \$45.00 is tax deductible. Orders will be filled as the Gnomes became available. As this is handwork, and not assembly-line produced, each Gnome takes time to produce. "Hiram" may be purchased from our state chairman: Donald R. Long, 1114 Canterbury Road, Roxboro, NC 27573. The purchase price is \$90.00 each plus \$6.00 shipping; please furnish your complete shipping address with your order.



New York Knights Templar March In Parade



Knights Templar from Zone 6 march in Memorial Day Parade in Oneonta, New York. Commander Thomas Loughlin of Utica Commandery No. 3 and Sir Knight George Harrison, KTCH, of Otsego Commandery No. 76 lead the contingent. Commander Alan Lang, Associate Grand Prelate, of Norwich Commandery No. 46 can be identified in background. A total of eight Sir Knights marched and three ladies of the auxiliary were in a car. This is the fifth consecutive year that Otsego has participated in the parade in Oneonta. They have also marched in Cooperstown for Memorial Day, in Utica on July Fourth, and have formed color guards on other public occasions. (Picture credit: The *Daily Star*, Oneonta.)

Without The floor

by Sir Knight Alvin F. Bohne, P.M

Within four watts due east and west, enshrined; in
Our plans we draw on trestle-board and thank our Diety.
Our Lodge is duly tiled, as in the days of yore,
By a Brother Master Mason standing guard "without the door."

But not confined to man-made walls, a Lodge of modern day-
from east to west, from north to south-greet Brethren on their way.
Our laws remain, our vows the same, embracing ancient lore;
A Lodge too great to estimate exists "without the door."

Chartered by our own desire; governed by our bond,
This Lodge of flasons' fellowship is built on common ground.
Where'er a Brother travels, be it near or distant shore,
He will, always find a Brother in the Lodge "without the door."

Once, at refreshment (a time now past), and labor ceased for the while,
A journey I'd take for pleasure's sake; a journey of modern style.
Refreshing myself with corn, wine and oil, as did our Brothers before,
A Brother, by chance, in like circumstance, I. met "without the door."

Hands were clasped, names exchanged and stories told with pride;
A pleasure shared to visit there, a pleasure not to hide.
But now to part, our visit done, perhaps to meet no more,
We're richer 'far by meeting there, in the Lodge "without the door."

And ere we'd part and go our ways, this meeting not to perish,
With pleased look he signed my book; a note to ever cherish.
We parted there upon the square, but, as in days of yore,
On a page of life his MARK he made, in the Lodge "without the door."

Not confined to Lodge's hall; not confined to meetings,
A journey here, a journey there, to spread fraternal greetings.
There's craft to seek, craft to greet. Wise in ancient lore,
Are many brothers yet to meet, in the Lodge "without the door."

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Sir Knight "Black Jack" Pershing and Pancho Villa - Part II

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33°

This narrative is not concerned about the role of John J. Pershing as the Commander of the American Expeditionary Force in World War I. His achievements in France brought the United States everlasting fame, and firmly established it as a world power. Jack's brilliant planning and execution of the task America assumed in bringing Germany to defeat was the climax of his life. His country rewarded him with its highest honors and everlasting reverence. A few Masonic friends happened to be a great help along the way, too.

John Joseph Pershing was the first child born to John Frederick and Ann Elizabeth Thompson Pershing at Laclede, Missouri, on September 30, 1860. His father operated a prosperous general store in Laclede when the Civil War began. One of Jack's early memories was of border raiders plundering the store and the entire town during a raid in June 1864.

He was educated in the public schools at Laclede and hired as an elementary teacher upon graduation. A while later, he enrolled at Kirkwood Normal School, and obtained a degree in education. His plans to follow that profession were interrupted when he took a competitive examination for West Point and was selected. He was one of a class of 104 cadets to enter in July 1882. After an outstanding four years at West Point, and graduating as class president and senior captain of cadets, the rigid and taciturn young Pershing was commissioned a second lieutenant on June 12, 1886.

Pershing began active duty on the western frontier at a number of posts. The primary concern in those years was in subduing the Indians in order that the West could be settled. His duty led him from New Mexico, Arizona, and other posts in the Southwest to the last great Indian uprising in the Dakota Territory. During his numerous assignments in the West he became acquainted with General Nelson A. Miles, who eventually became chief of staff, and assisted substantially in Jack's career. His duty assignments also included a four-year tour at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Nebraska, as a professor of military science and tactics, the forerunner of the ROTC. He also completed his education there, acquiring a law degree.

His assignments included a brief tour as a member of General Miles' staff in Washington, where he became friends with Theodore Roosevelt and other influential political figures. Jack was then assigned as an instructor of tactics at West Point, a job he disliked intensely. The rigid, demanding Pershing was unpopular with the cadets, too. Before long, the cadets gave him a nickname that was to remain with Pershing the balance of his life. In reference to his duty with the black Buffalo soldiers of the 10th Cavalry at Fort Assinibone in Montana, they gave him the sobriquet "Nigger Jack," which was soon modified to "Black Jack."

The Spanish-American War in 1898 rescued Pershing from West Point duty. He was returned to the 10th Cavalry as

regimental quartermaster. Only Pershing was able to discharge his supply duties with any degree of efficiency during the preparations for the Cuban invasion. The short, disorganized debacle was a logistical nightmare. After the landing in Cuba, Black Jack was without any definite assignment. He attached himself to elements of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders and the 10th Cavalry making the assault on Kettle Hill, the action that made Teddy a national hero. In less than a month after the landing in Cuba, Pershing was back in New York in August 1898.

He eventually was assigned occupation duty in the Philippine Island, arriving on Thanksgiving Day on 1899. He became a national hero for his exploits in commanding troops against the Moro tribesmen, the fierce natives who refused to lay down their arms following the Spanish surrender. He was likewise prominent in the promotion of agricultural development, construction of road, and in public education. These were all goals in making the Philippine citizenry self-sufficient. During those years he made friends with William Howard Taft, soon to be president, and General Arthur MacArthur, the military governor. He finally rose to the permanent rank of captain in 1901.

On brief duty in Washington in 1905, Black Jack met and married the daughter of wealthy, Senator Francis E. Warren, from Cheyenne, Wyoming. Warren was a controversial political figure, and Pershing became the target of Warren's political enemies during his final years in the Philippines. Many false allegations lodged against him were eventually disproven through slander litigation. After his marriage to Frances Warren, Pershing returned to duty in the Philippines, where he continued his activities against Moro tribesmen, and duties with his troops at Fort McKinley, near Manila. Before he and Frances returned to the states permanently, four children were born to the Pershings, three daughters and a son.



Due to Pershing's military achievements in the Philippines, President Theodore Roosevelt was inspired to recommend Black Jack for promotion to the rank of brigadier general in 1906. As a captain, he was jumped over 209 officers of higher rank, and the promotion caused great resentment in the army and in Congress. He was reassigned to the states in December 1913, following a final victory over the Moros, which ended their resistance. His new post was at the Presidio in San Francisco, where he assumed command of the Eighth Infantry Corps. He was transferred, along with this troops, to Fort Bliss, Texas, in April 1914, to take command in a move to strengthen the border defenses against Mexican unrest.

On August 27, 1915, a personal tragedy struck the Pershing family. Jack's wife Frances and his three daughters were burned to death in their home back at the Precidio in San Francisco. The only survivor was Jack's son Warren. It was a devastating personal blow, and one that added immeasurably to his burdens in facing the growing problems along the international border. Hard work was the only solution for his grief, and he plunged into his duties with even more fanatical energy than usual.

The night of March 9, 1916, Pancho Villa struck the town of Columbus, and the long-feared violence spilled over into the United States. At 12:13 P.M., Black Jack and his column rode into history when they crossed into Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa.

As a few years passed, Villa mellowed considerably, and decided to give up his violent lifestyle. General Huerta had returned to power and conceived a plan to guarantee no further problems with Villa. He offered Pancho a 25,000 estate in Parral, in the State of Durango, with total amnesty for him and his men. The remaining Dorados were given small farms or taken into the Mexican army. Pancho promised not to take up arms for any reason. As it turned out, he still had enemies who preferred to see him dead. Many believe that Huerta was involved in the plot which took Villa's life on July 20, 1923.

While crossing a small bridge on the outskirts of Parral in his old Dodge touring car, Pancho and a load of companions were assassinated by seven riflemen that stepped onto the road and opened fire. Villa died from fifteen bullet wounds, and his companions all died except one. He was buried soon afterward in the town cemetery at Parral. The fangs of the old "Tiger of the North" had been pulled most effectively and with great finality.

Black Jack Pershing retired in 1924 after receiving all the military honors a

grateful nation was able to bestow. He held a number of prestigious posts for the government and maintained high visibility until his health failed. In 1932, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for history on the strength of his powerful literary works covering his career and World War I. While a patient at Walter Reed Army Hospital at Washington in 1946, he married a longtime friend, Micheline Resco.

Death came to the old soldier on July 15, 1948. He had suffered a stroke in 1944, and had suffered from heart

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problems for years. The body reposed in state at the Capitol Rotunda prior to interment at Arlington Cemetery among his "boys" of WWI. The immortal Black Jack Pershing had passed into history with his old nemesis, Pancho Villa. What curious whimsies of fate caused those two lives to touch so long ago in Columbus, New Mexico? It all happened nearly eight decades in the past, and today legend nearly outstrips the truth. One fact is indisputable: The actions of a Mason and a Mexican bandit did indeed impact on thousands of lives early in the 20th century. The movie industry has filmed the story many times - never the same way twice. In the process, the name of Pancho Villa became a household word in America.

END OF STORY

**from: 10,000 Famous Freemasons by
William R. Denslow**

John J. Pershing (1860-1948) General of the Armies. b. Sept. 13, 1860 in Linn Co., Mo. Graduate of U.S. Military Academy in 1886, and LL.B. from U. of Nebraska in 1893. His wife and three daughters lost their lives in the burning of The Presidio (Calif.) on Aug. 27, 1915. He became brigadier general in 1906, major general in 1916, general in 1917, and general of the armies Sept. 3, 1919. Retired in 1924. He served in the Apache and Sioux campaigns; taught at West Point and U. of Nebraska; in Cuba campaign of Spanish-American War; in Philippines and in charge of operations against the Moros; military attaché in Japan; with Kuroki's army in Manchuria; on general staff; pursued Villa into Mexico in 1916; commander-in-chief of American forces in WWI and chief of staff, U.S. Army from 1921-24. Member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebr. receiving degrees on Dec. 4, 11, and 22, 1888. Received 50-year award on Jan. 5, 1939. On Sept. 30, 1941, he was made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and the certificate was presented to him by Harry S. Truman, then senator, at Walter Reed Hospital, Feb. 24, 1942. In 1919 he was made an honorary member of Stansbury Lodge No. 24, Washington, D.C. Exalted in Lincoln Chapter No. 6, R.A.M., March 28, 1894 and knighted in the Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, K.T., Dec. 3, 1894, both of Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1943 he laid a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Knight Templar rites. Received 32^o AAST (SJ) at Wheeling, W. VA. April 9, 1920 and 33¹ in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 6, 1930. Member of Sesostriis Shrine Temple, Lincoln and New York Court No. 30, Royal Order of Jesters. d. July 15, 1948.

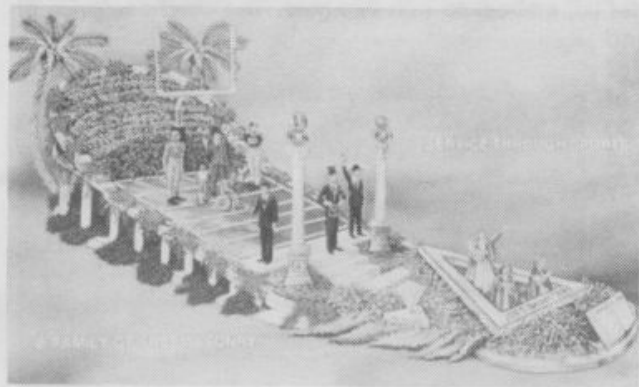
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FOOTBALL, JOB'S DAUGHTERS SHARE 1995 MASONIC FLOAT



MASONIC FLOAT — "Service Through Sports" will be the theme of the Family of Freemasonry float, shown here in rendering form in preparation for the Tournament of Roses Parade Jan. 2. The annual East West football game, played annually at Stanford Stadium, and the 75th anniversary of Job's Daughters will share feature billing.

The All-American sport of football and the International Order of Job's Daughters will share feature billing on the Family of Freemasonry float in the 1995 Tournament of Roses Parade, it has been announced.

Exemplifying the parade theme of "Sports, Quest for Excellence," the 55 ft. float will depict a day at the famed Shrine East West game and also commemorate the 75th anniversary of Job's Daughters.

A living triangle will be portrayed on the front of the colorful parade entry to honor the youth organization, comprised of girls age 11 to 20 who are related to Masons.

The float will be entitled "Service Through Sports," and that mission is aptly illustrated by the East West Game.

"This game raises millions of dollars for the 22 Shriners Hospitals and Burn Centers throughout North America, thereby aiding countless children who desperately need medical care," said Warren J. Blomseth, Grand Master of Masons in California.

The float is primarily sponsored by the Grand Lodge of California, but Masons throughout the world also contribute to its entry in the Pasadena

parade which is viewed by millions in person and on international television, according to Stanley Channon, float committee chairman. He is Past Grand Master of California.

Dominant element of the 16 ft. high float is the green-flowered football field with goal posts emblazoned with "Shriners Hospitals" to signify the goal of the game. A fez-adorned Shrine leader will stand in front of the goal posts with two children.

And for those interested in celebrities, two famous football players, as yet unnamed, will be depicting the kickoff of the East West classic in the center of the flower-bedecked entry.

Cheering their efforts in a colorful display of flowers will be the "end zone" of the float, constructed by builder C.E. Bent & Son to create the excitement of a day at the stadium.

"Through this float, we will try to reinforce the fact that all Shriners are Masons and point out the charitable work performed by the entire Family of Freemasonry," said Channon.

"Masonic organizations support a variety of charitable causes, including Masonic Homes for the elderly and for children, the Scottish Rite speech clin-

Grand Master Expected To Ride on Parade Entry

When the Family of Freemasonry float glides down Colorado Blvd. Monday, Jan. 2 (New Year's Day falls on Sunday in 1995), the Grand Master of Masons in California will be aboard.

He will stand at the top of three steps between the two significant columns of a Masonic Temple.

Flanking him will be the leaders of the York Rite and Scottish Rite in their typical regalia. The Grand Master is thus symbolically placed in the proper position to receive a new member while casting a fraternal eye over the Job's Daughters.

Representatives of that organization will ride on the float to form their famous living triangle. The Holy Bible will be opened to the Book of Job and on each side will be a large diamond to signify their 75th anniversary.

Job's Daughters also participate in charitable work, having provided support to a program for the development of hearing aids to be placed in football helmets so that hearing-impaired boys could enjoy the sport.

Contributions Needed

Masons throughout the world are asked to contribute to the cost of sponsoring the Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. You may do so by sending your donations to Robert C. Coe, treasurer of the float committee, at P.O. Box 661567, Arcadia, CA 91066-1567. Or you may write to him to request an order form which describes the various kinds of merchandise commemorating the 1995 float and our entries in previous parades. Pins, postcards, shirts, caps, decals and other items are available. "We will be grateful for your support," said float committee chairman and Past Grand Master Stanley Channon.

ics, York Rite Eye Foundations and many others. All told, North American Freemasons donate nearly \$2 million per day toward charitable causes."

Knights Templar Stein To Benefit The Eye Foundation

This Knights Templar stein saluting DeMolay on its 75th anniversary will benefit the Eye Foundation. This Commandery stein includes eleven different colors on a 16-oz. white ceramic body with a pewter lid, embossed with 22c gold. The purchase price of \$47.00 includes shipping and handling and a certificate of authenticity. From the price of every stein that is ordered, \$8.00 will go to the Eye Foundation and \$2.00 will go to the DeMolay Medical Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in ordering one of the stems, please submit your order as soon as possible because the first series was sold out. Please make your check payable to Stanley C. Buz and mail to: P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.



California Assembly, S.O.O.B, Honors Member's 100th Birthday

(Mrs. Charles D.) Vivian B. Hobby, S.O.O.B. correspondent to *Knights Templar*, writes that (Mrs. Vincent) Mary Louise Cippola, a member of Pasadena Assembly No. 44, Social Order of the Beauceant, was honored on her 100th birthday by her Assembly at the home of Mrs. Paul E. Mihal, Past Supreme Worthy President, in Glendale, California.

Mrs. Cippola was born "somewhere in the mountains" of Mexico on August 4, 1894, and the family was forced to leave in 1910 due to the Mexican Revolution and Civil War.

Mrs. Cippola's daughter, (Mrs. John) Eleanor Worman, is also a member of Pasadena Assembly and expressed appreciation to the many members and their Sir Knights present for their loyalty, friendship, and support of her mother in all her endeavors. Mrs. Cippola has been active in her Assembly and in other fraternal orders, as well as with the P.T.A. She was a senior hostess for U.S.O., a caterer with her brother George, and does oil painting in her spare time. "Now," she states, "I am going to start on my next hundred years."



Says Mrs. Hobby: To have a friend, one must be one, and Mrs. Cippola has been a friend to all. Left to right are: Mrs. Rollo Adair, President Pasadena Assembly No. 44; Mrs. Vincent Cippola, honoree; and Mrs. Cordon Purdy, Past Supreme Worthy President.

Modern Knights Templar could learn much from "The Rule," under which our ancient Knightly Brothers served the Templar Order. The J. M. Upton-Ward translation of "The Rule of the Templars," subtitled, "The French Text of the Rule of the Order of the Knights Templar," cites, as Article 325: "No brother should ever swear when angry or calm, nor should he ever say an ugly or vile word, even less do such a thing. Each brother is required to do all noble actions and say all good words."

The point of Article 325 should be particularly appropriate among Masonic Knights Templar - who are under both a Masonic and a Knightly tie to one another and who should find vile or angry words abhorrent. A Knight Templar Freemason is, and should be, a moral and upright person who would seldom if ever use foul or unbecoming language. Templar Masons truly should "do all noble actions and say all good words."

"The Rule," in Article 318, states: "And if a brother finds another's equipment he should not keep it; but if he does not know whose it is he should carry it or have it carried to the chapel; or if he knows whose it is he should return it." When I first entered Freemasonry and Templary I was advised that all of my goods would be as safe in a Masonic Temple as if they were in my own home. So it should be.

Article 107, under the "Hierarchical Statutes": "The Retraits of the Marshal of the Convent," admonishes: "And if a brother passes from this world who was a resident in the land, or was sent to another land without his equipment, the equipment should remain in the marshalcy of the land and the equipment of the other brothers of the convent should come into the convent's marshalcy."

Understanding that we live in another era, and that our order is not communal,

The Rule

by Sir Knight

Michael D. Glilord, P.C.

modern Knights Templar might want to consider that article of "The Rule," in this way: If a Sir Knight of the order passes away, he might well consider bequeathing his uniform, sword, jewel of the order, etc., to his home Commandery. Thus the local Commandery could utilize the equipment for outfitting a new Sir Knight, or for displaying the jewels, etc., in a memorial display. Would not this interpretation of "The Rule" make sense in these times of high prices for uniforms, swords, and equipment?

Considering the recent attacks on Masonic membership made by leaders of certain religious denominations, and the condemnations of Freemasonry implied in those attacks, it is interesting to note that "The Rule" contains twenty-five articles on "Religious Service." These articles outline the several calls to prayer, services, and devotions required of the brother knights. The first of those twenty-five, Article 340, could apply as well to our time as it did to the brother Knights of the eleventh century.

Article 340, under "Religious Service," reads: "Each brother should strive to live honestly and to set a good example to secular people and other orders in everything, in such a way that those who see him cannot notice anything bad in his behavior, not in his riding, nor in his walking, nor in his drinking, nor in eating,

nor in his look, nor in any of his actions and works. And especially should each brother strive to conduct himself humbly and honestly when he hears the office of Our Lord, or says it, and he should observe and say those prayers and make those genuflections as are customary in the house." Surely this is as good advice today as it was to the ancient Templars.

"The Rule of the Templars" involved over the 200-plus-year history of the order, and demonstrates how our ancient Templar brethren lived, worked, and adapted to the changing times in which they lived. It is an instructive work in strategies, tactics, and military order, from the foremost fighting force of the eleventh and twelfth centuries. The rule covers every facet of daily life for those admitted to the brotherhood of the order, and demonstrates to the interested student those principles of morality, fidelity and fraternity, which we as modern Masonic Knights Templar would do well to emulate.

Information for this article was derived from the 1992, J. M. Upton-Ward translation of "The Rule of the Templars; French Text of the Rule of the Order of the Knights Templar." (Studies in the History of Medieval

Religion Series: First published 1992 by the Boydell Press, and imprint of Boydell and Brewer Ltd., P. O. Box 9, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 3DF, United Kingdom. An English translation of Henri de Curzon's 1886 edition of the French Rule as derived from Medieval manuscripts. The J. M. Upton-Ward translation of Henri de Curzon's 1886 edition of the "La Regle du Temple," describes seven main sections of "The Rule of the Templars." Those sections are: "The Primitive Rule; The Hierarchical Statutes; Penances; Coventual Life; The Holding of Ordinary Chapters; Further Details on Penances"; and "Reception into the Order."

While this study might not be an appropriate book for every Masonic library, the J. M. Upton-Ward translation of "The Rule of the Templars" contains much that would be beneficial to every modern Knights Templar Mason.

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E. Commander Fred C. Lange And Congressman Thomas Foley At Cornerstone Laying In Washington State

Sir Knight Alvin L. Heinrich, KYCH and Recorder of Colfax Commandery No. 15, Washington, submitted the picture, showing Eminent Commander Fred C. Lange (right), Colfax Commandery No. 15, Pullman, Washington, with Speaker of the House, Congressman Thomas Foley (left), Fifth District of Washington. Commander Lange is also Illustrious Master of Nomad Council No. 25, Pullman, and when the picture was taken he was serving in his office as Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Washington at a cornerstone laying at Newport, Washington.



Tom's Last Cigarette

by Sir Knight Bob Demott, 33^o

The July wedding plans were coming along fine, and Tom, the forty-six-year-old father of the bride, thought he had a slipped disk. He had been to his physician and was taking medicine for pain. He wanted to be able to escort his daughter down the aisle on Saturday. With the pain killers and a few cigarettes to ease his tension, he was able, with difficulty, to do his part in the wedding. Monday morning he checked into the hospital to find out what was wrong with him.

By Tuesday he had received the bad news - "inoperable cancer, get your affairs in order." He made a belated statement, - "I've smoked my last cigarette." But that's in the past, he thought, no need to fret; won't change a thing.

After about a week, he decided to take his treatments as an out-patient. Tom looked upon his impending death, not feeling sorry for himself, but for his family, though he had enough life insurance to meet their financial needs.

He looked forward to family gatherings in the fall: "I hope I can live long enough to see my son graduate from high school. Should I sell this big house and get a smaller one for my wife? I'm looking forward to having a big Thanksgiving Day here."

He bought cemetery lots, arranged his funeral, and kidded his friends saying that if they did not come to see him, he would take their names off the pallbearer list!

Tom's family was very supportive, doing any little thing for him that might make him more comfortable. His many friends offered to do anything they could.

His daily trips to the clinic for treatment occupied many of his daylight hours. The pain - first in the back and jaw, then the head and neck, then the legs, then the arms; the loss of hair, the vomiting, the chills, the weight loss - he bore without complaint. The hot pads, the blood transfusions, the disorientation, the oxygen tube, the tiredness and sleepiness - he bore without complaint.

In a few weeks he was too weak to endure radiation treatments. He often felt so poorly that he would ask his visitors to leave, and in other cases, gave instructions that visitors should not enter his room. The home-care nurses did what they could - increased the morphine dosage and advised that some of the family members or close friends should stay with him and his wife at all times. He lost bowel control; slipped in and out of consciousness, knowing neither the time of day nor the day of the week. His eyes frequently rolled upward in the sockets. Belligerent at being unable to make himself understood; he became anxious and nervous, crying to his mother, "Oh, my pain hurts; Mom, I'm dying." Small amounts of fluid were administered by way of a medicine dropper.

In late November, unable to move, his respiration became shallow, and finally ceased.

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The Grand Lodge of Vermont is celebrating its bicentennial during 1994. A commemorative coin has been struck to mark the occasion, and several mementos including the coin are currently available: commemorative coin, \$5.50; money cup, \$9.00; paperweight (coin incased in Lucite, \$13.50; clock and coin (incased in Lucite), \$33.00; bicentennial pin, \$3.00; unique Vermont covered bridge pin, \$3.00. Prices include postage and handling. Grand Lodge of Vermont, 431 Pine St., Burlington, VT 05401.

George Washington Lodge No. 585, located at Vicenza, Italy, is commemorating its 37th anniversary as the first American military Lodge in Italy. This memorable event is being honored by a limited edition, fine porcelain plate, 13" diameter. It has square and compass in powdered gold along with outline of Italy and the Lodge insignia. All profits go toward purchase of a permanent Lodge home. Cost is \$25.00 each, including S & H. Make checks or money orders payable to Ole F Olson, CMR 427/Box 2494, APO AE 09630. Checks or money orders only.

Marzuq Dm Caps at Tallahassee, FL, is forming up. We need: a bass drum, snare thins, file mouth pieces (metal or other O.K.). Contact George Lundrigan, Ph.D.; 609 Terrace Ave; Tallahassee, FL 32306; (904)222-2251(24 hairs). Advise as to condition and price wanted.

Pythagoras Chapter No. 10, RAM., of Griffin, Georgia, is celebrating its 150th anniversary starting May 6, 1994. We have a few golden bronze anniversary pennies left. There were only 100 struck and the design is different than any other Georgia penny. Send check or money order payable to Pythagoras Chapter No. 10 for \$6.00 each and send to Joe Turner, P.O. Box 326, Hampton, GA 30228.

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Streator Lodge No. 607 and mail to William Sanford, P.O. Box 99, Rutland, IL 61358,

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New RA coin: The Comptche CA Outdoor RA Degrees Assn. has minted a new collector's coin. \$6.00 includes postage and handling. Richard V. Hunt, 225 East Railroad Avenue, Cotati, CA 94931-43.

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My father, Ted Steidel, and grandfather both had cameo collections in the spirit of Masonic fellowship. Anyone who would like to add to his own collection. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Desnoyers, 515 Steele Gap Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, (908) 722-0362.

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Wanted: lapel pins and be tacks with logos or organization names. Most pins are relegated to dresser drawers after retirement. I am asking our membership to send unwanted or duplicate pins. They are never worn but mounted for display at fairs, art shows, etc. Ed Neville, 10 Serenity Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205, (501) 221-3100.

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Sir Knight James Clark Mashburn, b. Talladega Co., AL, 7-8-19, is looking for into on great grandfather and his family: William B. Mashburn, b. 10-14-1819 in SC; died 10-1-1896. Married Eliza Bittie, b. Scott Co., VA, 2-22-1822; died 3-5-1890. They are both buried in Mashburn cemetery in Talladega Co.. AL. Several sons and daughters: one was Silas B. believed to be grandfather. Sir Knight James is son of A. Allan Mashburn. James C. Mashburn, 1303 Gardenia Drive, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

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The Guy in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,
And the world makes you king for a day.
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself.
And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your wife or family or friend,
Whose judgment upon you must pass
The guy whose verdict count, most in the end,
the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you a straight-shootin' chum,
And call you a person of place,
But the guy in the glass says you're only a bum,
If you can't look him straight in the face.

He's the guy to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test,
If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartache and tears,
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

Author Unknown