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**Blair Christy Mayford**  
**Most Eminent Grand Master**  
**1994-1997**

## Unanimity

According to *Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary*, the definition of the word "unanimity" is "the state or quality of being unanimous; as, there was perfect unanimity among the members of the council."

All of Masonry is shoulder to shoulder in this great challenge to show a united front in working together for the good of the order and all mankind.

The Grand Encampment is working with our Grand Lodges, its York Rite counterparts, the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons the Grand Councils of Cryptic Masons, and also with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, both Northern and Southern jurisdictions, and with the Imperial Shrine of North America. **These bodies are showing a unanimity that has never existed before!**

Our great **membership-membership-membership** program, which has the blessings of both jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine of North America, is an effort to instill even further this unanimity that exists between our bodies in Masonry.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge of California, through their efforts in behalf of unanimity, are sharing their 1995 Masonic Float, which depicts the Family of Freemasonry, in the Tournament of Roses Parade held on January 2, 1995. Thus they have set the standard for all of Masonry to follow for the many years ahead. They deserve the many thanks of all of us in Masonry. For more details and particulars regarding their contribution, see page 25 of the October 1994 issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine.

Embarking on a New Year not only in the Grand Encampment but in all Masonic bodies, we as Masons have a goal of seeing that our great philanthropic efforts will continue to grow and help those in need of assistance.

Remember our 27th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We need your full and continued support for a successful campaign.

Our best wishes for the New Year to all of you and your families from the Grand Encampment family. May God bless you.



Blair Christy Mayford  
Grand Master

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

**JANUARY:** Happy New Year! We hope that furthering Templary was included in your resolutions for a satisfying 1995! Our cover features our new Grand Master, Blair Christy Mayford, and his biography is presented on page 5. You'll find a picture and biography of the newest member of the grand line, Kenneth Bernard Fischer, Grand Captain General, on page 6. It's a busy year ahead as is evidenced by the listings of Masonic conferences, page 8, and the Annual Conclaves, page 12. For a New Year's treat, we're happy to print in its entirety Sir Knight Bennett's story of Brother Charlie Root, baseball legend

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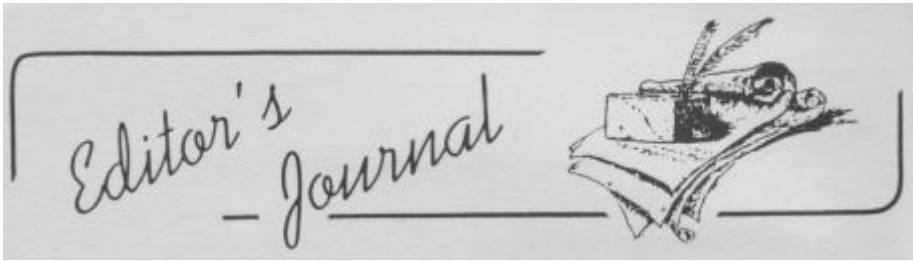
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**In Memoriam:** It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Mrs. Ernest I. Teter (Pam), wife of the Northwestern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment. She passed away on Tuesday evening, December 6, 1994. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in Springfield, Illinois. Cards may be sent to 7907 Appomattox Lane, Boise, ID 83703. We extend our sincere sympathy to Sir Knight Teter and his family.

**Correction:** The Chairman of the District of Columbia for the 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is Harry Miller, Jr.; 8110 Chester Street; Takoma Park; MD 20912; (310) 431-2574. Information printed in the November Issue of Knight Templar was incorrect.

**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.

**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.) Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

**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, 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. • **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.

## **Blair Christy Mayford, Missouri Elected New Leader of Templar Masonry**

Elected to office on August 16, 1994, at the Radisson Hotel Denver, Denver, Colorado, Most Eminent Grand Master Blair Christy Mayford will preside over 239,000 Sir Knights who comprise the Knights Templar of the United States of America. Our new Grand Master was appointed chairman of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters by Sir Knight Kenneth Culver Johnson, Most Eminent Grand Master, August 16, 1979 and appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the South Central Department by Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Most Eminent Grand Master, August 19, 1982. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General, August 13, 1985, at the 56th Triennial Conclave in Cincinnati, Ohio. On August 9, 1988, he was advanced to Grand Generalissimo of the 1988-1991 triennium in Lexington, Kentucky; and he was elected Deputy Grand Master August 20, 1991, in Washington, DC. Grand Master Mayford was installed in the office of Most Eminent Grand Master on August 17, 1994

Blair Christy Mayford was born in Wood River, Illinois, October 23, 1917. He graduated from Wood River Community High School and later attended Washington University. He and his wife, Dorella Ann Youngberg, were married at Alton, Illinois, and they currently reside in St. Peters, Missouri. They are the parents of one daughter, Christy Ann, and have two grandchildren, Angela Marie and Matthew Christy Van Horn. Blair and Dorella are members of Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Charles, Missouri.

Sir Knight Mayford has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for more than 47 years, and his Masonic affiliations are extensive and varied. He was Raised in Pomegranate Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A.M., in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1947. He transferred to University Lodge No. 649, Clayton, Missouri, in 1970, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1974 (which later merged with Clayton Lodge No. 601, Clayton, Missouri). In 1975 he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota to the Grand Lodge of Missouri. He also served the Grand Lodge of Missouri as District Deputy Grand Master of the 57th Masonic District in 1978. He is a Past High Priest of St. Louis-Missouri Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., and was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Arizona, to the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Missouri. He was appointed Missouri representative of the General Grand High Priest of the South Central Region of the General Grand Chapter, International (1978.81). He is a Past Illustrious Master of Hiram Council No. 1, Cryptic Masons, in St. Louis. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of

Colorado to the Grand Council of Missouri in 1976. Elected Most illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Missouri, in 1986. Sir Knight Blair is a Past Commander of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, K.T., St. Louis, and served as Recorder of St. Aldemar for 19 years. He is now a member of Ascalon Commandery No. 16 in St. Louis after a merger between these two Commanderies. In 1975, he was elected Grand Commander of Missouri Templars, and holds an appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey to the Grand Commandery of Missouri. Blair holds dual membership in Saint Bernard Commandery No. 41, K.T. in Denver, Colorado and INRI Commandery, U.D. in Washington, D.C.

Appendent memberships include: Red Cross of Constantine, St. Louis Conclave, elected Sovereign in 1984; Past Preceptor, Registrar-Treasurer of Lord of Lords Tabernacle No. LI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Missouri Priory No. 17, Knights York Cross of Honour (2 Quadrants); Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.; Past Sovereign Master, Ray Vaughn Denslow Council No. 102, Allied Masonic Degrees; Florissant Chapter No. 161, Order of Eastern Star; Missouri Lodge of Research; holds the Honorary Legion of Honor from the Order of DeMolay and is an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay; Royal Order of Scotland; National Sojourners, Albert Pike Camp, St. Louis and Heroes of 76; Past Governor of the Bruce Harmon Hunt York Rite College No. 162 and Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign

College of North America for Missouri and was presented with the Order of the Purple Cross by the Sovereign College; Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, Orient of Missouri, Past Master of Kadosh of the Consistory in the Valley of St. Louis and Coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1985; Moolah Temple Shrine in St. Louis and

served as President of the Guides Unit; elected to membership in the Great Priory of America, Holy Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City (C.B.C.S.) in February, 1993; Member of Knight Commander of the Temple and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple of the Grand Encampment; Member of the Grand Master's Club of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

## **Kenneth Bernard Fischer Elected to Grand Line**

Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer, Past Grand Commander of Texas, 1990, was elected to the grand line of the Grand Encampment as Right Eminent Grand Captain General at the election of officers, which was held at the 59th Triennial Conclave on August 16, 1994. He was installed on August 17, 1994.

Kenneth Bernard Fischer was born August 13, 1937, in Houston, Texas. He graduated from the University of Houston receiving a B.S. in mechanical engineering in 1960.

He married Arlene M. Martin and they have five children; Ken Jr., Kristian, Amy, Wendi and Ken; and they have two grandchildren, Samantha and Alexa.

Kenneth and Arlene reside in Friendswood, Texas, and are members of Friendswood United Methodist Church. He has been employed at Hoechst-Celanese, as Corporate Rotating Equipment Consultant for thirty years.

His professional and civic activities include registered and professional engineering, Texas (30 years); member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers; active member Turbo machinery Symposium, Texas A & M; Pump Symposium, Texas A & M; Vibration Institute; Amateur Radio Operator, WA5NKZ; and Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

His Masonic affiliations are: Louie J. Brown Lodge No. 1426, A.F. & A.M., Past Master, D.D.G.M., 1994; Galena Park Chapter No. 490, R.A.M., Past High Priest, D.D.G.H.P., 1977; Galena Park Council No. 405, R. & S.M., Past Thrice Illustrious Master, D.D.G.M., 1992; Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas, Past Thrice Illustrious Master; Park Place Commandery No. 106, K.T., Past Commander; Park Place Commandery No. 106, Drill Captain (20 years); Grand



Commandery of Texas, Past Grand Commander (1990-91); Resurrection. Tabernacle No. 21, HRAKTP, K.C., (1993); San Jacinto Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Prefect; Valley of Houston, A.A.S.R., S.J., KCCH (1992); Royal Order of Scotland; Gulf Coast York Rite College No. 106, Purple Cross (1988); Order of DeMolay, Chevalier, Active Legion of Honor; Friendswood Chapter No. 1131, O.E.S., Sam Houston Council No. 275, A.M.D., Sovereign Master, 1994; Anson Jones Council No. 47, Knight Masons, Senior Knight, 1994; Arabia Temple, AAONMS.; Amaranth, Initiated 1994

## Idaho Demonstrates Masonic Unity

Honored Lady Minnie Benson, Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court of Idaho, and Sir Knight David Volkman (second from left), Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court of Idaho, Order of Amaranth, presented a gift of \$1,000.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at the annual session of the Grand Court, held in Boise, September 29, 1994. Receiving the gift are Sir Knight Ernest I. Teter (second from right), Northwestern

Department Commander, and Sir Knight Kent W. Gist, Grand Commander of Idaho.

The Grand Commandery of Idaho and the Grand Encampment greatly appreciate this generous contribution to the Eye Foundation and extend a hearty thanks to the Grand Court.

This fine example of mutual support within the Masonic family of Idaho will be an inspiration to all bodies to support and cooperate with each other in all things.



## MASONIC CONFERENCES—1995

### MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 23-26 Washington, D.C. (annually)	The Philalethes Society Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knights Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A. Ye Antient Order of Corks The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, HRAKTP
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### GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA, HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

February 24 Washington, D.C. (annually)	Current Grand Preceptor: John Harris Watts P.O. Box 107 Grand Junction, IA 50107	Contact: Norman G. Williams Grand Registrar 10 Overbrook Road Baltimore, MD 21228
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### CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA

February 19-21 Fargo, North Dakota (annually)	Current Conference Chairman: LeRoy G. Hagen 100 Hagen Road, P.O. Box 712 Shelby, MT 59474	Contact: Albert T. Ames Executive Sec./Treas. 110-R Bacon Street Natick, MA 01760
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### CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES OF NORTH AMERICA

February 20-21 Fargo, North Dakota (annually)	Current President: Jack R. Frazier 225 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21201	Contact: Stewart W. Miner Secretary/Treasurer 5428 MacArthur Blvd., N.W. Washington, DC 20016
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### GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

February 20 Fargo, North Dakota (annually)	Current President: Charles A. Brigham, Jr. 2909 Ebenezer Road Cincinnati, OH 45233	Contact: Donald M. Robey Executive Sec./Treas. 101 Callahan Drive Alexandria, VA 22301
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### THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

February 20 Fargo, North Dakota (annually)	Current Chairman, Exec. Comm.: A. Harold Small 305 Small's Lane Kalispell, MT 59901	Contact: Richard E. Fletcher Executive Secretary 8120 Fenton Street Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785
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**SUPREME SHRINE, ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM**

May 2-4  
Reno, Nevada  
(annually)

Current Worthy High Priestess:  
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**GRAND COUNCIL, LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.**

May 14-19  
Denver, Colorado  
(annually)

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Indianapolis, IN 46220

**SUPREME FOREST, TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA**

No Report

No Report

No Report

**UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE**

June 8-10  
Jackson, Mississippi  
(annually)

Current Grand Sovereign:  
James M. Ward  
1265 Breckinridge  
Jackson, MS 39204

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Grand Recorder  
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Springfield, IL 62705-5716

**SUPREME TEMPLE, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE**

June 18-22  
Toronto, Ont. Canada  
(annually)

Current Supreme Queen:  
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13309 Meeker Blvd.  
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Contact:  
Geraldine Neely, Supreme  
Princess Recorder  
104 Shore Drive  
Portland, TX 78374-1420

**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.**

June 20-24  
Farmington, Connecticut  
(annually)

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**HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

June 23-28  
Louisville, Kentucky  
(annually)

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**INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DeMOLAY**

June 14-18  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
(annually)

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**SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF THE AMARANTH, INC.**

July 1-5  
Decatur, Illinois  
(annually)

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Supreme Secretary  
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Parkersburg, WV 26101-  
2532

**IMPERIAL COUNCIL, AAOONS**

July 2-6  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
(annually)

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**YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA**

July 26-29  
Nashville, Tennessee  
(annually)

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**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS**

July 22-24, 1996  
Seattle, Washington  
(biennially)

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August 1-6  
Santa Clara, California  
(annually)

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**GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A.**

August 9-13, 1997  
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(triennially)

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Charles R. Neumann  
Grand Recorder  
5097 N. Elston Avenue  
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**CONVENT GENERAL, KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR**

October 20-21  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Current Grand Master-General:  
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Auburn, IN 46706

Contact:  
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Grand Registrar-General  
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**SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., U.S.A.**

September 30-Oct. 3  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
(annually)

Current Sovereign Grand Commander:  
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Executive Secretary  
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**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL**

November 3-7, 1996  
Asheville, North Carolina  
(triennially)

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**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL**

November 3-6, 1996  
Asheville, North Carolina  
(triennially)

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General Grand Recorder  
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**SUPREME ASSEMBLY, SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT**

September 25-29  
Billings, Montana  
(annually)

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Phyllis E. Maddox  
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Coetta Chalker  
Supreme Recorder  
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(410) 876-6067

**SUPREME COUNCIL, 33\*, A. & A.S.R., SOUTHERN JURISDICTION**

October 9-10  
Washington, D.C.  
(biennially)

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**ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND**

October 11  
Washington, D.C.  
(annually)

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Annandale, VA 22003

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Richard B. Baldwin  
Provincial Grand Sec.  
P.O. Box 125  
Annandale, VA 22003

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

October-November 1997  
Orlando, Florida  
(triennially)

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1543 Quarrier Street E.  
Charleston, WV 25311

Contact:  
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Right Worthy Grand Sec.  
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Washington, D.C. 20009-2578

## 1995 ANNUAL CONCLAVES

DATE	GRAND COMMANDERY	CONCLAVE LOCATION	REPRESENTATIVE
February 26-28	Alabama	Birmingham	Blair C. Mayford
March 3-5	New Jersey	Ocean City	Blair C. Mayford
March 9-11	Arkansas	North Little Rock	Sam E. Hilburn
March 10	Delaware	Wilmington	John O. Bond, Sr.
March 12-13	South Carolina	Greenville	Kenneth B. Fischer
March 18	District of Columbia	District of Columbia	Charles R. Neumann
March 24-25	North Carolina	Wilmington	Sam E. Hilburn
March 25-26	Mississippi	Jackson	Blair C. Mayford
March 31-April 1	North Dakota	Bismarck	Jerry K. Thomas
April 1-2	Connecticut	Meriden	Blair C. Mayford
April 8	Nebraska	Columbus	Jerry K. Thomas
April 8	Oregon	Lake Oswego	Joel C. Blingner
April 10-11	Louisiana	Alexandria	Blair C. Mayford
April 20	Idaho	Burley	Ernest I. Teter
April 20	New Mexico	Santa Fe	W. Bruce Pruitt
April 21-25	Texas	Waco	Blair C. Mayford
April 22	Tennessee	Nashville	David L. Hargett, Jr.
April 26	California	San Diego	W. Bruce Pruitt
April 28	Indiana	Indianapolis	James M. Ward
April 28-29	Oklahoma	Ardmore	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 1	Maine	Auburn	Blair C. Mayford
May 7	Missouri	Columbia	Blair C. Mayford
May 10	Maryland	Ocean City	Charles R. Neumann
May 10-11	Georgia	Albany	William J. Jones
May 11-13	Utah	Salt Lake City	W. Bruce Pruitt
May 11-13	Kansas	Salina	Blair C. Mayford
May 12-13	Virginia	Roanoke	William J. Jones
May 18-20	Washington	Kennewick	Ernest I. Teter
May 19-20	West Virginia	Wheeling	Sam E. Hilburn
May 19-22	Pennsylvania	Mars	James M. Ward
May 28-31	Florida	Altamonte Springs	Charles R. Neumann
June 1	Montana	Lewistown	Kenneth B. Fischer
June 1-3	Iowa	Cedar Rapids	James M. Ward
June 1-3	Michigan	Lansing	Blair C. Mayford
June 5	Vermont	St. Johnsbury	John O. Bond, Sr.
June 14	Nevada	Fallon	W. Bruce Pruitt
June 16	Wisconsin	Green Bay	Jerry K. Thomas
June 22-24	Minnesota	Bemidji	William J. Jones
July 22	Illinois	Decatur	Blair C. Mayford
August 23-25	Arizona	Poenix area	Charles R. Neumann
September 7-9	Colorado	Grand Junction	William J. Jones
September 14-15	Wyoming	Thermopolis	Ernest I. Teter
September 15-17	New York	Syracuse	John O. Bond, Sr.
September 17-20	Kentucky	Louisville	Blair C. Mayford
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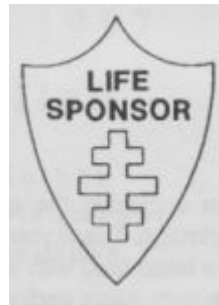
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**Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc  
Twenty-Seventh Voluntary Campaign**

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending December 9, 1994. The total amount contributed to date is \$45,423.96

Alabama.....	\$2,127.00
Arkansas.....	296.00
California.....	2,122.34
Colorado.....	605.00
Connecticut.....	25.00
Delaware.....	30.00
Florida.....	945.00
Georgia.....	8,016.48
Idaho.....	105.00
Illinois.....	2,829.06
Indiana.....	205.00
Iowa.....	721.13
Kansas.....	130.00
Kentucky.....	2,327.00
Louisiana.....	70.00
Maine.....	31.00
Maryland.....	101.00
Michigan.....	4,310.00
Minnesota.....	1,010.00

Mississippi.....	30.00
Missouri.....	370.00
Montana.....	195.00
Nebraska.....	15.00
New Hampshire.....	10000.00
New Jersey.....	200.00
New Mexico.....	3,360.00
New York.....	117.00
North Carolina.....	160.00
North Dakota.....	10.00
Ohio.....	2,051.00
Oklahoma.....	230.00
Oregon.....	187.00
Pennsylvania.....	630.00
South Carolina.....	380.00
South Dakota.....	60.00
Tennessee.....	2,005.00
Texas.....	1,308.00
Utah.....	100.00
Virginia.....	30.00
Washington.....	700.00
West Virginia.....	90.00
Wisconsin.....	10.00
Wyoming.....	500.00
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks.....	100.00
Ivanhoe No 2, Mexico.....	130.00
Miscellaneous.....	6,349.95

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

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**State Of Illinois Supports KTEF**

Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, receives from Rolland Burns, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, a \$10,000 grant from the state of Illinois for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. This presentation took place in the Attorney General's office in Springfield, Illinois.



## **History of the Grand Encampment**

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

#### **Joseph Kyle Orr Twenty-fifth Grand Master 1919-1922 (continued)**

He was knighted in St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3 at Columbus, Georgia, in January 1883 and was Eminent Commander in 1887. The same year he was elected Warder in the Grand Commandery of Georgia. He was Grand Commander in 1895.

At the Triennial Conclave in San Francisco in 1904 he was appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment and in 1919 was elected Grand Master.

During his term as Grand Master, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation was established. It was his great joy throughout the remaining years of his life to watch its progress and accomplishments, as well as his pleasure to be able by his wise advice to assist in furthering this splendid work.

#### **Leonidas Perry Newby Twenty-sixth Grand Master 1922-1925**

Leonidas P. Newby was born in Greensboro, Indiana, on April 9, 1855. In 1872 his family moved to Knightstown. After completing high school and his studies at DePauw University, he took up the study of law. He was admitted to the Bar and began the practice of his profession. He was attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad for

over fifty years. He was prosecuting attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Indiana for four years, a member of the State Senate for eight years and a member of the Indiana Southern Prison Board for five years.

He organized the Citizens National Bank in Knightstown in 1888, and served as its president for thirty-six years. He was one of the organizers of the Knightstown Gas Company. For ten years he was vice-president of the Columbia National Bank of Indianapolis.

He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On March 30, 1926, he received the Cross of the Legion of Honor at the hands of the President of France, for his services in war relief.



**LEONIDAS PERRY NEWBY**  
Twenty-sixth Grand Master, 1922-1925



He passed away on October 25, 1945, at Knightstown after a long illness. The funeral services were held on October 28, 1945, at the Carlyle Butcher Funeral Home with the Grand Commandery of Indiana in charge. The burial was in Glen Cove Cemetery.

Sir Knight Newby was made a Master Mason on June 7, 1882, in Golden Rule Lodge No. 16 at Knightstown, Indiana, and served as Worshipful Master in 1891 and 1892.

He was exalted in Knightstown Chapter No. 33 at Knightstown on November 6, 1882, and served as its High Priest. He was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Cryptic Council No. 9 at Knightstown on November 12, 1883.

He received the 32<sup>o</sup> degree in Indiana Consistory at Indianapolis, on March 24, 1892. He received the Honorary 33<sup>o</sup> degree in Italy in 1926. He was a member of St. James Conclave No. 16, Red Cross of Constantine, and Knightstown Chapter No. 54 of the Eastern Star.

He was created a Knight Templar in Knightstown Commandery No. 9 at Knightstown on January 30, 1883, and was elected Eminent Commander in 1889. In 1901 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

At the Triennial Conclave of 1910 he was appointed Grand Standard Bearer, and in 1922 was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. He was made a Knight Commander of the United Order of the Great Priory of Knights Templar of England and Wales by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master, on June 21, 1927.

In the course of his fraternal work, Sir Knight Newby made many trips abroad during World War I. He was commissioned to visit Europe and see how the half-million dollars contributed by the Knights Templar of the United States could best be used for European relief. During his term as Grand Master, he visited all the jurisdictions in the United States and those of Alaska, Mexico, Porto Rico, Canal Zone, and the

Philippine and Hawaiian Islands, as well as those in Canada.

Sir Knight Newby was loved for his fine character, his wisdom, his great energy and his service to Templary.

### **GEORGE WILLIAM VALLERY**

Twenty-seventh Grand Master  
1925-1928

George W. Vallery was born in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on January 24, 1861, the son of German parentage. He was educated in the public schools and upon graduation from Plattsmouth High School, he entered employment with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad as a telegraph operator. This started his career in the railroad business, which took him to Denver in 1882, to Cheyenne, Wyoming, in 1888, to Salt Lake City as General Agent in 1889, and back to Denver in 1891. In 1904 he became General Manager of the Colorado Midland Railroad and in 1911 was elected president of the company. When he retired from the railroad business he established an investment and brokerage business of which he was head at the time of his death.

In 1891 while General Agent of the C. B. & O. Railroad, in Salt Lake City, he married Miss Martha E. Pickard, the daughter of a prominent merchant of that city.

Sir Knight Vallery died on December 29, 1933. He had not been well following an operation performed the year before, and had been confined for three months to his apartment in the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver where he had made his home for years.

The funeral was held at Denver on January 2, 1934, and was attended by acting Grand Master Andrew Agnew and Grand Recorder Adrian Hamersly, as well as by Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Colorado. After the religious services, a final tribute was given by Past Grand Commander Stanley C. Warner.

### **KTEF Support From Athens, Tennessee**



Commander Dewey Purkey writes that Athens Commandery No. 34, Athens, Tennessee, hosted a chicken barbecue on July 4, 1994, with all proceeds donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The Commandery plans to make this an annual event. Also, at the time of this writing, the Sir Knights were building a float for participation in three to five parades for Christmas 1994

### **New Mexico Knights Templar Support DeMolay**

In New Mexico Knights Templar and Brothers showed their support for DeMolay by attending the institution of a brand new chapter in Estancia. Shown standing with newly installed officers of Estancia Valley Chapter (from left to right) are: Larry R. Packwood, D.G.M.; Sir Knight Wesley D. Thornton, Deputy member, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and Director of Knighthood for DeMolay in New



Mexico; James M. Hubbard, Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge of New Mexico and active member, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay; Tom E. Payne, M.W.

Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico; Sir Knight Danny R. Calloway, P.G.M., Knight Companion of the Red Cross of Constantine, St. Sophia Conclave, and Executive Officer of DeMolay for New Mexico; and Sir Knight James H. Black, Red Cross of Constantine and an active member of International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. The photo was taken by Sir Knight Harry W. Hart II.

### **New York Commandery "Roasts" 20-Year Recorder**



Sir Knight Lester G. Weinheimer, Jr., reports: At its regular stated Conclave on October 24, 1994, the Sir Knights of Lake Erie Commandery No. 20, accompanied by their ladies, enjoyed a delicious sit-down dinner, followed by a short business meeting. Then, they gathered together in the asylum and surprised Sir Knight Warren H. Stone, who has served the Commandery as Recorder for twenty consecutive years.

Commander Louis J. Wunsch, Jr., assisted by Right Worshipful Earle J. Hino, Jr., Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Masons in the state of New York, and three Past Grand Commanders, presented Sir Knight Stone with a plaque commemorating the event. Stone's two daughters and their families were in attendance at the presentation. In the picture, left to right, are Sir Knights: Louis J. Wunsch, Jr.; Edward R. Trosin; Lester G. Weinheimer, Jr.; Richard W. Hillman; James A. Sullivan; Earle J. Hino, Jr.; and Warren H. Stone.

## All In The Family

Its Recorder, Conrad Kupinski, writes that St. George's Commandery No. 37, Schenectady, New York, is proud of the Gibbons family. All are involved in Masonic bodies in various capacities: Besides serving as Commanders, in the group are: five Thrice Potent Masters, A.A.S.R.; two Past Commanders-in Chief, A.A.S.R.; two Past Masters, F. & A.M.; two Past Illustrious Masters, R. & S.M.; and one Past Potentate, AAONMS. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are all brothers: Kenneth T. Gibbons, Commander, 1983-84; Robert M. Gibbons, Commander, 1990-91; Donald R. Gibbons,



Prelate; Richard J. Gibbons, Commander, 1984-85. Pictured in the back row, left to right, are sons and a son-in-law: Gregg Gibbons, son of Richard Gibbons and Commander, 1988-89, of Beauceant No. 7, Brattleboro, Vermont; Shawn B. Gibbons, newly Knighted and son of Richard Gibbons; David C. Gonyea, son-in-law of Donald Gibbons and Commander, 1988-89, 1993-94, 1994-95. Missing from the picture is Kenneth W. Gibbons, son of Donald Gibbons. Future Masonry has much to anticipate since there are eighteen male descendents of this family who will no doubt become Masons and make an equally impressive contribution.

## An Eye Foundation Recipient Responds

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*Eric Kirkland*  
Salem, Alabama

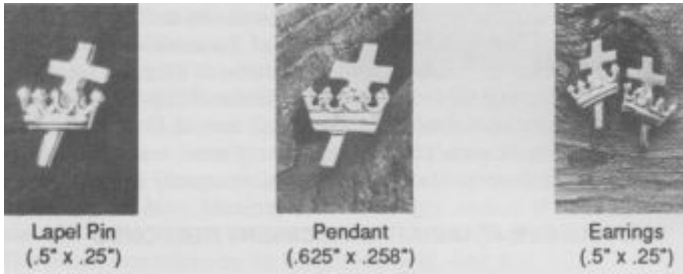
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stems, please submit your order as soon as possible because the first series was sold out. Please make your check payable to Stanley C. Buz and mail to: P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052

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## A Baseball Legend - The Charlie Root Story

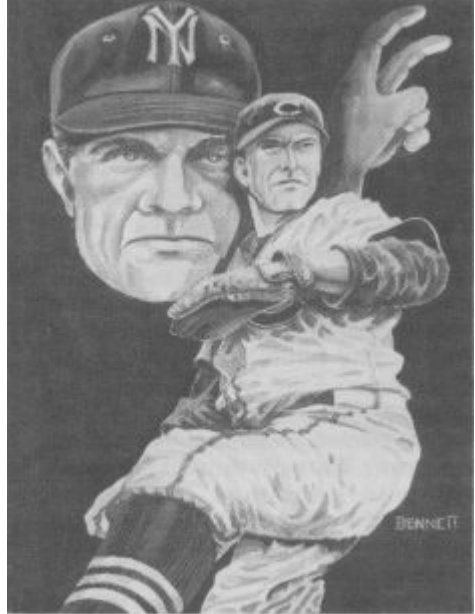
by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, 33<sup>0</sup>, KYCH

There was bedlam at Wrigley Field that bright afternoon of October 1, 1932. A constant, deafening roar from 50,000 fans filled the Chicago baseball stadium. Players from both the Cub and Yankee benches bellowed blood-curdling invectives at each other, with the choicest directed at the immortal Babe Ruth in the batter's box.

The third game of the 1932 World Series was in the fifth inning of a disastrous fall classic for the Cubs. They were well on the way toward losing the series in four consecutive games against the New York Yankee juggernaut; and one of the most celebrated incidents in baseball was about to occur. No fan old enough to remember that day sixty-two years ago will forget the game's most oft-told legend. Old timers say that if a tale is told often enough, the legend becomes history. The truism applies in this instance.

Chicago pitching ace Charlie Root had worked the count to no balls and two strikes on George Herman Ruth, the Yankees' awesome Babe." The din was overpowering as Root coolly rubbed the ball and nodded agreement for a "waste" pitch called by catcher Gabby Harnett. Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis had called the managers and owners together before the game and issued a grim warning. End the profane heckling and verbal abuse between the teams or he would declare the series forfeited. It hadn't helped much.

The legend persists that the Babe stepped out of the batter's box and majestically pointed to the far reaches of center field. The



*Charlie Root lived with the specter of Ruth's two-out hand signal his entire career, and long afterward. Art by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett.*

The legend persists that the Babe stepped out of the batter's box and majestically pointed to the far reaches of center field. The partisan Chicago crowd went insane with rage and frustration. Root, a side-arter, uncorked a steaming low pitch that crossed the plate barely six inches above the ground. Before the crowd realized that Ruth had gone for a bad pitch, they heard the sharp crack of a bat meeting the baseball. The Sultan of Swat

had swung his big stick like a golf club and the throng fell silent as the ball lifted in a towering arc until it was just a speck in the sky. One of the mightiest blows every struck at Wrigley Field cleared the stadium wall in center field.

Ruth minced around the bases, taking the short, pigeon-toed steps that had become one of his most identifiable traits. He had been doing it more often than any other man in baseball history since joining the Yankees in 1920. During his circumambulation, he held up four fingers to indicate four bases, while he proceeded to trot into baseball legend.

It is a dramatic story, but it never happened! Ruth merely held up two fingers prior to that historic pitch to indicate that the count on him stood at two strikes. Hall of Fame catcher Gabby Hartnett confirmed the statement. So did some press box luminaries present in the stadium that day. Among those sportswriters were Damon Runyan, Red Barber, and future National League President, Ford Frick. In his autobiography, Frick verified that Ruth had not pointed toward center field. Even the great Babe Ruth himself never claimed it to be true. The story is attributed to a newspaper statement made by a New York sportswriter named Connelly. The fictional statement was picked up a few days later by Christy Walsh, a publicist hired by the Yankee organization to promote the team and Babe Ruth. Walsh spread the story to every hamlet in the country. In later years, Charlie Root ruefully reflected, "I pitched sixteen years in the majors and won 201 games, and I'm remembered for something that never happened."

The animosity between the Cubs and Yankees during the 1932 series was fueled by circumstances surrounding the fact that former Yankee infielder, Mark Koenig, acquired by Chicago in late 1932, had been voted only a half share of World Series money. In the twilight of his career,

Koenig had been acquired by the Cubs through the waiver process to serve as a utility player during their stretch drive. Mark appeared in thirty-three games, and had been an asset to the team. The Yankees arrived in Chicago incensed over what they considered unfair treatment of the popular Koenig. Many bitter remarks passed between the players over the "cheapskate" decision to grant Koenig only a half share of the players' receipts. Babe Ruth had been one of the most vocal Yankees, declaring - among other things - that he made more money than the entire Chicago team.

Root was one of the fiercest competitors the game ever knew, and he amassed a fabulous pitching record doing what he loved best - playing baseball. His cigar-chomping, no-nonsense visage was one of the most intimidating tools in his baseball arsenal, and it was claimed that "Nobody would dare to point on Charlie



*Charlie Root, the great competitor, in 1932. Photo courtesy of Della Root Arnold.*

Root." This writer is able to add a personal confirmation to that statement, after watching the great pitcher shatter his beloved Pittsburgh Pirates time after time during those magical 1930s.

Root was no flame-thrower like Van Lingle Mungo, but he was one of the craftiest pitchers in the game, with a mystifying array of pitches. Of course, during those same years with the Cubs, Charlie had the batting support of Kiki Cuyler, Chuck Klein, Hack Wilson, Riggs Stephenson, and even Rogers Hornsby

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for a couple of seasons. They were a pitcher's dream come true.

Charles Henry Root was an Ohio native, born March 17, 1899, in Middletown. He was the eighth child of Jacob and Mary Hoit Root, both born in a German immigrant settlement at Miamisburg, Ohio. Charles grew up in a home where the German language was spoken exclusively. Jacob was a master carpenter, and a stern disciple of the philosophy which demanded every male be gainfully employed when he was old enough to hold a job. He held a low opinion of baseball, calling it "a lot of foolishness." Charles and his brother Jake, two years older, loved the game in spite of parental disapproval. It is still a mystery how they became knowledgeable about baseball and the major leagues without a newspaper in the home. The

parents were unable to read English.

Both Jake and Charlie were outstanding athletes in school, particularly in track and field events; but they also starred on the baseball, football, and basketball teams. Charlie had a personality attribute that eluded Jake. He had the drive and talent to be a professional baseball player. That burning ambition would propel him into the major leagues. Jacob Root, however, had different ideas, and they did not include school beyond eight grades. When Jake and Charlie were eight or ten years old, their father had arranged jobs for them at Joe Day's grocery store, but they still found time to practice throwing a homemade baseball at a knot in the fence to hone their throwing accuracy. When they reached the age of thirteen, each boy was apprenticed, in turn, to the Armco Rolling Mill at Middletown. This meant dropping out of school. When it came Charlie's turn, the school authorities objected.

The boy was a brilliant mathematics student, and the principal argued that Charlie had the potential to become a famous engineer if he continued his education. The school authorities begged Jacob to allow Charlie to continue. He ended the conversation by stating bluntly, "College is for snoots, not Roots." Young Charlie was going to the Armco Mill. He didn't mind, because he knew the mill fielded the finest semi-pro baseball teams in Ohio. In 1912, the lad became an apprentice pattern maker at thirteen years.

It was a miracle that Charles lived long enough to grow up. At five years of age, he contracted diphtheria, and it seemed to be hopeless. His mother held the dying boy in her arms four days, expecting the end any time. Fortunately, local medical authorities were looking for a child with diphtheria on whom they might try an experimental serum. Young Charles was elected to receive it. Miraculously, the small boy recovered to become one of

baseball's great stars.

In spite of the childhood illness, Root was blessed with a rugged physique. He developed into a strong thrower and a fine pitcher, playing regularly throughout the Middletown area as the years passed. Of course, he pitched on the Armco teams; but he also hurled for other semipro teams in the local leagues, earning as much as \$5.00 for a Sunday game. His mother became an enthusiastic booster, although she never understood baseball. It was enough that my

**"The Chicago Cubs bought his contract for \$50,000 in 1926. In the course of the 1927 season, Wrigley's new twenty-seven-year-old rookie sensation won eighteen games. He went on to win twenty-six the next year."**

Charlie" got his pictures in the paper all the time. Sadly, Jacob died in 1925, and never saw his son achieve major league status. He died disapproving of the game. A development beyond Root's control conspired to limit his career in major league baseball. His big break did not come until he was twenty-four, and then it was short-lived. Charlie had matured as a pitcher, but was not scouted until 1921.

When he was nineteen years old, Charlie married pretty Dorothy Hartman. The year was 1918, and the youngsters eloped to Newport, Kentucky, where they could legally marry. A year later, Della, the first of two children, was born. She was two when Root got his break. He was scouted by the cellar-dwelling St. Louis Browns in the summer of 1921, and signed to a contract. The \$200.00 a month salary the Browns offered seemed like a fortune to the young pattern maker who was earning \$25.00 per week. Charlie was ordered to report to the Terre Haute,

Indiana team, a Browns farm club in the Three I League.

Root burned up the Three I League for two seasons, climaxing his stay in Indiana by winning both ends of a doubleheader. He was brought up by the St. Louis Browns late in 1923. His debut there was unforgettable.

The Browns were hosting the Detroit Tigers, and Charlie was faced with the task of pitching to the immortal Ty Cobb. It was a terrifying prospect for a rookie, and Root was understandably very nervous. Twice, his erratic throwing put the irascible Cobb in the dirt. On the second occasion, the Georgia Peach roared to his feet and charged the mound, bellowing that he would kill the young rookie with his bat. The Norwegian catching star, Hank Severeid, was behind the plate for the Browns, and trotted out to the mound to take a hand in the fracas. Hank made a single statement, 'If you lay a hand on that kid, I'll beat you to death with this mask.' It calmed the volatile Detroit star immediately. Severeid was tall and strong - too much of a mountain for even the combative hitting star to climb. From that time forward, the rookie pitcher and the seasoned catcher were fast friends.

It marked a catastrophic beginning for a promising big league career. Charlie lost four games, and won none for the lowly Browns. Even worse, he broke an ankle sliding into third base during the fourth loss. His major league career appeared to be over when St. Louis traded Root to the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League during the winter. It became one of the poorest trades they ever made, when Charlie regained his winning form and led the Pacific Coast League in pitching in 1924 and 1925. The Chicago Cubs bought his contract for \$50,000 in 1926. In the course of the 1927 season, Wrigley's new twenty-seven-year-old rookie sensation won eighteen games. He went on to win twenty-six the next year.



Early in the 1928 season, Charlie developed a sore arm. He had worked in ninety games in the two previous seasons, and it appeared as if he had damaged his arm permanently - at least, Dr. Spencer, a famous sports physician, thought so. Devastated, Charlie returned home to Dorothy and his two youngsters, terribly depressed. Dorothy, and the two children, Della and four-year-old Charles William would not accept the verdict that the arm was permanently damaged. They were his

**"Following the 1932 World Series, Charlie continued his winning ways throughout the decade. During the course of his career with the Cubs, he amassed a total of over 3,000 innings of pitching. His durability and competitive spirit became a legend in the National League."**

most avid supporters, and Dorothy resolutely maintained that Charlie would be as great a pitcher as ever after trainer Andy Lotshaw worked his magic on the offending arm. She was right, and Root survived the difficult 1928 season to rebound in 1929 with a sparkling record of nineteen wins against six losses, pitching in a total of forty games. Charlie suffered another heartbreaker in the 1929 World Series, to end the season. Pitching against Howard Emke, an ancient Philadelphia Athletics' pitcher, Charlie lost the opener 3 - 1. Wily Connie Mack resurrected Emke from the ranks of over-the-hill pitchers to confound the Chicago club with an amazing display of pitching wizardry.

Root continued to be a workhorse for the Cubs' pitching staff, loaded with such stars as Guy Bush, Lon Warneke, Larry French, and an elderly Burleigh Grimes. Among his closest friends on the squad during his 16-

year career with them were the aforementioned Larry French, Stanley Hack, the irrepressible Charlie Grimm, and Jay H. "Dizzy" Dean. Those great players formed the nucleus of Chicago's fine pitching staff over the years. Even after ending his brief baseball career in Chicago, Dizzy remained a close friend until his death.

Among Charlie's golden memories was the friendship with Ronald "Dutch" Reagan, future President of the United States. Dutch came to spend spring training with the club in 1936 as a young sports announcer covering Cub games on Des Moines radio. His expression of sympathy on the occasion of Root's death, and support of subsequent memorial events honoring the great pitcher, have endeared Reagan to the family.

Charlie and Dorothy purchased the Diamond R Ranch in 1936. It was a secluded retreat some thirty miles from the town of Hollister, California. The ranch was an ideal setting for the Roots during the off-season. They hunted and fished, and Dorothy became an expert shooter under Charlie's tutelage. It was a safe haven during his playing years, and the family's beloved home after he retired from baseball. The Root children grew up on the ranch.

Following the 1932 World Series, Charlie continued his winning ways throughout the decade. During the course of his career with the Cubs, he amassed a total of over 3,000 innings of pitching. His durability and competitive spirit became a legend in the National League. As proof of the esteem which Root was accorded by his peers, the statement of Yankee manager, Joe McCarthy, was typical.. On the occasion of "Marse" Joe's retirement as Yankee manager of New York in 1946, he stated, "If I could have only one pitcher, it would be Charlie Root, because of his great heart, determination, and loyalty..." McCarthy was well qualified to speak about Root's qualifications. He had served as the

Cubs' manager from 1926 until 1930, when he was unceremoniously fired. It was a sweet revenge to return as the Yankee manager in 1932 to humble the Cubs.

By the end of the 1940 season, Charlie was reaching the end of his long Chicago career. He still worked in thirty-six games, but he was well past his 40th birthday, an age when most pitchers have long since hung up the glove. But for his late start in the majors, Charlie may well have spent another ten years in a big league uniform. The cubs released Root in 1941, stating to the press that he would be managing their Los Angeles Angels farm team the next season. World War II started that winter.

When Charlie arrived in California, the Angels knew nothing about the Chicago press release. He simply went cross town and signed as a pitcher and scout for the Hollywood Stars. Root had no intention of leaving baseball. He held no rancor toward the Chicago ball club for the shabby circumstances of his departure. He was always fond of William Wrigley, who had taken a fatherly interest in Charlie throughout his career. Mr. Wrigley was remembered for having given his \$3,000 personal check to Root to reimburse him for bad advice he had proffered concerning a stock venture in 1929. The Yellow Cab stock he recommended suffered a severe loss in the 1929 market crash.

Root managed the Hollywood Stars in 1943-44. He declined a commission in the U. S. Navy and an assignment in their sports program. He had no interest in changing careers at age forty-five. Charlie went with the St. Louis Cardinals' American Association farm team at Columbus, Ohio, after the 1944 season. With the Red Birds, as pitcher-manager, he led the American Association in pitching. His daughter Della recalls what she believes to be his finest baseball hour while he was pitching for Columbus.

In the first game of a Sunday double-header, Root called for a squeeze play,

which failed. Three runners were stranded on base as the inning ended. The fans howled for Charlie's scalp. As Froggie Brunswick warmed up to pitch the second game for the Red Birds, the hostility continued, with a screaming litany from the stands demanding Root's firing. Finally, he walked out of the dugout, glove in hand, and waved Froggie off the mound. Amid a horrendous chorus of boos, Charlie proceeded to strike out the first batter on three pitches. He repeated the process on

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the next hitter and the next. Altogether, Root fanned four consecutive hitters, and went on to win the game. Boos changed to lusty cheers long before the game ended, and Charlie Root was the darling of the fickle crowd again.

In 1950, Dorothy started an antique business in Hollister, south of San Francisco, while Charles pursued his career as a manager or coach for a few years more. He finally retired to the Diamond R in 1962, ending a career in baseball begun in 1912 at Armco in Middletown. It had been a marvelous half century, but the old warrior was happy to hang up his glove at last, and devote his time to hunting, fishing and golf. He also helped Dorothy in her thriving antique

venture. Recognition of his contribution to baseball was prominently noted when Charles was elected to membership in the Butler County (Ohio) Hall of Fame, the Ohio Hall of Fame, in Toledo; and naturally, the Chicago Cubs Hall of Fame.

Life was pleasant and rewarding for Charlie Root until he suffered a neck injury in 1964 while loading his pickup truck for an antique show. He straightened up abruptly and struck his neck violently on the cab of the truck. The following day he was disoriented and had to be admitted to Stanford Hospital. He slipped into a coma and was unconscious for three weeks. Charlie never completely recovered from the injury. One complication followed another until leukemia was diagnosed in 1970. Within six weeks after the chilling diagnosis, Charlie Root passed away on November 5th.

In accordance with his wishes, Charlie's remains were cremated and the ashes scattered over his beloved Diamond R Ranch. A great outpouring of grief and sympathy was the response to the news, from all sections of the country. Among the 300 letters of condolence, that of Ronald Reagan was prominent. He observed that above all, Charlie was "always a gentleman." In his honor, Dorothy established the "Charlie Root Memorial Golf Tournament." The proceeds were donated over the years to the Little League Program, scholarship support, and several other sport programs. Nineteen years later, Charlie's beloved Dorothy followed him in death in 1988, at age eighty-nine.

The end of Charlie Root's career coincided with the close of a very special era in baseball. The game was never quite the same after World War II, when money became plentiful and players commanded enormous salaries. The advent of television transformed sports into a major industry, and players equipped themselves with agents, lawyers, investment counselors, and a powerful trade union. It was a far cry from the days when a fine player devoted his career trying to achieve a salary in the

30,000-dollar range. In Root's day, the benchmark for a good big league hitter was a sustained average of .300 or better. Today, many .250 hitters are paid millions for a season. On the present baseball scene, pitchers specialize as early-inning, middle-inning, and late relievers. It is a rarity to have the starting pitcher survive for nine innings. That sigh you hear from the Diamond R is one of disbelief from Charlie's ethereal spirit.

Those attributes that characterized Charles Henry Root are not so evident today. The dedication to team and playing in spite of painful injury are not part of the modern player's psyche. Love of baseball kept Root going until his mid 40s, far beyond the limit of most players. False pride never kept him from playing wherever the game took him - and he held no grudges. In spite of broken promises and shabby treatment at the close of his playing career, he took everything in stride. Steadfast, moderate, and loyal, Charles was an exemplary husband for fifty-three years.

Those are the identical qualities we seek in every Freemason and happily, Charlie was one of us. He was Raised in Perseverance Lodge No. 973, in Chicago, on August 15, 1938. He was a lifelong Mason, and habitually attended Lodge while on the road. His constant companion on those visits was trainer Andy Lotshaw, his close friend. Lotshaw was Raised in No. 973 just a few months after Charlie.

Among Root's fellow Lodge members in No. 973, were many renowned stars playing with the Cubs during the same years. Numbered among that sizeable list were John "Sheriff" Blake, Guy Bush, James O. "Tex" Carleton, Elwood "Woody" English, Stanley Hack, Billy Herman, and Billy Jurgens - a veritable "Who's Who" of the Chicago Cubs.

If there is inspiration to be gained from a memorable past career, it is so with that of Charlie Root. He left us giant tracks in the sands of time, and few have followed afterward who could fill them completely.

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## Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 Honors Sir Knight and Senator Dills

The Grand Chapter Public Relations Committee writes that Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Signet Chapter No. 57, R.A.M., and Omega Council No. 11, R. & S.M., honored eighty-four-year-old Companion and Sir Knight Ralph C. Dills on October 15, 1994, at a reception at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills. In the picture are Al Cowan, Generalissimo of Los Angeles No. 9, and Sir Knight Dills in the cowboy hat.

Masonic Brothers from all over the state of California gathered together to recognize Senator Dills for his outstanding leadership as a legislator for more than thirty-seven year of



combined service in the state senate and assembly.

In a raspy voice mixed with the drawl of his southwestern roots, Sir Knight Dills shared some tales of the early days in sweltering Sacramento before air conditioning, television, and political reform. He recalled lobbyists offering to wine and dine lawmakers "day and night" and organizing special gambling trains to Reno.

Dills is an active chairman of the Governmental Organization Committee, which handles gambling and liquor

legislation. He frequently presides over the Senate debates and states he is "too old to quit."

As a Democratic representative, Dills is recognized by his stalwart Republican friends as a man who remains fit to serve and is considered a living legend.

Senator Dills is not only a longtime York Rite Mason, but also a Scottish Rite, 33<sup>o</sup>, a Shriner, and a life member of DeMolay.

submitted by Frederick T. Alexander,  
Chairman

### **La Crosse Assembly No. 215, S.O.O.B.**

LaCrosse Assembly No. 215, S.O.O.B., at La Crosse, Wisconsin, started the fall meetings in great order by initiating Mrs. Ray Amador into their Assembly. All the officers were wearing new robes made by Mrs. Carol Bush of Minneapolis Assembly No. 46. Their original robes had burned in a fire in 1979, and they were using robes donated by an Oklahoma Assembly.

La Crosse Assembly continues to remember their 'adopted veteran' at the veterans' hospital and other veterans at the local veterans' home, who appreciate a monetary gift and cookies on Veterans' Day. This assembly also continues to support the work of the Salvation Army with food and hours of service during the holidays.

In the picture are: front row, left to right: Mrs. Franklin Neuman, P.P.; Mrs. Ray Amador, newest member; Mrs. Wesley Denny, Recorder; back row, left to right: Mrs. Les Tyler, Preceptress; Mrs. James Davis, Worthy President of La Crosse Assembly No. 215.





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Wanted: starting Commandery line and need chapeau, size 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> or 751G. David Hamilton, P.O. Box 351, Bloomville, OH 44818, (419) 983-3382.

For sale: new C.P.O. uniform coats, polyester/wool, summer weight. Sizes: 42S, 44S, 4.4XL. (Sorry, we are out of 48XL.) \$20.0) each plus S & N. Small sizes (35S and 36XS) for \$5.00 each can be used as pocket flap material. Percentage will be donated to KTEF. John Myers, 2120 N. SR. 127, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-2797 or J. William Meyers, 1460 East U.S. Highway 20, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-5686.

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G. G. granddaught looking for parents/siblings of Alexander Lewis Moorehead, b. 1807 Adams County, PA; tailor in Andrew Johnson's shop, Greeneville, TN, 1833, where married Magaret Park. Her father, Andrew Park, and his brother, James Park, came to Greeneville from inland. They were Masons; Lodge records reportedly destroyed during Civil War. Second generation, Masons in Greenville and Tuscola, came to Tuscola, Douglas Co, IL, 1880\$. Betty Jane Lagerquist, 4384 Appplewood Lane, Loves Park, IL 67777.

My grandfather, Charles P. Linder, birth name Carl Pettus Jonsson, b. In Sweden. 1880. was a lawyer in Chicago early 1990s and member of Edgewater Lodge No. 901. A.F. & A.M. He died 1923. Brother living in Chicago. I would like to know the surname his brother used. Charles E. Lagequist, 4384 Appplewood Lane, Loves Park, IL 61111.

Seeking whereabouts of Sidney Shear: lived with wife, infant son, mother-in-law Marnie Travers, and brother-in-law, veteran Korean War, on Washington Street in Baltimore. Mother-in-law was operator of small fish market back of house, late 40s, early '50s. Wife was Jacqueline or Jackie. For more info Bill Earle, 214 Long Avenue, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Wish to locale former Navy buddy or family of: Euwail Giles. Last known address was Lafayette, AL, or Heflin, AL. Call collect (315) 343-8832 or write Everett Cooper, Box 62, Lycorning, NY 13093.

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Reunion: members 5061h Fighter Group (4571h, 458th and 462nd)-lighter squadrons on two Jima 50 years ago. Reunion at Montgomery, AL, April 19-22, 1995. John J Grant . 500 Palm Springs Blvd, Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937, (407) 777-7660 or Delbert L. Zeller, P.O. Box 46, Arlington, SD 57212-0046. (605) 983-5137.

## My Resolve

To live as gently as I can;  
To be, no matter where, a man  
To take what comes of good or ill  
And cling to faith and honor still;  
To do my best and let that stand,  
The record of my brain and hand.  
And then, should failure come to me  
Still work and hope for victory.

To have no secret place wherein  
I stoop unseen to shame and sin;  
To be the same when I'm alone,  
As when my every deed is known;  
To live undaunted, unafraid  
Of any step that I have made;  
To be without pretense or sham  
Exactly what men think I am.

*Edgar A. Guest*