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Salute to the Masonic Past Presidents of the United States of America

February has, for a short period of time, been designated as the month of the year that we have set aside to honor those who have served our nation as President. This tradition began many years ago with the celebration of the birthdays of President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln in the month of their birthdays.



Fourteen of the presidents of the United States of America have been Master Masons and have carried out the true virtues of the Masonic order. They were: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S Truman, and Gerald R. Ford.

Each has left a legacy to us, to our children, and to our grandchildren that is rich in history and steeped in glory. Many of these Masonic presidents, since George Washington and through Gerald Ford, have served during events in history that make us all proud to be able to call them Brethren.

There is another group of Brethren and Sir Knights with whom we are more closely associated. They have served as Presidents of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation since its inception. Sir Knights Walter A. DeLamater, Louis Henry Wieber, Paul Miller Moore, Wilber Marion Brucker, John Lawton Crofts, Sr., George Wilbur Bell, Roy Wilford Riegle, Willard Meredith Avery*, Kenneth Culver Johnson, Ned Eugene Dull, Donald Hinslea Smith, Marvin Edward Fowler, and William Henry Thornley, Jr.

Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater served as the first Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and Sir Knight George Wilbur Bell served as the second Executive Director. Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith has been reappointed Chairman of the 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

We can be proud of this group of Sir Knights who have served the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as Presidents and who have served the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America as Grand Masters.

Tournament of Roses Parade

It was a very high honor, as your Grand Master, to be aboard the float of the Grand Lodge of California, A.F. & A.M., in the Tournament of Roses Parade, held on Monday, January 2, 1995. It is an occasion that I shall never forget.

All of Masonry, which was on parade that Monday morning, owes the Grand Lodge of California and its great committee many thanks for a job well done.

Valentine's Day

Don't forget another very important day in the month of February. Valentines Day is February 14. **Give Your Sweetheart a Big Hug and Kiss.**

* - Living

Blair Christy Mayford
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

FEBRUARY: Past Grand Master Donald H. Smith is back on page 5 with an inspirational message to all Sir Knights about the 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF. And this month *Knight Templar* celebrates the birthday of Masonry's favorite Brother by picturing him on our cover. George Washington is seen in Masonic regalia. You'll find more on page 9 in a story of just how the ordinary Brother may have associated with this great man and another Brother of the time, Benjamin Franklin. And there's much, much more, of course, so sit back and enjoy!

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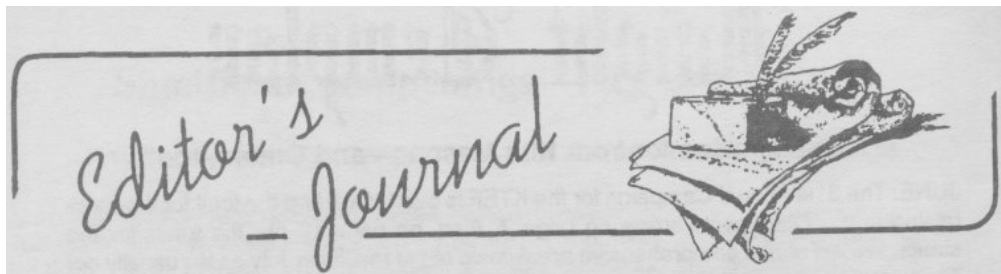
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Corrections: The Annual Conclave for Mississippi will take place March 24-25, 1995. The Annual Conclave for Missouri will take place May 20, 1995. The Information In the January issue was Incorrect on these two Annual Conclaves.

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.

Complimentary for Widows: Widows of Knights Templar are eligible to continue receiving our magazine as long as they desire. To retain or reinstate the mailing, simply Instruct your local Recorder or the Grand Encampment of your wishes.

It's February -
Middle Month!



27th Annual Voluntary Campaign .Knights Templar Eye Foundation

by Sir Knight Donald H. Smith
Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment
National Campaign Chairman, 27th Voluntary Campaign

Your 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign has reached its mid-point in time, and now we are on the downhill run. This means an ever increasing acceleration of the limited time we have left to meet our million-dollar-plus goal for the gifts we are giving in His name.

Jesus, the Captain of our Salvation, said, "Go on your way and tell John what things you have seen and heard, how the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and to the poor the Gospel is preached." (Luke 7:22)

It is a great gift we have been given: the gift of being able, in His Holy Name, to give sight to the blind.

Since we have been given so great a gift, let each of us give to His work and plan projects that will bring others to give to this purpose.

Our Lord has given us the ability to do this as He said: "Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father, and whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:12-13).

With that strong pledge, how can we fail to bring sight to more and more needy blind persons?

If your Commandery has not started a fund-raising project, you need to stoke the fire and get up a good head of steam. You are on the downhill run - two short months to go.

On page 6 is a letter that will help us all realize more fully what we as Knights Templar are accomplishing in His Name and for His Glory.



September 10, 1994

Dear Knights Templar:

I would like to take a minute of your time to thank you for what you've done.

You see, my mother (M.B.), was almost completely blind due to cataracts in both eyes. We had tried everything to get her help, but to no avail, so as time went by, I watched a vital, healthy woman turn into a scared and frightened person who needed help with such everyday things as feeding herself.

My mother told me, 'You never truly appreciate something until it's gone.' In that she meant her sight. I felt so helpless just watching her wilt away, and there was nothing I could do. **And then you came!** With hearts as warm and loving as yours, you gave more than just money; you gave my mother back that precious gift of sight. And I will never be able to thank you enough.

Sincerely,
R. C.
West Virginia

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

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. - Twenty-seventh Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending January 6, 1995. The total amount contributed to date is \$166,106.34.

Alabama	\$3,967.00
Arizona	2,348.00
Arkansas	1,098.00
California.....	13,498.18
Colorado	1,922.00
Connecticut.....	2,715.00
Delaware.....	210.00
Florida	5,791.00
Georgia	17,401.48
Idaho	1,638.00
Illinois	5,778.56
Indiana	3,061.50
Iowa	1,506.13
Kansas	350.00
Kentucky	3,972.00
Louisiana	550.00
Maine.....	653.45
Maryland	1,526.00
Mass./R.1.....	1,019.00
Michigan	6,209.18
Minnesota	1,532.00
Mississippi	537.00
Missouri	2,465.97

Montana	350.00
Nebraska	401.75
Nevada.....	1,000.00
New Hampshire	663.00
New Jersey	1,520.10
New Mexico	6,228.76
New York.....	1,705.50
North Carolina.....	5,170.00
North Dakota	220.00
Ohio	3,165.90
Oklahoma.....	525.00
Oregon	1,312.00
Pennsylvania	9,994.00
South Carolina	2,715.66
South Dakota.....	1,137.00
Tennessee.....	5,592.38
Texas	5,089.00
Utah	7,380.00
Vermont	25.00
Virginia.....	6,450.00
Washington	1,305.00
West Virginia.....	7,585.00
Wisconsin.....	3,540.00
Wyoming	1,507.00
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks.....	1,100.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico	190.00
Miscellaneous	10,484.84

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. New Club Memberships

Grand Commander's Club

- No. 100,205-Charles D. Strickland (GA)
- No. 100,206-Bob McNeill (WY)
- No. 100,207-Bobby Joe Ledford (AL)
- No. 100,208-Ruben Octavio Rosas Rodriguez
(Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico)
- No. 100,209-Nevin Critchlow (PA)
- No. 100,210-Kenneth B. Fischer (TX)
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- No. 100,212-H. Rusby Couper(GA)
- No. 100,213-John T. Guy, Sr. (GA)
- No. 100,214-Clayton Albert Wolfe (LA)
- No. 100,215-Thomas J. Mortimer (MD)
- No. 100,216-Alfred E. Yeaton (PA)
- No. 1,00,217-Phillip K. Crumm, Sr. (CA)
- No. 100,218-Walter L. Peters (OR)
- No. 100,219-Edward T. Toebe (KY)
- No. 100,220-Millard L. Fretland (FL)

Grand Master's Club

- No. 2,291-Walter D Hanisch (CA)
- No. 2,292-Leonard G. Mathison (MN)
- No. 2,293-M. D. Crull (KY)
- No. 2,294-James E. Williams (GA)
- No. 2,295-James Sauls (GA)
- No. 2,296-John P. Himes (CO)
- No. 2,297-Henry B. Wynn (AZ)
- No. 2,298-H. Gregory Hiers (SC)
- No. 2,299-Jack P. Buerkle (ID)
- No. 2,300-in honor of George W. Bill (CT)
- No. 2,301-in honor of Theodore H.
Saamanen (FL)
- No. 2,302-Clarence E. Davis, Jr. (GA)
- No. 2,303-Bob McNeil (WY)
- No. 2,304-Herbert W. and Mildred Spath (MD)
- No. 2,305-in honor of Lester O. Reynolds (WA)
by Eugene C. Maillard, Escondido, CA
- No. 2,306-Bennie G. Owens (MD)
- No. 2,307-Stephen D. Waite (OR)
- No. 2,308-2,313-by *Pilgrim Commandery No. 21*
(WV)
- No. 2,308-Thomas Broughton (WV)
- No. 2,309-Merrill Fretwell (WV)
- No. 2,310-William E. Simmons, Sr. (WV)
- No. 2,311-Earl Rhoad (WV)
- No. 2,312-Jeffrey Stalnaker (WV)
- No. 2,313-Morris Neil Stalnaker (WV)
- No. 2,314-William G. Borella (GA) in memory of
Mr. Martin

- No. 2,315-Roy A. Payton, Jr. (CO)
- No. 2,316-Jack A. Faubian (GA)
- No. 2,317-Robert N. Osborne (MI)
- No. 2,318-Mrs. Berniece B. Kulp (PA) in
memory of Henry B. Kulp
- No. 2,319-William R. Schnirring (IL)
- No. 2,320-Joseph B. Chambers, Sr. (GA)

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

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

Grand Master 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.

Recipients Of The Grand Encampment Membership Jewel

120. Glenn A. Siron, Washington Commandery
No. 1, Walla Walla, WA. 10-15-94.
121. Kenneth E. Story, Hugh de Payens
Commandery No. 1, Little Rock, AR.
10-27-94.
122. Raymond H. Huffman, Kanawha
Commandery No. 4, Charleston, WV.
11-8-94.
123. William E. Beard, Cyrene Commandery
No. 23, Vandalia, IL. 11-9-94.
124. Leslie H. Faulkner, Alexius Commandery
No. 22, Jackson, GA. 11-10-94.
125. Frank W. McNally, St. John's Commandery
No. ii, Windham, CT. 12-16-94.
126. Robert V. Roberts, Jr., Ascension
Commandery No. 6, Shreveport, LA.
12-16-94.
127. Lillard E. Payne, Payen Commandery No.
16, Lafayette, LA. 12-16-94.
128. H. Gregory Hiers, Hampton Commandery
No. 23, Hampton, SC. 12-16-94.



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. Of the price of every stein that is ordered, \$8.00 will go to the Eye Foundation and \$2.00 will go to 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



A Time Traveler Visits An Ordinary Man

by Sir Knight James A. Ray

Lines of rank could never be clearly defined or finely drawn in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. ' "These people," said a royal governor who knew the Virginia Chesapeake area, "know too well from whence they come, and the ordinary planters who have land of their own, though not much, look upon themselves to be as good as the best of them."

George Washington exemplified this feeling of universality and respect for his fellow man that was first noticed by the English royal governor many years prior to establishment of Washington's international reputation.

Freemasonry in America claims our greatest hero to be George Washington. Let us conjecture his impact in but one single moment in Philadelphia 1787.

Grant thee me this simple liberty thus, and suspend thy beliefs and expand your imagination beyond yonder boundaries of words into realms of wispy thoughts and wonders.

The air swells early from the warmth of the sun. The month of May this year is less humid than last. Ye are knowing, I am sure, that tis not the heat in Philadelphia, tis only the humidity. The ale at Tun Tavern flows easily, as men seek relief from the vagaries of life in the new Republic. I am James, apprenticed printer to Master B. Franklin; he

tells me to drink soft cider with a mind to keep mine eyes clear and hands steady to set type and handle the paper. Whilst he suffers not the same admonition. He is to be forgiven; his health is causing him much discomfort. First the gout; now the stones; pity. I see the Master Franklin is with several friends, men he oft goes with to his Mason's society lodge. When they meet, they give no tokens or signs esoteric, as is spoken of among the rabble that loiters near the Carpenters Hall looking for trouble and drinking their two penny porter. Those louts are speaking as truth through hats unstained by honest labours.

I must apologize, my platitudes utter forth perpetually. Years spent with Master Franklin, reading his *Poor Richard's*, have influenced me greatly.

For mineself, I have had a good impression of the society of Masons for some time. Twas only last month I signed a brief petition to them given me by Master Franklin. He said that mine entreaty being honest, I was welcome to ask to join them, but said nothing more. Last year, in April 1786, I had taken but a small part in the printers' strike that paralyzed Philadelphia. I hoped that my past political actions had not given them of me, a poor reputation, and an unseemly standing in general society.

Yet, it has been till the new moon, and I have not heard one morsel of comment from the usually vocal Master Franklin.

"James, come hero among us." Master Franklin gestured politely toward me with his silver tipped cane. My elation at being asked to stand with distinguished businessmen and craftsmen swelled my chest. I patted down a loose hair of my periwig, and then noticed a blotted ink smear had stained my trousers.

"Our meeting night next, James, vous aurez vos lecons des maconrie."

What did Master Franklin say? His damnable habit of interspersing French throughout his everyday language! "Sir, what?"

"Sorry, James, I want you to know that meeting night next you will have your degrees of Masonry, and with a special Warden that night."

I knew better than to ask who would be there, or what would become of me. I was only proud to be accepted in the society of Masons. I soon would be a master printer, too, and a real member of Philadelphia businessmen's society.

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Perhaps it was too early, but I might even be able to afford to take a wife!

The 6th of June, 1787, came upon us fast. Master Franklin told me of a dinner meeting he was having for the Executive Council in Philadelphia, and his special guest, George Washington. My instructions were to come to the tavern at 8 o'clock p.m., and to be sober.

The Tun was the usual clamor of noisy arguments and loud games. A ruckus

outside drew me to the door; Master Franklin in his sedan chair had arrived and created a minor stir. Alongside a hired livery pulled up and several strangers disembarked.

A man I knew by face, but not by name, approached me and took me aside. His blue eyes twinkled, framed by blond hair 'neath a proper tricorne.

"James McCrory, art thou here of your own accord?" It was the undertaker's 'prentice, Walter. Taking hold of my arm, he ushered me to the back of the tavern.

He led me upstairs to a tiny room hard by the entrance to a larger room, where a man of age stood by a closed door.

My new found friend was most explicit in his instructions to me.

So very soon, I knew who the special Master would be. When I finally countenanced that famous visage of Master Warden Washington, the moon was not fully risen, tho' the Light within the room was great. I saw the faces of all that around me stood, and heard the Antient words. His tall figure slightly shoulder bent, the hero of our new Country showed how with harmony, Freemasons meet. His voice echoed several others, yet still drew me closer than they, in his simple explanations. Tho' a giant of stature of six-foot and two; his feet in fine crafted shoes, and silver buckled, stepped toward me in form and ceremony, not tripping or lumbering, but smooth and sure. His grips were strong and honest; his fingers long and somehow graceful, as his words harmonized the drum tattoo that played within my chest. Master Franklin, though his stones were vexing him greatly, joined with mighty efforts as around the Masons circled in the final throes of Hiram legend and my Raising sublime.

My heart pounding now, Brother George Washington placed upon me with his own strong hands a Master Mason's apron. His words without stumble gave

me charge in life and spirit brave.

For me, that night is without compare. I went on in life to gain both hearth and home in great happiness. My Mason's vows give me a strength and path toward a full and happy sojourn upon this land and in this world.

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The clouds of imagination and conjecture now swirl and lift, and Time returns to let your imaginations now reckon reality once again.

Brother George Washington visited Philadelphia many times in his political career, and it is absolutely certain that he attended Lodge with Masons frequently in the city. He would have certainly

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welcomed the opportunity to witness or take part in degrees. George Washington, while an impressive personage of charismatic personality, was an active and very proud Mason. Brother George Washington is said to have made the Marquis de Lafayette a Mason at the King of Prussia Inn. This inn is still located at the intersection of two of the busiest highways in the Philadelphia region.

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historical record of Brother Washington.

Born in 1732 the son of a Virginia planter, George Washington was initiated November 4, 1752, in Alexandria Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, Virginia. He became Worshipful Master on December 20, 1788. Upon his inauguration as President on April 30, 1789, George Washington became the only Worshipful Master and President of the United States to serve concurrently.

The events alluded to in this story are historically accurate. The Tun Tavern is still standing, Carpenters Hall is, of course, at the centerpiece of historic Colonial Philadelphia, and those that don't know us still speak loudly of our society. The Executive Council met in Philadelphia on June 6, and poor James was one of many who struck for higher wages the previous year in Philadelphia's printers' strike. James McCrory could have been a predecessor, as two forebears of that last name fought nearby at the Battle of Brandywine. My P.D.D.G.M. encouraged me to write this story; his first name is Walter.

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Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
Tenth Crusade of the Holy Land

November 7-17, 1995

Rate: \$1,460 per person

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America is sponsoring a Crusade to the Holy Land. Your Grand Master and his Lady Dorella are looking forward to greeting Sir Knights and their ladies from the Grand Encampment who want to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime event.

The Ninth Crusade (1271-1272 A.D.) was the last Crusade under the leadership of Grand Master Thomas Berard and Prince Edward of England. In 1293 A.D. Jacques de Molay became the twenty-third and last Grand Master of the Medieval Knights Templar, being burned at the stake in Paris on March 8, 1314.

Our Tenth Crusade will be the first since the death of Grand Master Jacques de Mo lay in which a Grand Master and Knights of the Temple will visit the Holy Land, and walk where Jesus walked.

This Crusade will leave JFK Airport in New York on November 7, 1995, and return to New York on November 17, 1995. The cost for the entire trip will be \$1,460 per person. Watch your mail and see the following page of the *Knight Templar* magazine for full details and a registration form for the trip.

This will truly be a *once-in-a-lifetime* experience for all of us.

Tour Highlights:

- **Round-trip flight from NYC via El Al Israel Airlines**
- **First Class Hotels: 6 nights, Jerusalem; 2 nights, Galilee; 1 night, Tel Aviv**
- **Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily**
- **Arrival and departure transfers with assistance**
- **Seven full days of touring by deluxe motor coach with licensed English-speaking guide**
- **All entrance fees and portorage**
- **Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**
- **Folklore evening**
- **Departure taxes from U.S.A. and Israel**

Deposit of \$200 per person due July 15, 1995. Final payment due September 15, 1995.

Itinerary for Holy Land Pilgrimage

Day 1: Tuesday, November 7 Meet at the El Al Terminal for your departure to Israel.

Day 2: Wednesday, November 8 Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met and assisted by your tour representative and then transferred to your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 3: Thursday, November 9 Drive to the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the Eternal City. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension for the Pater Noster, The Lord's Prayer. Proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus was betrayed. Continue through the Kidron Valley to the Tomb of the Holy Virgin. Enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate, commemorating the place where the first Christian was stoned. Visit the church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda. On to the Via Dolorosa, reaching the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Lunch in the Cardo. Along the Jewish Quarter to Mt. Zion. Visit the room of the Last Supper, the Tomb of David, and Caifas Palace, where Peter denied Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 4: Friday, November 10 Visit the scale model of the Old City. On to Yad Vashem, memorial to the six million Jewish martyrs. Visit the Shrine of the Book and see the Dead Sea Scrolls. Continue to Bethlehem. See the fields of Ruth and Boaz. Visit the Grotto of the Nativity and the manger where Mary placed Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 5: Saturday, November 11 Drive to the desert of Judah. Descend the mountain to 1,300 feet below sea level. Visit the Good Samaritan Inn. Continue to Massada, the last stronghold of the zealots in the war against the Romans. Have a chance to float in the Dead Sea. Continue to Ein Gedi and on to Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Return to Jerusalem.

Day 6: Sunday, November 12 Free day in Jerusalem. Attend services at the church of your choice. Walk the streets and enjoy the

atmosphere. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 7: Monday, November 13 Visit the Old City. See the Temple and mount the Dome of the Rock at El Aksa. Visit the Western Wall. Have Holy Communion in the Garden Tomb. Visit Ein Karem, the traditional birthplace of St. John the Baptist. After dinner enjoy a folklore evening. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8: Tuesday, November 14 Depart Jerusalem and drive to the city of Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Continue along the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean. Visit the excavations. Continue to Nazareth. Visit the Church of the Annunciation, Joseph's workshop, and Mary's well. On to Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle. Drive to Mount Tabor, traditional place of the transfiguration. Overnight in a kibbutz guest house.

Day 9: Wednesday, November 15 Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes, traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount. We continue to Korazim to see the old town and synagogue. Continue to Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. Visit Tabga, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Sail on the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias to enjoy St. Peter fish. In the afternoon we drive to Banias spring, known as Caesarea Phillipa, and the Good Fence.

Day 10: Thursday, November 16 Drive to the Jordan River. Visit Belvoir, a 12th century Crusader fortress. Visit Beit Alfa and see the mosaic of the old synagogue. Continue to Megiddo and see the Charlotte City. On to Mount Carmel, where the prophet Elijah had the experience with the prophets of Baal. Stop at Caesarea on the Mediterranean Sea. Visit the theater and the aqueduct. Continue to Jaffa. Walk the Old City. Have dinner, rest, and depart to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight back home.

Day 11: Friday, November 17 Early morning departure flight arriving the same morning at JFK.

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Masonic Unity - Theme of Illinois Scottish Rite Reunion

by Sir Knight Randall W. Becker, P.C.

On Saturday, November 5, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Chicago, leaders of Illinois Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, the York Rite grand bodies, Medinah Shrine Temple, and Illinois DeMolay joined with the Valley of Chicago in a spectacular demonstration of unity between state Masonic bodies.

Gregory R. Klemm, M.S.A., Commander-in-Chief, Oriental Consistory, and Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, organized the Valley of Chicago's Fall Reunion around the theme of Masonic Solidarity. Named for the 75th anniversary of the Order of DeMolay, the reunion featured a unique, dramatic adaptation of the original DeMolay Degree, performed by area Senior DeMolays. State Master Councilor Ronald R. Smith was visibly moved by the professional staging and intense dramatic presentation of the degree, as were the present and former members of the order who witnessed the performance. This impression was largely due to the direction of Emmy-award winning CBS-TV Director Don Carruthers, Master of Work of Oriental Consistory. He also directed the 32° Allegory, which was conferred by members of Frank S. Land Preceptory, DeMolay Legion of Honor.

The 32° Ceremonial began with Highland flourish from the Valley's Scottish Rite Pipes and Drums, under the direction of John J. Griffith, Chief. They piped in a united Scottish Rite Army led by Captain General James W. Patton, 33°, Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, and Sir Knight J. Robert Stockner, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois.

Thirty-one uniformed Knights Templar from twelve northern Illinois Commanderies joined with red-and-white plumed Consistory officers and uniformed Shrine Nobles to welcome the leaders of Illinois Masonry.



Scottish Rite Army expands its ranks from area Commanderies to demonstrate solidarity of the Rites at 32° Ceremonial.

The Templars formed a Guard of Honor as Commander-in-Chief Klemm introduced John R. Loudon, Jr., 33°, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois; and Grand Lodge officers J. Garrie Burr, 33°, Senior Grand Warden; James E. Durbin, M.S.A., 33°, Junior Grand Warden; Robert Kalb, 33°, Grand Secretary; and Roy L. Wyckoff, 33°, Grand Treasurer. Brothers Durbin and Burr assumed roles in the 26° and 32°, respectively, during the reunion.

From the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, N.M.J., Klemm introduced Robert W. LaSurs, 33°, Active for Illinois and the Supreme Council's Grand Marshal; and Robert L. Giesel, 33°.



Elected officers of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Active Emeritus for Illinois; and representing the York Rite Grand Bodies of Illinois were Sir Knight Troy W. Timm, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar; William F. Sam" Dyer, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons; and Marvin L. Selock, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Introduced in full, multicolored, Oriental regalia were Potentate William H. Bock and his Divan from Chicago's Medinah Temple: Chief Rabban R. Steve Sandeman;



Commander-in Chief Greg Klemm surrounded by Medinah Temple Divan as they pose in colorful Arabic costume.



The officers of Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago.

B. Smith, 33⁰, Recorder. The Potentate and Divan also appeared in the presentation of the 6^o during the reunion, while Brother Smith assumed the role of Abraham Lincoln in the 26^o and speaking parts in the 15^o and 16^o

Valley of Chicago presiding officers Russell O. Hoepfner, M.S.A., Thrice Potent Master of Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection; James W. Reder, Sr., Sovereign Prince of Chicago Council Princes of Jerusalem; and Richard E. Yena

Most Wise Master of Gourgass Chapter of Rose Croix, joined Commander-in-Chief Klemm to complete the Ceremonial.

It is hoped that the candidates in the class will remember not only the lessons of the Scottish Rite degrees as ably performed by the Valley of Chicago, but also this impressive showing of Masonic Unity that demonstrated the solidarity, and the strength, of our beloved Fraternity.

Sir Knight Randall W. Becker, P.C., is a member of Trinity Commandery No. 80, Downers Grove, Illinois, and resides at 4145 Lindley St, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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

History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXIII
Biographies Of
The Grand Masters
(Continued)

George William Vallery
Twenty-Seventh Grand Master
1925-1928
(Continued)

Sir Knight Vallery was made a Mason in Oriental Lodge No. 87 in Denver on June 28, 1893. He was exalted in Colorado Chapter No. 29 at Denver on September 11, 1893. He was greeted in Denver Council No. 1 at Denver on August 27, 1906.

He received the 32° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Denver in January, 1884. In 1909 he was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, and in 1911 he was coronetted a 33^o Honorary Inspector General of the Southern Jurisdiction.

He was Knighted in Denver Commandery No. 25 of Denver, Colorado, on September 11, 1894. He was elected Eminent Commander in 1901. He was appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Colorado in 1895 and was elected Grand Commander on September 23, 1910.

At the Triennial Conclave in Denver in 1913, he was appointed Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment, and in 1925 was elected Grand Master.

Sir Knight Vallery possessed rare executive ability which enabled him to handle with efficiency the duties of the office of Grand Master. He was affable and courteous, and numbered his friends by the thousands.



GEORGE WILLIAM VALLERY
Twenty-seventh Grand Master, 1925-1928

William L. Sharp was born in Princeton, Illinois, on January 19, 1862. In 1867 the family moved to Iowa, but he was sent back to Princeton for his schooling and graduated from the high school there in 1878.

After leaving school he entered the First National Bank of Muscatine, Iowa, as a clerk. Four years later he became cashier of the Carroll County Bank, but on account of impaired eyesight was forced to change his occupation. He then became associated with the

Western Sash and Door company, and later became manager of the branch in Wichita, Kansas. In 1890 he came to Chicago in partnership with E. L. Roberts, a manufacturer of the same line of goods. In 1912 he established his own company - Sharp, Partridge and Company, dealing in plate and window glass. Later on he established the Wm. L. Sharp & Company, dealing in first mortgage bonds. He was also a director and vice-president of the First National Bank in Englewood, Illinois.

He was married in 1892 to Miss Georgia Kendall of Chicago, and to this union three children were born. He passed away on December 22, 1950, following a long period of ill health. The funeral services were held on December 26, under the auspices of Englewood Commandery No. 59, and was attended by representatives of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

Sir Knight Sharp was made a Master Mason in Normal Park Lodge No. 797 in Chicago on September 21, 1891, and became Worshipful Master in 1895.

He was exalted in Englewood Chapter No. 176 on October 20, 1891, and became a charter member of Normal Park Chapter No. 210 upon its organization. He was elected High Priest in 1902. He was greeted in Imperial Council No. 85 and held the office of Treasurer in that Council for many years.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, he received the 32° in Oriental Consistory at Chicago in 1900, and on September 19, 1905, was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd for the Northern Jurisdiction at Indianapolis. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and Medinah Templar AAONMS, and a Past Sovereign of St. John's Conclave No. 1 of the Red Cross of Constantine.

He was Knighted in Englewood

Commandery No. 59 on February 6, 1892, and was Eminent Commander in 1902. In the Grand Commandery of Illinois he was elected Grand Warder in 1905 and Grand Commander in 1912.

At the 32nd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in Denver in 1913 he was appointed Grand Sword Bearer, and in 1928 was elected Grand Master.

Sir Knight Sharp's life was characterized by genuine sincerity of purpose and loyalty in all his relations with his friends and associates, and a firm but kindly leadership in the positions of responsibility he occupied. He was one of the best known and most universally loved Masons in the State of Illinois, where he continued his active interest in Templary up to the last.



WILLIAM LESLIE SHARP
Twenty-eighth Grand Master, 1928-1931

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In Memoriam



William Sterling Roberts
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Born August 2, 1911
Died December 4, 1994

William J. Faul
Ohio
Grand Commander-1980
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A Commandery KTEF Chairman's Appeal for the Knights Templar Eye foundation

At a recent Conclave of Temple Commandery No. 3, Albany, Oregon; the Commandery chairman for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation presented the following address to the Sir Knights. At the request of Lowell Admundson, R.E.G.C., and Ivan D. Rinck, R.E.P.G.C., the editor of the Oregon Supplement, Sir Knight John A. Friedrichsen, forwarded a copy to Knight Templar magazine:

As Chairman of the Committee for the Eye Foundation for Temple Commandery this year, I'd like to say a few words to all here this evening regarding donations to the Eye Foundation.

As we all know I'm sure, our Campaign to collect donations is off and running and will continue through April 30, 1995. Besides the Holy Land Pilgrimage, this is our one and only benevolence project, Sir Knights, and it is one reason we are here as Knights Templar.

For those of us who can see clearly, this request is sometimes underrated - it doesn't really seem important. We think of it as "someone else's problem." But for those of us, young or old, whose sight has gone dim - and a new pair of glasses doesn't help anymore - and the doctor tells you it will cost thousands to give you any hope of seeing anymore - and you don't **have** thousands of dollars - and the fine print in your health insurance tells you your eyes are not covered in your policy - for those, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation stands like a beacon of light in the ever encroaching darkness.

Lucky are those who know of the Eye Foundation and qualify for assistance!

Luckier still are we Masons in our Knights Templar Commanderies who are in a position to donate to this worthy cause.

Sir Knights, we have plenty of money, don't we? May I remind you how rich we really are?

Yes, my fellow Knights Templar, the next time you take your wallet from your pocket to count your money - and you can see to count the dollars - be reminded of those who cannot see and those whose eyesight is failing.

Rich, indeed, are we who can still see. We can help, Sir Knights; the money we donate to this cause can and does make a difference to those who cannot afford the surgical operations to improve the ability to see.

We must not falter in this worthy endeavor. Let us, as members of Temple Commandery, open our hearts to those less fortunate than we.

Remember, Faith, Hope and Charity - and the greatest of these is Charity.

I'll be happy to take your donations, anytime, or the Secretary is always here. The Campaign is on right now.

So, let each of us donate what we can. Every dollar helps! And it is appreciated! Thank You.

Charles Svensen KTEF
Chairman
Temple Commandery No. 3
Albany, Oregon



Christmas Observance
St. Amand Commandery No. 20, Maine



According to Maine Supplement editor, Sir Knight Ralph C. Rackliff, Jr., P.G.C., KCT, at its annual Christmas Observance on December 11, 1994, Sir Knight David J. Billings, Commander of St. Amand Commandery, Kennebunk, Maine, presented warm winter clothing to the Salvation Army. Those taking part in the presentation were, left to right: Gordon L. Kimball, Sr., R.E.G.C. state of Maine; John O. Bond, Sr., R.E. North Eastern Department Commander; Mr. George S. Schonewald, representative of the Salvation Army; and David J. Billings, E.C. of St. Amand Commandery No. 20.

169th Christmas Observance
New Haven Commandery No. 2, Connecticut

According to Sir Knight Robert A. Colbourn, Past Grand Commander of Connecticut, over two hundred people attended the Christmas Observance that was held in the quarters shared by New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, and the Scottish Rite.

Highlighting the service was a beautiful choral program sung by a Masonic choir and a thirty-foot raised white cross with twelve red poinsettias and twelve white candles outlined with green holly in the center of the room.

A candlelight ceremony started the service which was led by Prelate William Norton and Eminent Commander Leonard Bucher. Toasts were made to the invited guests:

High Priest Frank McNally, Grand Master Richard Larcom, Grand Commander Edmund Rowe, Scottish Rite Deputy Frederick Lorensen, and Grand Master of Masons of Connecticut, George W. Pangborn, responded with remarks on the Christmas season.

Pictured, left to right, are: Richard Larcom, M.P.G.M., Grand Council Cryptic Masons; Frederick Lorensen, CT Deputy, A.A.S.R.; George W. Pangborn, M.W. Grand Master, CT; Edmund Rowe, R.E. Grand Commander, CT; and Frank McNally, M.E.G.H.P., Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. (Photo by K. A. Wright.)



New Mexico Commandery Has Two Grand Commanders!



Shiprock Commandery No. 15 of Farmington, New Mexico, was fortunate to have Sir Knight Hubert W. Cocklin, R.E.G.C. of Arizona (1994), and Sir Knight Robert L. Hauptert, R.E.G.C. of New Mexico (1994), serving as Grand Commanders of separate jurisdictions at the same time. In the picture to the left is Sir Knight Hubert W. Cocklin, Grand Commander of Arizona, and to the right is Sir Knight Robert L. Hauptert, Grand Commander of New Mexico.

Missouri Commander Receives 50-Year Pin

Late 1994 Sir Knight Donald Maness, a Past Commander of St. Johns Commandery No. 20, Springfield, Missouri, was awarded his 50-year pin and certificate by Republic Lodge No. 570, Republic, Missouri. Sir Knight Maness' son, Worshipful Brother Harold Don Maness, made the presentation and Regina Maness placed the pin on her husband's lapel. Sir Knight Maness holds many titles; for example, he is a Past Master of Republic Lodge and a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Joplin, the York Rite Bodies and Abou Ben Adhem Shrine, both of



Springfield. Interestingly, he is a 25-year member of the Abou Ben Adhem Marching Patrol and the St. Johns Commandery Drill Team. In the picture, Sir Knight Maness (left) receives his pin and certificate from son Harold. (Photo courtesy of Jim Smith, editor of *Republic Monitor*.) Dear members of Knights Templar:

Sir Knight/Potentate Gives A Tiger A Ride!



When was the last time you saw someone giving a Bengal tiger a ride on a motorcycle? At this year's George Carden Shrine Circus, the Potentate of Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sir Knight Dale G. Pipher, did just this! Knight Templary is clearly for the young at heart, and this Sir Knight displays this on a daily basis with pride and vigor. (Submitted by Sir Knight and Noble H. W. Hart II.)

An Eye Foundation Recipient Responds

It is with tremendous gratitude and appreciation that I write this letter to you following surgery to remove a cataract and do an implant in my left eye.

The surgery was done October 26, 1994, by Dr. Michael Emmerson at BroMen Hospital, Normal, Illinois. The surgery went very well. I also have glaucoma, which presents some added risks, but so far all seems to be just fine.

I am a fifty-five-year-old lady, who after almost thirty-six years of marriage was left alone by divorce over a year ago. I manage my day-to-day living expenses pretty well by working two jobs, about fifty-five hours a week. However, I have no health insurance, and my income is not sufficient to handle the cost of medical coverage, so I pray a lot that I will remain healthy so I can continue to work.

My vision has always been a problem. The glaucoma was diagnosed ten years ago, and I've been treating it ever since. When my acuity dropped quite rapidly the last year, Dr. Emmerson recommended the cataract surgery. I was devastated because there was no way I could handle the expense of that surgery.

Then he told me about your program and encouraged me to look into it. Being rather proud and quite independent, it was difficult to make the decision to ask for your assistance. When I realized that not having the surgery could mean an end to driving and working, I decided asking you for assistance was really my only option. I did take the necessary steps to apply.

I am so glad I did! It is very exciting to see "way down the street" and to experience colors as they truly are. I've never known whites to be so white or the sky to be so blue. I can really see the improvement when I cover one eye at a time since my right eye also has a cataract and through it the world looks yellow brown.

I am so thankful to you and Dr. Emmerson for making the world so much clearer and brighter for me.

I don't know how to thank you except to say from the heart thank you! and to ask God to bless you all and the work you do.

Judy Friedlein

P.S. My grandfather was an MD and a 32⁰ Mason. He, too, would be most grateful.

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That Which Was Lost - Is Found A New Ending

by Sir Knight James J. Ross

In a letter to Knight Templar, Sir Knight Ross wrote, "In the June 1994 issue of Knight Templar, I read with particular interest the narrative 'That Which Was Lost' by Sir Knight Thomas W. Ozak. This is a story about Brother Thomas Johnson, who was Raised in a young military Lodge in Germany. When his tour of military duty ended, he transferred his membership to a Lodge in his hometown. He became active, rising to the office of Senior Warden. When he came to the realization that the 'Spirit of Freemasonry' was missing in his Lodge, he knew there was only one thing he could do, and as Brother Johnson said in his letter of resignation, he could 'no longer participate in an organization where the structure and form of the organization mean more to the collective membership than does the pursuit of personal growth.'

"Unfortunately, Brother Johnson's attitude is altogether too typical of the lassitude and malaise that permeate many of our Lodges today. Too many good Freemasons do as Brother Johnson did—resign rather than labor toward the amelioration of the problem; hence their inaction allows this negative attitude to proliferate.

"Brother Johnson seemed like such a good Freemason that it was a shame his Lodge should lose his abilities and enthusiasm. When he was faced with such an overwhelming problem, perhaps, the good Brother might have found a different answer if he 'searched his soul' a little more. Following this thought, I wrote a new ending to the story, based on the successes of actual Worshipful Masters..."

We find Brother Johnson at the point where he is searching his soul for the answer and "—When the answer came, he knew in his heart it was the only way."

Brother Johnson remembered "—that which was lost—" in Masonry, but he knew with patience, perseverance and time, its recovery may yet be accomplished. He knew the task before him was formidable and arduous, yet if the Spirit of Freemasonry was to be infused into his Lodge, it was up to him to point the way and, as kindly and gently as possible, "remind erring Brothers of their failings—."

Through his experience and Masonic education, he fully understood and appreciated the awesome power and responsibility of the Worshipful Master.

More important than anything else, the Worshipful Master is a teacher - "a teacher of Freemasonry." That idea was very appealing to Brother Johnson - to be able to "teach" Freemasonry. He knew that as Master, he would learn the most, and he also knew that the virtue he would have to learn and practice the most was humility. So with a humble heart and a renewed enthusiasm, Brother Johnson set about the task of becoming the "Master Workman."

With the present Master's permission, Brother Johnson made plans for the dinner preceding the annual meeting. That would be the night he would be elected to the "Oriental Chair" and address the Lodge for the first time as Worshipful Master. From the Secretary,

he obtained a membership roster complete with telephone numbers. Since each member would have an integral part in his plans, he wanted as many members of the Lodge present as possible. The "Master Workman" had to know his Brethren and his Brethren had to know him.

Since there were over seven hundred members, Brother Johnson spent countless hours telephoning and visiting many of the Brethren during that summer and fall. When the trestleboard went out for the month of the annual meeting, the present Master allowed Brother Johnson to enclose a special letter of invitation for the meeting. Brother Johnson even wrote a short personal note on most of the letters!

The dining hall and the Lodge room were packed that night, with well over two hundred Brethren in attendance. After his election, Brother Johnson was called to the East to give his acceptance speech and present his program. After the usual acknowledgements and several lighthearted remarks, Brother Johnson stepped down from the podium to the floor of the Lodge, and becoming very solemn and serious as a hush fell over the Lodge room, he addressed his Brethren:

"My Brethren, I must speak frankly to you about a very serious matter - one that goes right to the heart of our Fraternity. For many years now, the Spirit of Freemasonry has been missing from our Lodge. We have all been caught up in the maelstrom of Lodge politics. Some of us refuse to participate because 'We've done our part'; some of us are more concerned with rewards or honors than with good deeds, charity and each other's welfare. That's not Masonic.

"As Masons, we are taught to practice charity, to love and respect each other, to be concerned for our community and all mankind, to show respect and courtesy to all people.

"We must become friends and Brothers again. Every member of our Lodge will have the responsibility of keeping in touch with several other members and to report to the Lodge Brethren who are sick or in distress, as well as those who have happy news, too. Along with the trestleboard, we will have a monthly newsletter with articles about Brethren so all of us can start to keep in touch with each other.—"

Brother Johnson spoke at length that night, outlining a number of family and community events. He promised interesting and informative Lodge meetings. He spoke about the new

"—As Worshipful Master, I can do no more than chart a course; I alone cannot infuse the Spirit of Freemasonry back into our Lodge. But WE, working together, helping each other, can transform ourselves from an 'organization of members' into a 'Lodge of Freemasons' and rekindle that vital flame—that Spirit of Freemasonry!"

method of ritual instruction and introduced a mentoring system for candidates. And, perhaps most importantly, he reminded the Brethren that they have the happy duty of participating in their Lodge and enjoying and promoting the fellowship that goes hand-in-hand with that participation.

Brother Johnson concluded: "—As Worshipful Master, I can do no more than chart a course; I alone cannot infuse the Spirit of Freemasonry back into our Lodge. But WE, working together, helping each other, can transform ourselves from an organization of members' into a 'Lodge of Freemasons' and rekindle that vital flame—that Spirit of Freemasonry!"

This is my prayer. So Mote It Be."

Brother Johnson did receive a standing ovation that night, but not all the Brethren were pleased. Some were very disturbed at being reminded of their shortcomings, especially by this "young fellow - he's not even a Past Master"; a few Brethren left and would never return. But a number of Brethren rallied behind Brother Johnson and that year was very busy, and very successful.

It's true, the Lodge didn't turn around completely that year, but the Spirit of Freemasonry was coming back; that couldn't be denied. The next Worshipful Master and the one after him would carry the mantle of leadership with the same vigor and enthusiasm as Brother

Johnson. They and the Brethren of the Lodge acknowledged it was Brother Johnson's "personal touch" that started the change of attitude.

At the time of his outgoing speech, Brother Johnson vowed to continue his support of the Lodge and said that Masons don't need to be "taught" as much as they need to be "reminded." The Brethren of his Lodge well knew the Masonic principles from which they had strayed; they only needed to be reminded to come back "home."

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Bronze Knight In Memorial Chapel



This priceless, magnificent, bronze figure of a mounted knight in armor was recently placed in the Chapel of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia (Washington's hometown), by Sir Knight John Werner, R.E.P.D.C., KCT, and Sir Knight Bob McMarlin, R.E.P.G.C., PCT, Chapel Committee Chairman. Sir Knight John Werner acquired this antique when the Washington, DC, Grand Lodge sold its Temple. Its estimated age is 125 years. The detail on the figure is remarkable. In the background of the photo at right appears the grand banner donated by the Grand Commander of Virginia many years ago. (Article and picture submitted by Sir Knight Bob McMarlin.)

Kentucky Templar Honored

Sir Knight Carl D. Black, Major General, U.S.A.F., (ret.), was recently the recipient of a singular honor among Kentucky Masons.

He was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The award was in the category of public communications, and was given in recognition of his very inspiring speech entitled "The Issuance of a Call to Action." It was presented at a National Convention of National Sojourners, held in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1993.

General Black has become active in Masonry, particularly in the York Rite, since his retirement from the military in 1988. He is a member of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, King Solomon Chapter No. 5, Louisville Council No. 4, where he is now an officer, and he is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Louisville. He holds the Knight Cross of the Temple, awarded by the Grand Encampment.



Among his memberships are the Royal Order of Scotland, VIII Degree, S.R.I.C.F., Kentucky College; Past President, Daniel Boone Chapter No. 512, National Sojourners; Past Commander, Zachary Taylor Encampment, Heroes of '76; St. Bernard Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Sr. Gen.; and Bluegrass York Rite College. Also: A.M.D., Fellow Grand College of Rites, Great Chief's Council, Knight Masons, Order of the Bath and Order of the Cork, and Kentucky Chapter of the Philalethes Society.

Sir Knight Black served for thirty-three years in the Armed Forces of the United States as pilot, wing commander, in charge of five states, including Kentucky, and was at one time head of the Kentucky Air National Guard, stationed at Standiford Field in Louisville. He was also assistant to the commander of Air Force Logistics at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio.

Among his highest awards were the Air Force Distinguished Medal, the Air Force's highest peacetime award; the Legion of Merit; and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.

submitted by Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke, P.D.C., KCT

Pennsylvania Sir Knight Honored By Chapter, Council, And Commandery

In Pennsylvania, York Rite Masonry increased its membership in the past year, and much credit goes to Sir Knight John C. Workman of Lewisburg.

Sir Knight Workman was recently honored for his efforts:

He brought thirty-four petitions for membership to Milton Chapter No. 298, Royal Arch Masons, an increase of forty-four percent. For that effort, the Grand Holy Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania presented Companion Workman an apron selected for this purpose and a clock designed for the Chapter.

If that wasn't enough, Sir Knight Workman presented forty-one petitions for membership to Valerchamp Council No. 25, Royal and Select Master Masons, which increased membership by 42.8 percent. The Grand Council of Pennsylvania presented him a neck jewel and an apron and case to wear during an open meeting.

But that's not all. Sir Knight Workman presented thirty-eight petitions for membership for Mt. Hermon Commandery No. 85, Knights Templar, Sunbury. That and the eleven petitions brought by other members represented an increase of 48.9 percent. The Grand Commandery presented Mt. Hermon a trophy for the highest percentage increase in the state.

Sir Knight Workman is the first person to have received all the awards in one year. He also happens to be the 85th person to have the Grand Commandery membership award belonging to Mt. Hermon Commandery **No. .85**. Congratulations, Sir Knight Workman!



Grand Commander Harold C. Jamison, left, pins a badge on Sir Knight Workman for his efforts to increase membership.



Sir Knight Workman, right, receives trophy from Grand Commander Jamison, center, and David L. Kempfer, Grand Captain General.



Left to right, Sir Knights Wilmer E. Hall, Division Commander; John I. Kebach, E.C. Mt. Hermon; Harold C. Jamison, R.E.G.C., and David L. Kempfer, G.C.G.



Knight Voices

To place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to "Knight Voices," The Grand Recorder, 5097N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460. Items submitted to Knight Templar that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free of charge. All other items should be accompanied by a \$5.00 remittance made payable to the Grand Encampment. Any submission may be subject to editing. You must submit a written request and check, if applicable, for each time you want your ad to run. Each request must be separate and at monthly intervals, not several at the same time. All other requests for repeat ads will either run just once or will be returned to sender.

To build the library of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, we are looking for copies of the Allied Masonry, Degree Annals and Miscellaneous, as well as Collections prior to 1900. Also Annals of the Grand College of Rites prior to 1994 and copies of the Rancartian, Fatna. Will pay postage and nominal price if required. Ref. 1 E. Pose Recorder, P.O. Box 72; Connersville; IN 47331.

For sale: new C.P.O. uniform coats, polyester/wool, summer weight. Sizes: 42S, 44S, 44XL. (Sorry, we are Out of 48XL.) \$20.00 each plus S & H. 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.

Our Commandery has over 2 dozen long frock coats (the older style uniform coats) to give away. All we need is for you to call us and pay for the UPS shipping. Anthony W Harper, 120 Ash St., Baraboo, WI 53913, (608) 356-4848.

For sale: white York Rite cap with six color embroidery showing Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery emblems. Donation to the three York Rite charities. Cap prize, \$10.00 each plus \$1.00 postage. Robert Haupt, P.O. Box 433, Farmington, NM 87499.

At drill competition at the Triennial in Colorado, 1994, ladies were selling lapel pins with Sir Knight's head shown in armor. Please contact me. Also, interested in small statues of Sir Knight, if anyone has info as to where can be bought. Robert Haupt, P.O. Box 433, Farmington, NM 87499.

For sale: dacron/wool tropical Corrwrtandery uniform, almost new (4rTionths old) for 62, 180 lb. Knight. Also: jacket w/sleeve crosses, \$155; trousers, \$45; chapeau, size 7 5/8, \$200; bed. black, silver, retaitz lace, \$125; sword (old but good condition), nloclde-plated, black grip w/design (name can be changed). F. M. Ahiteen, 'sa'12 Water/all Drvne, Spring Hill, FL 34608-4442, (904) 688-4240 (call 12 p.r.r. or after 6p.m., EST).

Looking for the Commandery sword of my uncle, Jerry t'uráreterg, who passed when I was a teenager. My son and I are both Sir Knights, and I would love to find 11--donated by his wife to Cedar Court No. 28, Order of Amaranth, in 1977. She, also, is hoping to find. I'd love to have her present it to my son. Cbna&1 A. Sealer, 204 MI. Pleasant Road, New Bern, NC 28580-7022.

You can help tie KTEF! Asnano Lodge No. 643, F. & AM., in Aurario, Italy, is offering a beautifully enchanting "prayrog hands" plate, 7" ofaiTute featuring 2 praying bards it front of a peaceful, fuui selling. It is made of genuine porcelain with lovely "Copenhagen" fr'itslr and has loop on back and coitus with easel for wall or table display. MI proceeds will benefit the KTEF. Send \$10.95 phis \$2.50 S& Hto Frank Farrar, P60 54, Box 701; APO AE 08801.

Zanesville Chapter No. 52, O.E.S., is celebrating its 100th anniversary starting January 1995. We will be selling bronze key ring medallions for \$5.00, shipping and postage included. Send check or money order, payable to Zanesville

Chapter No. 52 and send to Norval C. Camp, 633 Seborn Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701-56.22.

Kennesaw Lodge No. 33. F. & AM., of Marietta, Georgia, still has a limited supply of 1 50th anniversary bronze coins available at \$5.00 each, including postage. Mail money order or check, payable to Kennesaw Lodge No. 33 to C. B. Stephens, 1582 Arden Drive, Marietta, GA 30060.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 562, F. & AM., Willard, Ohio. celebrated its 100th anniversary. Both silver and bronze medallions are available to commemorate this event: silver, .999 fine silver, numbered edition, \$20.00; bronze, \$5.00. Shipping is included in cost. Make checks payable to Golden Rule Lodge No.582, P.O. Box 237, Willard, OH 44890.

Bailey Lodge No. 146, A.F. & AM, of Greer, SC, is celebrating its 125th anniversary and has coins available. The face has lodge name and location around 3 steps, columns, all-seeing eye over square and compass, with plumb and level to side and hands below; the back has shape of stale with years. Check or money order to Bailey Lodge No. 146 and mail to D. Walter Elder, 112 Stribling Circle. Spartanburg, SC 29301.

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is of sterling silver with a 24k gold vermeil. Price is only \$9.00 per pin, including S and H. 10% of proceeds will benefit the KTEF. These unique pins are available only through Professional Creations Unlimited, 1630 Orchard Hill Road, Cheshire CT 0640-3728.

For sale: Masonic computer clipart on 3.6" high-density disks in .TIF format-\$12.00 per disk or \$50.00 total, consisting of York Rite (42+), Blue Lodge (56+). Scottish Rite (2 disks, 62+), and allied bodies and other Masonic organizations (36.). Over 7.5 megs and 200 Masonic graphics for \$50.00. Send long SASE for sample printout. Reb Orrell, 745 Sanford Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228. A portion of the proceeds to be donated to the KTEF.

Coins, medals, lapel pins, and embroidered patches by active 13-year Mason. Commemorate your anniversary, reunion, or any special event with a special token. First time visitors' pins. Many applications. Call for prompt quote. Friendly service, fast delivery, low fraternal prices ensure you of a special memento. Percentage to KTEF. Sid and Debbie Leluan. 1-800-733-2735.

Video for your Lodge or Masonic programs. The "Masonic Quiz Tape" has over 4 hours of questions and answers of Masonic interest. Provoke thought and bring light to the Craft. VHS tape, \$10.00 each, \$1.50 S & H. Partial proceeds to KTEF. Also, cross-stitch Masonic emblem ornaments and book marks. Quantities of six, \$4.00, no S & H. Earl H. Spahlinger, 848 E. College St., Alliance, OH 44601, (216) 823-8336.

For sale Masonic rings, signet style, with square and compasses on top, trowel on one size, 2-ball cane on Other. Durable, yet elegant. Custom made of solid chrome/nickel

alloy. Silver color only, \$99.00, plus OH tax and \$4.00 S & H. Whole sizes only: 7-16. 10% of profits will go to KTEF. Check or MasterCard/Visa info to Auratech Designs, 107-M Plaza Dr., Suite 123, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. Money-back, satisfaction guaranteed.

Harry S Truman antique 23 karat gold stamps minted in 1976, U.S.A. bicentennial commemorative. The remainder of this 1976 limited edition of 8,000 serially-numbered stamps. The engraving pictures the 33rd president wearing the Masters jewels as shown on the cover of the June Issue of this magazine. Send \$12.95 for one stamp mounted and ready to frame or in the original commemorative envelope. Part of proceeds to be used for Masonic work. Truman Stamp, Suite 120, 3601 Noland Road, Independence, MO 64055-3341, or call 1-800-279-4703. Price Includes mailing and handling.

Attention, post card collectors: limited edition Directory Alaska Postcards 1897-1940 by M.W. John H. Grainger --- cost. \$20 including S & H. Grand Lodge of Alaska coins available from constitutional convention, 1981-1993. Hurry-some coins are very scarce. \$10.00 plus \$3.00 S & H. Check or money order to Alaska Masonic Library & Museum Foundation. P.O. Box 109772, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-0722.

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

Daughter wishes to give as Gift: Masonic apron and leather case, inscribed presented to R.W. C. Wallace Petty, D.D.C., 1st Manhattan District, Prince of Orange Lodge No. 16, A.F. & AM., Sept. 19, 1918. Will give to above Lodge or any Lodge or Masonic museum. Contact Marlin H. Walton, 306 S. Madison, Bloomfield, IA 52537, (515) 664-2999.

Desire to add to collection of Masonic postcards of Lodges, Temples, homes, hospitals, events, etc. These will be used as a visual record and tribute to our Fraternity. What might you have? Greg A. Glur, 2802 South Gate Drive, Fargo, ND 58103, (701) 235-1335 evenings.

Wanted: Tennessee Masonic Chapter pennies and other related medals. I am working on a book listing Tennessee tokens which were used by drug stores, general stores, bakeries, confectionaries, lumber and coal companies and other businesses, plus I am adding Chapter pennies. Jcre Copoland, P.O. Box 4221, Oak Ridge. 17.1378.31. (615) 482-4215.

Wanted: 14K white gold Masonic ring, any size, with large G surrounding compasses and square and with diamond at top, and all-seeing eye in center; "G and trowel and plumb are blue enameled. Bob Paresi. 28 Parkview Road, Wallingford. CT 06492. (203) 269-8613 (phone or fax).

Wanted: any Remington pocket or sheath knives, old or new, especially with Masonic handle carvings or blade etchings. Also interested in purchasing old collector knives of same ilk. State Mfg.. condition. Reasonable price requested. Send SASE to David L Burr'er, P.O. Box 3573, Scranton, PA 18505.

For sale: old Masonic watch fob, approx. 1" square. Four hinged parts open up and depict Masonic groups on gold with time inlays. Its initialed O L A and appraised at \$2,500. W. Fallon, 4 Allendale Road, Hewitt, NJ 07421, (201) 853-4813.

For sale: a collection of Masonic memorabilia. Send large SASE for list to George B. Spielman, 1604 Rohrsersville Road. Knoxville, MD 21758.

Wanted: ornate lodge chairs and furniture. Also. old Masonic docks. Jell W. Foster, P.O. Box 423, McPherson, KS 67460, (316) 241-1317days. (316) 241-7390 evenings.

For sale: Three (3) plots at Masonic Garden Lawn, Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, California, Sacrifice, \$900, each plot. Call Mary Sores, (714) 951-1833, 24945 Sara Lane, Laguna Hills, CA 92653-4303.

Journey In the footsteps of St. Paul with the Grand Prelate of PA in Greece and Turkey, March 13-27, 1915. For full descriptive brochure and prices write Reverend William O. Hartman, 951 Bridge Streak Philadelphia/a, PA 19124.

Attention: Wish to purchase for collection: German and Japanese military souvenirs, helmets, uniforms, hats, swords, daggers, medals, books, or any other military item. Carl H. Faust, Box 2141, Sauteket, NY 11733, (516) 751-5556.

Wanted: 1940s-1950s men's clothing, suits, hats, and neckties, large sizes only. Cash paid. Call before sending. Phil Williams, 126 Felt net Street, Waynesville, NC 28786. toll-free 1-800-982-7754 or (704) 452-9511.

Wanted: law enforcement patches and badges for my collection. William C. Bennett, 2075. South Street, Union, SC 29379-2346.

Wanted: lapel pins and tie 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)221-31(X).

Wanted: telegraph related items. I collect telegraph keys, bugs, sounders, books, and relays. U you're looking for a home for your telegraph key, or just want to sell it, I'll take care of it. Former telegrapher and ham John Easier, 301 Myra Lou, Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

L. J. Dodd, retired first sergeant, seeking vintage American-made Indian and Harley-Davidson motorcycles for restoration and exhibition. Parts and equipment also needed. Seeking models from 1903 through present. Please call; I'll cover costs and fair value. Wor, Leon J. Dodd, P.O. Box 435, Belmont, MA 02178-0004, (617) 484-8375 any time.

Information wanted on book published In Social Circle. Georgia. by E. Ndbhut in 1860; Sacred Biography and History, or Illustrations of the Holy Scriptures with descriptions of Palestine, ancient and modern; tribes of the patriarchs, kings and prophets; and of Christ and the Apostles; has notices of the eminent reformers: Luther, Melancthon, Cailvind C. and sketches of the ruins of the celebrated cities. Ed/led by (monnd Tiffany, author of The American in China. Brancxrr or a Hundred Yeats Ago, etc. Wish to know if this book has any value and how to find this out. Abort M. Kidd, Jr; Rt. 1, Box 261; Calhoun Falls; SC 29628.

For sale: in North Florida Hill Country-fifteen-acre farrrrrette with house, workshop, shed, cattle chute and more. 1-(904)-973-W78.

Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, Twilight section-3 lots, \$3,585 value for \$1,200 or best offer. Call collect (704) 891-8962 after p.m.

Reunion: open invitation to all members of the 36th Squadron who trained at Mojave, California, from 1942 to 1958 for joined military reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 23-26, 1995 -group rates, scenic tours, etc. For reservations and memberships Ann Kalamas. 1607 Winchester, Lincoln Park, MI 48146. (313) 383-3966.

Ship reunion: U.S.S. Algot (AKA-54). July 17-20, 1995, San Diego. California. Anthony Sot/a. 2045 Avalon Drive, Merced, CA 95340.

Reunion: U.S.S. Guadalupe (AO-32), WWII, Korea. Vietnam, on September 28-30. 1995, at Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. Tom Camps, 1039 Bayshore Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33919-2605, (813) 481-0447.

Reunion: U.S.S. Colhoun (DD-801), April 4-6, 1995, Atlantic Beach, Florida. Donna Mize. P.O. Box 1424, Salem, IL 62881, (618) 548-6944.

