

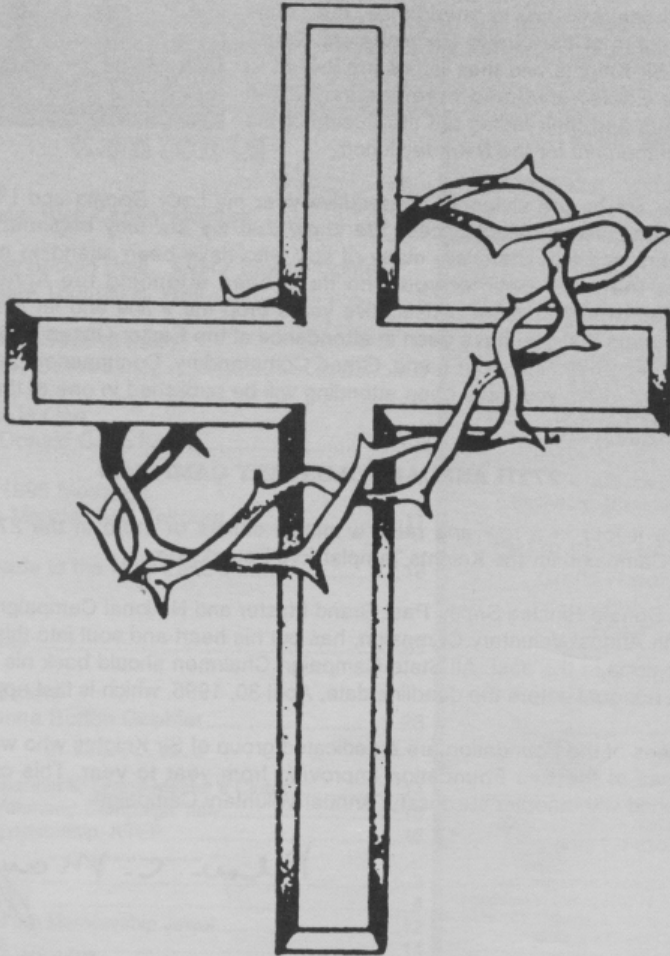


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# Reflections

## Easter Weekend Activities

Sir Knights, when you receive this copy of the *Knight Templar* magazine, Easter will be at most several weeks away. I am sure that all have read the November 1994 and March 1995 issues of the *Knight Templar* and have found that we have a new format in scheduling for Saturday, April 15. We will not have the usual reception but instead will have a lunch for those who are in attendance, the ladies and Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment. Don't forget, all Sir Knights and their ladies are invited to attend the Easter weekend ceremonies. Grand Commanders and their ladies are the guests of the Grand Encampment for the Saturday lunch.



This Easter will be the sixteenth consecutive year my Lady Dorella and I have been attending the Easter Observances. We know that we are only beginners with our sixteen years and that there are many of you who have been attending many more years than that. Will each of you who have been attending the Annual Easter Observances twenty or more consecutive years drop me a line and let me know the number of years that you have been in attendance at the Easter Observances? After a reasonable length of time, your name, Grand Commandery, Commandery number, and the number of years you have been attending will be published in one of the editorials of *the Knight Templar*.

## 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign

Let's make it four in a row and raise a million dollars or more in the 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Past Grand Master and National Campaign Chairman for the 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign, has put his heart and soul into this campaign as he has done in the past. All State Campaign Chairmen should back his efforts and help meet our goal before the deadline date, April 30, 1995, which is fast approaching.

The Trustees of the Foundation are a dedicated group of Sir Knights who want to keep the services of the Eye Foundation improving from year to year. This can only be accomplished with another successful Annual Voluntary Campaign.

Blair Christy Mayford  
Grand Master

# Knight Templar

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

**APRIL:** This is truly an Easter issue with four articles and two poems celebrating the season of Christ's death and Resurrection. If you can't be at the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service in Alexandria, Virginia, you can still take part in the spirit of the occasion by reading and thinking about the words of the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, The Reverend Thomas E. Weir, on page 5. There is still a month left of the 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign, plenty of time for all Commanderies to get busy and participate, but **you will have to do it now!** Do become a part of this wonderful cause! And enjoy this month's magazine!

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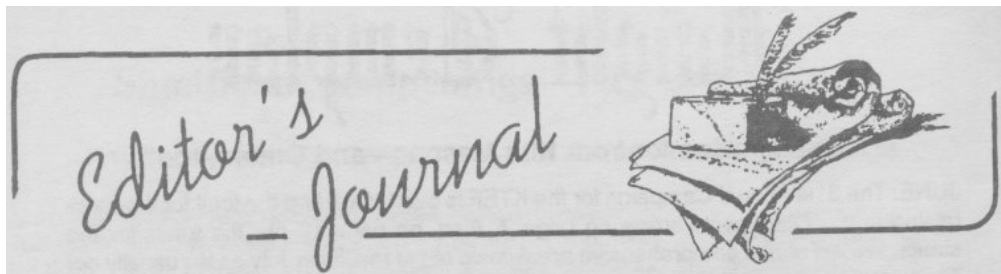
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**Announcement:** The Grand Encampment continues a program of Honors, which has two levels: Knight Grand Cross of the Temple and Knight Commander of the Temple. This program gives the Grand Encampment a way of honoring Sir Knights who have distinguished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

**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.

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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.

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

**"Every Knee Should Bow...  
Every Tongue Confess"  
Easter Sunday 1995**

by The Reverend Thomas E. Weir  
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.

*The Reverend and Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir presents 'Every Knee Should Bow... Every Tongue Confess' at the 65th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 16, 1995.*

*A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master Blair Christy May ford to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at this traditional Easter service. For those who are unable to attend the 1995 Easter ceremony in Alexandria, we would like to share with you the Reverend Weir's Easter message. Sir Knight Weir has served as the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and Scotland and the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Maryland. He is a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland.*



The brilliance of the rising sun has had deep spiritual meaning for man since his earliest recognition that there were powers greater than himself. It may have signified the victory of nature over man, giving assurance that no man could stay the regular rising of the sun. Nothing in man's world was important enough to delay the bursting forth of the power of nature. It may have heralded the struggle within nature of good against evil, of warmth against cold, of darkness against light. The rising sun gave hope that the apparent triumph of evil and darkness would not endure.

For us, the rising sun this morning proclaims Christ's victory over death, triumphing over both man's humanity and

nature's inconstant surges of good and evil; life and death. What does Easter mean to us? How should we feel and what should we think this glorious morning? Our "attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!"

The Apostles needed the reassurance of the Resurrection just as we do. They had seen first good then evil sweep them and their leader through Jerusalem. They

must have been overwhelmed at the reception Jesus was given when they entered the Holy City. The people were ecstatic to see Jesus. They cried, Hosanna!, meaning, "Save us now." (Matt. 21:9,15; Mark 11:9-10; John 12:13) The word originally was a simple prayer for God's help, but had become a cry of joy or a shout of welcome. The shouts of joy soon turned to cries of, "Crucify Him,"

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and the hope of a better world was nailed to a cross and died.

Christians are not alone in their defeat and terror. Solomon's Temple was cherished by the Jews. Here, they found God present and reigning. The Temple was more than a building; however holy, it was the beating heart of the people of Judah. Nevertheless, in 587, Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, looted, burned and scattered the stones of the Temple. Although the Temple was gone, people continued to bring sacrifices to the place where it had stood. (Jeremiah 41:5) Soon, even the privilege of seeing where the Temple had stood was denied them. They were taken in captivity and despair to Babylon. The Psalmist wrote, By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, Sing us one of the songs of Zion! How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?" "If I

forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy." (PSA 137:1-6) Judaism, it appeared, was finished. But those whose faith was great never gave up. The Book of Isaiah, in a passage written during the Babylonian captivity, records the power of God, working through tragedy.

"But Israel will be saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation; you will never be put to shame or disgraced, to ages everlasting. For this is what the LORD says - he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited - he says: I am the LORD, and there is no other. Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow, by me every tongue will swear." (ISA 45:17-18, 22-23)

It would certainly be more convenient for us if God accomplished all these wonderful things by himself. If only Solomon's Temple could have been rebuilt in all its glory, appearing full blown one morning without a finger being lifted. Instead, as we are reminded by the Bible and by the Royal Arch Degree, the Temple was not rebuilt without backbreaking effort and monumental courage. Zerubbabel and his companions had to bear the burden of both defense and construction, so that the sword was as important as the trowel in rebuilding the Temple. (Neh. 4:18) It was hard work, and the odds were against them.

One lesson of Easter is that the danger to the Church is not from without, but from within. The combined power of the Roman Empire, the local power structure, and death itself were not enough to overcome Jesus Christ and His message of love, forgiveness, tolerance and personal

responsibility. On the other hand, the individual Christian is ever in danger of being overcome. What, then, does it take to overcome a Christian? The Apostle Peter gives us an example. As the crucifixion drew near, Jesus described to his disciples the reward they should expect for their faithfulness. "You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Immediately, he tells Peter that Satan wanted to deal with him especially. Of all the Apostles, Peter is the only one who is pointed out as being wanted by the Devil, singled out like Job.

Have you ever felt that you were at the top of the Devil's shopping list? There have been times when we have all been

"Have you ever felt that you were at the top of the Devils shopping list? There have been times when we have all been tempted, when we have all experienced tragedy, when we felt God failed us, when we have felt we failed God and ourselves."

tempted, when we have all experienced tragedy, when we felt God failed us, when we have felt we failed God and ourselves. Peter felt these things and learned from them. The Apostle who wept because he betrayed his Lord became the most prominent of the Twelve. Eventually, Peter was executed rather than fail again in his responsibility to Jesus.

We should remember that the scene in our gospel lesson is preceded by an argument among the Apostles as to who is to be the greatest. You can almost hear them: "When I get to heaven, I want to have the biggest church you ever saw. I want my church to be ten times as big as the church

down the street." Another might have said, "When the Kingdom comes, I want to be a bishop and appoint all my enemies to the worst churches I can find." Even the Apostles had fallen into the trap of measuring things by material yardsticks.

We have no difficulty in understanding how the Apostles felt. We need ambition to succeed in this world. We need to push and pull ourselves ahead of our competitors. When my father worked for the National Biscuit Company, they did not care how many cookies he sold the previous year. The percentage increase in sales for the current year was what counted. Not even the Church is exempt from this way of thinking. When I was pastor of a local Methodist church, if anyone cared how many souls had been saved, how many family crises had been resolved, how much time was spent in counseling and visiting, how many young people found hope for the future or if anything spiritual happened in the church, they did not ask about such things. On the other hand, I was required to report how much money was raised and how it was spent, as well as how many people joined the church. Ambition may be rationalized by really helping God by what we are doing. The Reverend Dan McBride wrote a song about ecclesiastical ambition with the title, "It Must Be the Will of the Lord, Because it Seems so Right to Me." May God forgive Peter and us when we deny Him, and grant that we learn from such experiences. J. C. Penney failed in business three times. Each time he grew, until he became a giant. What can we do to become spiritual giants?

Jesus gave the answer. "But you are not to be like (the rulers of the carnal world). Instead, the greatest among you should be like the least, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as a

servant." (Luke 22:26-27 paraphrase) Jesus was the opposite of selfishness and ambition, and by the Resurrection He has demanded we be the same.

We cannot live other peoples' lives or control their behavior. We can respect and love them and tell the world, by what we are and what we do, how much the Resurrection of Jesus Christ means to us.

If you get an inspiration from being united with Christ, any comfort from this love, if you have any fellowship with the Spirit, and tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ

Jesus: Who, although He was the same as God, did not consider equality with God something to be hoarded, but considered himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being formed as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

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## The Smallest Seed of Faith

by Virginia Anne Edwards

From where He'd come to walk the earth,  
those days that now are words.  
The peaceful meadows brim with life,  
their specks of grazing herds.  
The houses clay and windows round, their  
floors of sodden earth.  
Their jars of wine and salted meats, the  
comfort of their hearth.  
The rolling seas and fishing boats,  
in hopes to catch their food.  
The nets they've tossed; the faces hard,  
much lost within their work.

The prayer long and quite indepth,  
to ask Him of their needs.  
The stands of goods; the marketplace,  
from which the village feeds.  
But that was lost the simple life,  
and a simple man was killed.  
For Jesus in those simple times  
had done His Father's will.  
Blessed be the seed of faith  
that grows beneath the sod,  
Withering not its lively bloom!  
A gift to us from God.

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Easter is such a happy day. It is a day of celebration. Nothing so sensational in all of history has ever happened. The Resurrection of Christ is an event so unbelievable that no one has been able to fathom it. Not logic nor reason can explain it.

Nevertheless, this is what the record tells us. Without the record the gospels would not be possible. It is the story itself that makes the gospels. As the Bible tells it, before Jesus was taken from the Cross, a guard drove a spear into his side. Then, Joseph of Arimthaea came to visit the governor, asking for permission to bury Jesus in his own tomb.

Across the entrance to the tomb a stone was placed. Another friend, Nicodemus, came to anoint the body with spices and aromatic fragrances. Later, two women were seen waiting at the graveside. Night passed into day, and on the morning of the third day, Peter was on his way to the sepulchre. He found the great stone rolled away. Inside, the tomb was empty. Burial clothes were left and the rumor spread that someone had robbed the tomb and stolen the body; or maybe Jesus had never died, and some other person took his place.

Whoever did what or whatever did happen, Jesus was not where he was supposed to be. Mary of Magdala, a young girl known to Jesus, apparently felt startled by some unseen presence. Peter, too, had similar feelings. Soon all the disciples were aware of some indefinable spirit. Later on, four or five hundred people testified to a similar experience of a living Christ.

That is the story. How should we interpret it? One thought is to say that the Resurrection is a principle of life and a law of evolution. To think of Christ risen is to think of an eternal optimism about the future. All of life, be it a blade of grass or a leaf on a tree or a human being, is embedded in a material form. All life has a source. What gives substance to life is



## Two Worlds In One

by Rev and Sir Knight Donald Craig Kerr, 32°

some creative energy. We call that, the God of power, and that is what opens the tomb. God is spirit. God is energy. God is the breath within us giving us power to be alive.

Easter is the story of reconciliation between the life of the body and the life of the spirit. When the body dies, a new energy is released to be reincarnated in yet a new and different form. All life shares this transformation. Just as the bud of the flower bursts into blossom when it is time, so each of us fulfills an evolutionary part in God's destiny.

Many years ago Andrew Carnegie expressed his mind by saying, "It would be no greater miracle to be born to a future life than to have been born to live in this present life. The one has been created. Why not the other?" All of us belong to this oneness of God's creative design. It is like two worlds in one. Some kind of universal domesticity holds us together - an outer world, an inner world; a material world, a spirit world; a body, a soul; a mortality, an immortality; time and eternity. That is the language of the Resurrection.

"I go to prepare a place for you," Jesus said. It was the best indication he could give that from this world there is a transition to another dimension. Easter, then, becomes a principle of life which points to a continually evolving universe.

If one were to read John Masefield's classic drama in the poem he wrote

about Saul Kane, one would remember the character of this imaginary man, tortured by abuse and addiction, and later to be reawakened to see the light of a new horizon. The poet saw his subject as a despondent, rejected individual, a victim of his own self-indulgence. Then, suddenly his world is transformed. Out of the dark pit of his soul emerges the hope of a new day. The two worlds of Saul Kane are brought together as he exclaims in triumphant voice:

O glory of the lighted mind  
How dead I'd been, how dumb, how blind;  
The station brook, to my new eyes,  
Was babbling out of Paradise;  
The waters rushing from the rain  
Were singing Christ has risen again -  
I thought all earthly creatures knelt  
From the rapture of the Joy I felt.

Thus it is that Christ's Resurrection speaks to the yearning and longing within our souls. It claims a world of eternity without limitations. Life never stands still. It keeps

changing, growing, aging, searching and being recreated. The forces of the universe are never static. Scientists tell us that atoms are not lifeless cells but are highly charged and volatile centers of power.

Such power has been in existence forever. It is that power which brings Christ from his grave and gives us the promise of a boundless tomorrow. "Alleluia," we sing. "He is not here. He is risen, as He said. Lo, He goeth before you."

From that conviction St. Paul was able to write: "There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body. What is sown in weakness is raised in power; what is made corruptible becomes incorruptible; and, what is mortal becomes immortality."

Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory!

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## Knights Templar Eye Foundation Thanks Pearle Vision Foundation

The administrative office of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation announces the receipt of a \$20,000.00 grant from the Pearle Vision Foundation to assist the foundation in meeting current case authorization commitments and its pediatric research program.

Established by Pearle Vision, one of the world's leading eye care and eye wear providers, the Pearle Vision Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of **optimum lifetime vision**. The Pearle Vision Foundation believes, as the Eye Foundation believes, that anyone with a vision problem should have access to needed treatment and appliances. A person's ability to see should not depend on the ability to pay.

The Pearle Vision Foundation helps individuals with eye exams and glasses, with surgery and medical treatment for vision problems, with special optical appliances, with equipment for testing and improving vision, and provides museum, park and media programs that improve the quality of life for the visually impaired. In addition, it provides block grants to other organizations who share its goals.

On behalf of the board, the staff, and those we serve; we express our appreciation for the confidence the Pearle Vision Foundation has shown in us, and we shall endeavor to continue to merit it in the year ahead.

## An Easter 1995 Message

by Sir Knight James A. Marpls. 32<sup>0</sup>  
and Sir Knight Victor C. Zakoura, 32<sup>0</sup>

Easter is a time of great solemnity, but also a time of great joy. It is important to realize that the word "holiday" comes from the words "holy day." As Masons, we observe Easter in its true sense as a Holy Day in accordance with our own religious faiths.

In our modern world, not much is considered holy or sacred anymore; however, good people doing good deeds can make a positive difference. Today, though we often see elements of society drift astray, it is vital that someone or something guide them back into the mainstream. For instance, the so-called traditional family is becoming a rarity, but the extended family can play a larger role. Even with a broken family, those individual family members can still turn to aunts, uncles, and cousins for some comfort, if they can maintain contact.

In nearly all areas of society, heavy emphasis has been placed on momentary decision-making and momentary gratification; but these often lead to long-term regret. Too often, people put God (the Deity) on the back-burner. One of the great blessings of religious faith is that the emphasis is on long-term decision-making and eternal rewards.

In the Holy Scriptures, we are taught that Jesus Christ died on a Cross at Calvary, but later was resurrected and ascended into Heaven. Over one thousand years after that, history tells us of the Order of Knights Templar, the Crusaders who fought to protect pilgrims venturing to the "Holy Land."

Many of those Templars fought on horseback... and even today in England the official seal of the order consists of two knights riding a single horse. That era was marked by the cavalry becoming an imposing military tool.

Of interest to us is the fact that a specialized and select group of Knights Templar were chosen to be Knights of the Rose Croix. As Templar activities widened to include banking, finances, and other needs; the Knights Rose Croix were the Templars who formed the mainstay of Holy Land protection. Furthermore, there was a select group of

Knights Rose Croix who were elevated to the level of Knights Kadosh. The word "kadosh" refers to "holy" or "sacred" or "consecrated."

Both Masonic scholars, Sir Knight Albert Mackey, 33<sup>0</sup>, and Sir Knight Albert Pike, 33<sup>0</sup>, (who both served their Templar Commanderies as Commander) acknowledged that the Jesuits played a key role in preserving the Knights Templar, Rose Croix, and Kadosh systems. Even King Robert the Bruce of Scotland was influenced by forerunners of the Jesuits. Informally, they were known for scholastic work and holy writings for centuries prior to when the Jesuits were officially confirmed in 1540.

Seclusion was necessary. Much prayer and private contemplation was essential for their grades or degrees of consecrated study. Although sometimes misunderstood in the 1700s due to their strictness, they were noted for their zeal and applauded for pursuing holy objectives.

Maybe in 1995 we can take a lesson from their holy direction. Did you notice the similarity of the words "Calvary" and "cavalry"? Calvary was a place on a hill outside Jerusalem. Cavalry is a group of troops mobilized (as on horseback or via vehicles).

Significantly, Easter is a holy day and a MOVABLE feast day which falls on varying dates between March 22 and April 25; it marks the solemnity and the joy which arose from that PLACE on the hill.

Let us rejoice at the beauty of the season. Let us reach out to our friends and family (including the extended family) in a sincere effort to strengthen the good things in life. By doing so, we will help ourselves and the world around us. Furthermore, it will help us remember the holy part of each holiday.

**Happy Easter to everyone!**

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It's April -  
Our Last Month  
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27th Annual Voluntary Campaign  
Knights Templar Eye Foundation

*It's four down, and only one more month to go in the 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation! We mustn't let up during this crucial time! Please continue with your fund-raising projects and your personal contributions to this great cause during the month that still remains. Remember, the recipients of our charity need our participation. Below is a letter from a grateful recipient of help from the Eye Foundation, and there are many, many others still needing our help to bring them "from darkness to light."*

Dear Gentlemen:

I am writing to express my appreciation for what your organization has done for me!

I could only see something if it was moving, and I couldn't tell a cat from a dog. I haven't been able to drive for over a year. I am a Sunday school teacher, but I haven't been able to read, so my students have been reading the lessons, and I have been teaching from memory.

Thanks to your organization, I will get my glasses for reading on Friday, and I will be a whole person again.

Doctor Fitz took the cataracts off both eyes, the left in September and the right in October, and he put implants in both eyes.

Before, I was very depressed all of the time, and I felt that my life was over at fifty-five years of age.

Now, I can see my little grandchildren's faces.

A special thanks to Mr. Lionel Goede and Mr. Jim Snavely for their help. Thanks, again, to all the Knights Templar who made all this possible.

Norma Montgomery  
Park Hill, Missouri

## In Memoriam



**R. Neil Gerdemann**

**Kansas**

**Grand Commander-1972**

**Died January 26, 1995**

**Harvey C. Byrd**

**Texas**

**Grand Commander-1961**

**Born December 6, 1909**

**Died February 21, 1995**

**Richard Samuel Boothman**

**Arkansas**

**Grand Commander-1992**

**Born August 1, 1924**

**Died February 23, 1995**

**Hugh L. Smith**

**Georgia**

**Grand Commander-1994**

**Born November 6, 1917**

**Died March 1, 1995**

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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 March 10, 1995. The total amount contributed to date is \$375,201.30

Alabama .....	\$12,471.00
Arizona.....	5,374.63
Arkansas .....	1,603.00
California .....	18,686.99
Colorado .....	9,327.33
Connecticut .....	10,936.25
Delaware .....	1,763.10
District of Columbia .....	1,319.00
Florida .....	11,820.50
Georgia .....	30,821.48
Idaho .....	3,142.69
Illinois .....	10,778.06
Indiana .....	5,237.93
Iowa .....	2,533.13
Kansas.....	7,491.77
Kentucky .....	6,557.00

Louisiana .....	4,813.15
Maine.....	2,989.25
Maryland .....	3,955.00
Mass./R.1.....	10,733.00
Michigan .....	11,239.18
Minnesota .....	3,366.00
Mississippi .....	662.00
Missouri .....	4,202.48
Montana.....	979.00
Nebraska .....	776.75
Nevada .....	2,186.00
New Hampshire.....	2,055.00
New Jersey .....	5,278.75
New Mexico .....	6,769.83
New York .....	5,192.15
North Carolina .....	8,029.00
North Dakota .....	379.00
Ohio.....	10,466.10
Oklahoma .....	2,221.65
Oregon .....	5,407.00
Pennsylvania.....	34,774.95
South Carolina .....	7,179.66
South Dakota .....	1,807.00
Tennessee .....	9,134.38
Texas.....	11,307.00
Utah.....	7,891.66
Vermont .....	370.00
Virginia .....	13,211.00
Washington .....	2,950.64
West Virginia.....	8,752.00
Wisconsin .....	5,277.00
Wyoming .....	3,667.70
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks .....	1,100.00
Porto Rico No. 1 .....	750.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico .....	190.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany .....	500.00
Solo Di Aruba No. 1 .....	1,400.00
Miscellaneous .....	33,374.16

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

## History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXIII  
Biographies Of  
The Grand Masters  
(continued)

Harry Clay Walker  
Thirtieth Grand Master  
1932  
(continued)

Sir Knight Walker was made a Master Mason in Osteningo Lodge No. 435 at Binghamton on October 27, 1898. in 1902 he was Worshipful Master and then served two terms as District Deputy Grand Master.

He was exalted in Binghamton Chapter No. 139 on March 27, 1900, and was High Priest in 1918.

In 1918 he was made a Royal and Select Master at sight at the annual assembly of Royal and Select Masters held at Corning, New York, and became a member of Binghamton Council No. 24.

In March 1900, he received the degrees of the Scottish Rite at Binghamton, and on September 15, 1908, he received the Honorary 33<sup>1</sup> in the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction. He was crowned an active member of the Supreme Council on September 18, 1918, and in September 1926, became Grand Minister of State, and in 1930 Deputy for New York.

He was knighted in Malta Commandery No. 21 at Binghamton on May 1, 1900, and was elected Eminent Commander in 1906. He was elected Grand Warder in 1910 in the Grand Commandery of New York, and in 1917 became Grand Commander.

At the Triennial Conclave of 1922 held in New Orleans, he was elected Grand



HARRY CLAY WALKER  
Thirtieth Grand Master, 1932

Junior Warden and in 1931 was elected Deputy Grand Master. On April 16, 1932, he became Grand Master due to the death of Grand Master Weidner. His term of office, however, was to last for only seventy-eight days.

The Order of Knighthood suffered a great loss because of the passing of this great leader. There was dignity and power in his personality that made for progress and harmony. His broad experience, deep sympathy, and great understanding of the problems of men made him a valued leader, whose loss was mourned throughout the Order.



Andrew Davison Agnew  
Thirty-First Grand Master  
1934-1937

Andrew D. Agnew was born of Scottish parentage in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, on November 18, 1867, and had resided in Milwaukee since 1871. Completing his education in the private and public schools of Milwaukee, he took up the study of law and graduated from the Milwaukee Law School (LL.B. Marquette University). He kept up an active law practice in Milwaukee until 1925 when he retired to devote himself to his large private interests. He was a member of the Milwaukee Bar Association, the Wisconsin State Bar Association, the Milwaukee Athletic Club and the Wisconsin Historical Society. He was a member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

On February 16, 1929, he was married to Mrs. Harriet E. Kobs.

For several months before his eighty-fourth birthday, he had been in failing health, so that his passing on December 1951, was not unexpected. Funeral services were held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on December 22, followed by a church service conducted by the Reverend Andrew G. Finnie, Pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, with many distinguished Masons in attendance. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir Knight Agnew was raised a Master Mason in Kilbourn Lodge No. 3 in Milwaukee on July 16, 1894. He was exalted in Kilbourn Chapter No. 1 in Milwaukee on October 5, 1894, and received the Cryptic Degrees in Wisconsin Council No. 4 on April 24, 1895.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Milwaukee on November 1901. He was Sovereign Prince of Wisconsin Council P. of J. from 1908 to 1910. He received the 33<sup>o</sup> on September 1911, and was crowned an active member of the Supreme Council

on September 23, 1920, and served for many years as Grand Marshal General and as a member and chairman of important committees. In 1927 he was elected Deputy of the Supreme Council for the District of Wisconsin. On September 29, 1948, he was elected an Emeritus member of the Supreme Council.

He was the first Sovereign of St. Wilfred Conclave No. 52, Red Cross of Constantine. He served as Intendant General for the state of Wisconsin for many years before being elected Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council on May 23, 1942. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Tripoli Temple, AAOONS, and an Honorary Member of the National Sojourners.

Sir Knight Agnew was created a Knight Templar in Wisconsin Commandery No. 1 of Milwaukee on November 27, 1900, and was elected Eminent Commander in 1909. In 1920 he became Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin.



# Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Tenth Crusade to 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 Molay 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 Chariot 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.

## Registration Form for the Tenth Crusade

Please find enclosed my deposit check for \$200 (per person). Please make checks payable to: Knights Templar. Mail to:  
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar  
P. Fred Lesley, co-chair  
P.O. Box 498  
Battle Creek, MI 49016

Deposit due July 15, 1995  
Final payment due September 15, 1995.  
For more information, please call Fred Lesley  
at: (616) 965-0324

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Letter To The Editor

I very much enjoyed Sir Knight James A. Ray's article in the February 1995 issue, entitled "A Time Traveler Visits An Ordinary Man." I know how candidate James McCrory must have felt at being in the presence of George Washington in the lodge room. I must call attention to a minor error concerning Washington's Masonic record. He received his degrees in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia, now called Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, the records of which are still in existence and show that Washington received the E.A. degree November 4, 1752; the F.C. degree on March 3, 1753; and the M.M. degree on August 4, 1753. Alexandria Lodge No. 39 had been working under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In May of 1788 the Lodge petitioned to transfer its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The resolution named George Washington (selected unanimously) as the first Master under its new charter. These facts are found in Denslow's *10,000 Famous Freemasons*.

My knowledge of George Washington's association with Fredericksburg Lodge is a personal one. From time to time members of the Lodge used to bring the "Washington Bible" (the one on which he took his obligations) to Washington, DC, to be used in Lodge ritualistic work there. It was my great privilege to be obligated on October 23, 1929, on this Bible. Therefore, George Washington and I have something in common more than just being members of our Craft!

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## Newsfront...

### Ft Myers, Florida, Installation

On January 7, 1995, the officers of Poinciana Chapter No. 50, Ft. Myers Council No. 25, and Ft. Myers Commandery No. 32 were installed by Sir Knight Guy Waltman, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Florida. Companion Robert Newell was installed as Excellent High Priest of Poinciana Chapter No. 50, Companion Gene Burger, Jr., was installed as Illustrious Master of Ft. Myers Council No. 25, and Sir Knight Larry Cole was installed as Eminent Commander of Ft. Myers Commandery No. 32. The open installation was



attended by a large number of members, ladies, and guests, and a number of out-of-state York Rite Masons were present, including M.I. Companion and Past Commander George W. Roloson, Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Ohio; M.I. Companion and Past Commander, I. R. "Doc" Burtnett, Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Ohio; and Sir Knight Richard A. Meacham, R.E. Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. In the picture, left to right are: I. R. "Doc" Burtnett, Richard A. Meacham, Larry Cole, Guy Waltman, and George W. Roloson.

### Kansas Council Of Knight Masons Constituted

On Saturday, January 7, 1995, Excellent Chief Donald F. Young, representing John Harris Watts, Great Chief of Knight Masons of the U.S.A., convened the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the U.S.A. to constitute Kansas Council, U.D., Wichita, and to initiate its members. Sir Knight Jim D. Beye assisted and read the letter authorizing the institution and dispensation of the Council.

Forty-eight Brethren were initiated and/or received with Sir Knight E. Dean Osborn, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Kansas, serving as the Exemplar. Officers are Donald F. Young, Ex. Chief; J. C. Paschal, Senior Knight; Bill B. Manning, Junior Knight; Roderick G. Kingdon, Scribe; Jerry R. Wood, Treasurer; Verden Brown, Senior Warden; Leroy L. Loggins, Junior Warden; Michael A. Campa, Director of Ceremonies; Leslie Winegar, Priest; Douglas L. Stone, Steward; and Danny R. Moe, Sentinel.

The remaining sixteen members will be initiated in April.

Membership in the Knight Masons is by invitation. Kansas now Joins more than thirty states with one or more Councils of Knight Masons. The Grand Council of Knight Masons meets each year in February in Washington, DC.

## Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador For 1995

Pictured is the Supreme Tall Cedar of North America, Michael J. Hlatke III from Middlesex, NJ, with the Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 1995, Jill Marie Pantozzi.

Jill was diagnosed at the age of two as having spinal muscular atrophy. She lives with her parents and three brothers in Union, NJ.

She was the New Jersey MDA Poster Child for two years. She is a member of her church choir, the National Junior Honor Society, and her school's dance committee. She enjoys swimming, roller blading, and horse-back riding. She also likes to dance and play her clarinet.

A Masonic affiliated organization with 28,000 members in the U.S. and Canada, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over \$7,000,000 to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

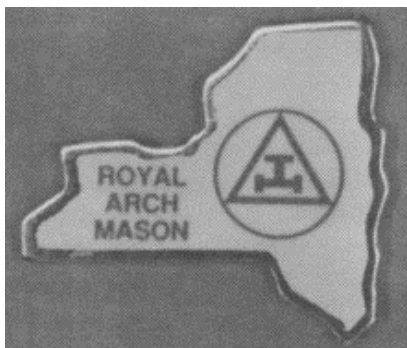


## Billie Jo Wells, Honored Queen Of Bethel No. 82, Quincy, IL

Billie Jo Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Wells, was installed as Honored Queen on December 17, 1994. In a show of Masonic unity, Past Honored Queens of the Bethel served as installing officers, escorts were members of Quincy Commandery No. 77 with the Queen's father who is a Past Commander assisting, and the nine o'clock interpolation was given by the Quincy Order of DeMolay and Ken Higgins, DeMolay Dad. Specially recognized in the East was Mrs. Marilyn Foote, Past Bethel Guardian, Past Grand Guardian, and Grand Bethel Guardian of Illinois

Miss Wells has chosen praying hands for her emblem and the dove as her mascot, the rose for her flower, and lavender, pink and teal as her colors. Her motto is: Dreams: When you find a dream inside your heart, don't ever let it go.. .for dreams are the tiny seeds from which tomorrows grow." Her song is *Hero*.

## Royal Arch Pin Recognizes R.A.M. Charities



The Second Capitular District, NY, has designed a pin to recognize Royal Arch Mason charities in New York. The metal pin in the shape of New York State is gold-plated with red and white enamel, featuring the Royal Arch symbol and the words: "Royal Arch Mason."

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Lee Maloney



Yo Yo the Clown got ready to help the Easter bunny on his run. He donned the likeness of his idol by way of costume, leaving the head for the last, grabbed his keys for the van, and was off to the local children's hospital Easter egg hunt!

Merrily he made his way through some of his own neighborhood streets. He chuckled out loud, as he noticed the top of his costume grinning up at him! He remembered he had decided to take a photo for Patrick, six, and Shannon, four, two of his daughter Lee's children, to show them Mr. Easter Bunny at one of his annual hospital trips to delight the children! Lee had handed Shannon the picture first, saying, "Look, how adorable. It's Pop Pop!" The little girl had taken one look at the snapshot and burst out crying! His grandchildren lived in California, and Yo Yo in New Jersey. Sending this picture across the miles to let them see their Pop Pop as a bunny was to surprise them! It certainly did this for Shannon, who when she could calm down, accused her mother in an indignant tone of voice of keeping a grave secret, as she exclaimed, **You didn't tell me my grandfather was a rabbit!**

Even a phone call a few minutes later to Pop Pop when Lee could get serious and stop laughing over this mistaken identity, to assure her by his voice that he was indeed not a rabbit but was only wearing this costume to go and help with an Easter egg hunt, did not seem to convince or relieve this little girl's conception that the family had been keeping this secret from her! She studied the picture some more after the telephone call ... those white furry paws and long, white-pink ears..., sure looked real!



Today, after a well-planned but slower than usual egg-hunt on the grounds for the children, he would take a basket of eggs and secretly place them here and there for children (some sedated for pain) who were not well enough to get out of bed. Tip-toeing with this huge basket of candy, he would place them lovingly around their rooms so they could see the bunny surprises when they woke up!

If they awakened and saw him, all the better; a few balloon animals and bunny antics brought smiles to even some of the sickest kids in the hospital!

You could always tell the kids who weren't going to make it. Their rooms never had much sun streaming through

the windows. They only had the bed lights for company, and the wagons they got to be pulled in up and down the corridors, with the IN bottles attached like so many silent sentinels of impending death, told everyone these children were seriously ill; the wagons were parked and left for a better day, right where they had gotten out of them ... too ill to care about the ride..., until perhaps a better-feeling day, tomorrow.

Thus begins our clown's story of Johnny, a very small boy who was very, very sick

"Grief-stricken parents do not accept the loss of their children as death's inevitable path away from living. Their hearts have their own timetables they want to keep, especially when 'your baby' is only five years old!"

because he was born with a disease called leukemia. By five years of age, all he knew of the world and life's existence was a square room with a bed at home and a square room with a bed in a hospital.

His parents could not accept their only son was dying! They had kept the teachings about God, their own religious preferences, to themselves, because in truth, they were angry with God for daring to take their only child. To them this was a God who was unfair and cruel! All they knew they could rely on was Johnny's doctors to make him more comfortable, and perhaps the medical scientists would come up with a cure to save him. They had resolved in their own minds that if Johnny did not get better, they would never forgive "God" ever!

What was even sadder and increased the boy's fear of the unknown, **he did not know yet he was dying**, for no one in his family had the courage to ask him his feelings about this, or explain to him what was happening in his body to shorten his young life.

Grown-ups are never prepared to explain death to a child. Why should they have to? They have little experience of it themselves! What if prayers of love and trust in God just didn't explain why your child was picked to die and not grow older to die in his nineties as he should? Grief-stricken parents do not accept the loss of their children as death's inevitable path away from living. Their hearts have their own timetables they want to keep, especially when "your baby" is only five years old!

John Jr. did not even know there was a heaven because everyone assumed he was too little to understand about death and God. It was much easier to pretend it was all right to avoid the subject, and give one's anxieties safe excuses about the child being too sick to listen. Soon one would build up courage to talk to him about this.. .MAYBE.

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The day Yo Yo walked into Johnny's room, he had already started spending longer and longer lying in bed, even refusing all the coaxing of his parents or the nurses to be pulled down the hospital corridor in his red wagon, just for fun. Instead each day his chart showed he was succumbing to this disease more rapidly. Johnny would even close his eyes and pretend he was sleeping, when they tried to get him to eat some soft, nourishing foods. It was bad enough all the times they took his little body and stuck him with needles all over, no matter how tearfully he begged them to stop!

He opened his eyes, just when he was trying to "make magic" to make the pain disappear inside him and never come back again (of course, it always did), and saw a huge white Easter Bunny hiding his eggs quietly around the room. He was glad for this interruption because he hated the medicine that was making him



float, as it came through a long plastic tube from a bottle. It caused his body to pull a dark blanket over his head, making it too dark to see. He called this place, "THE NOTHING" All too many times he was beginning to see more and more black color pulled over him.

The Bunny came over and offered him his paw, and he took it, feeling the soft fur. The Easter Rabbit's voice seemed to be coming from a faraway place as he spoke to him, causing in the child a strange sense of dislocation and loneliness! The gigantic ball of fur said

"Yo Yo was in the right place at the most perfect time to be there. He knew he could at least try to explain to the child about where he was going."

little to disturb his rest but got busy and made a bunch of animal balloons and let them fall all over the room as they willed and quickly left, crying under his bunny-head costume top... because no one could see in there.

As Yo Yo got to the car, he took off the bunny head, and resting his head against his steering wheel, he let it all out again. His heart doctor warned him about placing himself under stress repeatedly, but this was different; this was crying for a kid who wasn't going to make it and praying to God between harsh sobs that hurt his ribs to let it be sooner this time than it was for some, who lingered here and suffered terribly and too long.

He made a mental note to come and visit Johnny again because the hospital was only a few miles away from his own house. Perhaps tomorrow he would come just as the 'Clown.'

The next visit he met the two young parents of Johnny, nice clean-cut kids but in shock from watching this disease wasting their son's body away before their very eyes.

Yo Yo was dressed in his clown attire, and he told Johnny he had heard from the Bunny he was there and so stopped by. Johnny looked to him like he was becoming as flat as the sheets in weight, so he only stayed a few brief moments, while the child was trying to figure out where in the world he had heard that voice before.

Yo Yo, even with his face disguised by grease paint, had eyes that conveyed that you could trust him with your most intimate secrets of life and come away a better man for having told them to him; talking to the parents in the sun room, they told him the doctors had done all they could. Perhaps Johnny had less than a week to live, and still, they had not told Johnny he was dying or spoke with him about heaven.

Yo Yo was in the right place at the most perfect time to be there. He knew he could at least try to explain to the child about where he was going, for he knew in his devotion to ill children that every prayer he had offered to get them there had helped.

"I have a story I tell kids when they need to hear something light about dying. I'll tell this to John Jr. if you want me to," he kindly offered the upset parents. This was obviously not of small comfort for John's parents, who had been avoiding topics like this. Johnny's mother's eyes filled with instant and spontaneous tears of gratitude, and the father coughed so as to cover up a sob still caught in his throat. The clown went back into the child's room to see if he was awake and wanted to hear a story.

Right at this time, Johnny was trying very hard not to go into "The Nothing" for all week he had been sleeping this deep (in and out of a coma), and although he knew his parents were right down the hall, he was afraid. Maybe one of these times he would not wake up. And where was it he went, if he never came back? He was struggling very hard to push himself up on his pillows, but the black

made him weak, and it just kept getting darker. Suddenly, he felt very alone and very afraid. As Yo Yo came to his bed, he cried out, "I want my daddy and mommy hero!. ..clown, am I going to die?"

There! It had finally come out to a grown-up! He had at long last brought himself to ask this scary question, always lurking in back of the whispers behind his curtain. Perhaps this clown could give him some kind of answer he would

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understand, as he listened to him, while fighting the waves of blackness that kept threatening to engulf him.

He felt a gentle hand brushing tenderly at the small tuft of hair which had finally grown back after the chemicals that had made it fall out were stopped. The touch felt like a silky touch of kitten whiskers, tickling him up there.

"Johnny," Yo Yo said, "would you like to hear a nice story about leaving here?"

The dying boy eagerly nodded his head, trying with the last of his physical strength not to thrash around in pain. He knew if he showed he was in pain the medicine would come down the bottle and make him return to that empty dark place again.

With an intense quality in the tone of his voice, he answered, "Yes, I must know about death."

Yo Yo caught his breath a little, but seeing the wonderful courage flood the lad's face, he held on to his hand and began his story:

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## The Little Rosebud

Once upon a time, a little rosebud was not growing very well. It was unhealthy, and somehow, in the way the young know more than grown-ups, it knew it must be dying. So it bravely asked its mother, the rose bush, "Mama, am I dying?"

Mama Rosebush tenderly swayed her branches to soothe the leaves of the baby bud, and said, Yes, my precious Rosebud, you are going to another very beautiful garden, somewhere else, to live there forevermore."

The thought of leaving earth frightened this little rose, and he wanted to cry, but instead he pleaded, "But Mama, I don't want to leave my family here. Can't you come? Then I won't be afraid any more."

Yo Yo looked at the child's eyes looking up hopefully at him. They were clear and bright, so he continued his story.

"I would like to," his mother assured him in her own warm voice, "but Rosebud, this is to be your own special time for happiness, so I cannot go with you. But you are not to worry, my sweetness, for where you are going you never count hours; this is a place with so much peace you await new surprises happily each and every day, and wake up just to play. One day the Gardener himself will come and tell you to watch for me, as it is my own time to grow in this garden, which they call Heaven."

The bud thought over his mother's words in his heart, a few short seconds before he asked, "Mama, if I do not like this place called Heaven, can I come back?" This time his mother's answer was firmer as she replied, 'No, you cannot, but remember, it is you alone who have earned the right to live in this Garden of Beauty, where there is no pain or worry, so **you really will not want to come back.**"

Rosebud's tiny voice shook a little in doubt as he asked, "Will I ever be lonely?" His mother kissed him lovingly and said, 'No, you will not be lonely, and

you will not forget your loved ones on earth while you continue to grow up there ... you see your heart never dies, only your outside covering."

Rosebud thought this over but still needed to ask more about this place called Heaven, so he asked, "How will I get there, Mama? Will I be dead? Does it hurt to die?" He started to feel frantic and afraid inside.

"Rosebud," his mother's voice sounded faraway now. "Close your eyes. When you open them again, you will be blooming in Heaven."

Rosebud closed his eyes on earth, and woke up in Heaven.

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By the time Yo Yo had finished his story, Johnny's head was nodding off into his pillow and he was going into a deep and more natural sleep, but Yo Yo knew he had heard the whole story, and Johnny said, "Thanks, Yo Yo. That explains a lot of things. I'm not so afraid to die anymore."

The clown left and went to get his parents. When they came back into the room, Johnny was sound asleep and actually smiling as if he were having a most wonderful dream.

Yo Yo let out a sigh of intense relief, hoping he had really helped this special kid" know about heaven, and left. Johnny's parents asked him to come back and visit their son one more time, if he survived the night.

This time, although his heart was still heavy, he did not break down and cry in the car because he reasoned this five-year-old was more than ready to make his second important journey of his whole life, and he was facing it just as bravely as the one he had taken upon his birth.

The next day was Sunday, and to Yo Yo the hours seemed to be clicking away slowly and loudly as the hands moved in painful old age around his clock. He was there and ready to go and see Johnny at visiting hours at 2:00 P.M.

He could tell by John Senior's red-rimmed eyes that he had gone off to the men's room to cry, and the kid's mother had a Kleenex so shredded into pieces from gripping it that parts of it lay like pink cotton wads on the carpet.

Also, it seemed as if this child with his own sixth sense of perception had been waiting for this clown. For as Yo Yo stood quietly taking in this sad scene at the doorway, Johnny suddenly opened his eyes and tried to sit up. He looked at his mother, his dad and then at Yo Yo. They all seemed so sad. He knew he was dying, but he had to tell them all the beautiful dream he had just had.

"Mommy," he called out. His mother stepped nearer to his pillows and said, "Yes, baby, I'm here." It was at this second the little boy knew for sure he was dying. His mom only called him this "pet name" when she was too upset to remember he really was not a baby anymore, at the old age of five. Not having time to correct her, his voice bubbled out to whomever would hear: "I just talked to a man who was wearing a long white nightgown. He asked me if I wanted to come with him and have no more pain, so, I said yes. But I wasn't sure where he wanted to take me, so I had to ask him if there were any toys there. He just laughed and told me, 'Johnny, if there are any toys missing in heaven, I'll bring them to you myself.'"

Suddenly, he rose up a little and looked straight at the door, up and over Yo Yo's head, and in a strong voice of happiness exclaimed, "Why there he is right now, the man who told me his name was Jesus." And as if listening to the voice of his visitor, he reached two little arms upward and said, "Yup, I'm ready to go and play up there, Jesus."

In that very second, John Jr. closed his eyes, sank back into his pillow, and died.

Yo Yo went as Harry to this child's final, resting earth bed, as did many of the staff of the hospital. Not many cried for they all knew this child had been sick a very, very long time. In fact, most of their hearts were rather light, as word had gotten around the wards of how Johnny had gotten to see Jesus right before he died.

Up in heaven, John Jr., was really happy. He had been able to tell his parents where he was going ahead of time, so he knew they would not cry too much. He did not want them to be angry with God for taking him to such a wonderful place.

Yo Yo, the Clown, again going as Harry, even attended the setting of the memorial on Johnny's little earth bed, a few months later. It read: "April 10, 1970 Jesus chose this time for his little rosebud, John Stafford Jr., to blossom in heaven."

Harry knelt down to say a little prayer with John Jr.'s parents, as this child lovingly looked down. John Jr. happily wondered, "Who will be the first to join me up here and pull me in my little red wagon?" "Probably Yo Yo the Clown," Jesus had guessed, "who is sometimes the Easter Bunny." He was growing older fastest and would not forever be able to be a clown, but Jesus assured the child, he would be able to perform endlessly without tiring for the kids.. .waiting.. once he got up there.

### The Beginning

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### The Crucifixion

Between two thieves they hung the Lord so pure and free from sin  
They scourged mocked and scorned him and then they crucified him  
They gave him hate and cruelty even unto the very end  
Betrayed by Judas Iscariot for 30 pieces of silver he would not spend  
Denied three times by Simon Peter Jesus told them that this would be  
They crucified the Saviour on a cross at Calvary  
Christ's Purple Robe the Romans took to gamble it away  
A soldier's spear pierced his side where blood and water lay  
Upon his head was placed a crown of thorns in mockery  
A reed given as his sceptre their insignia of Royalty  
His hands and feet nailed to a Roman Cross for all mankind to see  
They crucified the Son of God Christ died to set men free  
On the cross as he was dying his life on earth now through  
Christ said "Father in heaven forgive them they know not what they do"  
The love of all the ages for the whole world carried he  
To give himself in sacrifice for the salvation of you and me  
Christ alone was born to carry the burden of our sins  
He is the world's Salvation Son of God Saviour Redeemer King of Kings

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## Robert A. Woods Priory No. 62, Indiana Knights Of The York Cross Of Honour

For the year of 1994, it was the pleasure of Robert A. Woods Priory No. 62 to have as members, the three presiding officers of the York Rite and the Grand Master of Masons of Indiana, Worshipful Brother Michael D. Brumback, according to Prior Gary K Fentress.

At the annual meeting on January 28, 1995, they had the honor of having these dedicated leaders perform the four lectures in their ceremonies.

In the picture, It to right, are:

Michael D. Brumback, Most Worshipful Grand Master G. Leon Weber, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Gary K Fentress, Eminent Prior, 1994; Forest C. McDaniel, Personal Representative of Grand Master General Donald E. Friend; **Robert** E. Durham, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master and Duane Stucker, Right Eminent Grand Commander.



## Recipient of Holy Land Pilgrimage Speaks at Allegheny Commandery No. 35, Pittsburgh, PA



Charles A. Garnes, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, reports that the Reverend David P. Koppel, who was sponsored by Allegheny Commandery No. 35 and the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, described the Holy Land Pilgrimage as "a life-changing experience." Reverend Koppel returned from his pilgrimage on February 17, 1995. Pictured from left to right are: Sir Knight Nevin P. Critchlow;

Sir Knight Richard E. Neighbarger; Reverend Koppel; Sir Knight Harold C. Jamison, R.E.G.C. of Pennsylvania; Sir Knight James H. Richards, V.E.D.G.C.; and Sir Knight Donald M. Murphy, Commander of Allegheny No. 35.

## Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Launches Endowment Drive For Learning Disabilities

The Supreme Council has launched a fund-raising campaign for the endowment of its newest charity, the Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers, Inc. This charity will provide needed services for children with learning disabilities, through Valley-based centers which offer access to professional assessment and free treatment for dyslexia and other treatable learning disorders. There are already five Learning Centers in operation or in the planning stages. The goal is the establishment of Learning Centers throughout the fifteen states of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. For further information, call (617) 862-4410 or write to: J. Philip Berquist, Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers, Inc., 458 Newtonville Avenue, Newtonville, MA 02160



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To build the Library of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, we are looking for copies of the Allied Masonic Degree Annals and Miscellanea, as well as collectanea prior to 1990. Also Annals of the Grand college of Rites prior to 1994 and copies of the Roelcrusian Fama Will pay postage and nominal price if required. Robert E. Price Recorder; P.O. Box 702; Corv,ersville; IN 47337.

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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. 562, P.O. Box 237, Willard, 01-1 44890.

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Brother Mason is avid baseball collector. Your old baseball glove is my treasure. Photos, bats, balls, etc-I collect it all. Mike Gonsolln. 242 La Pets Circle, Danville, CA 94526. (510) 838-0367.

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Wacky Mac reunion: The third reunion of the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.S. McCawley (APA-4) by U.S. PT boats after having been torpedoed by Japan will be held in Memphis. Tennessee, June 28-30 at the Holiday Inn. Contact Jesse Cannon, (504) 748-4131 or Frenchy Maursls, (708) 358-7788.

Reunion: open invitation to all members of the 36th Squadron who trained at M4sve, CA from 1942 to 1958 for joined rrsttary reunion in Las Vegas NN, April 23-26, 199&--group ratea, scenic tours, etc. I-niL. Kni4seri, 1-1(X)-6. Bar I-A. Park Rapi MN 56470, (278)732-3978.

Stonemen family reunion: July 29-30, 1995, 1-itiieville, Carroll Co., VA. For mars Information, contact KerN Sbnevrvt 10 Wa,k Band. Bane, VT 05647-5628, (802)475-6294.

Reunion: 3rd Photo Reconnaissance Squadron, U.SAAF. W.W.II. in Tampa, FL April 21-24, 1995. Babe? C. (Isv P0. Box 70, ía,sLaka, A448627-W70. (517)821-6645

## The Heavy Yoke

God gives to none a guarantee  
That life on earth shall easy be.  
He even sent His own Son down,  
Through suffering, to earn his crown.

Had earth been made a perfect place  
Whereon man had no tasks to do,  
No hardships and no griefs to bear,  
There would have been no need for prayer.

For this to earth we all were sent:  
The pride of high accomplishment;  
By faith and courage to attain  
True greatness ease could never gain.

*Edgar A. Guest*