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**Brother Robert R. Livingston, who bought Louisiana, was a Hudson River aristocrat. He later financed Fulton's development of the steamboat and tried to establish a monopoly of steamboat travel.**

## Many Thanks

Many thanks to Sir Knight and Illustrious Noble Burton Ravellette, Jr., Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Arkansas and Past Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, and Sir Knight and Illustrious C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33<sup>o</sup>, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America, Southern Jurisdiction, for their contribution in writing the editorials for the June and July issues of our *Knight Templar* magazine. Their writings were truly an inspiration to all who read them.



In the April editorial of the *Knight Templar* magazine, it was requested that anyone attending twenty or more consecutive Easter Sunrise Services let me know, and we would acknowledge them in a future issue of the magazine.

We had many responses for seventeen, eighteen and nineteen years of attendance at the Easter Sunrise Services in Washington, DC.

A letter was received from Sir Knight George D. Stevens, Past Grand Commander of Virginia, who has a record of twenty-nine years of consecutive attendance. His Mother Commandery is No. 29, and he holds plural membership in numbers 1 and 33 of Virginia.

In checking the records of the history of our Easter Sunrise Services, it was found that the first service was conducted by the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia on April 5, 1931, in Arlington National Cemetery. Some ten thousand were in attendance including the President of the United States and Mrs. Hoover; Secretaries of War, Navy, and Labor; and Sir Knight Eugene E. Thompson, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the District of Columbia. (Reference - page 340 from the *Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, 38th Triennia/ Conclave.*) Sir Knight Thompson extended an invitation to Sir Knight William L. Sharp, Most Eminent Grand Master, and to all who would be in Washington, DC, for the Easter of the next year. At the first session of the 41st Triennial of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Mark Norris, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, recommended that the Grand Encampment sponsor this Easter Service and contribute to its maintenance such part of the expense that the Grand Encampment may see fit to provide. (Reference - page 53 from the *Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, 41st Triennial Conclave.*) Our many thanks to these two farsighted Most Eminent Grand Masters.

We salute Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, who tells us he has not missed an Easter Sunrise Service since its inception. **What a record!** Marvin has left his mark on Templar history.

My thanks to all who attended this past Easter, and I hope to see many more of you next Easter

Blair Christy Mayford  
Grand Master

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

**AUGUST:** This month in his message, Grand Master Mayford thanks his illustrious guest writers for June and July, congratulates some longtime attendees of the Easter Sunrise Service, and ruminates on the history of that great Knights Templar tradition. Don't miss the inspirational article by our Grand Prelate, the Reverend Thomas E. Weir, starting on page 25. In addition, you'll find much news about what your Eye Foundation dollars are doing in research across the country and two interesting articles on Brothers who were worlds apart but for their involvement in the Craft: Brothers Livingston and Arnold.

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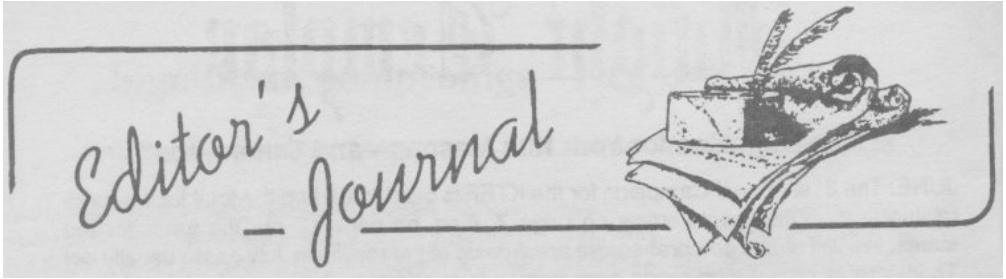
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**The Tenth Crusade to the Holy Land Closed:** Reservations are filled for the Grand Encampment and Grand Master Mayford's Tenth Crusade to the Holy Land, scheduled for this fall. Grand Master Mayford has authorized another trip to the Holy Land, scheduled for November 5 through November 15, 1996. Details will be provided at a later time.

**Wanted:** The Grand Encampment is in need of a copy of History of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America by Francis J. Scully, MD. for its library. If you have a copy to donate or sell, please contact the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

**Attention:** All Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be In office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 1995; and Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November issue, Knight Templar magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders on November 1. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 10. if your installation will be In late September or October, order your photo NOW or It will arrive too late for Inclusion in the November issue.

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

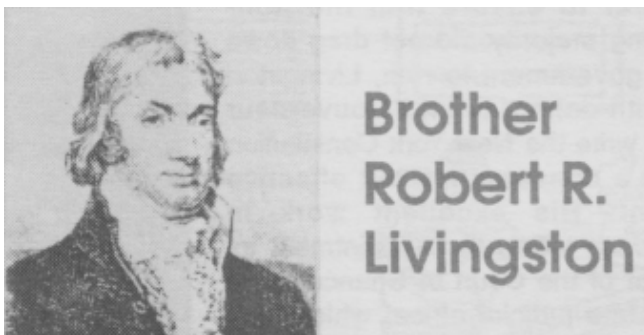
Indicate name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 10. After that date, It may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.

**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.



## The Mason Who Bought The Heart of a Continent

by Dr. Robert C. Barnard

If ever a man was "born with a silver spoon in his mouth," Robert Livingston was that man. His family of Dutch landed aristocracy came to New Netherlands in the early 1600s. Robert's great-grandfather married the widow of a wealthy land baron and immediately became one of the colony's leaders.

When Governor Peter Stuyvesant led the colony in a hopeless battle against the English invaders in 1664, the victors quickly crushed the Dutch and renamed New Netherlands after their Duke of York, making it New York. The Livingston family rolled with the punches, took British citizenship, and remained a leading group of the aristocracy.

A century later, when Robert R. Livingston was born in 1746, the family was related to nearly every land baron in the British colony and was deeply involved in the government. The interests of the Livingston's often clashed with the politics of the royal governor and the king.

Robert's father, an outstanding judge, was opposed to the Stamp Act, which was used to tax the colonies without their permission. On the other hand, he was a negative and nervous observer of the street mobs and the tumult they created in their efforts to resist the king's law.

Robert graduated from King's College (Columbia University) in 1765 and entered legal practice in partnership with a cousin.

After the law firm was established as one of the best in New York, he made a "suitable" marriage with Mary Stevens of a wealthy New Jersey family.

Having petitioned and joined Freemasonry in his young manhood as a matter of course, Livingston advanced rapidly in the Craft, and it was an important part of his life for the next forty-five years. He joined Union Lodge in New York City and served as Master. Later, during his distinguished legal career after the Revolutionary War, he served as Grand Master of the state of New York, from 1784 to 1801. He constituted Solomon's Lodge No. 1 of Poughkeepsie, New York, and performed many other outstanding Masonic duties which made him one of the foremost Masons in the state. It is possible that Livingston's tenure as Grand Master might have been much longer if he had not been appointed Minister to France in 1801 by his friend, President Thomas Jefferson.

The transition of the aristocrat, Robert Livingston, through the years from being the scion of a great family loyal to the king, to fighting King George III as a rebel, and at the successful completion of the rebellion becoming a democratic leader of the state of New York, was not an easy one. It was accompanied by much soul searching and painful decisions. But, whatever side he was on, Livingston was a leader with vigor and honesty, doing what he thought was right.

In order to ensure that the non-landowning majority did not drag down the new government to ruin, Livingston joined with John Jay and Gouverneur Morris to write the New York Constitution of 1777, a conservative but effective document. His excellent work in jurisprudence led to the appointment as Chancellor of the Court of Chancery, the highest state judicial office, which also made him a member of the Governor's Council. Thus for twenty-four years, he was a power in New York State government, more than holding his own against Governor George Clinton and his highly liberal coalition, made up of farmers, mechanics and the proletariat, deeply hostile of the old landed gentry.

In the Revolutionary War days, Robert was aligned with Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and Robert Morris, leaders in what became known as the conservative Federalist Party. While presiding over the Court of Chancery, he had the pleasure of administering the presidential oath to George Washington in 1789.

However, by 1791, Robert had become more liberal in his outlook and formed a political alliance with his former foe, Governor Clinton, and the energetic newcomer, Aaron Burr. His old aristocratic friends dropped him, but Thomas Jefferson welcomed him to the Democratic Republican ranks.

Robert Livingston and Jefferson had long been friends, since they were assigned on a committee together to *compose the Declaration of Independence* in 1776. But Jefferson was so obviously superior in his inspired writing that Robert; along with John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Roger Sherman; let the young Virginian write it, while they gave the work their enthusiastic blessing. Now, in 1801, President Jefferson needed his old comrade for a tremendously important mission.

When he was appointed Minister of France, Robert Livingston was America's



Robert Livingston

sole representative to the great Emperor Napoleon, who was conquering all Europe and seemingly making the world over at will as he would have it be. The tiny, relatively weak United States could have been easily swallowed up by the French colossus or reconquered by Great Britain.

A course of absolute neutrality and vigil was necessary, and Livingston was the key man in the process. France, as well as Spain and Great Britain, had designs on all American lands west of the Mississippi River, which many Americans including Livingston and Jefferson felt must necessarily be placed in our possession if our small republic were to continue to exist.

Livingston began his ministerial tenure in France by becoming a close friend of the Emperor Napoleon, who had few friends and regarded most people with distrust. He also attended the French Court daily and made a favorable impression with the nobles and officials. Being admitted to the inner political circle, Robert became aware that Napoleon had plans to use his vast army in Santo Domingo to move in strength to New



*Cartoons depict development of the purchase.*

Orleans and begin building a great French empire in the center of the North American Continent.

If this happened, President Jefferson felt that it would be the end of American dreams of a transcontinental republic. Painful as it would be, we would have to "marry the United States to the British fleet" and take the consequences with Great Britain rather than to face being overwhelmed by Napoleon's victorious armies, who had never lost a battle.

Ambassador Livingston received instructions to make every effort to purchase New Orleans and West Florida. As Robert outlined the reasons to his friend, Napoleon, why French interests would be best served by cementing friendship with the United States by selling us this small portion of her lands, the emperor received word that his gigantic army in the Caribbean had been decimated by disease and a slave revolt. Disgruntled and disappointed, Napoleon shifted French interests from America to the invasion of Great Britain.

When Robert suggested that Napoleon sell New Orleans and a small piece of land at the mouth of the river to America, his powerful friend countered by asking if the United States would be interested in buying the entire Territory of Louisiana, comprising all of the French possessions, made up of 828,000 square miles in the heart of the continent. Dumbfounded, but overjoyed,

Livingston, joined by James Monroe, who had been sent from the United States as special envoy for the business, agreed to purchase the Louisiana Territory from France for about \$15,000,000. (Not for the first time it looked as if Providence was on the side of the young United States.)

Though lacking congressional permission and having no means to obtain it on short notice, the Americans signed the Louisiana Purchase Treaty on May 2, 1803, and doubled the size of the United States of America. Instead of stopping at the Mississippi River, our nation stretched from the Atlantic Ocean to a somewhat vague and not well agreed upon line the other side of the Rocky Mountains. Domination of the continent of North American was now a possibility for our expanding nation.

Thus the future growth of our country was assured by the work of Robert Livingston. Historians generally seem to play down his part in the purchase and to give the paramount place to Special Envoy James Monroe, who had a long and illustrious career and later became President of the United States.

However, research of the facts seems clearly to support that Robert Livingston laid the groundwork for the acquisition by making friends with the emperor and court, by placing the United States in the most favorable light, and by making the first overtures to purchase French lands

across the Mississippi River. As Masonic historian William Denslow remarked, "The U.S. acquisition of the Louisiana Territory was due in the main part to Livingston."

So saying, we must add that James Monroe did excellent work for his country at this time in France, as throughout his long, worthwhile life.

The remainder of Robert Livingston's life after closing this "greatest land deal in American history" may seem almost an anticlimax, although it continued to be useful to his country. While serving as Minister to France, he met young Robert Fulton, who was experimenting with designs for the first steamboat. Returning to this country, the two secured exclusive rights to navigate New York waterways with the new invention. Fulton's first steamboat was named "The Clermont" in honor of Livingston's ancestral home on the Hudson River.



In other lines of endeavor, Livingston introduced Merino Sheep into the communities west of the Hudson River, bringing prosperity to this area. He also helped American agriculture by introducing gypsum as a fertilizer on the New York lands.

Robert Livingston was always proud of his Masonic membership. On being presented the Past Grand Master's Jewel for New York State, he said, "I shall wear with pride and pleasure this jewel with which our fraternity

has honored me. My ardent prayers are for the present and future happiness of our Masonic brothers and the respectable and useful society over which we preside."

Our brotherhood and all Americans today may be equally proud of Minister Robert Livingston, the Mason who bought the heart of our continent for the United States of America. So mote it be!

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Eddy Arnold:  
"Last of the Love Song Singers"  
and Fifty-Year Mason

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When Joel Whitburn compiled his authoritative reference work, *Top Country Singles, 1944-1993* (1994), one vocalist had far outpaced all of his near rivals for solo hits. In a period extending over some forty years and spanning some five separate decades, Eddy Arnold chalked up 145 charted hits in *Billboard* magazine, some thirty of which also ranked in top one hundred pop listings as well. Viewed from almost any vantage point, the career of the man known earlier as "The Tennessee Plowboy" has been a remarkable one.

As his nickname suggests, Arnold came from honorable yet humble origins. Born Richard Edward Arnold in Chester County, Tennessee, on May 15, 1918, the youth lost his father at eleven. In the next few months, the surviving members of the family lost their farm and saw their possessions auctioned to pay creditors. The Arnolds endured the Great Depression as sharecroppers on their former land, and Eddy came by his subtitle honestly. Yearning for a better way of life, the youngster learned to sing and play guitar, hoping it would provide him with a means for advancement.

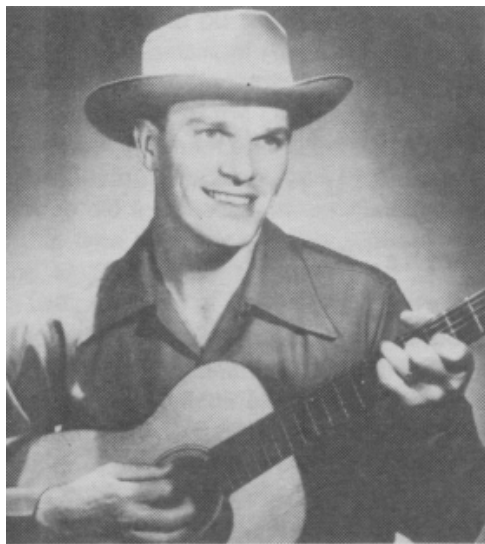
Success as an entertainer did not come easily or quickly, however. In 1935, Eddy and a fiddler friend named Howard "Speedy" McNatt started a radio program at WTJS in Jackson, Tennessee. By evenings they played in clubs, often for no more than fifty cents or a dollar per night. The pair soon moved on to radio

spots in larger locales such as Memphis and St. Louis, but financial prosperity still eluded them. Arnold finally got a chance to move modestly up the ladder of success in 1940 when Pee Wee King and his manager J. L. Frank hired Eddy as a vocalist with their established country and western band, the Golden West Cowboys, based at WSM radio in Nashville, where they were featured on the popular radio jamboree, the "Grand Ole Opry."

The coming of World War II brought a revival of the economy that had skipped America in the 1930s, and the popularity of country music also soared, since common folk could again afford to buy more records and tickets to shows. In the meantime, Eddy met a soda fountain clerk named Sally Gayhart in Louisville, and they married in November 1941 (subsequently parenting two children). Some two years later, the Tennessee Plowboy asked for and received his own show at WSM and a little later his own spot on the Opry.

It was in this period that Arnold followed his friends Pee Wee King and Roy Acuff into Masonry, being Raised in East Nashville Lodge No. 560 on March 21, 1944, exactly a month after Acuff. Later that spring, the threesome took the Scottish Rite and Shrine degrees together, all in Nashville.

In the meantime, Eddy's solo career took off with a bang. He soon rivaled Acuff as the Opry's most popular star and signed with RCA Victor Records. However, he had to wait until the first



Brother Eddy Arnold, ca. 1949  
(Photo courtesy of John Morris.)

Petrillo ban against the recording company had ended to schedule his first session in December 1944. His initial release on Bluebird was a tear-jerker titled *Mommy, Please Stay Home with Me* backed with *Mother's Prayer*. A somewhat later release, *Each Moment Seems a Million Years* marked his incipient entry on the *Billboard* charts in June 1945. Unlike the mountain style vocals of Roy Acuff or the honky-tonk approach of Ernest Tubb, Eddy Arnold started a penchant for country crooners that would in many respects during the coming years help to narrow the gap between what had once been derisively termed "hillbilly" and pre-rock and roll, popular music. Arnold's hits like *I'll Hold You in My Heart*, *Bouquet of Roses*, *Anytime*, and *Just a Little Lovin' Will Go a Long Way*, collectively, spent well over a year at the number one position, and from November 1, 1947, through November 13, 1948, Arnold songs exclusively topped the country charts.

The Tennessee Plowboy left the Grand Ole Opry in 1948 to pursue other entertainment ventures. He made two films for Columbia, *Fuedin' Rhythm* in 1949 and

*Hoedown* in 1950. Like Roy Acuff's movies, these pictures were light on plot and heavy on songs, but country fans liked them. Eddy also did network radio programs, and in the early fifties he moved into brief flurries on network television as a summer replacement for Perry Como on CBS for two months in 1952, and for four months on NBC in 1953 for Dinah Shore. In 1956, he had a more elaborate program on ABC that ran from April to September for a half-hour in prime time.

Meanwhile, Arnold continued to roll out the hit records on RCA Victor. Between the end of 1948 and the end of 1955, he had fourteen more number one hits, of which *Cattle Call* may have been the most memorable. Certainly, it is the one most identified with him. (His original version had been done for Bluebird at his very first session.) Another thirty-four of Eddy's songs made the top ten through 1956.

The decade from 1956 provided something of a downturn in the Arnold career, although many entertainers would call a similar period for them a peak. The musical burst associated with the rise of rock and roll made a heavy impact on the entertainment world in those years, although in retrospect it is clear that Arnold weathered this era quite well. For instance, he had hit records in every year except for 1958 and 1960, placing a total of some seventeen more numbers on the charts. The most memorable of them were probably his interpretations of the Rex Griffin ballad composition *Just Call Me Lonesome* and Jimmie Driftwood's saga of a memorable horse, *The Tennessee Stud*.

The mid-sixties witnessed a strong revival of Eddy Arnold's popularity. In the spring of 1965, he had his first number one hit in nearly a decade with *What's He Doing in My World*, which also placed on the pop charts. That fall, *Make the World Go Away* also went to the top and to the sixth spot in pop. Five more songs went to

position one in the next three years. Eddy's concerts in these years reflected his new prestige, as he filled large municipal auditoriums in major cities and appeared on many prime-time TV network variety shows. Often he was backed by an orchestra that provided more of a popular music sound which continued to broaden the appeal of country music. Among the honors heaped upon the one-time Tennessee Plowboy in this era were election to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1966 (the fourth living member and also the fourth Mason after Jimmie Rodgers, Roy Acuff, and Tex Ritter), and the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year Award in 1967. According to those close to Arnold, it is his achievements from the late sixties in which he takes the most pride.

Although Eddy Arnold had no more number one hits after 1968, his songs continued to appear regularly on the charts for another fifteen years. He left RCA Victor in 1973, and signed with M-G-M, but after three years he returned to his old firm. In 1980, Eddy had a pair of top ten songs with *Let's Get It While the Gettin's Good* and *That's What I Get for Loving You*. His last appearance on the *Billboard* listings came in 1983 with a modest effort titled *The Blues Don't Care Who's Got 'Em*. By that time, according to one report, Arnold had sold some seventy-five million records, ranking him second only to Elvis Presley among Victor artists.

In recent years, Eddy Arnold has been pretty much - although not totally - retired from his long musical career. He did a tour of several cities in the fall of 1993,



Pee Wee King and His Golden West Cowboys, ca. 1943-1944. Brother Eddy Arnold is second from right, Brother Charles Wigginton is at right, the late Brother Oral "Curley" Rhodes is third from right, and Brother Pee Wee King is third from left.

including Wheeling, West Virginia, where this writer witnessed his sell-out concert. At that time, RCA released a two compact disc set entitled 'Last of the Love Song Singers,' which was also how he was billed on the tour. One of the discs labeled "now" contained newly recorded material, while the other simply called "then" sampled a few of his hits from past years.

In addition to his membership in East Nashville Lodge, the Scottish Rite, and Shrine, Ray Huffines, the Secretary of his Blue Lodge, reports that Eddy Arnold was awarded the KCCH by the Scottish Rite some years ago. In 1994, he received his fifty-year pin from East Nashville Lodge. Brother Huffines reports that he was unable to attend the breakfast in honor of new fifty-year members because he had to be in Florida at the time. The pin was subsequently presented to him at home. Given the accomplishments that have made Eddy Arnold a giant in entertainment, Masons the world over

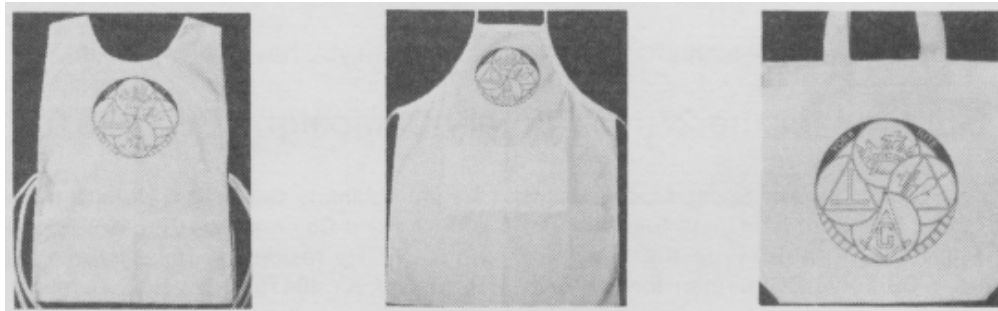
can take pride in his achievements knowing that he is not only one of their own but that he has conducted himself as a gentleman throughout a lengthy and enduring career.

*Note: In preparation of this article, I would like to acknowledge the aid of Sir Knight Norman Lincoln of Eaton, Ohio; Sir Knight Raymond Huffines of Nashville, Tennessee; Brother Frank (Pee Wee) King of Louisville, Kentucky; and Brother John Morris of Brighton, Michigan. Those who wish to learn more about Eddy Arnold may wish to consult the chapter on him in Chet Hagen's book, County Music Legends in the Hall of Fame (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1982) - Ivan M. Tribe*

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### Sale of Aprons and Bags to Benefit Eye Foundation

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 (100% Life Sponsors for three years) of Greensboro, North Carolina, are selling bags and aprons, and all the profits will benefit the Eye Foundation. The aprons are in either smock style (left) for ladies or regular adjustable bib style (center) for men. Made of sturdy but soft material, the items have the Unity York Rite emblem (Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery emblems) screen printed on front. The aprons are \$10.00 each, the shopping bags are \$6.00 each, and any combination of apron and bag is only \$15.00. Please add \$1.50 for S & H. Commanderies wishing to purchase in quantity for projects of their own may deduct 10%, and the order will be shipped pre-paid. For information or to place an order, please address your request to: Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar; Greensboro York Rite Bodies; P.O. Box 1043; Greensboro; NC 27402; phone (910) 292-8564.



## KTEF Grants Presented in California

In May and June, Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, Right Eminent Southwestern Department Commander, presented four research grants, totaling \$75,556, from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. These grants will greatly advance knowledge of adverse and difficult eye conditions and aid physicians in treating and preventing these diseases.

Dr. Deborah Dean of the Francis I. Proctor Foundation, University of California, San Francisco, received \$20,000 for studies into trachoma. Trachoma is a bacterial-caused disease, most often found in unsanitary situations. It especially attacks children and is almost incurable. Dr. Dean will study the influence of vitamin A deficiency especially in the country of Nepal. Sir Knight Pruitt was assisted in this presentation by Sir Knights Fred Waldrop, Grand Captain General, and Vince Dutra, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Commandery of California. Dr. Chandler Dawson, Foundation Director, attended the presentation.



*Shown, left to right, are: Vince Dutra, Grand Jr. Warden, CA; Fred Waldrop, Grand Captain General, CA; Dr. Deborah Dean; and W. Bruce Pruitt, Southwestern Department Commander.*

Three grants were presented at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Dr. Shalesh Kaushal, Department of Cell & Neurobiology, School of Medicine, received \$20,000 for the study of an important protein known as rhodopsin, which affects night vision. Dr. Rohit Varma, Department of Ophthalmology, will study glaucoma in children. Glaucoma is usually associated with older people, but some children are born with a tendency to develop it at an early age. His grant of \$20,000 will assist him in identifying the cause. The final grant of \$15,556 was presented to Dr. Vi Hsin Liu of the Kenneth Norris, Jr. Comprehensive Cancer Center. His program involves very basic research into certain gene conditions which cause animals to be born with either poorly developed eyes or no eyes at all.

Sir Knights David Slayton, Right Eminent Past Department Commander, and Kenneth Hope, Grand Recorder of California, were present and assisted in the presentations. Senior physicians and executives of the university who were also present included Richard Lolley, Associate Dean for Research; Cheryl Craft, Chair, Department of Cell & Neurology; Ron Smith, Chair, Department of Ophthalmology; and Steve Ryan, Dean, U.S.C. School of Medicine. Dr. Ryan has previously served on the advisory board for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



*Shown, left to right, are: David Slayton, Past Southwestern Department Commander; Dr. Rohit Varma; Dr. Shalesh Kaushal; Dr. Yi Hsin Liu; Kenneth Hope, Grand Recorder, CA; and W. Bruce Pruitt, Southwestern Department Commander.*

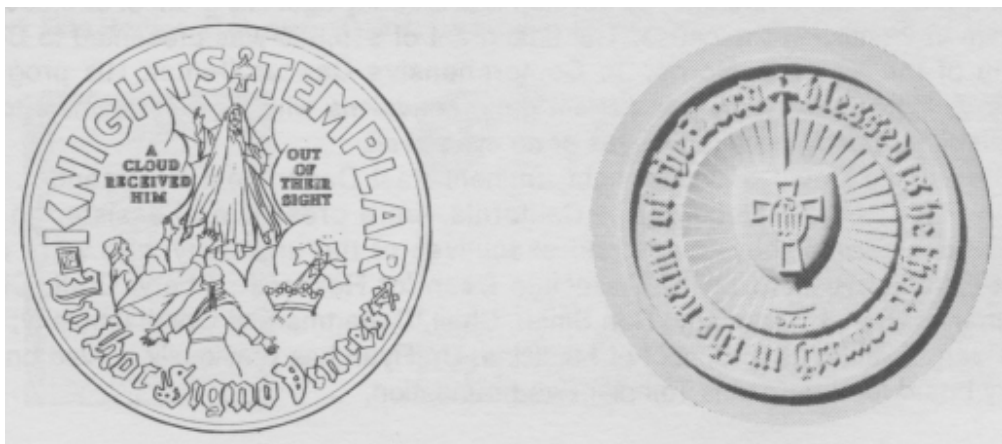
Department Commander Pruitt briefly discussed the relationship between the Knights Templar and the Masonic Lodge, and summarized the various charitable programs within the Masonic family. He explained some of the history and structure of the Grand Encampment, and the objectives of the Eye Foundation. All of the recipients of these grants expressed their profound and sincere appreciation to the Knights Templar who have made this important work a possibility.

### The 4th Holy Land Pilgrimage Medallion

The 4th Holy Land Pilgrimage Medallion is now available. It is a beautiful antique bronze medallion depicting the ascension of Christ, a scene that is familiar to every Knight Templar. Only three hundred of these medallions have been struck, so you will want to get your keepsake NOW before they are all gone. The cost is \$40.00 each, and

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## Knights Templar Eye Foundation Funds University of Iowa Research

The search for more sensitive and objective testing procedures to detect amblyopia in young children is the focus of a study by a University of Iowa College of Medicine researcher. Amblyopia is a general term for an eye disease that affects the eye's field of vision, making sight appear clouded or dulled.

"The problem in testing a two or three year-old child for amblyopia is that current testing procedures involve reading eye charts and describing what pictures look like," says Dr. Sean Donahue, UI fellow associate of ophthalmology and principal investigator of the study. "With children this young, getting an accurate description of what they see can be impossible," he adds.

Crossed eyes, the most common symptom, differences in eye size and loss of sight caused by a scar on the cornea or a cataract can all be signs of amblyopia.

Two tests that are currently being used on adults to detect amblyopia may prove to help children. "Primate studies have suggested a relationship between how long it takes for the pupil of the eye to contract and the existence of amblyopia," Donahue says. A person may have amblyopia if his pupils contract at different rates, according to Donahue.

The second test involves studying the two main pathways involved with relaying visual images to the brain. The M-cell pathway is involved with motion detection. If something moves, the M-cell calls the eye's attention to focus on the movement. The P-cell pathway carries information on the sharpness and shape of objects," Donahue says. He believes one of these two pathways may be involved with amblyopia.

Understanding the way these pathways work could provide insight on how the disorder affects vision.

Amblyopia is difficult for parents to notice and usually is not diagnosed until a child has undergone a vision screening at school. To detect the disorder earlier, Donahue recommends eye exams before children start school.

The study is funded by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, a non-profit organization which helps pay for eye care in needy adults and children and funds research related to eye disorders.

## Knights Templar Eye Foundation Awards Grant to Researcher At University of Pennsylvania

The Eye Foundation has awarded a grant of \$20,000.00 for "Genetic Study and Autosomal Dominant Cataracts" to Duska J. Sdjanin, Ph.D. at the Institute of Human Gene Therapy, University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, PA.

The presentation on behalf of the KTEF was made by Sir Knight Charles A. Games, Trustee of the Foundation. In the picture, left to right, are: Sir Knight Games, Dr. Sidjanin, and Sir Knight James H. Richards II, Grand Commander of Pennsylvania.



## History of the Grand Encampment

### Chapter XXIV Biographies of Noted Knights Templar

In the activities of the Grand Encampment, many Sir Knights gladly performed the duties assigned to them with fidelity and zeal. To some came recognition when they were elevated to the office of Grand Master, and these have been noted in the previous chapter. But there were others who also served. Though their names are not so well known, they too had great love for the Order and the same pride in its advancement.

At the organization of the Grand Encampment in 1816, we find four Sir Knights - Thomas S. Webb, Henry Fowle, John Snow, and Thomas Lowndes. It was their earnest aim and great desire to see a Supreme Governing Body established to unite and cement in friendly bonds all the Sir Knights of the United States. They gave freely of their time and talents to get the new organization started, yet not one ever served as its Grand Master. Sir Thomas S. Webb, who was recognized as the leader in this movement, instead of taking the high office himself, stepped aside that the young organization might have the prestige afforded by placing in the office of Grand Master, one whose name would give it prominence and influence. We now pay tribute to these four, and give a brief story of their lives, that proper recognition and respect may be given their great service to the Order.

Others also served as the Order grew with the years. Sir Joseph K. Stapleton, long the Deputy General Grand Master, was active during the early years of expansion. Sir John Corson Smith was

helpful in establishing friendly relations with the foreign Grand Jurisdictions, leading to the Treaty of Amity which bound together all English-speaking Knights Templar. Sir Enoch T. Carson, an earnest student of Masonic history, ritual, law and philosophy, had much to do with the development of the rituals of the Orders of Knighthood adopted by the Grand Encampment.

Recognition is also given to the Grand Recorders, whose faithful and valuable services have meant so much to the Order. Among those who gave long and diligent service were Sir Knight Charles Gilman, Theodore S. Parvin and Adrian Hamersly.

### Thomas Smith Webb

Thomas S. Webb was born in Boston on October 30, 1771. He received his early education in the public schools, and at sixteen was apprenticed to a printer. Some years later he moved to Keene, New Hampshire, where he engaged in his trade. While there he married Miss Marthy Hopkins. In 1792 he moved to Albany, New York, where he opened a book store, and in 1799 he moved to Providence, Rhode Island, and built up an extensive business in the manufacture of wall paper.

He was greatly interested in music, and while living in Providence he organized the Psallonian Society and was its first President. When he moved to Boston he joined the Philharmonic Society and in 1815 organized the Handel and Hayden Society.

In 1816 Webb began his visits to the Western states. He was making plans to move his manufacturing business to the West, and had finally selected



Worthington, Ohio, as the location. In August 1818, he made a trip to Boston, and on his return journey in 1819 he suffered a stroke of apoplexy, while in Cleveland, Ohio, and died on July 6th. He was buried there, but his remains were later returned to Providence, Rhode Island. Funeral services were held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island on November 8, 1819. In 1862, through the efforts of Sir Knight Robert Morris, an imposing marble monument was erected over his grave.

Sir Knight Webb was Raised in Rising Sun Lodge at Keane, New Hampshire, in December 1790, and on March 7, 1792, he affiliated with Temple Lodge No. 14 at Albany, New York. When he moved to Providence, Rhode Island, in 1799 he affiliated with St. John's Lodge there. In 1801 he attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island held on June 24th, and was appointed on the Committee to revise the Constitution. In June 1802, he was elected Grand Junior Warden, and in 1813 became Grand Master. He received the Royal Arch Degree in Harmony Chapter at Philadelphia on May 18, 1796, but it is not recorded where he received the other Capitular Degrees. He is credited with the establishment of Temple Chapter at Albany. While acting as its High Priest, he attended St. Andrew's Chapter in Boston in 1797 and illustrated the beginnings of his system of Royal Arch Masonry. When he moved to Providence, he was invited to become a member of Providence Chapter. At the meeting of this Chapter on October 11, 1799, he acted as Scribe. On February 11, 1801, he was elected High Priest to fill the unexpired term of Companion Clarke, and in November of that year was reelected. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island was organized in March 1798. On December 24, 1799, Webb attended this body and presided as Grand High Priest. On March

10, 1802, he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest and on March 15, 1803, was chosen Grand High Priest, which office he held until 1815.

The formation of a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons early engaged Webb's attention. At the Convention held in Boston on October 24, 1797, he presided as Chairman, and at the second convention held in Hartford, Connecticut, on January 24, 1798, he was elected General Grand Scribe. In 1806 he was elected General Grand King and in 1816 was chosen as Deputy General Grand High Priest, which office he held until his death in 1819. At the meeting in 1816, DeWitt Clinton was elected General Grand High Priest.

When and where Webb received the Orders of Knighthood cannot now be determined with certainty. Creigh (29) in his "History of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania" claims he was Knighted in Philadelphia. Sir Knight Gardner claims he was Knighted in Boston, while others are equally positive he received the Orders in New York in 1797. However, the foundation of his career as a Knight Templar began in Providence, Rhode Island, where he was present at the organization of St. John's Encampment on August 23, 1802, and became its first Eminent Commander. He continued in that office until 1814 when he declined reelection, as he was making plans to move from the State.

On May 6, 1805, he was the leader in organizing the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island and was chosen the Grand Master. At each annual meeting he was reelected Grand Master until June 1817, when he was succeeded by his friend Sir William Wilkinson.



## In Memoriam



Roderick D. Rodman  
South Dakota  
Grand Commander-1989  
Born February 10, 1926  
Died May 30, 1995

William M. Griffith  
South Dakota  
Grand Commander-1964  
Born November 24, 1897  
Died June 4, 1995

Lynn B. Brueggemann  
South Dakota  
Grand Commander-1993  
Born January 2, 1926  
Died June 17, 1995

Royal M. Schott  
Montana  
Grand Commander-1974  
Born July 15, 1907  
Died June 22, 1995

### Grand Commander's Club

No. 100,339—Wilford Dow (WI)  
No. 100,340—Robert W. Zarn (WI)  
No. 100,341—Keith E. Dickson (IA)  
No. 100,342—Dr. James J. Gibbons (MO)  
No. 100,343—Paul E. Buchanan (TN)

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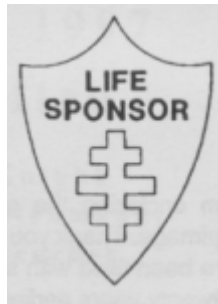
**How to join:** Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commanders Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1000, 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

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.



## Clayton Lodge No. 601, A.F. & A.M., Clayton, Missouri Honors Grand Master Mayford

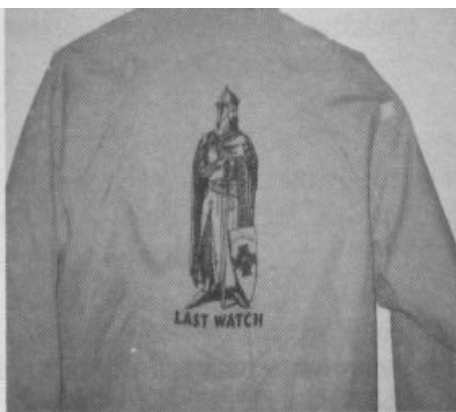
On May 25, Clayton Lodge honored one of its Past Masters, R.W. Brother Blair Christy Mayford, who is the current Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. After dinner and a business meeting, the ladies were invited into the lodge room and Grand Master Mayford was introduced and escorted to the East, where he addressed the group and spoke about membership in the Fraternity. In attendance were several grand officers of the Grand Commandery of Missouri including Billy Boyer, Grand Commander; Lionel Goede, Grand Jr. Warden; Emory J. Hampel, Grand Prelate; and James Pennington and James Cockerham, Past Grand Commanders. Also, present were Harry O. Maenner, E.P.C. and Jr. Past Grand High Priest, R.A.M., and several Past Commanders.



*Left to right: John E. Schnorbus, Master of Clayton Lodge No. 601; Grand Master Blair C. Mayford; Lionel J. Goede, Grand Jr. Warden, MO; and Billy J. Boyer, Grand Commander, MO.*

### Texas Commandery's Windbreakers and T-Shirts Benefit KTEF

Temple Commandery No. 41 Temple, Texas, has windbreakers and T-shirts for sale, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the KTEF. The white windbreaker (back shown below left) is available in all sizes and has the Knights Templar symbol with "In Hoc Signo Vincens" on front, and on the back is a multicolor picture, "Knights of the Holy Sepulchre" above, and "Jerusalem the Birthplace of Knights Templar" below. It is \$35.00, and the T-shirt in the same style is \$12.00. The "Last Watch" windbreaker (back shown below right) is available in all colors, and the knight with shield is yellow, black and red with print, "LAST WATCH" in black. Windbreaker is \$35.00 and T-shirt in same style with the figure and print on front is \$12.00. ***Note: To be cost effective this design must be made in orders of 24 or more at a time.*** Cost includes shipping/handling. Please remit with order, payable to Temple Commandery No. 41, and mail to John H. Jones, Sr., 15 Jessamine, Belton, TX 76513, or phone: (817) 780-2582.



Ascension Day Services  
Pennsylvania Commandery Revives Ascension Day Tradition



Packer Commandery No. 23, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, participated in Ascension Day services in historic St. Mark's Church, Jim Thorpe.

Eminent Commander Norman P. Martin, Jr., presided and the Reverend Canon Kenneth S. Umbehocker, rector of St. Mark's/St. John's parish and a Past Grand Commander of North Dakota, conducted the service. Sir Knight Umbehocker stated that the Commandery was reviving a tradition started by Asa Parker, for whom the Commandery was named, in attending Ascension Day services at St. Mark's on the Sunday after Ascension Day (Asa Packer was the founder of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, a noted philanthropist, and a Past Grand Commander of PA Knights Templar.) Shown in the front row are: Reverend Canon Kenneth S. Umbehocker, P.G.C.; Gene D. Bower, P.C. and Division Commander; Norman P. Martin, Jr., E.C. of the Commandery; and Wallace H. Barger, Jr., Generalissimo. They are surrounded by other Sir Knights from throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania who participated. (Photo by Janet Kunkel/The *Times News*.)

Louisiana Commandery Celebrates  
Ascension Day Services

Reverend Scott Chemino, Catholic priest, poses with Sir Knight Fred W. Seaman, Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 8, Alexandria, Louisiana, following his Ascension address to the Commandery. Reverend Chemino's father and grandfather were both active Masons, Past Masters, and members of Trinity. He brought along his fourth degree Knights of Columbus sword and the Knight Templar sword of his grandfather to display during the service. **He** pointed out that we have both the good and the bad in our society and that organizations such as the Knights Templar and Knights of Columbus must continue to promote the good in our communities.



## Consolidated Commandery in Connecticut Carries on Tradition



One of the main activities of the former Clark Commandery No. 7 of Connecticut was its Ascension Day services held at the Memorial Chapel, Hillside Cemetery, Torrington, CT. This year the 131st Annual Ascension Day service was held even though Clark had to surrender its charter and unite with New Haven Commandery. Incorporated in the resolution uniting the membership was the formation of a club, the Clark Commandery Association of New Haven Commandery, to preserve and continue this annual event, and since the union the service has grown. The service is under the leadership of and is conducted by Sir Knight Frederick H. Lorensen, P.C., P.G.M. of CT; assisted by Sir Knight Leonard F. D'Amico, P.G.C.; and Sir Knight Arthur H. Carlstrom, P.C. In the photo are those who attended the service. Included were Grand Commander Richard V. Travis, seven Grand Commandery officers, four Past Grand Commanders, and four Past Grand Masters of CT. Seven of the ten Commanderies were represented. (Photo by G.C. Venter.)

## Doctor At Texas Tech University Receives KTEF Grant

On June 13 Dr. J050 Morales of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, received a \$6,000 check from the Eye Foundation for his work in "genetic mapping in a family with Stickler's Syndrome." Shown from left to right are: Dr. Robert Peabody, Jr., M.D., Senior Resident, Texas Tech U., Ophthalmology; Dr. Jose Morales, M.D., same department; Donald L. Smith, Sr., Past Department Commander, South Central Department; and Coy McDougald, Past Commander, Lubbock Commandery No. 60.



## 183rd Annual Meeting—Supreme Council, 33°, N.M.J., Scottish Rite

An attendance of more than 2,100 made up of nearly 1,100 33<sup>o</sup> Masons and their ladies are expected to visit Milwaukee, Wisconsin, between September 29-October 4 as the Supreme Council for Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the 15-state Northern Jurisdiction holds its 183rd Annual Meeting.

The Supreme Council Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the organization's 33<sup>o</sup> upon 135 Scottish Rite Masons who were nominated and elected to receive this high honor at the 1994 meeting at Cleveland, Ohio.

Events include luncheons, entertainment, business conferences, the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service, report and discussion periods, and a Masonic Marketplace with seminars on important Masonic topics.

Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33<sup>1</sup>, will preside over the General Sessions of the Supreme Council.

## Tennessee Commandery Assists Bomb Victims In Oklahoma

Recently, Chattanooga Lookout Commandery No. 14, Chattanooga, Tennessee, donated \$1,000.00 to the Family Relief Fund, Oklahoma Charity Foundation for the victims of the April 19th bombing in Oklahoma City. This donation was just one example of the generosity practiced by this Commandery; for instance, Lookout Commandery sent four Chattanooga area ministers to the Holy Land this year in support of the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage.

## Pennsylvania's George H. Hohenschildt Becomes Honorary Past Grand Commander

Brother and Sir Knight George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, was created an Honorary Past Grand Commander by authorization of M.E. Grand Master Blair C. Mayford of the Grand Encampment. The event occurred at the 142nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania on May 22, 1995, in Mars, PA. From left to right are: Harold C. Jamison, then Grand Commander of PA; George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master of PA; and James M. Ward, R.E. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.



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# Humpty Dumpty to Highlight Youth on 1996 Masonic Float



*NEW YEAR'S DAYENTRY* A colorful Humpty Dumpty is the centerpiece of the Family of Freemasonry float in the 1996 Tournament of Roses Parade. It will call attention to Masonic support for youth and High Twelve International.

## Nursery Rhyme Inspires New Year's Theme

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,  
All the King's horses and all the Kings men,  
Couldn't put Humpty together again

That famous nursery rhyme serves as the inspiration for the Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, 1996.

Sitting on the wall of the flower-be-decked float, the colorful egg-shaped figure will symbolize the Parade theme, "KIDS - LAUGHTER AND DREAMS" and our entry title "WE SUPPORT YOUTH." The title is particularly appropriate for Masons. As the world's oldest and largest fraternity, its members contribute millions of dollars annually toward the welfare of children.

"In fact, we donate more than 1.5 million dollars a day to many charities, with a large share of it going to young people," points out Stanley L. Channon, Chairman of the Masonic Float Committee and a Past Grand Master of Masons in California. Several youngsters from the Masonic Home for Children, based in Covina, will ride the colorful float and help Humpty Dumpty keep his balance as he glides through Pasadena. They will wear costumes made by adult residents of the Masonic Homes.

This will mark the first time that animation will have been used on our float since Freemasonry came back to the Parade in 1992. According to Bill Lofthouse, president of Phoenix Decorating Co., the builder of the float

a mechanical system will be used to make Humpty Dumpty rock back and forth and wink one eye at the millions lining Colorado Boulevard and watching on television. The children will push him back in position when he starts to totter.

Michelle Lofthouse, daughter of the president and designer of the Masonic float has won numerous awards for her creations in past Rose Parades.

"We are delighted to have become a fixture in this wonderful event, and the animation will enable us to provide a lively entry," said William F. Stovall, Grand Master of California's 120,000 masons. Caring for children and the family has been the cornerstone of Freemasonry since the fraternity was first established hundreds of years ago. In expressing his support for the float, Deputy Grand Master Charles Alexander, a retired teacher, noted that the Family of Freemasonry supports young people through scholarships, medical care, speech, hearing and sight clinics and various other programs. Even the Masonic youth groups, DeMolay for boys, Rainbow for girls and Job's Daughters, benefit from their association with the Family of Freemasonry while also helping a number of charities of their own.

## Colorful Entry to Honor High Twelve

The 75th Anniversary of High Twelve International will be recognized on the 1996 float. The High Twelve emblem will share the spotlight with the Masonic emblem on the identification sign on each side of the float.

This organization, comprised of 365 Masonic clubs which meet weekly for lunch and fellowship, provides scholarships through individual donations and the collection and sale of newspapers for recycling, thus providing a community service for the environment, as well. The two main projects of the High Twelve are the International Wolcott Foundation and the California Ensign Mayo Scholarship Loan Fund.

International President Donald L. Griffiths said, "High Twelve International is pleased and proud to be honored on the Rose Parade float during its 75th anniversary."

The 1996 float will again be decorated by hundreds of Masonic youth working in shifts under the direction of the float builder.

Humpty Dumpty, the float's centerpiece, will be covered with tea leaf, millet clover seeds, spices, lentil and straw flowers as he sits upon the wall.

Garden areas of the entry will feature roses, orchids and lilies. Blue grass surrounds the stone wall, adorned with ming moss, cotton seed and onion seed,

while the floral trees and bushes will be covered with veiled roses, orchids and gerbera daisies.

## Contributions Needed

Masons throughout the world are asked to contribute to the cost of sponsoring the Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. You may do so by sending your donations to Robert C. Coe, treasurer of the float committee, at P.O. Box 661567, Arcadia, CA 91066-1567. Or you may write to him to request an order form which describes the various forms of merchandise commemorating the 1996 float and our entries in previous parades. Pins, postcards, shirts, caps, decals and other items are available. "We will be grateful for your support," said float committee chairman and Past Grand Master Stanley Channon



## What Comes After Easter?

by the Reverend Thomas E. Weir  
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment



Leviticus 19:9-18. "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God. Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another. Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. Do not hold back wages of a hired man overnight. Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD. Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. Do not go about spreading slander among your people. Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD. Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD." (NIV)

Galatians 5:13-26. "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other." (NIV)

*Text: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

"On December 7, 1941 a day that will live in infamy, the Empire of Japan," struck without warning American army, navy and air bases in Hawaii and the Philippines. The nation was both horrified and galvanized into action. U every American did not know what was expected of him or her, each did know that

"After December 7, 1941, as part of an alliance of free countries, we won the war, but since then, we have lost our innocence and our unity. Mostly, since then, we have simply enjoyed the bounty with which God has endowed this country."

there was an urgency to work together, to make the sacrifices needed to win, to see our forces expanded and rearmed and to see victory followed not by the spoiling of the enemy, but it was hoped, by lasting peace and justice among all nations. It was a noble ambition, worthy of a great and unjustly attacked nation.

After December 7, 1941, as part of an alliance of free countries, we won the war, but since then, we have lost our innocence and our unity. Mostly, since then, we have simply enjoyed the bounty with which God has endowed this country.

In the early 1950s we moved to stop the spread of tyranny into South Korea. It was a fiercely fought conflict for which this country was scarcely more prepared than for World War II. There was little public interest in or support for the Korean conflict, apart from those who had family members or friends suffering through the worst Asian winter in more than a hundred years. Nevertheless, there was no serious attempt to rip the nation apart at the seams over the question of what on earth we were doing in Korea.

Little by little, over the years, it seems that almost every special interest group has seceded from the union. A host of demagogues and splinter groups have struck against the government or the American people. Perhaps the turning point was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. We have no idea what was really behind this tragedy, but if Lee Harvey Oswald wanted attention, he certainly got it.

Those of us who are old enough will remember where we were when we heard the news. I was in Nick's Seafood Pavilion in Yorktown, Virginia, where the restaurant staff had all been born abroad where government was not so stable. There was pandemonium. When the secret service was mentioned, they jumped to the conclusion that the President had been murdered by the secret police. They were convinced that American democracy had ended and that Americans could wait only for the chains of dictatorship to be forged. I arrived a bit early for lunch and was the only customer in the place. They ignored me and remained glued to the radio. Incredibly, by the time a tearful waitress came out to take my order, it had become clear that the wisdom of Madison, Franklin and those other giants who framed our Constitution was wiser than they could have known and that there would be an orderly and constitutional accession to national leadership.

There followed, in the late sixties, a series of violent tragedies. Opposition to military service became a way of life for many. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy were killed by people, who at the very least, thought their wisdom was greater than that of the country. A Chinese graduate student, who lived on our block and who caught the bus to the University of Maryland in front of our house, was killed in the streets of College Park while waiting for a bus home.

The pictures of the shootings at Kent State University no longer claim attention, but the story behind the shootings

seemed to get overlooked in the frenzy that followed the tragedy. A private foundation [named "Tupart Reports" (the apparent and the hidden meanings)] published an analysis of underground campus publications before and after the death of four student demonstrators at Kent State University. Their conclusion was that those behind the riots and violence against property in downtown Kent, Ohio, and the massing of demonstrators on campus had only one objective: to have people killed, to produce martyrs.

When "The Movement to Stop the Government" thereafter came to Washington, intending to block every major intersection in the city, our leaders believed that the same motives were at

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work. The response was designed more to protect lives than anything else. Those who tried to block the intersections were promptly arrested and bused to Redskin Park. There were no physical injuries and there was never another similar project.

Disagreement with the government is nothing new in America, but disagreement has reached new depths. Little by little, the levels of violence and pathological dysfunction have risen, until political and personal disagreements are regularly punctuated by bombs and bullets. A talk show host daily taunts the President to descend to his level so he can knock the chip off his shoulder, as if they were both street urchins aching for a fight. It seems the

incredible blast at Oklahoma City was, at least to a degree, simply a matter of time, as if the dams of bitterness and hatred, filling up for years, finally burst. Let us pray for, in addition to the victims and their friends, all those who are consumed by hatred, rational and irrational. Let us pray that this will be enough, that innocent lives will not again be snuffed out or indelibly marred by senseless violence.

Christianity has a response to systematic terrorism. We must remember that Christianity was forged and our New Testament written as the reaction of a defenseless assembly of worshipers to the onslaught of government and vested interests. Perhaps this was Christianity at its best. Jesus Christ was crucified. Peter and Paul were executed. For thousands of others, Christianity meant death by fire, sword and torture. Yet the ranks of the Church swelled every day. Is there something so compelling about the example of selfless love that people willingly follow such example?

During World War II, the U.S. Army Transport *Dorchester* was torpedoed in the North Atlantic and sank. In the confusion, many came to the weather decks without their life jackets. Four army chaplains, one of them Jewish, gave their life jackets to men who had none. "Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his friends." How much greater it was to lay down their lives for strangers.

After Easter, the Apostles recruited new Christians at an amazing rate. These were those soldiers of the faith who were the victims of persecution by both the government who saw in them a threat of revolution and the society who saw them as a threat to the way things were. In our day, we have seen evangelists converting the world time and time again. Yet the course of history has not been improved by the increase in religious emotional intensity. In the prison ministry, the

question came up as to how effective a means of pastoral care revival" type conversions were. For three successive Sundays, an evangelist preached a message designed to produce emotional conversions. Each of the three Sundays, the altar call produced a flood of converts who accepted Jesus as Savior, renounced their sins, and wept. Strangely enough, there was no change in the disciplinary statistics in the weeks following. In other words, there was no measurable difference in the behavior of the "saved" and of the "unsaved." Emotion is not enough. Conversion to Christianity is not the end, but the beginning of our Christian labors.

It is only when the emotion of Easter and of personal religious experience begins to produce fruit that we may truly be said to be Christian. Easter time is the time of blossoms and beauty and thrilling spectacle. After Easter, the blossoms fall, replaced by the process of germination and growth that

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results in an abundant harvest. I grew up in the great Valley of Virginia, near Roanoke. There were hundreds of small apple and peach orchards that produced an annual treat of beauty and bounty. During the Depression, you could buy a bushel of individually wrapped, first class, Stark's delicious apples for a dollar a bushel. After the war, as the cost of labor rose, the small orchards were no longer able to compete and closed down, one by one. Just as growing apples is labor intensive, so too the

cost of Christianity is great, in terms of time, money and other resources.

So much of emotional or "Pop" Christianity, especially on radio and television, depends for its appeal on unfocused anger. Local churches are criticized as focusing too much on social programs and material concerns while those with no roots in the local community are free to preach the "pure" Gospel. Dr. George Buttrick was one of the early advocates of the love the individual church should have for its community. The result was that, from time to time, an irritated church member would say to him, "George, why don't you stop preaching the social Gospel." Buttrick always replied "Fred, when was the last time you read the Gospel?"

Any minister who has had the experience or seen the effects of "Blowing Christians" is wary of what they may mean to the life of the congregation. These are the people who blow in, blow off, blow up and blow out.

Before I went into the ministry I was a member of a struggling church invaded by radicals. They would not join our church because they said they were in basic disagreement with Methodist polity, but they felt obliged to tell the administrative board and the minister how the church should be run. They blew in and blew off. Before long, they wanted to give the money raised by the working class people in the congregation to the leader of the cult to which they owed their loyalty. When the church balked, they blew up and blew out.

Too often, emotional Christianity is little more than a way of expressing contempt for others. In a little Virginia town, the local ministerial association provided speakers for fifteen-minute, morning, devotional programs on the local radio station. On Friday mornings, these broadcasts were followed by a program featuring a minister who did not

belong to the association. His half hour broadcast was paid for by his "independent" church. His regular practice was to take the same scripture lesson as the minister who had preceded him, then, from time to time, quote from his predecessor and say, "I hate to say it, but a man who would say a thing like that is going to hell." Television is well populated with evangelists who spend their time attacking others. Masons seem to have had more than their share. To me, intolerance of any stripe, from attacking the beliefs of others to attacking their persons, is essentially un-Christian. Was this not what Paul meant when he declared that Christians should avoid "hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy"? Can people of different faiths live together in peace and mutual respect? Can Christians who draw different conclusions from the Gospels all love God and each other?

The difference seems to be in the understanding of the word, "faith." Faith is essentially a New Testament (that is, Christian) concept. The word appears only twice in the Old Testament of the King James Version (sixteen times in the New

International Version Old Testament) while it appears 261 times in the New Testament. If we settle for an idea of faith as something that can be reduced to words, we miss the whole thrust of biblical Christianity. In both Old and New Testaments, the essential meaning of faith is "trust." If we have faith, it means that we put our trust in God. We are rich while the early Christians were poor. We have the protection of laws and society while they were defenseless. Yet for them and for us, faith means trust in God and commitment to a way of life. In the words of John Calvin, it means "bringing forth fruits worthy of repentance." "The fruit of the Spirit," (in all circumstances, however good or bad) Paul said, "is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

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## Unforeseen Knowledge

by Virginia A. Edwards

Once in a great while, when the sea is calm with peace;  
A mind is formed from nothing, upon that freshest tide,  
A being who has attained, what men forever seek;  
A being who has remained, where few have dared to hide.

The memory is a building block of knowledge unabridged,  
Its caverns till abundantly with pictures never killed.  
The memory /s a silent traveler listening in the wind.  
Its constant ear, its empty page; Just waiting to be filled.

And thus we seek forever, never ceasing to obtain;  
The treasure buried deep within those caverns of our minds.  
For many eager beings lost within those winding caves,  
Are still searching for the treasure; that perhaps they'll never find.

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Two beautiful Knights Templar certificates to benefit the Eye Foundation. The costs are: 'What Is a Knight'-\$8.00, and 'What Is a Templar'-\$8.00. The certificate, have 5 colors with golden archways embossed on 80-lb. parchment paper. Also to benefit the Eye Foundation is a Masonic Knights Templar stein honoring DeMolay for their 75 years. Purchase price. \$47.00, including S & H. A picture of stems is in Knight Templar, January 1995. Make check payable to Stanley C. Buz and rrrrit to P.O. Ban 702. Whitehall. PA IPIF.2.

The Grand Commandery of Florida has a isrrsted supply of 100th anniversary (1895-1995) bronze coins at \$3.00 each, including S & H. Front has knight on horseback; obverse has cross & crown. P.oc.ds b.n.8t KTEF. Checks payable to Rkixtasl J. Cain PG.C.;210 S. Etrixey St., Casaebvry;FL 32707-3314.

The Grand Commandery 04 Connecticut has available in book form a (nsf history of 140 Past Grand Commanders from its first In 1827 through 1989. Every Sir Knight interested In TenTilar history should have one. Cost, \$5.00 plus \$2.50 S & H. R. A C.oc,n, 19 Fmel DrAw, No. Haven, Cr064 73-3 734.

Brand new 100% wool USN coats, sizes 40, 42, 44, 46, 48 short, regular and long-\$65.00 plus \$5.00 UPS. Check to Empire No. 66, Knights Templar Club, C/O Jacobson, 60 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10310-2698.

Regulation Knights Templar black triangular aprons with silver borders and skull and cross bones embroidered in silver bullion on the apron and crossed swords on the flap. Use at funerals, Blue Lodge honor guards, etc. \$75.00 plus \$5.00 UPS. Jacques Jacobson, Jr., P.C., 60 Manor Road, Staten Wand, NY 10310-2688.

Wanted: old-style Commandery uniform parts In good condition-4orig coat, size 44.-46, long or XL; forage cap, size 7 1/4; baldric, P.C. bars; etc. J. W. Worle; Rt. No. 1, Box 23.2; Lyle; MN 55953; late everungs. (507) 325-4720.

Have you outgrown your Commandery belt? Young Sir Knight seeks belt or set of belt chains for uniform. Please help me complete my uniform with a belt that you no longer can use. Any reasonable price discussed. John Cauley. P.O. Box 380, Co,kurtsa, KY 42728, (502)384-4923.

Please help. Iam starting through Commandery No. 55 line and need the following: sword belt (yellow and black), size 50; coat, long length, if possible, size 54-56 Long; and chapeau. sire 7 5/8. Will pay reasonable price. (216) 457-23.58 or write M. Ward, 49047 Hamilton Road, East Palestine, OH 4.4413.

I am a Knight Templar and my father, Edward C. Howe, D.V.M., was a York Rite Mason in Alliance, NE, 19308 to mid-1940s, when he moved to Iowa City, IA. I would like to obtain his old sword and scabbard. Mail responses to Edward C. Howe Jr.; 6895 Weal Colorado Drive, Lakewood CO 80232.

For sale: Widow has a gold Commander's belt with gold chain and gold buckle attached. Full length of belt Is 56 inches. Will take reasonable offer. Marjorie Oldmixson. 3 Lantern Lane, Mansfield, MA 02048, (508) 339-2940.

For sale: York Rite sword in excellent condition and leather carrying case, excellent engraving with blank space for your name, early 1900s. \$300.00 or best offer. (515) 43.2-5511, after 550 P.M., Central Time.

Have sword with name Allen S. McMurray' on both scabbard and blade in gold. Will donate sword and carrying case to relative or set at very reasonable price. G. C. Putnam, 206 Weal 5th Street. Montello, IA 52310.

For sale: new C.P.O. coats, polyester/wool, summer weight, size,,: 42S, 44S, and 44XL \$20.00 each plus S & H. Also, used chapeaux, size 6 3/4 up to 7 5/8 and Sir Knights' belts. Percents" to KTEF or HLP. John Myers, 2120 N. Sr. 127, Angola, 1446703. (219) 66.5-2797 or J. W8iam Meyers, 1460 East U.S. I-9wacy20, Angola IN4670 (219) 665-56.

For sale: Knight Templar ring, size 8 1/2 (may be sized)-10K yellow gold-in excellent condition. KT emblem on top in black, red and gold enamel; white gold keystone and square and compass on sides. Asking \$325, including postage and insurance. Reverend Charles Roberts. Grand Prelate, 229 Wildwood Drive, Sumter, SC 29754-5440.

For sale: K.T. uniform, Ike new: pants, size 39W, seam 31; long coat, size 44; chapeau, size 7 3/8; sword with sheath. Will ship to you UPS. Call (479) 524-3621.

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool. summer weight; sizes 44 short. 44 X long, and 46 short. \$23.00 includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company, 13690 Broad Street, SW; Pataskala; OH 43062, (814) 9.27-7073.

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is of sterling silver with a 24k gold vermillion. Price is only \$9.00 per pin, including S and H. 10% of proceeds will benefit 6w KTEF. These unique pins are available only through Professional Creations Unkniled, 1630 & thers I-H Road, Cheshire CT 06410-3728.

28-page Masonic book containing names of the members of the Masonic Fraternity who have received our nations highest military award for bravery, the Medal of Honor. Along with their names are the congressional Citations which accompanied the awarding of the medals and the names and locations of the Lodges in which recipients held membership. A must for all Lodge libraries and for Masonic history buffs. 10% of proceeds wig benefit KTEF. Send \$19.95 per book including S & H The Weidner Publishing Grne, 490 Cornwall Avenue, Cheshire, CT 0.6410.

Wanted: entire series (6) of Shrine decanter bottles and/or individual bottles. Decanters were placed in circulation by McCormick Distilling Company, Weston, MO. In 1983. Any other type of Shrine bottles, also, acceptable. Bo Griffin, 903 St. Andre", Kingwood, TX 77339.

A 200-year anniversary Chapter stain is being produced for the Grand Chapter of PA. The stein is 7 inches tall with a bell shaped lid and holds 18-oz. of liquid. The stein body has numerous pictures of the Chapter body and is very colorful with 6 colors and 22 c gold. There will be a limited edition of 3(8)0 made only, and each will come with a certificate of authenticity. Price is \$48.50 including S & H. Check payable to Stanley C. Buz and mail to P.O. Box 702, Vfn,tehall, PA 18052. Indicate 100th anniversary stein of Grand Chapter. PA.

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Alaska has available for sale commemorative medallions dating from 1987 and Including 1995. They are approx. 1 1/2 inches in diameter, cast in brass. The price le \$10.130 per coin and \$1.00 postage and handling. R. L. Beaver, 1200'B' West Nthn. Lis., Anchorage. AK 99503.

Beautiful commemorative plates for sale at \$20.00 each plus \$5.00 S & H for Pekin Lodge No. 29's, 150th anniversary celebration. Check or money order to Pekin Lodge No. 29 and mail to 328 Elizabeth Street, Pekin, IL 61554, C10 James Mann.

The Oldest Lodge in the Hills. McKee Lodge No. 144, F. & A.M. of London, KY, is celebrating its 150th anniversary (1846-1996) with a lapel pin and Masons: penny. Lapel pin is Masonic blue with S & C, Lodge name, location and year in white, all on silver background. Limited edition penny is of unusual design with same info. Pin and can set, \$4.00. Penny in Quantities of 12. \$10.00. Postage Included. Check or money order to McKee Lodge No. 144, F & AM., 173 County Farm Road, London, KY40 741-8262.

Kennesaw Lodge No. 33, F. & AM., of Marietta, GA. has a Irrited supply of 150th anniversary bronze coins at \$5.00 each, postage and handling included. Check or money order payable to Kennesaw Lodge No. 33 and mail to C. B. Stephens. 1582 Arden Drive, Marietta, GA 30060.

Mien Lodge No. 156, Aiken, SC, is celebrating Its 125th anniversary and has a bronze coin in a dear plastic capsule available for \$6.00 each. The face of the coin has a "ailed likeness of Mien Lodge No. 156 and the back of the coin has the all seeing eye above the square and compass with the plurrb. level, trowel, gavel and gauge. Money order or check payable to Aker, Lodge No. 156. Send to P.O Box 658, Ailiey., SC 29802-0658.

Have you seen a Traveling Gavel from Ennis, Texas? Please contact Ennis Masonic Lodge No. 369 at P.O. Box 1273, Ennis, TX 75120. We are trying to keep track of it. Last seen in Fairfax, VA in November of 1994.

'Freemasons for Freedom.' an antique bronze coin (1 1/2" ding.) has been issued to honor our military Brethren. Very detailed and depicts a flying eagle on one side and an outline of South Carolina on reverse. Prices are \$2.00 ea. or 3 for \$5.00. Enclose \$1.00 per order for S & H. Checks payable to 18th District Masters and Wardens CluO, and mail 10 P.O. Box 7484, Greenville, SC 29610.

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 and up ins 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. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Rd., No. 214; Tucson; AZ 8570.5; (602)1886-- 7595

Wanted by Mason collector: Jefferson Masonic flask, made in Mantua. OH. No re-pos. Call collect: Mike V. Durich, (216) 784-7233, 1916 Bridget' Road. Akron, ON 44312.

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SW Knights wishing to swap, buy, or sell coins with other companions, have mostly pennies and nickels, but other coins available also. Matthew R Nine. 4970 S. E. Railroad Street, Pleasant Lake, til 46779, (219) 475-5773 or Warner, A 1<sup>st</sup>16as'rw. R. R. I, Box 1230, QaRakiuly. VT 06828, (802) 5-2625.

Acacia Park Cemetery lots for sale. Cemetery price, \$675.00; will sell for \$500.00 each or boy three and get one free. Call collect or leave message on machine (217) 469-2227 or write to Marlene Ch'to, P.O. Box 906. St. Joseph, IL 61871

For sale in Ocalia. FL: inrmactilae, custom 2/2. 2,187 sq. ft. home Is deluxe throughout handicapped accessible, and in excellent location. It's in a fine neighborhood and near new school for normal and physically or emotionally disadvantaged children. \$805. Call (904)824-0455.

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Pacific war veterans: Vermont Mason, late 305 and WWII buff, desires to correspond with combat veterans involved in the Pacific Islands carpalgn. Special interests are the battles of two Jima and Okinawa. Jim Goes, 129 Bellevue Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, (802) 773-3300.

46th Reunion of 93rd CB of WWII will be October 3-5. 1995. at Embassy Suites, Temecula, CA. Ruins Lowrer 26060 Jan Valerie, Murrwia, CA 92582, (908)677-5169.

501h reunion of the Fred T. Berry (DO-858). October 5-8. 1995, at the Doubletree Hotel, San Pedro, CA. Jo. Ryan. 1170 Gene Autry Way, Ana'lm, CA 92805-6789, (714) 978-9111 or days (310) 432-3407or evenings (714)530-4688.

Reunion: U.S.S. Kenmore (AP-162/AK-221), WWII. 1943-46. indudln9 boat gto. October 6-7. 1995, a the Hyal Hotel In San Francisco, CA. W. R. G.at4 14130 Meedowlej\* Lane, Sweef hkr\* OR 97366, (503)367-8.527.

Reunion: U.S.S. Shamrock Bay (CVE-84). September 14-16, 1995, in St. Loul, MO. Fred H. Griggs, 1989 Dandy Road, Dates, GA 30132, (404)445-4770.

**Happy 84th Birthday, Yo Yo the Clown**  
**August 20,1995**

When you have the heart of a clown, this is simply  
Your way to serve a greater need,  
Donning marching shoes to parade past smiling tacos  
Minus mount of trusty steed'

It is not easy to live with pain's deafening silence  
Or brave humanity's harsher track,  
Only tomorrow's gift of kindness is by willing service  
Of sunshine.. your heart has never lacked.

Let's hear a shout of ioy for our happy, antic friends  
Deserving hand over heart salute" to attest  
God placed his angels with invisible wing here on earth  
As his downs ... to do their very best!

Tribute to my dad on his special day  
by his daughter,  
Lee Maloney