Friday, October 13, 1307—On page 5 is an article about the rise and fall of the ancient Knights Templar.
A Bright and Shining Future

As we reflect on the past and look to the future at the time of the beginning of the second year of the 60th Triennium of the Grand Encampment, our perspective is that the light at the end of the tunnel is growing brighter.

Our Membership, Membership, Membership program is working. Our Grand Recorder reports that the number of Knightings has increased over the previous year. Many more festivals are in the works, and if you have been reading your Knight Templar magazine, you can see that the number of the Grand Encampment Membership Jewels awarded is also increasing. Since its inception during the 59th Triennium of Grand Master William Henry Thornley, Jr., we now have 157 Membership Jewels issued, and many have multiple Oak Leaf Clusters. Remember that to receive a Membership Jewel, your ten candidates must be Knighted and reported as Knighted to the office of the Grand Recorder by the Recorder of your Commandery. This is a cumulative total retroactive from September 1991.

In addition to our continued Membership, Membership, Membership program, which will continue for the balance of the 60th Triennium, the imperial High Priest and Prophet of the Shrine of North America, Imperial Sir and Sir Knight Ralph W. Semb, announced the new Slam Dunk Membership Campaign of the Imperial Shrine. It is the hope of the Shrine of North America, that by helping our Blue Lodges and Scottish and York Rite bodies increase their memberships, the Shrine’s membership will prosper as well.

The Slam Dunk Membership program will run from July 7 through December 31, 1995. Each Noble who top line signs a Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, or Shrine petition will receive the Slam Dunk patch, pin, and certificate. In addition, his name will be placed in the grand prize drawing three times for a Blue Lodge petition. A top line signature on a Scottish Rite or York Rite petition earns him two chances, and a top line signature on a Shrine petition gets him one. The grand prize, an all-expense paid trip for two to the Final Four at the Meadowlands in New Jersey next March will be given away on January 27, 1996, at the Imperial Membership Seminar in St. Louis. When a Noble provides his Temple with proof of submitting a Blue Lodge petition, Scottish or York Rite petition or Shrine petition, send his name and membership number to Imperial Recorder Jack Jones, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 31356 or by fax: 813-281-8460. Be sure to specify which petition the Noble has submitted.

What a great opportunity for all of Masonry to benefit from both our membership program and the Slam Dunk program. Congratulations to Imperial Sir and Sir Knight Robert B. Bailey and his Imperial Divan.

Blair Christy Mayford
Grand Master
OCTOBER: This month we have many articles to delight you, starting on page 5 with a story about the ancient Knights Templar; you'll never again wonder why Friday, the 13th, is considered a day of bad luck. The chairman for the 28th Voluntary Campaign, Sir Knight Garnes, has an inspirational message to stimulate all the Sir Knights for the up-and-coming start of the Eye Foundation Campaign; it starts on page 9. Some interesting Sir Knights and Brothers appear on our pages: the Palmers, Bob Evans, and Pete Rose. We feel sure you will be intrigued by their stories. And of course, there is news, news, news!

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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, M.D. 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.

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 Widows 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 I: An important and invaluable booklet entitled The York Rite of Freemasonry - a History and Handbook, is available from the Grand Encampment. Authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, this comprehensive, illustrated 78-page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, and benevolent programs of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery, with illustrations of the jewels of the officers of each body and the Red Cross, Malta, and Templar banners. There is no limit on orders: $1.50 each under 100 copies; $1.00 each over 100 copies, plus shipping and handling. Write your checks to and mail to the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

A Pilgrim’s Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right: This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is now available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library. The book is available for $15.00 each, plus $2.50 shipping and handling.

Born In Blood: The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of $16.00, including S & H.

Dungeon, Fire and Sword: The Knights Templar In the Crusades. This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is now available for $20.00 each, plus $3.00 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment and send them to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

Complimentary for Widows: Widows of Knights Templar are eligible to continue receiving our magazine as long as they desire. To retain or reinstate the mailing, simply instruct your local Recorder or the Grand Encampment of your wishes.
Until the eleventh and twelfth centuries multitudes of Christian faithfuls departed from Europe on pilgrimages to Holy Land shrines. These intrusions of unwanted Christians were considered a nuisance by Arabic nations. Christians obstructed travel along narrow roads, diminished water and food supplies, and burdened the few existing accommodations. Christian pilgrims, whether intentionally or not, provoked Arabs into jostling and insulting them. Between 1096 and 1271 European Christians embarked on eight determined and persistent crusades to wrest the Holy Land from Arabic nations. The resilient Arabic opposition allowed but few temporary victories. The Europeans soon came to admire Arabic castellated, ecclesiastical, and palatial architecture. The influence is evident in European edifices. The era spawned formations of the Knights Hospitaller, Knights Templar, Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem, and Knights of Malta.

In 1118 Baldwin determined to resolve the situation by organizing a monastic and military "brotherhood in arms" to aid and protect Christian pilgrims enroute to Jerusalem. Among early knights were Hugh do Payens, Godfrey de Saint Aldemar, and seven other knights (possibly Floral, Gundemar, Godfrey Bisol, Payens de Montidier, Archibald de Saint Aman, Andre de Montnbar, and Count de Provence).

In the presence of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, they pledged themselves as Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ to poverty, chastity, obedience and humility. They were given, as a residence, a portion of the palace of Knight Baldwin of Jerusalem, near the former cite of the Temple. The Abbott and Canons of the Temple gave the knights the street between the palace and the Temple to store arms and supplies. This situation suggested the subsequent adoption of the name "Templars."

Hugh do Payens returned to Europe where he pleaded with Pope Honorius II for the formation of an order patterned after the Hospitalers and stimulation of a crusade. The Pope approved and assigned Saint Bernard with direction to prescribe the Templar rule. Saint Bernard influenced the knights to include severe devotional exercises, self-mortification, fasting, and prayer. The knights adopted the wearing of white garments (purity of life) and clothed their subordinates wearing black. Pope Eugenius II added a red cross to the left breast of the white garment (martyrdom). The order expanded, enlisting knights from the noblest families of Europe. A knight was never to assault a Christian, was never to swear, and was always to respect women, to be courteous, to observe cleanliness, to pray and worship, and to begin and conclude meals with prayer.

Initiation admitted only Knights Templar. The initiation of Knights of Malta was a public ceremony. Secrecy was an accusation later preferred by Pope Clement V against the Templars.
Saint Bernard said of the Knights Templar, "Their arms are their only finery, and they use them with courage, without dreading either the number or the strength of the barbarians. All their confidence is in the Lord of Hosts, and in fighting for his cause they seek a sure victory or a Christian and honorable death."

Their banner was the white and black beauceant (peace to friends and destruction to foes). By the twelfth century Preceptories of Knights Templar consisted of Knights, Chaplains (of noble birth), and serving brethren (wealthy, yet not of the nobility). They protected Christian men and women of several ranks as affiliati (affiliated) and donates (donats), youth apprenticed to service.

A treaty of peace was negotiated in 1178 between the Templars and Hospitalers. The Templar headquarters, initially at Jerusalem, moved briefly in 1292, after the fall of Acre, to Cyprus. It was next decided to retire to their respective Preceptories in Europe. As it prospered and acquired properties in the near East and Europe, the chapters of the order were divided into fifteen Provinces, each governed by a Preceptor. The European Preceptories attained sufficient wealth and property that monarch and Pope envied and hated the Templars.

In 1245 Jacques de Molay (James of Molay) was born to a Franche-Comte noble, but poor, family at Besancon, Burgundy (France). He received little or no formal education. Within his neighborhood was a Preceptory of Knights Templar that influenced his life. In 1265 de Molay was received by Imbert De Peraudo, Preceptor of France, into the Order of Knights Templar in the Chapel of the Temple at Beaune, France. Almost immediately thereafter, de Molay departed, as a Crusader, for the near East. While under Grand Master William do Beaujeu at Palestine, do Molay distinguished himself.

For the next twenty-six years, until the fall of Acre in 1291, de Molay was active and prominent. He departed the Holy Land, with Templars, to Cyprus. DeMolay's reputation and deportment earned his election to Grand Master of four hundred knights of the order upon the death of Grand Master Theobald Gauedinus in 1298. De Molay was frugal and held the Templars strongly to their moral deportment. The Knights Templar achieved an envied reputation in France and elsewhere in Europe.

The Papacy had hostility problems, and there were internal dissensions in France. The situation combined King and Pope struggling for mutual solutions. Pope Clement V wrote in June 1306 to Grand Master de Molay, then at Cyprus. The Pope summoned de Molay to France, supposedly for discussion of forming a coalition between the Knights Templar and the Knights Hospitaller.

In April 1307 de Molay, accompanied by sixty knight's and a substantial treasure, arrived at the Pope's residence at Poitiers, near Paris, France. France's King Philip IV "the Fair" received de Molay and conferred most distinguished honors upon him. Among these was being named god-father for one of the king's children! The delegation were unaware there existed a deceitful plot by
Pope and King to confiscate Templar properties and arrest the knights. The Pope pandered to the cupidity of a avaricious king. Among the charges were: "Quod receptiones istius clandestine faciebant" (that they were wont to have their receptions in secret), and "Quod sic se includunt ad teneda ut onmes januas domus et ecclesiae in quibus tenent capitula ferment admitter quod nullus sit nec esse possit accessus ad eos nec juxta: ut possit quicunque videre vol audire do factis veldictis eorum" (that when they held their chapters, they shut all the doors of the house or church in which they met so closely that no one could approach near enough to see or hear what they were doing and saying).

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On September 12, 1307 ruthless, crafty King Philip issued his order to confiscate Templar properties and imprison Grand Master de Molay's knights. On Friday, October 13, 1307 the order was carried out! Every knight in France was imprisoned on accusations of idolatry among the one hundred and twenty preposterous charges. This day would mark the destruction of the Knights Templar throughout France and all Europe.

A faction is thought to have survived in Scotland though details do not now exist. Fifty-four knights were burnt at the stake on May 12, 1310. On March 18, 1313, outside Notre Dame Cathedral, gaunt with hunger, crippled by torture, and laden with heavy shackles; Grand Master de Molay and his three accompanying Knights Templar (do Peraud, Geoffrey de Charney and Geoffrey de Gonaville) climbed up the platform steps. DeMolay, in a loud voice, repudiated his forced confession, asserting his innocence and that of the order, knowing it would assure his death at the stake! He denounced all accusations made against him and the order.

These statements created a passionate tumult among the spectators, but before a riot could develop the prisoners were hurried off to an island in the Seine River. There the prisoners were burned alive. Legend says that De Molay called upon Pope Clement V and King Philip IV to meet him before the Judgment Seat of God within one year! Within a year Pope Clement V suddenly took ill and died. King Philip IV also met with death that year!

Monarchs and ecclesiastics scrambled to plunder properties of the order within their borders. Johannes Larmenius claimed to have received of do Molay, a few days before his death, transmission of authority as do Molay's successor.

In Masonry the symbol of Jacques do Molay teaches triumph over the fear of death in the defense of honor, virtue, and truth and the necessity of faith and a good conscience in attaining this triumph.

As Masons, Knights Templar, and De Molays, what will occupy us on Friday, October 13, 1995? Shall we be motivated to exemplify in our lives the martyrdom of Jacques de Molay? Let's say we shall! Let's do it!

Sources of information for the article are Mackey's Encyclopedia, Quatuor Coronati and the Masonic Book Club's Medieval Historical Characters in Freemasonry by J. H. Van Gordon.

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Recipients Of The Grand Encampment Membership Jewel

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160. Homer A. Bearce, Cowlitz Commandery No. 29, Longview, WA. 6-19-95.
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164. Elwood M. Shoemaker, Gulfport Commandery No. 38, Gulfport, MS. 8-16-95.
165. Donald R. Hollingbery, Yakima Commandery No. 13, Yakima, WA. 8-16-95.

St. John's Day Service
Cathedral Of The Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire

In the picture dignitaries escort the Grand Master of New Hampshire through the lines of approximately seventy Sir Knights from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island on St. John's Day at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire. The Grand Master was accompanied by his grand officers and numerous Masters of New Hampshire Lodges. The service is an annual event. From left to right are Sir Knight Bruce K. Pratt, R.E.G.C. of MA/RI; Sir Knight Charles J. Kennedy, R.E.G.C. of NH; Sir Knight Douglas L. Robertson, Sr., M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of NH; unidentified officer; and Sir Knight John O. Bond, Northeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment.
The 28th Voluntary Campaign Train Is Right On Schedule!

by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary P.D.C. and 28th Campaign Chairman

The 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign is on schedule and will arrive December 1, 1995, to begin the five-month Campaign Run throughout every Commandery in the Grand Encampment. YOU can help make this the largest contribution load that this train has ever carried to its destination.

The working parts of this train (campaign) are the Grand Commandery chairmen, the Commandery chairmen, ALL SIR KNIGHTS and the many Individuals, businesses and foundations that support the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC. As an integral part of the train (campaign), ALL COMMANDERIES should plan now to provide their share of the support to keep the train (campaign) on track and make sure it arrives with the full load ($2 million) at the destination (Springfield, Illinois) on April 30, 1996.

The Sir Knights who have accepted the responsibility of determining the destination of the train (campaign) are the Grand Commandery chairmen and the Commandery chairmen. it will be their creative plans and motivation that will enable us to reach the destination (goal). It will not be easy, but anything worthwhile takes effort.

The ways and methods of raising the funds to meet the challenge are numerous; they range from donations by Sir Knights/individuals and businesses/foundations to fundraising events. All Commanders should commit to fund-raising activities in their Commandery.

"Mission Statement Of The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc."

"To provide assistance to those who face loss of sight due to the need of surgical treatment without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex or national origin provided they are unable to pay or receive adequate assistance from current government agencies or similar sources and to provide funds for research In curing diseases of the eyes."

"The Purpose Of The 28th Voluntary Campaign"

"To supplement the income of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., from assessments, bequests, gifts, endowment income and other sources so that sufficient funds are available to provide the assistance as stated in the mission statement of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc."

The purpose of the extensive run of the train (campaign) is to touch the hearts and generosity of every Sir Knight so that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., can provide for those in need. Let's all plan to get on board December 1, 1995.

Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary Past Department Commander and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, is the Voluntary Campaign Chairman and a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. He resides at 1700 Jamestown Pt, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944
Golf shirts, sweatshirts, and flannel lined windbreakers with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation logo embroidered in white are available for Sir Knights and their families who want to "Help Others to See." The golf shirt is 50/50 cotton/polyester jersey knit with fashion collar and ribbed cuffs. The flannel lined windbreakers are hip length. Any of these items would be a nice gift for that special person. Net proceeds will benefit the KTEF and help reach the goal of $2 million for the 28th Voluntary Campaign. Put a shirt on your back for your charity!

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______ Sweatshirts  $25.00 each—size: S–M–L–XL–XXL
______ Windbreakers  $30.00 each—size: S–M–L–XL–XXL

Enclose check for total amount which includes shipping costs in the U.S.A. Mail order and make check payable to: Charles A. Games, Trustee; 1700 Jamestown Place; Pittsburgh; PA 15235–4944. DELIVERY: 5–6 weeks after receipt of order.

Ship to: Name: ______________________
Address: __________________________
City/State/Zip: ____________________
Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

The letters below from pilgrim ministers are ample proof of the value of the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. There is still time to lend your support by nominating ministers for the trip and by giving donations to pay for the expenses incurred. For information contact your state Recorder or the chairmen of the Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage: P. Fred Lesley, P.O. Box 498, Battle Creek, MI 49016, B: (616) 965-0324, H: (616) 962-3707 or R. Frank Williams, 105 North Main Street, Fort Branch, IN 47648, (812) 753-3135.

Sir Knights:

I am writing this letter to express my appreciation and gratitude for the trip to Israel made possible through the Knights Templar of New Hampshire. The pilgrimage to the Holy Land was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that made a lasting impression upon my reading and understanding of the Bible and upon my perception of the history of Israel, both past and present.

The timing of the trip was also significant. Ramadan was in full swing, and thousands and thousands of Moslems were entering the Holy City. At the same time, as the Imam was calling the Moslems to prayer, the Jewish community was gathering to observe the Sabbath Day, and their faithful voices echoed in the Old City and reverberated off the ancient Wailing Wall. To this was added the voices of the Christians from all over the world, who lifted their songs and Bible readings unto the Lord.

The coming together of the three great monotheistic religions of the world into one place (the Old City of Jerusalem) overwhelmed me and left a lasting impression upon my soul. We were all here to touch base with our religious roots and spiritual beginnings in Abraham, the Prophets, and Jesus Christ, and in our common worship of the One God: who is Father of us all!

In the middle of this religious devotion, the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians broke down. The tension in the air was strong and security was tripled. Moslems, Jews, and Christians were concerned, and this afforded me the opportunity to talk to people, Arabs and Jews alike, about our religious convictions and hopes. On pilgrimage to that ancient Holy City, I discovered that it was not enough to say that God is "Our Father," no matter how devout the prayer. We must also make, as our prayer, the further assertion that it God is "Our Father," then we are brothers together. So my prayer on Sunday morning has deepened: The "Our" has been underscored. As we make this prayer and live it - so comes the Kingdom of God.

Do know, then, that your gift to this pastor provided a significant learning experience that has enlarged his spiritual horizon and deepened his prayers. I thank you for it and for the dedication and sacrifice of all the Knights Templar who made it possible.

Dr. Robert W. Lamson
Middle Street Baptist Church
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Sir Knights:

Words cannot express my thanks and gratitude for the special gift the Knights Templar have given me - ten days in the Holy Land!...to see the places of the Bible and to walk where Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob walked ... to experience the places where Jesus walked, worked, worshipped, and taught...to see where He was born and lived...to follow in His steps and retrace the places of his ministry.

My heart was filled with joy when I stood on the Mount of Olives at the Hill of the Ascension, where Jesus ascended to heaven.

My eyes filled with tears when we entered the Garden of Gethsemane where my Lord prayed for His cup of suffering to pass; this is the place where Jesus was betrayed with a kiss by one of His own.

The special Holy Communion service at the Garden Tomb was a time of thanksgiving and reflection.

There were wonderful sights, sounds, and smells as we sailed on Galilee in a reconstructed wood boat, similar to the one used by Simon Peter.

There was overwhelming amazement as we visited the wilderness of Judea, as we looked upon the desert and the great Dead Sea, and as we walked in the ruins of the Essenes' community and saw the cave where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in Quamran.

It was exciting to walk upon the height of Massada and learn more about the last stronghold of the Zealots in the war against the Romans...to go to Caesara Philpia and to drink the water from the springs of Banias, the source of the Jordan River...to be a part of a special Baptismal Service in the River Jordan.

How my whole spirit was uplifted as we stood on the Mount of Beatitudes and read Jesus' Sermon of the Mount and ascended to Mount Tabor to stand in the place where Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transformed in glistening light.

One of my fondest memories is when five of our ministers and myself were able to visit Mount Zion Lodge No. 2 of Jerusalem and sit in Lodge with our Masonic Hebrew Brethren. All of us were welcomed in true Masonic fashion and experienced true Brotherly Love. After Lodge was closed, we enjoyed wonderful fellowship and the main discussion from the Brethren of Mt. Zion Lodge was, "How can we get more of our Brethren to attend Lodge?" Also, they were concerned about membership. Truly Masonry is universal, not only in Friendship and Brotherly Love, but it is universal in our problems as well.

While in the Holy Land, I was able to see and visit the wonderful sites of the Bible and feel somehow a little closer to our Creator. But the greatest experience I had over the ten days in the Holy Land was watching forty-eight ministers from different churches with different backgrounds, different points of view, and different philosophies come together as friends on common ground. Even though we were all different, we shared a common bond and understanding and became lasting friends.

Thank you, Knights Templar. One of the principles of Masonry is to unite people of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliate true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. This principle is Brotherly Love.

One of the greatest gifts that the Knights Templar can give is the Holy Land Pilgrimage. You cannot measure the bonds of Peace and Brotherly Love. Keep up the good work. We can overcome evil only with good. May God Bless our Labors!

Reverend Robert A. Vowell, 33º
Grand Prelate of Arkansas
In Memoriam

Lee Emmett Russell
Florida
Grand Commander-1960
Born August 4, 1905
Died July 29, 1995

James Charles Sirlos
Massachusetts/Rhode Island
Grand Commander-1971
Born May 15, 1921
Died August 2, 1995

Grand Commander's Club

No. 100,349-Joe Thomas Bailey (TN)
No. 100,350-J. Richard Holshouser (NC)

Grand Master's Club

No. 2,446-Thomas B. McIntosh, Jr. (LA)
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No. 2,448-J. S. Tuner (WA)

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

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

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
Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander, MA/RI
Present Eye Foundation Grants to Promising Doctors

On June 30 and July 5, 1995, Sir Knight Bruce Kingsley Pratt, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Edwin Earl Fielder, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander and the 1994-1995 Eye Foundation Chairman of Massachusetts/Rhode Island, were honored to present three research grants to three very qualified and promising young doctors in their jurisdiction. Each grant was for $20,000.00.

The picture to the right was taken at the Biological Laboratories at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, during the presentation of a check to Dr. Ellen A. Schmitt, Research Associate at Harvard University. Left to right are: Grand Commander Pratt; Dr. Richard Losick, Chairman, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Harvard University; Dr. Schmitt; and Deputy Grand Commander Fielder.

The picture to left was also taken at the Biological Laboratories at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, during the presentation of a check to Alan H. Boggs, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard School of Medicine at the Children’s Hospital at Boston, MA. Left to right are: Grand Commander Pratt, Dr. Beggs, and Deputy Grand Commander Fielder.

The picture to right was taken at the laboratories of the Harvard Medical School, located in the Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA, during the presentation of a check to Dr. Anthony P. Adamis, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology. Left to right are: Grand Commander Pratt, Dr. Adamis, and Deputy Grand Commander Fielder.

The three recipients gave very extensive tours and explanations of the nature of the grants to the grand officers, and the grand officers were very pleased to see how the Eye Foundation money is used. It was their feeling that, if more Sir Knights could have the same kind of experience, our efforts during the Campaigns would be made easier.

Article and pictures submitted by Sir Knight Edwin E. Fielder, D.G.C.
10th Crusade Vase Available

Sir Knight Blair Christy Mayford, Most Eminent Grand Master, will conduct the 10th Crusade to the Holy Land on November 7-17, 1995. To commemorate this special activity, a specially designed, lead crystal vase with deep etching will be produced in a limited quantity of one hundred. Each vase will be numbered and will be a collector's item.

The vase is oval shaped and 7.5 inches high. The Grand Encampment logo will have a frosted background, and below the logo will be the following:

The Tenth Crusade  
To The Holy Land  
November 7, 17, 1995  
Sir Knight Blair Christy Mayford  
Most Eminent Grand Master

Vases may be obtained for a donation of $100.00 each. Send check payable to: Charles A. Garnes, Trustee; 1700 Jamestown Place; Pittsburgh; PA 15235. Orders will only be accepted until December 1, 1995. Delivery will be in January 1996.

Michigan Grand Body Officers Attend Grand Commander Thomas D. Coss' Reception

On Saturday, August 19, a reception and banquet, honoring new Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan, Thomas Coss, was held at the Stouffer Renaissance Hotel in Battle Creek, Michigan. An excellent turnout of Companions, Sir Knights, their ladies, and representatives of the Masonic youth groups was present.

Shown above before the banquet were, left to right: Duane Warner, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan; Thomas D. Coss, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan; Robert N. Osborne, P.G.M., Right Worshipful Grand Secretary and personal representative of Dale C. Edwards, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Michigan; and Kenneth D. Chandler, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Michigan.

Submitted by:  
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Grand Commandery of Michigan
History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXIV
Biographies Of
Noted Knights Templar
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Henry Fowle
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In 1816 he was one of the delegates from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to the convention in Philadelphia, and later in New York when the General Grand Encampment was organized. He was elected General Grand Generalissimo. At the second meeting of the General Grand Encampment in 1819 he took Webb's place in the line of officers and became Deputy General Grand Master. He was not present at the 1826 Conclave when it was reported that there was $758.63 in his hands belonging to the Grand Encampment. Apparently nothing was done about this until the 1835 Conclave when the Grand Recorder called attention to this sum that was still charged to Sir Knight Fowle.

It was moved to expel him from Masonic privileges, but after explanations were made the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, it appears that Sir Henry Fowle is by unavoidable misfortune reduced in circumstances, and entirely unable to pay the money due by him to this General Grand Encampment, and that Sir Henry Fowle's health is such that in all probability his existence in this world must soon terminate, therefore

"Resolved, That the General Grand Recorder be directed to settle the accounts of Sir Henry Fowle with the Grand Encampment, and to send him a receipt in full of all claims against him."

Today we remember Sir Knight Fowle for his abundant services to the Order, not only in the development of the Ritual but for his leadership in the early days of Templary when the General Grand Encampment was striving for recognition. Sir Knight Fowle passed on to the higher Temple on March 10, 1837.

John Snow

John Snow was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on February 15, 1780. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to Mr. Dodge, who was engaged in the manufacture of jewelry. Snow remained with him for seven years, when he moved to Newport and started his own business. Later he returned to Providence and engaged in the mercantile business. In
1817 he moved to Ohio where he managed a drug business. He married Miss Mary Thurston on March 22, 1802, and four children were born to that union. Snow died at his home in Worthington, Ohio, on May 16, 1852. His grave at Worthington is marked by a monument erected by the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Snow was made a Mason in Mount Vernon Lodge at Providence, Rhode Island, on February 14, 1809. He quickly acquired a thorough knowledge of the work and became Master of his lodge in 1811, which office he held until he moved to Ohio. He took part in the activities of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and was elected Junior Grand Deacon in 1815 and Senior Grand Deacon in 1816.

After moving to Ohio, he visited New England Lodge No. 4 at Worthington on September 29, 1817, and soon after affiliated with this Lodge. On October 7, 1818, he was elected Master of New England Lodge and continued in that office until October 30, 1822. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1819 and served until 1824. Later he served as Grand Lecturer and visited many of the Lodges in the State.

He was also prominent in Royal Arch Masonry. He was exalted in Horeb Chapter No. 3 at Worthington, Ohio, and was elected High Priest on November 17, 1818. He continued in that office until 1822 when he declined reelection. He was chosen Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio in 1819. That year he attended the Triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter and was elected General Grand King. In 1826 he became Deputy General Grand High Priest. He was the senior officer present and presided at the Triennial meeting in 1826, and in 1829 he again presided, due to the death of the General Grand High Priest, DeWitt Clinton, in 1828.

Snow received the degrees of Royal and Select Master from Jeremy Cross, and was authorized to form and establish Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. There is no evidence that he ever exercised this authority.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in St. John's Encampment at Providence, Rhode Island, on April 22, 1811. He was elected Generalissimo in 1816. After moving to Ohio in 1817 he became interested in establishing an Encampment there, and in March, 1818, received a Dispensation from his friend, Sir Thomas Smith Webb, the Deputy General Grand Master, to form an Encampment at Worthington, Ohio. Accordingly, on March 20, 1818, Thomas S. Webb, Frederick A. Curtis and John Snow met in Worthington and Mt. Vernon Encampment was organized. A charter was granted at the meeting of the Grand Encampment in 1819. This Encampment, now known as Mount Vernon Commandery No. 1, was moved to Columbus in 1844. Snow served as its Eminent Commander from 1820 to 1830.
Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

It's often repeated, and it never grows old. It was found in Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore; dated 1692.
Have you ever been to a chiropractor? If you have, perhaps your pain was relieved quickly by an apparently simple thrust on your spine. Chances are pretty good that the doctor who delivered the thrust was a graduate of the Palmer College of Chiropractic. But did you know there is a historical connection between chiropractic and Masonry in Iowa?

In September 1895, a time when anybody who felt compelled to do so could call themselves "Doctor," Daniel David Palmer, a schoolteacher, horticulturist, and businessman, who had been experimenting with the then popular "magnetic healing," performed the first chiropractic adjustment. Out of curiosity, he examined the spine of his janitor, Mr. Harvey Lillard, who had been deaf since curiously "popping" his back some twelve years before. On finding a bony "bump" at about the ninth segment down he gave it a vigorous thrust. Lillard immediately reported hearing bells on the streetcars three floors below. The exact mechanism for this still has not yet been satisfactorily explained 100 years later, but then, neither has that of aspirin.

After two years of these adjustive procedures with good results on a variety of maladies, in 1897 Dr. Palmer formed the Palmer School of Chiropractic. The early classes consisted of medical doctors searching for a better way of relieving pain and suffering.

Since Palmer was a man with a strong will and temper, it was inevitable that D. D.'s son would turn out the same.

When D. D. was falsely arrested and jailed for "practicing medicine without a license," his son Bartlett J. saw it as an opportunity to define in court that chiropractic was not medicine, arguably an easier position to maintain from outside a jail cell. D. O., after several weeks, decided to pay the fine infuriating the younger doctor. The two parted company in 1906 with the young B. J. assuming the old man's debts and taking sole control of the Palmer School and Infirmary.

In 1921 B. J. bought a radio station and moved it to the upper floor of the family house and began broadcasting as W.O.C., World of Chiropractic, a wide band station that covered the North American Continent from Alaska to Panama.
About 1937, he hired a bright-eyed graduate from Eureka College as a sportscaster: "Dutch" Reagan, who went on to a successful career as an actor, politician and dismantler of the "Evil Empire."

With his two radio stations producing income (the other was W.H.O. Des Moines, With Hands Only), B. J. was able to funnel funds into research and his love of collecting. The research dealt with what chiropractors call vertebral sublation complex, which is a syndrome whereby nerve interference to body tissues is impeded by one thing or another, whether directly or indirectly. It's a simple concept, but proving it is like describing light to a blind man.

B. J. Palmer loved to collect things especially the unusual. Many of his artifacts are now on display both in the Palmer wing of the Putnam Museum, and in the family mansion, Davenport. Among the goodies are mummies, unwrapped for display, and one of the largest osteological collections in the country.

Being favorably impressed by the integrity of several of his faculty men, Dr. Palmer petitioned a local Masonic Lodge only to be blackballed...repeatedly. It was finally discovered that it was a local M.D. who kept dropping the lone ball, so a vote was taken when the medical doctor was out of town and counted favorably. He was made a Mason in 1917 and a Knight Templar in 1918.

In fact, judging by the list of Masonic as well as non-Masonic affiliations of B. J., one could assume that he was a “joiner,” but according to the memoirs of his son, D. David Palmer, D.C., he was too reticent to gain much pleasure from social activities, the axiom of being lonely at the top coming strongly into play here. There was one organization, however, which the usually dour Palmer could attend just for fun. That was the Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 129, a group of a dozen Shriners who apparently were also in need of discreet fun.

One very quiet aspect of B. J.’s character is little known and was only uncovered by his son's memoirs many years after B. J.’s death. It serves as an illustration of Masonic virtues:

"Dr. Palmer had a very warm spot for the downtrodden and convicted criminals. He had a standing invitation with the Iowa Parole Board to employ at least one parolee per year. These men were always on the payroll but unknown to anyone but B. J. and immediate family. This continued for years. He always liked the self satisfaction of helping rehabilitate convicts."

It took a man like B. J. Palmer to take up where his father left off and fight those who sought to stop the profession.

At a time when chiropractors were routinely arrested and jailed on bogus charges (The charges rarely survived scrutiny by juries.), he fought the battle every day. Now chiropractic is assuming what many feel is its rightful place as the leading drugless healthcare profession, bringing the relief and health which is sought by everyone.

Brother Bartlett Joshua Palmer; member of St. Simon of Cyrene Commandery, Davenport Lodge No. 37, Zarepath Consistory No. 4, Royal America Shrine Club, and Royal Order of
Jesters; died in May of 1961 and was buried with full Masonic honors. His legacy was continued by his son Brother Dave Palmer, who died in 1979 and was also given Masonic honors. Dave Palmer's daughter Vicki currently presides over the Palmer University Board of Regents.

In 1995 the Palmer Foundation purchased the huge Davenport Masonic Temple, one block from the campus. As a historic building, it was agreed that the building would remain architecturally unchanged.

The following is a list of some of the folks who have stayed at the Palmer Mansion, 808 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa: Ronald Reagan, Harry Houdini, Billy Sunday, Herbert Hoover, Harry S Truman, Rudy Vallee, Jeanette McDonald, Luther Burbank, Lowell Thomas, Napoleon Hill, Wiley Post, Norman Vincent Peale, Jack Dempsey, Paul Whiteman, Mrs. E. I. DuPont.

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**New Holy Land Pilgrimage Award In Virginia**

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee for the Grand Commandery of Virginia created this beautiful, gold-plated cup three years ago. It is awarded annually to the Commandery that donates the largest sum per member during the June through November fund-raising period for the pilgrimage. The winning Commandery has its name placed on the plate and holds the cup until the next year's winner is selected.

In the last ten years Virginia has sent twenty-seven ministers, both men and women, to the Holy Land.
A Tom Clark Gnome For The York Rite Charities

In support of three York Rite charities, North Carolina’s York grand officers commissioned Tom Clark of Cairn Studio, Ltd., Mooresville, North Carolina, to create and produce a limited number of a collector’s series Gnome statuette. Tom Clark sculptures are known and collected worldwide. Tom Clark’s famous sculptures are produced in limited quantities and quickly increase in value. Each piece is numbered and registered to the individual purchaser. Tom Clark has established a minimum price that must be charged for the gnome, as he must protect his dealers and ensure the continued value of Tom Clark products. He has consented to allow the York Rite bodies to have exclusive rights to the Gnome for two years, after which if any remain, they will be made available to dealers worldwide for sale to the public. The cost then will be substantially higher than it is through the York Rite, as this is a very limited edition. When the mold is broken, the price will soar; this is an investment, not only in our Masonic charities, but also in the future value of a famous art object. These exclusive rights expire at the end of the year, and this opportunity will never come your way again.

Cairn Studio sculpts these gnomes in the characteristic Tom Clark manner, and they are easily recognizable as such. Each is individually cast and hand-painted. The gnome represents Freemasonry overall but York Rite Masonry in particular. His name is "Hiram," and the Masonic working tools are all around him. In the brick wall that he is building, and upon which he is sitting, are fifty bricks, each engraved with the initials of one of our fifty states. There is nothing on this gnome that is specifically York Rite; this is also a good acquisition for non-York Rite Masons.

The cost through the North Carolina York Rite will be the base price set by Tom Clark, to encourage all York Rite members to participate. This cost is $90.00 per gnome with $6.00 shipping for each. The Rite will divide all profits from this project equally between the three charities with $15.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, $15.00 to the Royal Arch Assistance Association, and $15.00 to CMMRF or Arteriosclerosis. Of the $90.00 selling price, this $45.00 is tax deductible. Orders will be filled as the gnomes become available. As this is handwork and not assembly-line production, each gnome takes time to produce. "Hiram" may be purchased from the state chairman; Donald R. Long, 1114 Canterbury Road, Roxboro, NC 27573. The purchase price is $90.00 each plus $6.00 shipping; please furnish your complete shipping address with your order. As the second year with "Hiram" comes to a close, only a few remain. After the two years is up, so is the price.

Las Vegas Assembly No. 209, S.O.O.B "Heart To Hand" Program

Under the direction of Mrs. Adrian Thompson, Las Vegas Assembly has implemented a program to provide contact, on a regular bases, to shut-ins who have no local support system of relatives or friends. Their objective was to decrease the isolation and loneliness of individuals who are ill and disabled, but still are aware of their environment.

Each Beauceant member selects one or more names from lists provided by several long-term care health facilities, and she is responsible for sending monthly cards on an anonymous basis. Mrs. Gerry Cunningham, Friendship Chairman, was the contact with these facilities, and she also submitted this article to Knight Templar.

The program is funded by members and by local businesses that periodically donate cards. The program has steadily grown and presently seven health facilities participate.

edited by Mrs. William Chant, P.S.W.P.
A Time for the Tree of Life
To Come Alive Within
by Sir Knight Jon Todd Greco

There are many fine articles published about Freemasonry. Most expound the joys and truths of the fruits of the Tree of Life; for example, there are: compassion - taking care of the sick, the needy; loyalty - always supporting a Brother; and honesty - truth. These are all beautiful values to aspire to and to conduct one's life by.

How did we come to value these ethics? We value them because of what's behind the flowers - the tree itself; a magical, esoteric system that guides one's consciousness through time and space on many levels of awareness, enabling one to create one's own reality.

Sound a bit out there? That's why much of this has been cloaked in secrecy and symbolism through the ages.

What is a 32° Mason? There are thirty-two paths of growth and learning, a combination of the twenty-two major arcana of the tarot and the ten separoth (spheres) of the Holy Qabalah (the esoteric section of the Torah and also a system on how to create, to bring into fruition, ideas from the void of nothingness, into reality).

Mind you, this is only one line of Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite. There is also the York Rite to travel.

In the Scottish Rite, however, path one is the magician symbolizing a young man on a spiritual journey. Before him are his cups, representing his emotions; his wand signifies his will, his sword signifies his thoughts, and lastly a pentacle represents his physical plane.

Before he can evolve spiritually he must conquer all four of these. All systems teach the same paths; all paths teach the same systems: in India, in China - all the same: to conquer one's emotions - Hatha Yoga, to cool one's breath and balance one's emotions; to control one's stream of thought - Raga Yoga; and in the martial arts a teacher will have a student stand in a painful stance until he passes through the pain - the mind beating out the mind. And to continue: to conquer one's will (so one masters it, rather than being at the mercy of ones desires) - Bhakti Yoga, the yoga of devotion. It all means "Not my will, but thy will be done" - the surrendering to the higher force, believing in one's higher guidance.

This is only one of the paths; there are thirty-one left. You can see it's a lifelong quest to spiritually evolve.

Our founding forefathers knew how the dark forces of ignorance, jealousy, greed and cruelty would want to stamp out the light. Many of these great men put their lives and reputations on the line. Much was hidden; they knew the importance of the meaning behind "pearls before swine."

Today is a rallying call for all Freemasons who enjoy the mystical side of Masonry, the actual roots of Freemasonry, to come forward and spread the light and knowledge around.

If you're wondering why our Blue Lodges are not being filled, it's because these esoteric truths are not being passed on to inspire the young men.
As a young man grows through the Tree of Life, he masters more paths; his psyche grows. He grows as a human being, living all the great virtues and ethics in his everyday life. "If not you - who; if not now - when" (Hagel, a German philosopher). And so he tries to make this world a better place for all.

I say for all: There are many people who disguise their true motives (be it concerning God, patriotism, etc.), but what it is really about is their looking after their short term needs and goals.

Masons throughout history have transcended the petty norms and trite mores of their social times and have pressed on for the greater good of the many.

In today’s times of massive air, water, and soil pollution, when most countries are in moral and economic bankruptcy, there still shines a light from the human heart in people everywhere: every nation, every creed, every color. It is that spark of light, of hope, that transcends time that we must continue to nourish, to cultivate, to inspire in others: One heart - one world.

And the great secret that has been cloaked in symbolism for ages that will accomplish this goal is to learn and master the paths on the Tree of Life to transform yourself so you can inspire others to transform themselves and in doing so - the world, a synergistic effect. In alchemy the lead was you - your normal waking awareness - and you turned yourself into gold, locked within, raised your awareness - that was the transformation. We are the guardians of the light of truth, keepers of the flame.

May that light shine through you strongly, being a man of honor in all you touch, and in doing so transform and heal this earth of which we are so graciously a part.

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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 $18.00 of this money will be returned to the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund in your grand Jurisdiction. Both sides of the medallion are pictured below.

To purchase one of these beautiful medallions and at the same time contribute to the Holy Land Pilgrimage in your state, please write to: P. Fred Lesley, P.O. Box 498, Battle Creek, MI 49016
Bob Evans:
Mr. "Down on the Farm"
And Fifty-Year Mason
by Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, Ph.D., KYCH

In the past generation, one of the more pleasing signs for hungry travelers along the highways and interstates of Middle America has been that of a Bob Evans Restaurant. These operations, once described by an insider as "family-style eating establishments," have made the name of an Appalachian Ohio Farmer of Welsh extraction a household word through much of the nation. For a fellow whose original dream consisted of having his own farm, Evans has come a long way.

Lesser known is the fact that Bob has been a Master Mason for some fifty-five years, as well as a forty-eight year member of Aladdin Shrine Temple.

Bob was born Robert Lewis Evans in Wood County, Ohio, on May 30, 1918. His parents, Stanley and Elizabeth Lewis Evans, were both products of the Welsh immigrant community that had flourished for several decades in rural Gallia and Jackson counties of hilly southeastern Ohio. Stanley and Elizabeth had married three years earlier, and the former worked at various jobs in Cincinnati and elsewhere, struggling to support a growing family.

In 1924, when Bob was nearly six, Stanley got the opportunity to enter the grocery business with his oldest brother in Gallipolis, the Ohio River town that served as county seat of his Gallia homeland.

Growing up in Gallipolis, young Bob Evans attended the local schools, worked in his dad's store, played baseball with his peers, took care of the back-lot henhouse, sold Literary Digest subscriptions, and labored as a newspaper carrier for the Columbus Dispatch. The Evans Grocery Stores prospered and over a period of years expanded into a chain of sixteen outlets in neighboring towns.

Bob's father sent him first to Greenbriar Military School and then to Ohio State University. By this time the adolescent youth aspired to a career in veterinary medicine, but an eye injury forced him to drop out of college after two years.

Returning to Gallipolis, Bob went to work as a meat salesman for the Evans Packing Company, another business his father and uncles had initiated. He also began courting Jewell Waters, whose family had migrated to Gallia County from Morganton, North Carolina, in 1937. The pair married in June 1940, and subsequently they became the parents of six children.

Masonry and matrimony struck young Evans at nearly the same time. He took his Entered Apprentice degree at Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7 in Gallipolis, Ohio, on June 11, 1940. He was Passed on August 13, 1940, and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on September 10, 1940. Bob later became a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus, and a Noble of Aladdin Shrine Temple in Columbus, Ohio, on May 2, 1947.

Many - if not most - of the men in the Evans clan have been active Masons including Bob's father Stanley. Several have been members of Patriot Lodge No. 496 in the hamlet of Patriot, which is one
of the smallest communities to have sustained an active lodge for well over a century. Bob's cousin, Ben R. Evans, was likely the most active Mason in the family, having served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1966-1967.

After World War II military service, Bob returned to Gallipolis and opened his first restaurant. With a continuing interest in agriculture and conservation and nursing a desire to rear his children on a farm, Bob and Jewell purchased the now famous Homestead Farm on the outskirts of Rio Grande (It had previously been operated by Rio Grande College.) and the children learned the virtues of rural living and participation in 4-H programs. Meanwhile Evans worked to perfect his recipe for sausage and opened a second restaurant nearby on U.S. Highway 35.

From these modest beginnings the sausage business expanded to the point where it was marketed in twelve states by 1980, and the "eating establishments" by 1994 had increased to 297 under the Bob Evans name, plus an additional thirteen in Texas operated as Owens Family Restaurants. More recently, the firm has added a line of "fine Mexican food" establishments with fourteen Cantina del Rio restaurants open or scheduled to open during 1995. This gave Bob Evans Farms, Incorporated, some 324 outlets covering much of the U.S.A. Their commercials with the familiar "Down of the Farm" slogan have familiarized Americans everywhere with the man, the sausage, and a menu of fine food.

In addition to his business affairs, Evans has also pursued numerous other activities, many of them related to agriculture and soil conservation. These efforts have resulted in his becoming the recipient of such awards as Soil Conservationist of the Year and Wildlife Habitat Conservationist of the Year. In 1977, Governor (and Brother) James A. Rhodes presented him with the Governor's Award which is given yearly to a selected few, prominent Ohioans of high achievement.

The Evans interest in education has also manifested itself in many ways. Bob served for several years from 1967 as a member of the Board of Trustees of Rio Grande College. Then in 1978, Governor Rhodes appointed him to the Ohio Board of Regents. Another side of his educational endeavor is reflected in his long-time support of 4-H youth programs.

One of Bob's preferred activities for the last several years has been in furthering the development of his native area through the South East Ohio Regional Council.

Always interested in politics, he has generally supported Republican causes and ideas. In 1994, Bob took special pride in serving as general chair in the successful campaign of his friend and fellow member of Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7, Frank A. Cremeans (Raised June 12, 1970), to the United States Congress. Since Cremeans had little initial experience and minimal name recognition outside his immediate area, the TV commercials Bob did on Frank's behalf played a major role in his victory.

Each fall on the second weekend in October, the Bob Evans Farm Festival attracts tens of thousands of visitors to the Homestead near Rio Grande. There city dwellers can see demonstrations of many of the older crafts and skills associated with rural living. They can also hear traditional American music played by such masters of their trade as the old-time oriented Briarhoppers, the new bluegrass of the Rarely Herd, or the sounds of Jerry Weaver's Goodtime Jazz Band. Often folks can be greeted by Bob Evans himself or even have their grandchildren pose for a photo with the man who has in many respects become the personification of what is both good and successful about rural America.

Although Bob Evans has largely retired from the day-to-day operations of
Bob Evans Farms, Inc., he remains quite active. One of his recent efforts has been pushing for year-round grazing as a means of revitalizing agriculture in Appalachian Ohio. A recent conversation suggests that Bob believes that it will mean the salvation of the family farm in southern Ohio. Not long ago he received his fifty-year pin from Morning Dawn Lodge. Whether promoting farm activities, regional development, Shrine charities, improved education, or the fortunes of the G.O.P., it remains a safe bet that Bob Evans will be in there doing his share of whatever project he tackles.

It has been a long trek from delivering newspapers on second Avenue in Gallipolis to having his name on a chain of 300-plus restaurants and making "down on the farm a household phrase, but with a major amount of grit and determination, Brother Bob Evans has managed to do just that.

NOTE: The author wishes to express his appreciation to Brother Bob Evans and Sir Knight Gordon Fisher for their help with this piece. One may also wish to consult the book Gallia County, Ohio: History in People to 1980 (Taylor Publishing Company, 1980) for additional data on the Evans clan.

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Sheltered Beneath Eagle's Wings

Guide the arrow of my spirit,
Sharpen the eyes of my soul.
Make me stand firm within your fire,
So I see your dreams,
And make your dreams my own.

Create stillness within my spirit,
Calm the whirlwinds of my mind.
Grant me wisdom to walk in beauty,
In the center of your spirit,
I hear your voice ten-thousand times.

I kneel before your sacred altar,
Seeking refuge from the storm.
Make my heart strong for life's Journey,
So I live within your vision,
And see your vision born.

Across skies of azure my spirit dances,
Into the wind my spirit sings.
Grant me courage to face life's ending,
Swift victory over my enemies,
Sheltered beneath eagle's wings.

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The poet, Sir Knight James Roland Cypert, is a Vietnam Veteran, a Los Angeles police officer, and a member of Riverside Commandery No. 28, Riverside, California. He describes his poem as a reflective Native American poem, influenced by his Native American heritage. His address is P.O. Box 3307, Riverside, CA 92519
Pete Edward Rose was born April 14, 1942, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a member of the Western Hills Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He was nominated to the DeMolay Hall of Fame on November 13, 1986.

Baseball was and is Pete’s life. He formally joined the Cincinnati Rod Sox at age eighteen. Pete batted over .300 for nine consecutive seasons. At the end of the 1983 season, his batting average was over .300, and he had a total of 3,990 hits.

Pete Rose was the hometown star and the pride of Cincinnati. He was a very energetic player, and he lit up more signs on the scoreboard than any other player in the history of baseball. On September 11, 1985, after the national count down, he broke Ty Cobb’s famous record of 4,191 hits. He made this legendary mark working as player and manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Pete Rose finished the season with 4,204 hits.

Rose was able to set thirty-four Major and National League records. In 1973 he was noted the National League’s most valuable player, the most valuable player of the World Series in 1975, and the Sporting News NL player of the decade for the 1970s. Rose played six times in the World Series, was an All-Star sixteen times, and led the League in batting average three times. In 1978 he had hits in forty-four consecutive games. The following year he had two hundred hits for the tenth time—a Major League record.

Trivia buffs would know that Pete Rose broke Ty Cobb’s fifty-seven-year-old record with a first inning single to the left, against San Diego’s pitcher, Eric Show. It was a moment very few would forget as the crowd went wild with enthusiasm. Then, after all the cheers subsided, Rose raised his finger pointing towards heaven and allegedly saw a vision of his father and Ty Cobb.

Through all of the glories of being a legend in professional baseball, Pete Rose found himself involved in one of the major athletic scandals that shook the world. That scandal was called the “Rose Affair,” and Rose was accused of gambling by placing bets on games of his own team. The accusations first arose during spring training. It was alleged that Rose sent a check to a man who was later convicted of bookmaking; that check was discovered in a 1984 gambling raid. Later, Rose was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service for possible income tax evasion.

Through it all, Rose denied the charges levied against him, saying that he had never placed a bet on any Major League baseball games. A special counsel was appointed for further investigation. Then, a plea bargain was reached in which Rose acknowledged that the commission had a factual basis for charging him. Soon thereafter, Pete Rose was fired as the Cincinnati Reds manager, and sadly, he was banned from Major League baseball for the rest of his life. Pete Rose’s fans of more than twenty-five years were outraged, and it was a tremendous blow for the legend himself—baseball had been his life.

Shortly after the tumult ended, Pete Rose moved to Boca Raton, Florida. Recently he opened Pete Rose’s Ball Park Cafe, located on Glades Road, immediately west of the Florida Turnpike. There he spends his leisure time in his fabulous establishment, where he can be surrounded by a veritable museum of the artifacts of his life—that is, baseball. In his miniature baseball hall of fame, one is overwhelmed by dozens of trophies, news clips, and other memorabilia. Rose runs his establishment and
broadcasts his live, daily baseball show, which is syndicated nationwide. There he can spend bright moments where his fans can participate in “call-ins” to his live program.

The Ball Park Cafe is a wonderful environment for baseball and sports fans in general, young and old. It gives people a taste of the limelight that the sports world had once directed upon Pete Rose - an extraordinary legend and neighbor, whose undying passion for baseball could never be extinguished by anyone.

Thoughts of a Mason's Wife

How many wives of Masons have ever given much thought,
To the wonderful biblical lessons that Masonry has taught?
Have you asked yourself this question, when you sit alone at night,
While hubby is away at Lodge: is my reasoning straight and right?
I know the nights are lonely and long, but this question comes to me,
"If my husband weren't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?"

I know nothing of their secret work, but this much I understand,
That the lessons taught in Masonry have made a better man.
So, ask yourself this question, which has always come to me,
"If my husband weren't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?"

They call us Masonic widows; I've been one for many a year.
I've spoken my piece on lonely nights, and berated my hubby dear.
But, then again, I regret my words, and with wisdom try to see,
"If my husband weren't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?"

So I try to be a patient wife, as alone I meditate,
And see his point, as he leaves for Lodge, with these words,
"I won't be late!"

Some say that men make Masonry, and this I understand,
But, deep in my heart I still maintain, “that Masonry makes the man.”
And as we journey the highway together, to the inner things of life,
May their teachings go on forever,

Sincerely,
A Mason's wife
Poetess unknown

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For sale: new C.P.O. coats, polyester/wool, summer weight; sizes: 42S, 44S, and 44XL. $20.00 each plus S & H. Also, used chapeaux, size 6 3/4 up to 7 3/8 and Sir Knights’ belts. Percentage to KTEF or HLP. John Myers, 2120 N. Sr. 127, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-2797 or J. William Meyers, 1460 East U.S. Highway 20, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-5686.

For sale: 100th anniversary coin from Clinton Commandery No. 66, Knights Templar of Illinois (1895-1995). This coin is available in antiqued copper for $5.00 or gold plated copper for $7.50. Add $1.50 per order for shipping and handling. Check or money order payable to Anthony Lodge No. 455 and mail to Robert M. Foster, Secretary; 3027 Armsgate Road; Springfield; OH 45503.

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The Michigan George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee is selling commemorative, elongated coins rolled on Jefferson nickels and Washington quarters. They picture the Memorial and a bust of Washington. Nickel versions of the elongated coins cost $1.00. Quarter versions are badges attached to red, white, and blue ribbon and cost $3.00, or two for $5.00. Profits from this project go to the Memorial Maintenance Fund. These coins and badges make great gifts for friends and Brother Masons. Coins and badges may be purchased by sending payment and a SASE to Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI 48430. Make checks payable to Ray Dillard.

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is of sterling silver with a 241k gold vermeil. Price is Only...
$9.00 per pin, including S and H. 10% of proceeds will benefit the KTEF. These unique pins are available only through Professional Creations Unlimited, 1630 Orchard Hill Road, Cheshire, CT 06410-3728.

Beautiful, entirely hand-made, English, silk neckwear, featuring tasteful repeating Masonic square and compass motifs. Choice of silver on Masonic blue, gold on Masonic blue, or silver on Templar black. Neckties, $45.00; bows, $35.00. 10% of all sales to benefit the KTEF. Baron Fain, The Ben Silver Corporation, 149 King Street, Charleston, SC 29401, (803) 720-5083.

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

Top hat wanted: Lodge Master's used black silk top hat, size 7 3/8 - long oval, prefer collapsible. Please send details to W. Moore, 19345 Romar Street, Northridge, CA 91324.

I am a hat collector and ant trying to locate turn-of-the-century, military style caps. It has recently come to my attention that a brass band in Detroit found a stash of Knight Templar, 1896-style hats in a local hall. These are pill-box-shaped hats with a small visor that were patterned after the 1895 U.S. Army hat worn until 1902. This brass band adopted these distinctive hats for its uniform. Walter R. Laude, 128 Hamilton Street, Indiana, PA 15701.

Wanted: unique, solid gold Past Master's jewel in excellent condition. Also, mechanical railroad-type watch and Dudly Masonic watch. Mail description, photo, price to S. Campos, P.O. Box 18542, San Antonio, TX 78218.

For sale: Scottish Rite ring, about 1949, size 11.25, is considered. C. L. Jaynes, Box 98, Copperopolis, CA 95228, (209) 785-4440.

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Seeking info on father of Richard Currier. Richard b. ca. 1802 in South Carolina, married Elizabeth Posey, 2/23/1836 in Benton Co., Alabama, and resided in Alabama at least through 1870. Warner Currier; 609 Howard Avenue, No. 310; Montebello; CA 90640; (213) 887-9810.

For sale: WWII ruptured duck be bar, 24K gold plated and dollar-size coin, .999 pure silver with Liberty Bell and eagle - $12.95 postpaid. Art Joel, 32594 San A madeo, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

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And I Will Give Thee A Crown Of Life