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## Holiday Season Begins With Thanksgiving

It is that time of year, again, to dream of long ago and to think of Jack Frost, corn in shocks, and pumpkins in the fields ready for harvest.

At this writing we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. Many of us can reflect on just what the war meant and did to all of us. The one thing that can be said is that we have a much greater love for our great country and greater respect for all who served in the armed forces. It has had a lasting imprint on our minds that had we not been victorious, we would be the subjects of a great slave state. Just think for one minute about the possibility that one of the greatest countries in the world could be suffering the same fate as the Eastern block



countries did under the tyrannical rule of the Soviet Union. Our great Masonic Fraternity would not exist today. There would not be a glimmer of light in the world had it not been for our love of freedom. This love of freedom was directly responsible for the great victory of the Colonies over Great Britain in colonial days. We have fought many wars, and God has been on our side for the cause was just, and our great people stood by the subjugated people all over the world. Our Masonic Fraternity is building relationships the world over in an effort to bring freedom to all people.

November 7, 1995, is a date that many Templars will never forget. It is the date on which the 10th Crusade will set forth for the Holy Land, and it will be the first crusade to set foot in the Holy Land since Jacques de Molay was burned at the stake in Paris. (According to Sir Knight Francis J. Scully, M.D., Past Commander of Arkansas and chairman of the Committee on Templar History of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, Jacques de Molay, then Grand Master of Templars, was burned at the stake on March 11, 1314, on an island in the Seine River.)

When we are seated at our dinner tables on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, with our families and friends, let us all say a prayer for those who gave the last full measure of devotion that we may enjoy the freedom and liberties that are ours today.

### Happy Thanksgiving Day To All!

Blair Christy Mayford  
Grand Master

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

**NOVEMBER:** As usual, November features a four-page section saluting the Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies. Their pictures start on page 5, followed by names and addresses. To help you as you ease into the 28th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the names and addresses of the chairmen for the Grand Commanderies are listed on page 9. Also, the chairman of this year's campaign has words of encouragement. Sir Knight Baldwin is back with timely information on the traditional Easter festivities, and Sir Knights Gist and Adams praise the Fraternity and give some useful advice.

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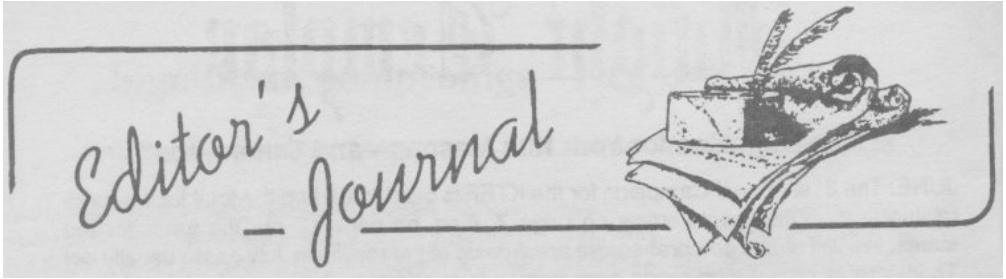
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**The Tenth Crusade to the Holy Land Closed:**

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, 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.

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**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

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## Saluting Our Grand Commanders

Congratulations are extended from our Most Eminent Grand Master, Blair Christy Mayford, and the grand officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., to the fifty newly elected Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies under their jurisdiction. As part of this salute to their dedication and tireless service to Templary, *Knight Templar* magazine is printing the names and pictures of the Sir Knights who will serve as Grand Commanders for the current Templar year.

These Grand Commanders, whose pictures appear on these pages, will be the guiding hands on the tiller of the ship of Templary, navigating their vessel faithfully through the uncharted waters ahead.



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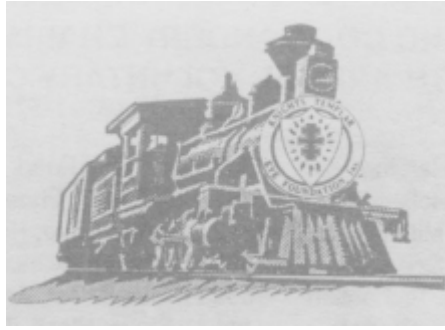
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## The 28th Voluntary Campaign Is Coming! ARE YOU READY TO CLIMB ABOARD?

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

The 28th Voluntary Campaign needs and deserves the support of every Sir Knight in the Grand Encampment. This support is monetary, and since it is the responsibility of every Sir Knight, We **Should Reach in Our Pockets First**. The contents of our pockets may not be enough to fill the needs, but each of us can provide something for this worthy cause for the prevention of blindness.

As the needs continue to grow, we find it necessary to reach out to the "Friends of Templary" for whatever assistance they can and are willing to provide. There are many businesses, foundations, and individuals who believe in helping those in need. It is our duty and responsibility to make the Knights Templar Eye Foundation known for its service to those in need, as well as to those who are willing to serve mankind by making it possible for "others to see."

Every Sir Knight in every Commandery and more especially every officer need to take up the sword of commitment to assist the Knights Templar Eye Foundation win the **"Battle Against Blindness?"** Sir Knights, this is where we must go to work on fund-raising for the 28th Voluntary Campaign. As you prepare to climb aboard the imaginary train, you should prepare for the fundraising activities in your Commandery to begin on December 1, 1995.



The Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Blair Christy Mayford, urges 100% support of all Commanderies in the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. **This includes every Christian Sir Knight.**

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# Thoughts On The Past, Present And Future

by Sir Knight Kent W. Gist, P.G.C.

There is not such a thing as I becoming an instant Master Mason. There is not such a thing as becoming an instant Royal Arch Mason, or a Cryptic Mason, or a Knight Templar, or a Scottish Rite Mason. There is not such a thing as an instantly educated person. There is not such a thing as an instantly moral person.

Most of us accept without question the necessity of several years of formal schooling, or training, before we believe our young people are sufficiently prepared to go forth into the world to make their place. Indeed, modern times have almost made it essential that the time of preparation become longer, rather than shorter. In addition, those who do not continue to study and add to their knowledge in their chosen fields are practically assured they will be left behind in a relatively few, short years.

We Masons have allowed ourselves to drift into the belief that receiving the degrees of the order in ritualistic session, and then memorizing a catechism about what happened turns out a finished product. The only thing remaining to learn might be the customs and courtesies common to all Lodges. In these times, we are even willing to forgo the catechism memorization and just zap a candidate through the degrees as fast as possible. He may not learn much, but maybe we can keep him paying dues.

We have not done a good job of conveying to our new members the basic principle that Freemasonry is, or should be, a lifelong commitment to study and practice of its tenets and virtues. Those of us who are or have been in leadership positions bewail our lack of new members, when the largest cause of concern should be that we have

failed in our mission. We have not convinced enough of our Brethren that in becoming Masons they have assumed a greater responsibility than non-Masons can ever be aware of.

Much of our Masonic research and publications deals with the past. We are great ones for basking in the glories of those who have gone before us. We will go to great lengths to try to discover why we do certain things in a certain way. Thousands of words, and hundreds of theories have been developed as to our origins. We boast of the men famous in history who have been members of our Craft.

It is well that we remember our heritage. It is well that we pay tribute to those illustrious men whom we can call Brothers. It is well that we continue to examine our roots. It is well that we do all these things, but doing them is not our primary purpose.

The winds of the past will not turn the windmills of today. They can give us some direction, some purpose, and some enthusiasm. The winds of the past have set our course, but they will not provide the power to carry us forward in today's world, unless we become proficient in integrating that course with other winds that blow today. True Freemasonry must become an integral part of every day we live, rather than a few brief sessions of receiving the degrees, and possibly showing up once a month for the meetings.

I believe that people of our world are at a crossroads where they are beginning anew to seek spiritual growth in their lives. Witness the growth of the Promise Keepers and all sorts of other efforts on the part of a desperate generation to find meaning in their lives. The realization that

material wealth is not the entire answer is coming upon many people.

Freemasonry is in a unique position to not only benefit the Fraternity but to provide a desperately needed service for our fellow men. We have the answers for which much of the world is searching - the means of spiritual growth, within a framework of individual freedom from dogma and organizational oppression.

I believe the first requirement must be to update our methods of teaching those who do petition our orders, particularly in our Symbolic Lodges. I would not do away with those ancient customs with

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which we initiate, but would require less memorization and more reliance upon the printed word and visual teaching materials. I would certainly not reduce the scope of the studies. I would, in fact, require more study, both for current members and neophytes. Our problem has not been too much of a learning process, but not enough.

I believe the second requirement would be to adequately finance our Fraternity. For too long, we have tried to operate a Cadillac Fraternity with a Model T bank account. We promote our charities, and do, indeed, pour considerable money into them. Without taking anything from those charities, we must come to realize the truth of the maxim that charity begins at home and fund our orders in a more realistic manner than we have been doing.

What could we do with more money in the treasury? We could adequately

revamp our own study materials. We could put our message on television and into the computer network. We could put much of our message into public schools, and libraries, and into mainstream communication media.

We have basically been preaching to the choir. We spend a lot of money putting out various publications for our own members. Again, this is not a bad thing to do, but we need to change the message. It would appear that most of our members have not been reading what we prepare for them, anyhow. 85% seldom, if ever, attend any kind of Lodge function. One must assume they don't read our publications, either. There are many Masonic research organizations, and their work is informative and interesting to those who have caught the spirit of our orders. The emphasis must be changed to try not only to capture the interest of the other 85%, but also the general public.

I don't claim to have all the answers. I am convinced that putting on our degrees in abbreviated form, without a clue as to how the educational process might effectively continue afterward, is doomed to even greater failure than has been the case in the past, when each candidate at least had a coach for awhile, even though we have been lax in most every other form of education.

I lay no blame or glory at anyone's door. I believe we all have a genuine concern about our Fraternity. We have already devoted a lot of talk and a lot of writing to the cause, without much effect. I hope I may have triggered a few new thoughts. It is a certainty that no one man has the entire solution in his grasp. We have a tremendous strength within this Fraternity. We must put it to work.

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We will long remember 1995 as the year of the Simpson murder trial. Millions of Americans followed it because it wove together themes which are part of American life today; ambition, new money, upward social mobility, professional sports, drugs, race and racism, and our criminal justice system in all its facets. As the trial developed, we learned more and more about the lives, not just of the defendants and the victims, but of their families and friends, of the witnesses and jurors, and even of the lawyers. The picture we got was not a pretty one.

We Masons are taught to see in life certain enduring principles: loyalty, temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice and fidelity. We see very few of those qualities in the lives of the people who flash across our screens. We look for examples of integrity, of uprightness, of brotherhood, but we look in vain.

I used my year as Junior Grand Warden to learn more about Masonry in Maine. I am distressed by some of the things I learned. I found too often an attitude that is limited in vision to just hanging on, that is limited to thinking that all we can do is just scrape by for another year. This is a dangerous attitude because there is no life in it. There is no life in it because there is no Masonry in it. It is an attitude which focuses on routine chores rather than on our great mission.

I found confusion among Masons about Masonry, about the purpose of Masonry, and about the mission of Masonry. We need to get these things straight and do it fast. Masonry has no future unless we share a common idea about who we are, what we are doing, and where we want to go. I believe strongly that if we focus on Masonry - Masonry as a way of thinking and as a way of living - the other things will take care of themselves. I want to discuss four points upon which we need a common

There are four points upon which we need a common understanding: our mission, our degrees, our immediate task, and our strength.

## Lets Not Be Confused

by Sir Knight Wayne T. Adams

understanding: our mission, our degrees, our immediate task, and our strength.

**First, let us all understand our mission.**

We all have different notions of what a lodge is. This definition works for me: I believe a *Lodge is a fellowship in which men can learn to be Brothers*. Let me break that down.

A Lodge is a *fellowship* in which men can learn to be Brothers. It is not a room. It is not a building. It is a group or fellowship whose members subscribe to similar values.

A Lodge is a fellowship in which *men* can learn to be Brothers - men. Now, I have a wife, and I have two daughters. I have had to answer questions about the role of a single-sex organization in our world today, and I don't have any trouble doing so. We all know that young males over about the age of seven don't really appreciate being told how to behave by mothers, sisters, teachers or any other women. And behavior - living out values - is what we are talking about. The same guidance coming from Dad, a

scoutmaster or an athletic coach is a little bit more acceptable. The same thing is true in reverse. Experience tells me that no female of any age wants to be told how to behave by a male.

We live in a time when there are advocacy groups and support groups for every identifiable segment and sub-segment of society. But what about the guy who goes to work every day, the guy

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who is a decent husband, who tries to see that his kids get a good start in life, who tries to take care of his parents in their infirmities, who tries to do his duty as he sees it? There are no advocacy groups for him. Where can he look for guideposts and support as he makes his pilgrimage through life? You and I know two things: We know that, if he is a Mason, he can find guideposts, and we know he will not be seeking those guideposts alone. Belonging to a fraternity for men is not something we have to apologize for. It is our strength and our glory.

A Lodge is a fellowship in which men *can* learn to be Brothers. It can happen. It's not automatic. It can happen, but only if a group of dedicated men believe learning to be Brothers is important enough to make it happen.

A Lodge is a fellowship in which men *learn* to be Brothers. We are talking about learning values and learning how to live those values. How do we go about learning those things?

There are two ways:

First, we learn from each other. A Mason can sit in his lodge and look to the man on his right and look to the man on his left and be confident that he can learn something from the way those men live their lives. That is why investigating committees are so important and why we should be very careful whom we elect to receive the rights and benefits of our Fraternity.

The second way we teach is through our degrees. The central feature of these rites is that the candidate is a participant. In fact, he is the most important participant. We can go down to Bookland or just about any bookstore and buy *Duncan's Monitor* or some other exposé. We will be able to read almost all of our ritual, but reading a ritual will not make a man a Mason. It is only by participating in the ritual as a candidate that we truly become a part of it, and it becomes a part of us.

A Lodge is a fellowship in which men can learn to be *Brothers*. The spirit of brotherhood grows in our Lodges, and we take that spirit out into the world with us. We know, in the depth of our hearts, that if we are to make this a better world, brotherhood must triumph over hatred, brotherhood must overcome selfishness, and brotherhood must replace loneliness. Let there be no confusion that the spirit of brotherhood is the mission of Masonry.

**Second, let us all appreciate the significance of our degrees.**

The three degrees of Symbolic Masonry show, as clearly as can be, the way to brotherhood. They give us guidance, a plumb line, for the three stages of our lives; youth, manhood and age.

In the first degree we learn loyalty to the Craft. We are instructed in the cardinal virtues; temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice. We learn that the tenets of our profession as Masons are brotherly love, relief to the distressed, and truth in all occasions.

The second degree is the overlooked degree. The first and third degrees are more exciting. It is always interesting to see the candidate come into the lodge room for the first time, and we all wait eagerly for the candidate to go down in the third degree. In the second degree, the Fellowcraft Degree, we discover the connection between Ancient Craft Masonry and Symbolic Masonry. The symbolic meaning of the working tools is more fully explained. The middle chamber lecture gives the whole history of Masonry in a nutshell. Finally, the candidate is told that "by speculative Masonry we learn to subdue our passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, and practice charity." Clearly, the second degree gives us the lessons to live by in our manhood years.

The third degree is the culmination, the sublime degree. There we learn the great lesson of fidelity: to be faithful to our principles, to be true to our word, and to be true to those who trust in us and rely on us. We have all walked where Hiram walked, but no one of us would have the courage

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and the strength to be faithful to his principles in the face of a serious challenge as Hiram was. We don't know that. But in thousands of Masonic Lodges around the world, millions of Masons like us reenact Hiram's final hours to keep before us the example of a man who was not easily intimidated and who would not easily give

in to the forces of darkness. It is a great story and one that we reflect on again and again during our lives as Masons.

The third degree tells us in the clearest possible terms what Masonry expects of each one of us. Each of us has to ask: When was the last time I went out of my way? and ... when was the last time I remembered? When was the last time I had a heart-to-heart talk with a Brother Mason much less kept...? When was the last time I stretched forth...? When was the last time I appraised a worthy Brother and gave him timely....? I suspect that none of us, myself included, would want to confess to each other our answers to those questions, but let us have no confusion about it: When we talk about the significance of Masonry—Masonry as a way of thinking and as a way of living—these are the very things we are talking about. Nothing less.

### **Third, let us all agree on our Immediate task.**

Last June the Grand Master invited his officers to join him at Siloam Lodge in Fairfield, Maine. Siloam Lodge was chosen as the outstanding Lodge last year, and they exemplified for us the Master Mason Degree. I have been a Mason for over thirty years, but I was dazzled by what I saw that night. The ritual was superbly done by a line of young officers who obviously enjoyed doing good work and who took pride in it. The floor work had many interesting variations, all of which added meaning to the spoken word.

I was so intrigued that I went back to Siloam Lodge shortly afterwards. I wanted to find out what was going on there that made it so outstanding. I learned two very interesting things: They pointed to the older Brethren sitting on the sidelines and then to their much younger line of officers. One of them told me, "You know we have a missing generation here, but we seem to have bridged it."

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## History of the Grand Encampment

### **Chapter XXIV Biographies Of Noted Knights Templar** (continued)

#### **John Snow** (continued)

While living in Providence in 1816, Sir John Snow was appointed as one of the delegates from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to attend the convention at Philadelphia. When that meeting failed to accomplish its mission, the delegates returned to New York, and on June 21, 1816, organized the General Grand Encampment. Sir John Snow was elected General Grand Standard Bearer. At the Conclave of 1819 he was elected General Grand Generalissimo and was allowed the sum of ninety dollars from the fund of the General Grand Treasury for his expenses in attending the Conclave.

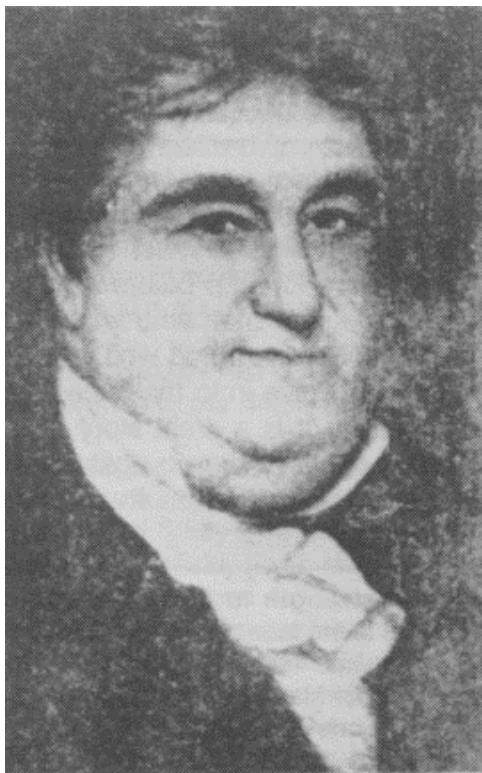
At the Triennial Conclave of 1826 he was the senior officer present, but was not elected to continue in any office. In 1829 he attended the Triennial Conclave in New York as a representative of Mt. Vernon Encampment of Ohio, and served on the Committee of Grievances. This was the last reference to Snow in the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

#### **Thomas Lowndes**

Thomas Lowndes was born in New York on June 20, 1762. He started in business as a baker but later became a grocer. In 1807 he was Superintendent of St. John Hall, which position he held for seven years. On September 2, 1817, he was appointed Warder of the Debtors Prison. He married Miss Marie L. Milderberger on December 6,

1797, and died in New York on December 14, 1825. The Proceedings of 1826 carries the following resolution:

Resolved, That the late Most Eminent Sir Thomas Lowndes, Esq., of the City of New York, General Grand Warder of the General Grand Encampment of the United States of America, by his unwearied zeal in the cause of Freemasonry generally, but more particularly in the formation of the General Grand Encampment, justly merits our most profound respect and veneration, and that his memory should be cherished with the warmest affection by this General Grand Encampment and all who wish well the Order of Knighthood."



THOMAS LOWNDES



Sir Lowndes was raised in Washington Lodge No. 21 in 1802 and was Master of the Lodge in 1808 and in 1814. He became active in the Grand Lodge and in 1814 was appointed Right Worshipful Grand Visitor, which carried the duties of the District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lecturer combined. He was a member of Jerusalem Chapter No. 8 and served as High Priest from 1806 to 1808. He was Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York in 1812-13-14.

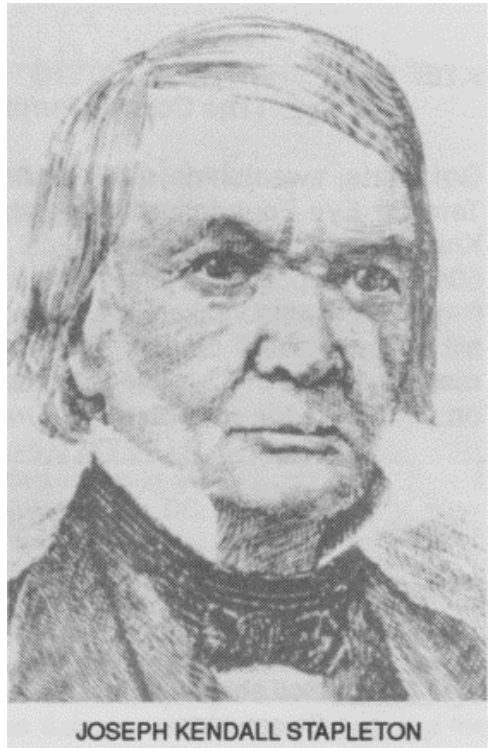
On September 2, 1810, old records show that a Council of Royal Masters was organized at St. John Hall, under the name of Columbian Grand Council. It is pretty well decided that the degree of Royal Master was the creation of Thomas Lowndes.

In 1808, when Abram Jacobs started conferring the higher degrees of the Scottish Rite, Lowndes was one of the first candidates, and became a charter member of Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection. Later he withdrew and became associated with Joseph Cerneau and was a Grand Inspector General of the 33<sup>o</sup> of the Cerneau Sovereign Grand Consistory.

He was one of the organizers of Columbian Encampment No. 1 in 1810 and served as its Eminent Commander until 1820. He became Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of New York under DeWitt Clinton. In 1816 he was appointed the delegate of the Grand Encampment of New York to attend the Convention in Philadelphia with the view of establishing a General Grand Encampment. At the meeting in New York, he aided in the organization of the General Grand Encampment on June 21, 1816, and was elected General Grand Warder. At the Conclave of 1819 he was reelected to the same office.

### **Joseph Kendall Stapleton**

Joseph K. Stapleton was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1781. When he was nine years old his family moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where he



learned the trade of brush making, which he followed during his business career.

He was Captain of the 39th Regiment and saw action at North Point on September 12, 1814. He died on April 1, 1853, and was buried in Greenmount Cemetery. The funeral was attended by members of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment. The services were conducted by Charles Gilman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

Sir Knight Stapleton was raised in Concordia Lodge No. 13 at Baltimore, Maryland, and was the Worshipful Master in 1810. In 1815 he assisted in the organization of Phoenix Lodge No. 56 and was Worshipful Master of this Lodge. In 1835 he returned his membership to Concordia Lodge. He was active in the Grand Lodge but never occupied the higher official stations.

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### A Masonic Prayer

Sunshine or shadows, what'ere betide,  
Omnipotent God, be at our side.

Wake us to feel thy spirit divine;  
Oh Lord we pray, our will be thine;  
Teach us the way to live by the square;  
Encompass our thoughts in Holy care.

Inspire us daily to nobler deeds  
That fit us to fill the Master's needs.

Blessed are they whose trust is in thee;  
Ever, in all ways... SO MOTE IT BE

*Ervin H. Strub*

## Easter 1996

by Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin  
Past Grand Commander of Virginia  
Past Department Commander (Honorary)

On Sunday, April 7, 1996, the 66th Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial beginning at 7:30 A.M. As in past years, the service and the breakfast following will complete a memorable weekend of events in Washington, DC, including delegation dinners, tours, and good fellowship.



**The changes which were Instituted last year will be continued in 1996!**

The main hotel will be the Hotel Washington in downtown Washington, DC. The same excellent "package" offered last year will be continued **at the same prices:** A group rate of \$250.00 per couple, including taxes and luggage fee, double occupancy (\$210.00 single), is available which includes both Friday night and Saturday night lodging, the Grand Encampment luncheon on Saturday at 1:00 P.M. for two, and the breakfast on Sunday morning after the service for two. (Last year questions arose concerning taxes and luggage fee. These have been resolved, and these charges are definitely included in the \$250.00 and the \$210.00 price.) **However**, this arrangement is good only for the Friday and Saturday preceding Easter! If you come earlier or stay later, the standard hotel rates apply to those other days, including taxes and luggage fees. These rates are: \$86.00 single and \$96.00 double, PLUS taxes and luggage fee.

For those not taking the entire package, the separate charges are \$22.00 for the Saturday luncheon and \$14.00 each for the breakfast.

Members must write to the address below for reservations for rooms and any of the indicated activities. Include your check made payable to the hotel:

Hotel Washington  
ATTN: Knights Templar Easter Program  
515 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004

You may also call the hotel at 1-800-424-9540 to make reservations for rooms and any of the activities, including the package, and to give your credit card number for billing.

Check with the hotel when you arrive to insure you are included on the list for the luncheon on Saturday and the breakfast on Sunday.

Grand Commanders may attend the luncheon and breakfast with their wives, courtesy of the Grand Encampment. Please identify yourselves as such when writing or calling the hotel.

Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, Most Eminent Grand Master, and his officers will be present for the luncheon and the breakfast.

On Easter morning, coffee and donuts will be available at the hotel starting at 5:30 A.M. Buses will depart the hotel at 6:30 A.M. for the service at the Memorial. The buses will return you to the hotel for breakfast.

Delegations staying at other hotels must provide their own transportation or meet at the Hotel Washington. (If you wish to hire local buses, the committee will assist you in arranging for them. The cost, however, is a responsibility of the requesting party.)

Parking for cars and buses is available at the top of the hill next to the Memorial. However, no vehicles will be permitted up the roadway after 7:00 A.M.

The parade will form in the parking lot.

Prior to the service, beginning at 6:30 A.M., carillon music will be played over the public address system, and at 6:45 A.M. the Kena and Almas Shrine Temple Band will play Easter selections until the parade moves out at 7:15 A.M. The sermon will be delivered by Sir Knight and Reverend

Thomas E. Weir, Right Eminent Grand Prelate.

The breakfast will begin upon our return to the Hotel Washington.

Reservations should be made for rooms and any activities by April 1, 1996.

Grand Commanders are requested to appoint a delegation chairman and to notify this committee's chairman, Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, 5400 Bromyard Court, Burke, Va 22015, telephone: (703) 323-0007. In order to receive all mailings concerning this event and to facilitate adequate planning! Forms will be sent in January 1996.

Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, General Chairman of the Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, P.G.C. of Virginia and P.D.C. (honorary), is a member of Arlington Commandery No. 29, Arlington, Virginia, and resides at 5400 Bromyard Court, Burke, VA 22015



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## S.O.O.B. Installs (Mrs. Howard L.) Clara McClure

The Diamond Jubilee Assembly for the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, was held in Billings, Montana. The week long session held in the Big Sky Country concluded Friday evening, September 29, with the installation of a new Supreme Worthy President, (Mrs. Howard L.) Clara McClure.

Mrs. McClure was initiated into the Social Order of the Beauceant by Steubenville Assembly No. 57, Steubenville, Ohio, on December 5, 1983. She served as President of Steubenville in 1989.

The McClures are also active members of Smithfield Chapter No. 332, Order of the Eastern Star, where they have served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron three times. Clara served the Ohio Grand Chapter, O.E.S., as Grand Ruth in 1984, and they both served as drill directors in 1987.

Mrs. McClure and her Sir Knight Howard, a Past Commander of Steubenville Commandery No. 11 and a Knight of the York Cross of Honour, reside in Smithfield, Ohio. They are the proud parents of four children and the proud grandparents of twelve grandchildren. Mrs. McClure is a retired elementary school teacher. A member of Smithfield Christian Church, she has helped to write and direct the drama for the community Cantata for the past several years.

As Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. McClure will visit the 147 Assemblies located in thirty-three states across our nation. Her very first "official visit" was made Saturday evening to Billings No. 194. With nearly one hundred sisters in attendance, it was a spectacular start.



## New Hampshire's York Rite and Freemason Belts Aid KTEF



York Rite and Freemason belts are still available, and with Christmas just around the corner, these make a fine gift. They are made of a finely woven black or blue ribbon, sewn onto a web belt of matching color. With a brass buckle to round out the package, they look just great. The York Rite belt has the names of the three bodies and "York Rite" and the three emblems are mixed in and are repeated several times around the length, which is a standard 51 inches (can be cut to fit). The Freemason belt is blue with several working tools and the name "Freemason" repeated several

times; it also has a brass buckle. The colors of the designs are a pleasing gold, silver, red, and brown. They are still \$12.00 each, postpaid, U.S. funds, and quantities and extra long can be shipped if needed. Sir Knight Heuss thanks all who have bought the belts and adds that the contribution to the KTEF has been over \$6,000 from them, while the RARA and CMMRF have benefited as well, and MSA has received a contribution from the Masonic belt sales. Send order and check to: Frederick H. Heuss, P.G.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue; Rochester; NH 03867-2034.

## In Memoriam



Marion L. Dollison  
Missouri  
Grand Commander-1973  
Born December 29, 1903  
Died September 11, 1995

*So let him sleep that dreamless sleep  
Or sorrows clustering around each head:  
Be Comforted, ye loved who weep,  
He lives with God - He is not dead.*

*He has laid aside the trestle board,  
The compasses and the square;  
He has resigned the purple robe  
For brighter raiments there.*

*His toll is o'er, his work is done,  
His capstone laid, the triumph won.*

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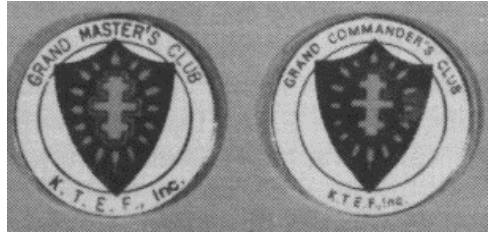
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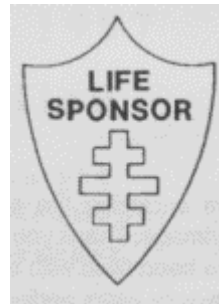
## Grand Master's Club And Grand Commander's Club Pins

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.



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## 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

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## Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

**April 5-7, 1996**

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**See Details Elsewhere in This Magazine!**

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# Life's First Spiritual Bouquet – Grandparents!

by Grandma Lee Maloney

*Occasionally Knight Templar diverges from its policy of publishing only subjects of a Masonic nature, and this is one of those times. We hope you enjoy this charming tribute to grandparents:*

Grand-parenting hasn't changed much in the fifty years... since I was a pup of ten years old. See for yourself: Do you agree with the following?:

The very first time grandparents see a grandchild's sweet angelic face they discover the meaning of heaven all over again (since the days their own children were born)!

They don't tell scary stories and they can't get heavy, lead fingers to function well on a grandchild's video game control, but at least they try. They always seem to know exactly when some things are better left to figure out tomorrow!

They know for a fact the only time a child gets spanked is when the parent is cross and tired!

They are all psychic, figuring the perfect time when one or more kids seems too many. They ring Mom and Dad up on the telephone telling them to place the kids on. Then, they ask, "Kids, Grandma and Grandpa are lonely over here; do you think you could come and stay overnight with us?"

A national crisis is not that their grandchild shows up with purple hair, or a hair cut in which all that is left is some giant mushroom sprouting from the top of his/her head, but the fact he/she missed church last Sunday! And when their grandchild gets old enough to drive, they are smart enough not only to cross their fingers... but to say long prayers to God to keep him/her under His wing,

encouraging that child to use good common sense while at the wheel!

They have been given a set of lips guaranteed to never wear out ... for their lifetime.. no matter how many times they kiss a grandchild!

The youngster will hear helpful suggestions when he or she is disappointed in him/herself: it does not matter if he/she struck out at bat every time up; the child did a wonderful job of fielding! And "Honey, you're not fat... you're just fluffy!" "I hear your report card wasn't all that good; is there anything I can do to help you get your grades up for next time?"

They may reason, if their teenage grandson or granddaughter starts to make "sense" to them, they have temporarily inherited a light form of insanity, but they know this passes with patience!

They prefer to practice faithful times of listening for they know this is everyone's best attribute in life and also a cure.

Beating on their furniture with a spoon shows rhythm, playing with spaghetti "creative genius," and there isn't a spot or stain which cannot be removed that does not become a loving memory of when a grandchild was small.

They never ever use phrases such as: "Your mom was never like that... when she was a kid! That part of his (her) disposition certainly does not come from my side of the family!" They think that a strong will shows that a child will grow up and become a president of the United States!

Also, after a couple of magic prayer pills for arthritis, one will never hear them say: "What! You want me to watch the kids again?"

Try pulling, "Why do I have to go to bed when I'm not sleepy," and a child may hear a gem of wisdom, like I did from my granny! One night when I had a frown on my face at bedtime hour because bedtime was about to spoil my fun, she quietly said, "God sends you a special cover to tuck your toys in for one more time. He knows you need to rest to greet the sun back here bright and early so it can light up your toys for you to play with! He calls this loving blanket which He tucks around 'your happy thoughts'... Night!" Then, leaving me to mull this over, she added our favorite Irish blessing as she placed the cover up underneath my double chins (from her good cooking) and whispered, "God sleeps on your pillow!"

Grandparents know they have wings but they never bother to fly! This is because they have to stay here rooted to earth to brag about their grandchildren endlessly!

Grandparents will keep a quiet assurance about calamities to clearly illustrate "There is no problem which cannot be solved peacefully after a good night's sleep and everyone is calmed down!" This is because their reasoning is "seasoned" with an invisible strategy which says: ***When all else***

***falls... pray!***

When a grandchild has an earache or toothache, grandparents have great old-time remedies which work to help the grandchild make it through a night and then be driven to the doctor or the dentist the next day. And once there, they sit with the grandchild while he/she waits. If the child looks carefully into their faces, he/she will note they are wearing more pains of sympathy than the pain the child is actually feeling!

Yet, they would nonchalantly pick up a two-ton truck if one of their grandchildren were pinned underneath.. all as a matter of "what has to be done - has to be done!"

There is one "No No," however, which any and all grandparents will always "stick to their guns" about! Their grandchildren must never pull the cat's tail or yank on the dog's ears!

If this happens, they will surely say.....Just as soon as this batch of cookies comes out of the oven and grandpa takes you for your walk to get Ice cream, you are going straight home to your parents! And that's that!"

Grandma Lee Maloney resides at 1501 North Parton Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706

## Ameth Chapter No. 11, DeMolay, Texas-75th Anniversary Dinner

Ameth Chapter, DeMolay, El Paso, will be holding their 75th anniversary dinner on November 25, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. The Flower Talk will precede the dinner at 6:00.

The dinner will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple, 301 W. Missouri, El Paso, Texas. All Masons, senior DeMolays, active DeMolays, their families and friends are cordially invited.

The cost of the dinner has yet to be determined. Tickets will be available at the door. For reservations contact: John Rust, 6524 Amposta, El Paso, TX 79912, (915) 581-6514 or Bill Perry, 5108 Knox Drive, El Paso, TX 79904-3421, (915) 755-2981. RSVP no later than November 11, 1995.

# An Open Letter On Travel Savings To The Grand Encampment Of Knights Templar USA Members

Airline savings & dining discounts enhance Quest's already outstanding 50% off hotel rates

Dear Knights Templar Member,

Imagine saving a full 50% on hotel rates – and having more than 2,100 terrific locations to choose from! Well here's your chance to do just that, because now you can join Quest International – the nation's leading hotel savings program – at tremendous savings...

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On top of an impressive 50% off hotel rates, as well as terrific deals on car rentals, your Quest membership now gives you 25% off the food bill when you dine at participating Quest hotel restaurants.

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## Here's Why Hotels Are Willing To Give You 50% Off

Here's a fact:

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Recognizing this, Quest International has approached hotels on behalf of its nearly 4,000,000 members. "Would you be willing," Quest asked, "to give our members a 50% discount if they came to your hotel instead of another?"

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## Listen To A Quest Member Who Knows

John Bobel, a pilot from Fort Walton Beach, Florida, wrote to me a while back. Here's what he had to say about just one of his experiences with Quest.

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*The best deal is available through Quest International, whose members pay \$99 a year\* and get a 50% discount on available rooms at Holiday Inns, Hiltons and others(s)...*

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Sincerely,



Bill Raber  
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That got me thinking. The older generation of Masons is the WWII generation and the Korean War generation. They were joiners. They returned home and became active in all sorts of community organizations. The next generation, my generation, the Vietnam generation, were not joiners. Whether they served, as I did, or protested, as many did, my generation tended to avoid all organizations.

Today we have an entirely different generation. They think for themselves. They carefully pick and choose among the organizations and activities which compete for their time. They followed the O. J. Simpson trial just as we did, but they didn't shake their hands and despair about the younger generation because, for them, it's not the younger generation. It's their generation. These men are trying to raise families in a society which idealizes instant fame, quick money, and fast living; which winks at drugs, white lies, and infidelity; and which leaves in its wake crime and personal tragedy. Many young men today see, more clearly than some of us do, the need for the spirit of brotherhood in a society which seems to have gone haywire.

The second thing I learned at Siloam Lodge was that a few older Masons had taken on the task of instructing candidates and younger Masons in the fundamentals of Masonry. The results of that effort are as clear as day. Wherever I visited during the past year, I asked how that Lodge went about teaching its candidates what it means to be a Mason. Sadly, I found that many Lodges do nothing. Then, of course, they complain about candidates who never become active in the life of the Lodge. That is not surprising. It is absolutely predictable.

It we want our newly Raised candidates to take an active part in Lodge life, we need to give them at least an introduction to Masonry. Ritual alone, no matter how well done, will not make a knowledgeable Mason

or an active Lodge member. If we want a man who believes in Masonry, a man who is an active Lodge member; we have to take the time to show, to teach, to guide that new Mason to a clearer understanding of the tenets of his profession as a Mason. In short, we cannot just Raise a candidate, and then drop him.

We can say this is the Master's job. We can say this is the responsibility of the education committee. But each one of us as a Master Mason has an obligation to

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show, to teach, and to guide the new Mason. We can't assume someone else will do it, and we shouldn't sit back and complain that someone else has failed to do it. Each one of us has a duty to teach our Brother. Each one of us is, indeed, our Brother's keeper. Let us not be confused. As Masons, it is our most important task.

#### **Fourth, let us know our strengths.**

We can start by making sure that we, ourselves, think positively. We know the pessimist always sees the glass half empty, and the optimist always sees it half full. But sometimes the glass is full, and we don't see it at all. In our time scarcity is the accepted doctrine. We always seem to be running out of something: air, oil, water, money, power, schools, or whatever. We are ready to believe that scarcity exists everywhere, and if it doesn't, it soon will. That simply is not true.

In some of the most valuable things

we can have, there is no scarcity. We all know that a family which is united in care and love has no scarcity, no matter how limited its means. It has abundance. We all know that a school or community with great spirit and determination has no scarcity. It has abundance. Likewise, a Lodge which has a few truly committed Masons has no scarcity. It has an abundance of what it takes to teach men how to be Brothers. Let us not wring our hands about what we don't have. It is time to start thinking how to use the abundance we do have. I am confident that we have an abundance of truly committed Masons, and therein lies our strength. Let there be no confusion. A little yeast can leaven the whole loaf.

I am as aware as anyone that it takes a lot of work to keep a building going, and sometimes it's a challenge just to get a full line of officers. As important as those things are, they are not the things which animate a Lodge and give it life. The critical element is,

always has been, and always will be Masonry - living Masonry and growing in Masonry. If we are confused about that, we are finished. Let us all understand as a Fraternity and as individual Masons that our mission is brotherhood. Let us all appreciate and share the moral significance of our degrees. Let us agree that our immediate task as a Fraternity and as individual Masons is to give more light to our new Masons. Let us know that our strength is our abundance of good men ready to be put to work with proper instruction. I am confident and we all can be confident that if we make a commitment to these things, our Fraternity will grow both in numbers and more importantly, as an influence for good.

Sir Knight Wayne T. Adams, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, is a member of St. Amand Commandery No. 20, West Kennebunk, Maine. He resides at 21 Walker's Lane, Kennebunkport, Maine.

## Knights Templar Stein To Benefit The Eye Foundation

This Knights Templar stein saluting DeMolay on its 75th anniversary will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This Commandery stein includes eleven different colors on a 16-oz., white ceramic body with a pewter lid, embossed with 22c gold. The purchase price of \$47.00 includes shipping and handling and a certificate of authenticity. Of the price of every stein that is ordered, \$8.00 will go to the Eye Foundation and \$2.00 will go to the DeMolay Medical Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in ordering one of the stems, please submit your

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





# Knight Voices

To place your "Knight Voices" item on the wailing list for publication, type or print it and send to 'Knight Voices,' The Grand Recorder, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460. Items submitted to Knight Templar that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free of charge. All other items should be accompanied by a \$500 remittance made payable to the Grand Encampment Any submission may be subject to editing. You must submit a written request and check, if applicable, for each time you want your ad to run. Requests for repeat ads will be returned to the senders.

For sale: Knight Templar, 5-inch, Silver-plated spoon, bowl marked with "Marseilles"—\$20.00. Phone (708) 769-6137; fax (708) 769-6137.

I have in my possession a Knight Templar sword which belonged to my great grandfather, Abel Minard. I shall appreciate information about him. The following may help someone to identify him: born 9-26-1814 in Rhode Island, died 1-31-1871 at Morristown, New Jersey; and lived in Royalton Center, NY; Buffalo, NY; Wisconsin (city unknown); Sacramento, CA; San Francisco, CA; New York, NY; Lockport, NY; Morristown, NJ. Hubert C. Minard, 60 Grandview Boulevard, Lake Placid, FL 33852, (941) 465-7105.

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 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: 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, CI 43062; (614) 927-7073.

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 24k gold vermeil. Price is only \$9.00 per pin, including S and H. 10% of proceeds will benefit the KTEF. These unique pins are available only through Professional Creations Unlimited, 1630 Orchard Hill Road, Cheshire, CT 08410-3728.

For sale: quality clipart images. Forget those stair-stepped, blurry images which are second or third generation 'scanned images.' Acacia Graphics, Inc., produces photo-ready images which can be used in most all desk top publishing computer programs, and these are produced exclusively for our Masonic Brothers and Sisters. For a look at our graphics, see our home page at: <http://www.freemasonry.org/acacia>. If you would like to see a sample of our work and order application, please write to: Acacia Graphics, INC.; 815 Duke Drive, Suite 119; Grand Forks; ND 58201, or call us at (701) 746-1788, or fax us at (701) 7746-8729. 15% of proceeds go to Masonic charities.

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.

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Thalia Lodge No. 666, A.F. & A.M., of Thalia, Texas has a limited supply of 100th anniversary (1888-1988) medallion coins available at \$5.00 each, including postage. Write check or money order payable to Thalia Lodge No. 666 and send CIO J. C. (Jake) Wisdom. Sec.; Rt. P. 1, Box 55; Crowell, TX 79227.

Own a part of Oklahoma Masonry! Broken Arrow Lodge No. 243 is selling square-toot lots of their Lodge at \$10.00 each and issuing a Masonic Cornerstone Dead printed on an old scroll background in three colors with a square and compasses watermark and in Old English script. These certificates are quite suitable for framing. They will be registered in the name of your choice. Send your order for as many lots as possible to Broken Arrow Lodge No. 243, 117 W. Commercial, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

Streator Lodge No. 607, A.F. & AM., of Illinois has 125th anniversary bronze coins for sale. They have the working tools on one side and Lodge dates on the other. \$4.00 each. Make check payable to Streator Lodge No. 607, and send to William Sanford, P.O. Box 98, Rutland, IL 61358; (815) 863-5050.

For sale: 75th anniversary coins for Keystone Lodge No. 1143, A.F. & AM.. Silver coins are numbered and are \$25.00 each. Bronze coins are \$5.00 each. Postage and handling are included. Send check or money order, payable to Keystone Lodge No. 1143 to Jimmy McClellan, P.O. Box 795294, Dallas, TX 75379-5.294.

"Twang twang, it's the real thang," and it can be yours on RCA audio cassette. It's Ray Stevens, featuring "Shriners' Convention" for only \$5.98, and for \$10.98 you can also receive a second cassette, featuring Ray Stevens' "Mississippi Squirrel Revival." Mention this ad, and 25% will be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. To order send check or money order to High Twelve Music in care of Herbert G. Mapp; Rt No. 3, Box 490B; Union; MS 39365.

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 at letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Rd., No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520)888-7585.

For sale: Widow needs to sell a 10K yellow-gold, Shrine ring. Mounting weighs 6.9 dwt.; set brilliant cut, round 1/2 ct. diamond; clarity VS/2, color J/K. Appraised at \$2,650; asking \$1,800 or OBO. Nadine Lambert; Rt. No. 6, 6648 Oak Street; Springfield; MO 65803; (417) 742-2026.

For sale: fez collection with sixteen-eighteen different types, some as old as 1920s - felts: one 8traw; one metal lettering: rhinestones, yarn, old bullion lettering. Also, Shrine decanters: four, plus several past Shrine imperial council meeting badges and also have several old Knights Templar gold watch charms. Write for list and prices. Kenneth L. Ken', 4346 Fisher, K.C., KS 66103, (913) 236-7077.

FREE diskette containing an assortment of Masonic computer clip-art in BMP, PCX and WPG format for use on IBM computers. Send your complete name and address, along with a check or money order for \$5.97 to cover shipping and handling to John Gunn; 2425 Harden Boulevard, Lot 39; Lakeland; FL 33803.

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Wanted: lapel pins and tie tacks with logos or organization names. Most pins are relegated to dresser drawers after retirement. I am asking our membership to send unwanted or duplicate pins. They are never worn but are mounted for display at fairs, art shows, etc. Ed Neville, 10 Serenity Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205, (501) 221-3100.

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Wanted: Knights Templar, Shrine, and other Masonic badges. Why not use these badges as a source of fund-raising for the KTEF? Also, I need parts for Cushman Scooter or complete. Need a Cushman Shiner eagle. Robert L. Kiefer, 1057 Brandywine Drive, Medina, OH 44256, (216) 725-0670 (evenings). Note: David Orr of Ireland, please write.

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For sale: one space in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick, New Jersey, Section Holly C. - \$675.00 or best offer. Call collect (816) 741-7170.

Reunion: U.S.S. Colhoun (DD-801), April 3-5, 1996, Corpus Christi, Texas. Contact Robert Whitacre, P.O. Box 1125, Lombard, IL 60148, (708) 620-4472.

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For sunlit hours and visions clear,  
For all remembered faces dear,  
For comrades of a single day.  
Who sent us stronger on our way,  
For friends who shared the year's long road,  
And bore with us the common load,  
For hours that levied heavy tolls.  
But brought us nearer to our goals.  
For insights won through toil and tears.  
We thank the Keeper of our years.

Clyde McGee