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The goal for the current Voluntary Campaign is two million dollars. Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, National Chairman for the campaign, has important information on the campaign, starting on page 5.

A Grand Master's Return to the Holy Land

Not since the martyrdom of Jacques DeMolay, March 11, 1314, the last Grand Master of the old order, has a Grand Master set foot in the Holy Land with a group of Knights Templar.

Your Grand Master, along with ninety-five ladies and Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment, arrived at Ben Gurion International Airport (Tel Aviv), 1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 8, 1995. Our 10th Crusade had already begun. We were directed through customs and our guide, Brother Ezra Eini, a member of a Masonic

Lodge in Israel, was waiting with two busses to start us on our 10th Crusade. Ezra told us that we would spend long hours on our Crusade. It would be a most enjoyable visit to the Holy Land, and we could all go home to rest. He compared Jerusalem to the human eye. The white of the eye is the seven seas. The continents are the iris, and the pupil is Jerusalem. It is the only city in the world that is holy to three religions. The Jews revere and love it. To us Christians, it is that place where Jesus was condemned by Pontius Pilate and rose from the dead. For the Moslems, Jerusalem is next to the cities of Mecca and Medina, and their belief is that Mohammed ascended to heaven from there. So you can readily see why it is a most important city in the Middle East.

We were taken to the East Gate, where Jesus entered the old city of Jerusalem. It was a beautiful view of the ancient walled city. We walked along this path where Christ had walked centuries ago, and it was there we had our first prayer and Bible reading.

As there were many stops for prayer and sightseeing, I will touch on some of the highlights of our 10th Crusade.

On Thursday, November 9, we went to the Mount of Olives, which overlooks Jerusalem; there busses no. 1 and no. 2 had group pictures taken. Bus no. 1 was under the guidance of Shepherd and Sir Knight R. Frank Williams, and bus no. 2 was under the guidance of Shepherd and Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley. Pictured at the end of this editorial are the pilgrims of the 10th Crusade. The first picture shows those from bus 1 and the second (page 27) are those of bus 2. (Note the Mosque, Dome of the Rock, where Moslems believe Mohammed rose to heaven.)

This day we saw the "Pater Noster Church," named by the Crusaders, where "The Lord's Prayer" is inscribed in its courtyard walls in thirty-five languages, including English; the Church of the Ascension; and the Garden of Gethsemane. We walked the Via Dolorosa and the Fourteen Stations of the Cross; saw the Church of All Nations, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, built by Emperor Constantine and thought to contain the places of the crucifixion and the burial place of Jesus; we exited old Jerusalem through Lions Gate. Friday, November 10, with rain predicted for the Jerusalem area, we toured the desert and the Dead Sea area of Israel. We traveled through the Judean Desert, where the Bedouins, one of the last nomadic races to exist, still practice their original mode of life. Most are Moslems, and their economic life depends mainly on sheep and camels. Our next stop



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

JANUARY: This month's cover is a celebration of the 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, which is in its second month of a four-month run. This is our greatest charity and deserving of your enthusiastic support. Be sure that you read Chairman Garnes' message about the campaign starting on page 5, and give some attention, also, to Sir Knights Stallings' and Koenig's article on page 7 - The campaign truly may be our finest tool for increasing membership. 1996 Annual Conclaves and conferences of Masonic organizations are listed this month, and we have much else to savor. Enjoy and have a great year!

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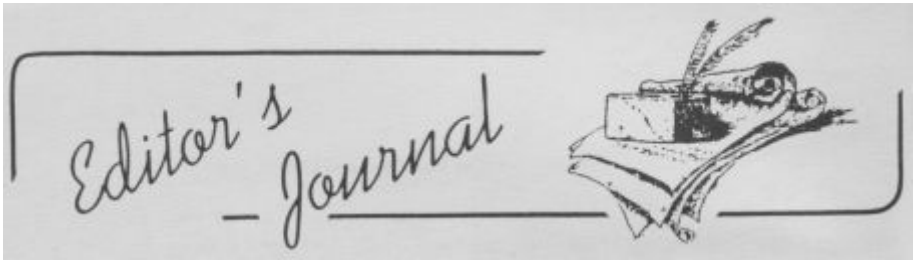
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Correction to General Order No. 4: In General Order No. 4, it is mistakenly stated that "WILLS and BEQUESTS will count for campaign credit, if a Commandery can be identified." Instead, as is stated in Grand Master Mayford's Message on page 2 of the December issue, "Wills and bequests will no longer be a part of the credit given for this and future Voluntary Campaigns. They will, however, be credited to the jurisdiction involved, and will be reported in Knight Templar magazine.

Due to the lead time required to prepare envelopes for the magazine, the KTEF envelope did not appear in the December Issue. We apologize for this. The envelope will be in the February issue.

The Eleventh Crusade to the Holy Land: Grand Master Mayford has authorized another trip to the Holy Land, scheduled for November 5 through November 15, 1996. It will be patterned after the Tenth Crusade of November 7-17, 1995. Details will be provided at a later time.

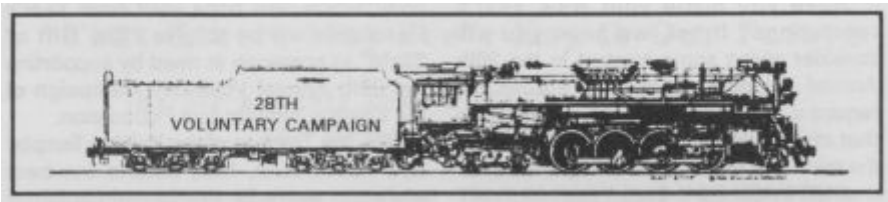
Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded to the Grand Encampment. NO nominations will be accepted if sent directly to the Grand Encampment office. Any further questions should be directed to the Grand Recorder of your state.

Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A Green pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a Red Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this

includes Commanders, Past Commanders, and grand officers). Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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

A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right: This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is now available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. • Born In Blood: The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$16.00, including S & H. • Dungeon, Fire and Sword: The Knights Templar in the Crusades. This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is now available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.



You Can Still Get on Board and Support "Your Charity"

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

The year 1995 is history, and we need to look back at our accomplishments and at areas where we fell short of our goals, in order to press forward with greater enthusiasm to meet the challenge before us in 1996. A quick adjustment in your thinking will remind you that even though we are on the threshold of a new year, the year we consider the Templar year is only half over, and as Christian Knights we still have goals to accomplish. It has been said that "any job worth doing is worth doing right." Let's make "doing right" mean "being successful" whatever the goal.

The two challenges that should be foremost in the minds of all Knights Templar should be the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Membership. These two concerns are now and always will be important because they complement and depend on each other. Many people learn about the Knights Templar because they or someone they know has been helped by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Therefore, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is probably the best public relations tool that Templary has to offer, but the support of the foundation depends directly on membership, and we need to be about the business of



creating new Sir Knights in our
Commanderies.

We are only one month into the 28th Voluntary Campaign and have four months to go before the imaginary train reaches the destination on April 30, 1996. Did you climb aboard with your mailbag already? We hope your answer is "Yes." But since the envelope didn't make it into the December issue and will be in the February issue, there is still time to catch the train and become one of those generous Sir Knights who make it possible for "Others to See."

Have you made your New Year's resolutions? If not, we hope you will consider giving some support to the 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign. It does not require a great sacrifice, but it does require that charity which should be foremost in the mind of a Mason and a Knight Templar.

OUR WISH FOR THE YEAR IS THAT EVERY COMMANDERY IN THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT REACH THE GOAL OF \$10.00 PER MEMBER. We thank those who are generous and can give more to help compensate for those who due to age, illness, or other extenuating circumstances cannot make a contribution. We hope your New Year's Resolution will be to give "The

Gift of Sight" to someone in need by supporting the 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

We, the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., extend our best wishes to every Sir Knight and his family for a happy and prosperous new year.

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 Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944

**KTEF Golf Shirts, Sweatshirts and Jackets
(The Color Is Purple)**



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!**

ORDER FORM

Please check your preferences and circle the sizes required:

_____ Golf shirts with pocket	\$25.00 each—size: S—M—L—XL—XXL
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_____ Windbreakers	\$30.00 each—size: S—M—L—XL—XXL

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"That Others May See": Key to Our Future

by Sir Knights John E. Stallings, Jr., E.G.
and David H. Koenig, E.C.

Last weekend we attended the annual line officers' seminar for the state of Pennsylvania. The seminar is held in the center of the state and is a good drive for us, about 4 1/2 hours. The rooms can be crowded and the food is okay.

But let's get to the point of this article. We all talk about membership and how we are losing members faster than we are getting new members. We all know that only a few people have heard of the Knights Templar. We also know that in our asylums at the Conclaves, the active members have become fewer and fewer, not to mention that there is a need for line officers. Why? What can we do?

The new chairman of the Grand Encampment's 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign, Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, H.P.D.C., was at this seminar, and his topic was quite interesting. We would like to expound on some of the things he said, which we believe can be the answer to some of our problems.

Do you remember the Grand Characteristics of our order?: unsullied honor, unwearied zeal for a Brother's cause, and universal benevolence. Well, Sir Knights, the Eye Foundation is all of that and more. We receive unsullied honor in our noble cause: the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The KTEF is unwearied in its work for all who need help. And the humanitarian service of our work certainly is a universal benevolence for those in need.

But we said it does more, and that is true. People are attracted to good works. And good and true men are even more attracted to good works. The more we talk about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the more we publicize it, and the greater our help to the KTEF and to those in need, the more the

Knights Templar will become known. This is so very important.

We are saying: Get serious and get excited about the Annual Campaign for the Eye Foundation for the Eye Foundation is the key to our future and an answer to our membership problem. By working hard for the Eye Foundation, we will attract new members who will be proud to be a part of our order, and they will be honored to serve as Knights Templar. They will help to spread our cause and help to broadcast our name. By doing these things, we will let our Light Shine before God and Man.

It was a long trip home, and it was snowing very hard. The weather added almost two hours to the drive. Still, the trip was well worth it for the flame burns a little brighter for us. We are Knights Templar, and we are proud and honored to be members of an order that does great works for all mankind, in the name of Him under whose banner we are all now enlisted.

The Key

Sir Knights work hard for the success of KTEF, the KTEF serves those in need which creates a positive image and promotes more awareness of Knight Templary in our community and country this causes new membership growth and pride in our Commanderies, -which reflects in more attendance, and a desire for impressive ritual work.

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Masonic Conferences-1996

MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 15-17
Washington; D.C.
(annually)

The Philalethes Society
Grand College of Rites, U.S.A.
Grand Master's Council, A.M.D.
Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D.
Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.
Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte
Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knights Masons, U.S.A.
Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.
Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis
Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A.
Ye Antient Order of Corks
The Society of Blue Friars
Grand College of America, HRAKTP

GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA, HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

February 16
Washington, D.C.
(annually)

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February 18-20
Alexandria, Virginia
(annually)

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February 18-20
Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia
(annually)

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February 19
Arlington, Virginia
(annually)

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February 19
Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia
(annually)

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May 14-16
Orlando, Florida
(annually)

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GRAND COUNCIL, LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.

May 12-17
Cincinnati, Ohio
(annually)

No Report

No Report

SUPREME FOREST, TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA

May 30-June 2
Wildwood, New Jersey
(annually)

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June 6-9
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
(annually)

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June 6-13
Spokane, Washington
(annually)

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Knoxville, Tennessee
(annually)

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June 8-13
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(annually)

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Tulsa, Oklahoma
(annually)

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 (annually)

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 New Orleans, Louisiana
 (annually)

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 (annually)

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 (biennially)

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 Queensland, Australia
 (annually)

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 August 9-13, 1997
 St. Louis, Missouri
 (triennially)

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 August 29-31
 Lubbock, Texas
 (annually)

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 August 25-27
 Boston, Massachusetts
 (annually)

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1996 ANNUAL CONCLAVES

DATE	GRAND COMMANDERY	LOCATION	CONCLAVE REPRESENTATIVE
February 25-27	Alabama	Birmingham	Charles R. Neumann
March 1-3	New Jersey	Newark	Blair C. Mayford
March 8	Delaware	Wilmington	Sam E. Hilburn
March 10-11	South Carolina	Myrtle Beach	James M. Ward
March 14-16	Arkansas	No. Little Rock	William J. Jones
March 16	District of Columbia	District of Col.	Marvin E. Fowler
March 22-23	Mississippi	Jackson	Kenneth B. Fischer
March 22-23	North Dakota	Fargo	Jerry K. Thomas
March 30	North Carolina	Asheville	David L. Hargett, Jr.
April 6	Oregon	Grants Pass	William H. Thomley, Jr.
April 12	Connecticut	Rocky Hill	John O. Bond, Sr.
April 13	Nebraska	Columbus	Charles R. Neumann
April 15-16	Louisiana	Shreveport	James M. Ward
April 18	New Mexico	Farmington	W. Bruce Pruitt
April 20	Idaho	Boise	Sam E. Hilburn
April 26	Indiana	Indianapolis	William J. Jones
April 26-28	Oklahoma	Elk City	James C. Taylor
April 26-29	Texas	Abilene	Blair C. Mayford
April 27	Tennessee	Nashville	Ned E. Dull
April 30	California	Sacramento	W. Bruce Pruitt
May 6	Maine	Bangor	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 8-9	Georgia	Macon	Blair C. Mayford
May 8-11	Kansas	Salina	William J. Jones
May 9-11	Utah	Ogden	W. Bruce Pruitt
May 10-11	Virginia	Roanoke	Blair C. Mayford
May 15	Maryland	Ocean City	James M. Ward
May 17	Missouri	St. Louis	Blair C. Mayford
May 17-18	West Virginia	Flat Woods	William J. Jones
May 21	Florida	Altamonte Springs	Blair C. Mayford
May 27-28	Vermont	Burlington	Blair C. Mayford
May 30	Washington	Olympia	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 30-June 1	Iowa	Newton	Charles R. Neumann
May 31-June 3	Pennsylvania	Champion	Blair C. Mayford
June 6-8	Michigan	Battle Creek	Russell P. Livormore, Jr.
June 8	Montana	Bozeman	Ernest I. Teter
June 11	Nevada	Las Vegas	David B. Slayton
June 21	Wisconsin	Green Bay	Charles R. Neumann
June 27-29	Minnesota	Bemidji	Blair C. Mayford
July 18-21	Illinois	Decatur	Blair C. Mayford
August 21-24	Arizona	Tucson	James M. Ward
September 5-7	Colorado	Denver	James M. Ward
September 12-14	Ohio	Mansfield	Blair C. Mayford
September 13-14	Wyoming	Cheyenne	Kenneth B. Fischer
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Constituting of McKinney Assembly No. 263, Social Order of the Beauceant



Pictured above are Mrs. Jay Ipsen and other ladies of Minneapolis Assembly No. 46, presenting a box of robes to Mrs. Ben Britts and other ladies of McKinney Assembly No. 263.

The last week of August ladies from all over the United States joined together for two days of work and celebration. At the end on August 26, 1995, in Piano, Texas, McKinney No. 263 was officially formed.

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Died February 12, 1995

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A Look From Within: A Look at Prince Hall Freemasonry

by Reverend Jan L. Baderstadt, E.P., P.C., P.M.

*This paper was presented to the Michigan Lodge of Research and information
No. 1 on Saturday, September 16, 5995 A.L. and was published in
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It was a beautiful sunny morning when I pulled up and parked next to the Detroit Masonic Temple. The sounds of the city filled the air, and people were walking about. It might be only 9:30 in the morning, but everything was alive.

I've certainly traveled to Detroit for Masonic business before, but this time I wasn't at 500 Temple Avenue. Instead, I was at the main Temple on 3100 Gratiot Avenue.

Who meets here, you may ask?: About nineteen Lodges, plus the Eastern Star, York Rite, Scottish Rite, and more.

It also holds the offices of the Grand Lodge - The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

I was there that day to interview their Grand Master Ozzie L. Gardner to learn who exactly are the Prince Hall Masons.

Hang around any Mason, and in the course of Masonic conversation will come questions about Prince Hall. I've been a Mason for eighteen years now, and I remember hearing about them way up in L'Anse, which is hundreds of miles from the nearest Prince Hall Masonic Lodge. Start surfing through the various Masonic computer bulletin boards, and there are all kinds of articles about Prince Hall.

There's a problem, however, with all of this information." It comes from Masons who are in no way connected with Prince Hall Masonry. And sadly, much like the anti-Masonic material in circulation today, much of what is said isn't true, but it keeps being repeated in word and print.

That's why, with the permission of

Grand Master Dale Edwards, I made the journey to their Grand Master to get the facts straight from the source.

What do you ask of a Grand Master who is currently considered the head of a "clandestine" Grand Lodge (even though 13 American Grand Lodges, plus four Canadian Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of England recognize them)? After some thought, I decided anything goes.

I got there early for the interview, so I walked into the office, where the secretary showed me into the Grand Master's office. Grand Master Gardner hadn't yet arrived, but in the short while I was there, I carefully looked around the office. It didn't look any different than one you'd find in many a Michigan Masonic Temple. The books on the shelves were Masonic books from Macoy and other sources that would have easily held a prominent spot in any Lodge library. Nothing seemed out of order.

At about 10:00, Grand Master Ozzie L. Gardner arrived along with Past Grand Master Clem Dawson. Both are 33° Masons in the Prince Hall of the Scottish Rite. Both are York Rite Masons of the Prince Hall. And for the next 2¹/₂ hours, we discussed Prince Hall Masonry.

Its History

The name Prince Hall comes from the founder of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, a freed slave named Prince Hall, who was made a Mason along with fourteen other former slaves by an Irish Military Lodge in 1775.

In 1784, the Grand Lodge of England chartered African Lodge No. 459 in Boston with Prince Hall as its first Worshipful Master.

It is after this date that its history gets a bit fuzzy, even for Prince Hall Masonic scholars. The Grand Lodge of England didn't receive annual returns for a number of years, so the Lodge was dropped. Rather than going out of business, Prince Hall and his Lodge continued and began to charter other Lodges. As a result, Prince Hall Masonry has grown to become a worldwide organization.

Prince Hall Masonry came to Michigan twice. The first time was during the middle of the Civil War when Grand Master James Hinton of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall of Indiana chartered a Lodge in Niles. In 1864, dispensations were given by Indiana to three Michigan Lodges, and on April 25, 1865, the four Lodges met in Niles to organize the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall of Michigan. They held their first meeting in December of 1866.

Prince Hall Masonry was able to pull off what Caucasian Masonry had been unable to do: a national Grand Lodge. Called the National Compact, it was organized in 1848, and the newly organized Michigan Prince Hall Grand Lodge was to become a part of it.

Not everyone was happy with the National Compact, according to P.G.M. Dawson. The Grand Lodge of Prince Hall in Ohio was unhappy, was seeking a way out, and needed allies. With this agenda, Ohio chartered four Lodges in Michigan in 1872: Battle Creek, Detroit, Pontiac, and Grand Rapids. This initiated a split in the Compact, leading to its eventual demise.

Looking for Recognition

As this new Prince Hall Grand Lodge was coming into existence, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Michigan sought and received from the Michigan State Legislature articles of incorporation under the laws of Michigan. That was in 1873, the same year Prince Hall



petitioned the Grand Lodge of Michigan for recognition.

According to Dawson, they never received a reply, either positive or negative.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in 1874 show that the matter did come before the delegates. On January 27, 1874, W. Brother L. T. Griffin "presented a petition from persons styling themselves as Masons, and a committee of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons for the State of Michigan, holding authority from the M.W. National Grand Lodge of the United States of America' asking for Masonic recognition by this Grand Lodge."

W. Brother Griffins offered the following resolution:

"Resolved. That the petition herewith presented be referred to a special committee (sic) of five with instructions to investigate the subject matter therein contained in such manner as they may deem advisable, and report to this Grand Lodge at its next annual Communication, what measures, if any, can be expediently

devised to place under the jurisdiction of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge the so-called colored Masons of the State, now organized into Lodges, and thereby secure to them the benefit of its fellowship and affiliation."

On motion the petition was received and laid upon the table for such consideration. A motion was then made to reconsider the previous action, but it failed.

The next day, W. Brother M. M. Atwood presented a petition for persons "claiming to be Masons, (colored) and moved that it be referred to a Special Committee of five for examination and report." The petitions were received and laid on the table. A motion was then made to reconsider this vote, but it lost.

The matter then disappears from Grand Lodge records. A perusal of Grand Lodge proceedings for 1875 makes no mention of colored Masonry."

Prince Hall Masonry Today

Prince Hall Masonry looks like our Masonry. It would be very hard to distinguish the Prince Hall Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Prince Hall Grand Lodge is independent of all other Grand Lodges, and there is no longer a national Grand Lodge.

Each Lodge must be chartered by its Grand Lodge, and in Michigan there are forty-nine Lodges with approximately 3,000 members. The most northern Lodge in the state is Andrew W. Dungey No. 52 in Idlewild near Baldwin. There are no Prince Hall Lodges in the Upper Peninsula, although the Michigan Prince Hall jurisdiction covers both peninsulas, according to Grand Master Gardner.

Each Lodge confers three degrees. While we did not discuss any Masonic secrets, this writer did learn that their ritual is the Eccii Orienti," or the three-letter key many Michigan Masons carry with them.

I had a tour of the Gratiot Avenue

Temple, and their Lodge rooms look a lot like ours. On the altar, located in the center of the Lodge room, are the Great Lights of Masonry. One variation is that the Master sits under a canopy supported by two columns in the East.

Michigan Masons who complain about our dues wouldn't like the dues structure in Prince Hall Masonry. Dues average around \$10 - a month. A Brother is declared delinquent at six months. According to Grand Master Gardner, if a Brother is expelled for nonpayment of dues, his sponsor in Masonry isn't expelled along with the delinquent brother, as some report.

Prince Hall Masonry insists on a strict dress code: dark suits, black socks, dark shoes, white shirts and dark ties. According to G.M. Gardner, this dress code is strictly enforced.

When a man petitions a Prince Hall Lodge, the Lodge appoints an investigating committee, and there must be thirty days between degrees. Stories that it takes one year between degrees and that the entire Lodge is the investigating committee are untrue, according to Gardner.

Each candidate does have a catechism to learn, like that formerly required in the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Lodges meet twice a month, once for ritual work and again for regular communication. Lodges meet for regular communication each month but can suspend work during the months of December, July, and August.

Refreshments follow the meeting, except at the time of a Master Mason Degree, when there is usually a dinner with speeches. A third degree is a festive occasion.

White Prince Hall Masons

Grand Master Gardner noted that they have a number of white Masons, shattering the idea that Prince Hall is simply black

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Grand Commander and Department Commander at Inspection



On Saturday, November 4, 1995, Baffle Creek Commandery No. 33 in Baffle Creek, Michigan, held its annual inspection. Sir Knight Russell P. Livermore, Jr., P.G.C. and Department Commander of the East Central Department, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., was the inspecting officer for the home Commandery of Grand Commander Thomas D. Coss, Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Shown after the inspection, left to right, were Sir Knights: Russell P. Livermore, Jr.; Donald W. Stocken,

Commander of Baffle Creek Commandery No. 33; Marshall L. Hlatko, Knighted at the inspection; and Grand Commander Thomas D. Coss. Baffle Creek Commandery also Knighted two Sir Knights on the previous evening, so they had actually Knighted three new Sir Knights in two days.



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A Tale Of A Ring

Most Eminent Past Grand Master Donald Hinslea Smith recently was honored with the 330 of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. And thereby hangs a tale.

Past Department Commander Clyde Curtis, also Past Grand Commander of Kentucky, presented Past Grand Master Smith with a most treasured gift, the 33⁰ ring which had belonged to the only other Grand Master of the Grand Encampment from Kentucky, Sir Knight Warren Larue Thomas.

Sir Knight Thomas was Grand Master from 1895 to 1898. He was born January 25, 1845, and died November 23, 1914. He served as Grand Commander of Kentucky in 1878. Sir Knight Smith was born May 31, 1923 and served as Grand Commander of Kentucky in 1975.

Both of these Past Grand Masters were members of Ryan Commandery No. 17, Danville, Kentucky, Sir Knight Smith being a dual member of Ryan and Richmond Commandery No. 19, where he was Knighted. Sir Knight Thomas was Knighted in DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Louisville, and transferred to Ryan Commandery. So there are two Past Grand Masters from Ryan Commandery, each of whom was Knighted in a different Commandery.

The story is not over yet. Sir Knight Henry L. Nichols from Ryan Commandery served as Grand Commander of Kentucky in 1937. Apparently the family of Sir Knight Thomas gave his 33⁰ ring to Sir Knight Nichols, and after his death in 1971, it passed on to Sir Knight Curtis, who is not a 33⁰ Scottish Rite Mason. So when Sir Knight Smith was awarded the 33°, Sir Knight Curtis, a Past Commander of Ryan Commandery, presented it to Sir Knight Smith.

It is a beautiful ring, much heavier than the present rings and smaller, with the 33 embossed on a white background rather than a black one, as the current rings are in the Southern Jurisdiction.

One more item: P.G.M. Thomas was Grand Master in 1895, one hundred years ago, but he had received his 33⁰ in 1889. Our present Grand Commander of Kentucky, Sir Knight John F. Kirby, is a member of Ryan Commandery. What does the future hold for him?

submitted by Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke, P.D.C., KCT
2538 Saratoga Drive, Louisville, KY40205

Elbert H. Gary Commandery No. 57, Merrillville, Indiana Gives Whopping Support To Holy Land Pilgrimage

According to William W. Roberts, who is chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage program for Elbert H. Gary Commandery No. 57, the Commandery held its annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 18, 1995, in the social hall of the Merrillville Masonic Temple. The dinner, which was entirely donated by a group of the Sir Knights, was served at 5:00 P.M. to approximately ninety well-satisfied guests. Since the food and labor were donated, it was determined that the entire proceeds from the ticket sales should be sent to the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage fund. Sir Knight Roberts says: "Thanks to the efforts of the Sir Knights and their wives, it is possible for us to send a check in the amount of \$619.00 to the Holy Land Pilgrimage."

Joint Commandery/Shrine Venture A Success At Cyrene Commandery No. 23, Vandalia, Illinois

In the picture are the Shrine officers of Ainad Temple Shrine and new members who took the Cold Sands on September 30, 1995. In this joint effort Cyrene Commandery Knighted fourteen new members, and the Shrine added thirteen new Nobles for an outstanding success.



Temple Commandery, Texas, Helps Killeen Lodge



Temple Commandery No. 41 Temple, Texas, helped Killeen Lodge No. 1125, A.F. & A.M., by providing the right and left guard for the Color Guard during its wreath laying ceremony at Killeen Veterans Park on November 6, 1995. On the left is the Commander, Thomas E. Greenamyre, and on the right is Noel M. Smith, Sr., Past Commander.

Knights Templar and DeMolay In New Mexico

Knights Templar are active with DeMolay in New Mexico. At a recent Conclave held in Albuquerque, a Cross of Honor, Chevalier, and Legion of Honor investiture took place at Temple Lodge No. 6, A.F. & A.M. Seen standing in the East, left to right, are: Sir Knight Danny R. Calloway, Executive Officer for DeMolay in NM and active member I.S.C.; Brother James M. Hubbard, active member I.S.C.; and Sir Knight James H. Black, active member I.S.C., Order of DeMolay. (Photo by Sir Knight H. William Hart.)



Grand Master's Return—continued from page 2 was Qumran, the place where in 1947 a Bedouin shepherd searching the caves for lost sheep discovered the first of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. The scrolls were written by a Jewish religious sect known as the Essenes. Some scholars and theologians view the Essenes as the first Christians. The next stop was the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is some 1,400 feet below sea level and is the lowest spot on earth. It contains the highest concentration of salt in the world, some 33%. Our own Salt Lake has approximately 19%. We went on to Massada, a gigantic fortress some 440 meters above the Dead Sea and only accessible by a cable car unless one wants to hike to the top via what is called the Snake Path. They give T-shirts to those that do, and they are inscribed "I walked to the top of Massada." King Herod, the greatest Jewish builder until modern times, gave Massada the prominence of a great fortress. The return trip to Jerusalem brought us to the Good Samaritan Inn, where the story of the good Samaritan took place. Then, we were on to Bethany and a visit to the Tomb of Lazarus.

Saturday, November 11, was a very busy day. We visited the Dome of the Rock; the western Wailing Wall; the dungeon where Christ was imprisoned; the Room of the Last Supper; David's Tomb; the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem; Shepherds' Field; and a scale model of Jerusalem.

Sunday, November 12, was a day of rest, and most attended church services at the Garden Tomb.

Monday, November 13, was a day of traveling around Jerusalem. We visited the Menorah, across the street from the Knesset (Israel's House of Parliament) and the Knesset; the Holocaust Museum; the Shrine of the Rock (Dead Sea Scrolls here); the Garden Tomb, where we had Holy Communion service; the Cave of

Zedecah; and King Solomon's Quarry; where Sir Knight James E. Moseley, Past Grand Commander, Past Department Commander, and Grand Recorder of Georgia; opened a special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. Here, also, as Grand Master, I adjourned the Grand Commandery of Georgia and opened a special Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. A short Conclave was conducted, and the special Conclave of the Grand Encampment was adjourned. We next visited John the Baptist's birthplace.

The day before we arrived in Israel a most historical day in the life of this new nation was thrust upon them. Their great and beloved Yitzhak Rabin, who had been assassinated, was laid to rest with all of the dignity and honor due him. Before returning to the hotel, we visited his grave. Columns of mourners, who had been there twenty-four hours a day since the state burial, were passing by the grave site with candles and flowers, to pay their last respect. It was a very memorable occasion, and our Sir Knights and ladies also paid their last respect to a fallen hero.

Tuesday, November 14, we traveled to Jerico, Bet Shean (inhabited in 4000 B.C., a great archaeological dig and absolutely breathtaking); BelVair (12th century crusader fortress); Nazareth and Cana.

Wednesday, November 15, there was a religious service atop the Mount of Beatitude (site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount), and we saw Capernaum; the Primacy of St. Peter; and Place of Multiplication. Also, we sailed across the Sea of Galilee in reconstructed wooden boats, similar to those used by Simon/Peter. The Galilee boat, discovered during the drought in 1985, is believed to be a fisherman's boat dating from the later part of the first century; Mount Tabor in the New Testament serves as the site of the

Transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17: 1-8). Seven of our group were baptized in the Jordan River. It also serves as a frontier between Israel and Jordan.

Thursday, November 16, we planted trees in the Knights Templar Forest and dedicated these trees to our loved ones. 110 trees were planted and started our forest; Megiddo dates back to 725 B.C.; Caesarea was conquered by the Crusaders in 1107 and destroyed in 1291 by Mamelukes; Jaffa, one of the oldest cities in the country was an important seaport where the cedars of Lebanon were imported; and Tel Aviv is now a prosperous modern city.

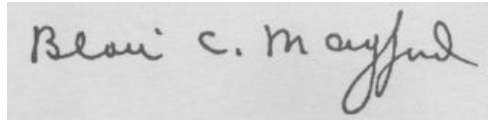
Friday, November 17, an early morning flight (1:00 A.M.) returned us to JFK Airport in New York.

There is no doubt that the Crusaders left their mark on the Holy Land. Their castles, now in ruin, are centuries old and are a grim reminder to all of us that God and time are very evident throughout this beautiful and historic land. Whether our order is a descendant of the ancient Crusaders or it just arrived in our country by accident, we Knights Templar should be justly proud of this group of Christians who from 1097 A.D. through 1314, with the death of Jacques de Molay, left their mark on history.

To Sir Knights Lesley and Williams, our many thanks for their tireless effort in making the 10th Crusade a huge success. At this writing the second pilgrimage of the Crusade has arrived in Tel Aviv. We hope and pray for them safe conduct and a very special spiritual and educational crusade. The third pilgrimage of our Crusade is scheduled for November 5 through 17, 1996. Those interested should contact Sir Knight P. Fred Lesly, P.O. Box 498, Battle Creek, Michigan 49016. There are a limited number of seats now open.

Our thanks to our guides, especially to Brother Ezra Eini, and to our two very excellent bus drivers, who safely guided our trip. Also, thanks to Ms. Lynn Koppinger, resident sales representative of El Al Israel Airlines Ltd., for guiding our ministers and our crusaders through Newark and JFK Airport.

To all of our ladies who accompanied us, we say thank you and thanks for supporting the Grand Encampment.



Blair Christy Mayford
Grand Master





Connecticut York Rite Festival

On November 11, 1995, Connecticut's Fall York Rite Festival completed its work at the Commandery asylum in New Haven, where twenty-three Sir Knights took the following Orders: the Order of the Red Cross performed by Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford; the Order of Malta by Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford; and after lunch the Order of the Temple by New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven. The 1995 York Rite Festival began with the Chapter degrees held at the Masonic Temple in East Lyme. The Council degrees were hosted by Harmony Council



No. 8 in New Haven, and the chivalric Orders by New Haven Commandery. Several of the members of this class only took the Red Cross and Malta Orders as their own Commanderies desired to perform the Order of the Temple during their inspections to be held in November and December.

In the picture are: sitting, left to right: Sir Knights Robert D. Sherrick, Most Puissant Grand Master; Leonard F. D'Amico, P.G.C. and Grand Jr. Steward, Grand Lodge of CT, representing the Grand Master of Masons; Samuel B. Walker; Richard V. Travis, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of CT; Edward W. Studwell, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Standing left is Sir Knight Wesley Alexander, Commander of New Haven Commandery, and standing right is Sir Knight Robert Colbourn, Past Grand Commander. Others are the twenty-three new Sir Knights of the 1995 Class. (Photo by K. A. Wright.)

Prince Hall Masonry - continued from page 21 Masons. There have been several white men who have served a Prince Hall Lodge as Worshipful Master, and in the book *Black Square and Compasses*, the author noted that there was a Prince Hall Lodge in New Jersey where every member but the Secretary was white.

Structure of the Grand Lodge

There are forty-four Prince Hall Grand Lodges located around the world. Each one is independent, but they recognize each other. The newest Prince Hall Grand Lodge is the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Caribbean.

The Michigan Prince Hall Grand Lodge meets in April for two days, and new officers are elected. The Grand Master is elected yearly for a one-year term. If the Grand Master decides to run for a fourth term, he must receive two-thirds of the vote of the delegates.

The moving grand line begins at Grand Junior Deacon. The non-moving, elected line includes the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, Grand Marshal and three Grand Trustees.

Appointed Grand Lodge officers include a Senior Grand Steward, a Junior Grand Steward, two assistant Grand

Secretaries, a Grand Chaplain, four assistant Grand Chaplains, a Grand Tyler, an assistant Grand Tiler, three assistant Grand Marshals, a Grand Attorney, five assistant Grand Attorneys, a Grand Pursuivant, a Grand Organist, a Grand Pianist, a Grand Custodian, and a Grand Standard Bearer.

Grand Master Gardner said that in the workings of their Grand Lodge, business is completed at regular cabinet meetings of the elected Grand Lodge officers. The Worshipful Masters of the subordinate Blue Lodges are invited and encouraged to attend.

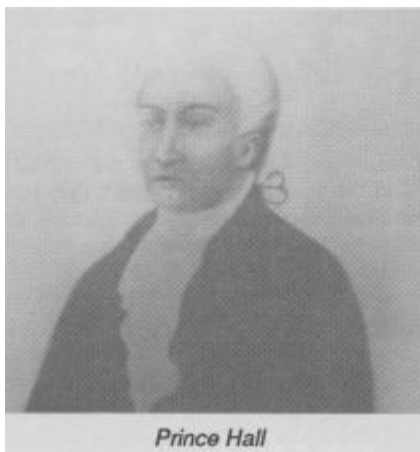
Appendant Prince Hall Bodies

Once a man becomes a Master Mason, he and his wife are eligible to join the Order of the Eastern Star. He can petition either the York Rite or Scottish Rite, even become a Shriner. All of the bodies resemble and parallel our own Masonic bodies.

They have no DeMolay, Rainbow, or Job's Daughters, but their Shrine sponsors youth groups of their own: the Order of Eyes for Boys and the Isereties for girls.

Other "Black" Masonic Grand Lodges

Prince Hall Masonry is not the only "black" Masonic organization, although it is the largest of the groups and has respect amongst the black community. Grand Master Gardner and P.G.M. Dawson noted that there were other "clandestine" Masonic bodies that have broken off from their organization over the years. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Michigan does not maintain any communication with these groups, nor do they have a list of them. Two such bodies they were familiar with included the International Masons and the Fitzpatrick Grand Lodge. A trip down Gratiot Avenue will reveal a sign proclaiming the Grand Lodge of Enoch, another pseudo-Masonic organization.



P.G.M. Dawson noted that they did not recognize these bodies because none of the Lodges ever obtained a charter from the Grand Lodge of England. In their criteria for Masonic recognition, a Lodge or Grand Lodge must have been originally chartered by the Grand Lodge of England or be able to trace its legality through the mother Grand Lodge.

Dawson noted that these other lodges are clandestine" and not irregular."

Conclusion

For this writer, the interview contained many surprises. I had heard much about Prince Hall Masonry, much of it not true. The time spent with their Grand Lodge officers revealed new light on a subject that has long been clouded with darkness. Prince Hall Masonry is like a parallel universe, proclaiming similar landmarks, ritual and organization. And its Brethren are tied to a mystic bond that is highly respected in their communities.

Famous Black Freemasons

A look at who's who of Prince Hall Masonry reads much like traditional

Masonry in the great man that have or currently occupy the role of membership.

In the book, Great Black Men of Masonry, by Joseph Mason Andrew Cox, Ph.D. P.G.M. of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, are listed 269 black men, of which the vast majority are Prince Hall Masons.

The list includes statesmen, actors, musicians, writers, athletes and more.

Some great men on the list include Ralph Albernathy, 33^o; William "Count" Basie; Alex Haley, 33^o; Thurgood Marshall, 33^o; Edward "Duke" Ellington; Reverend Adam Clayton Powell; Richard Pryor; Sugar Ray Robinson; Booker T. Washington; and Andrew Young. The Reverend Jesse Jackson, 33^o is also a Shriner. Former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young is a 33^o Mason, and current Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer has been elected to receive the 33^o.

The Reverend and Sir Knight Jan L. Baderstadt is a Past Commander of Lake Superior Commandery No. 30, Marquette, Michigan, and is Prelate of Alpena Commandery No. 34, Lincoln, Michigan. His mailing address is P.O. Box 137, Sterling, MI 48659

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Award Of Appreciation To Colorado Doctor

At the banquet of the York Rite grand sessions, held in Grand Junction, Colorado, on September 8, 1995, Dr. John R. Wright, D.O., from Colorado Springs was honored by the first ever Award of Appreciation given in Colorado. This award from the Grand Encampment was a beautiful certificate mounted on a walnut plaque. It was presented by Sir Knight Ernest I. Teter, Right Eminent Department Commander, Northwestern Department of the Grand Encampment. Dr. Wright has performed more than twenty eye surgeries, paid for by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, for patients who otherwise could not afford to have these medical procedures. Dr. Wright (left) is pictured receiving the plaque from Sir Knight Teter.





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To celebrate 200 years of Templary in Pennsylvania, the 144th Annual Conclave Committee is selling Knights Templar key fobs for a donation of \$125 each or \$1.00 each in quantities of ten or more. The key fobs are white with Cross and Crown emblem and "In Hoc Signo Vinces" printed in red. They measure 3 inches long and 2 inches wide with an one-inch, split key ring. Orders payable to 144th Conclave. Send to George Metz, 130 Spongton Lake Road, Media, PA 19063-1826.

Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver trim and crossed swords embroidered in silver bullion thread on flap and skull and cross bones on apron. Identical to those worn by all Sir Knights in the last century and still worn in some jurisdictions. Brand new. \$75.00 plus \$5.00 UPS. Part of each sale goes to York Rite charities. Jacques Jacobsen, Jr., PC., 60 Manor Road; Staten Island; NV 10310-2698.

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, S. W.; Pataskala; OH 43062.(614) 927-7073.

I For sale: seven gold Past Commander's jewels from: Damascus No. 5, 1943; Hamilton No. 5, 1903; Hermit No. 24, 1944; Tancred No. 48, 1961/62; Pilgrim No. 11, 1947; Crusade No. 5, 1923; Ivanhoe No. 31, 1910. Also, 33rd jewel from Texas, 1914. Sheldon Aipad, P.O. Box 3662, DC 20007

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, \$1.00; quarter versions are badges attached to red, white, and blue ribbon and cost \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Profits go to the Memorial Maintenance Fund. Checks payable to Ray Dillard. Send payment and a SASE to Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI 48430

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado, in recognition of its 100th anniversary (1894-1994), has for sale commemorative bronze and silver-plated medallions

noting the event. The price is \$4.00 for silver coin and \$2.00 for bronze coin, plus \$1.00 for postage and handling. A Grand Council Centennial lapel pin is also available for \$3.00 each pin and \$1.00 for postage and handling. Send check or money order to Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Colorado; 1614 Welton Street, No. 503; Denver; CO 80202.

For sale: white York Rite cap with six-color embroidery showing Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery emblems. Donation to the 3 York Rite charities. \$10.00 each, plus \$1.00 postage. Robert Hater4 P.O. Box 433, Farmington, NM 87499.

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 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.

Only 500 Case Trapper model pocket knives made by Masonic Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, each numbered. 1920's Grand Lodge logo lasered on walnut display case. Same logo etched in one blade, filled with blue enamel, with two balls and a cane on each end. Second blade has three etched and blue enameled emblems: new GL logo, square and compass, and trowel. \$100.00 each while supply lasts. A real collector's items. James Onkst, 5009 Judy Drive, Del City, OK 73115.

Lothrop Lodge No. 21, A.F. & A.M., of Crockett, Texas, has a supply of Its 150th anniversary coins for sale at \$5.00 each, postage and handling included. Mail check or money order payable to Lothrop Lodge No. 21, A.F. & A.M. and send to Parker S. Presley, P.O. Box 955, Crockett, TX 75835.

For sale: Macky's History of Freemasonry, volumes 1-7. In good condition. Best offer. Percentage to benefit KTEF. Louis A. Cavagnaro, P.O. Box 1776, Sun City, AZ 85372-1776

New: Past Master and Blue Lodge rings; signet style with PM or S&Q logo on top, trowel on one side, 2-ball cane on other. Durable, yet elegant. Solid chrome/nickel alloy. Silver color only. \$99.00, plus Ohio tax and \$4.00 S & H. Whole sizes only, 7-16. 10% of profits will go to KTEF. Check or MasterCard/Visa info to Auratech Designs, P.O. Box 648, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. Money back satisfaction guarantee.

Masonic Quiz II, video tape. More advanced questions including segments on Chapter, KT, and Scottish Rite. Great follow-up to first quiz tape and better reproduction. \$10.00 and \$1.50 S & H. For written transcript add \$1.00. Partial proceeds to KTEF. Fail Spahlinger, 848 F. College, Alliance, OH 44601

Past Master's lapel pin. Square, sunburst, and cabletow enhance this handcrafted lapel pin. Each is sterling silver with 24 karat gold vermeil. One-of-a-kind and only \$12.00 each including S & H. A perfect gift for your Past Masters. 10% of proceeds benefit KTEF. Sorry, no CODs. Please allow 2 to 3 weeks for delivery. Sir Knight Bard, 1630 Orchard Hill Road, Cheshire, CT 06410-3728

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; (520) 888-7585

For sale: Scottish Rite ring, ca. 1949, size 11.25, in yellow gold with red enameled 32° markings. Has platinum double eagle emblem with 1/4 carat diamond. Appraised at \$1,000.00; asking \$750.00. Any reasonable offer considered. C. L. Jaynes, Box 98, Copperopolis, CA 95228, (209) 785-4440

Wanted: copy of a history of some Blue Lodge or some other Masonic body to be used as a guide in writing up an account for the 100th birthday of my Masonic Blue Lodge. Will pay for postage or Xerox copies. George Lundrigan, Secretary; Ashmore Blue Lodge No. 102; 609 Terrace Avenue; Tallahassee; FL 32308; (904) 222-2251.

For sale: gold Masonic pin: 14K gold, weight 17 dwt., approx. 2 1/4-inches wide by 4-inches long. Contains working tools, black/white enamel star, and "G" at top. Dated 1903. Heroine Lodge 104, name C. W. Miller on back. Selling for \$325.00. D. Schneidewind, R. Ph.; 425 N. Main; Mailssa; IL 62257.

Customized, embroidered Masonic designs available: Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, Commandery, and Council. Jackets, sizes S-5X; caps; ties; sweat shirts; and ??? Eastern Star design also available. Call (513) 753-8107 for prices and colors.

For sale: Gould's History of Freemasonry Throughout the World, revised by Dudley Wright, editor of The Masonic News. Copyright 1936 by Charles Scribner's Sons. 6 volumes embracing investigations of records of

Fraternity in Europe, Asia, Africa, and each of the 48 states, Canada, District of Columbia, and Latin America. Excellent condition. Make offer. M's. M. H. Behnke; 2121 Collier Avenue, No. 102; Ft. Myers; FL 33901; (941) 278-3269

German-trained watch and clockmaker with 40 years of experience: "If parts are no longer available for your watch or clock, I will make them." Percentage of profits to KTEF. Helmut Spill, 218 Sand Shore Road, Budd Lake, NJ 07828, (201) 691-8960

U For sale: at Camp-A-Lot, Bellefontaine, Ohio: a neat, deeded lot with trees and a 30-foot Royal Deluxe Coachman trailer with awning and deck. Also included: unique, utility building and yard equipment. All for the price of \$9,500.00. Norman Thompson, 1320 Superior Street, Bellefontaine, OH 43.311, (513) 599-2814

Wanted: information on descendants of Charles Nathaniel (b. 2-12-1888, Spencer Co., KY; d. 6-23-1969, Brownsville, TX) and Muriel L. (Hunter) Herndon. They married Nov. 15, 1931, Garden City, KS. Chris Herndon; 870 Alice Street, No. 4; Monterey; CA 93940.

Reunion: U.S.S. Arron Ward (DD-483), April 8-13, 1996, in Nashville, Tennessee. Contact Wiley Ray Mason, 306 W. Adams Street, Woodbury, TN 37190, (615) 563-2283.

Wish to sell your Nursing or CON? Contact Joe B. Havens, 6322 Northampton, Memphis, TN 38134. (901) 371-0829

For sale: retirement property, middle of St. Petersburg, Florida: house trailer, 12 x61-feet with carport, Florida room, 3 sheds, washer and dryer, semi-furnished 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath and powder room. Ground rent \$180 month. Asking \$14,900, O.B.O. Phone (412) 391-8039

Belimo. (Bellmore) (Belmore): I would like to hear from anyone with this surname. I would like to pursue origin of name and exchange statistics. Bill Bellmore, 2020 Jason Glen, Escondido, CA 92026-1023

For rent with option to purchase: one bedroom apt.-condo, Pompano Beach, Florida. Rooms are completely furnished. (942)267-1807 or (812) 649-4129

Seeking any Sir Knights who are active or retired police officers. Join the International Police Association for international fellowship, friendship, and sharing a common bond. Dick Russell, IPA #28302, 10537 Peacock Circle, Midwest City, CV(73130

For sale: 4 choice lots in St. Joseph Memorial Cemetery, section: Memorial No. 1, at St. Joseph, Missouri. Aged widow of a Sir Knight needs to sell. Lots can be divided into 2 grave sites each. Current price: 2 lots for \$1,695.00, but will accept best offer. Please call collect (314) 739-0147

For sale: 4 adjoining grave sites in Pine section of Acacia Cemetery at 7800 Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois: \$1,500.00 for all - a savings of over \$1,200. Call collect (317) 362-0321

