

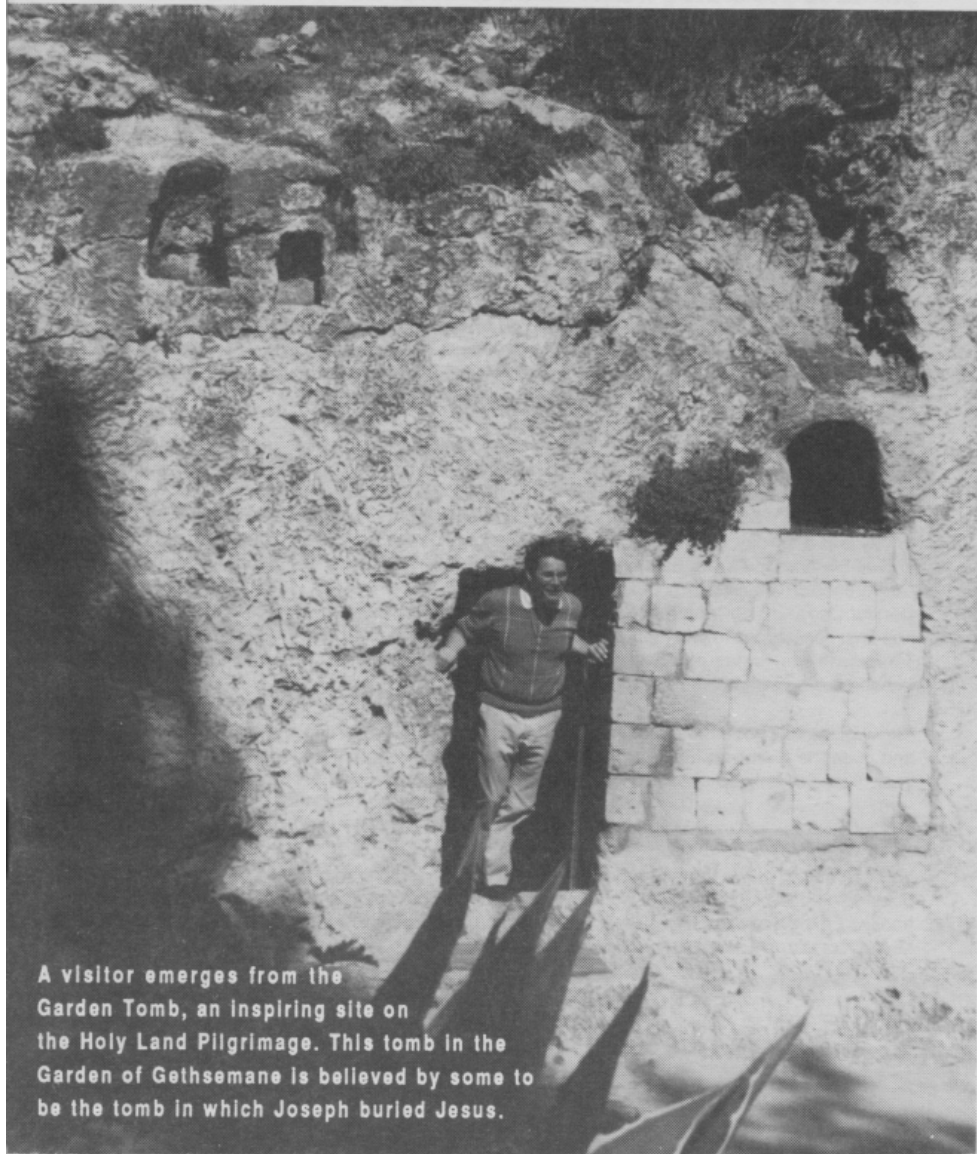


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A visitor emerges from the Garden Tomb, an inspiring site on the Holy Land Pilgrimage. This tomb in the Garden of Gethsemane is believed by some to be the tomb in which Joseph buried Jesus.

Last Rose of Summer

Now that the summer is on its last hurrah, many of us look forward to the many Masonic bodies, which have been dark, to renew their legacy so we can retain old friendships and make many new ones.

It is a long, hard struggle for the leadership of any Masonic organization, after being dark for several months, to regain the momentum they had prior to the summer vacation. The Eminent Commander who has a well-rounded program hits the ground running in September and usually has all of his officers doing



the same thing. Planning ahead is the major part of leadership training. This is where a long-range planning program does the important task of keeping all facets of the organization on its toes.

Every Grand Commandery should not only start thinking about a long-range planning program but get one started. It is only through this planning program that your Commanderies will survive and have increases in membership.

The Grand Encampment has had for the past five years one of the best leadership training programs in its history. We have spent many hours of our time and that of the Sir Knights across these United States of America at Department Conferences. This has not only been costly in time, but many dollars have been spent in order to bring this message to the Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment. The grand officers of the Grand Encampment have crossed and recrossed our country to bring the message of **stewardship**. Many times, we know from experience, our messages have fallen on deaf ears. This can be seen by our **Membership, Membership, Membership** program, which has only worked where the leadership in a jurisdiction has wanted it to work. Some have told us that they were just not interested. Others have just ignored our plans and have done absolutely nothing. Some of the leadership is only interested in one thing - being a past grand officer.

We have seven more Department Conferences coming up in the final year of this triennium. The first is the Northeastern Department Conference in Portland, Maine, on Saturday, September 7, 1996. The second is the South Central Department Conference in Wichita, Kansas, on Saturday, September 21, 1996. The third is the Northwestern Department Conference in Boise, Idaho, on Friday and Saturday, October 18-19, 1996. The fourth is the North Central Department Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, on Saturday, October 26, 1996. The fifth is the Southwestern Department Conference in San Mateo, California, on Saturday, November 16, 1996. The sixth is the East Central Department Conference in Lansing, Michigan, on Saturday, March 8, 1997. The seventh and final conference in this triennium is the Southeastern Department Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on Friday and Saturday, June 13-14, 1997. The 13th of June is the night of their famous ice cream social.

Sir Knights, let's get behind the Department Commanders who are in charge of these conferences and push the **Membership, Membership, Membership** program and make it a success this final year. This can only be accomplished with all of your efforts.

Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight Louie!

You can see from the front cover of the August *Night Templar* magazine that St. Louis is an ideal place to hold the 60th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. It is beautifully located on the banks of the great Mississippi River and at the base of the Arch which is the Gateway to the West. Make your plans now to enjoy Missouri hospitality.

Blair Christy Mayford
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

SEPTEMBER: Many of the Commanderies were active all spring and summer as you will see by the number of news articles included in this issue. Grand Master Mayford on page 2 urges more work on the **membership, membership, membership program** and has news of Department Conferences. On page 6, he introduces all to a Sir Knight everyone should know, Sir Knight Frederick G. Spekiel. Our cover celebrates the Holy Land Pilgrimage, a program that demands your attention right now, and a pilgrim minister applauds the program on page 5. Also, don't miss the entertaining article on Brother Hank Thompson, starting on page 13.

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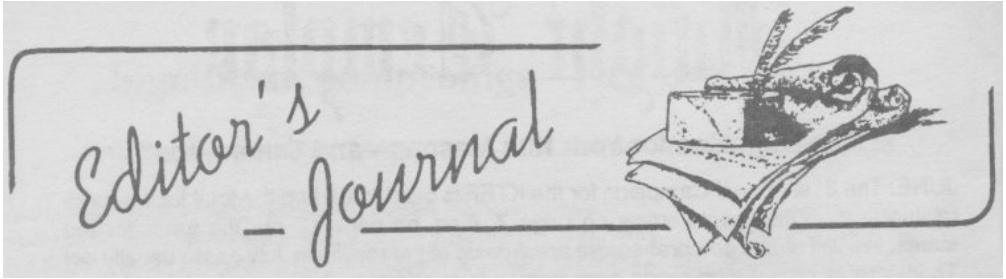
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Announcement! Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded 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 the Grand Encampment.

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. There are 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 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 shipping and handling.

Dungeon, Fire, and Sword: The Knights Templar in the Crusades: This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is 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.

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Why Support the Holy Land Pilgrimage?

A Pilgrim Minister Writes...

In my lifetime I have received many loving gifts from Freemasonry. As the son of a Freemason, a Shriner, and a Knight Templar and as a member of the Order of DeMolay and a Freemason myself; I've received many lessons and the gifts of many friendships. But the greatest gift I've ever received from this wondrous Fraternity is the gift of a Holy Land Pilgrimage.

For over twenty years as pastor I've described the Holy Land. Now, I finally know first-hand the places I talk about.

The first thing I learned was how close together are the places I'd always heard of. The Bible often gives the impression that towns and villages are far apart. That's because in ancient times practically everyone walked from place to place. I was stunned to ride along the ridge called the Mount of Olives while our guide pointed out the route from Jericho to Bethany to Jerusalem. So much happened in twenty-five miles!

Other lessons were learned in the region of Galilee. The "Sea" of Galilee is a fresh water lake! The "poor fishermen" of that era lived in very prosperous towns! The site of the Sermon on the Mount is a natural amphitheater! The Jordan River is only twenty feet wide, but it is the only fresh water river in a very dry country, so no wonder it is so important!

Since the same families have lived so long in the same areas, practically every rock, every tree, every valley has significance for someone, and almost everyone can tell about something important that happened practically everywhere in the country. As our guide said often: "You can't put a shovel in the earth without finding history."

Also, it is a wonderful experience to travel and make friends with so many pastors on the pilgrimage. The trip was personally refreshing as well as a wonderfully educational and beautifully spiritual experience. The tour was terrific, our guide was exceptional, and Sir Knight Fred Lesley was an absolute joy as our travel host and group leader.

Whenever I talk with Freemasons about this trip, I always say: "If anyone has doubts about whether the Holy Land Pilgrimage is a worthy cause, let me assure him that this trip has been one of the best things ever to enhance my ministry." To everyone who has guided and supported this effort on behalf of pastors, thank you most sincerely. May God continue to bless your life and work.

Yours in Christ,
Reverend Stephen C. Butler, Pastor
United Methodist Church
South Glens Falls, New York



One of the sites included in the Holy Land Pilgrimage is the Western (Wailing) Wall believed to be part of the western section of the wall surrounding Herod's Temple. Jews have traditionally gathered at this site for prayer.

A Hero Among Us

by Grand Master Blair Christy Mayford

Many of us know Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of North Carolina and a recipient of the Knight York *Grand Cross of Honour*. Fred has served the York Rite of Freemasonry in his home state of North Carolina and as well as a permanent member of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and all of York Rite Masonry.



The York Rite of Freemasonry of the United States of America owes Sir Knight Fred a debt of gratitude that it can never repay. His devotion to our great Rite is one that makes all of us envious for the time and efforts that he has expended throughout his Masonic career. We all know Sir Knight Fred as a man who is devoted to his Lady Mary Jean, his church, his country, and our Fraternity.

His writings have touched the hearts and souls of York Rite Masons everywhere with his teachings of the interrelated history, organizations, and objectives of the Rite.

In 1975, Fred published and copyrighted the book *North Carolina Masons in the American Revolution*. I urge all Masons, especially the Masons of North Carolina, to get a copy of this story of the participation of North Carolina's Masons in the War for American Independence that has never been told. Quoting from the third paragraph of *Sir Knight Fred's Introduction of North Carolina Masons in the American Revolution*: "The colonial method of record keeping tends to obscure the private soldier except where his presence was recorded through other channels, i.e., genealogical or biographical. Technically, every Mason who was not a Tory would qualify for inclusion in this volume." You can readily see the amount of research needed to compile such a history.

Fred, since his first book, has attempted to make available the basic information a member would normally require: First, understand the organization, and second, be aware of his responsibilities and opportunities in the functioning of the Craft.

His second book, published and copyrighted in 1978, *A History and Handbook, The York Rite of Freemasonry* does just that. This book is a must for every York Rite Mason to read. Volumes have been published on every facet of Freemasonry, but this book was written to fill the need by providing a brief account of the interrelated history, organization, and objectives of the Rite. This book is a tribute to Sir Knight Fred's dedication to our great York Rite. It is available through the Grand Recorder's office of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in Chicago, Illinois.

120 copies of a book, published in 1884, entitled *Coins of the Grand Masters of the Order of Malta*, out of print for a number of years, have been reprinted by Fred. He has a limited number available. They are really a collector's item. I have one in my library, and it is a real keepsake.

You have all heard and read that 'Heroes are made - not born.' Frederick G. Speidel is one of ours and deserves all of the honors and credits that go along with the above slogan. I have known Sir Knight Fred for many years, in fact, ever since my days as Chairman of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters of the Grand Encampment. His great sense of humor, his always sharp replies, his ability to put on paper that which many of us admire, and his being what a Knight Templar stands for is just what Fred is all about. We all know that he is not a humble Sir Knight and man. He would be the first to tell you this. He is a great Knight Templar and York Rite Mason and a great patriot as the citation below will attest.

"Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East
"Citation For The Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant

"First Lieutenant, FREDERICK G. SPEIDEL, 0949004, Armor, United States Army, distinguished himself by meritorious service as a unit commander, Far East Command Liaison Detachment (Korea); 8240th Army Unit, in Korea, from 24 June to 10 December 1952. Commanding a large unit on an island base, Lieutenant Speidel demonstrated forceful leadership and mature judgment in leading his men in numerous successful missions against a fanatical, numerically superior foe. Under his expert direction, effective defense of the island against hostile infiltration was accomplished and, through the media of extensive training programs and continuous inspections, he developed a cohesive, highly efficient fighting force which served notably throughout critical phases of combat operations. Through tenacity of purpose and aggressive action he secured positive intelligence information pertaining to location and potentialities of the enemy and directed devastating artillery fire upon vital communist positions. Lieutenant SPEIDEL'S superior capabilities and devotion to duty contributed significantly to the overall intelligence mission in support of the United Nations' first armed campaign for international peace, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service."

You can see, Sir Knights, that we have "A Hero Among Us," and let us all tell him, Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, how much we appreciate him.

I have just learned that Sir Knight Louis J. Kluntz, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut, had preserved a copy of the original 1884 printing of *Coins of the Grand Masters of the Order of Malta*. Prior to his death, he sent his copy to Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, who had the book reprinted. The printing was completed two weeks before the death of Sir Knight Kluntz. He told Sir Knight Fred, after having received a copy of the reprinted book, that he guessed that he had done something worthwhile in his life.

The reprinted book is a memorial to both Sir Knight Louis J. Kluntz and Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel for preserving such a valuable masterpiece.

Sir Knight Blair Christy Maytord, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, is a member of Ascalon Commandery No. 16, St. Louis, Missouri. He resides at 14 Duffy Court, St. Peters, MO 63376-4650

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In Memoriam



Edgar Meredith Cox
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Grand Commander-1996
Born April 9, 1916
Died April 13, 1996

Victor Theodore Sweetland
Connecticut
Grand Commander-1985
Born May 24, 1906
Died July 20, 1996

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Grand Master's Club

No. 2,644-Frank M. DeHay, Jr. (TX)

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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 clubs 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 \$1000 donation to the Eye Foundation in Springfield and you will receive one.

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Time

by Sir Knight James C. Taylor, R.E. Department Commander, P.G.C.

Time can be fickle, elusive and mean.

It can change in length with every age

As the scenes progress on each life's stage

Though one knows he can't hurry his dream.

Time travels slow like a turtle's feet;

A child thinks Christmas will never arrive,

The teenager cannot wait to drive,

And life's joys we cannot wait to meet.

Time can stand still when one wants it to pass:

When awaiting the birth of a first child

Or accomplishing our goals or making a mark in the world.

It's like watching the growth of the grass.

When September years come, we say "Where did time go?

I haven't done all that I wanted to do."

Body and mind going, our lives are near through,

We were young not that long ago.

And when we are old, time plods, there's no thrill

In waiting for life to end when it's late.

We think of loved ones who've passed heaven's gate, For
just them alone, time stands still.

But we cannot alter the clock's steady knell.

What counts are the accomplishments of today.

Dwell not in the future or the past and just pray That
you use your time wisely and well.

So living life daily can be sublime,

If one will "do unto others" with a smile on his face.

By performing good deeds and enhancing God's grace,

We thank him for the gift of time.

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Brother Hank Thompson

From Making Music to Making History

by Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, Ph.D., KTCH

Among the many innovators in the evolution of country and western music during the forties, fifties and sixties, few had a more long-range impact than a soft-spoken gent from Texas named Henry William Thompson. Combining the honky-tonk sounds, popularized by Ernest Tubb and Hank Williams, with the big band, western swing music, associated with Bob Wills, Thompson led an aggregation called the Brazos Valley Boys that made numerous musical inroads during the quarter century following World War II.

Lesser known is the fact that Hank entered Masonry shortly after he came of age, and although his constant traveling precluded heavy participation in the usual Masonic activities, his group played for so many Shrine functions over the years that he became an honorary member of several Temples throughout the entire country.

Henry William Thompson was born near Waco, Texas, on September 3, 1925, and grew up the son of a railroader-auto mechanic. He exhibited an early interest in making music and initially learned to do so on the harmonica, a skill that the youngster successfully demonstrated in local talent shows. However, when he saw Hollywood's singing cowboy hero (and longtime member of Catoosa Lodge No. 185 in Oklahoma), Gene Autry in concert, young Hank added singing with guitar to his developing prowess. Soon he had a Saturday morning job at a local theater, and in 1942, added a radio program on station WACO, where he became known as "Hank, the Hired Hand."

Following completion of high school early in 1943, Thompson, along with thousands of other young men, entered military service by joining the U.S. Navy. He served as a radio technician until the end of the war and spent brief stints attending Princeton, Southern Methodist, and the University of Texas.

However, he soon returned to his initial love, radio entertaining, when he took a job at newly opened KWTX in Waco in the summer of 1946. In August, Hank had his first recording session when he went to Dallas and cut "Whoa, Sailor" and "Swing Wide Your Gate of Love" for the small, independent Globe label. A few months later he waxed four more sides for Blue Bonnet.

During this same period when Thompson was initiating a career that would make him a major figure in his chosen field of music, he was also beginning his Masonic experiences. Shortly after his twenty-first birthday Hank received his Entered Apprentice Degree in George N. Denton Lodge No. 24 in Waco. In December 1946, Henry William Thompson was Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He continued his Masonic education in the York Rite Bodies of Waco in the early months of 1947.

Hank explains his preference for the York Rite in practical terms for one in his occupation. A country-western musician's best work opportunities took place on weekends, and one could take Chapter and Commandery work on week nights.

He also joined the local Karem Shrine Temple in the Spring of 1947, but as their ceremonial interfered with a lucrative show

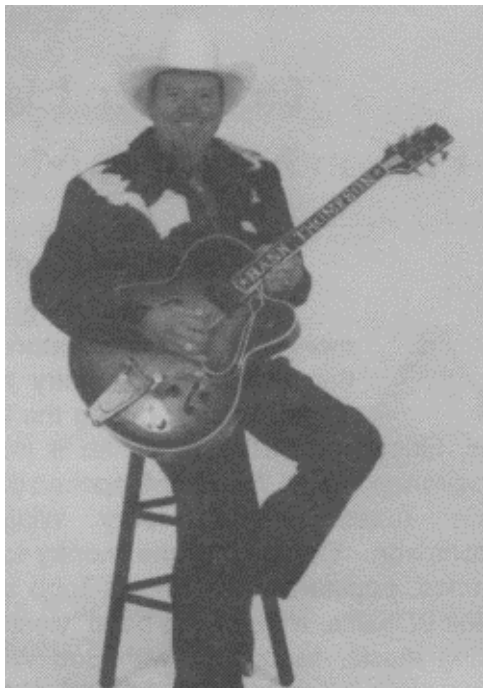
date, he was incorporated into the spring class at Arabia Temple in Houston as a courtesy to the Nobles in Waco.

Meanwhile, Hank Thompson's musical star continued to rise. At the suggestion of another singing cowboy, film star Tex Ritter (member of Metropolitan Lodge No. 656 in Los Angeles), Hank was contracted to Capitol Records making his initial waxings for this major firm late in 1947. He had his first national hits with "Humpty Dumpty Heart" and "Today" a few months later. The former song made it to number two on the country charts, but Eddy Arnold's "Anytime" remained firmly entrenched in the top spot.

In 1949, Thompson spent a few months at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville and had several moderate hits, but it was his recording of "The Wild Side of Life," made on December 11, 1951, that would propel the young Texan into the ranks of musical legend.

This song had been a minor hit for Jimmy Heap's Melody Masters on Imperial Records a few months earlier having been co-written by that group's piano player, Arlie Carter. It became one of the all-time country classics with its memorable chorus line, "I didn't know God made honky-tonk angels." The lyrics addressed a real social problem, the increased instability of home-life and marriages in the faster paced life styles of post-World War II America, and hit home with tens of thousands of working class citizens. It hit number one on the Billboard charts in May 1952 and remained there for fifteen weeks. It spent a total of seven months on their listings, climbed to twenty-seven on the pop charts, and became a certified million seller.

The success of "The Wild Side of Life" altered the course of country music history in ways that Hank could not have foreseen when he first recorded the song. For instance, it quickly spawned a lyrical answer, "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels," that launched country songstress Kitty Wells on the road to becoming the first female superstar in what



had generally been a male dominated field. Her achievement, in turn, led to other country girl singers receiving contracts on major record labels.

In fact, Hank himself, who was always ready to help upcoming talents, assisted two of the best of this new wave of vocalists. In 1953, he helped Jean Shepard secure her first contract with Capitol. The following year, he did the same for young Wanda Jackson, who was initially contracted to Decca and then Capitol. He played a lesser role in aiding Norma Jean (Beasler), who would subsequently have a string of hit records on RCA Victor.

Meanwhile, Hank and the Brazos Valley Boys shifted their home base to Oklahoma City where they enjoyed a top-rated TV show for several years while continuing to tour extensively and work at the local Trianon Ballroom in between times.

He enjoyed several more hit records including "Yesterday's Girl," "Blackboard of My Heart," "Honky-Tonk Girl," "Wake up

Irene," "Most of All," "Six Pack To Go" and "Rub-a-Dub Dub." In the later fifties, he cut a few numbers with a rockabilly flavor such as "Rockin' in the Congo," and a revival of the Texas Jim Lewis song "Squaws Along the Yukon," but then came back to his old sound

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in 1961 with a new hit version of the Jack Guthrie classic "Oklahoma Hills." For fourteen years in a row (1952-1966), the Brazos Valley Boys were ranked as the nation's leading western band.

During those years, Thompson and his band entertained at many Shrine Temples. Hank was made a honorary member of several including those at Anchorage, Denver, Longview, Oklahoma City, Trenton, and Tulsa. Hank decided to join the Scottish Rite and was accepted to receive the degrees in Oklahoma City, but he never found the time to take the work. He did, however, join one more Masonic related group in 1985, when he became a member of the Tulsa Court of the Royal Order of Jesters.

Hank Thompson broke up his bigger band in the later sixties, working most often as a solo vocalist, while continuing to record first for Warner Brothers and then on Dot, for eleven years. He had some additional hits, most notably "Where is the Circus" in 1966, "The Older the Violin, the Sweeter the Music," and "Who Left the Door to Heaven Open," both in 1974. Hank remained a fixture on the country charts through 1983, chalking up a total of seventy-nine hits.

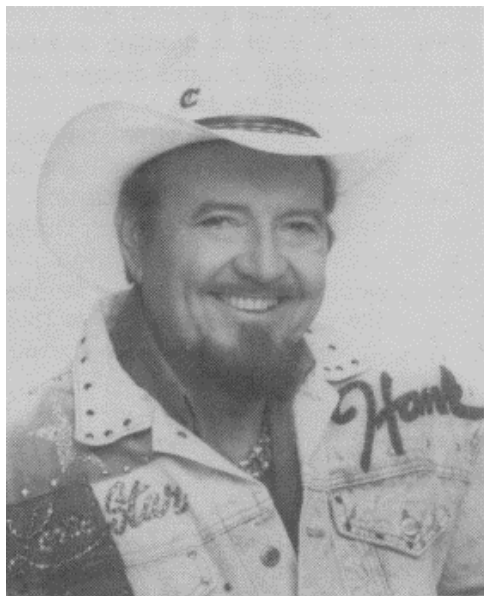
However, the eighteen years Thompson spent on Capitol with his band, sometimes numbering as many as eleven members, would be those that highlighted his talents at

their best. In 1989, his long years of musical quality were rewarded when he was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame.

While Hank Thompson's place in country music history is a secure one, he remains a modest, relaxed gentleman, who continues to give his loyal fans the opportunity to see him perform about a hundred times a year in various locales. He currently makes his home in Roanoke, Texas, a few miles north of the bustling city of Fort Worth. In December 1996 it will be fifty years since Hank joined Masonry. Both he and the Fraternity can take a just pride in his contributions to the American music scene.

Author's acknowledgement: I would like to express my appreciation to Hank Thompson for furnishing the photographs and some of the information to accompany this article.

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History of The Grand Encampment

Selections From The Appendixes

Appendix II

The Story of the Beaumont Diploma (continued)

'St. Andrew's appears to have worked at Pensacola until about the close of the Revolution, when, as Florida became again a Spanish province, Pensacola was deserted by many of its inhabitants who had been British subjects, they removing to Charleston, S.C. This removal was mostly in 1783 and the year before, and with them it seems St. Andrew's Lodge was also removed, as this diploma shows, and also the records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and it applied in July, 1783, for a charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was granted July 12, 1783, to its former officers, with its number 40 on the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge registry. The receipt of this Pennsylvania warrant was acknowledged by George Carter, its Master, September 28, 1783, and it was between the time of its granting and the time it was received that this diploma was given, as shown by its date.

'The seal of this Lodge after it became No. 40 of Pennsylvania was not the seal of this Lodge while St. Andrew's No. 1. The first seal you give print of with Lodge No. 40 at the bottom was like the inner inscription on the fourth design at the head of the diploma, as shown by Bro. Mackey, in his description. This seal was probably adopted after the Lodge became No. 40. The print of the seal with "S. C. Enc. No. 1, 1780" at the bottom with the same design as former above, was probably adopted after the Lodge became connected with the Ancient York Grand Lodge of South Carolina, instead of

Pennsylvania, or, perhaps, as it gives no number of its South Carolina registry, it may have assumed to be an Encampment distinct from its former Lodge when this seal was adopted. The date 1780 may have been traditionally true, or the Lodge may have begun to confer the higher degrees in that year or even before, in Pensacola. These higher degrees in those times were conferred by no statute in Masonry, but by what was then the common or unwritten law in Masonry, by which a regular Master's Lodge conferred any higher degree of which they had knowledge on Worthy Master Masons.

Truly yours,
'S. Hayden."

Confirmatory of the authenticity of the diploma in question, particularly as to the *Southern District*, Grand Master Dean quotes a letter as follows, received by Sir Knight Jennison from D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland: Grand Secretary's Office Edinburgh July 11, 1883.

Edwin S. Jennison, [sq., Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir and Brother - I have pleasure in replying to your queries as per letter received last month. In November, 1757, Col. Lowry was appointed Pro. Grand Master over all Scotch holding Lodges in America. At that date there existed: - Hampton, Virginia, erected 9th March, 1756; St. Andrew's, Boston, No. 81, erected November 3, 1756; Brandford, Prince Georges County, Virginia, No. 82; and Union, South Carolina, No. 98, was erected

February 19, 1760; St. John, Norfolk, Virginia, erected August 8, 1763; St. John, Philadelphia, erected 1773; all under Grand Lodge of Scotland.

There were also two Lodges in Virginia erected by the Lodge of Kilwinning - Tappahannock, 1758, and Falmouth, 1775. March 15, 1768, the Lodge "Grants," East Florida, No. 143 was erected, and at the same time Gov. James Grant was made "Prov. Grand Master of the Scotch Lodges, in the *Southern District of North America*." May 31, 1769, Dr. Joseph Warren, at the request of the Boston Lodges, was appointed "Prov. Grand Master over the Lodges of Boston."

Gov. Grant may have erected Lodges in West Florida without reporting same to Grand Lodge. The higher degrees were likely practiced by Lodges in the last century; and it was sometimes the case that one Lodge erected another. Royal Arch and Knight Templary was common enough in last century Lodges.

With best wishes, I am, truly,

D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary

Concluding his interesting report concerning the antiquity of Knight Templarism in South Carolina, Grand Master Dean said:

"It is not my purpose to write a history of Templar Masonry in this country. If I have succeeded in so presenting this new light upon the early days of Knighthood in South Carolina as to stimulate research to its utmost, the labors of myself and others will be rewarded."

From the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment-1883 - as quoted by White "Knight Templary of the United States" (138).

Appendix III
Report On The Formation
Of The Grand Encampment

by James H. Hopkins

At the last Triennial Conclave, in discussing a question submitted to the Committee on

Jurisprudence, I took the ground that the Grand Encampment was formed by representatives from eight Subordinate Commanderies, and that *it* had created all of the State Grand Commanderies. For the truth of this position I rested upon the official minutes of this Grand Body. The early minutes of the Grand Encampment remained in manuscript until 1859. At that time, upon motion of Sir Knight Parvin, the Proceedings of 1816 - when the Grand Encampment was formed - and of the subsequent sessions, were printed. There was thus given to the Templar world the record of the organization of the Grand Encampment. That record states that "at a Convention holden at Mason's Hall, in the city of New York, on the 20th and 21st of June, 1816, consisting of Delegates or Knights Companions from eight Councils and Encampments of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders, viz.:

"Boston Encampment, Boston; St. John's Encampment, Providence; Ancient Encampment, New York; Temple Encampment, Albany; Montgomery Encampment, Stillwater; St. Paul's Encampment, Newburyport; Newport Encampment, Newport; Darius Council, Portland, the following Constitution was formed, adopted, and ratified."

Anyone investigating the history of the Order in this country, without any other information than this, would be bound to believe that this official record was entirely accurate and to be accepted as absolute verity. It can scarcely be doubted that those who, in 1859, caused the first Proceedings to be disseminated, had implicit faith in the correctness of the statements.

Their subsequent enlightenment could scarcely justify them in denouncing those whose faith rested upon the record they had given to the world.

Dreams Do Come True - The Florida DeMolay Hall of Fame

A few years ago a band of Brethren throughout the state of Florida had a dream. The dream? - to encourage more young men to join DeMolay.

What would be the stimulus? Perhaps a Florida DeMolay Hall of Fame could be the answer. Senior DeMolay who have gone on to achieve success, not only in Masonry but in their chosen fields as well, would be eligible for induction.

To accomplish their dream a fifteen-member board of governors was established. W. E. "Gene" Muir, Legion of Honor, was elected president. The board's challenge was to select a site, fund the operation, and screen prospective inductees.

After reviewing several locations within the state of Florida, the board of governors working in conjunction with the board of trustees of the York Rite Masonic Temple in Clearwater agreed the second floor of the Temple would make an ideal facility for a Florida DeMolay Hall of Fame. Next came months of hard work and considerable expense. Finally it was completed.

The next stage was to select worthy senior DeMolay for induction. Induction was scheduled for Tampa, Florida, late 1994. The first inductees were Brother and Governor Reuben O. D. Askew, Esq, Legion of Honor, member, International DeMolay Hall of Fame; Brother Roy T. Lord, L.O.H., Past Grand Master; Brother and Reverend George H. Price; Brother Owen E. Reuterwall, Jr., L.O.H. and Past Potentate; and Brother and Doctor Edward K. Walker, L.O.H.

The Florida DeMolay Hall of Fame was now a reality. The board of governors then began planning for a dedication ceremony.

In October of 1995 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple in Orlando, Florida, Brother and Doctor William F. Glynn, D.C., and Brothers G. Lawrence Hunt and Marvin W. Gerhard were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

In the meantime the plans for the dedication were being finalized. The dedication ceremony was scheduled for June 1, 1996. Invitations were extended throughout Florida. The Honorable Rita Garvey, Mayor of Clearwater, Florida, proclaimed June 1, 1996, to be known as Florida DeMolay Hall of Fame Day.

Then Saturday June 1, dignitaries and guests from all areas of the state began to arrive at the York Rite Masonic Temple. Soon the Temple was almost filled to capacity. Then under the leadership of Sir Knight Carl E. Gilmore, V.E.D.G.C., an honor guard consisting of the officers, as well as many past Commanders of Springtime Commandery No. 40, presented the colors.

Brother Zeb Blanton Jr., L.O.H. and chairman of Youth Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge of Florida, was master of ceremony. Brother Blanton proceeded to introduce the following dignitaries: the Honorable Jack Latvala, State Senator and past State Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay; Legion of Honor recipients W. E. "Gene" Muir, Jerry McGuiar, George P. Nye, P. P., Russell B. Glendinning, John B. Livingston, G. Gordon Goodman, Elmer McBride, and Clyde Mantooth.

Young men of the DeMolay present were: Clarke Jeffries, State Master Councilor; Mark Griffis, State Senior Councilor; Jody McGuiar, State Junior Councilor; Chris McKenny, State Scribe; Chad Oehmke, State Page, Order of Knighthood, Florida Priory; and William A. Marti, State Executive Officer.

Florida DeMolay Hall of Fame members present were: Owen E. Reuterwall, Jr., LO.H. and Past Potentate; Dr. William F. Glynn, D.C.; G. Lawrence Hunt, 33°, Past Grand Master, International Order DeMolay; and Marvin W. Gerhard, Past Grand Commander, KYGCH.

Notables and visiting dignitaries included: Walter H. Winchester, P.G.G.H.P.; Ralph O. Sheppard, P.G.H.P.; G. Gordon Goodman, P.G.H.P. P.G.I.M., Mich.; John Cannon, Potentate Egypt Temple Shrine; Harry Rosenthal, P.G.C.; and Paul E. Hockett, P.G.C.

Also present were representatives from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and Ladies Auxiliary.

The keynote address was delivered by the Honorable Jack

Latvala, State Senator, who spoke on his years as a DeMolay, and how it affected his life and career.

When the program was concluded all adjourned to the dining room for refreshments elegantly prepared by Mary Muir. After refreshments a tour of the Florida DeMolay Hall of Fame was conducted. Dreams do come true. (Article submitted by Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard, P.G.C. (Florida), KCT, KYGCH.)



DeMolay International Elects National Officers

On June 19-22, 1996, the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, convened its 76th Annual Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

The following were elected and installed to serve as the elected officers of the International Supreme Council for 1996/97: Grand Master E. John Elmore, Burlington, North Carolina; Grand Senior Councilor Donald E. Jenks, Tangent, Oregon; Grand Junior Councilor Tony A. Krall, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Grand Secretary

William J. Moflere, P.G.M., Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Grand Treasurer Samuel C. Williamson, Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

The International DeMolay Congress also convened its 29th Annual Congress, June 18-22, 1996, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Elected and installed to serve as the two national youth leaders for 1996/97 were: International Master Councilor Brad M. Maruschak, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and International Congress Secretary Daniel M. Masselli, Auburn, Maine.

DeMolay International Elects E. John Elmore 65th Grand Master

E. John Elmore of North Carolina was installed as Grand Master of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay at the 76th Annual Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 22, 1996.

The Order of DeMolay with its positive atmosphere builds young men into better citizens and leaders while providing them the opportunities for participation in community service, development of management

skills, travel, development of leadership skills, sports activities and development of organizational skills.

Grand Master Elmore became a member of DeMolay when he joined the Friendship Chapter in Burlington, North Carolina. He has served as Advisory Chairman of Raleigh and Friendship Chapters. He has been honored with the Degree of Chevalier, Legion of Honor, and

Cross of Honor of the Order of DeMolay.

He became a member of the International Supreme Council in 1986, when he was appointed a Deputy Member and Executive Officer, the top adult volunteer overseeing DeMolay activities, in the jurisdiction of North Carolina. In 1990, he was elected an Active Member. He served as a Region Representative and was a member of the International Supreme Executive Committee from 1990-92. As Past Chairman of the Executive Officers' Conference, he was instrumental in development of the Executive Officer mentor program and Executive Officer self-appraisal system.

He holds membership in Burlington Lodge No. 712, A.F. & A.M., York and Scottish Rite Bodies, York Rite College, Allied Masonic Degree Council, and Amran Shrine Temple. He is a member and past chairman of the North Carolina Grand Lodge Youth Committee. He also holds affiliate membership in Alexandria Masonic Lodge

No. 22, Alexandria, Virginia, and currently is Sovereign Master of Triad Council No. 286, Allied Masonic Degrees.

He is employed with Urban Retail Properties based in Chicago, Illinois, and is chairman of the Operations Committee for North Carolina, International Council of Shopping Centers.



Brother Harold "Buck" Aldrich III Installed National President National Sojourners, Inc.



Brother Harold "Buck" Aldrich III, a resident of Leavenworth, Kansas, was installed President of National Sojourners on June 21, 1996 at the 76th Annual Convention. He served in the United States Army and retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1980.

Brother Aldrich is a Past Master of Hancock Lodge No. 311 and is currently the Secretary. He is also a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

He joined the Armed Forces Consistory in 1975 and served three years as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection. He has been active in the degree work of the Valley. He was decorated as a 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1985 and has served as Wardrobe Director since 1986. He was elected as Commander of the Council of Kadosh in 1990.

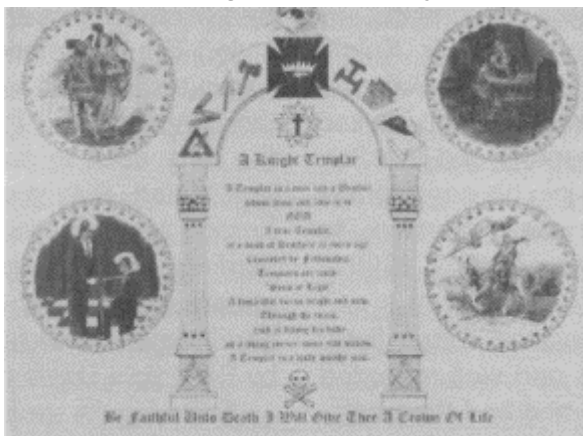
He is a member of Leavenworth Commandery No. 1. He is a member of Byington Chapter No. 177, Order of Eastern Star; Abdallah Shrine Temple, AAONMS; Hi-Twelve International; Royal Order of Scotland; and Temple Forest No. 136, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

M.E. Grand Master Blair C. Mayford
Receives Award from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas

The Grand Master's award of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas was presented to Blair C. Mayford (right), M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, by Carveth K. Neer (left), M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. The presentation, captured in the picture, took place on April 20, 1996, at a reception for Grand Master Neer in Pittsburg, Kansas.

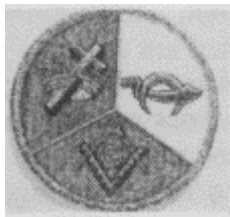


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A limited edition Knights Templar afghan has been produced with old designs, early Knights Templar period and with a poem "What Is a Knight," defining what a Knight Templar is and what he stands for. The afghan is a tapestry weave afghan that measures 54 by 68 inches; it has ten warp fill-in colors. It is 100% cotton that is preshrunk and colorfast. The afghan weighs 5 pounds, 2 ounces and has a multi-color fringe border. The price is \$48.00, including shipping and handling within the U.S. If you are ordering out of the U.S., please add \$20 for shipping. For every afghan sold, there will be a donation of \$5.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. If interested in ordering, please send check or money order to Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 321, Stewartsville, NJ 08886. I will start shipping as of October 15, 1996.

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Another beautiful five-color Swiss embroidery patch has been designed and produced depicting the Blue Lodge, Knights Templar and Shrine emblems. It is now available at \$5.00 each, postpaid. Send check to Jack T. Dossett, 2715 Guess Road, Durham, NC 27705, to benefit Masonic charities. The quantity price of fifty (50) or more is \$4.00 each.)

Ascension Day Services - The Tradition Continues Sarnia, Ontario, 1996

It was the 100th Anniversary of attending Evensong on Ascension Day, at St. George's Anglican Church, Sarnia, by the Knights of several Preceptories of Ontario, and several Commanderies of Michigan.

On May 16th, 1996, St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory No. 37, of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, along with the Commanderies of Michigan, U.S.A., made the 100th consecutive attendance at St. George's Anglican Church in Sarnia, Ontario, to join the parishioners in an Ascension Day service of worship.

One hundred years ago, Sir Knight Thomas R. Davis, the rector of St. George's Anglican Church in Sarnia, Ontario, invited his newly formed Preceptory and the Port Huron Commandery to join his parishioners in a service of Evensong Worship, to observe Ascension Day, on May 12, 1896 at St. George's Church, Sarnia.

Sir Knight and Reverend Davis (later Canon) was a famous and well regarded clergyman in this area and had the particular distinction of having an Anglican church known as Canon Davis Memorial Church, Sarnia, named in his memory, to commemorate his life and ministry.

St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory had just been formed, and Sir Knight Davis was one of the first group of twenty-eight Royal Arch Companions to be made Knights Templar, on April 9, 1896. At that particular time the Preceptory was operating under a dispensation and did not receive its warrant until September 17, 1896.

In those days, travel in this area between the U.S.A. and Canada was by ferry across the St. Clair River. At that time there was still some resentment between the people of the area due to the earlier unpleasantness due to the activities of the Feenians, thus this was a great venture into friendship, and it was appropriate that a clergyman and Masonic organizations from both sides of the border were the instigators.

It is said that the first parade and service were something to see, for the Preceptory Knights in those days wore black uniforms

with the chapeau and a black plume. (The uniforms were tailored by a Michigan firm and followed a Civil War style.) The Commandery Knights wore the same uniform but with a white plume on the chapeau. The Preceptory marched to the ferry dock to meet the Commandery, and when they had disembarked and formed up, with the Sarnia Citizens Band leading, the Knights paraded through streets lined with the people of Sarnia to St. George's Church, where they were met by Sir Knight Davis and his parishioners.

Following the service, all proceeded to the Masonic Temple for a lunch. Representatives of London and Chatham Preceptories attended this event, and all of these organizations have carried on this tradition in an unbroken chain to the present day.

Each year since 1896, the Knights have paraded and worshipped at the church on Ascension Day, the day which is one of the main features of our unique ritual, and it is one of the things that has made this Preceptory so great and emphasized and cemented the true friendship that exists between the Preceptory and the Commanderies of Port Huron, Romeo, Lexington, Mt. Clemens, Durand, Battle Creek, Detroit, and Marysville, and others.

Over the years the format has changed a little. The ferry does not operate now, and entry to both countries is by the Bluewater Bridge. Due to police regulations and requirements, they consider it prudent just to form up in the church parking lot and have a short parade into the church building, but on May 16, 1996 they were still carrying on this tradition! They start the evenings with a dinner, and after the service the ladies of the church have a reception for all in the Parish Hall.

The Ascension Day ceremonies began with a dinner at the Lambton Shrine Club, for the Knights and their ladies. Right Eminent Knight L. F. James was in charge of the arrangements and had spent many hours in organizing every detail of this portion of the evening.

As a special treat for all present, Sir Knight Derwent A. Douey provided piano music during the dinner hour playing a selection of show tunes, semi-classical and blues. Something for everyone, and enjoyed by all.

The Deputy Grand Master Roger Delisle, KCT, representing the Supreme Grand Master, W. Marshall Black, GCT, was the guest of honor, and there were large representations from the Commanderies of Michigan, also representatives from Richard Couer de Lion Preceptory of London, Kent Preceptory of Chatham, Windsor Preceptory of Windsor, and St. Elmo Preceptory of Stratford.

The festivities started with a social hour held at the Lambton Shrine Club. The Knights and ladies began to gather at 5:30 p.m., and at 6:00 p.m. the dinner commenced with the entry of the head table. Time is of an essence at these gatherings, for the dinner and program must be completed by 7:30, so that they can arrive at the church on time at 8:00 p.m.

The Reverend John Bailey, the Rector of St. George's Anglican Church and one of the guests, with his wife Brenda, gave the invocation.

Following the national anthems of both countries, the presiding Preceptor K. B. Mielkie welcomed everyone, and the dinner proceeded. An excellent meal was served in an efficient and pleasant manner by the club staff.

Following the dinner, the head table was introduced by the presiding Preceptor.

Several toasts were then given, and by request all reply speeches were kept to a minimum.

Eminent Knight J. D. Wright gave the toast to Sovereign Great Priory which was responded to by the Deputy Grand Master.

At this time, J. M. Bell, the Registrar, asked honorary guests, J. W. Gerrard, KCT,

Past Grand Chancellor; Clarence F. Spencer Jr., P.C.; Donald T. Wilson, P.C., KTCH, KCT; and Sir Knight Russell P. Livermore, P.C., P.G.C., R.E. Department Commander, KCT, to assemble in front of the head table, and he asked the presiding Preceptor and the Deputy Grand Master to join the group on the floor.

Very Eminent Knight Bell then explained to the Assembly that this Preceptory does not as a rule grant honorary memberships. The records show only one earlier honorary member in the person of a good friend, E. S. P. Carson, GCT, Past Supreme Grand Master, who was made an honorary member, on the occasion of his official visit to this Preceptory as Supreme Grand Master in 1989, to mark his friendship and service to this Preceptory.

The Preceptory Knights had voted to bestow honorary memberships with all privileges, on these above mentioned distinguished Knights, to mark the sincere friendship that they have extended to the Preceptory, and to recognize the many services that they had rendered in the past. Each of these distinguished recipients spoke of their appreciation of the recognition.

Sir Knight D. J. Hoelzli gave the toast to the visitors, and a very excellent reply was given by Sir Knight Russell P. Livermore, P.C., P.G.C., R.E. Department Commander, KCT, who stressed the friendship that exists between the Commanderies of Michigan and this Preceptory.

After closing toasts, the dinner and the program, the Knights and ladies proceeded to the St. George's Anglican Church, where the Knights formed up in the church parking lot.

G. E. Allison, Preceptory Captain General, was in charge of the parade, and under his direction, the Knights paraded with the Preceptory Knights on the right and the Commandery Knights on the left, following their respective flags of Canada and the United States, and banners of the order - the Red Cross Battle Flag and the Beauceant.

Very Eminent Knight J. M. Bell had made arrangements for various aspects of the service with the rector, Reverend John Bailey, B.A., M.A., M. Div., D. Min., and the church

wardens, and including the guest speaker, Venerable Sir Knight Gordon J. J. Simmons, Archdeacon of Lambton-Kent, B.A., M.A., M. Div., D. Mm.; organist Neil Holton; Parish Services Convenor Mary Pasquan; head of the Chancel Guild Annie Stoner, and church secretary Anne Griffith.

All felt it was the most inspiring Ascension Day service that they had been privileged to attend.

(Article submitted by Edward S. P. Carson, Past Supreme Grand Master, the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada)

Educational Foundation Scholarships In Nevada

The Nevada Division of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation recently reinstituted the Nevada Division Scholarship Program first begun by Sir Knight Harold German, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment. The first two scholarship recipients were Natalie Casa, a veterinarian major and Crespín Esquivel, an education major. One thousand dollar checks were presented to each of them through the University of Nevada-Reno Scholarship Program. Pictured, in addition to the students, are committee members and Sir Knights (l. to r.) J. J. McDonald III, P.C., Chairman; Harold E. Hall, P.G.C.; Arthur L. Simpson, D.G.C.; Ralph H. Emerson II, P.G.C., P.D.C.; Allen E. Marsh, P.G.C.; and David K. Baba, G. Jr. W. (Not shown is Jack C. Camburn, P.G.C.)



La Crosse, WI, S.O.O.B. Awards Life Sponsorships



La Crosse Assembly No. 215, under the guidance of Area 6 Knights Templar Eye Foundation chairman, (Mrs. Richard) Marion Baker, recently held a soup and sandwich lunch. Enough money was raised for the purchase of two Life Sponsor certificates which were presented to members of La Crosse Commandery No. 9 at their annual inspection and homecoming. Shown in the picture are (Mrs. Martin) Mary Callaway, Worthy President, and Sir Knights James Davis and Elza Chase, the recipients of the certificates.

The Assembly's goal is to purchase a total of five certificates this year. Mrs. Baker, who is a Past President of La Crosse and their current Marshal, is working with the Assembly to raise the rest of the needed money.

What In The World Is Charity?

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

In the lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree, we are admonished to have faith in God, hope of immortality, and charity for all mankind. The greatest of these is charity; for our faith may be lost in sight and hope end in fruition, but charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity.

The same conclusion is emphasized in the beginning of the Fellowcraft Degree. Charity is an important part of Freemasonry. Just what is it, anyway?

We Masons spend a lot of energy, both in conducting "charitable causes" and patting ourselves on the back because we do. The world is full of charitable causes, and each gives ample opportunity to contribute from our personal assets. Tax collectors even allow deductions for many charitable contributions. Appeals from charitable causes come in all sizes, shapes, and forms, most for worthy causes, and all clamoring for our attention.

Most of these causes are created in an effort to improve the physical well being of humanity. In varying degrees, most are somewhat successful in achieving their stated purpose, and are worthy of our support, in whatever degree we may feel called upon to participate. For want of a better term, I will call these "physical charities." Most of us contribute to those that create the greatest interest for us, and many then conclude that their charitable work is done.

I would submit that those kinds of charity are the easy kind. I believe that the admonitions in the Masonic degrees deal with a "Spiritual Charity" that is much more difficult to practice. None of our ritualistic calls for charity ever mention money. The 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians specifically states that bestowing all one's goods to feed the poor is not true spiritual charity. There must be a reason that some New Testament scripture is included in what is basically a Fraternity based on Old Testament foundations.

As we go about our daily activities, we meet up with all kinds of people: rich, poor, fat, thin, happy, sad, friends, strangers, and even a few adversaries. We become involved in all kinds of situations and experiences. Real charity involves our own personal reactions to these people and the circumstances in which we meet them.

In dealing with our friends, we will, from time to time, have differences of opinion. Will we let one difference of opinion destroy a friendship of a day, or a lifetime? I don't mean to say we must give up our opinion, but we must strive to maintain an even keel, and with good charitable faith on the part of each, the difference may turn into great profit for both.

Suppose the other party refuses to disagree agreeably. We must do our best to keep the lines of communication open, and if he later decides to renew the relationship in good faith, we must be ready to accommodate the situation. This is one of the often ignored lessons conveyed in the Order of the Temple.

I have a problem with having charitable feelings toward men who wear their hair long. I expect it is mostly a generational thing, but it could have a bearing on the fact that we do not get many petitions from young men. I have met many good men, who, for whatever reason, wear their hair long, but I fear I may project a subconscious rejection that deprives both of us from the pleasure of a more free and open friendship. I keep working on it, and I think it is getting better.

Often our relationship with certain people can remain very pleasant and worthwhile, if we just avoid certain subjects. I am reminded of having my mother tell me of a conversation she had with my little brother's father-in-law. He said to her, "I have a fine son-in-law. He is a wonderful son-in-law. I just can't stand his politics." Yet, the two maintained a real love and affection for each other that was genuine and fulfilling. They were each charitable toward the private and personal beliefs of the other, and profited greatly from that forbearance. We do not have to remake everyone in our own image in order to enjoy his/her company and friendship. Although

neither my brother nor his father-in-law were Masons, they were certainly practicing Masonry much better than many members of the Craft can manage.

Genuine charity does not mean that we compromise our own standards or convictions. It does require that we continually reexamine those standards and convictions and determine if some adjustments are necessary in the light of new knowledge or experience. There is a remote possibility that we could have been wrong in the first place. In the unlikely event that this is indeed the case, our pride should never be so big that it is impossible to swallow. Neither should we ever be ashamed to admit it, once we determine a change in position is in order.

Most of us have, at times, found ourselves in the unenviable position of having to partake in an overgenerous helping of crow. Probably none have enjoyed either the taste or texture. Far better, however, to down it with good grace, and hope that those around us will accept the admission and repentance with the same spirit of forgiving and forgetfulness we would be glad to afford

them if the circumstance were reversed.

Relinquishing a good grudge is hard. It takes time, effort and self examination to eliminate those thoughts of revenge or comeuppance that we feel would be the just reward for those who, in our opinion, have sinned. Perhaps we all rejoice a little in iniquity, even our own.

Genuine charity does not require that we condone or acquiesce in evil or wrongdoing. When we do this, we only contribute to the delinquency of the perpetrators. There are times when charity does require us to be judgmental. There are times it must be advisory. There are times when we must just listen. Knowing when to do what is the beginning of wisdom.

Try reading the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians one more time.

Sir Knight Kent W. Gist, P.G.C. and editor of the Idaho Supplement for Knight Templar; is a member of Idaho Commandery No. 1 Boise, Idaho. He resides at 6625 Denver Road, Fruitland, ID 83619

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Meet the People Behind Your Knights Templar Long-Term Care Nursing Home Insurance Program



The AMEX Life Assurance Company's Long-Term Care Specialists are (l. to r.): B. J. Randolph, Brother Bill Mathis, and Norm Kuebler.

Brother Bill Mathis is representative of the caring, experienced, and knowledgeable agents associated with the Grand Encampment's long-term care nursing home insurance.

Pictured above (center) is Brother Bill Mathis with two of his students who are at AMEX Life Assurance Company (soon to be renamed GE Capital Assurance). Bill is responsible for training AMEX Life Assurance Company Long-Term Care Specialists who represent the Knights Templar Long-Term Care Nursing Home Program.

Brother Bill Mathis comes from a family tradition of Masonic affiliation. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and grew up in a little town south of there called Alabaster, so named because of the white dust deposited over everything by the local lime plant. Bill's father was a Mason for years, serving as Alabama State Grand Junior Steward in 1980 and 1981.

As early as he could, at age twenty-one, Bill became a Mason and joined Corinthian Lodge No. 462 of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama.

From 1974 to 1991, Bill managed nursing homes and retirement centers in Alabama and Tennessee. Throughout these seventeen years, he saw family after family spending every penny they had worked a

lifetime to save, just to pay for nursing-home care. Eventually, he suffered what he calls "compassion burnout," and he realized it was time to look for a new career.

He gave this a lot of thought and prayer. Long-term care was the only thing he knew, so he eventually decided that he was best suited for a career in long-term care insurance.

For two months, Bill researched long-term care insurance companies. He had a lot of experience behind him already because as a nursing-home administrator he knew which companies actually did what they were supposed to do - pay for care.

Over and over again, the name of AMEX Life came up. AMEX Life had the most policyholders and the most experience, having been in the business since 1974. Not only did this company pay its claims, it had never raised premiums for existing policyholders. Hard as he tried, Bill could find nothing negative about the company.

In February of 1991, Bill began his career with AMEX Life by learning the sales process. This was an entirely new experience for him, but he was determined to succeed in this new venture.

And succeed he did, gaining great satisfaction from helping people to protect their assets and preserve their choices by means of long-term care insurance.

About two years ago, Bill became a trainer for LTC, incorporated, the company that trains and manages the AMEX Life and GE Capital Life sales forces. For two years he trained agents, passing along the skills he had learned.

His philosophy? Agents are primarily there to help their clients, not just to sell to them. It's a big responsibility, because if a representative doesn't do a good job of demonstrating the consequences of long-term care, he or she does a great disservice to someone who may later have to pay the high costs involved.

A few months ago, Bill accepted the position of Divisional Training Manager for LTC, incorporated. The company is the nation's premier long-term care training and marketing organization, investing upwards of \$5 million per year in agent training.

Representatives trained by LTC, Incorporated, are known throughout the industry as the most knowledgeable and ethical, and especially for having the client's best interests at heart.

Bill is responsible for training in a program known as "Train the Trainer," passing his skills on to agents flown into Seattle from all over the country to learn the necessary skills to assist long-term care representatives.

I like the life," Bill says. "I enjoy the autonomy, and I love the travel, although I like coming home even better. I go to my monthly Lodge meeting whenever I'm in town, and many of my clients are Masons."

Bill oversees and manages all training in his division, which has an extensive curriculum. Career LTC agents of AMEX Life and GE Capital are specialists,

concentrating exclusively on long-term care insurance. This is what enables them to offer unsurpassed service to their clients.

For them, insurance licensing (demanding as it is) is merely step one in qualifying to represent their companies. Agents must then attend a day's orientation and complete a self-study program before they even begin a week of basic training which culminates in a demanding examination,

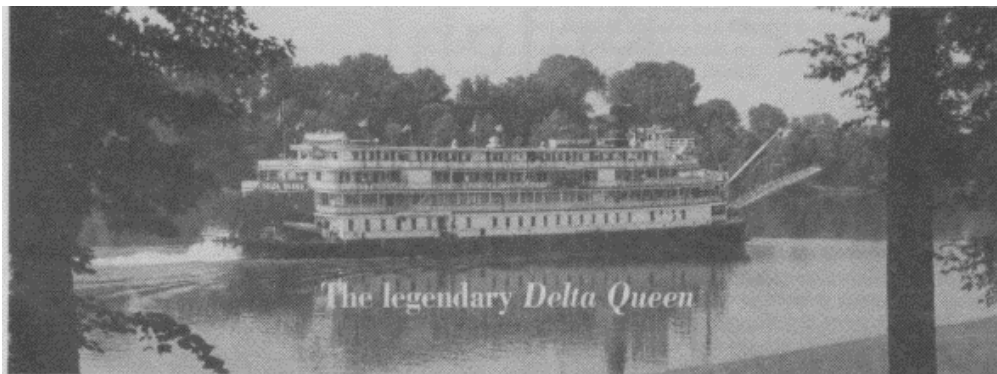
Once they begin their home interviews with clients, agents receive additional field training by their regional managers. Agents continue their training throughout their careers, following a sequence of agent development programs and advanced seminars by means of audio tapes and video tapes. They must also meet continuing education requirements to maintain their insurance licenses.

Does this sound like a huge responsibility? It is. But Bill would settle for no less. Like many agents who enter the long term care insurance field and like many people who work for LTC, Incorporated, Bill has found his goal in life:

To see that as many people as possible retain the power of choice about their long-term care, remain independent, and can afford the best care available.

"I'm on a crusade," he says. "After seeing people lose their life savings to nursing home costs for all those years, it feels so good to be a part of the solution to the problem."

NOTE: Information regarding the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Long-Term Care Nursing Home Insurance Plan may be obtained by contacting our Plan Administrator: RKI Group Plans, 14325 Willard Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-2199; telephone: (800) 336-3316



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The Grand Commandery of Kentucky has its 150th Annual Conclave on September 16, 1996. To commemorate this event, they will issue a cachet with a special cancellation. Copies of this cachet will be available to Masonic Philatelists through Sir Knight Cliff Stigger, 7601 Wesleyan Place, Louisville, KY 40242-4037. The cost is \$2.00 each and a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope. Checks to Cliff Stigger. Also available are special cachets commemorating the 150th anniversary of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, postmarked at Masonic Home, KY, and the bicentennial of the state of Kentucky first day cover. The cost of these is \$3.00 each. All profits from the sales... will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Southern California Commandery No. 37, Pomona, California, has some very attractive 100th anniversary Lapel pins for sale at \$3.00 per pin plus \$1.00 shipping. Check or money order payable to Southern California Commandery Ab. 37, and mail to Rick Broach, 7128 Agate Street, Alta Loma, CA 91701-5604.

of Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver trim and silver bullion thread embroidered crossed sword on flap and skull and cross bones on the 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 U.P.S. **Mail of each sale go.. to York Rite charities. Jacques Jacobson, Jr., PC., 60 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10310-2698.**

Past and present Commander of Streater Commandery No. 70, who lost everything in a fire when his home burned, needs uniform coat (46-48) and chapeau (7 3/8-7 1/2). William Sanford, P.O. Box 63, Chatsworth, IL 60921, (815) 635-3018.

Wanted for cash: All Knights Templar swords, any condition - all grades, older items preferred - for my personal collection and for needy Sir Knights. Ron York 124 Topaz Drive, Franklin P91k, NJ 06823, (906)297-2(730).

Need help in locating sword and scabbard which belonged to my father. He was a member of Grice Commandery No. 16, Norfolk, Virginia, during the mid to tee thirties or early lathes. it has the name Andrew Jackson Meidwir written on the blade. I will gladly replace it with a new, inscribed sword and scabbard. My father is now deceased.

I am a Senior Warden In George W. Wright Commandery No. 31, Martinsville, Virginia- Andrew J. Mdtell, Jr; Route 2, Box 203; Rocky Mount, VA 24151-0563.

I would like to buy a Knight Templar cape, size 17neck. in good condition. It is used as an overcoat over the Templar uniform, Pennsylvania Knights Templar. Albert Givssmarr 590 S. BatbrocAr Road, Biller, PA 16091, (412)482-2849.

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

For sale: gold color Knights Templar lapel pin. Part of each sale go.. to York Rite charities. Send \$4.00 to Robert Hauptert, P.O. Box 433, Farmington, NM 87499.

Limited edition tooth anniversary coin (1893-1993) for Palatine Chapter No. 206, Palatine, Illinois. Limit of three coins per order, while supply lasts - \$5.00 each. Send your order to Secretary Jim Maurals, 1116 East Plate Drive, Palatine, IL 60067, (847) 358-7188.

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Blanchard Lodge No. 395, A F. & A M., is currently selling Masonic bitmap disks for their building sustaining fund. The disks coat \$5.00 each plus \$2.00 S & H. These bitmaps are small, colorful pictures created for use on computers for newsletters, mailings, and other correspondence. originally designed as a wallpaper for the Windows program. We currently have five computer disks of bitmaps. The disks are tiled according to the bitmaps they contain: Blue Lodge disk - Blue Lodge symbols and jewels, Scottish Rite disk - Scottish Rite degree jewels, Eastern Star disk - Eastern Star jewels, York Rite disk - York Rite degree symbols. Contact *Tom Mosley at 1801 Pinnacle Lane, Edmond, OK 73003, (405) 330-4024*, tax: (405) 330-4679.

Kennesaw Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M., of Marietta, George4 has a limited supply of 150th anniversary bronze color available at \$00 each, S & H included. Check or money order payable to *Kamasaw Lodge No 33* and mail to *C. B. Stephens, 1582 Arden Dr Marietta, GA 30060-373 1*.

Lothrop Lodge No. 21,kF. & A.M., has a small supply of its 150th anniversary coins for sale Price Is \$5.00, including S & H. Please send check for number wanted to *Bill Blevine, Secretary; P.O. Box 955; Crockett, TX 75835*.

For sale: about ninety assorted coins from 90 different Lodges in the U.S. They are from Royal Arch, Council, Commandery, and Blue Lodge. They are commemorative coins of these Lodges bought over the last forty years. All are in excellent shape - some gold, some gold-plated, but mostly copper. *David W. Richards, 2252 Table Rock Road, Space No. 21; Medford; OR 97501-1455*.

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 Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585*.

Wanted: Masonic pin collections, post cards, watch fobs, coins, medals. *Don Pohlman, 1206 N. 271h Street Norfolk, VA 68701*.

Wanted: possible Masonic watch fob or jewelry. Particular piece I am looking for is about the size of a quarter or half dollar with square and compass in center and all around them are cut out. Type of metal not important. *Hold J. McM&tan, 34330 Maple Drive, Solon, 01-144139*

Brother Mason would like to hear from any Mason who is Involved with the Democratic or Republican patties for Masonic research, any who remembers Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt or Brother Harry S. Truman and were Involved with any Masonic activities of these two greet Masons. and' would like know of any present or former politicians who were Masons and their Masonic activities. I will answer all letters. *Peter J Weslbar 33 Phillip Ave, Gualph, Ontario, N1E 11' Canada*

Let's rebuild Lodges: The God I put my trust In fifty-one years ago has an oil field that was overlooked. I will give 70% of my one half interest to that which brought me out of darkness if you will do the same. *Glen E. Os/f, 1106 N. 88i, Tonkawa, OK 74653*.

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For sale: 32° Masonic ring, 14K yellow-gold with one 30-point, center diamond: \$650.00. *House (812) 279-3551*.

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Seeking information on my grandfather. Emmett Leroy Shear, b. Coxackie, NY, 1876. He was Grand High Priest of FL 1926. His father was Seth Shear, early photographer in FL In tale 18006. Would like to correspond with anyone with same last name. *Betty Pahner Hail, 609 Ribauf Road, Ft. Pierce, FL 34947*

Would like to communicate with anyone having info on or about the Supreme Grand Synod, Ancient & Heroic Order of the Gordian Knot, which was established on March 5, 1963.1 received the degree of the Gordian Knot in Germany, 1969. Please help me[*Lloyd 7 Cas'a'i, 511 BicoAdaf. Dr'e, Weel Jefferson OH 43162, (614) 878-3*.

For sale: Lot 254-1), spaces 1 and 2 In the Masonic section of White Chapel Memory Gardens, Dawn Memorial Park, Inc. DeWitt, NY, \$500.00. *Carl Disotell, 161 Bonnie Drive, Auburndale, FL 33823, (941)967-3600*.

Wanted: all backpacking and hiking equipment. Backpack must have frames. Also, any hiking maps of Appalachian trails. *Jeremy Stiles, 206 Panther Top Road, Murphy, NC 28906*

Reunion: U.S.S. Columbia (CL-56), Sept. 26-28, 1996, Colorado Springs, CO. *Bill Bolww, 248 Worrell Drive, Springfield, PA 19064, (610)543-9073*.

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All of nature seem, to whisper.
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I can hear it in the gently blowing breeze
'Tis the season murmured by the whispering trees.
"Peace, be still,"
The sun is sinking in the west.
'Tis the hour for meditation, prayer. and rest.
You can hear it in the thrush's song at eve;
Everything in nature sings it, I believe.
Mother Nature tells her children every night.
"Peace. be still."
And time will make the whole world right.
In the river's song we hear it as of yore;
Seems today the world wants peace as ne'er before.
In the plaintive cry of every whippoorwill
I can hear the same sweet message,
"Peace. be still."
These words hushed the troubled water, long ago.
Now, lest we forget, all nature whispers low.
"Peace, be still,"
While flowers gently nod and nod.
For in stillness we can hear the voice of God

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