

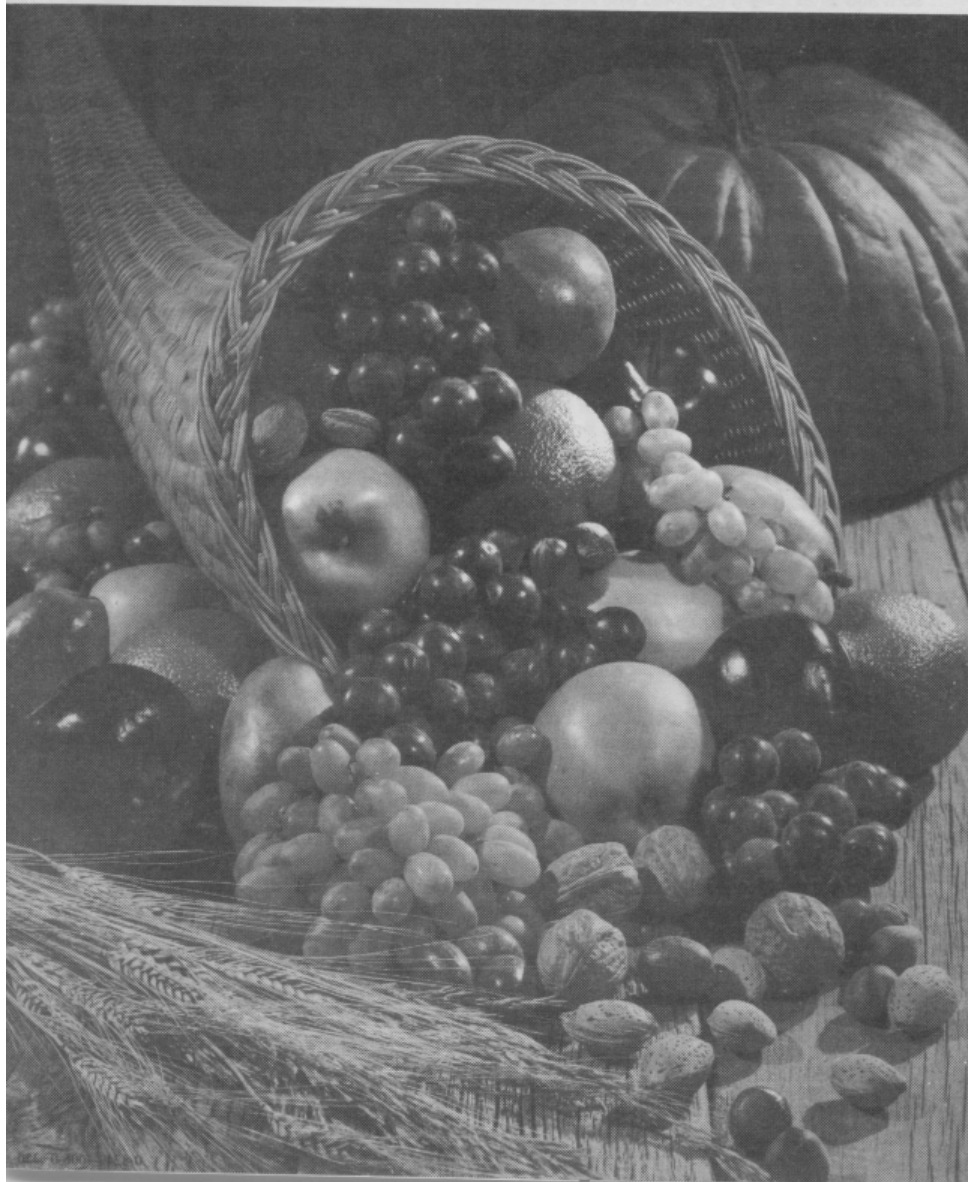


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## A Time for' Thanksgiving

To most of us, the fall of the year is really the beginning of our year. All of our Masonic organizations are awakening from the summer "drums We see old friends and Brethren, make new acquaintances, and renew many more. What a beautiful time of the year to realize that before the snow, ice, and cold of winter we can enjoy the beautiful fall weather with all of the color that comes with this season. At this wilting our young trees are in their full glory. Our fire-bush, dogwood, ornamental pear, and sugar maple are crimson from top to bottom. The mum plants are in full blossom and what a sight to behold with reds, yellows, and bronze blossoms. Ladies and Sir Knights, what I am trying to tell you is that with this



great season comes Thanksgiving Day. Nature has a way of telling us to be thankful to Almighty God, for with all of the heartaches comes a time of year that erases the bad and shows the glory of our Father in Heaven.

We, as Knights Templar, have a heritage that no other organization has to offer to the new member. Our heritage, even though it cannot be proven, dates back to the ancient Templars where their devotion to our Christian religion caused them to dedicate their lives in defense of its very existence. Should you have the opportunity (and I know the publication is out of print), borrow some Knight Templar's copy of Dr. Francis J. Scully's (Past Grand Commander of Arkansas) *History of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America*. It will make you realize that somehow we have a relationship with these ancient Grand Masters and Templars. What a magnificent piece of work this history of the Grand Encampment is, and Templary can never repay Dr. Scully for his many efforts in our behalf.

Dr. Scully's history ends with the year 1949. Since then much has happened, and many committees on Knights Templar history have been appointed, and none have succeeded in bringing our history up to date. The Committee on Knights Templar History, of this the 60th Triennium of the Grand Encampment, has been at work for some two years. They have just about completed their task of finishing the history through August 1997. Sir Knight Jacob C. Baird, Past Grand Commander, Missouri; Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, present Grand Prelate, Past Grand Master, and Past Grand Commander, Kentucky; and Sir Knight James Leslie Grigsby, Past Grand Commander, Kentucky, compose the committee that has brought to fruition the updated version of our Grand Encampment history. This Book II of the *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America* will be published at the end of this triennium and made available to every Sir Knight in the Grand Encampment. I extend my heartiest thanks and congratulations to Sir Knight Baird and his committee for a job well done and repeat that all of Templary can never repay these three Sir Knights for their many efforts in our behalf.

Sir Knights, with the program book ad costs (page 10 of the October *Knight Templar* magazine), the advance registration applications for voting and non-voting delegates (page 18 of the October *Knight Templar*), and the 1 (800) 444-ADAM number of the Adams Mark Hotel in St. Louis on the editorial page everything is in order for you to make your reservations, register, and get your ad and booster sheets into the program book director.

Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight Louie!

August 9-13, 1997, at the Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

Blair Christy Mayford  
Grand Master

# Knight Templar

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

NOVEMBER: In his message Grand Master Mayford reminds us we have much for which to be grateful. This is the month we salute our Grand Commanders: Their pictures start on page 7, and their addresses are on page 10. It is also the month when we prepare for the start of the Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Chairman Winkelman's article on page 5 is a rousing introduction to the 29th Voluntary Campaign. For your reference, the names of state campaign chairmen are on page ii. On page 13 we have information on the Grand Encampment Easter Service. And there are articles and poetry for all!

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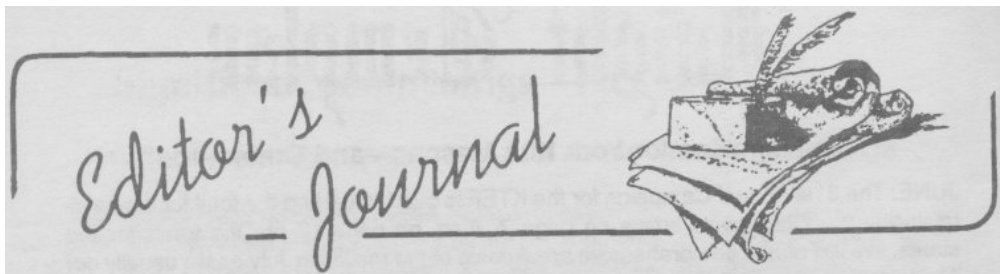
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The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., has officially moved from Springfield, Illinois, to 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 100; Chicago, IL 60630-2460. The Foundation's phone number is (773) 205-3838.

**Note:** We apologize if the information about the Garden Tomb on the cover of the September issue is incorrect. It was a direct quote from Baker's Pictorial Introduction to the Bible, William S. Deal, © 1967, 1975 by Baker Book House Company, p. 306.

**WICCA?** Of course, the Grand Encampment does not support WICCA or WICCANS, and the ad in the October issue of "Knight Voices" was an oversight. Our current policy is to omit ads if we are not familiar with the subject just as we try to omit them if they are offensive to the tenets of this organization, so if you have something esoteric to advertise, please send us enough information that we can make this determination.

**Masonic Organizations:** It is time to get together our information on all affiliated Masonic organizations for the January issue. Recorders, secretaries, etc.: Watch your mail for our form indicating desired information. We are sorry that some organizations have not reported in the past and have, therefore, been left out of the listing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**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 Widows Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A green pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a red Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past Commanders and grand officers). Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

**Sir Knights, Attention!** 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.



## The 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign Launch Date Set!

by Sir Knight John L. Winkelman, P.D.C. (Northeastern)  
and Chairman of the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign



December 1, 1996, is the date set to launch our version of the Space Shuttle. No, it's not Atlantis, Columbia, Enterprise, or Endeavour taking off from the Kennedy Manned Space Flight Center at Cape Canaveral. It's the 29th **Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**, which takes off December 1, 1996, and continues until it is safely in orbit on April 30, 1997.

Just as a real shuttle launch requires many individuals working behind the scenes to achieve success, so does each and every

Annual Voluntary Campaign require such individuals to work behind the scenes to achieve its success. Again, we look to the Grand Commandery chairmen, the constituent and subordinate Commandery chairmen, and most importantly, the more than 218,000 individual Sir Knights in the Grand Encampment jurisdictions to fulfill this need. Fuel to launch our shuttle and get it safely into orbit is the monies raised through individual and collective participation in the **29th Annual Voluntary Campaign.**

The goal is to achieve a per capita contribution of \$10.00. This would give us a total campaign contribution of 2.18 million dollars or more than twice any previous campaign. So you say...you have heard this goal before and you know it was not reached despite the hard work you and your Commandery put in to accomplish your share. To you I say **"Don't give up!"** I don't have to preach to the choir, as the saying goes, because I believe you have been and are going to remain dedicated to the mission of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. What is needed for success in this and future campaigns is participation from past non-participants, both individuals and Commanderies. Sir Knights, it takes only 3 cents per day per member to achieve the goal or if you prefer, 83 cents per month. An old-fashioned "piggy bank" method of saving 3 cents per day would fulfill what each and every Sir Knight should regard as a personal commitment - "to provide assistance to those who face loss of sight due to the need of surgical treatment, without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex, or national origin, provided they are unable to pay or receive adequate assistance from current government agencies or similar sources and to provide funds for research in curing diseases of the eyes." Given the ease of making the monetary commitment of \$10.00, it would seem that 100% of the Sir Knights in the jurisdiction could participate and the goal could be achieved. However, there will probably be those who still don't choose to participate.

Therefore, in order to guarantee the success of the Campaign, we need the cooperation and expertise of all the various committee chairmen to design and implement fund-raising activities such as were listed in the pamphlet titled "Fund-raising Can Be Fun." **Now** is the time to be planning these activities - setting dates, places, etc. I can speak from experience that fund-raising is fun because my Commandery has been holding a pancake and sausage breakfast annually for

the past twenty years, and the additional fellowship from six to eight hours of work on a Saturday morning is as rewarding as the Commandery's meeting its \$10.00 per member goal from the proceeds. If you have a unique way of fund-raising, please communicate with me through one of the methods listed at the end of this article. I will attempt to include some of the methods in my future articles. Maybe your success can also be someone else's.

The ground rules for this Campaign are the same as those in last year's 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign. Funds received from wills and bequests will NOT count. Contributions received from participation in the Grand Master's Club, the Grand Commander's Club, Patron, Associate Patron, Life Sponsor, Memorial and the Golden Chalice programs will count. Of course, individual and Commandery contributions, no program designated, will count.

Whether or not our Space Shuttle achieves a stable orbit depends mostly upon the Support and Ground Crew. Sir Knights, that crew is you.



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## Saluting Our Grand Commanders

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

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



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**Grand Commander-1958**  
**Born October 1, 1890**  
**Died May 29, 1996**

**Wilbur W. Masters, Jr.**  
**Florida**  
**Grand Commander-1980**  
**Born April 28, 1907**  
**Died September 27, 1996**

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**How to join:** Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (773) 205-3838.

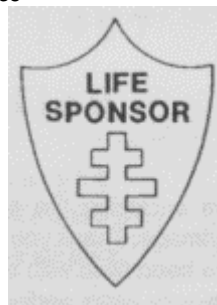
## Grand Master's Club And Grand Commander's Pins

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 on for yourself, send a \$10.00 donation to the Eye Foundation in Chicago, and you will receive one.



## Life Sponsorship Pins Available

This very attractive pin in the shape of a shield is available for a donation of \$7.00 each or \$5.00 each in lots of twenty. Show your Commandery members that you are a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by ordering yours today. Pins are available to any Knight Templar who already has purchased a Life Sponsorship or who intends to do so. Contact: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (773) 205-3838



## Yes, We Have Moved!

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Chicago, IL 60630-2460

Our phone is:  
(773) 205-3838

## Easter - 1997

On Sunday, March 30, 1997, the 67th Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial beginning at 7:30 AM. As in past years, this service and the breakfast following will complete a memorable weekend of events in Washington, DC, including delegation dinners, tours, and fellowship.

The main hotel will again be the Hotel Washington in downtown Washington, DC. This year the Hotel Washington is again offering a package arrangement with the same prices as last year: **\$250.00 per couple: double occupancy, Friday and Saturday nights; Saturday luncheon for two, and Sunday breakfast for two, including taxes and luggage fees. (\$210.00 for singles.)**

This arrangement is good only for the Friday and Saturday preceding Easter! If you come earlier or stay later, the standard hotel rates apply to those other days. These rates are: \$90.00 single and \$96.00 double, **Plus** taxes and luggage fees.

For those not taking the entire package, the separate charges are \$25.00 each for the Saturday luncheon and \$15.00 each for the breakfast on Sunday.

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

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

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

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

Delegations desiring to make any special group arrangements may call Muneer Deen at the hotel at the above telephone number.

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

Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, Most Eminent Grand Master, his officers and their ladies will be present for the luncheon and the breakfast. Please remember that this is Sir Knight Blair's and Lady Dorella's last Easter for him to have the title Grand Master. He would really love to see a big crowd.

On Easter morning, coffee and donuts will be available at the hotel starting at 5:30 A.M. Buses will depart from the hotel at 6:15 A.M. for the service at the Memorial. The buses will return you to the hotel for the breakfast.

Delegations staying at other hotels or motels must provide their own transportation or meet at the Hotel Washington.

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

The parade will form in the parking lot.

There is a change this year in the route of the march. Units will proceed well past the entire reviewing stand, execute two (2) Columns Right, and proceed into the seats as directed by guides posted at each location. Formations of three (3) squads are suggested but not mandatory. Color guards will Right Wheel in front of the podium, divide, and post their colors as previously.

Prior to the service, beginning at 6:30 AM., carillon music will be played over the public address system, and at 6:45 A.M. the Kena and Almas Shrine Temple Band will play Easter selections until the parade moves out at 7:15 AM. The sermon will be delivered by our Right Eminent Grand Prelate and Most Eminent Past Grand Master, Sir Knight Donald H. Smith.

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

Reservations should be made for rooms and any activities by March 14, 1997.

Grand Commanders are requested to appoint a delegation chairman and notify this committee's general chairman, Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, H.P.D.C.; 5400 Bromyard Court; Burke; VA 22015; telephone: (703) 323-0007, in order to receive all mailings concerning this event and to facilitate adequate planning. Forms will be sent in January 1997,



## KTEF Golf Shirts, Sweatshirts and Jackets

Choose your color: They come in black, dark blue, dark green, purple, or white. The KTEF logo is purple on white items and white on dark colors. These golf shirts, sweatshirts, and flannel lined windbreakers with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation logo embroidered in white or purple are available for Sir Knights and their families who want to "Help others to see." Golf shirts are 50/50 cotton/polyester jersey knit with fashion collar and ribbed cuffs. The flannel lined windbreakers are hip length. These items make ideal gifts for those special persons. Net proceeds will benefit the KTEF and help reach the goal of two million dollars for the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign.

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**PLEASE CHECK YOUR PREFERENCES AND CIRCLE THE SIZES REQUIRED:**

*Be sure to specify color. If necessary, use separate sheet or photocopy this form.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf shirts with pocket | \$25.00 each.....Size: | S | M | L | XL | XXL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf shirts (no pocket) | \$25.00 each.....Size: | S | M | L | XL | XXL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirts             | \$25.00 each.....Size: | S | M | L | XL | XXL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windbreakers            | \$30.00 each.....Size: | S | M | L | XL | XXL |

Enclose check for total amount. Please add \$2.00 per item for postage. If 6 items or more are ordered, shipping charges will be absorbed provided shipment is in the U.S.A. Mail order and make check payable to: Charles A. Garnes, Trustee, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944. Delivery: 5-6 weeks after receipt of order. Ship to:

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## "Dear Abby" Column Praises National Eye Care Project (NECP)

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### Eye-care program benefits low-income seniors

DEAR ABBY: Recently you published some important information for low-income workers and their families regarding free eye examinations through Vision USA.

Another public service program, the National Eye Care Project (NECP), has offered medical eye care to America's low-income senior population for the past ten years. Nearly 200,000 patients have received care, at no out-of-pocket cost to them.

The program is simple. Referrals are provided to an ophthalmologist (a physician trained in the medical and surgical treatment of eye disease) for those who are sixty-five and over and do not otherwise have access to medical eye care. We encourage senior citizens, or anyone who knows of a person over sixty-five, who have been putting off obtaining eye care due to their financial situation to call the

Helpline, (800) 222-EYES (3937). Eligible callers will receive a referral to an ophthalmologist in their community.

Sponsored by the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., the NECP is supported by more than 7,500 ophthalmologists who provide care at 9,300 locations across the country.

We would appreciate your passing this message along to your readers.

B. THOMAS HUTCHINSON, M.D.  
Chairman, National Eye Care Project

DEAR DR. HUTCHINSON: I'm delighted to spread the word about your worthwhile program. I'm sure many readers will find it helpful.

Abby continues, describing a Lions Club project, "Lions Recycle for Sight."

## Thanksgiving

by Susanna Burton Goehler (Campbell)

Thanksgiving is the time of year We go  
to church and pray

Thank the Lord for giving us This  
blessed Thanksgiving day

Family relatives and our friends Join us  
in this celebration

We all eat drink and rejoice  
As we celebrate this special occasion

We thank God for our daily bread For all  
that we hold dear

The blessings that have been given  
us Each day throughout the year

Thanksgiving turkey we will  
share With all the special  
trimmings

This memorable holiday we  
celebrate The abundance our Lord  
has given

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## History of The Grand Encampment

Selections from the Appendixes

### **Appendix III** **Report On The Formation** **of the Grand Encampment** (continued)

By James H. Hopkins

The Encampment at Newburyport was organized without authority in 1795.

Certain Royal Arch Masons residing in Newport deputed Companion Shaw to visit New York, where he received the Orders of Knighthood and many other degrees, and returned with a warrant from the *Consistory* presided over by Joseph Cerneau, authorizing him to confer the Orders. And thus an Encampment was formed at Newport.

The formation of the Grand Encampment (Commandery) of that jurisdiction was quite as irregular. On May 6th, 1805, a Convention of Knights Templar, representing no Subordinate Commanderies, resolved to form a Grand Encampment (Commandery), and with the power thus vested they proceeded to grant charters of recognition to bodies already formed and warrants for the organization of new Commanderies. This Grand Body was formed without any constituents; but the several bodies within the jurisdiction recognized its supremacy over them, and accepted authority from it.

The formation of the Grand Commandery of New York was still more remarkable. The official proceedings of its organization show that on January 22, 1814, *the Sovereign Grand Consistory* "degreed the establishment of a Grand Encampment of Sir Knights Templars and appendant Orders for the State of New York, and immediately proceeded to its formation by choosing the

Grand Officers thereof" from among the members of the Consistory. Not a single Commandery had requested such action, nor had a single Knight Templar, as such. It was the volunteer action of an alien Body, which, in itself, had no such authority as it assumed to exercise. A warrant of recognition was issued in 1816; to Columbian Commandery, of New York, and a warrant for a new Commandery at New Orleans was issued the same day. These two subordinates were the only ones that recognized the Grand Encampment of New York, and that recognition was of the mildest kind. Neither of them sent any representative to the Grand Conclaves for six years. All the other Commanderies of the State refused to acknowledge the Grand Body, and maintained their independent organization for many years.

Whether or not the members of the Consistory who formed the Grand Commandery of New York had received the Orders of Knighthood does not appear. They were not required to have done so to be eligible to admission to the Scottish Rite. The precise relationship between the two organizations is difficult to determine. The first Constitution of the Grand Commandery of New York made its membership consist of officers and members of the Grand Commandery, and delegates from such subordinates under its jurisdiction as might recognize its authority. It also provided that the Grand Master (Commander) should be admitted as a member of the Supreme Council without fee; and that Commanders of subordinates should be entitled to the degree of Prince of the Royal Secret and be members of the Consistory, free of charge.



Thus the reciprocity in these two branches of Masonry was made complete, which was quite natural since they were composed of the same individuals.

What authority Joseph Cerneau had for conferring the Orders of Knighthood and constituting Commanderies, and whence he derived this authority, I have not been able to ascertain, nor does it seriously affect the question under consideration. No authority to confer the Order of Knighthood is contained in his patent - at least there is no such authority in the patent of July 15, 1806, granted to Mathieu Dupotte. If he had any other patent, or if he himself had ever received the Orders of Knighthood, I have been unable to find any evidence of the fact. Looking at all the facts and circumstances in the most favorable light, it must be admitted that the Grand Encampments (Commanderies) of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and of New York were self-created, and without any constituents; and that this Grand Encampment was formed by three or four men representing these two irregularly created State Grand Bodies.

It would be a matter of pride and gratification if we could trace the genealogy of our Templar organizations, by clear and unquestionable steps, back to a legitimate and respected parentage. But as that cannot be done - as the very baptismal record of our Grand Encampment has been found to be erroneous - and so many Subordinate Bodies were formed without formality and without legality, we can only admit the established facts, and trust that the power, the purity, and the renown of our maturer years may soften the disappointment occasioned by the knowledge of an unfortunate origin.

Having thus given the correct history of the organization of this Grand Encampment, I think it is proper to prevent, as far as I can, any erroneous inference which might be forced from the admission that this Grand Encampment was formed by two Grand Commanderies.

This does not in the slightest degree affect the legal relations between the Grand Encampment and the State Grand Commanderies. The Constitution of this Grand Body was accepted and ratified by the two State Grand Bodies by whose representatives it was organized; and every other Grand Commandery received its Constitution and warrant of existence from the Grand Encampment. The two Grand Commanderies referred to voluntarily subordinated themselves to the Grand Encampment, and all of the State organizations since formed, by the very nature of their being, became likewise subordinate. The authority now exercised by the Grand Encampment is not usurped nor arbitrary. It is regulated by law and tempered with affectionate consideration. And the position of the Grand Commanderies is in no sense humiliating. No State in our national sisterhood blushes to recognize a Federal head over all. Like the planetary system, each Grand Commandery moves in its prescribed orbit, and shines with its own lustre; and the harmony of their united motion is not disturbed nor their individual brilliancy impaired by the fact that there is a central sun around which they all revolve.

It is true that the Grand Encampment does not issue a formal charter for the organization of a Grand Commandery, as I think should be done, and which the Constitution contemplates, but none such could be formed without the authority of the Grand Encampment, or of its chief officers. And this authorization has always been considered as equivalent to a warrant or charter. In the early history of this Grand Encampment, the first three of its officers granted authority to form Grand Commanderies, and reported their action to the Grand Encampment for approval.

230. Harry S. Archer, Yakima Commandery  
No. 13, Yakima, WA. 7-25-96.
231. Louis O. Dean, Jr., Palestine  
Commandery No. 20, Fayetteville, NC.  
9-10-96.
232. Rodney W. Lutz, Shawnee  
Commandery No. 14, Lima, OH. 9-10-  
96.
233. Melvin T. Hagood, Worth Commandery  
No. 19, Fort Worth, TX. 9-10-96,
234. Anthony W. Harper, Baraboo Commandery No. 28, Baraboo, WI. 9-10-96.
235. Thomas Barnes Johnson, Ruthven Commandery No. 2, Houston, TX. 9-  
23-96.
236. Nick R. Ramos, Baldwin Commandery No. 7, Lebanon, TN. 10-1-96.



## Talking to God

by Julia Irene Peterson Hardy

Help us to remember, God That  
you ARE God  
That there is nothing beyond  
Your control.  
When we feel lost with  
problems surrounded  
May we not panic, knowing  
That our fears are  
unfounded.  
Help us to be still, and know  
That you are God.

You will punish some in hell  
For the sin of unbelief;  
Therefore, let us trust in Jesus  
That we may be forgiven,  
blessed and spared.  
For you love each and all, Lord  
And desire that heaven be shared.

Julia Irene Peterson Hardy is a fifty-one-year Francis W. Hardy, is a Shriner and fifty-six-year member of Elmira Chapter No. 40, Order of the member of Eagle Lodge No. 12. They live at Eastern Star, Keokuk, Iowa: her husband, 2720 McKinley Avenue, Keokuk, IA 52632-2250

## Paul Pendarvis: An Oklahoma Lewis -Part II

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, 33°, KYCH

Pendarvis found romance in 1935 with a student at St. Rafael's Dominican College in California. She was Mary Elizabeth McGoldrick, an eighteen-year-old Spokane native. The courtship climaxed with an elopement and marriage on January 9, 1936. The young bride traveled with the band during the pre-war years, eventually resulting in the birth of their first child on the road. Paul Plumley Pendarvis, Jr., was born while the band was playing at the Statler Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 21, 1940. The couple's second and last child, Milton Thomas Pendarvis, was born at Glendale, California, on February 28, 1942.

Paul never forgot his roots back in Enid, Oklahoma. The local newspapers detail a number of visits during the period of his greatest popularity, and the handsome maestro brought the band with him. The Youngblood Hotel in Enid hosted their fine musical performances on several occasions and entertained their most famous son lavishly at the same time. During his visits, Paul and his wife particularly enjoyed the hospitality of his old high school chum, Doyle Cotton, son of one of Enid's most affluent families. The news columns describe in great detail the social gatherings held at the Cotton mansion on Orchard Hill to honor the Pendarvis couple.

Paul's recording history is rather extensive, much of it on transcribed radio programs prepared at the MacGregor and Sollie studios on San Francisco's Mission Street. He recorded about a dozen sides for Columbia Records, but his most important musical legacy is preserved on transcriptions. That was often the case with hotel-style bands in the 1930s. Their particular style of music was the most popular for delayed broadcasting, a method widely employed during the Big Band Era to fill unsponsored radio time. Pendarvis' most impressive recording work was performed in particular style of music was the most popular for delayed broadcasting, a method widely employed during the Big Band Era to fill unsponsored radio time. Pendarvis' most



Pendarvis at the height of his career.  
Courtesy of Paul P. Ferguson.

impressive recording work was performed in 1934 and 1935. Those numbers include the finest samples of his musical style, built upon his stellar reed section.

Among my own particular favorites in the MacGregor archives are 'Please Believe Me,' "I Couldn't Believe My Eyes," "East Of the Sun," and "Red Sails in the Sunset," most of which include a Pendarvis violin solo.

The finest praise a band leader can receive is that coming from one of his fellow maestros. Over the years, this annotator has mentioned Pendarvis' name to a number of old leaders. Without exception, they praised Paul's work in the most glowing terms. Retired Federal Judge Thomas Coakley, a fine leader himself in the '30s, commented a while before his death that in addition to having a fine orchestra, Paul was the most handsome leader in the

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business. He added, "I believe he was Greek." How that misconception ever started is a mystery, but it was repeated a few times over the years. As a matter of fact, the Pendarvis clan traced their roots to Cornwall, England, to a village bearing their family name.

At the pinnacle of Paul's musical career, the United States entered World War II. Travel was difficult for a band, due to a shortage of gasoline and restrictions on public transportation. Pendarvis had already grown weary of life on the road and was anxious that his young family might enjoy a conventional, quiet life. He decided to disband and settle down in North Hollywood. For a brief period, Paul held a position as musical director for one of the local network radio stations. He soon gave that job up for something that would benefit the war effort. He went to work with Bendix Corporation, managing their branch in North Hollywood with headquarters in Dayton, Ohio. Paul continued in that capacity throughout the war. When the war ended, he resigned from Bendix and opened a wholesale distributorship marketing Honeywell Controls in North Hollywood. It was a busy and demanding period, and Paul gave little thought to the music business.

The Pendarvis marriage ended in divorce in 1946. Paul's business demands stabilized after a while, and he began to give some attention to part-time musical activity. He began to play weekend engagements and private parties with a band he organized for such random dates. With the decline of the Big Band Era in the late 1940s, there was an abundance of qualified musicians available, so Pendarvis was able to staff a professional orchestra. Of course, it was not the Pendarvis band of pre-war days, but it provided a measure of musical fulfillment for the popular leader. As the band's activity increased, Paul's new reputation grew with it. Before long, Las Vegas hotels and casinos

were making offers. It was the early 1950s then, and the gambling mecca was just beginning to mushroom. Paul signed a four-month contract with one of the new hotels, a commitment he was able to keep because he had a fine manager to run his Honeywell business. The Las Vegas experience was pleasant, and Paul relished the musical life he had loved for so many years, particularly the opportunity to provide music for some of Hollywood's most famous entertainers. Among the headliners Paul enjoyed most were Rosemary Clooney, Cab Calloway, and Polly Bergen. He had a great time, but his musical sabbatical had to end eventually. He returned to Hollywood and took over his business once more.

After fifteen years of profitable operation, Paul decided to sell the wholesale business to his manager. He had remarried in 1949 to Fay J. Stevens, and both of them were looking forward to a more relaxed life in semi-retirement. During that period, Paul Pendarvis dropped from public view entirely. He went into yacht sales at Sandy Hook on Whidbey Island. It is part of the San Juan Island group in Puget Sound, between Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia. Paul purchased a home on Whidbey Island and spent the next dozen years enjoying his hobbies of sailing and lobster harvesting, in addition to yacht sales. He reappeared briefly in Los Angeles in 1972, at which time he was interviewed by a small musical publication. Afterwards he disappeared again.

In 1989, this annotator began a search for some trace of the famous maestro. The big break came with the location of Paul Pendarvis' final residence in Palmdale, California, thanks to a copy of his death certificate. Paul and Fay had returned to a retirement community in the small town in northeast Los Angeles County. He was in frail health, suffering from heart and pulmonary problems. The Pendarvis couple lived quietly in Palmdale until Paul suffered an alarming deterioration in health late in 1986. At the direction of his physician, Dr. Theodore H. Brown, he was admitted to the Palmdale Medical Center in early January 1987. Paul continued to lose ground before succumbing to respiratory complications and

renal failure on January 13, 1987.

According to his wishes, Paul's remains were conveyed directly to Forest Lawn Cemetery, where, after cremation, his ashes were deposited in the Columbarium of Radiant Dawn. The obsequies were conducted in strictest privacy, so the passing of the famous maestro escaped the notice of the musical community. No notice of his passing was posted in Enid nor to any of his old associates. Small wonder his whereabouts remained a mystery.

Today, only Bill Miller and Jud DeNaut are known survivors of that fabled orchestra. Paul's eldest son, Paul, Jr., assumed his stepfather's family name, Ferguson. He owns and operates a thriving travel agency in San Juan, Puerto Rico. His younger brother, Milton Thomas Pendarvis, is a successful business man residing in a St. Louis suburb. The siblings inherited their father's memorabilia, the souvenirs of a life they cannot remember. However, they were able to enjoy quality time with both grandparents while growing up. Earl eventually remarried and remained in the Burbank area the balance of his life. Plelade Plumley Pendarvis never remarried, but continued to reside in the Los Angeles area until her death some years ago. The boys' mother remarried to Charles M. Ferguson in the late 1940s and today makes her home in San Jose, Costa Rico.

The impact of Paul Pendarvis on the Big Band Era ended abruptly in 1942. Happily, he did not have to suffer through the death throes of that musical period because he was occupied with his own commercial enterprise. Today, the fabled violin and the alto sax are both silent, dusty memories of a life and time that was infinitely more gentle and kind. This is more so, in fact, because of the musical contribution of Maestro Paul Pendarvis. Enid Lodge is still in business, too, and Earl's name is an aging entry on a yellowing page of its history. The stories carried by the town's newspaper are still on file, but another generation lives in Enid today, with no recollection of the once-famous name. Shakespeare had it right when he referred to man's fleeting moment on the stage of life.

Paul was among a more handful of gifted musicians who created styles which heralded the dawn of a new musical idiom in

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America. His importance among those pioneers ranks with the names of Hal Kemp and Orville Knapp as master stylists who introduced something brand new in music.

Piecing the Pendarvis odyssey together was a labor of love for this annotator. Perhaps a new generation will learn something of the world as it used to be. The liberal arts and sciences, so revered by Freemasons, were certainly enhanced by Paul Pendarvis' life - at least the art of music. In the long run, perhaps, Earl Pendarvis' finest contribution to Freemasonry was to give the world a Lewis who made so many people happy.

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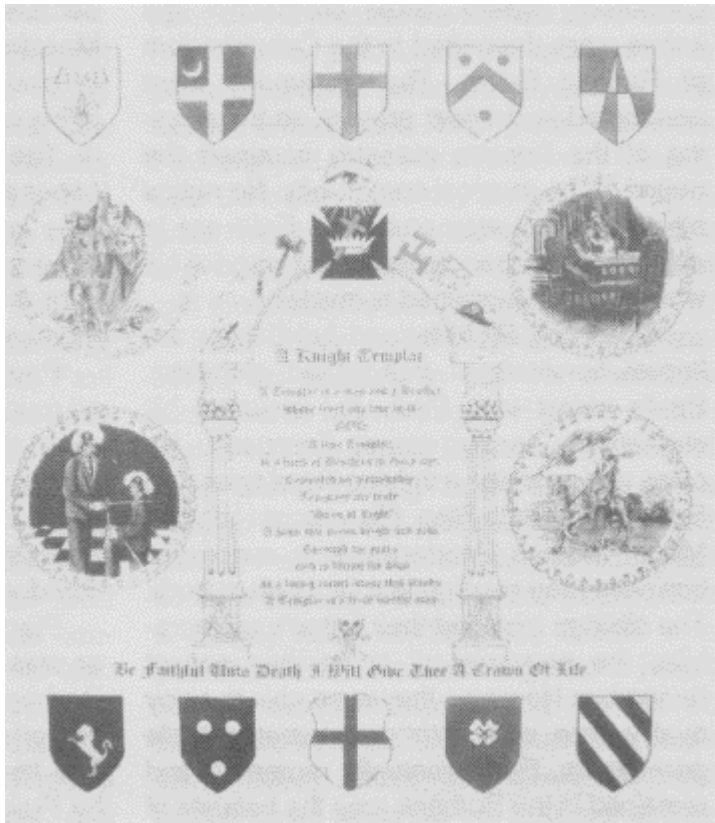
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## Knights Templar Poster To Benefit The Eye Foundation

This poster is 18 by 24 inches, and it is in full color with gold and silver and eight other colors. It has four blended colors to give it a very rich appearance. The images on the poster are inspired from the past to the present, and a poem "A Knight Templar" is included. The paper grade is fifty-pound, shiny, artist's paper. Each poster is numbered and signed. There will only be a limited number of these posters produced. The cost of the poster is \$25.00 each, which includes shipping and handling, and the net proceeds will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Shipping date should start around December 1, 1996. If interested, please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052



# Strategic Planning for Templary

by Sir Knight Robert E. Price  
KCT, P.G.C., G.R.

Grand Recorder has the opportunity to review the annual proceedings of all of the Grand Commanderies within the Grand Encampment. What is immediately apparent upon such a review is an unfolding scenario of the problems and opportunities that currently exist within our Christian Order of Freemasonry.

Many articles have been written in the past few years about the declining membership and interest in the Masonic Fraternity. These questions have been addressed by many others, and current studies are available concerning attitudes and knowledge of our Symbolic Lodges by the public. While this is certainly our concern, let us concentrate on Templary.

Most of the reaction to declining membership of Templary seems to consist of exhortations to the core of the faithful to redouble their already inadequate efforts and a reminder to those who need no reminder of the value of our order to the Fraternity and to the world.

The fact of the matter is that; although the membership of our Symbolic Lodges is certainly in decline, although the current generation coming of age is relatively uninformed about Masonry, and although the interest in institutions such as the Lodge, the Church, Boy and Girl Scouts, and our premier service clubs is waning; it is still true that the market penetration of the York Rite into the overall membership of Freemasonry leaves Templary room to continue to grow. This is even in spite of the above facts. What we do not have is a viable long-range plan to accomplish this goal.

It has been said that if you do not know where you are going, any road will take you there. One of the reasons for the decline in Masonry today is that we are still attempting to run a "nineties" organization by the same set of rules that were appropriate two hundred years ago. Before someone shouts "Heresy," consider that structure and organization are the matters in question, not necessarily philosophy.

It would seem, that if Templary is to be a viable organization as we approach the twenty-first century, then perhaps we should at least explore the use of current managerial theory and technology to assist us over the next two decades. Without something happening, we may arrive at the year 2010 without disappearing as some theorists and alarmists would have us believe, but we may arrive as an emasculated organization with little opportunity to make the impression on the world that is our mission. That mission, of course, is to expose the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to the members of the Fraternity of Freemasonry and to the world.

Strategic planning consists of determining what the ongoing mission of the organization should be and reducing that, as briefly as possible, to writing. Phase two is the identification of the assumptions that we need to make insofar as determining what our goals are to be. We need innovative thinking in terms of location of Commanderies, programs, uniforms, and rituals. We need to know where we are today in terms of demographics. We need to think in terms of streamlining our administrative procedures to fit into today's world. We must think in terms of ongoing financial viability as we deal with declining membership and increasing costs. We must find out how to attract capable officers and then train them to achieve those things that we need. Goals must be determined to move us toward a more stable and a "tighter" organization. Finally, strategies are then designed to accomplish the goals and objectives that have been set. The East Central Department, led by efforts in Indiana, has made a decided effort to do planning for the future and has made significant progress. This same type of plan-fling must soon be moving in the rest of the Grand Encampment or we will be in even further decline. This effort has been a "bottom-up" effort when we must have a "top-down" assist to achieve lasting success.

Any business or organization that is to succeed in the years to come should not be afraid to utilize today's technology to adapt their programs for success in the coming decades. Computers allow us to gather and

process information much more readily and quickly. This information can be utilized in determining the future course of action. Templary is somewhat unique in Freemasonry in that it has a sovereign national body that will allow this planning to be done and transmitted and spread over the whole base of the group.

One has only to study some of our sister fraternal organizations such as the Improved Order of Red Men, The Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows, to see where we are headed. Some of them have even outlined for us where they missed their opportunities for survival. We can also look at others such

as the Knights of the Golden eagle and the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias to know of the eventual end.

This is a call to action. Shall we lead or shall we shuffle our way into the twenty-first century? Our leadership could be the great contribution that we of this generation can make to assure that our beloved order continues to exist for those who follow.

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### Atlanta Commandery, Georgia, Confers The Order of the Temple



The Order of the Temple was conferred by Atlanta Commandery No. 9, Atlanta, Georgia, upon John Blair by his father, Sir Knight Don S. Blair, the V.E. Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina.

Also present at this conferral were Sir Knight James B. Phillips, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, and the senior Past Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, Sir Knight

Joseph P. Suttles.

Sir Knights pictured left to right: front row: James B. Phillips, R.E. Grand Commander, Georgia; Jim Welch, candidate; John Blair, candidate; Don S. Blair, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander, SC; second row: Sir Knights Sheppard Prior, Grady Keith, George Bowen; and Gene Lowery; third row: Sir Knights Jeff Hodges; Robert Wylie; William L. Hicks, Commander of Atlanta Commandery; Glenn Webber; and Lowman Oglesby.

Reporter Don S. Blair notes: "I believe this work personifies the cooperation that exists between the states of South Carolina and Georgia."

### California Assembly, S.O.O.B., Holds Dinner



Santa Ana Assembly No. 61, S.O.O.B., Anaheim, California, held a dinner for prospective members and their Sir Knights. Mrs. William Chant, P.S.W.P., was their guest speaker. Two petitions were received. Pictured with other members are: Mrs. William Chant, fourth from left, and President Mrs. Walter Anderson, fifth from left



# Hard Times

by Dr. C. H. Helms

Tennessee Editor, Knight Templar

There was something special about the men of my grandfather's generation. I remember them as gentle, handsome men, who used a lot of tobacco, enjoyed an occasional drink, and loved a good joke. In my mind's eye, I can still see them at Galbreath Springs, a nearby mountain spa, now gone into the vanishing point of the past.

On a summer afternoon, while the ladies rested, these elderly gentlemen would withdraw to the porch of the hotel for a game of setback. There, they would smoke and talk and, occasionally, get after one of us kids for doing something dangerous, such as walking the second floor banister or swinging too high on the porch swing.

Usually, about four o'clock in the afternoon, one of them would rise and suggest they "have a taste of the waters" at the spring. They would saunter up the rocky road to the spring house where a half quart Mason jar would be cooling in the flowing spring water. There, they would share the contents of the jar, tempered with the mineral water, and regale one another with anecdotes and jokes. We kids would hide in the laurel and listen. I can remember wishing that I could grow up to be just like them.

Most, if not all, of these shadowy memories were Freemasons.

I never saw my grandfather lose his temper. I never saw him when he wasn't clean shaven. I never heard him curse or swear. I never heard him say a mean thing about any man, although he wasn't real fond of some politician by the name of Volstead.

He had named his dog in honor of Volstead.. Although he loved that dog with all his heart, his friends would always laugh when he called his dog by name. It was just his way of making a joke out of circumstances that no one could do very much about.

My grandfather was the president of a bank that went broke. Although he could have taken bankruptcy, he refused to do so. As a result, he spent most of the rest of his life paying off his share of that debt.

His generation was born into hard times. It was the era of postwar impoverishment in the South, the time that followed on the heels of the devastating War Between the States. Chickens and hay were coin of the realm in the South of those days. Man hours of labor paid grocery and clothing bills without the benefit of intervening cash. Folks called this the barter system, and that's where my grandfather's generation began.

Then, they lived through the Spanish-American War and its subsequent financial crisis. Next, came the Great World War with the Depression of the 1930s. And, as if all that weren't enough, there was the onset of World War II.

I remember my father sitting on the front porch talking to his father about how bad things were looking. "Son," the elder Helms said, "I've been a newspaper man all my life and I never remember a time when the nation wasn't facing some kind of a crisis"

Now, when I look at the faces of those wonderful men, staring out at me from the few snapshots that have survived, I am struck by something that I perceive in their silent visages. They don't look like us. There is something different, there, in their faces, on the cracking photographs, something that distinguished them from us, living one hundred years after them. It is not just the clothes. You can dress us up in the same duds, and we won't have that "something" in our faces. What is it?

It might be an element of character that comes from meeting life at its worst and having survived, an element that comes from clothing your children and feeding them without money, when you don't know how in the world you are going to do it. Or, maybe, it comes from watching those you love die from pneumonia, scarlet fever, tuberculosis or appendicitis, watching and being totally unable to do one thing about it. Perhaps, it comes from the sure knowledge that you can live without the benefits of electric lights, radios, cars or tractors. Most of those men never flew in an airplane. I doubt if any of them lived long enough to hear of television!

I believe that the thing which distinguishes them, in these old photographs, is a confident self-assurance which shows in their faces. These were men who were at

peace with life and with death. They believed in themselves, in the essential goodness of mankind, in the future of their nation, and in the goodness of God. They understood that failure was just the other side of the coin of success, and they didn't think any less of a man for having had hard luck. They, too, had flipped the coin of life! They believed, with Rudyard Kipling, a fellow of their generation and a fellow Freemason, that it doesn't matter whether you win or lose; it is **how you play the game of life** that really counts.

My grandfather, like others of his generation, was hammered out on the anvil of life, but whenever the blows fell on him, his soul rang out like a bell, true and sound. There wasn't a false note in him.

When I look into their faces in these fading photographs, I can't help wishing they were still here, reminding us that things aren't so bad as they look in the newspapers; inviting us to join them for a different view of the world, a view seen from the pulpits of a thousand little churches around the country; joking with us about the bad things that happened to them during their lives; and confident that there is hope, even in the hardest of times.

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## Reflections

by (Mrs. Howard) Clara McClure, Past Supreme Worthy President  
Social Order of the Beauceant, 1996-1996

I have just completed my year of service as the Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant. I have made many beautiful memories and wonderful friendships throughout our beautiful country.

As I traveled, I found areas that knew nothing of the wonderful work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I proudly explained our relationship to the Knights Templar and the support our order gives to this most worthwhile charity. We so often give the gift of sight, but we fail to let people see our good works.

I was often told by Sir Knights that our order has helped to strengthen their Commandery. I was proud to see that our ladies support their Sir Knights in all they do. I was also pleased to find the wonderful support our Sir Knights give us in return. It was encouraging to meet and talk with Sir Knights who are so supportive of our order. I found that in some areas the men are holding York Rite festivals, and their Commanderies are growing stronger and more active. The Social Order of the Beauceant has also gained members through this.

My only disappointment as I traveled was to find so many of our Masonic orders struggling to continue to meet. My

disappointment was most often diminished by a deep pride in finding those members who are so dedicated and so determined to continue their efforts to gain new members, to encourage inactive members to attend, and to revive the interest of all members. Their loyalty to their organization is both heart warming and encouraging. This, I believe, is the key to our survival.

As wives and widows of Sir Knights, we are a small and special group. We welcome new members and are pleased with the possibility of some new Assemblies next year. I wish success to Knights Templar everywhere in meeting the challenge of growth. Through your growth we also may grow. If your Commandery is interested in sponsoring an Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant, please contact: Mrs. Joe N. Randall, 1216 South Waco, Wichita, KS 67213.

Reflections are looking back. Now we must look to the future.

Fraternal love,  
Mrs. Howard L. McClure Supreme Worthy  
President, 1995-1996

## New Mexico Knights Templar Assist In Museum Dedication



Albuquerque, New Mexico, Knights Templar assisted in the dedication of the Geronimo Alexander Museum and Library at Temple Lodge No. 6, A.F. & A.M., Albuquerque. Seen standing in the new Masonic museum, left to right, are: Sir Knight F. Dale Smith, Brother Geronimo Alexander, and Sir Knight Grady E. Raybon, Jr., P.M., Treasurer of Temple Lodge No. 6. Photo taken by Sir Knight H. William Hart, committee member for the Grand Lodge of NM Public Relations Committee

## In Pennsylvania: An Arch of Steel for the Bride and Groom



Sondra Lyon and Sir Knight William Palmer of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage on April 27, 1996 at Grace Episcopal Church in Kingston, Pennsylvania. The double ring ceremony was officiated by the Reverend David L. Laquintano. A special dispensation was granted by Sir Knight James H. Richards II, then Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, for a Templar honor guard to attend. They were Sir Knights Errol V. Hawksley, G.G.; Wilmer P. Quick, D.C.; Wesley A. Miller, E.C.; Donald T. Leidch, P.C.; and Robert A. Steckler, P.C., and they are shown in the picture forming an arch of steel for Sir Knight Palmer and his lovely bride.

## Rainbow Scholarships Presented In Texas



The Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, presented three scholarships at the recently completed Grand Assembly session held in Houston, Texas. Sharon Henss received the \$2,500 Victor C. and Martha Marie Whitfield Scholarship, Lynda Matthews received the \$2,500 Lela and Roy Jones Scholarship, and Stacy Heofling received the \$500 Past Grand Officers Scholarship.

**The** selections for the scholarships were based on scholastic record, financial need, and Rainbow service. They are intended to

make a significant financial contribution to a graduating senior who will be a good student and a good representative of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. These three recipients were selected because of their superb qualifications, extraordinary Rainbow service, and well-defined financial need.

The Victor C. and Martha Marie Whitfield Scholarship was established to honor the Whitfields for their many years of Rainbow service. Victor Whitfield served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas in 1953-54. He later served as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in 1958. Mrs. Whitfield began her Rainbow service as Supreme Deputy in Texas in 1943.

The Lela and Roy Jones Scholarship was established to honor the Joneses and their many years of service to Rainbow. The Past Grand Officers established their scholarship to honor Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Drill Leader and Supreme Instructor in Texas.

Pictured, left to right, are: Mrs. Shirley Ferguson, Grand Committee, the Lela and Roy Jones Scholarship Fund; Miss Lynda Matthews, Melrose Assembly No. 167, Houston; Miss Sharon Henss, Fort Worth Assembly; and Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Grand Committee, the Victor C. and Martha Marie Whitfield Scholarship Fund and the W. Mark Sexson Loan Fund. Submitted by David B. Dibrell.

## Maryland Assembly, S.O.O.B., Celebrates 21st Birthday



Westminster Assembly No. 245, Maryland, celebrated its 21st birthday with a gala dinner at Western Maryland College. Forty-three ladies and Sir Knights met in the campus dining room.

The Assembly is privileged to have two Supreme officers: (Mrs. Joseph F.) Coetta Chalker, Supreme Recorder, and (Mrs. William) Shelbia Markley, Supreme Director of Music.

Pictured are: Mrs. William Dailey, President; Mrs. Kurt Wood, First Vice President; Mrs. Ben Blizzard, Second Vice President; and Mrs. David Alcon, Preceptress.

*The following article is not of a Masonic nature, but we think it will be of interest to our readership. The views are the author's personal views, of course, and not those of the Grand Encampment.*

## On Patients Wishes

by Sir Knight Howard B. Kittelson, 32°

Hopefully you have regular checkups with your physician. At those office visits you probably discuss cholesterol, blood pressure, diet, exercise, and disease screening that is appropriate for your age and gender.

But have you discussed death with your doctor? Probably not. Most people avoid talking about death, and that includes with doctors. Most physicians aren't trained to cope with death; they're trained to heal. But there are a lot of limitations to medical care.

It's difficult for physicians to admit that there are many things they can't cure. Unfortunately, health care providers can draw out the process of dying. Many patients nearing death don't want aggressive care but receive it anyway. That often is because their physicians don't know their patients' wishes. However, how you die is also a part of your medical care, and you should have a voice in that care.

One problem is that patients and their physicians often don't discuss goals for treatment. What is the quality of life that you wish for or want to have? Do you want your life prolonged even if that means living in a persistent vegetative state? Would you prefer that life support stop when you no longer recognize your family's faces, you cannot communicate, you cannot function daily, you cannot do the things you enjoy, or you cannot have any hope of recovery?

These are difficult questions, but I believe the answers to these questions give your physician a better idea of your wishes than a vague living will. There is nothing wrong with advance directives, but "support" found that many times the documents are too vague and frequently they aren't included in patients' medical records.

Physicians and support staff are often unaware of a patient's wishes. Filing your living will with an attorney or keeping it in a safe deposit box doesn't ensure your physician will receive the information when needed. The best way to feel assured is to address issues about dying while you are well and discuss them with your physician before serious illness occurs. While we all meet our mortality at some point in time, discussing end-of-life issues is a more pressing matter for some individuals over age seventy-five. And persons with life-shortening diseases such as heart, kidney, and lung diseases, as well as incurable cancer, should attend to those issues sooner rather than later.

It seems like such a simple idea, but it's so seldom done. In addition to filling out a living will and/or with it a durable power of attorney form, talk with your physician and family. A time of serious illness is always a trying time for everyone involved. Addressing issues of dying while you are well will remove a tremendous burden from your family, who will be responsible otherwise.

You will have the comfort of knowing your family's and physician's decisions are in agreement with your own.

This information was gleaned from an eight-year study involving 18,000 seriously ill patients in five leading medical institutions by Dr. Desbiens, a principal investigator for one of the largest clinical studies ever conducted with patients near death, and was reported in the American Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

Remember to provide your doctor(s), hospital, and all members of your family with a living will. Formalize it by your attorney and separately the power of attorney.

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# Knight Voices

To place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to "Knight Voices," The Grand Recorder, 5097N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460. Items submitted to Knight Templar that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free of charge. All other items should be accompanied by a \$5.00 remittance made payable to the Grand Encampment. Any submission may be subject to editing. You must submit a written request and check, if applicable, for each time you want your ad to run. Each request must be separate and at monthly intervals, not several at the same time. All other requests for repeat ads will either run just once or will be returned to sender.

To celebrate 200 years of Templary in Pennsylvania, the 144th Annual Conclave Committee is selling Knights Templar key fobs for a donation of \$1.25 each or \$1.00 each in quantities often or more. The key fobs are white with the cross and crown emblem and in Hoc Signo Vinces imprinted in red. They measure 3 inches long and 2 inches wide with an one-inch, split, key ring. Send orders payable to 144th Conclave and send to George Metz, 130 Springton Lake Road, Media, PA 19063-1826.

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 No. 37, and mail to Rick Brosch, 7128 Agate Street, Alta Loma, CA 91701-5604.

Crusade Commandery No. 9, Chandler, Arizona, is selling Masonic and Scottish Rite digital quartz watches - \$10.00 each plus \$1.50 for S & H. Donations to KTEF. Order from Harold E. Rice, 1305 E. 2nd Place, Mesa, AZ 85203-8107. Purchase six or more, special price. Phone: (602) 827-8072.

For sale: one Commandery sword, manufactured by the McLilley and Co., Columbus, Ohio, inscribed on the blade is the name John A. Grenary." if interested, please write to Donald F. Creedman, 2921 Brandemere Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32312.

For sale: gold Commandery sword with scabbard. On both is the name James S. Sturtevant." Robert W. Bredenberg, 22 Dorlon Drive, Queensbury, NY 12804-1490.

For sale: large uniform, sword, and chapeau. Phone: (409) 429-3774.

Wanted: Knights Templar watch fob. Also, looking for a 48 long uniform coat. Will P11th, 4710 S. 51st Street, Omaha. NE 68117-1924, (402) 733-0813.

For sale: Shriners' 1994 Harley Davidson Ultra, classic black, parade ready - \$16,500. Call (703) 730-0239 evenings-weekends or (703) 893-0267.

For sale: Shrine lapel pin, platinum with ten very fine, full-cut diamonds. It's beautiful and in perfect condition - \$500.00. Walter H. Gieselman, 12359 Grandee Road, San Diego, CA 92128-2121, (619) 487-1340.

Collectors of Masonic historical items: You can own a piece of Illinois Masonic history! The building in which the present Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed in 1840 and our present Grand Chapter and Grand Council were also organized was razed a few years ago by its owner, a Past Master, and he saved only 150 original bricks from the structure to be sold by the Lodge for fund-raising. Each brick has been hand cleaned and sealed with a polyurethane finish, and to each is attached a gold-colored plaque with the history of the brick silk-screened on it. Each brick is individually numbered and comes with a corresponding certificate of authenticity. They are offered for \$100.00 each, first come, first served, postpaid in the U.S.A. Order with check to Jacksonville Lodge No. 570, A.E. & AM., 364 N. Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, IL 62650-1872. Specific numbers may be requested.

Greenville Lodge No. 143 of Greenville, Ohio, has its 150th anniversary silver coins available for sale at \$17.00 each including postage and handling. Send check or money order payable to Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 143 and send to P.O. Box 242, Greenville, OH 4V31-0242. Allow four to six weeks for delivery.

The Seventh District Masonic Convention of Georgia is celebrating its 100th anniversary (1897-1997). To commemorate this special occasion, we are selling bronze 100th anniversary coins. These coins are in a plastic display case and sell for \$6.00. Check to Seventh District Masonic Convention, (X) James L. Brown, 241, Chota Circle, LaFayette, GA 30728.

A new Kennel of the Yellow Dogs, an offshoot York Rite body, is being formed in northern New Jersey. The organization has a primary emphasis on quality time for its members and functions to involve the entire family. All

Sir Knights in good standing in the state of New Jersey and from neighboring states are welcome to apply for membership. If you are interested, please Contact Robert L. Tedeschi 443 East 3h Street, Paterson, NJ 07504 or cat (201) 279-3853 between the hours of 10:00a.m. and 10:00 p.m., EST. Although I am in possession of the "Yellow Dogs Cipher Book" from one southern jurisdiction, if anyone has any other cipher books from other jurisdictions that he would like to share with me, please contact me at the above address or phone number.

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is of sterling silver with 24K gold vermeil. Price is only \$9.00 per pin, including S & 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.

For sale: Masonic afghans manufactured in the U.S. and very colorful. I have in stock Blue Lodge, Eastern Star, and Shrine afghans. I will donate \$1.00 from each one sold through this publication to the Eye Foundation. Send for a color photograph, Information sheet and order form for the afghan you are interested in. Please send to: Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 543, Trexietown, PA 18087.

Wanted: Masonic clip art for Macintosh computer. Tom Boduth, P.O. Box 1030, Kingston, TN 37763.

For sale: Masonic Computer Clipart on 3.5-inch, high density disks in TIE and .PCX format. Volume I contains 7 libra6es-\$12 per disk or \$50 total consisting of York Rite (1 library, 42+), Blue Lodge (2 libraries, 56+), Scottish Rite (3 libraries, 62+) and Allied Bodies and other Masonic organizations (1 library, 36+). Volume II contains completely new-154 additional graphics in .TIF and .PCX format (\$25). \$2.50 postage per order. Send a long SASE (with 2 stamps) for sample printout. A portion of the proceeds to be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Reb O'rell, 145 Sanford Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228.

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is For sale: Past Master and Blue Lodge rings: signet style with PM or S&O logo on top, trowel on one side, 2-ball cane on other. Durable, yet elegant. Solid chrome/nick-el alloy. Silver color only. \$99 plus Ohio tax and \$4.00 S&H. Whole sizes only: 7-16. 10% of profits will go to KTEF. Check or MasterCard/Visa into to AurateeJi Designs; 107M Plaza Orive, Suite 123, St. Clair'swle; OH 43960. Money-back satisfaction guarantee.

For sale: Masonic emblem screen savers for \$3.97 each plus S & H. included: Mason S&C, Knights Templar, York Rite-3 symbols, Shrine, Eastern Star, ° Double-headed Eagle, 33° Double-headed Eagle, DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and even the Knife and Fork Degree. All have setup with

optional use password protection. The popular and improved guide, "Masons That Were Presidents v2IT Is stit available for \$47. A tat-rate snipping and handling fee of \$3.00 is applied to each order regardless of the number of items ordered. California residents, please arid applicable state sales tax, A donation of approx. 10% will be made to support Freemasonry. Requires Windows 3.1 or Wn95 on IBM PC or true compatible with hard drive and a mum. C 3.5-inch I-DO diskettes. Send check or money order and request to Nu-Visions Software, 25638 Cove KW Madera CA. Orders from outside the U.S., add additional \$5.00 for S & H, and anticipate longer shipping period.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. i have been building this collection for 23 years, and still need many pieces as I an, 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 Slorck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705,' (520) 888-7585.

Wanted: in good condition Henry Coil's Encyclopedia (older version) and also, Pvbrials and Dogma by Albert Pike. Prices must be reasonable. David Kane, 44 Wyckham Road, Spring Lake, NJ 07762.

For sale: rare, complete, hard-bound set of The Royal Arch Mason-seventeen books from 1943-1993. Give offer. Also, complete Knight Templar, hard-bound, twenty-four volumes from 1955-1990. Give offer. C. Clark Julius, 1900 Trolley Road, York, PA 17404, (717) 764-3067.

My company and [will donate 10% of the commission on any real estate transaction originating from this ad to the KTEF, be it purchasing a home, vacant land, etc., or selling property. Working for Coldwell Banker allows me to service locations all over the United States and the world. Contact Bill Schnalke, Co/dwell Banker Major League Realty, Inc.; Residential Real Estate; 1625 Taylor Road, Suite B; Daytona Beach; FL 32124; 1-800 752-5021.

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. I received the degree of the Gordian Knot in Germany, 1989. Please help me! Lloyd T. Cochran, 511 Brookda/e Drive, West Jefferson, OH 43162, (614) 879-6053.

For sale by owner: one building lot at Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, a leading retirement community of 10,000 plus permanent residents. Amenities include: 6 fishing lakes, 6 golf courses, 2 swimming pools, 16 churches. Wintertime average temp.: <sup>550</sup> Asking: \$7,000.00 with 10% not to be donated to KTEF by seller. Howard D. Clwisflan, 397 Taylors Way, CoAtw'i4le, TN 38017, (901)853-6968.

For sale: 2 grave sites in Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted, (Cleveland) Ohio-Masonic section, 2R, Lot 192, graves 3 and 4. Asking \$4,000.00 Call (205) 766-3388.

## Reasons for Thanksgiving

To have food enough and a place to dwell,  
To have work to do and to do it well,

To find the comfort when things go wrong  
In a bit of prayer or a snatch of song,

To know good books and share their worth,  
To plant bright flowers in rich brown earth,  
To have true friends - this is living  
And reason enough for Thanksgiving.

*Edith Shaw Butler*