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## A Christmas Message

By the time most of the Sir Knights and their ladies read this, the December 1996 editorial, we who have participated in the 3rd and 4th Pilgrimages of the 10th Crusade will have returned to our homes across the United States of America.

I cannot think of anything more fitting and proper than to have spent the time in the Holy Land at this time in our calendar year. We have walked, some of us for the second time, where Jesus walked and in the city where he was born. He spent his childhood and adulthood in an area of what we now know as Israel. We traveled from city to city and were reminded

repeatedly by our guide that our Lord and Savior had been here before us. What an experience for all who have been fortunate enough to make this Holy Land Pilgrimage!

To the Sir Knights and their ladies of the Grand Encampment who have made these five pilgrimages, I wish to express my thanks for the wholehearted support given to this great project of the 60th Triennium. To Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley and Sir Knight R. Frank Williams, Cochairmen of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, I say thanks from your Grand Master and the officers and members of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.



### 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign December 1, 1996 through April 30, 1997

I am sure that most of you have read the interesting article, written by Sir Knight John L. Winkelman, P.D.C. and Chairman of the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign, in the November 1996 issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine. For those of you who have not, I urge you to turn to page 5 of this issue and take a few minutes of your time to get the meaning of our fund-raising effort. My personal thanks to Sir Knight John Winkelman for taking this great project under his personal guidance.

Our great association with the National Eye Care Project is further enhanced by an article on page 15 of the November 1996 issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine. This "Dear Abby" letter was written by B. Thomas Hutchinson, M.D., and appeared in newspapers across the United States of America in her syndicated column.

### Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight Louis August 9-13, 1997, at the Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, MO

Sir Knights and ladies: This is a reminder to get your hotel reservations in by calling: (800) 444-ADAM, and mention the 60th Triennial of the Grand Encampment. Get your registration forms in now, and save \$25.00. To the Grand Commanderies and all others, get your advertising pages in to the Program Committee so that they can have a place in Templar history. Also, to the Eminent Commanders of the constituent Commanderies, get your booster sheets in as your Sir Knights and their families may also want to be a part of this great history.

My Lady Dorella and I wish all the Sir Knights and their families A Very Merry Christmas and a Most Prosperous New Year.

Blair Christy Mayford  
Grand Master

# Knight Templar

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

DECEMBER: Our December issue celebrates Christmas, salutes those who have been awarded the KTCH, and praises the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, for December 1 marks the beginning of the 29th Voluntary Campaign. Our Campaign Chairman, Sir Knight John Winkelman, has inspiring words starting on page 5, and moot Eye Foundation recipient, Bobby Lee Newman, page 21. Cross of Honor recipients are listed on page 7-8. Wonderful Christmas selections start with the Grand Master, page 2, and with Grand Prelate Smith's Christmas message, page 9, and they continue for pages after. Happy holidays!

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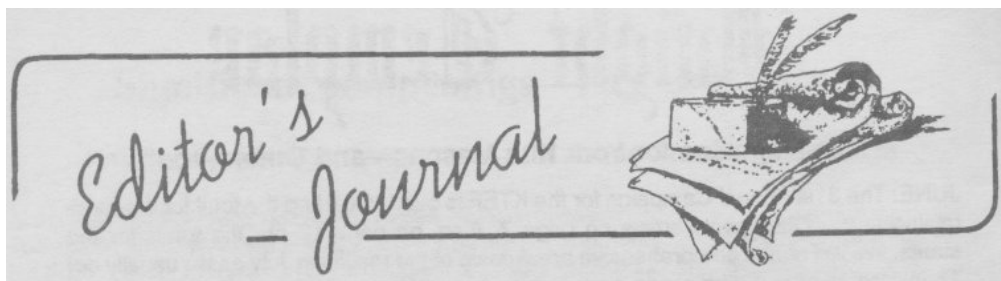
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## 60th Triennial Conclave

A good time is awaiting YOU at the 60th Triennial Conclave, which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 9-13, 1997.

Conclave activities will take place at the Adam's Mark Hotel, which is located at Fourth and Chestnut, St. Louis, Missouri 63102. It is within easy walking distance of St. Louis' famous Arch, Busch Stadium (home of the St. Louis Cardinals) and other downtown attractions.

ALL ROOM ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. THE DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS IS: 1 (800) 444-ADAM. LET THE HOTEL KNOW YOU ARE COMING TO THE MEETING FOR THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Room rates per day for both singles and doubles are \$104.00 plus tax. Early reservations are recommended.

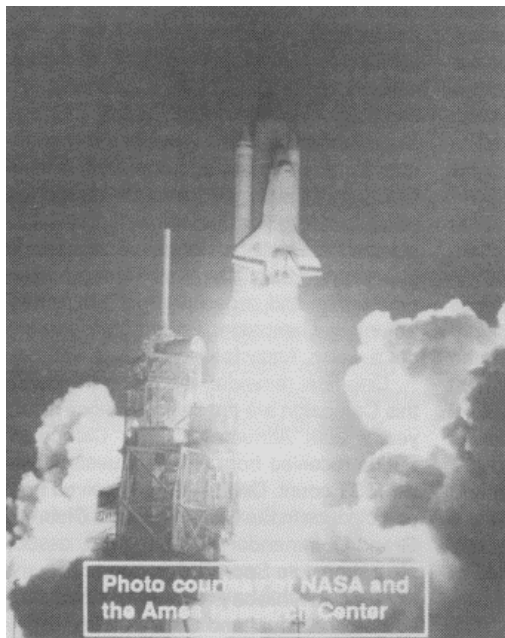
Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight Louie!

60th Triennial Conclave Committee

**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.

**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.



## The 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign



### Final Countdown Successful!

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

The Final Countdown has reached zero, and the rocket engines have all ignited for the liftoff of our version of the Space Shuttle. The **29th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation** has met its schedule, and the mission is underway as of December 1, 1996, and will continue until safely in orbit on April 30, 1997.

During the Final Countdown of a Shuttle Mission, many individuals are working on master checklist items to assure that all systems are in a "go" state. This kind of activity, done by a large crew, leads to an on-time liftoff and the beginning of a successful mission. Sir Knights, if you have completed your planning countdown, your **29th Annual Voluntary Campaign fundraising plans** also should be in a "go" state. All of your plans are part of our master checklist to assure a successful Campaign for the final year of Grand Master Blair Christy Mayford's triennium. Remember, **THE CREW IS YOU!** The Grand Commanders, the Grand Commandery Campaign Chairmen, the constituent and subordinate Commanders, the constituent and subordinate Commandery Campaign

Chairmen should now be informing their subordinates as to the final versions of their organization's fundraising plans. If not, you have to get "cracking" or there could be some "Houston, we have a problem" situations in the later phases of our mission.

At this time, it seems appropriate to direct some comments to those constituent and subordinate Commanderies that have not chosen to participate in recent campaigns or unfortunately, in some cases, have never chosen to participate in any campaigns. Not too long ago, I attended a Grand Commandery Annual Conclave, where the text of a report indicated that some of its constituent Commanderies had not participated for as long as nine consecutive years. The grand officers and grand inspectors were not willing to allow this situation to continue and are going to stress participation to those Commanderies at the annual visits and inspections. Sir Knights, I believe this long-term lack of participation is probably widespread and that the Grand Commanderies and subordinate Commanderies are not always addressing it as they should. It is extremely

important that the leaders of Templary show that they are concerned about lack of participation. Yes, we are all volunteers, but so are the United Way workers and the Nobles of the AAONMS, and they are successful in getting participation. I think we can do just as well as they do in motivating our individual Sir Knights and our Commanderies to participate.

To the more than 218,000 Sir Knights in the Grand Encampment jurisdiction, remember, fuel to launch our shuttle and get it safely into orbit is the monies raised through individual and collective participation in fundraising activities. Sir Knights, the goal is to achieve a contribution of \$10.00 per member. This would give us a total Campaign contribution of 2.18 million dollars or more than twice any previous campaign.

On the individual level, 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 a day would fulfill the personal commitment to our charitable mission which each and every one of us should have made by now.

On the Commandery level, consider these possible ways of assuring participation. One is to pass the chapeau for a Christmas and also for an Easter donation in Conclaves held during these holiday seasons. Another is to put an offering basket on the altar and at some point in the Conclave ask the Sir Knights to approach the altar and fulfill their commitment to Masonic and Templar charity by making a silent offering." I have seen both of these procedures work quite well. You may not achieve the goal of \$10.00 per member, but you will have something, rather than nothing, for the Campaign.

To those Sir Knights who harbor some bad feelings about an experience with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation: You must understand that organizations have rules and regulations that govern their operation. These rules and regulations are administered by people such as you and I. When you mix administrators with rules and regulations, it is certain there will be times when the result of the mix will not satisfy the potential recipient and those sponsoring him

or her. I speak from experience with an unsatisfactory result; however, I put the dissatisfaction aside and became a regular supporter, chairman of my Commandery's campaign for several years, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania state chairman for three years, and now 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign Chairman. We all are capable of forgiving and forgetting, so let us put the bad feelings behind us and join in supporting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and especially this 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign. I guarantee you will get a warm, fuzzy feeling inside, if you do.

One final reminder, the ground rules for this Campaign are the same as those in last year's 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign. Funds received from wills, bequests, trusts will NOT count. Contributions received from participation in the Grand Master's Club, the Grand Commander's Club, patron, associate patron, Life Sponsorship, memorial, and the Golden Chalice programs will count. Of course, individual and Commandery contributions, not designated to one of the above programs, will count.

Whether or not our Space Shuttle achieves a stable orbit depends mostly upon the Support and Ground Crew. Sir Knight, THE CREW IS YOU!



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## Our Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the 1996 recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected forty-nine Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

### **Alabama**

Robert Daniel Maddox, Cyrene No. 10

### **Arizona**

Joseph Curtis Turpen, Mohave No. 13

### **Arkansas**

Tony Hood Vernich  
Hugh de Payens No. 1

### **California**

Bill Neil Brasher, Red Bluff No. 17

### **Colorado**

Paul L. Meyer, J. E. Abbott No. 40

### **Connecticut**

John Louis Faulkins, Hamilton No. 5

### **Delaware**

James Harris Hutchins  
St. Andrew's No. 2

### **Florida**

Burt Frost Maguire, St. Augustine No. 10

### **Georgia**

Henry Luth'r Stonecypher  
Philemon No. 33

### **Idaho**

Roy A. Nokieby, Moscow No. 3

### **Illinois**

Harry R. Brahmstadt, St. Elmo No. 64

### **Indiana**

Oscar Glen Stepp, New Albany No. 5

### **Iowa**

Doyle Eugene Hampton  
St. Johns No. 21

### **Kansas**

Robert Bryce Pfuetze, Concordia No. 42

### **Kentucky**

John Carl Thomas, Morehead No. 53

### **Louisiana**

Calvin Rex Woodard, Crusader No. 21

### **Maine**

Glendon Richard Ayer  
Hugh de Payens No. 15

### **Maryland**

William Ernest Tabb III, St. Bernard No. 9

### **Massachusetts! Rhode Island**

William Sanborn Elliott, Milford No. 11

### **Michigan**

Masao Kon, Ann Arbor No. 13

**Minnesota**

Carl Lundeen, Constantine No. 20

**Mississippi**

Frank Ervine Hankinson III  
DeMolay No. 8

**Missouri**

Ernest Jewell Thacker, Ascalon No. 18

**Montana**

Curtis Lemuel Cummings, Aldemar No. 5

**Nebraska**

Lester F. Webb, St. John No. 16

**Nevada**

Thomas W. Huber, Malta No. 3

**New Hampshire**

Shirley Herbert Sheppard  
Mount Horeb No. 3

**New Jersey**

Everett G. Noumiller  
Delta Damascus No. 5

**New Mexico**

Leslie E. Starks, Las Cruces No. 11

**New York**

Harry Gifford Bull, Calvary No. 69

**North Carolina**

James Edward Stratton, Charlotte No. 2

**North Dakota**

Arden Helse Grundvig, Sr.  
St. Aldemar No. 3

**Ohio**

Richard Henry Tussing, Lancaster No. 2  
Solomen Kermit Wilson, Bethany No. 72

**Oklahoma**

Frederick Samuel Sloan, Elk City No. 22

**Oregon**

John E. Bell, Delta No. 19

**Pennsylvania**

Robert Marshal Daven hall  
Melita Couer Do Lion No. 17

**South Carolina**

Clarence Hulon Graves, Columbia No. 2

**South Dakota**

Victor Charles Pengra, Schrader No. 9

**Tennessee**

Howard Cecil Ensor, Carter No. 37

**Texas**

Coy McDougald, Lubbock No. 60  
Aubrey Glen McCandless  
Stamford No. 75

**Utah**

Clarence G. Thornhill, El Monte No. 2

**Vermont**

Willard Boyce Farnham, Burlington No. 2

**Virginia**

Wilbur Lewis Sheets, Graham No. 22

**Washington**

Robert Ronald Thomson  
Washington No. 1

**West Virginia**

John Frederick Logan  
Morgantown No. 18

**Wisconsin**

Russell Carleton DeMary  
Palestine No. 20

**Wyoming**

Phillip Jefferson Cross  
Hugh de Payen No. 7



## Grand Prelate's Christmas Thoughts

**by Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, M.E.P.G.M.  
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.**

If we had been there that winter night, I wonder how many of us would have given up a warm bed if the innkeeper knocked on our door to tell us that there was a woman out in the barn giving birth to a child?



I wonder how many of us would have noticed a bright star directly overhead in the winter sky?

I wonder how many of us would have read the ancient prophesies about a virgin giving birth to the Messiah?

I am sure we all would have said, as we went out in the cold: "Take my room, Lady." I am sure that we all would have looked in awe at the star in the sky.

And I am sure that we would, as good children of Israel, have read or heard the prophecy of the Messiah.

Well, maybe I am sure!

That cold, winter night almost two thousand years ago was the night of the Gift - Our Savior was born to Mary to give us our greatest gift, our salvation, our freedom from sin, our understanding of love. Our Christmas gifts are symbolic of our love for others and our love for our God and Savior. We can give strength to the weak, help to the poor, comfort to the sorrowing, even give ourselves when called upon. And for those we do not know, prayer.

He gave His all for us with Love. What have we given to Him?

My wish is that you all have a merry Christmas, a Christmas of happy, prayerful thoughts about the Gift of Love that came wrapped in swaddling clothes, addressed to you and me.

This article is followed by articles by two very special people to me, my son and my pastor. They have both been on our Holy Land Pilgrimage.

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## A Surprise Christmas Gift

**by Reverend John Chapman, Pastor**

I still vividly remember the joy and sense of high expectations that came with being a child at Christmas. We would have Christmas at one set of grandparents' in the morning and travel thirty miles and have another family Christmas in the afternoon. Christmas was a time filled with excitement and wonderful surprises.

Now, as a father, there are few surprises for me at our family Christmas. As a pastor, there are usually no surprises at the church Christmas program, either. Numerous times in my adult experience, I have grieved for the missing Christmas surprises of precious childhood memories.



Christmas is a celebration of God's greatest gifts to us. God surprised me with another Christmas gift that helped me to see and know of God's greatest gift even more clearly.

After an extremely long day, I was not expecting good news when the telephone rang close to 11:00 P.M. A voice I didn't recognize asked me if I were John Chapman and then asked if I had a passport. After this the strange voice asked if I was ready to travel to Israel. I interrupted to ask: "Who is this?" He said his name was Don Estes. That information was of no help in answering the questions which this telephone call was creating. Finally, he explained he was with the Knights Templar. He went on to explain that a pastor had just canceled, and if I could travel on short notice, I was being offered a trip to Israel as a gift from the Knights Templar. I finally remembered that a good friend and church member, Don Smith, had submitted my name, but he had told me months ago I had not been selected.

With two children in college, a trip to the Holy Land was not something I had expected to experience any time soon. This Christmas gift helped me focus on God's gift to the world in Jesus Christ.

The trip was filled with surprises. There were times and places of deep spiritual insight and renewal when I was least expecting them. New experiences, culture, food were additional blessings. The friendships that developed during those days of travel are still blessing and encouraging my personal life and ministry.

Often during sermon preparation, my study is interrupted as memories of my surprise Christmas gift bring joy and the benefit of a very special personal experience. It makes me glad I am not too old to enjoy another great and surprising gift.

The Reverend John Chapman is pastor of Berea Baptist Church, 310 Chestnut Street, Berea, Kentucky 40403. He is the pastor of Grand Prelate Donald H. Smith

## On the Meaning of Christmas

by Reverend Donald H. Smith, Jr.

Reverend Donald H. Smith, Jr., preached this sermon at Marshall Commandery No. 17, Michigan, for their Christmas Observance, December 21, 1994.

It wasn't my idea to be a minister. I mean, I wasn't exactly one of those kids who proudly announced his intention, way back in elementary school, and then proceeded to live an upright and godly life, miraculously surviving even the hormonal firestorms of adolescence. That wasn't me.

No, it surely wasn't. I wanted to be a soldier, like my daddy was, and more specifically a ground-poundin', gravel-agitatin', hell-raising infantry soldier. Talk about your hormonal firestorms!

I and the others didn't have to think too much about life and death. Being young guys, we didn't have much respect for death, and we wanted to live life to the hilt. Death was something that sneaked up on you, anyway. When it was time to go, you went. We were all more or less fatalists. There was a round out there with your name on it or a mortar or artillery shell with "to whom it may concern" and somebody or several "bought the farm," "kicked the bucket," "got blown away," or were "wasted," "won the CMH" (casket with metal handles, *not* Congressional Medal of Honor). Some of us had more euphemisms for dying than time to say them all.

We knew how warriors exult while dividing the plunder. And we knew the sound of the boots of the tramping warriors, and we knew by sight and smell garments rolled in blood.

But we saw nothing in any of that suggesting to us that a child was to be born and that this child would make a difference like no other. We didn't know about that, no, not at all.

After all there was a war on - not an officially declared one, you understand; not a great war, as far as wars went, but it was the only one we had, at the time.

But it doesn't work for very long for all of the crunching boots and whoops and hollering and the feeling of relief that abides in the breast of every soldier: After the battle all of the soldier talk and war stories fade with the promise of this child, this special child.

This Messiah will negate it all, make it go away. He is the early morning sunlight streaming into our eyes and awakening us from this dread nightmare. It is He who will show us how to create a place where this soldier stuff never need happen again. This Messiah will invest in time, days of peace, and no longer will we have to trick our children with the idea that war is somehow good and honorable and were it not for the enemy - him and only him - there would be no war at all, and clearly they are bad and we are good.

This child makes all of the talk of war disappear. He is the very antithesis of everything I've been talking about. He is not strong and powerful. He doesn't intimidate with his physical presence or skills in martial arts.

He will be, at first, maybe eighteen inches long and maybe seven pounds wrapped tightly in a blanket and placed in a trough to sleep. The animals in the stable are confused as they draw near the manger. They can't eat their hay. This little Man-child lies where supper is supposed to be, and now they are being shooed away:

Strange how God works. In the presence of this infant Jesus, He makes a mockery of our power. It is no accident that in Psalm 20:7, the poet says:

Some take pride in chariots, and  
some in horses,  
but our pride is in the name of  
the Lord our God."

And it didn't change. Years later after Jesus had grown up, Luke records the event of the baptism of Jesus by recalling different kinds of power. He begins by talking about the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius. He was the emperor of Rome: Now, that's power when the date is defined by your coronation. Then, he mentions Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, another important person. Next comes Herod, Jewish ruler of Galilee, Jesus' home, followed by Philip and Lysanius, yet another. He talks about the high priests, Caiaphas and Annas, all powerful men.

You know what? The word of God came to none of them. The word of God came to an eccentric prophet who made his home in the inhospitable wilderness, eating what he found there, wearing the clothing of an ascetic. He was a son of a priest - maybe that explained it? *He* was the one to whom the word of God came. It came not to Tiberius or Pilate or Herod, not to the power brokers in their first century equivalents of stretch limos and bulletproof glass but to the weirdo in the wilderness, the guy with the sign with the scrawled message: Repent or else!"

Later yet, during Matthew's account of the arrest of our Lord, one of those who was with Jesus drew a sword to defend his teacher and himself. The glancing blow off the head of the high priest's slave took an ear. It was the only recorded act of physical violence that any of the disciples of Jesus committed during those difficult days. And Jesus even rebuked the failed swordsman by reminding him that those who take up the sword perish by the sword. He also said, and this makes a lot of sense when you think about it: *"Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?"*

Sounds like a good idea to me' But Jesus didn't do it. Again, according to *Matthew*, he said: *'But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled which say it must happen this way?* It doesn't make sense to us, but then why are we surprised at that since in the Book of Isaiah we find this oracle:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are my ways your ways  
For as the heavens are higher than the  
earth, so are my ways higher than your  
ways, and my thoughts than your  
thoughts." (Isaiah 53: 8-9)

Maybe that's where it's all explained. But we ought not allow it to excuse us from following this mysterious presence who would have us do everything very differently.

One of these years, when all of the kids are gone and there are no plans to entertain anybody over the holiday, I will save my money and go buy some stuffed animals to put under the Christmas tree. I will buy a lion and a calf, a wolf and a kid, a leopard and a lamb, a cow and a bear and a poisonous snake and a child. I will set them under the tree in the same place where the wallets and belts and aftershave and ties go. In the same place

where the carefully wrapped purses and sweaters and stuff from Victoria's Secret (ooh-la-la!) might be found. The cards bearing checks and all that sort of thing will be replaced by the tableau of blood enemies living together in peace.

I'll sit there with Pattie on the love seat in the living room, and we will talk and dream about a world where this little child truly does lead us, as the prophet Zechariah reminds us: *'not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord of hosts.'*

It occurs to me that more courage is required to be a Christian armed only with faith, hope, and love than the mightiest soldier who ever lived. And since we don't have a lot of stuffed animals in our home yet, I think I'll move some of the boxes and wrapping paper out of the way on Christmas afternoon and set a crèche underneath it and consider that most precious gift of all, the gift of Jesus the Christ who shows us the still more excellent way.

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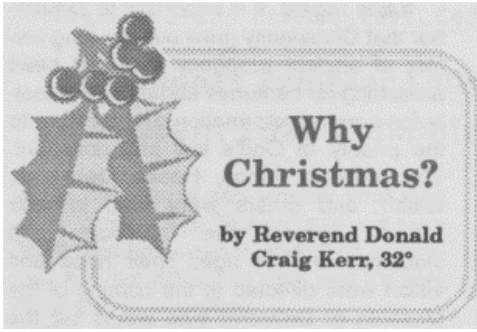
## Loft the Banner High

With the motto, "Under This Sign We Conquer," placed on our banner, there is an implication that we display it. "We conquer" is a considerable boast indicating pride in our capabilities. One might ask where we make this prideful display and just who do we display it before? We might even ask for what purpose.

The Sir Knights of Fairfax Commandery No. 25 in Culpepper, Virginia, decided that the place for an individual Commandery to begin is within its own community. They took a lesson from one of their Blue Lodges, Linn Banks Lodge No. 126 in Madison, Virginia, who placed the name of their Lodge on the backs of Little League baseball players' uniforms by sponsoring a team.

The Knights of No. 25 decided, instead, to place their logo and list of philanthropies in a place where the families of every teenager in the community would see them. The cost was a one-time expense of only sixty-five dollars. They placed a one-eighth page ad in the high school yearbook congratulating seniors. The ad displays the name and logo of the Knights Templar and lists: the Eye Foundation, Holy Land Pilgrimage, and Educational Foundation. The cost is slight. The exposure is high and lasting. The banner is a little higher.

Sir Knight Donald J. Willard  
Commander of Fairfax Commandery  
Culpepper, Virginia



Why do things happen as they do? Why, for example, is there such a thing as Christmas? Why did it come about as it did? Somehow, the hour had come. Destiny was ready. The world was waiting. Conditions were right.

There is, I believe, some universal law. No wind blows, no child is born, no life expires, no flower blooms, no truth is discovered, no change is made - until there is a reason. As St. Paul expressed the idea: "The fullness of time has come." Some may call it fate some, Providence. Whatever it is, time 'Stands within the shadows, Keeping watch above its own."

So why did Christmas come upon the scene? Why in Bethlehem and not Athens or Cairo or Rome or Baghdad? Events do not happen without some carefully planned preparation. Think what might have happened if Judas Maccabbeus had failed to liberate Israel from the hands of the Syrian despot, Antiochus. Then, Judaism would never have flourished, nor would Christianity have arisen 164 years later. Had that happened, Islam would have been founded as the third major religion in the Middle East. There are some reasons why events happen as they do. When it is time for war, it comes. When it is time for peace, it comes. When it is time for Christmas, it comes. Why? Let us look behind the scenes.

First of all, the world was bound together in a unity. It was a world closely tied together by virtue of its compelling loyalty to Rome and the emperor. The Roman Empire stretched from Germany in the north to

Africa in the south - two thousand miles. Its control extended from Britain in the west to Babylon in the east - three thousand miles. Wherever the tides moved, they washed the shores of the Roman Empire. Rome held the world in an armed unity and kept the peace. Four hundred thousand soldiers were on duty at all times to preserve the "Pax Romana." The world was one, and its allegiance was unchallenged. As a result, when Christmas came, the world was under one sovereignty, and the message of Christmas could be heard the world around.

A second reason why it was time for Christmas was that Rome made the world a competitive community. Across the land secure highways fanned out in all directions, carrying commerce and culture from one end to the other. Along the sea routes ships brought trade and ideas and habits from one port to another. Caravans and messengers brought the world into a neighborhood. People were global-minded. Lives were influenced by the art and music and literature of foreign lands. Therefore, the story of Christmas could be told wherever commerce flowed, and therefore, it was believed for a time that the wise men were Zoroastrians from areas now known as Iran or Iraq.

In the third place, the empire was tolerant of all religions, cults, and philosophies as long as they did not interfere with or contradict the loyalty to the emperor. Hundreds of such religious groups flourished, and of particular interest were the mystery religions of Greece. For a time Christianity was considered to be but another of those mystery cults.

Mythology and legend were passed along easily, and it was not illogical or unreasonable to accept such a notion as a Virgin Birth. Angels, stars, saviors, and other such concepts were not discounted but rather accepted.

Another curious thought to remember is that when Christmas arrived, the world spoke a common language. People could

communicate with each other in almost any place in the empire. The barrier of understanding had broken down. Tongues and dialects melded into the Greek language, which had been transported by Alexander the Great. Hellenism was the pervading and prevailing venue of the world. Hence, when Christmas appeared, it could spread its gospel through a common vehicle and could be understood through the Greek language in all the world.

One last thought is that, as Christmas sang of peace and goodwill, the spirit of the time was largely indifferent to anything we might call "social justice." The poor, the disabled, the slave, the vagrant, the downtrodden were of little concern to the rank and file of citizens. Society as a whole felt no sense of social responsibility. The cults of the day care little or not at all about the dispossessed, the indigent, the handicapped, or the mentally ill.

In retrospect, Matthew Arnold wrote about it in this vein:

On that sad pagan world disgust And  
secret loathing fell;  
Deep weariness and stated lust Made  
human life a hell.

When Christmas came, the time was right for it to inject some moral and spiritual obligation into the social conscience.

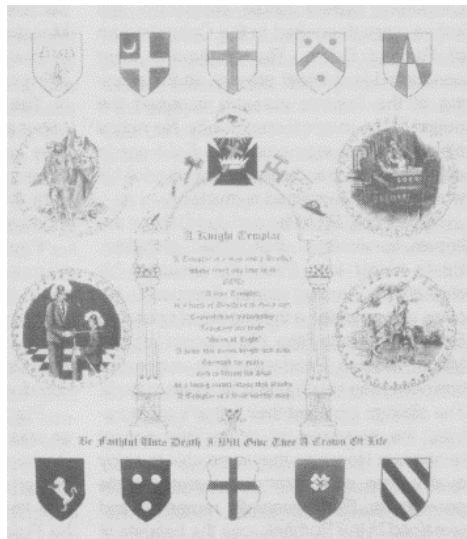
It is in this regard, it is important to remember that Christianity grew out of a long history of ancient prophecy that had been preaching for centuries about the necessity for a moral reformation and a return to the priority of God's law and covenant. The prophets Amos, Hosea, Jeremiah, Isaiah, and others were loud in their protest against the injustices and inequities of their age. Their hope and vision were directed to the coming of the Messiah or Deliverer who would set the scales in balance.

And now the season comes upon us. The time is here again to show forth a more humane spirit, a less hostile attitude, and a more friendly face. It is incumbent upon us to stretch forth our hands and our pocketbooks for the sake of the poor and needy. It is time to be inspired by the splendor and mystery of the unknown. It is time to come into the Divine Presence and adorn ourselves with the mantle of joy and peace and love and to bow before Him, who is called "Emmanuel," knowing "God is with us."

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## Beautiful Knights Templar Afghan To Benefit The KTEF

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## In Memoriam

William R. Selby, Sr., Kentucky

General Grand Chapter Silver Medal - East Central Region, 1993  
Grand Secretary/Recorder of the three York Rite Bodies of Kentucky

Sir Knight Selby was born September 5, 1922 and died October 13, 1996. Married to Mae Divine January 17, 1942, they had two children, five grandchildren, and one great grandson. He was employed by the Southern Railroad System and retired as an engineer in 1984. He served his country during WWII from 1943-1946 and received five battle stars for service in the European Theater of Operation.

Fraternal affiliations include: member and Past Master (1950-51 and 1961) of Harvey Maquire Lodge No. 209 and a dual member of Franklin Lodge No. 28, Danville, Kentucky and District Deputy Grand Master, 1961; Exalted R.A.M., Danville Chapter No. 4, 1950, High Priest, 1956 and 1978, Secretary, 1958-72, Grand Chaplain of Grand Chapter, 1961, Order of High Priesthood, and served as Grand High Priest, 1983; Council RSM: Danville No. 3, 1954, Illustrious Master, 1961, Recorder for 14 years, Order of the Silver Trowel, Arch Deputy of 4th Grand Arch; Ryan Commandery No. 17, 1951, Commander, 1976, made Knight Preceptor in 1982 and served as Prelate; member KYCH, Red Cross of Constantine, Phiialthes Society and the Mutual Guild, Oleika Shrine Temple, Royal Order of Scotland, Allied Masonic Degrees, National Sojourners, Heroes of '76, Order of Eastern Star, all 4 York Rite Colleges in Kentucky, Past Governor Bluegrass No. 104 and Grand Governor, Kentucky.

## History of The Grand Encampment

### Selections From The Appendixes

#### Appendix III

#### Report on the Formation of the Grand Encampment (continued)

by James H. Hopkins

In 1841, upon application from the Commanders of Ohio, leave was granted to form a Grand Commandery; "the Grand Recorder was directed to issue the proper document under his hand and seal of the Grand Encampment."

In 1859, on motion of that distinguished scholar and jurist, Albert Pike, a resolution was passed approving of the authority given by the Grand Master for the formation of certain Grand Commanderies, and providing "that charters be issued to each when formed."

In 1856, Grand Master Hubbard said, "that the charter from the Grand Encampment should not only exist, but should be retained as the only, as well as the highest, authority for such action."

In 1859 the same eminent Templar declared that "all authority necessary for the government and well-being of Templar Masonry in the United States was vested in it (the Grand Encampment) and flowed from it, and the supervising power over all was full and ample."

In the same year (1859) a committee was appointed by the Grand Encampment "to carefully examine and supervise all the proceedings of the State Grand, as well as the individual subordinates, for the past three years."

In 1862 Grand Master French declared that "in form, ours is a military organization, a form of government which recognizes no rule of action, but the disciplined obedience to the will of the superior."

Perhaps the strongest authority on this point is Grand Master Gardner, the strongest

because of his expressed desire to concede to the Grand Commanderies all the powers they could reasonably claim. In an address to the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1871 this celebrated and zealous Templar said: You were possessed of absolute sovereign powers, but yielded up to the Grand Encampment many of them and retained a few. You accepted a subordinate position. The Grand Encampment officers might preside over your subordinates, instruct and supervise them."

Numerous instances might be given when the supreme authority of the Grand Encampment has been questioned, and in every case it was stoutly and successfully maintained, and with great unanimity; and that, too, by representatives of Grand Commanderies who were always duly zealous of their rights.

There is no good ground for discord. If we are all animated by the spirit and imbued with the teachings of our noble Order, nothing can mar our harmony or check our progress.

James H. Hopkins

The foregoing report was given by Past Grand Master James H. Hopkins at the Triennial Conclave held in 1889, in which he set forth results of his investigations into the origin of the Grand Encampment. This paper was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings of that Conclave. It was also stated that when the early Proceedings of the Grand Encampment were reprinted that they should be corrected in accordance with his findings. The committee in charge of the printing of the early Proceedings, however, decided to publish this report as a preface to the Proceedings rather than change the original record.



# **APPENDIX IV** **LIST OF GRAND MASTERS OF THE** **MEDIEVAL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR** (from 1113 to 1313)

1. Hugh De Payens (Hugo de Payence; Hugh of the Temple). Installed February 15, 1113; died 1136.
2. Robert of Burgundy (Lord Robert de Crayon). Installed 1136.
3. Everard Des Barres (De Barri). Installed 1146; abdicated 1151, and devoted his life to penance and mortification.
4. Bernard De Tremelay (Trenellape). Installed 1151; killed, in the battle of Ascalon, 1153. An illustrious Sir Knight, a valiant and experienced soldier.
5. Bertrand De Blanquefort (Blanche-  
fort). Installed 1154; died June 19, 1156. A pious and God-fearing man.
6. Philip De Naplous (Philip of Nablous). Installed 1167; abdicated in 1170. He was the first Grand Master born in Palestine. He resigned great possessions and became a Templar after the death of his wife.
7. Odo De St. Amand. Installed 1170; died, in captivity, 1179. A proud and fiery warrior, of undaunted courage and resolution.
8. Arnold De Torroge (Torrage, or Troye). Installed 1180; died, on a visit to Europe, 1184. Had filled some of the chief situations of the Order.
9. Gerard De Riderfort (Riderford or Ridefort). Installed 1185; killed, in the battle of Acre, October 4, 1189.
10. Walter. Installed 1189.
11. Robert De Sable (Sabloil, or Sabboil, or Sablaeus). Installed 1191.
12. Gilbert Horal (Erail, or Gralius). Installed 1194.
13. Philip Duplessies (De Plesseis, or du Plessis). Installed 1201; died 1217.
14. William De Chartres (Carnota). Installed 1217; died, in Egypt, 1217.
15. Peter De Montaigne (Thomas de Montagu). Installed 1218.
16. Hermann De Perigord (Herman Petragorius). Installed 1233; killed, in the battle of Gaza, 1244.

17. William De Sonnac. Installed 1247; killed, in the battle of Damietta, 1249.
18. Reginald De Vichier (Vicherius). Installed 1251; died 1257.
19. Thomas Berard (Beraud). Installed 1257; died, at Acre, 1273.
20. William De Beaujen. Installed 1273; killed in battle, at Acre, 1291.
21. Theobald Gaudin (De Gaudini, or Gaundinius). Installed 1291; died 1295.
22. Jacques De Molay (Jacques de Molai). Installed 1295; burned at the stake, at Paris, 1313.  
 From Addison's "Knight Templars."

# **APPENDIX V** **LIST OF GRAND MASTERS OF** **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR** French Ordre du Temple

John Mark Larmenius	1313
Thomas Theobald Alexandrinus; otherwise, Francis Thomas Theobald	1324
Arnold de Braque	1340
John de Claremont	1349
Bertrand du Guesclin	1357
John Arminiacus	1381
Bernard Arminiacus	1392
John Arminiacus	1419
John de Croy	1451
Bernard Imbault	1472
Robert Lenoncourt	1478
Galeatus de Salazar	1497
Philip Chabot	1516
Gaspard de Galtiac Tavanensis	1544
Henry de Montmorency	1574
Charles de Valois	1615
James Ruxellius de Granceio	1651
James Henry, Duc de Duras	1681
Philip, Duke of Orleans	1705
Louis Augustus Bourbon	1724
Louis Henry Bourbon Conde	1737
Louis Francis Bourbon Conty	1741
Louis Hercules Timoleon, Duc de Cosse Brissac	1776
Claude M. R. Cheillon	1792
Bernard Raymond Fabre Palaprat	1804
Sir William Sidney Smith	1838

From Addison's "Knight Templars."

## In Memoriam



**James H. Johnson**  
**North Dakota**  
**Grand Commander-1984**  
**Born December 20, 1922**  
**Died October 12, 1996**

**Arthur W. Clough, Jr.**  
**Vermont**  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Commander-1 996 Born September**  
**23, 1920**  
**Died October 23, 1996**

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No. 100,528-Baly T. Kelly (KY)

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For all who became members of the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's clubs after July 1, 1992, now pins will be issued at no charge to the recipients. If you became a member of either dub prior to that date and would like a pin for yourself, send a \$10.00 donation to the Eye Foundation in Chicago, and you will receive one.

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## Happy Holidays from the Staff of the Eye Foundation!

### Largest Wills, Bequests, Trusts

#### August

Robert A. Barkley  
\$102,042.99

#### September

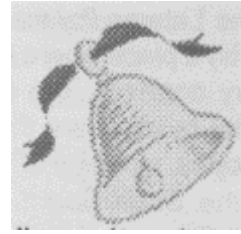
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# The Donation of Constantine

by Sir Knight James A Marples, 32



Christianity was recognized as the official religion of the Roman Empire by the Emperor Constantine I in the fourth century, A.D. To give Christianity a firm foothold in the West, Constantine gave the Lateran buildings in Rome (and other prime grounds from the territories he held) to Pope Sylvester I and his papal successors. This grant bestowing choice tracts of land, the structures thereon, and their contents of various precious items was called the "Donation of Constantine."

The Donation of Constantine was a conveyance of real estate and other types of property given to the Church forever. It was a gift marking Constantine's recognition of and allegiance to the Roman Catholic Church as the true and legitimate Church with its unbroken chain of episcopal succession, with the Pope as Vicar of Christ, the direct successor of Saint Peter who was first given that commission from Jesus. The donation also marked the gratitude of Constantine for his restored health. Pope Sylvester was himself credited with miraculously curing Constantine of leprosy. This story was attested to by a fifth century apocryphal "Legenda S. Silvestri." It is important to note that this oral or verbal history occurred less than one hundred years after the events themselves. Nearly all of us have visited with "old-timers" who have either first-hand or second-hand knowledge of events from one hundred years ago. Therefore, such an oral history may be given credence.

However, several centuries later a document purporting to be the written version outlining the specifics of the Donation of Constantine appeared around the year A.D. 800. There are those who speculate that it is a fake, while others speculate that it is genuine. Normally, a

written document is believed, but since that appeared centuries after the events themselves, serious doubt is cast upon the written document as a suspected forgery, crafted in the Middle Ages.

Therefore, more credence should be given to the **verbal history** of the Donation of Constantine. It is more contemporary with the events described and more in line with the way in which history unfolded.

There were many benefits of the Donation of Constantine: Constantine donated to the Church the Lateran Basilica, officially called the Basilica of the Savior, which ranks as a papal cathedral and was a frequent site of ecclesiastical councils in Medieval days. It was built in the fourth century, A.D. (again, contemporary with Constantine's life), and subsequently, it was restored, renovated, and rebuilt in later centuries.

The original Lateran Palace was the papal residence for nearly **one thousand years** until the Pope moved to the Vatican in the fourteenth century. Those are important benchmarks in history: As every Knight Templar knows, our valiant and magnanimous order was formed in Jerusalem in A.D. 1118, and in 1128 our order received the full blessing of Pope Honorius, who resided in the Lateran Palace. It seems that the popes were most agreeable when they resided there. Well over two dozen Supreme Pontiffs in residence there gave their holy blessings to the Order of Knights Templar.

By the time of the fourteenth century, many ancient landmarks and groups of people were abandoned or cast aside. Just as the candlelight dimmed in the Lateran Palace, the light dimmed in other parts of the European continent.

The Lateran Palace in many ways was (and is) a place where ancient and modern history connect. The only remains of the original building are the private chapel of the popes, a portion of the old dining room, and the Scala Santa or "holy staircase" reputedly part of the palace of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem which was touched by the feet of Jesus Christ. It is fitting that this holy staircase be located in Rome, near the palace where two of the Apostles, Saint Peter and Saint Paul, died.

Knowing these facts, we as Knights Templar are better able to appreciate the full import of the Donation of Constantine. In our modern age, many people give gifts at Christmas time. It is nice to give and to receive; however, Constantine's gift (or donation) was so huge, so grand, so rich, and so awe-inspiring that it must be remembered for its merits.

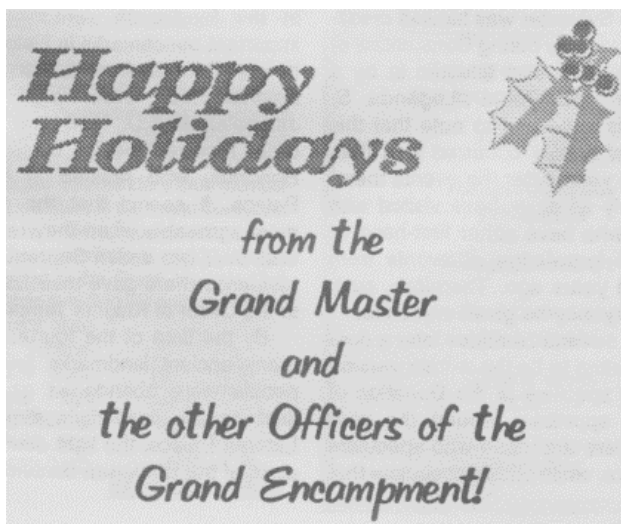
Before Constantine's reign, Christianity was the religion of the few. With Constantine's aid, it was destined to become the religion of the many. Constantine's gift in perpetuity to the Church was fundamentally responsible for the preservation and expansion of Christianity during crucial times. Constantine gave Christianity a solid foundation on which to display the sacred virtues taught by Jesus

Christ. He lived approximately three hundred years after Jesus walked on earth, but Constantine was guided by faith.

Constantine's efforts alone did not make a perfect pathway for Christians to travel. Often, the path was full of trials, tribulations, and hazards. That is why the Order of Knights Templar was established - literally to protect and defend the pathway. Our efforts continue to this day, accentuating his positive efforts.

Constantine's Donation was truly an unselfish gift from the heart. Although a material" gift, it was intended as reinforcement to remind all Christians of the holy and "spiritual" gift our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ gave to the world. Constantine was not always the perfect Christian. Like all humans, he had his faults and sins; however, he knew that the vast network of people working together for the good of the Universal Church could accomplish more if they had the resources to showcase their Christian faith. Constantine provided such resources by his donation, and largely due to his efforts, Christianity is the faith of millions of people globally. We thank you, Constantine.

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The following article from The Linn County News, Pleasanton, Kansas, has been slightly edited for use in Knight Templar. The first two pictures were also provided by The Linn County News.

## Meet Bobby Lee KTEF Recipient!



by Mary Fyock Simpson  
The Linn County News, Pleasanton, Kansas

Bobby Lee Newman of Mound City, Kansas, is a very normal, active, energetic, four-year-old, full of chatter and activity. He has a delightful smile and a distinct twinkle in his eyes that cannot be ignored.

At first meeting, it is very hard to imagine what this little guy has gone through in his short four years.

When Bobby was born, he was afflicted with an eye condition known as Strabismus.

Strabismus (struh - biz' mus) is an eye condition in which both eyes cannot be focused at the same time. Also called cross-eyes, it is caused by an imbalance of the muscles of the eye.

Babies are apt to be cross-eyed, but they should begin to lose this tendency by the time they are three months old.

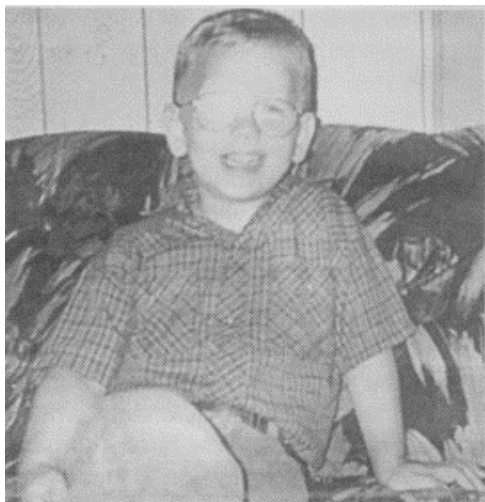
Unfortunately, Bobby's eyes did not correct themselves, and at ten months of age, he underwent surgery to shorten the muscle of one eye.

It is essential for this eye condition to be corrected, not only to prevent eye strain but to keep them from getting worse.

If, for example, one eye is normal and the other is not, the good one will do all the work, which is bad for the one that is not being used. It is possible that blindness may even result.

In Bobby's case, one eye was a floater, and the other was a lazy eye.

Strabismus can, in some cases, be corrected in part or completely by wearing eyeglasses. This treatment was used in treating Bobby's eyes, but it wasn't enough. That is when Bobby's Mom and Dad,



Bobby Lee Newman, age four, of Mound City, wearing an eye patch to strengthen the other eye before surgery.

Bridgett and James Newman, met Don Kelley, also of Mound City.

Mrs. Newman was told about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the wonderful work they do. She then contacted a representative of the group in Iowa, who in turn gave her the name of a representative in Mound City. That representative was Don Kelley.

Sir Knight Kelley belongs to Montjoie Commandery No. 29 in Pittsburg, Kansas. He came to Linn County in 1975, when he and his family moved from California planning to settle in the Ozarks area. They stopped in Mound City and never left.



**Bobby Lee Newman and Knight Templar Don Kelley, both of Mound City, after double eye surgery for Bobby.**

As a Knight Templar, one can help others who are less fortunate, and one way is through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, a great humanitarian charity whose purpose is to provide research, surgical treatment, and hospitalization to those who suffer from diseases of or injury to the eyes.

Kelley had never been a sponsor for a child to the Eye Foundation before, but he was anxious for the opportunity. He met with the Newman family and aided them in filling out the necessary paper work.

Also providing invaluable help with the paper work was the staff of Dr. Trudy Grin of Overland Park Regional Hospital.

It took five or six months to complete the forms but the financial guidelines were met, and Bobby was soon to undergo surgery once again.

During this waiting period, Bobby was required to wear an eye patch every waking minute of the day along with the glasses, as seen in the picture on page 21.

Eventually the big day came, and on Tuesday, September 10, at 1:15 p.m. Bobby was the focus of the attention of Dr. Grin in surgery.

Bobby's parents have been very open with him about the surgery and what is happening with him, knowing this would lessen his fears and apprehension about the ordeal. Therefore, Bobby was very calm about the whole process except for having to wear that hospital gown that opened in the back.

The surgery lasted one hour and fifteen minutes and once completed, Bobby was allowed to sleep for awhile before he and his family returned home.

Once home, Bobby began the recovery process, in a familiar setting and surrounded by his family which included his older sister, Kazia age 13, and his younger brother, Jimmy age 22 months.

On Thursday, September 12, Bobby returned to see Dr. Grin, who was pleased with his progress. There was no sign of black eyes, which is quite normal, and there was only a slight redness in his eyes.

The future will depend on Bobby - the surgery comes with no guarantees - but there will be no more eye patches for now which delights Bobby.

Everyone wishes this little guy a complete recovery and a bright future.

With the continued work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, many more children like Bobby may be helped, and we thank them and wish them continued success.



**It is all so tiring for a little boy and his pup!**

# Freemasonry and Religion

by Dr. Charles H. Lacquement, D.D.

Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

*This sermon was written by and preached by Charles H. Lacquement, D. D., Grand Chap/am of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Director of Pastoral Care at the Masonic Homes. The Masonic Family Religious Service was Sunday, June 2, 1996, in the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel.*

"If I was a dictator," said Quenton Reynolds, "the first book I would burn would be the Bible. I would burn it because I realize that the whole concept of democracy came out of this book. The Greeks gave us the name for it, but the Bible gave us the philosophy."

The Reverend and Brother Joseph Fort Newton said, "Time is a river and books are boats, and the one enduring book which has traveled down to us from the past is the Holy Bible."

This book, this Bible, we believe it to be the Law of God; it occupies the rank of one of the three Great Lights of Masonry; in fact, it is rated first among these Lights. Masonic symbolism is taken largely from the Bible, and Masonic morals and ethics are based upon its teachings. Among Masons, the Bible is regarded as both a revelation and a symbol of the will of God. In a regularly constituted Masonic Lodge, the Bible is placed upon the altar in the center of the Lodge room and is opened during the ritual and the conferring of the different degrees. It occupies this position as a symbol of the Divine Rays of Truth that permeate all business of the Lodge.

Every Mason ought not only to honor the Bible as a Great Light of the Craft, he ought to read it, live it, love it, lay its truth to heart, and learn what it means to be a man. There is something in the book which, if it gets into a man, makes him both gentle and strong, faithful and free, obedient and tolerant.

The Bible is as high as the sky and as deep as the grave; its two great characters are God and the Soul of Man.. and the

story of their eternal life is its everlasting romance. It is the most human of books, telling us the half-forgotten secrets of our own hearts: our sins, our sorrows, our doubts, our hopes. It is the most divine of books, telling us that God has made us for Himself, and that our hearts will be restless, unhappy, and lonely until we learn to rest in Him Whose will is our peace.

The Bible lies open on our altars .open for all to read, open for each to interpret for himself. It is the genius of Freemasonry that it unites men.. not upon a creed bristling with debated issues, but upon the broad simple truth which underlies all creeds and overarches all religions. . .and the truth is Faith in God, Who is the wise Master Builder, for Whom and with Whom man must work.

This Bible, written over a period of 1,600 years, by forty different authors, can give us the wholesome pleasure of reading good literature (like the *Arabian Nights*, Shakespeare, Homer's epics) while other passages speak of everyday correspondence.

The Bible can help us to understand many practices and ideals of our present social order. In fact, our civilization is largely based upon the Bible; our laws are taken right from the Five Books of Moses. The Bible can help us to live worthily through the inspiration of the great examples set before us, as we confront the heroes of the faith.

Up-to-now, I have tried to explain that Freemasonry loves the Bible, and it is rated first among the Great Lights of the Craft. However, what I am really concerned

about is the critics of Freemasonry. As you know, there have been critics in every generation who say that Freemasonry is a religious organization, and that has created much misunderstanding concerning our Fraternity.

But, my friend, Freemasonry is neither a church, nor a substitute for a church. It does embrace several great beliefs, but it has no dogma concerning faith and morals. It is a philosophy. It is a fellowship, but not an ecclesiastical system. It is ritualistic, but not sacramental. It has always been a bulwark for religious liberty; it is a supporter of

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all religions. Freemasonry does not profess revelation; it has no sacred literature. It postulates no dogmas, carries out no sacraments, possess no seminaries.

Furthermore, it has no dietary laws regulating the food you eat, such as the Jews and Catholics have. It has no liturgy such as the "Lord's Prayer" of Protestantism, the "Ave Maria" of Catholicism, and the "Avenu Lashabeah" of Judaism, with their respective attendant rituals. Nor has it anything similar to the great hymnologies of these three faiths, embodying grand old hymns such as "Lead Kindly Light" of the Protestants, the Gregorian chants of the Roman Catholic Church, and the "Adon Olam" of Judaism.

Often, you are included in your religious fellowship by the simple act of being born - but you are not born a Freemason. Freemasonry does not possess a religious and emotional influence on the life of the individual from the day of his birth. So you see, Freemasonry is not a permit for a Mason to replace his church, but to enforce it. It does not supplant, but supports. It does not take bad men and make them good; it

takes good men and makes them better.

Freemasonry teaches us to make honor and duty the steady beacon that shall guide our life-vessel over the stormy seas of life, to do that which is right, to war incessantly against error, intolerance, ignorance, vice, and yet to pity those who err, to be tolerant even of intolerance.

Freemasonry teaches we are to labor to improve the social order by enlightening men's minds, warming their hearts with love of the good, and inspiring them with the great principles of human fraternity.

Freemasonry realizes we cannot expect all men at the present state of world progress to subscribe to one religion, but we can fraternize in philosophy which is fundamentally the same in all creeds. All major moral religions share the aspirations and obligations of all men of goodwill who seek perfection of body and soul. No institution teaches more plainly the fundamentals of good citizenship than Freemasonry. The virtues which characterize a good citizen are in its obligations and charges, while its ceremonies remind Masons of the duties they owe constituted authority.

Where does Freemasonry get this amazing vitality? It is from its two great truths, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and the chief Masonic virtue, charity or brotherly love. Masons are taught to practice these virtues at all times and to assimilate them into their very being. It is these virtues that lead Masons to do their duties, to stretch forth a helping hand to a fallen Brother, to hold his reputation equally with their own, to whisper good counsel in his ear, and in the most friendly manner, endeavor to bring about the best person their Brother can be.

Conversely, this is why Freemasonry ought to be respected and encouraged in countries blessed by the sunshine of democracy. And that is why, in our beloved land, so many of our outstanding leaders, and several of our presidents (including our immortal first president) have been proud to acknowledge membership in our Fraternity.



Freemasonry is not a religion and cannot take the place of religion. But, in its acknowledgment of a Supreme Being... the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, it has a philosophical base and a common meeting ground with all religions.

Remember, we take good men and make them better. Look around you - you see several Good Men!

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly..."

Or as Paul told young Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman, that needeth not to be ashamed..."

Sir Knight Charles H. Lacquement, D.D., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Director of Pastoral Care at the Masonic Homes, is a member of Columbian Commandery No. 18, Sioux City, Iowa. For correspondence: 1 Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022



## 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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___ Sweatshirts	\$25.00 each.....	Size:	S	M L XL XXL
___ Windbreakers	\$30.00 each.....	Size:	S	M L XL XXL
Enclose check for total amount. 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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Take A Step Into New York History

## Masonic Hall Rededication and Ceremony

December 14, 1996—New York City, New York

Honoring the 100th Birthday of the Masonic Hall and of  
Senior Past Grand Master MW. Raymond C. Ellis

Schedule of events: parade, 12:00 NOON (assemble at Madison Square Park, 5th Avenue, and 24th Street); rededication ceremony, 120 i'..; reception-lunch, 1:00 P.M. (Masonic Hall, 24th Street); tribute to M.W. Raymond C. Ellis, 2:00 P.M.; anniversary concert, 3.00 P.M.; dedication-American Room, 4-00 p.m.; open tours-lodge rooms, 4:20 P.M.; social hour, 5:00 P.M.; and celebration dinner, 6:00 P.M.

### Louisiana Assembly Of S.O.O.B. Welcomes New Members

Shreveport Assembly No. 60 of Shreveport, Louisiana, initiated three candidates at their recent meeting. Pictured are Mrs. Roy E. May, Supreme Mistress of the Wardrobe, 1995-96; Mrs. Robert V. Roberts III, President of Shreveport Assembly; candidates Mrs. Roy B. Tuck, Mrs. James D. Parker, and Mrs. Ernest C. Belmont; and Mrs. Robert V. Roberts, Jr., President of Minden Assembly No. 118.



These ladies and their husbands represent a lot of power in Louisiana Masonry. Mrs. May's husband is the Grand Principal Conductor of Work for the Grand Council. Mrs. Roberts III's husband is Master of Martin McClanahan Lodge No. 384 in Bossier City. Mrs. Tuck's husband is Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Mrs. Parker's husband is Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery and P.1. Grand Master, Grand Council. Mrs. Belmont's husband is the Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. The husband of Mrs. Roberts, Jr., is Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter.

Shreveport Assembly is proud to welcome these ladies into the Social Order of the Beauceant and know that through their efforts they will be instrumental in bringing good things to the Beauceant and the Knights Templar in Louisiana.

### MSA Appeal For Grand Lodge Of North Carolina

On September 6, 1996, Hurricane Fran dealt the state of North Carolina a devastating blow. We normally think of hurricanes hitting hardest in coastal areas. Fran, however, not only struck the coast of North Carolina but traveled inland wreaking havoc all through the state. With a few exceptions all the counties in North Carolina suffered damage.

Because of the damage suffered, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has requested the MSA to put out an appeal on their behalf.

Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel would be appropriate to help our devastated Brethren in the state of North Carolina. Checks may be made payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund (designated "North Carolina Relief") and sent to 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785. (From "Emessay Notes," October 1996, published by the Masonic Service Association of North America)

## Cornerstone For Ford Center - Nebraska

On July 28, 1996, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska conducted the laying of a cornerstone for the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center in Omaha, Nebraska. The site at 1326 South 32nd commemorates and marks the birth place of Gerald Ford, the 38th President of the United States. Mr. Ford was born in Omaha as Leslie King. After moving to Michigan, Mr. Ford was active in athletics and went on to play college football.

Several years ago, James M. Paxson, an active Mason in Omaha, acquired the Ford birth site and provided funds to construct the Ford Conservation Center, under the control and operation of the Nebraska State Historical Society. The staff engage in work on the study and maintenance repair and restoration of historic items including documents, art work, textiles, and other items of historical significance. It is one of only a few conservation centers in the nation and the only such center in the Midwest.

The laying of the cornerstone is particularly meaningful in that President Ford is a Mason and a member of several appendant Masonic organizations.

Mr. Charles Trimble, President of the State Historical Society, welcomed the participants and attendees and introduced the honorable Mayor of Omaha Hal Daub, a third generation Mason and member of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha. Mayor Daub early in his career worked for Mr. Paxson and served with Mr. Ford in Congress during Mr. Ford's years as Vice President and President of the United States.

In his oration Ben Hruska, Grand Orator, noted a number of similarities and dissimilarities between Mr. Paxson and Mr. Ford, and he spoke of Mr. Ford's offices as Vice President and President during a difficult time for our democratic government.



The grand officers, under the leadership of Grand Master Kaye Ramsey, were escorted by Mt. Calvary Commandery with music provided by the Tangier Shrine Temple Band. The Tangier Legion of Honor presented the Colors. For all those in attendance, it was a day of celebration of democratic government, of Masonry, and of service to one's fellow man.

The photo above shows Lady and Grand Master Kaye Ramsey with the Mt. Calvary Commandery escort. In the photo to right an arch of steel is formed by Mt. Calvary Commandery for President Trimble and Mayor Daub. The Tangier Shrine Temple Band plays on.



## New Hampshire York Rite And Freemason Belts Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation

York Rite and Freemason belts from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire are still available. There is a good supply on hand, and they will be glad to ship you one or more upon receipt of your order. The York Rite belt is made of a black web belt with a matching black ribbon sewn on it and with the emblems in gold and silver colors and with the three bodies and "York Rite" spelled out in gold color. The Freemasonry belt is in navy blue with the Masonic working tools, the square and the compass, and "Freemasonry" woven through a matching



blue ribbon. Standard length is 51 inches, and it may be trimmed shorter. 62-inch belts are available on special request. A brass buckle is supplied with each belt. The cost is still \$12.00 each, postpaid, and quantities over ten will be discounted \$1.00 each. U.S. funds only, please. Thanks to all who have bought these fine belts; you have assisted in the contribution of over \$10,000 to our KTEF, as well as smaller amounts to RARA and CMMRF. Also the MSA and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial have received a contribution. Send order and check to: Frederick H. Heuss, P.G.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue; Rochester; NH 03867-2034

### A Tom Clark Gnome For The York Rite Charities

In support of the three York Rite charities, North Carolina's York Rite grand officers commissioned Tom Clark of Cairn Studio, Ltd., Mooresville, North Carolina, to create and produce a limited number of a collector's series Gnome statuette. Tom Clark sculptures are produced in limited quantities and quickly increase in value. Each piece is numbered and registered to the individual purchaser.

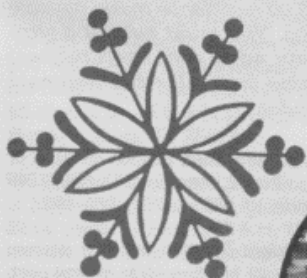
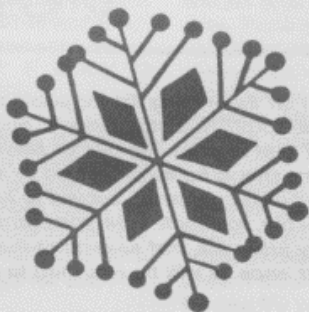
Cairn Studio sculpts these gnomes in the characteristic Tom Clark manner, and they are easily recognizable as such. Each is individually cast and hand-painted. The gnome represents Freemasonry overall but York Rite Masonry in particular. His name is "Hiram," and the Masonic working tools are all around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

The Rite will divide all profits from this project equally between the three York Rite charities: the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Royal Arch Assistance Association, and the CMMRF or Arteriosclerosis.

"Hiram" may be purchased from Cairn Studio, Ltd., C/O Joe Vail, 3609 Southwood Drive, Gastonia, NC 28056, or call (704) 824-3444. The purchase price is \$100.00 each plus \$10.00 shipping. Please furnish your complete shipping address with your order.



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*  
*from the staff of the*  
*Grand Encampment*



Center: Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder. Clockwise from top: Sir Knight James O. Potter, comptroller; Karla Neumann, accounting and database supervisor; Joan Morton, assistant editor; Bessie Cooper, word processor; and Sylvia Ericksen, database operator.



# Knight Voices

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Cambridge Commandery No. 14, Cambridge, Maryland, is re-forming, and we need your help. We are in need of swords for officers. Any Sir Knight who would like to help us in getting started we would appreciate it very much! Wallace E. Dodson, Commander Elect; 7 Somerset Avenue; Cambridge; MD 21613.

For sale: 1 00-year anniversary plates of Orange County Commandery No. 36, Anaheim, California, for \$10.00 each, including shipping and handling. Contact Robert Thomas, P.C.; 1334 East 49th Street, Santa Ma, CA 92701-5112, (714) 543-7602.

Wanted for cash: all Knight Templar swords, any condition, all grades - older items preferred - for my personal collection and for needy Sir Knights. Ron York 124 Topaz Dove, Franklin Park, NJ 08823, (938) 297-2030.

Knights Templar shoulder straps, all rank, embroidered in gold and silver bullion on velvet: Past Commander, red; Commander (serving), green; Generalissimo and Captain General, green; Prelate, green; Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate Emeritus in red \$35.00 a pair plus \$5.00 shipping and handling, plus Honorary Past Commander in red with embroidered in silver in old English letters, \$40.00, plus \$5.00 shipping and handling, and Grand Commander, large size with gold 'CC.' cross, \$40.00, plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Part of each sale, to KTEF Scholarship Fund (NV). Make checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., P.C.; 60 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10310-2698.

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes, 44 short, 44X long, and 46 short. \$23.00 includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad Street, SW; Pataskala; OH 43062, (614) 927-7073.

For sale: Knight Templar sword, bearing the name 'J. P. Nissley, Hermit Lodge No. 24,1(T, Hummeistown, Pa.' It's silver in a leather case and has a length of 36 inches. Sword and sheath are in excellent condition. D. W. Houser, 17 Pine Drive, Oxford, PA 19303, (717) 529-2439.

Wanted: high-collar, long coat, 52-inch chest, L or XL, and short coat, size 52, long. Fred L. Hill, 1203 Trinity Drive, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 370-1937.

For sale: Shrine/Knight Templar ring with approx. .50 Ct. diamond, S12 clarity, H color; 10 kt. yellow gold, and with Gothic brand, Gothic shank - \$1,495.00. James W. Cleveland, 823 Meade Street, Brookfield, MO 64628, (816) 258-2163.

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

Olive Branch Lodge No. 792, A.F. & A.M., of Brock, Texas, has a limited supply of 100th anniversary coins at \$5.00 each, postage and handling included. Make check or money order payable to Olive Branch Lodge No. 792, and mail to A. L. Hayter, 376 Hiner Road, Weatherford, TX 76087.

Do you keep a library on Masonic history? Lodge No. 12 at Austin, Texas, has written a book just for you. It contains 460 pages and tells the annals of this great Lodge. The author will autograph your book. Send \$17.50, plus \$5.00 S & H, to Austin Lodge No. 12, A.F. & AM.; P.O. Box 5150; Austin; Texas 78763.

Trilumina Lodge No. 205, A.F. & A.M., Marshall, Missouri, has a coin cast in 1987, commemorating their 120th anniversary. A limited supply of these coins remains and are being offered at \$4.50 each, postpaid. To order make check payable to Trilumina Lodge No. 205, A.F. & AM., and send to Roland O. Wood, 1011 Mar Drive, Marshall, MO 65340.

Plateau Lodge No. 101, A.F. & A.M., Mesa, Colorado, has 100th anniversary Masonic coins for sale at \$5.50 each, postpaid. Send check or money order to Kenneth E. O'Leary, W.M.; 735 Tulip Drive; Grand Junction; CO 81506 or Vernon G. Dillard, Sec.; 320-31314 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503.

Shades Valley Lodge No. 829, F. & A.M., Homewood, Alabama, is celebrating its 75th year and has commemorative bronze coins at \$8.00 each which includes shipping and handling. Please send checks to Shades Valley Lodge No. 829, F & A.M.; 8 Hollywood Blvd.; Homewood; AL 35209.

The old frontier town of Buda, Texas, is proud to announce its Buda Lodge No. 800 is celebrating its one-hundred-year anniversary with a clasp-on bronze pin with the Masonic emblem and "Buda Lodge No. 800, A.F. & A.M., 100 Anniversary" around the rim. You will have a bit of Texas history in your collection. Send \$3.00 plus \$1.00 S & H to Buda Lodge No. 800, P.O. Box 958, Buda, TX 78610.

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, Trexlertown, PA 18087.

For sale: Masonic dip art for IBM compatible computers. Artwork includes Lodge, York Roe, Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Shrine, and several others. Over 100 images available for your correspondence and trestleboard publications. Please send self-addressed, stamped envelope for more info and printed samples. Percentage of proceeds will benefit KTEF. ..b.wi Yates, PO, Box 3496, Wichita Falls, TX 78309. Internet E-mail: jyams@wf.net

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/nickel alloy. Silver color orgy. \$99 plus Ohio tax and \$4.00 S&H. Whole sizes only, 7-16. 10% of profits will go to KIEF. Check or MasterCard/Visa into, to Auratech Design; 107-M Plaza Drive, Suite 123; SL Clairsville, OH 43950. Money back satisfaction guarantee.

Wanted: Digest of Decisions from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, compiled by Hugh N. Layne, P.G.M., 1965. Barr, A. Ridunan, 814 Jefferson Drive, West Columbia SC 29169, home: (803)796-0478, office: (803) 733-4059.

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

Wanted: Masonic jewels, watch fobs, and other officers' regalia for Blue Lodge, York Rite, and Scottish Rite. All items will be considered. Please contact S. Graystone, P.M.; P.O. Box 8033; Santa Fe; NM 87504-8033.

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.

Attention, WWII veterans: I would like to purchase the souvenirs you brought back from the war: daggers, bayonets, helmets, uniforms, medals, beer stems, porcelain, weapons of all types, etc. I am not a dealer. I am a collector. Sell it to me, let me keep it for the next fifty years. I'll give you a fair price. Also interested in souvenirs from other wars. Al Cossey, 102 Burgess Drive, Greer, SC 29650-2624, (864) 244-5028, home; (864) 281-5383, work.

Wanted: violins, violas, cellos in any condition by violinist and teacher, who will put them in good playing condition and let students use them at no charge. H. Harry Kazarian, 91 Beaufort Street, Providence, RI 02908.

My company and I 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 Schnaika, Coldwell 8wAcer Major League Realty, Inc.; Residential Real Estate; 1625 Taylor Road, Suite B; Daytona Beach; FL 32124; 1-800 752-5021.

For sale: "condo Pompano Beach, Florida, on sixth floor at northeast corner on ocean, with private beach; two bedrooms, 2 B., garage, 2 pools, health clubs. Reduced. William P Barker 41567 State Route 39, Wellsville, OH 43968-9784, (330) 532-4280.

For sale: for retirement atmosphere, one cooperative apartment overlooking canal at 331 S.E. 15th Street, Pompano Beach, FL. Low maintenance fee is for gas, water (hot and cold), garbage pick-up, yard care, heated pool, small maintenance on building and grounds, insurance on building and pool, mail service, and laundry facilities. Call (812) 649-4129.

Reunion: The American Association of Navy Hospital Corpsmen's 1997 meeting is in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 24-28, 1997. Further info contact reunion coordinator, sending a SASE to Ronald Wilson, 6 Wheelwright Court, Baldwin, MO 63021, (314) 394-6868.

Reunion: 8611 of U.S. Army's A.S.A. Baumholder will meet in Massachusetts in 1997. Ray E. Flowers, 937 Evergreen Avenue, Cayce, SC 29033-3308.

Reunion: Fightin' Foxes U.S.S. George F. Elliott, AP 13 and 105 in Nashville, Indiana, June 3-6, 1997. Contact: Jake Miller, 205 Old White Trail, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986, (304) 536-4372.

## My Christmas Wish

Wishing for you  
All the special delights  
Of this holiday season,  
This season of lights.

Wishing the beauty  
Of sparkling snow,  
Of fir tree and holly  
And gay mistletoe.

Wishing the joy,  
The faith and the love  
That God in His mercy  
Sends down from above.

Wishing the love  
Of the Christ Child dear -  
The love that God sent  
To His children here.

Wishing the peace  
That knows only good -  
The peace that unites us  
In true brotherhood.

Wishing much joy  
And happiness, too -  
May Christmas be blest  
To your loved ones and you.

Gertrude Rosenkild