

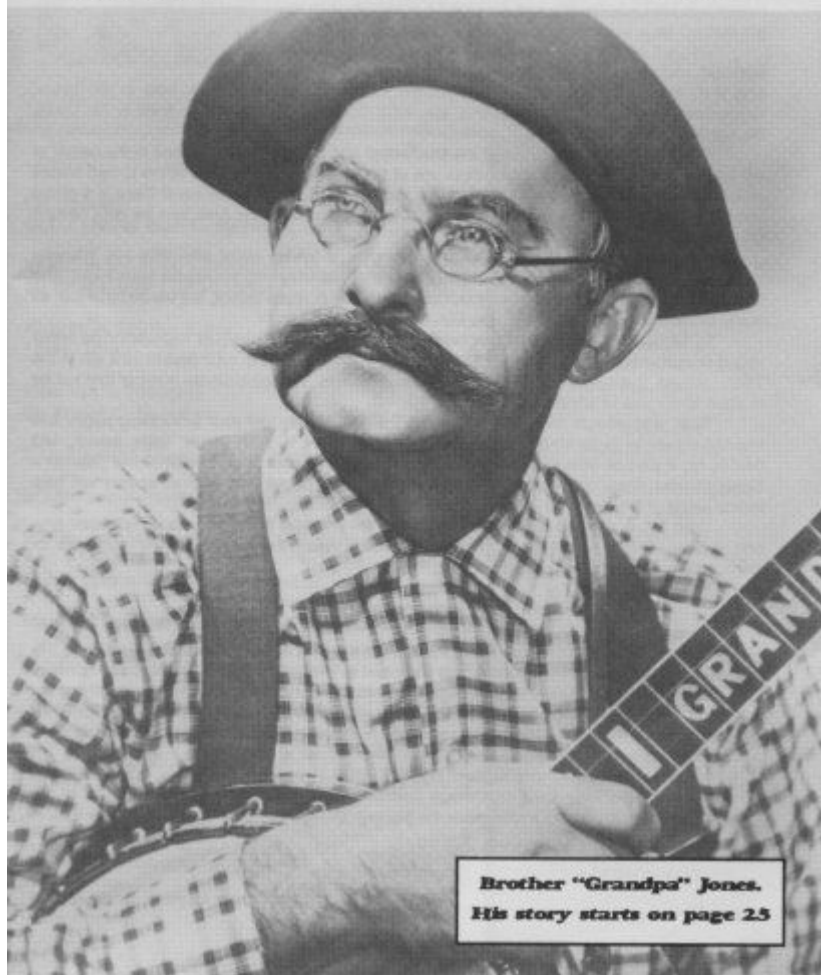


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Countdown

Preparations are well underway for the great event to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 9-13, 1997, at the Adams Mark Hotel, the headquarters hotel. The 60th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment is well organized and has a committee that is hard at work to see that the SHOW ME STATE, Missouri, can show off its hospitality and beauty to all who attend. We are planning top-notch entertainment for the ladies' luncheon and the Grand Banquet. It will be a Conclave that you will long remember. My Lady Doreila has designed a special registration gift that will be a keepsake for those in attendance.



This will be the third Triennial Conclave held in St. Louis, Missouri, and we look forward to making it one of the best ever. The first, the XVII Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in St. Louis, September 15-18, 1868. The second, the XXIII Triennial Conclave was held in St. Louis, September 21-24, 1886.

Being located on the banks of the Mississippi and geographically located in the center of the United States of America, St. Louis is one of the most accessible cities in the United States of America. You can get there by automobile, air, rail, or boat. We understand there is a group coming by boat from New Jersey. They will land at the base of the Arch and be only several blocks from the Adams Mark Hotel.

Get your hotel reservations in early. Everyone is talking about attending this Triennial Conclave. Be sure that you make your hotel reservation directly with the Adams Mark Hotel. The telephone number is 1-800 444-ADAM. I do not believe in scare tactics, but we do have just so many rooms set aside due to the new Hotel Association penalties.

By registering April 30, 1997, or before you can save \$25.00 on your registration for either voting or non-voting delegates. This \$25.00 will look just as good in your pocket as it will in the Triennial fund. It will also help the committee to determine the approximate number that will be in attendance well in advance.

To all who want to be a part of the 60th Triennial history, get your advertising pages and booster sheets in to Sir Knight Ronald E. Wood, Jr., 1904 N. 36th Street, Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Be a part of Templar history and list the names of your family, friends, and pets on a booster sheet. Your contribution to both the advertising pages and booster sheets will help defray some of the expense involved in the program book.

Time is fast running out for the deadline of the program book, and we do not want anyone to miss being a part of the 60th Triennial history. Watch the *Knight Templar* magazine for the deadline date for the program book.

10th Crusade

Little did we know when my Lady Dorella proposed the idea of our travel to the Holy Land this triennium, it would be such a success. We have had at this writing approximately three hundred ladies and Sir Knights make the four pilgrimages to the Holy Land. We have had nothing but compliments on everything from the details of the pilgrimage to the cost. The highest honor for me was to make two of the pilgrimages and be the first Grand Master to set foot in the Holy Land on behalf of a Crusade since Jacques DeMolay was burned at the stake in Paris, France.

I want to take this means of thanking Sir Knights P. Fred Lesley and R. Frank Williams, Co-chairmen of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, for their many efforts in behalf of the Crusade, and thank you to all who made the journey to the Holy Land such a success.

Blair Christy Mayford, Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

JANUARY: First priority, of course, is the 29th Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation: On page 5 Chairman Winkelman has inspiring words about Campaign support, we start our state tally on page 10, and on page 7 and 8 is a gift of love from one of the Eye Foundation recipients, an introduction and poem, "Knights in Shining Armor. Grand Master Mayford has timely words about the 60th Triennial Conclave on page 2, and the registration for voting and non-voting delegates is on page 12. As usual we have news from across the nation. And last but surely not least, we present the intriguing story of Brother "Grandpa" Jones, who is also on our cover.

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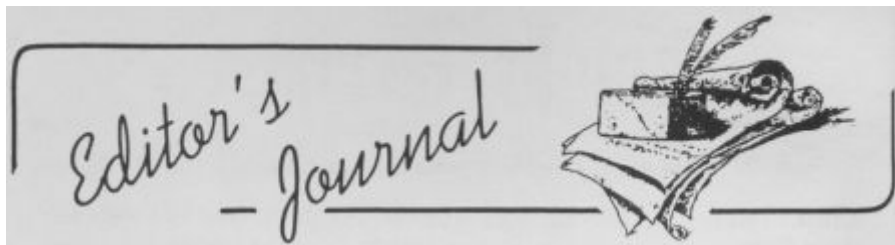
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Death of supplement editor: We are sorry to announce the passing of *Knight Templar* editor of the Montana Supplement, Sir Knight Harold F. Yaeger. He will be missed.

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 revived by the holders and then forwarded to the Grand Encampment. NO nominations will be accepted if sent directly to the Grand Encampment office. Any further questions should be directed to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A green pm 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.

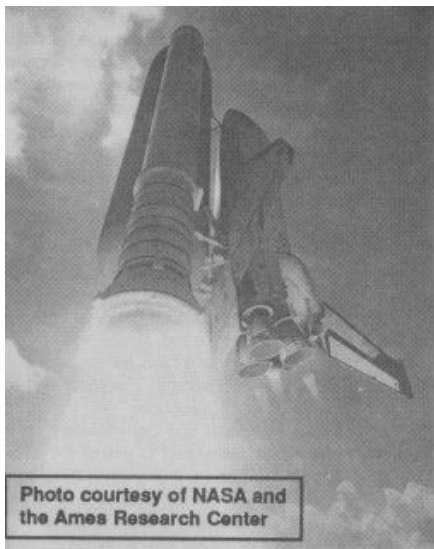
Sir Knights, Attention!: An important and invaluable booklet entitled *The York Rite of Freemason" History and Handbook* is available from the Grand Encampment. Authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, this comprehensive, illustrated, 78-page

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 copes, plus shipping and handling; \$1.00 each over 100 copes, plus shipping and handling. Write your checks to and mail to the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right: This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. • *Born In Blood:* The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$16.00, including shipping and handling.

Dungeon, Fire, and Sword : The Knights Templar in the Crusades: This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

Complimentary for Widows: Widows of Knights Templar are eligible to continue receiving our magazine as long as they desire. To retain or reinstate the mailing, simply instruct your local Recorder or the Grand Encampment of your wishes.



The 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign



Up, Up And Away!

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

The throttles are at maximum, the upward motion is accelerating, and shortly the Shuttle will pass through the remaining clouds, hopefully on its way to a successful orbit and mission. We should realize that our version of a Shuttle mission is also well underway for each and every one of us, the Members of the Crew. The 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is one month into its mission, and by now the goals should be fully understood by all Sir Knights in the Grand Encampment jurisdictions. They should also be running at maximum throttle to implement the programs and plans selected to achieve the goals.

Are YOU a full-fledged working member of the crew or are YOU going to be satisfied to have been an onlooker at the visitors' center? Are YOU going to pack your bags, check out, and head for home without making a commitment of at least ten dollars to the mission of our campaign?

At least one Sir Knight has made that commitment (I know there are many others who used or are going to use the same or different means of commitment.). This Sir Knight, who lives in Oregon and is a member of a Commandery in New York, sent me a

check for \$10.00 with a note about his Templar activities. I will forward his check to the Foundation office in Chicago along with the necessary information for proper credit. Sir Knights, your Commandery Campaign Chairman, your Grand Commandery Campaign Chairman and the Foundation office will accept your donations. If you are uncomfortable with making your donations to any of the above, send them to me, and I will act as I did for the Sir Knight from Oregon and pass them along to the Foundation. My address is at the end of this article.

Here are some details about another successful event held recently. A group of about twenty-five Sir Knights acting as cooks, servers, table clearers, and dishwashers served more than 330 pancake and sausage breakfasts to a satisfied throng of Masons, non-masons and their families. In addition, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Commandery sold candy, baked goods, and craft items. All the profits from this event will be assigned to the Foundation in the name of the Commandery. The anticipated profit is approximately \$900.00. The workers started at 5:00 a.m. and were finished and cleaned up at 2:00 p.m., and they enjoyed every minute of it. Take note of this activity if you don't have a

fundraising project. This single event generates more than 1/2 of the \$10.00 per member goal of this Commandery.

During my visits to Grand Commandery Annual Conclaves in the Northeastern Department, it was evident that the ladies associated with the Grand Commandery have a very intense interest in the success of the Eye Foundation Campaigns. Much personal time is spent preparing items which are sold from craft tables during the course of the Annual Conclave. Afghans, ceramics, dressed dolls, needlepoint, pot holders, and Christmas items are among the many pieces on sale. Amounts in the \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 range are generated and presented to the Grand Commander at the annual banquet. This is truly a Labor of Love" on the part of the ladies. If all the Sir Knights in the Grand Encampment jurisdictions could generate this kind of intense interest in participating for a successful Campaign, we could easily reach the two million dollar goal that has been set. Once again, I would like to address 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. I hope you read my comments on the subject in last month's *Knight Templar* magazine. I hope you have become concerned about your lack of participation and have taken steps to correct the situation. Did you consider passing the chapeau" or placing a basket on the altar at your Christmas Observances? One Masonic body, with a capped membership, that I am familiar with, collects more than \$300.00 per year for Masonic charities by placing a basket on the altar at each meeting and asking for a "silent" donation from all in attendance. I can safely say there is 100% participation at each meeting because even those who have difficulty walking will give their donation to another member to place in the basket for them. With such simple solutions to the lack of donations problem, how can your Commandery not be a participant in the **29th Annual Voluntary Campaign?**

While the subject of fund-raising activities is on the table, I ask you to please inform me

of your successful activity. Give some details because it may cause another Commandery to get excited about doing the same type of activity. Your activity will not suffer if a Commandery in Minnesota decides to use the idea and your are located in Florida.

Again I remind you, 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 Commanders 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. It only takes three cents a day out of your pocket change to meet your personal commitment to the Campaign.

Whether or not our Space Shuttle achieves a stable orbit and completes its mission depends mostly upon the Support and Ground Crew. Sir Knights, **THE CREW IS YOU.**

Sir Knight John L. Winkelman, P.D.C. of the Northeastern Department and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, is the 29th Voluntary Campaign Chairman and a member of Reading Commandery No. 42, Reading, Pennsylvania. He resides at 513 North Fourth Street, Reading, PA 19601-2836. His E' Mail addresses are: 1) on the Internet: jtwink@ptdprolog.net and 2) on Compuserve Network: 72307,2022



Knights In Shining Armor

The poet of the poem, "Knights in Shining Armor," which you will find on page 8, wrote the following letter to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We think you will appreciate both her letter and the poem:

On April 15, 1996, I went to St. Francis, St. George outpatient center for the first of two cataract surgeries.

The cataract which formed on my right eye had left me all but blind - legally blind - and then one began to form on my left eye. It was very frightening to slowly lose what lit-tie sight I had left. My husband had become disabled, and we had no insurance to cover these operations. My future looked very dim indeed (no pun intended).

Then, my brother, John Erfurdt (my first Knight in shining armor), who is a Mason in Washington, Missouri, called to tell me that another Mason, Mr. Kevin Weaver (my second Knight in shining armor), also of Washington, had given him information about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, which he gave to me. I then called Mr. Robert Prewitt (my third Knight in shining armor) of Cincinnati Commandery No. 3; he came to visit me.

It was a cold, gloomy day when Mr. Prewitt came, but somehow it seemed as if the sun suddenly burst through the clouds and there was hope once again. Soon after his visit, a letter arrived for me. It was from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (my fourth Knight in shining armor). At only forty-six there is still a lot of jig left in my step, and I was dancing a jig all over the house as I read the letter.

Yesterday the bandage came off my right eye, and it looked as if someone had gone out and washed the world clean for me. I could not believe how blue my husband's eyes were or how vivid the colors of nature had become once more. The cataract on my right eye was very, very thick and had attached to the back of the

capsule of my eye the doctor said. He wasn't able to get it all during the surgery because of the way it had attached itself but feels he can get the rest with laser surgery later on. My vision went from 20/400 to 20/70 in one day and will improve more as time goes on.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1996, I will have the other surgery that will release me from this awful darkness forever. If you ever had cataracts you know what I mean. When the doctor examined me in January, the pressure in my eyes was high, and he is concerned that I might have glaucoma, but he also said the pressure may go down after the cataract surgery, so we will not worry about that now. In the meantime, I have this beautiful gift of sight thanks to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

I have sent a small contribution, all that we could afford at the present, to Mr. Prewitt for Cincinnati Commandery and will send what I can from time to time, to repay a kindness, so that others might see.

I am a writer, a poet. It is of the utmost importance that I have my sight to record all of what I see in this beautiful world. We have little in the way of money, and the only way I can thank you right now is with this poem. I searched my mind, my heart, and my soul for just the right words to describe my feelings about what your organization has done for me. I hope it pleases you.

I hope you know that you are all and *forever... MY KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOR.*

Keep your angel on your shoulder.

Linda Creech

Knights in Shining Armor

By Linda Creech

Dedicated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation with Deepest Gratitude

When she was but a little girl
Mother read her stories,
Of Shining Knights on snow white
Steeds who rode in all their glory.

They rescued damsels in distress
When darkness threatened day,
Slaying dragons of the night,
Chasing gauzy demons away.

Alas, it was a fairy tale
And when the girl had grown
Into a woman with cataracts,
She faced the darkness alone.

But then one gloomy winter day
A Knight suddenly appeared,
Wielding a mighty sterling sword,
Bidding the damsel not to fear.

"I will slay the dragon
That haunts the dark of night
And cut apart the demons
That rob you of your sight."

He searched across the country
And found the healer who
Could cure the poor damsel
And make life bright and new.

The damsel sang the praises
Of her Knight's heroic deed,
He rode away in triumph on
His beautiful white steed.

Centuries have passed now
But still the story's told,
Of the kindness of a valiant
Knight with a heart of gold.

It's said that Knights still
Ride their steeds to set
The blind world free,
Releasing them from darkness.

I know... they rescued me.

Linda Creech lives at 2462 W. McMicken Avenue,
Cincinnati, OH 45214-1835

Indiana Sir Knight Receives 50-Year Commandery Award

Sir Knight William R. Love, Sr., has been a Master Mason for over seventy years. He was Worshipful Master of Peru-Miami Lodge No. 67 in 1990 at the age of eighty-five and is still active filling any station when needed. He was a charter member of Indianapolis Chapter, Order of .DeMolay, in 1923 in Indianapolis. He is also very active in the York Rite of Peru and Wabash, the Scottish Rite of Ft. Wayne, and the Murat Shrine in Indianapolis. In the picture Sir Knight Love is shown receiving the Commandery 50-year gold award at Wabash Commandery No. 37. The award was presented by Past Grand Commander Ronald Simpson and Sir Knight Jack E. Todd, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.



I Can See!

These were the words of excitement that I heard from a lady in Cashmere when I called recently to inquire how she was getting on. The Grand Commandery of Washington, one of the three York Rite bodies, was contacted in May 1996 regarding this lady. She was a widow whose husband had passed away, and her vision had slowly begun to fade. Eventually she became legally blind and was told that she had cataracts in both eyes and that in order to restore her vision the cataracts would have to be surgically removed. She had no health insurance, property, relatives or source of income, and she fell outside the guidelines of public assistance for medical help. Her neighbors helped her with her shopping and house care as she could see nothing and had to feel her way about the house.

One of her friends had heard about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and she was referred to Wenatchee Commandery for possible assistance. After application and examination, the Foundation accepted her and she had the cataracts removed and almost normal vision was restored.

This is only one such victory over blindness that happens almost daily throughout the nation, and it happened in Wenatchee Valley, with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation paying all the costs. (Article written by Dr. Frank Allen, Generalissimo, Columbus Commandery No. 14, Wenatchee, WA, for the *Masonic Family News* of the greater Wenatchee area.)

Advertising KTEF In Washington State

Sir Knight James J. Simon, St. Hens Commandery No. 12, Chehalis, who is state chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the 29th Voluntary Campaign, doesn't believe in hiding his candle under a washtub. He and volunteers have gone beyond the call of duty in launching his campaign. The Knights stand proud and salute Jim when they see his van. A lot more people are aware of the Knights Templar and the Eye Foundation because of his hard work and enthusiasm. (Submitted by Cliff Roberson, DeMolay Commandery No. 6, Montesano, WA - Washington State





Elden Edwin Spencer

West Virginia
 Grand Commander-1990
 Born December 27, 1918
 Died September 22, 1996

William J. J. Fleming

West Virginia
 Grand Commander-1963
 Department Commander East Central -
 1973-1976
 Born October 13, 1901
 Died October 6, 1996

John McDuffee Meader

New Hampshire
 Grand Commander-1968
 Born October 11, 1910
 Died October 22, 1996

Morrison Lane Cooke

Kentucky
 Department Commander
 East Central--1979-1932
 Born July 28, 1912
 Died October 27, 1996

Grand Commander's Club

No new members reported in November

Grand Master's Club

No. 2,655-Warren A. Willoughby (KY)

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 Commanders Club Pins**

For all who became members of the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's clubs after July 1, 1992, new pins will be issued at no charge to the recipients. If you became a member of either club prior to that date and would like a pin for yourself, send a \$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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 now resides at 5097 N. Elston Avenue,
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 Our phone is (773) 205-3838

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
 Twenty-ninth Voluntary Campaign**

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending December 6, 1996. The total amount contributed to date is \$10,303.73.

Alabama	\$2,300.00
Arkansas.....	15.00
California	324.78
Colorado	155.00
Florida	173.00
Georgia.....	100.00
Idaho.....	5.00
Illinois	90.00
Indiana.....	2500.00
Kansas.....	220.00
Kentucky.....	623.20
Louisiana	625.00

Maine.....	40.00	Oklahoma	150.00
Michigan	35.00	Pennsylvania	167.00
Missouri	10.00	South Dakota	30.00
New Jersey.....	30.00	Tennessee.....	60.00
New Mexico.....	100.00	Texas.....	529.00
New York.....	274.23	West Virginia.....	60.00
North Carolina.....	1,457.52		
Ohio.....	230.00		

New Year's Thoughts

Now Year's Eve occasions mixed feelings. Crowds of people, all around the world, count down the remaining seconds of the old year and then embrace one another in joy at the arrival of the new. Scattered among the revelers, however, are those "other" people, the ones who stand apart from the rejoicing. These quiet ones cross the threshold of the new year in a spirit of sadness, and I confess, I am among the latter group.

For my part, I always rue the end of a good book. I hate to eat the last bite of a good cake. For me, goodbyes are a kind of agony, and the end of a year represents the most wrenching of farewells!

The ancient Romans understood this other point of view. Their god, Janus, the god of beginnings, was always represented with two heads or faces, one to look to the future, and the other to look to the past. He appeared on all the ceremonial arches in Rome, one face on either side of the arch. The Latin name for such an arch is *janus*, in his honor. Pronounced "janus", the most famous of these arches was the *lanus Geminus*. Through this arch, Roman legions left for war, its great doubled bronze doors being left open until they returned and peace was restored. The keeper of those doors was known as the janitor, the source of our modern word.

January, named for Janus, has been the first month of the new year since the days of imperial Rome. It was then and is now a time to look forward and a time to remember. The older one becomes, the more there seems to be to remember and the less there seems to be to anticipate. But one should not dwell upon this unhappy consequence of time and its flight.

To facilitate a more positive attitude, it is well to heed the advice of the "Salutation of the Dawn" which has come down to us from the *Sanskrit* of Kalidasa:

Listen to the Enhortation of the Dawn! Look to *this* Day!
 For it is Life, the very Life of Life.
 In its brief course lie all the
 Varieties and Realities of your Existence:
 The Bliss of Growth,
 The Glory of Action,
 The Splendour of Beauty;
 For Yesterday is but a Dream,
 And Tomorrow is only a Vision,
 But Today well lived makes
 Every Yesterday a Dream of Happiness
 And every Tomorrow a Vision of Hope.
 Look well therefore to *this* Day!
 Such is the Salutation of the Dawn

Sir Knight and Dr. C. H. Helms
 Tennessee Editor
 1741 Morningside Drive, Morristown, TN 37814

60th Triennial Advance Registration

The Adams Mark Hotel St. Louis will serve as the headquarters for the Triennial Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri, which starts on Friday, August 8, and concludes on Wednesday, August 13, 1997. Placing your order for tickets with the committee before April 30, 1997, will save you a \$25.00 late charge. Below are official order forms. Complete the correct form (voting delegate or non-voting delegate), and mail it without delay: Make check payable to: 60th Triennial Conclave and mail to: Lionel J. Goede, P.O. Box 1132, Fenton, MO 63026-1132

ORDER FORM VOTING DELEGATE	ORDER FORM NON-VOTING DELEGATE
For registration fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Friday, August 8, 1997, at the Adams Mark Hotel St. Louis and upon my arrival.	For registration fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Friday, August 8, 1997, at the Adams Mark Hotel St. Louis and upon my arrival.
Name: _____	Name: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Lady (first name): _____	Lady (first name): _____
Arrival Date: _____	Arrival Date: _____
Registration packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 60th Triennial Conclave, tickets for you and your lady, if attending, to the Grand Master's reception and to the Grand Master's banquet, a souvenir program book, admission to the awards and pass-in-review night, and registration gift. Additional tickets may be purchased as listed below.	Registration packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 60th Triennial Conclave, tickets for you and your lady, if attending, to the Grand Master's reception, a souvenir program book, admission to the awards and pass-in-review night, and registration gift. Additional tickets may be purchased as listed below.
Registration Fee\$140.00 After April 30, 1997\$165.00	Registration Fee\$65.00 After April 30, 1997\$95.00
Additional tickets may be purchased for the following:	Additional tickets may be purchased for the following:
_____ Grand Master's reception... \$10.00 _____	_____ Grand Master's reception... \$10.00 _____
_____ Ladies' luncheon, Monday... \$22.00 _____	_____ Ladies' luncheon, Monday... \$22.00 _____
_____ Grand Master's banquet... \$37.50 _____	_____ Grand Master's banquet... \$37.50 _____
_____ Honors breakfast... \$15.00 _____	_____ Honors breakfast... \$15.00 _____
Total with check for _____	Total with check for _____

In Memoriam

Morrison Lane Cooke

Right Eminent Past Department Commander
East Central Department-1979-82
1912-1996

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, July 28, 1912, to William Henry and Frances MacLellan Cooke, Sir Knight Cooke was educated in the public schools there, received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville and a Master's degree in clinical Psychology in 1949 from the University of Kentucky. He was a certified clinical psychologist known in his profession as a teacher and leader in welfare and correctional work.

Sir Knight Cooke is survived by wife Lois, son Douglas, and daughter Janice.

Masonic record: Raised a Master Mason in St. Joseph Lodge No. 45, South Bend, IN, October 15,

1951; affiliated Stewart Lodge No. 224, Louisville, Master, 1966; Royal Arch, High Priest of King Solomon Chapter No. 5, Louisville, 1966, and area coordinator, Grand Chapter of Kentucky, R.A.M., 1967; Illustrious Master of Louisville Council No. 4, R.S.M., 1958, and Arch Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Kentucky, R.S.M., 1960.

In Commandery: Created a Knight Templar in South Bend Commandery No. 13, 1952, and affiliated with Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, 1953. He served as Commander in 1960. He was the first Kentucky editor of the *Knight Templar* magazine supplement, serving 1968-73. He served on many committees of both the Grand Commandery of Kentucky and the Grand Encampment, and was appointed Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment from 1979 to 1982 by Grand Master Kenneth Johnson.

He was ordained a Knight Templar Priest, Golgotha Tabernacle XIV, June 22, 1974, Preceptor, 1983 and Registrar until his passing; Grand Outer Guard, Grand College by M.E. James M. Willson, K.G.C., and was serving as Second Grand Pillar at the time of death.

Also held membership in following: the Valley of Louisville, A.A.S.R. (S.J.), 330; Kosair Temple, AAONMS; Past Prior, Kentucky Priory No. 25, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; Royal Order of Scotland; Past Sovereign and Recorder, Saint Barnabas Conclave and Intendant General for Kentucky, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Sovereign Master, Grand Masters Council 'A', Allied Masonic Degrees; Fellow, Grand College of Rites; Great Chiefs Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; Masonic Order of the Bath; Ancient Order of the Cork; Philalethes Society; Kentucky College, York Rite Sovereign College; Chief Adept, 9th Degree, Kentucky College, S.R.I.C.F.; Order of Eastern Star.

"Cookie" was known to his Brothers in our Fraternity as a worker with a smile, a gentleman, and special friend. He will be missed by all and replaced by none.



Brother Alexander Loo, Georgia National President of Sons of Spanish-American War Vets

Brother Alexander Loo of Augusta, Georgia, was installed National President of Sons of Spanish-American War Vets on September 11, 1996, at the 98th Annual Convention in Memphis, Tennessee.

Brother Loo, 33°, KYCH, holds membership in Red Cross of Constantine,



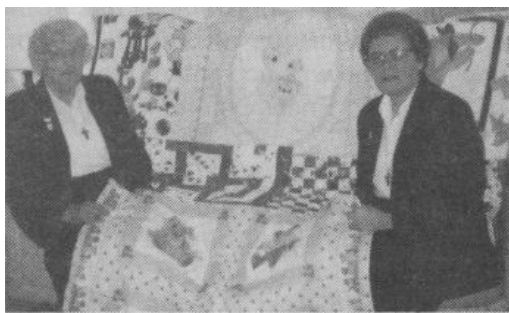
Royal Order of Scotland, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Khorassan Grotto, National Sojourners, York Rite College, Knight Masons, Alee Shrine Temple, A.M.D. Council, Georgia College of S.R.J.C.E, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and is currently of Georgia Priory No. 39. He is also a Past Supreme Royal Patron of the Order of the Amaranth.

Auburn Assembly No. 262, S.O.O.B., Maine



Auburn Assembly, Auburn, Maine, has observed its fifth birthday (constituted August 10, 1991) with a party that a five-year-old would enjoy! There were balloons, favors, clowns, a birthday cake, and ice cream cones.

This year Auburn Assembly's project for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was a contest between four Grand Commandery officers. Votes at \$1.00 apiece were cast to choose who would get a "pie in the eye." The winner or loser, depending upon your point of view, was the Worthy President's Sir Knight, Eminent Grand Prelate David E. Wigley; he received the pie from Eminent Grand Generalissimo Gordon D. Smith.



Officers and members of Auburn Assembly No. 262 have been making ABC quilts to be donated to children suffering from HIV/AIDS. Twenty-one quilts have been sent to the children so far.

Tampa Assembly, S.O.O.B., Florida, Honors 25-Year Member

Mrs. William Beistom, a 25-year member of the Social Order of the Beauceant, was recently honored by her Assembly, Tampa No. 208. Her sisters presented her with a "MVM" certificate, a pin, and her 25-year membership card from Supreme Assembly. Ernestine, who is no longer able to attend regular meetings due to the health of her husband, is shown between President Mrs. Harold Thompson and Recorder Mrs. Keith Dean, P.S.W.P. The Assembly's First Vice President, Mrs. Frank Zerola, is seated in the rear. After the meeting the ladies and their Sir Knights celebrated the occasion with cake and punch.



I recently had the pleasure of attending the Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council in Ashville, North Carolina. The three-day session ended appropriately with the installation of officers. The following was provided prior to the installation and comes from the General Grand Council ritual. I found it interesting and thought that you might, too.

Back in Medieval times knights, nobles, and Church dignitaries were seated in special boxes along the walls of the cathedrals. The knights placed their shields above these boxes or "stalls" as they were called, and the nobles and Church dignitaries placed their coats of arms or other identifying marks at the end of the stall. These stalls belonged just to the persons identified, and no one else could or would use them once marked.

Before the stalls could be marked, however, the persons had to be officially placed into their stalls. That inaugural rite was accomplished with much pomp and ceremony and came to be the way in which these persons' rank and authority were officially recognized. The ceremony of "placing someone into his stall" has evolved over the years into our present day "installation" ceremony. As Paul Harvey would say, Now you know the rest of the story."

Another bit of information for you. At the end of the session, Murray Cooke was installed as Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, and Orville Wessler was installed Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters, International. Florida's contribution to the proceedings was two ambassadorships: General Grand Chapter's Ambassador being Past Grand High Priest Bill Walker and General Grand Council's Ambassador being Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and current Junior Grand Warden, Keith Dean. Congratulations to all of the officers.

(Mrs. Keith W.) Sandra Dean, P.S.W.P.
2908 Laurel Street, W., Tampa, FL 33607-5219

Clements Estate Of \$525,000 Goes To Illinois Masonic Medical Center

Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois, is the recent beneficiary of a \$525,000 bequest by the late Fannie G. Clements, who passed away April 6, 1994.

Widow of the late William James Clements, founder of Clements Manufacturing Company, Mrs. Clements shared her husband's keen interest in supporting Masonic causes. Indeed, Mrs. Clements was an active member of the Order of Eastern Star of Illinois, having belonged to Vesta Chapter No. 242 since 1948. Prior to his passing in 1974, Mr. Clements was a member of Mystic Star Lodge No. 758 for more than fifty years. He also belonged to the Scottish Rite, Valley of Chicago.

"Certainly we are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Clements for remembering Illinois Masonic Medical Center with this most extraordinary bequest," says Robert Rylowicz, Chairman of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center Foundation.

"I think the Clements gift speaks volumes about their commitment and about those who so selflessly support the good works of this great medical center. The Clements understood the important role Illinois Masonic plays in our community as a provider of top quality health care services. We consider ourselves rarely blessed to have had them as dear friends."

The Illinois Masonic Medical Center Foundation welcomes contributions of all sizes. If you have a specific area of interest, be it cardiology or dentistry for the handicapped, genetic research, or services for children with developmental disabilities, the Foundation has a fund that would benefit from your generous gift. For information please contact the Illinois Masonic Medical Center Foundation at (773) 296-7150.

History of The Grand Encampment

Selections From The Appendixes

Appendix VI Constitution Of The United States Grand Encampment 1806

Article I of the Grand Encampment

Sec. 1. The Grand Encampment shall consist of a General Grand Master, a Grand Generalissimo, a Grand Captain General, a Grand Senior Warden, a Grand Junior Warden, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Recorder, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer; and also all Past General Grand Masters, Grand Generalissimos and Grand Captain Generals; the Grand Master, Generalissimo and Captain General, for the time being, of all subordinate Chartered Encampments of Knights Templars; all Past Grand Masters of Subordinate Encampments, whilst they continue members of any Encampment under this jurisdiction; and one Delegate (who shall be a Knight Templar) from each In-dependent Council of Knights of the Red Cross; and the said enumerated officers (or their respective Proxies) shall be the only members and voters in the said Grand Encampment.

Sec. 2. The Grand Encampment shall meet annually, in the month of May, at such time and place as they shall from time to time appoint, for the choice of Officers, and to transact other necessary business. - And the General Grand Master may at any time call a special Assembly of the Grand Encampment, when in his judgment it may be expedient.

Sec. 3. The jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment shall extend to any State or Territory wherein there is not a Grand Encampment regularly established; and

it shall take cognizance of, and preside over, all such Encampments of Knights of Malta, Knights Templars, and Councils of Knights of the Red Cross, as have been heretofore instituted, and that shall acknowledge its jurisdiction. And it shall also have authority to grant Charters of Constitution for the establishment of new Encampments and Councils, in any State or territory as aforesaid.

Sec. 4. No new Encampment or Council shall be deemed legal, that may be hereafter formed and opened, without a Charter from the Grand Encampment, or a Constitutional Dispensation from the Grand Master. And communication, either public or private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden, between any Encampment or Council under this jurisdiction, or any member of either of them, and any such illegal Encampment or Council, or any member of the same.

Sec. 5. No Charter of Dispensation, for the institution of a new Encampment of Knights Templars, with appendant orders, shall be granted for a less sum than one hundred dollars for the use of the Grand Funds and ten dollars to the Grand Recorder. - And no Charter or Dispensation for the institution of an Independent Council of Knights of the Red Cross, shall be granted for a less sum than fifty dollars for the use of the Grand Funds, and ten dollars to the Grand Recorder.

Sec. 6. No Charter of Recognition shall be granted to any Encampment or Council that has been heretofore formed, for a less sum than fifteen dollars to the Grand Fund, and five dollars to the Grand Recorder.

Sec. 7. The General Grand Master,

with the advice and consent of the Grand Generalissimo, or the Grand Captain General, shall have power and authority, whenever he may deem it necessary and expedient, to grant Letters of Dispensation for the Institution of New Councils and Encampments, upon the payment of the fees required by the 5th Section, 1st Article of this Constitution; which Dispensations shall continue in force, until revoked by the said General Grand Master, or by the Grand Encampment.

Sec. 8. In the choice of Officers in the Grand and subordinate Encampments, the following mode shall be observed, viz. Each member shall deposit the name of the person he votes for, written upon a slip of paper, in the ballot box; when all have voted, the Grand Wardens and Recorder shall examine the votes, and make report of the same to the Grand Master, who shall then direct the Recorder to proclaim the result in the following manner, viz.

"In the name of this (Grand) Encampment I do hereby proclaim our valiant and approved Companions, Sir _____ duly elected to the Office of _____ for the year ensuing; and that he be recognized as such accordingly."

Sec. 9. When either of the Officers or Members of the Grand Encampment cannot personally attend its Assemblies, they shall severally have authority to constitute a Proxy; and such proxy shall be entitled to debate and vote, for and in behalf of his constituent, in the said Grand Encampment.

Article II of the Subordinate Councils and Encampments

Sec. 1. Every Encampment ought to assemble at least quarterly, for business and improvement; and shall consist of a Grand Master, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, and as many members as may be found convenient and proper.

Sec. 2. Every independent Council of

Knights of the Red Cross," should meet at least quarterly for business and improvement; and should consist of a Sovereign; a Chancellor; a Master of the Palace; a Master of Cavalry, who is Senior General; a Master of Infantry, who is Junior General; a Master of Finances; a Master of Dispatches; a Standard Bearer; a Sword Bearer, who is Master of Ceremonies; and as many members as may be found convenient and proper.

Sec. 3. The Officers of every subordinate Encampment and Council, shall be chosen annually, by ballot, at such time and place as they shall respectively direct.

Sec. 4. Every subordinate Encampment and Council, shall annually make a return to the Grand Encampment, of the names of all their members; and also of all candidates accepted and rejected, by them respectively, together with the fees required by the 5th Section, 2nd Article of this Constitution.

"An independent council of Knights of the Red Cross is understood to be, a council that derives its authority immediately from the Grand Encampment, unconnected with an Encampment of Knights Templar.

Sec. 5. Every person who shall at any time hereafter be admitted to the degree of Knight of the Red Cross, in any Council or Encampment under this jurisdiction, shall pay for the use of the Grand fund, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, in addition to the ordinary fees. And every person who shall be admitted and created a Knight Templar in any Encampment under this jurisdiction, shall pay for the use of the Grand Fund, the additional sum of two dollars and fifty cents. All of which said dues and sums shall be made good and paid to the Grand Recorder, by the said Councils and Encampments, respectively, at the annual Grand Assembly; and the Grand Recorder shall pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer.

200 Years of Templary in Washington Commandery No. 1 And a Mystery: What Happened to Their Original Charter?

by Grand Master Blair C. Mayford

Your Grand Master and his Lady Dorella were the guests of Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar in East Hartford, Connecticut, for the 200th anniversary of their Commandery held on October 25-27, 1996.

Washington Commandery No. 1 is the oldest extant Commandery in the United States of America and the Western hemisphere.

We arrived at Hartford-Springfield Airport (Bradley Field), and we were warmly greeted by Sir Knight Arthur J. McKinney, Past Grand Commander. Then we were escorted to the Ramada Inn in East Hartford, Connecticut. We were entertained royally by the Sir Knights; their ladies; the Eminent Commander, Sir Knight William L. Miller; and their Recorder, Sir Knight Charles B. Fowler, who also serves as Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

Mystery!—Can You Help Locate It?



On Friday afternoon we visited a room in the hotel where there was a display of the Commandery's historical memorabilia. Memorabilia for the entire 200 years was in evidence. This included the second charter of the Commandery issued by the General Grand Encampment on May 1, 1819, under the signature of Sir Knight Thomas Smith Webb, Deputy General Master.

This charter recognized the prior existence of the London charter to work in New London and Colchester, Connecticut, and occasionally in Hartford, Connecticut. What was missing was the London charter issued in 1803. Prior to this date Washington Commandery No. 1 was a working Commandery from its inception in July of 1796.

Pictured at left is a replica of the London charter. This charter was in possession of Washington Commandery as evidenced by an entry in the minutes of the 11th Assembly, held in New London on April 6, 1810.

Plate on which the London charter was probably inscribed,

charters were listed in the inventory of items received by the committee from Colchester. Some memorabilia was found in Ohio.

Can you help the Sir Knights of Washington Commandery No. 1 locate their Ancient Charter?

On Saturday evening there was a banquet celebrating their anniversary with a summary of their history presented by Sir Knight Fowler. Your Grand Master was made an honorary member of Washington Commandery No. 1 with the presentation of a beautiful plaque and an antique Malta jewel engraved on the back. The Eminent Commander, Sir Knight William L. Miller, also pledged with a replica of a check 200% membership of Washington Commandery No. 1 in the Knights Templar Life Sponsorship program for the 1996-97 year.

I presented a plaque to Washington Commandery No. 1 commemorating this 200th anniversary as the oldest extant Commandery in the United States of America. This plaque is now in their archives.

A military ball followed the banquet. Divine worship and a dedication service were held at the South Congregational Church on Sunday morning, and all went back to the hotel for a farewell breakfast.



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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<i>Be sure to specify color. If necessary, use separate sheet or photocopy this form.</i>				
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___ Golf shirts (no pocket)	\$25.00 each.....	Size:	S	M L XL XXL
___ Sweatshirts	\$25.00 each.....	Size:	S	M L XL XXL
___ Windbreakers	\$30.00 each.....	Size:	S	M L XL XXL
<p>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:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip _____</p>				

Masonic Conferences - 1997

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

February 20-22 Washington, D.C. (annually)	The Philalethes Society Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A. Ye Antient Order of Corks The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, HRAKTP
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GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA, HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

February 21 Washington, D.C. (annually)	Current Grand Preceptor: David Ben Slayton 648 Terrylyn Place Long Beach, CA 90807	Contact: Norman G. Williams Grand Treas./Registrar 1447 Fannie Dorsey Rd. Sykesville, MD 21784-8212
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CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA

February 16-18 Tulsa, Oklahoma (annually)	Current Conference Chairman: Dr. Jack C. Allord 208 E. Center Street Shawano, WI 54166	Contact: Albert T. Ames Executive Sec./Treas. 110-R Bacon Street Natick, MA 01760
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CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES OF NORTH AMERICA

February 16-18 Tulsa, Oklahoma (annually)	Current President: Dean M. Undahl Box 1158 Helena, MT	Contact: Stewart W. Miner Secretary/Treasurer 5428 MacArthur Blvd., N.W. Washington, DC 20016
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GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

February 17 Tulsa, Oklahoma (annually)	Current President: Edgar N. Peppler 122 Crosswicks Street Bordentown, NJ 08505	Contact: Donald M. Robey Executive Sec./Treas. 101 Callahan Drive Alexandria, VA 22301
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THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

February 17 Tulsa, Oklahoma (annually)	Current Chairman, Exec. Comm.: A. Harold Small 305 Small's Lane Kalispell, MT 59901	Contact: Richard E. Fletcher Executive Secretary 8120 Fenton Street Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785
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SUPREME SHRINE, ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM

May 11-15

Little Rock, Arkansas
(annually)

Current Worthy High Priestess:

Grace E. Havens
2617-56th Street
Des Moines, IA 50310

Contact:

Barbara C. Eagan
Supreme Worthy Scribe
9731 S. Mansfield Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453**GRAND COUNCIL, LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.**

May 25-30

Kansas City, Missouri
(annually)

Current High Priestess

Edna Walraven
4208 S. Cottage
Independence, MO 64055-4505

Contact:

Violet S. Lamb
Grand Recorder
4029 Poste Lane
Columbus, OH 43221**SUPREME FOREST, TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA**

May 29-June 1

Wildwood, New Jersey
(annually)

Current Supreme Tall Cedar:

Frank S. Weise
4237 Springdale Road
Cincinnati, OH 45251

Contact:

John L. Gahres
Supreme Scribe
2609 N. Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110**UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE**

June 5-7

Kansas City, Missouri
(annually)

Current Grand Sovereign:

Stanton T. Brown
1200 N. Burnley Road
Buckner, MO 64016

Contact:

Ned E. Dull
Grand Recorder
P.O. Box 5716
Springfield, IL 62705-5716**SUPREME TEMPLE, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE**

June 8-12

Atlanta, Georgia
(annually)

Current Supreme Queen:

Karen D. Burk
2001 Broadway
Helena, MT 59601

Contact:

Geraldine Neely, Supreme
Princess Recorder
104 Shore Drive
Portland, TX 78374-1420**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.**

June 24-28

Denver, Colorado
(annually)

Current National President:

Harold B. Aldrich III
1620 Ridge Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Contact:

Nelson O. Newcombe
National Secretary/Treas.
8301 East Boulevard Dr.
Alexandria, VA 22308-1399**HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

June 21-25

Novi, Michigan
(annually)

Current International President:

LeRoy H. Swan, Jr.
1136 Monroe Avenue
St. Cloud, FL 34769-6739

Contact:

Ike Hoshauer, Jr.
International Secretary
3901 Kathleen Avenue
Evansville, IN 47714-5815**INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DeMOLAY**

June 11-14

Kansas City, Missouri
(annually)

Current Grand Master:

E. John Elmore
10200 N. Executive Hills Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64153

Contact:

Jeffrey L. Speaker
Executive Director
10200 N. Exec. Hills Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64153

SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF THE AMARANTH, INC.

June 29-July 3
Orlando, Florida
(annually)

Current Supreme Royal Matron:
Marjorie A. Jones
2441 Dogwood Lane
Orange Park, FL 32073

Contact:
Ethel B. Fry
Supreme Secretary
2303 Murdoch Avenue
Parkersburg, WV 26101

IMPERIAL COUNCIL, AAONMS

June 29-July 3
St. Louis, Missouri
(annually)

Current Imperial Potentate:
John D. VerMaas
P.O. Box 31356
Tampa, FL 33631

Contact:
Charles G. Cumpstone, Jr.
Executive Vice President
P.O. Box 31356
Tampa, FL 33631

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA

July 30-August 2
Denver, Colorado
(annually)

Current Governor General:
Donald A. King
P.O. Box 2250
Picton, ON K0K 2T0

Contact:
Henry A. Montague
Secretary General
500 Temple Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

July 27-29, 1998
St. Louis, Missouri
(biennially)

Current Supreme Worthy Advisor: Contact:
Linda Freimann
130 Clearview
Houghton Lake, MI 48629

Marie A. Renda
Supreme Recorder
27 Marilyn Terrace
Addison, IL 60101

SUPREME GUARDIAN COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS

July 30-Aug. 3
Salt Lake City, Utah
(annually)

Current Supreme Guardian:
Brenda Hansel
98 N. Country Way
Fruit Heights, UT 84037

Contact:
Brenda Hansel
98 N. Country Way
Fruit Heights, UT 84037

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A.

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

Current Grand Master:
Blair C. Mayford
14 Duffy Court
St. Peters, MO 63376

Contact:
Charles R. Neumann
Grand Recorder
5097 N. Elston Avenue
Suite 101
Chicago, IL 60630-2460

CONVENT GENERAL, KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

August 21-23
Newark, New Jersey
(annually)

Current Grand Master-General:
William Schoene, Jr.
303 Old Short Hills Road
Short Hills, NJ 07078

Contact:
Rev. Olin E. Lehman
Grand Registrar-General
7635 East Glade Avenue
Mesa, AZ 85208-3409

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., U.S.A.

September 21-23
Grand Rapids, Michigan
(annually)

Current Sovereign Grand Commander:
Robert O. Ralston
33 Marrett Road
Lexington, MA 02173

Contact:
Winthrop L. Hall
Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 519
Lexington, MA 02173

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL

Oct. 30–Nov. 3, 1999 Wichita, Kansas (triennially)	Current General Grand High Priest: Murray E. Cooke 1345 Pacific Street Santa Monica, CA 90405	Contact: John F. Kirby General Grand Secretary P.O. Box 489 Danville, KY 40423
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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL

Oct. 31–Nov. 2, 1999 Wichita, Kansas (triennially)	Current General Grand Master: Orville E. Wesseler 1742 N. Sabin Wichita, KS 67212	Contact: Ronald E. Fullertove General Grand Recorder P.O. Box 310 Sherrard, IL 61281–0310
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SUPREME ASSEMBLY, SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

Sept. 29–Oct. 3 Wichita, Kansas (annually)	Current Supreme Worthy President: Mrs. Milton F. Baker 2112 Locklaine Drive Pasadena, TX	Contact: Mrs. Joseph F. Chalkier Supreme Recorder 1009 Valen Road Westminster, MD 21157
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SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A. & A.S.R., SOUTHERN JURISDICTION

October 6–7, 1997 Washington, D.C. (biennially)	Sovereign Grand Commander: C. Fred Kleinknecht 1733 16th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20009-3199	Contact: William G. Sizemore Grand Executive Director 1733 16th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20009-3199
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ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND

October 8 Washington, D.C. (annually)	Current Provincial Grand Master: Marvin E. Fowler P.O. Box 125 Annandale, VA 22003	Contact: Richard B. Baldwin Provincial Grand Sec. P.O. Box 125 Annandale, VA 22003
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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

November 1–8, 1997 Orlando, Florida (triennially)	Most Worthy Grand Matron: Maxine Flint Justice 1543 Quarrier Street, E. Charleston, WV 25311-2407	Contact: Betty J. Briggs Right Worthy Grand Sec. 1618 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20009
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SUPREME COUNCIL, GROTTOS OF NORTH AMERICA

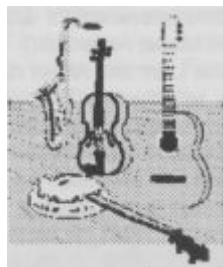
June 15–22, 1997 Columbia, Missouri	Presiding Grand Monarch: Jimmy C. Davis	Contact: Jerry Walker, P.G.M. 201 Walker Road Travelers Rest, SC 29690 (864) 834-9300
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1997 Grand Conclaves

DATE	GRAND COMMANDERY	LOCATION	CONCLAVE REPRESENTATIVE
February 23-25	Alabama	Huntsville	David L. Hargett, Jr.
Feb. 28, March 1-2	New Jersey	T/B/A	Blair C. Mayford
March 7	Delaware	Wilmington	Charles R. Neumann
March 9-10	South Carolina	Myrtle Beach	Sam E. Hilburn
March 13-15	Arkansas	N. Little Rock	Blair C. Mayford
March 15	District of Columbia	Hotel Washington	John O. Bond, Sr.
March 21-22	Mississippi	Meridian	Blair C. Mayford
March 21-22	North Carolina	Raleigh	David L. Hargett, Jr.
April 5	Nebraska	Columbus	Kenneth B. Fischer
April 12	Oregon	Eugene	Ernest I. Teter
April 14-15	Louisiana	Hammond	Kenneth B. Fischer
April 18	Idaho	Pocatello	Ernest I. Teter
April 18	New Mexico	Deming	Charles R. Neumann
April 17-19	North Dakota	Jamestown	Jerry K. Thomas
April 18-22	Texas	Houston	Blair C. Mayford
April 25	Indiana	Indianapolis	Blair C. Mayford
April 25-26	Oklahoma	Norman	Sam E. Hilburn
April 26	Tennessee	Nashville	James M. Ward
April 29	California	Palm Springs	Blair C. Mayford
May 3	Italy	Cagliari, Sardinia	Charles R. Neumann
May 5	Maine	Portland	Blair C. Mayford
May 9-10	Virginia	Roanoke	William J. Jones
May 10	Utah	Salt Lake City	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 14-15	Georgia	Dalton	Blair C. Mayford
May 14	Maryland	Ocean City	John O. Bond, Sr.
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Grandpa Jones: Country Music Legend and Freemason

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



For more than sixty-five years Louis Marshall Jones has been both an enduring and an endearing figure on the American music scene. A native of Kentucky, Jones spent his adolescent years in Akron, Ohio, where he became a radio entertainer prior to his sixteenth birthday, playing and singing the songs that were traditional in Southern rural culture. After a long apprenticeship on various stations - large and small - he came to Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry in 1946, where he has become a fixture. Beginning in 1969, he became a star on the popular television program "Hee Haw" for another twenty-three years. Ironically, this man has been known to millions as Grandpa" Jones since 1935, but he did not become an actual grandfather until recent years.

Born near Niagara in Henderson County, on October 20, 1913, Marshall Jones came from a family of tobacco farmers and carpenters. He was the youngest in a family of ten children and spent most of his early childhood in the country except for a year in Evansville, Indiana. In 1954, he recalled some key moments from his youth as follows:

One day a sawmill crew came to saw lumber at our place. One of the boys had an old guitar. They left it at our house because the tent was too damp for the instrument. I began to strum around on it and learned a few chords. Not so long after the sawmill gang left, my brother ran across an old guitar in a junk shop and paid the big sum of 75 cents for it and brought it home to me. Boy, I was the proudest fellow you ever saw!

During those years he learned the down-home musical traditions of his locality and also heard some of the earliest commercial country music via radio and recordings. In 1928, the Jones family followed an older brother to Akron, Ohio, which was then booming as the rubber capital of the world.

Akron contained thousands of Southern and mountain folks who had come to the city to work and who had also brought their musical traditions with them. Young Marshall Jones adjusted quickly to this environment and in March 1929 made his formal show business debut when he won a talent contest sponsored by Wendell Hall, then renowned as the "Red Headed Music Maker."

This modest beginning led to regular appearances on local radio and friendships with other musicians such as the aspiring harmonica player, Joe Trojan (known on stage as Bashful Harmonica Joe) and two veteran mountain recording artists, Warren "Cap" Caplinger and Andy Patterson. Soon Jones was earning some fourteen dollars weekly and gaining a reputation as "the young singer of old songs," which wasn't bad for a fellow still in high school (until 1932) and the country in deepening depression.

In the fall of 1932, these musicians and two others became the Pine Ridge String Band, appearing on the turn and Abner Show" from WTAM Cleveland, which was then carried over forty-four stations. This program became one of the radio's most enduring hits running for more than a quarter century. (Its stars, Chester "Lum" Lauck and Norris "Abner" Goff, were both longtime members of Dallas Lodge No. 128 in Mena, Arkansas.)



Mary Ann with Grandpa Jones and the Rhythm Rangers, WWVA, Wheeling, WV, 1937.

After Lum and Abner moved their radio base to Chicago in 1934, Jones and Trojan worked clubs around Akron until March 1935 when they became support musicians for the famed "Kentucky Mountain Boy," Bradley Kincaid. It was during this period that twenty-two-year-old Marshall Jones became "Grandpa" Jones, partly because he could be rather grumpy on mornings following an inadequate amount of sleep and partly because his voice always sounded like that of a much older man. Attempting to look the part on stage, he donned a drooping false mustache and a costume

characterized by old-fashioned glasses, suspenders, and boots. Grandpa eventually aged into his stage persona and grew a real mustache, but he still favors the original stage clothing that has become a virtual trademark.

By early 1937, Grandpa Jones decided to go on his own and landed a regular spot on the "World's Original Jamboree" from WWVA in Wheeling, West Virginia. Here, he met a lady, five-string banjo picker named cousin Emmy (Carver). She taught him the fundamentals of that instrument. As the years went by, Grandpa came to be even more identified with the old-time banjo than with his first instrument, the guitar.

Grandpa spent most of the next five years alternating between radio jobs in Hartford, Connecticut, and Fairmont, Charleston, and Wheeling, all in West Virginia. In November 1938, he married Eulalia Loshier, the niece of his one-time associate Andy Patterson. Thirteen months later, the couple had a daughter Marsha, but the marriage would later become a casualty of World War II. Grandpa also formed a band called the Grandsons, but despite his radio popularity, he had yet to become a recording artist.

This would change, however, after Jones came to WLW Cincinnati in 1942. The next year, a local businessman named Syd Nathan started King Rangers, Records. Grandpa not only became one of King's most significant artists in the eight years he spent with them (1943-1951, 1956), but most of his best known songs first appeared on King such as "Old Rattler," "Mountain Dew," "Eight More Miles to Louisville," "Fifteen Cents Is All I've Got," and "Tragic Romance."



Grandpa Jones, Fairmont, WV, 1941

Although best remembered today for lyrics that take a humorous look at rural life and banjo songs, many of the earlier efforts were heart songs typified by "Are There Tears Behind Your Smile" or sad tear-jerkers such as "Send Me Your Address from Heaven." He also waxed a few duets with Merle Travis under the pseudonym "Sheppard Brothers," and many gospel quartet songs as lead vocalist in the Brown's Ferry Four.

Early in 1944, Grandpa Jones enlisted in the army and eventually went to Germany where he served as both an MP and assistant cook. With a few other soldiers he also formed a musical group called the Munich Mountaineers and had a daily program on the Armed Forces Network for five months.

Discharged from the army on January 6, 1946, Marshall Jones returned to the U.S.A. His marriage had disintegrated by the time he got home, and Cincinnati did not seem the same either since many of his close associates like Merle Travis and the Delmore Brothers had moved elsewhere, so Jones too sought greener pastures.

He soon found a new spot at WSM Nashville, Tennessee, where he made his debut on the Grand Ole Opry on March 16, 1946. He also began romancing Ramona Riggins, an Indiana girl he had first met in Cincinnati where she had worked with Sunshine Sue's Rock Creek Rangers.

The second Jones marriage has endured for a half-century and Ramona's fiddle and mandolin playing has earned its own niche in musical history. The couple went on to have three children.

Grandpa has also endured as an Opry star for a half-century with two brief exceptions (1951-52 and 1956-59) when he was based in Richmond and Washington, D.C., respectively.

Grandpa's recording career also continued through the decades. From 1952 through 1955, his material appeared on RCA Victor and included a few duets with country comedy queen Minnie Pearl, as well as some thirty-two solo sides. Following a brief return to King, from 1956 to 1959, Jones recorded for Decca, with the entire output from this latter label being reissued in 1992 on a compact disc in the MCA Hall of Fame

Series. In 1960, he began a longtime association with Monument Records that resulted in his biggest solo hit, a revival of the old Jimmy Rodgers (a member of Blue Bonnet Lodge No. 1219 in San Antonio at the time of his death) classic "T for Texas" in 1962. In addition to a thematic album of Rodgers yodeling numbers, Grandpa also turned out a fine album of old-

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time folk songs and a gospel quartet tribute to the Brown's Ferry Four. Ramona assisted her husband on many of his recordings and personal appearances, although not all, for she also had to spend time at home caring for the three younger Jones children; Eloise, Mark, and Alisa.

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The irregular work schedules of musicians who must tour extensively for their livelihood can sometimes slow one's progress in the order, and such was the case with Marshall Jones; however, when George McCormick, a member of John B. Garrett Lodge No. 711, in Nashville started working with Grandpa on the road, he helped him with his proficiency work. Accordingly,

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After June 1983, Brother Jones also held a dual membership in Blue Mountain Lodge No. 202 in Mountain View, Arkansas. Brother Charles Williamson of Goodlettsville Lodge No. 271 in suburban Nashville reports that Grandpa has been a visitor at this lodge on occasion as well.



Meanwhile, the Jones musical and comedy career soared to new heights from June 1969, when the TV show "Hoe Haw" began its run on the CBS network. Immensely popular from the start, the program continued in syndication for an additional twenty-one years after CBS, concerned about its image with urban critics, dropped it in mid-1971. Grandpa participated in several comedy skits on each show and had ample opportunity to present his varied musical skills, often with support from Ramona. In a few instances, he even got to demonstrate his ability to play cowbells, a trick he apparently learned from Lennie Aleshire, an old-time vaudeville artist, who had worked with Grandpa during his radio stint at Fairmont, West Virginia.

In another re-creation of the old Brown's Ferry Four, Grandpa formed the "Hee Haw" Gospel Quartet which also included Buck Owens, Roy Clark, Kenny Price, and Joe Babcock among its members at various times, and over the years, they, too, recorded several albums.

In all, the twenty-three years on "Hoe Haw" did much to enhance the growing status of Grandpa Jones as a legendary figure in country music.

In the later seventies Grandpa began to record for the CMH label of Los Angeles. Over a period of several years, he cut four

double albums for this company that included some of the best traditional country music then available. Ramona and the children helped out on some of these efforts as did George McCormick. A fifth double album made with Merle Travis, and the duo of Rose Lee and Joe Maphis - called the Farm and Home Hour" - successfully attempted to re-create the flavor of old-time country radio.

In 1978, Grandpa Jones received the pinnacle of recognition within his profession when he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

As the Jones children grew up, they too displayed a knack for music which they showcased often at the dinner theater that they built in Mountain View, Arkansas, in 1980. Older daughter Marsha played the autoharp, Eloise sang, Mark played several instruments, and Alisa gained a high level of proficiency on the hammered dulcimer, a rare instrument which is a primitive forerunner of the piano. When Grandpa was not on the road, most of the Jones family entertained at the dinner theater, and when he went on tour, Ramona, Mark, and Alisa held down the fort.

In fact, for eleven years from 1979, the family made their home in Mountain View, and Grandpa commuted to Nashville for his musical commitments there.

After the 1989 tourist season, however, they leased out the theater, which has recently burned, and in 1990 returned to their former home near Goodlettsville and Greenbrier; however, they continued to return to Mountain View two or three times each summer.

In 1984, his autobiography *Everybody's Grandpa: Fifty Years Behind the Mike* was published and stands as one of the best books of its kind.

In recent years, Grandpa Jones and his long-time musical associate, George McCormick (currently a member of Cookeville Lodge No. 266), have continued to work the Grand Ole Opry and tour on a limited schedule. Grandpa doesn't hear as well as he once did but manages to maintain his Opry commitments.

In January 1996, he told Greenbrier Lodge Secretary Ed Suter that he stopped attending meetings because of his auditory difficulties. Nonetheless, as a professional musician, he has more than earned the applause and respect he has achieved both

from the fans and fellow musicians in his sixty-seven years in show business. Masons the world over can also take pride in the achievements of their fraternal Brother, Louis Marshall "Grandpa" Jones.

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Brother "Grandpa" Jones on stage at the Ohio State Fair, August 1982. Brother McCormick is at far left. Photo by Deanna Tribe.





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