

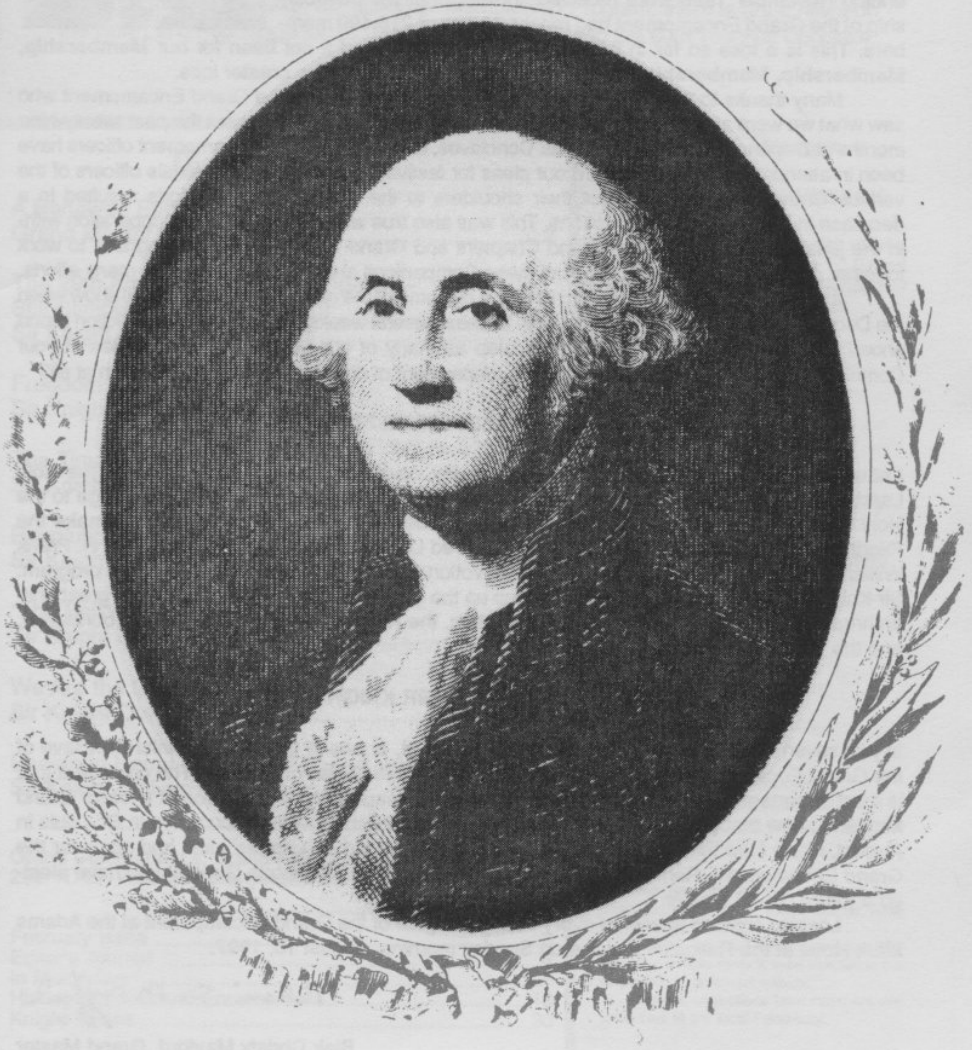


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GEORGE WASHINGTON

A Renewed Effort

Time Is fast running out for the final records of the 60th Triennial **Membership, Membership, Membership Program.**

As June 30, 1997, Is the end of the fiscal year of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, so It is officially the end of the 60th Triennium as far as Its records show.

The records of the 59th Triennial show that as of June 30, 1994, there were 235,256 Knights Templar shown on the membership roles of the Grand Encampment.

Just prior to the Christmas holiday the records for the month ending November 1996 were received showing that the membership of the Grand Encampment had reached a low of 216,499 members.

This Is a loss so far In this triennium of 18,757. Had it not been for our **Membership, Membership, Membership** Program It would have been even a greater loss.

Many thanks to the Sir Knights throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment who saw what we were attempting to do In the cause for membership. Throughout the past twenty-nine months at Department Conferences and Conclaves, where your Grand Encampment officers have been in attendance, you have heard our pleas for festivals. In most cases, the dais officers of the various Grand Commanderies put their shoulders to the wheel and their efforts resulted In a decrease in losses in their jurisdictions. This was also true where there was full cooperation within the jurisdictions between the Grand Chapters and Grand Councils and a willingness to work together. My personal thanks to each of these Companions and Sir Knights for their many efforts.

It will be Interesting to note as to what the outcome of the membership records will show when the December 1996 tabulation Is sent out In the next several weeks. What will your jurisdiction report show? Will there be an exerted effort to keep as many of our Sir Knights on the roles of your Commandery, or will they be suspended for nonpayment of dues without any Investigation at all?



Holy Land Pilgrimage For 1997

I have just learned from Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley, co-chairman of the Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage, that there will be 110 Christian ministers making the annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land this February. This Is the greatest number of Christian ministers ever to make the Pilgrimage. My chapeau Is off to Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley of Michigan and Sir Knight R. Frank Williams of Indiana, co-chairmen, for their devotion to our great Holy Land Pilgrimage program. Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment, keep up the good work In supporting our three great philanthropies; the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage program.

Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight Louiei

In just seven months we will be in St. Louis, Missouri, to attend the 60th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. The one event that Is most Important to each Sir Knight of the Grand Encampment is the election of a future Grand Master. I know that you are all familiar with our election system. When you arrive In St. Louis In August, make sure that you are familiar with the announced candidates alms and goals for the Grand Encampment. Remember that when you elect a Grand Captain General you have elected a future Grand Master.

Looking forward to seeing every voting delegate of the Grand Encampment at the Adams Mark Hotel at the Religious Service on Sunday morning, August 10, 1997.

Blair Christy Mayford, Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

FEBRUARY: For all Freemasons February is a month to celebrate Brother George Washington, and so we do just that with his picture on our cover and with two very interesting articles by Sir Knights Hartman and Ken; pages 10 and 14. We are in the middle of the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF: Don't miss Chairman Winkelman's article about its journey on page 5, and check out the progress of your state on page 9. Grand Master Mayford reports on subjects of interest in his message: We still need to focus on the Membership, Membership Program; there is great news on the Holy Land Pilgrimage for 1997; and look to August and the 60th Triennial Conclave.

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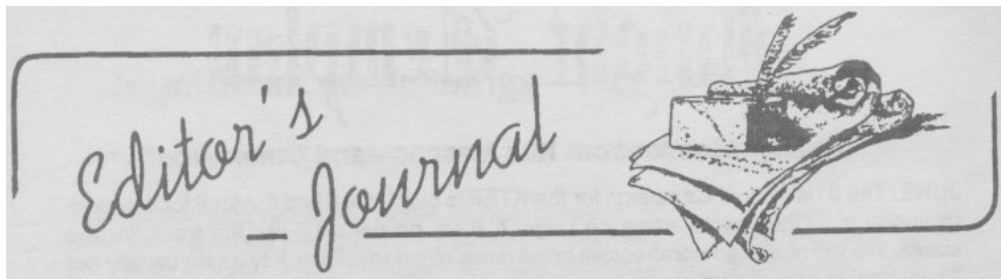
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Important Announcement: Due to automation, the Post Office is **requiring** us to make changes to many addresses that we have on file; therefore, you may begin noticing these changes on your mailing label; whether subtle or drastic, **we had to do it!**

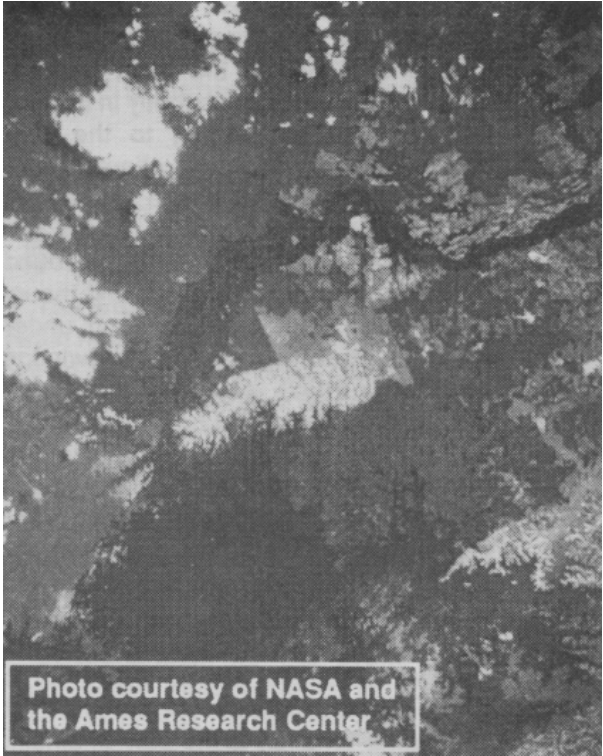
Annual Conclave Corrections: In the January issue the information on page 24 for two Annual Conclaves was incorrect: The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kansas will meet on May 1, 1997, in Wichita, Kansas, and the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania will meet for its Annual Conclave on May 15-18, 1997.

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

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

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

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



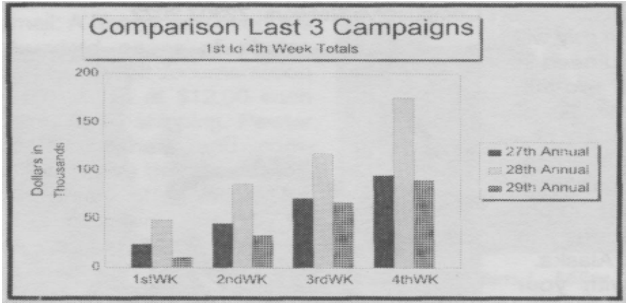
The 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign



Still Climbing And Accelerating!

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

The throttles have been backed off slightly, the upward motion is still accelerating, and the Shuttle has moved above the clouds, and one can now look below and view a sizable section of planet earth. Many of the most dangerous times of the mission are already behind us, but there are still others to be overcome before success can be claimed. Our version of the Shuttle Mission sputtered a bit during the first four weeks of the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and has slipped behind last year's pace for the same time period. Hopefully, by the time you read this article, the pace will have picked up and we will be in better shape. (Editorial deadlines prevent waiting for more current information from the Foundation office.) If you haven't made your individual commitment of a \$10.00 contribution or if your Commandery has not yet planned a fund-raising event and set a date for it, Remember: 40% of the Campaign is already behind us as of the printing of this February issue. As a certain comic character often said, Time's a' wasting" for YOU to become a full-fledged member of the crew of the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign.



The chart, left, depicts the "sputtering" I referred to in the first paragraph. Shown are the totals reported at the end of each of the first four weeks of the current and previous two campaigns in bar graph format. Please note the weak start in the first week for our current campaign followed by a gradual recovery to nearly the level of

the 27th Annual Campaign, but it is still far below the 28th Annual Campaign level of the same time. The current Campaign total, at the end of December, is just under 5% of the two-million-dollar goal, and 20% of the time has been expended. Sir Knights, we have a big job ahead, and it requires everyone's attention and assistance from here on to April 30.

The December issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine, by my count, contains nine advertisements offering to sell articles and services, all of which state that a percentage of the proceeds will go to the Eye Foundation. Shirts, windbreakers, belts, gnome collectibles, uniform coats, lapel pins, afghans, computer clip art, and real estate agent services are being offered. Other items have appeared in previous issues of the magazine and probably will again appear, along with some new ones, we hope. While you or your Commandery don't receive campaign credit, in most cases, for utilizing the offers of these vendors, the Eye Foundation does benefit. Please patronize these vendors if you have any need for the item offered. If you have an item that you can provide for sale and are willing to donate a portion of the proceeds, avail yourself of the advertising space in the "Knight Voices" section of the magazine or arrange larger space in the main section with the magazine's editorial staff.

Keep in mind: Just three cents a day will accumulate that elusive \$10.00 you need in order to meet your portion of the two-million-dollar goal. After the first four weeks of the Campaign, no Grand Commandery has a greater than \$3.00 per member average. However, the only reporting subordinate Commandery has a better than \$11.00 per member average. Congratulations to Anchorage Commandery No. 2 of Alaska.

Also, remember to check with your employer to see if your company has a matching gift plan or possibly a charitable foundation built into its business organization. Funds from these could help your Commandery meet its per member goal.

Charity is one of the great Christian attributes mentioned frequently in the Holy Bible. Saint Paul writing to the early Christians in the thirteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians states: 'Although I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal, and though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am **nothing**.' King Solomon in the 11th Chapter of the Book of Proverbs states: "Some people spend their money freely and still grow richer. Others are cautious and yet grow poorer. Be **generous** and you will be prosperous. Help others and you will be helped." Sir Knights, these are but two passages among many, all of which should reinforce our commitment, as Knights Templar, to the duty of binding up the wounds of the afflicted.

Sir Knights, our mission crew is still each and every one of 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: jlwink@ptdprolog.net and 2) on CompuServe Network: 72307,2022.



Grand Master Blair C. Mayford Helps Celebrate 200th Anniversary of Washington Commandery No. 1, Connecticut

The 200th anniversary celebration of Washington Commandery No. 1 in East Hartford, Connecticut, held October 25-27, proved more than just a historical milestone with the attendance of Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and Lady Dorella as honored guests. The weekend festivities included day trips to popular attractions, such as the Mark Twain house, a display of 200 years of artifacts and memorabilia, a formal banquet and ball on Saturday evening to celebrate the occasion, and a divine worship service the following morning before a farewell breakfast.

In addition, grand jurisdictions of the Northeastern Department, Connecticut's Commanderies and sister Commanderies, and all of Connecticut's Masonic family were well represented.

Special guests included Sir Knight John W. Jenkins, Most Eminent Grand Commander of the Prince Hall Grand Commandery; Sir Knight Albert H. Getchell, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Connecticut; and Sir Knight Charles W. Yohe, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Connecticut.

In preparation for the event, according to Sir Knight William Miller, Eminent Commander, much research had been done over the years to document Washington Commandery as the oldest Commandery still in existence today, and this documentation is now available as an updated history.

Coming as a surprise honor during the banquet, M.E. Grand Master Mayford presented a plaque from the Grand Encampment citing Washington Commandery as the "Oldest Extant Commandery in the U.S.A." In return, the Commandery bestowed upon Grand Master Mayford a lifetime honorary membership in Washington Commandery and a special jewel. Also, the Commandery pledged to complete donations during its 200th year in order to reach the plateau of 200% Life Sponsorship in the Eye Foundation.

For collectors and history buffs, a limited quantity of souvenirs are available by mail: A history with over one hundred pages of photos and historical documentation is available at \$12.00 each plus \$2.00 shipping. Pewter letter openers and commemorative bells having the insignia of Washington Commandery are \$7.00 each and \$1.00 shipping. Orders can be pled with Recorder, Sir Knight Charles B. Fowler, 35 Elaine Mary Drive, Windsor, CT 06095.



Sir Knight William L. Miller (left), Eminent Commander, receives from Grand Master Blair C. Mayford (right) the special plaque from the Grand Encampment recognizing Washington Commandery No. 1 as the "Oldest Extant Commandery in the U.S.A."

IN MEMORIAM



Joseph E. McMullen

Kansas
Grand Commander-1949
Born January 10, 1906
Died December 2, 1996

William Curtis

Wyoming
Grand Commander-1974
Born September 22, 1906
Died December 7, 1996

Richard G. Meyers

Oregon
Grand Commander-1973
Born September ii, 1908
Died December 14, 1996

George A. McDonald

Minnesota
Grand Commander-1981
Born October 24, 1922
Died December 31, 1996

Grand Commander's Club

No. 100,530-Alfred W. Langham (GA)
No. 100,531-Hugh M. Wurmie (LA)
No. 100,532-Irvin Miller, Jr. (PA)
No. 100,533-Rev. William D. Hartman (PA)
No. 100,534-Robert W. Thompson (VA)
No. 100,535-Jack Stephens (GA)
No. 100,536-Franklin A. Jackson (NJ)
No. 100,537-Joe V. White (GA)
No. 100,538-Oliver D. Mereness (NY)
No. 100,539-John R. Moore (GA)
No. 100,540-Dr. Edward M. Norman (MO)
No. 100,541-Ronald M. Maslo (NJ)
No. 100,542-Forrest W. Arbogast (WV)
No. 100,543-K. M. Sandon (MT)
No. 100,544-Thomas J. Mortimer (MD)

Grand Master's Club

No. 2,656-by Paul R. Drinkard (AL) in honor of
Patsy Drinkard

No. 2,657-Richard Butler (TN)
No. 2,658-Lloyd V. Kneisly (OH)
No. 2,659-Burch E. Zebner (OH)
No. 2,660-Donald S. Seeley (VT)
No. 2,661-Charles D. Strickland (GA)
No. 2,662-Earl H. Markee (GA)
No. 2,663-Neil E. Bengtson (MN)
No. 2,664-Rifton E. Sellers, Jr. (NC)
No. 2,665-Marshal S. Lock (MI)
No. 2,666-Warren Romaine (NY)
No. 2,667-William J. Mossman (PA)
No. 2,668-Robert N. Bonsall (PA)
No. 2,669-n honor of Hilibom and Grace
B. Darlington (PA)
No. 2,670-by Joan E. Majtenyi (VA) in honor of
Agnes H. Hefflebower
No. 2,671-Thomas Postans (CA)
No. 2,672-William Buck Hooper (TN)

How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commanders Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commanders Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, 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 60630-246.0; (773) 205-3838.

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Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60630-2460.
Our phone is (773) 205-3838

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

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

Life Sponsorship Pin is 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 area 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.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc Twenty-ninth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending January 10, 1997. The total amount contributed to date is \$158,904.96.

Alabama	\$2,580.00
Arizona.....	2,157.50
Arkansas	877.00
California	8,054.81
Colorado	1,303.00
Connecticut	260.00
Delaware.....	150.00
District of Columbia	150.00
Florida	3,621.00
Georgia	25,780.00
Idaho.....	159.00
Illinois	2,290.00
Indiana	3,030.00
Iowa	2,321.03

Kansas.....	104265
Kentucky	2,041.20
Louisiana	1385.00
Maine	2,586.45
Maryland	1755.00
Mass/Rl.....	1732.00
Michigan.....	5,345.00
Minnesota.....	505.00
Mississippi	30.00
Missouri.....	5,708.04
Montana	455.00
Nebraska	875.29
Nevada.....	220.00
New Hampshire	653.00
New Jersey.....	1490.00
New Mexico	730.00
New York	2,949.23
North Carolina.....	6,067.52
North Dakota	315.00
Ohio	4,474.50
Oklahoma	540.00
Oregon.....	450.00
Pennsylvania	11,930.86
South Carolina	1,250.00
South Dakota	180.00
Tennessee.....	4,999.38
Texas	3,895.00
Utah	7,112.50
Vermont	295.00
Virginia	15,761.00
Washington	2,236.00
West Virginia	1,845.00
Wisconsin.....	1,265.00
Wyoming	120.00
Anchorage No. 2.....	3,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	10,932.00

Christmas Observance In Maine Helps The Needy

At the Christmas Observance of St. Amand Commandery No. 20, West Kennebunk, Maine, Sir Knight David J. Billings, E.G.Sr.W., continued the tradition that he started when he was Commander. The Commandery collected coats, pants, sweaters, socks, and other winter garments to give to the Salvation Army for distribution to the needy. This year they had a goal of five hundred items and collected 1,296. Pictured is Sir Knight Billings presenting token coats representing the total to Ron Terry of the Salvation Army



Freedom Is A Fairer Land

by Reverend William D. Hartman
Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania

This address was delivered by Reverend Hartman on the occasion of the anniversary celebration of George Washington's initiation into Freemasonry. It was delivered at the Valley Forge George Washington Memorial Chapel on November 3, 1996.

William Parker, writing for the Knights Templar some twenty years ago about Brother George Washington, said, "Few indeed are the men revered as is Washington it is doubtful that our nation would be as it is today (without his leadership during a trying moment in history.)"

It was in February of 1732 that George Washington entered this world, and in December of 1799, some sixty-eight years later, that he entered the Grand Lodge above. What can we say of this man that has not been said before, this man we call "the Father of Our Country"? And yet his place in history is so unique, so important, that...the life of this great American (has been referred to as) the "Heartbeat of the American Revolution."

Freemasons believe that Washington's Masonic background was a significant part of his philosophy of life, a philosophy so important in the legacy he left to us - that which we now call our American way of life. His deep regard for human liberty and the dignity of man gave strength to our cause at a moment when strength was needed.

Washington the man - and Washington the Mason. He was initiated in the Lodge of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in November of 1752. He was proud of his membership, saying, "The object of Freemasonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." In 1788, he served as first Master of what is now known as Alexandria-Washington Lodge.

It was perhaps inevitable that, after Washington's magnificent contributions to the nation during the Revolutionary War period, he should be named a Virginia

delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, where as presiding officer he played a key role in the success of the Convention, ultimately becoming the first President in 1789. Washington thus became the first Master of a Masonic Lodge to become President of the United States, holding, for a time, both that high office and that of Master of his Lodge, a rare distinction indeed!

Washington's words upon becoming President reflect well his philosophy: "Integrity and firmness are all that I can promise." What more could a nation ask?

From the very beginning, Freemasonry has been closely associated with the history of our nation, and it was never more dramatically evidenced than in 1793 when, wearing a Masonic apron presented to him by General Lafayette and embroidered by Madame Lafayette, Washington in a Masonic ceremony laid the cornerstone for the United States' Capitol at Washington, DC.

In August 1790, in a letter to King David Lodge in Newport, Rhode Island, Washington wrote: "Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of the private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the society and to be considered by them as a deserving brother."

Washington had a deep sense of national union. In a response to an address of the Charleston, South Carolina, Masons, he said: "The fabric of our freedom is placed on the enduring basis of public virtue, and will, I fondly hope, long continue to protect the prosperity of the architects who raise it."

In Washington's famous Farewell Address on his retirement from public life, he emphasized that the responsibility for America's destiny rests directly upon its citizens, and he urged Americans to forge a nation of high principles: "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct."

We today who comfortably wear our

the lead of God, who gives freedom to the children that dare follow through the wilderness of trial and sorrow and hardship. During the darkest days of the Revolution and the cruel winter at Valley Forge, it was Washington who stood firm in the face of adversity and knelt for prayer in the snow to reaffirm his faith in God and seek divine assistance in the justice of his cause. *For freedom is a fairer land.*

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freedoms so valiantly won in years past can only dimly understand the absolute courage and personal risk that men like Washington took. For me, George Washington embodies that brave spirit and bold vision that captured a Moses 3,000 years earlier to lead God's people out of bondage in Egypt to a Promised Land. Washington, like Moses, viewed it from afar. But unlike Moses, he was per-miffed to cross over the Jordan River, and with the boldness and daring of a Joshua, capture that Promised Land. While the ancient land of Canaan was dripping with *milk and honey*, for Washington *freedom was a fairer land.*

Freedom was the driving force and compelling motive for Washington and his contemporaries who sacrificed lands, fortunes, health, and even life, to win for us, their children, the blessings of freedom.

Serving the British in Colonial America, Washington had a promising career. Already a military hero by the age of twenty-two in colonial Virginia, he dreamed of capturing an officer's commission in the British Army. His could have been a comfortable life and honored one as a *loyal son of the Crown*. But *freedom is a fairer land*, and Washington chose to throw his lot into a struggle that would brand him a traitor to the ruling government, and give him death in defeat. *Freedom is a fairer land* than the comfort and approbation offered by tyranny. Washington, the man of valor and virtue, dared to follow

Washington was not well educated, as many of his peers were. He completed only the equivalent of an elementary education. He taught himself the rudiments of surveying. Throughout his life, agricultural books were his favorite reading. He was characterized as a deliberate and methodical thinker, one who showed willingness to try against impossible odds and who was persistent in working out solutions despite many difficulties and setbacks. He modestly credited luck or providence for his accomplishments and unselfishly used power for the common good, rather than for personal gain. Washington often chose less efficient and more difficult ways to do things in order to maintain his principles. When granted emergency dictatorial powers during the Revolution, he used them sparingly and continued to support the authority of Congress, despite its inability to provide funds and supplies for his army. Throughout the war, he consistently refused to plunder civilian property for the supplies that his troops badly needed. For the integrity of freedom for all men was more important than power over men, *and freedom is a fairer land.*

Washington served both God and man with the firmness of his convictions. As author Robert Hughes had to admit in his study of Washington: "The more I study Washington, the greater and better I think of him ... He was a man of such tremendous

undeniable achievement that he does not need to be bolstered with propaganda, protected by a priest-craft of suppression, or celebrated by any Fourth of July oratory." Abigail Adams simple eulogy of George Washington speaks volumes, when she wrote, "simple truth is his best, his greatest eulogy." I would add his love of freedom for men and nations, that all could prosper and be happy together, *for freedom is a fairer land.*

Freedom is a powerful, motivating force, which holds out inextinguishable hope in the hearts of men and women in all countries, and in all ages. Such freedom is inscribed on our own Statue of Liberty:

Give me your tired, your poor, your
huddled masses, yearning to breathe
free,

Send them, the teeming refuse of
your tempest and storm-tossed shores,
to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

For freedom is a fairer land - the
golden door of hope and
opportunity.

I think of another - a George Washington of his people - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who dared inspire a generation with a view of the Promised Land, and who could not go over Jordan to build it.

I have a dream... deeply rooted in the American dream... that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal." I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith... with which we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together... to stand for freedom together...

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my father died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring"

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!... Let freedom ring from every mountainside... When we let freedom ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up the day when all God's children, black ... and white... Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"...

For Freedom is a Fairer Land, and as George Washington carried in his heart the ideals of liberty, justice and freedom, so we must likewise carry forward those same ideals.

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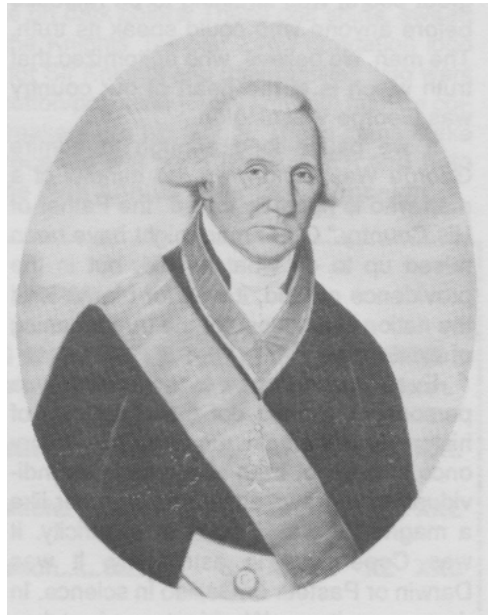
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Washington - Painting by William Williams

In 1793 the Lodge, by resolution, requested General Washington, then President and living in Philadelphia, to sit for this picture, and after obtaining his consent, employed William Williams, of that city, to execute the work. Washington approved the likeness, and late in 1794 it was received from the artist and accepted by the Lodge.

It is a flesh-colored pastel and pronounced by critics of superior quality. It is an entirely different conception from any other painting of the General extant, resembling in cast and feature the original Houdon statue in Richmond, Virginia, and is the only painting from life showing the General in extreme old age and in Masonic regalia. Having been ordered, received and accepted by the neighbors and Masonic contemporaries of the General, men who knew him intimately and were with him in every walk of his eventful life, who had followed his fortunes and shared his adversities in war, had counseled and supported him in peace, and who when his labors ended, had sorrowfully laid him to his eternal rest, it is beyond reasonable conception that these men would have foisted on a credulous and confiding posterity a spurious picture of their friend and compatriot.

The picture is devoid of idealism, the artist's instructions being: "Paint me as I am," and this Mr. Williams appears to have done, bringing out in bold relief several facial marks or blemishes which the General is known to have possessed, and which are shown in a modified form, if at all, by other artists. The disfiguring scar on his left cheek, spoken of by George Washington Parke Custis in his reminiscences, the black mole under his right ear, and the marks of smallpox on his nose and cheeks are all clearly defined and unmistakable, and this fact adds much to the value of the famous pastel and arouses the deepest interest of both historic and art critics.



The Timelessness of Truth

by Reverend Donald Craig Kerr



The one consuming passion of all time has been to know the truth. We are never sure that we know what it is, but we keep believing that one day we will find out. Truth is timeless, it exists the moment consciousness is born. It forsakes all limitations so that it may be born in each new age.

Many believe that the truth about America had been in the minds of men for centuries before it was discovered. The great secret was straining to be released before anyone who could speak its truth. The man, we believe, who epitomized that truth which is at the heart of our country was George Washington.

If we pause long enough to admire George Washington, we are mindful of a man who is rightfully called "the Father of His Country." Other men might have been raised up to do what he did, but in the providence of God, it was for him to lead the nation in its quest for the true meaning of existence.

Every great cause is enshrined in a personality. Names dot the chronicles of history like stars in the sky; but, every once in a while, truth awakens in an individual, who draws all people together like a magnet. It was Edison in electricity. It was Copernicus in astronomy. It was Darwin or Pasteur or Galileo in science. In democracy it was Washington, who takes his place in the Hall of Fame along with Moses, Pericles, Alfred the Great, and Alexander. Ask, "What is America?" When you answer that, you have looked into the mind of our first President, the Grand Master of all democratic designs.

In the Smithsonian Institution there is a bronze medallion on which is inscribed *the Declaration of Independence*. Standing immediately in front of it the words can be seen easily. As one steps to one side, the words fade and all that is seen is the face of Washington. It is a true symbol. America in

the heart of Washington is a land in which the spirit is not satisfied until the ultimate truth is probed and proven.

If we press further, we shall see in Washington a man of patriotism and sacrifice. It is a patriotism born of fearlessness and a sacrifice born of a love for liberty. At a time when Americans are apt to lose heart, it is strengthening to take the measure of George Washington and be inspired by his example. Born of a conservative tradition, cradled in the comfortable luxury of refinement, nurtured to assume the life of a gentleman; George Washington chose the path of service and sacrifice. It was a choice made in the freedom of his own conviction. His only compulsion was to freedom and loyalty, as he took his place alongside his suffering soldiers at Valley Forge.

For this honored man there seemed something much more vital and valuable than any personal, selfish, or egotistical heroism. For him the cause was that America become a self-respecting, independent nation of God-loving people. In his Farewell Address of 1796, he spoke with meaning when he said, "Of All the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

A deeper look into the memory of Washington would show us a man whose character was free from any narrow partisanship. His philosophy and policy were directed towards a purpose that was too big to be confined to any single slogan. His mind searched for the wider and broader perspective. His outlook and outreach were universal in their implications. A man of moral soundness and religious commitment he would say in his Inaugural Address, "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the

affairs of men more than the people of the United States."

Pioneer, patriot, soldier, general, Mason, President; Washington felt the heartbeat of mankind to live a happy, useful, prosperous life. Proud, aristocratic, a person of dignity, his example inspires us to rededicate ourselves to the soul of America. As he

himself said, "Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience."

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History of The Grand Encampment

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Appendix VI Constitution Of The United States Grand Encampment 1806

Article II of the Subordinate Councils and Encampments (continued)

Sec. 6. No person shall be admitted to the degree of Knight of the Red Cross, for a less sum than twelve and an half dollars, exclusive of the Grand Encampment fees required by the foregoing Section. And no person shall be admitted and created a Knight Templar, for less sum than twelve and an half dollars, in addition to the Red Cross fees, and exclusive of the

Appendix VII CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS for THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1816

Article 1

GENERAL GRAND ENCAMPMENT

SECTION 1. There shall be a General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and the appendant Orders, for the United States of America, which shall consist of a General Grand Master, Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Generalissimo, General Grand Captain General, General Grand Prelate, General Grand Senior Warden, General Grand Junior Warden, General Grand Treasurer,

Grand Encampment fees required as aforesaid; amounting in the whole to the sum of thirty dollars.

Sec. 7. Every member of the Grand Encampment (excepting such as hold their seats solely by virtue of having sustained the Office of General Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, or Grand Master of a subordinate Encampment) who shall neglect to attend the annual Grand Assembly in person, or by proxy, shall forfeit and pay into the Grand fund a fine of three dollars, for every neglect; and such delinquent shall not be entitled to a seat in the Grand Encampment, until the said fine be paid.

From Webb's 'Freemasons Monitor' (136)

General Grand Recorder, General Grand Warder, General Grand Standard Bearer, General Grand Sword Bearer, all Past General Grand Masters, Deputy General Grand Masters, General Grand Generalissimos, and General Grand Captain Generals of this General Grand Encampment, the Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Generalissimos, and Grand Captain Generals of all such State Grand Encampments as may be instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution; and the said enumerated officers, or their proxies, shall be the only members and voters in the said General Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2 The General Grand Encampment shall be instituted and opened on the 22nd day of June, A.D. 1816. It shall meet on the third Thursday in September, A.D. 1819, and septennially thereafter, for the choice of officers and other business, on the third Thursday in September, at such place as may be from time to time appointed.

SEC. 3. A special meeting of the *General Grand Encampment* shall be called whenever any two of the first four General Grand Officers may deem it necessary, and also whenever it may be required by a majority of the Grand Encampments of the States aforesaid: provided, that such requisition be made known in writing by the said Encampments respectively, to either of the before-mentioned General Grand Officers.

SEC. 4 The General Grand Master, Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Generalissimo, and General Grand Captain General, are severally hereby authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any and every assembly of Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar and of Malta, throughout the jurisdiction of the General Grand Encampment, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the institution may require, always adhering to the ancient landmarks.

SEC. 5 In all cases of the absence of any officer from any assembly instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution, the officer next in rank shall succeed his superior, unless through courtesy such officer should decline in favor of a Past Superior Officer present; and in case of the absence of all the officers, the members present, according to seniority and abilities, shall fit the several offices.

SEC. 6. In every assembly of Knights, all questions (except upon the admission of members or candidates) shall be determined by a majority of votes. The presiding officer for the time being shall be entitled to a vote, if a member; and, in case the votes shall be equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote.

SEC. 7. The General Grand Encampment shall be competent, on concurrence of two-thirds of its members present, at any time hereafter, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution.

SEC. 8. In case any casualty shall at any time hereafter prevent the septennial election of officers, the several General Grand Officers shall sustain their respective offices until successors be duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 9. The General Grand Master, Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Generalissimo, and General Grand Captain General, shall severally have power

and authority too institute new Councils of Knights of the Red Cross, and Encampments of Knights Templar and of Malta, in any State or Territory wherein there is not a Grand Encampment regularly established. The fees for instituting a new Council and Encampment, in manner aforesaid, shall be ninety dollars, exclusive of such compensation for executing the Letters of Dispensation or Charter as may be deemed reasonable.

SEC. 10 The General Grand Master and Deputy General Grand Master are severally authorized to appoint a General Grand Visitor, or more than one, if necessary, to superintend and perform such distant business, and to communicate such instructions, as may come within the cognizance of the said Grand Officers respectively, conformable to the duties and prerogatives of their respective offices.

Article II

State Grand Encampments

SEC. 1. Whenever there shall be three or more Encampments instituted or holden under this Constitution, in any one State, a Grand Encampment may be formed in such State, after obtaining the approbation and consent of the General Grand Master, the Deputy General Grand Master, or the General Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2. The state Grand Encampments shall severally consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Prelate, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Warder, Grand Standard Bearer, and Grand Sword Bearer, all Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Generalissimos, and Grand Captain Generals of any State Grand Encampment, wheresoever they may reside, the Grand Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General for the time being of the Encampments over which they shall respectively preside, and all Past Grand Commanders of such Encampments, and their said enumerated officers, or their proxies, shall be the only members and voters of the said State Grand Encampments respectively.

Knights Templar License Plates

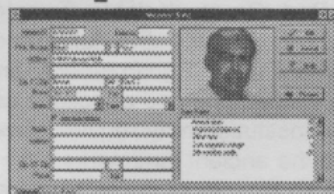
Back by popular demand are the Knights Templar license plates. Wheeling Commandery No. 1, Wheeling, West Virginia, is selling the license plates for a donation of \$7.00 each. These plates have a white background with black letters, gold crown and red cross. (See picture to right.) Proceeds from sale go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The plate, if mailed, is postpaid. Please make out check to: J. Nelson Deakin, Jr., and mail to 1276 National Road, Apt. 313; Wheeling; WV 26003



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Florida S.O.B. Members Honored For 50th Anniversaries

Late fall 1996, Ocala Assembly No. 249, located in Beileviow, Florida, honored members who have celebrated 50th anniversaries. Mrs. Bernard Reiner, a Past President, regaled the group with brief highlights of her fifty-six years of marriage. She is pictured with two other celebrants, Mrs. Jesse Powell, a charter member and current Inner Guard, and Mrs. Michael Franchio. The Assembly also recognized the Eminent Commander of Ocala Commandery No. 19, SirKnight Jake Smith, who was selected "Mason of the Year" by his Blue Lodge, Friendship No. 53, located in Fellowship, Florida. His support of the Beauceant this year is appreciated by all the ladies.

Resolutions For 1997

by Sir Knight Kent W. Gist, P.G.C.
and editor of the Idaho Supplement

The beginning of a new year is traditionally the time for people to make New Year resolutions. It is time to shape up our lives - to get rid of some of our bad habits and acquire some good ones. I suspect many are made with tongue in cheek, but perhaps it is time to get serious about them.

I have been pondering some resolutions for my Masonic Life, and I herewith go out on a limb and go public with them. I urge any who will to resolve to do some, or all, of the things included in the following paragraphs, and feel free to add to the list as you will.

I resolve to improve my knowledge and understanding of Masonic landmarks and tenets. I will review the rituals and seek better understanding of what they teach about life. I will read more about Masonic philosophy and strive to write a few lines that might be helpful to others. I will continue to maintain an interest in Masonic history and the deeds of those Brothers who have gone before, but I will try to bear in mind that yesterday's wind does not turn today's windmills or fill the sails of today's boats. Learning from the past doesn't do us much good unless we apply those lessons to today and tomorrow. I will talk about these things with my Brothers, that we might gain mutual benefit from them.

I resolve to clean up my own act, always remembering that I am the only person whose actions and lifestyle I can exercise any control over. One Masonic tradition has been that we teach best by example and then only to those who are actively seeking to learn. This is one of the great truths that we claim to be a cornerstone of our Fraternity - a truth that is sometimes easy to overlook.

I will strive to be a man of my word. We have all heard the old words of praise for those men and women whose word was their bond. It appears in these times that

expediency often replaces fidelity and dependability. Masons can take the lead in developing an atmosphere of trust by practicing and praising trustworthiness. None of us can claim to be simon-pure, but we can always seek improvement. Our word should be our bond, both in and out of the Lodge.

I will endeavor to improve my vocabulary and manners of expression. Profanity and vulgarisms have no place in a civil society, especially in ours. We have allowed our abilities and manners of conveying our thoughts to seek the lowest common denominator, and it reflects in our schools, our literature, and our visual media. An opportunity exists in our Fraternity to practice what we preach. I can't dean up any other person's habits of expression, but I can work on my own and so can every other member of the Fraternity. We claim to be champions of education. Let's give some thought to how we are educating.

I resolve to meet all members of the Fraternity on the level and to act upon the plumb. There are bound to be differences of opinion from time to time with other members of the Fraternity. It is essential that each of us treat those differences with courtesy and restraint. We are not bound to always agree, but we are bound by the most solemn vows to be agreeable and reasonable, not only to our Brother's face but to his back. I resolve to try to remember that there is a possibility he might be right. In any event, it would be the height of folly to let one difference of opinion destroy the many pleasures and benefits we both might gain by maintaining our friendship. It is what we are all about.

I resolve to stop making our decline in membership the center of my attention. Rather, I will strive to improve my abilities to extol the benefits of membership in our great Fraternity. I promise to accentuate the positive. The fact that we have declining membership is not a cause for anyone to petition or to even show interest. I will try to convey the thought that our way of life is beneficial to every good man, regardless of age, wealth, race, or creed. We have the answer for a better world. Most of us have

well remembered those parts of our obligation that we do not disclose to the world at large, but we have not done so well at remembering the most important message to be received from our rituals, which is how to live and act and speak and honor God. We should be telling that to everybody.

I resolve to hold dear in my heart those singular experiences of receiving the Master Mason Degree and the Order of the Temple, that were presented by my Brethren and the Sir Knights for me alone. These experiences were alike in that they dramatically conveyed the message that personal integrity is the most important attribute any man can have. They were lessons that had been conveyed in exactly the same manner and form to every member who freely gave of his time and talents to bring that lesson to me. The fact that they might mean something different to everyone who has received them does not detract from the fact that we all share that common bond that can never be taken away from us. That common bond is not limited to the particular Lodge, Chapter, Council, or Commandery to which I belong,

or even the grand jurisdiction to which I belong. It is worldwide and universal.

I resolve to remember that the God in whom we put our trust has given to each person different talents and abilities. I will try to recognize the worth of each Brother and do what I can to encourage him to exercise his particular talents. I will try to encourage those members who do not participate regularly in our activities to bring their talents and skills to our Communications and Convocations, thereby giving them the opportunity to sharpen those skills and abilities and give those benefits to those of us who have other talents and gifts. Many times people are more motivated by what they can give than by what they might receive. We need to enjoy giving and receiving, equally. Good living requires that we do both.

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The Fellowship of Freemasonry

by Sir Knight Rod Lewis, P.C.

My Brother's hand is warm in mine;
Our trust is mutual, heart to heart,
For Brotherhood's a basic art
That brings on trust, by God's design.
Here's how Fraternity can start -
My Brother's hand is warm in mine.
In Common faith, we both consign
Our minds to God. Our views may part
In variant ways, but this is smart:
My Brother's hand is warm in mine.

Sir Knight Roderic Lewis, P.C.

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Poet's note: If anyone is interested: This poetry form is called a Chaucerian Roundel.

True Masonic Brotherhood

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A.M. of New Mexico, recently held a joint Communication with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico. The two Grand Lodges signed compacts for rights of visitation and affiliation ending years of mutual non-recognition; Master Masons in New Mexico can now meet on the level regardless of the color of their skins. In picture, right to left: M.W. Omer E. Horn, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., NM; M.W. Harold H. Bendaw, Grand Master, Prince Hall Lodge, NM; Jessie Watkins, P.G.M., Grand Sec., Prince Hall Lodge.



We Are The Lord's!

by Reverend Dr. Don C. Markham

Associate Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of New York

The following homily is the sermon given by Associate Grand Prelate Markham at the necrology service of the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York. The Sir Knights of that state wish to share it with the other Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord;
and whether we die, we die unto the Lord:
whether we live therefore, or die, we are
the Lord's!

Romans: 14:8

We are the Lord's! This is a plain statement of fact, but how is it that others do not seem to know and recognize this fact? Every Sir Knight who has been the recipient of the Orders we confer is supposed to be a Christ-bearer! But the question remains, just how many are?

There is a story about three clergy who gathered together to discuss a problem which confronted them all - their churches were infested with bats! The first of the trio stated that he had contacted the county extension agent and had been told to trap the bats and then release them some distance from the church and the problem would be solved. Accordingly, he trapped the bats and drove them miles out into the country and let them go as he had been instructed. When he got back to the church, he found the bats waiting for him.

The second of the trio mentioned that he had been advised to shoot the bats, but after much time and effort all he had accomplished was to put a number of holes in the ceiling and roof.

The third said: "Boys, boys! You're going at it all wrong! I baptized and confirmed mine, and we haven't seen them since!"

How many men have you witnessed being initiated, passed, and raised and you haven't

seen them since? Or how many have you seen exalted, greeted, and Knighted and yet there are times we are hard-pressed to have enough bodies to open? How many just pay their dues and don't wish to be bothered with getting involved? I dare say there are a large number in the Secretary's records who should have after their names the letters "BPO" - for *Burial Purposes Only*; that is, so that their membership in the Fraternity can be listed in their obituary.

We gather this day as members of an ancient and honorable institution to pay honor and homage to those of our number who have been summoned from our midst by death during this past Templar year. While we cannot mention them by name, we can recall to mind and heart those whom we knew and respected as comrades-in-arms and dedicated Knights of the Temple.

The Templars of old, as they traveled to and from the Holy Land during the Crusades, wore a tunic which bore a cross upon it. If they were traveling to the Holy Land, the cross was worn on their breast; if they were traveling from the Holy Land, the cross was worn on their back. Thus whether coming or going, they bore the emblem of their faith!

To us, as modern Knights of the Temple, has been given the responsibility of bearing the cross as we travel in this world. The words emblazoned on our banner speak out to tell the purpose of our organizations when we say: *"Not unto us, O Lord, Not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory!"*

There is a story told of an Episcopal congregation which was rather "high" in liturgical form and utilized such items as incense and a processional cross in their customary worship. The Bishop of the Diocese in which this church was located, was, however, "low" in liturgical form and decried the use of such appurtenances in worship. Accordingly, when the time arrived for the annual visit of the Bishop to that parish for the purpose of Confirmation, the instruction was given to the Rector that there were to be no such items as incense or a processional cross used in the worship that day. The Rector dutifully informed the choir and organist of the change in the accustomed format, and on the chosen Sunday, as the Rector and the Bishop moved down the aisle to the chancel, the choir sang out loudly and clearly:

Onward Christian soldiers, marching
as to war With the Cross of Jesus,
left behind the door!

I wonder! How many members of our order are equally as guilty of trying to hide the fact of their membership by living in such a way that no one would guess that they are Christians? How many members of our churches are guilty of the same or similar offenses? How do we bear the cross - on our breasts and backs so that people will know our destination or hidden so that nobody knows we have it? Do we proudly wear the emblem of our faith and display it in our lives, or do we leave it hidden where no one can see it?

The Knights of the past, both recent and distant, were proud of their Templar heritage, and they honorably fulfilled the words of the Master: *"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."*

Each member of the order makes a solemn pledge which publicly affirms the faith he professes and proclaims. Each dedicates his sword to knightly deeds of honor and faith, and because of this, the members of this order are very different than anyone else. None who wears the uniform of a Knight Templar can ever say that he did not know what he was doing or that no one told him what it meant to be a Templar. The Chamber of Reflection is the place where one is separated from the rest and caused to face both himself and his faith in a very dynamic and dramatic manner.

To be a Knight Templar is to live the faith and carry the cross, the supreme emblem of God's love for us all. Those whom we here remember this day fulfilled their responsibility - have laid down their swords and received the reward of faith - but we must continue where they left off.

The struggle is far from over! The challenge of love and service remains. We must serve in such a manner and form that the glory will be for God and the Kingdom of Christ will be advanced. Then, when our journey is over, if found worthy, we will receive the crown of life.

The words of Paul in the letter to the Romans serve as a reminder to each and every one of us, that regardless of what we attain or where we go, the fact is that "We are the Lord's"!

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Benjamin Henry Latrobe Architect and Mason

by Sir Knight William J. Ellenberger

The title of this might well have been "Architect and Freemason" for he was a member of our Craft, but my play on words is to emphasize that he was a builder of beautiful structures in stone besides wielding a Mason's trowel.

By the end of the 18th century, our young republic was flexing its muscles for the physical expansion that would carry it to the pantheon of great nations. It needed the infrastructure to support a growing population: housing, public buildings, mills, factories, roads and canals. There were a few self-taught architects, builders, surveyors and mill wrights but no formally trained professionals.

Early in 1796 Benjamin H. Latrobe arrived in Virginia to seek his fortune in America. Had the English Parliament approved the proposed Chelmsford Canal project, Latrobe would have been its chief engineer and other commissions would have followed.

This turn of fate gave us the "father of architecture in America." Latrobe, educated in England and Germany, studied architecture under Sir William Chambers and civil engineering under John Smeaton, then the outstanding civil engineer in England.

After working in a subordinate capacity he opened his own architectural office in 1791 but was dissatisfied with the commissions he received, as none were for major projects. When he arrived in Virginia, he was excited by the new country dedicated to freedom. Through letters of introduction, he obtained work including the design for his first American building, a fine residence for Captain Pennock. Then he turned his

engineering talents to a survey of the Dismal Swamp canal project.

Dissatisfied with the prospects for work in Virginia, he moved to Philadelphia, then the largest and most important city in the United States. Of his work there (mostly architectural), two projects should be described: the Bank of Pennsylvania, for its architecture, and the Philadelphia Water Works, for its engineering. Upon completion in 1800, the bank was the most significant architectural landmark in the United States. "It was the country's first Greek Revival structure and also the first building in which Masonry vaults were used integrally as a major means of achieving architectural effect. And incontestably it was a beautiful structure, the destruction of which by the government in the 1860s is one of the tragedies of Philadelphia's long history of apathy toward its important monuments."

As Philadelphia grew, its need for a public water supply became urgent, the more so after the 1793 yellow fever epidemic. Here was an opportunity for Latrobe to exercise his engineering talent. In July 1798, the city council engaged this engineer of "superior talent and industry" to investigate the whole subject. In December his report was accepted and work was commenced in March of 1799 under his personal direction.

Had he known the pitfalls he faced, he might have had second thoughts; the engineering and construction management problems would have tried an experienced engineer. He lacked experience, especially in dealing with contractors, and a major problem was interference by politicians. Also, he was vilified by unsuccessful bidders.

Technically, the project consisted of a settling basin on the Schuylkill River, a canal and tunnel through rock to a steam engine driven pumping station where the water was lifted to an underground brick conduit and delivered by gravity to the Centre Square Water Works, which was actually a building in the appearance of a Grecian Temple housing a pumping engine and an elevated storage tank.

"At that time there were only three steam engines of any considerable size in the country."² Latrobe awarded a \$30,000 contract

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to Nicholas Roosevelt (his friend and future son-in-law) to make and erect two steam engine driven pumps capable of delivering three million gallons per day to a height of fifty feet and to maintain them for five years. Latrobe had at least six contractors to supervise, including several unscrupulous ones forced on him by political pressure (one padded the payrolls). Roosevelt failed to deliver the engines on time.

Alas, Latrobe's cost estimate, \$150,000, made in haste before the design was finished, escalated to \$500,000; the time for completion of the work, six months, ran on to eighteen months; the system delivered only 7,500 gallon per day; and the cost of operating the system was exorbitant, four "black marks" against Latrobe. He had invested his own money in the project hoping to make an additional profit raising the question of business ethics. He lost heavily in consequence of it. Ethics was not of great

significance in the political machinations of the time.

Early in his Philadelphia sojourn Latrobe employed Frederick Graft as a draftsman and assistant. When Latrobe left Philadelphia in 1803, Graft operated the water works (despite numerous breakdowns) until 1816. Appointed superintendent in 1805, he designed a complete replacement known as the Fairmont Water Works supplying water to a four million gallon reservoir on Morris Hill, where water flowed by gravity into the existing distribution system.

From 1802 to his death in 1820 there were only four years during which Latrobe did no work for our national government. It included civil and military construction, but his greatest work on which his reputation rests is the U.S. Capitol. In 1803 President Jefferson made Latrobe Surveyor of Public Buildings of the U.S., but most of his work was on the Capitol.

Shortages of material and labor, especially skilled artisans, delayed the work and there was friction with Dr. William Thornton, whose design for the Capitol had been accepted. Thornton was not a trained architect and stubbornly resisted necessary changes in the design to make the building functional. Despite these frictions, the building continued to grow from 1808 to 1812. By 1811 the working parts of the Capitol were virtually complete.

Then, in September 1814 when the British burned the public buildings, all he had done went up in smoke!

In the period 1807 to 1815, while working on the Capitol, the President's house and the Navy yard, Latrobe carried on a private practice: projects in Washington, Philadelphia and Baltimore. The Roman Catholic Cathedral in Baltimore was a long-term project (1805-1821), the first such cathedral in the U.S. and one of Latrobe's great accomplishments. There was the ill-fated Pittsburgh steamship construction project from which he returned to Washington financially ruined, more

deeply in debt than when he left a year and a half earlier. From 1815 to 1817 he was engaged in rebuilding the Capitol. "The British had done a thorough job of demolition."⁴ The Capitol arose like Phoenix from the ashes on its original site. With no assistant Latrobe produced new drawings in an amazingly short time and secured President Madison's approval.

During the winter of 1815-1816 President Madison and the Congress eliminated the three commissioners system

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of supervision of the work and ultimately Colonel Samuel Lane of the Army was selected.

The Senate demanded a larger chamber requiring new design, demolition of old brickwork and new construction on the ground floor to support the new work. By the end of November 1816, the Senate Chamber walls were up ten feet above the floor indicating remarkable progress. "The new Supreme Court vault was a triumph both structurally and aesthetically."⁵

In May 1816 Congress called for an estimated cost to complete the wings and the time for accomplishment. Latrobe explained to Colonel Lane that estimates made without detailed study are only a guess based on experience. To Colonel Lane this was disrespectful; he fired Latrobe's clerk.

When James Monroe was elected President, the Senate and the House could not agree on which chamber should be the site of the inaugural ceremony. They compromised on public inauguration in front of the future Capitol steps. Latrobe

had to design the decorated platform for the first of many inaugurations held there.

Monroe, a coldly efficient executive with a sense of presidential dignity, could not be approached by Latrobe. Rapid completion of the Capitol was Monroe's first order of business so Latrobe worked under great pressure to expedite the work, but Colonel Lane continued to make life miserable for him. Lane's enmity for the architect became intolerable. On November 20, 1817, he submitted his resignation; however he continued to work completing the drawings for the entire building, and they were in Monroe's hands before the new year.

The drawings exist; therefore, it is possible to evaluate what the architect accomplished in twenty-nine months following his arrival in Washington in the spring of 1815. "Aesthetically the entire structure is essentially Latrobe's." 'In this great building, then, Latrobe set the basic tone and established a standard for government building which was to persist for generations.'⁶

Early in 1818, following bankruptcy, the Latrobe family moved to Baltimore where he was befriended by faithful supporters as he undertook various projects in an effort to recoup his fortune. But a visit to New Orleans in 1819 convinced him that his fortune lay in that city where they relocated in 1820.

One reason for the move was to expedite the completion of the water works he had started years ago which was suspended during the War of 1812. His effort was cut short when he died of yellow fever on September 3. Son John then resigned from the Military Academy and became head of the family returned to Baltimore.

'Yet the tragic irony of Latrobe's death should not obscure the triumphant richness of his life - rich in friends, in family, in the joy of creative work.'⁷ For several generations Baltimore was the home of Latrobes; where a son, a grandson and a great-grandson were born and lived. John H. B. Latrobe (1803-1891), the son mentioned above, helped draft the charter of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was a widely recognized railroad

road and patent attorney and invented the Latrobe stove. Ferdinand Claiborne Latrobe (1833-1911), the grandson, was mayor of Baltimore for seven terms. Ferdinand Claiborne Latrobe II (1889-1944), the great-grandson, was associated with the Bartlett Hayward Company successors to early stove makers and manufacturers of the Latrobe Stove.

Latrobe's Masonic membership was associated with some of his professional associates and family as shown in the following: **Benjamin H. Latrobe** (1764-1820) was initiated in the Lodge of Antiquity No. 2, London, 1788 and served as Junior Warden 1789-90. When he came to the United States, he affiliated

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best known for the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. He designed several notable government buildings in Washington, but was not significantly involved in the Capitol. Although often identified as a Mason, there is no documentary evidence. **James Hoban** (1762? -1831) born in Ireland, studied under Thomas Ivory and came to the U.S. in 1785. President Washington approved his plan for the President's house (White House) and employed him to supervise the construction. He worked briefly on the House of Representatives' wing of the Capitol under Thornton before Latrobe took on the work. He was an organizer and first Master of Federal Lodge No. 1, Washington, D.C. **Nicholas Roosevelt** (1767-1854) built the engines for the Philadelphia water works and was associated with Latrobe in several commercial ventures that failed. He was a member of Holland Lodge No. 8, New York City.

This article mentions only half a dozen of the hundreds of architectural and engineering projects Latrobe was engaged in during his twenty-four years in the U.S. He brought the profession of architecture to us, and his office was our first school for professional architects. His engineering was civil engineering; mechanical engineering was in its infancy, hence his problem with steam engines. The difference between European and American engineering practice troubled him, English permanent construction vs. American lighter cheap improvisations of low investment and short amortization.

Despite his superior professional talents he was a poor businessman. He invested in enterprises that failed, made loans to friends that were not repaid; he endorsed notes unpaid for which he became responsible, and much of his architectural work was never paid for because he was reluctant to take strong measures to collect his fees. Despite his misfortunes, we are the beneficiaries of his architecture and of the engineering and business activities of his descendants that significantly contributed to our industrial development and economy.

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Christmas Observance in New York—"A Christmas Service of Light"

Norwich Commandery No. 46, Oxford, New York: First reading (Genesis 1:1-4), Allen C. Lange, Grand Prelate: "The first candle symbolizes the Creation of Light." Second reading (John 3: 19-20), Hugh A. Price, Past Commander: "The second candle symbolizes the Rejection of Light." Third reading, James Hunsinger: "The third candle symbolizes the Incarnation of Light." Fourth reading (Luke 2:8-11, 16-18), James W. Hemstrought, Jr.: "The fourth candle symbolizes the Announcement of Light." Fifth reading (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10), David Hail "The fifth candle symbolizes the Guidance of Light." Sixth reading (Matthew 5:14-16) Peter English: "The sixth candle symbolizes the Receiving of Light."



Seventh reading (Isaiah 40:9), Hobert C. Cook: "The seventh candle symbolizes the Sharing of Light." During the singing of "Go Tell It On the Mountain," the seven readers lit their small candles from the seven branch candelabra, went down the side aisles, lighting the candles of the end people in each pew, so that all the candles of the congregation were lit. They were extinguished during the singing of "Silent Night."

Transcripts of the complete service may be obtained by writing to: Francis K. Wilcox, Associate Grand Organist; 3598 County Rt. 32, Oxford, NY 13830.

The picture shows Sir Knight Walter Drake, Jr., R.E.G.C., accompanied by the participants of the Service of Light.

We Went To Church Today

We went to church today. Uniformed Sir Knights from Zerubbabel Commandery No. 68, located in Albia, Iowa, made another visitation. It was received with wonderful smiles by the people and amazed interest on the part of the youngsters who were there. The event was successful - as usual.

The Knights Templar used to be called the vanguard of Masonry. They still are. We walked into the church buildings in single file threading our way through the folks who crowded the hallways. The Sir Knights were displaying the appropriate demeanor. As we neared the church-proper, we removed our chapeaux and placed them on our right shoulders, which is our usual custom. We walked up the aisle to the reserved pew, entered it, and sat down as a group. We did not need commands; we were Templars.

The Sir Knights were fine guests. They sang with the church. They rose and sat with them, too. They simply attended the service. This may sound trite, but it is the core of this The program. The words of the minister sum it up best. He said, "I'd like to say a word about the Commandery, which is here with us today. I was pleased to hear about them going to churches as a gesture of their faith in Christ. They belong to many different churches in Albia. Welcome." This small announcement by the minister was all that was said, and it was more than enough. Yes, this was a gesture on our part and well made, too.

Commander John D. Nordstrom brought up the visitation program several months ago. He said he had heard about this program from a Sir Knight from Texas. Thanks go to the Brehren of Texas for this beautiful exercise in faith and Masonry. It is a nice thing to do. It also makes one feel very good once one gets over being the centerpiece of a show. Yes, Brethren, when one walks into a crowd in uniform, even sans sword and belt, one is on public display in a big way. I felt as though I were marching with many others as we walked into the church - many who were not called to be there were present, nonetheless.

Yes, we went to church today. We walked forward in a small effort to stand for Christ. We walked forward in a small attempt to reveal a quiet side of Masonry. We walked forward without proclaiming anything other than our faith. Our uniforms spoke much. The vanguard of Masonry does not have to say much - being there speaks the right words.

The churches we visit are approached by members of that church on our behalf. If the minister wishes us to come, he tells us and the arrangements are made. Different churches have different requirements. We abide by their wishes. We will be only guests after all.

Our faiths may be different, but Christ provides the common thread that moves us all. We were in church in uniform. We were Knights Templar. I feel good that I went to church today with my Brethren.

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Prospect Night And Fall Festival Of Iowa City, Iowa, York Rite Bodies

Saturday, September 28 saw Iowa's Sixth York Rite District sponsoring a one-day Fall Festival which resulted in thirteen new Sir Knights from five different York Rite bodies. One was reserved for Palestine Commandery No. 2, Iowa City, and the Order of the Temple at its annual inspection on October 12. There were fifty-six members present at various times

throughout the day, representing thirteen different York Rite bodies. All the Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees and orders were conferred by casts consisting of District 6 members with the exception of the Order of the Temple. It was conferred by R.E. Philip G. Cook, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Iowa, on his blood brother, Donald C. Cook of Des Moines. The Grand Commander was ably assisted by a select cast. Upon completion of the Order of the Temple, all new Sir Knights were presented diplomas attesting to their membership.

In attendance, in addition to the Grand Commander, were M.E. Robert D. Allen, G.H.P., Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Iowa; M.I. Charles W. Trader, Jr., G.M., Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Iowa; and many grand officers.

After a catered lunch, Albert R. Masters, P.G.C. and Grand Recorder Emeritus, Grand Commandery of Iowa, presented Knight Commander of the Temple awards to Wayne Syverson of Waterloo, LeRoy W. Scheeper of Davenport, Howard L. Townsend of Davenport, and Jackson Thorns of Clinton, who was ill and could not attend.

Throughout the day coffee and donuts were available courtesy of the Iowa City York Rite Bodies.

A catered banquet was enjoyed by all before a "cold sands" initiation with a cast from KAABA Shrine from Davenport. Three new York Rite members became Shriners.

In the picture, left to right, are the candidates: front row: Fred M. Gibson, Moline, IL; Donald C. Cook, Des Moines; Randy Hilmer, Marion; and Robert Olson, Mt. Prospect, IL; second row: Gary L. Anthony, E. Moline, IL; Jason Walcott, Iowa City; Magnus Halldorsson, Iowa City and Reykjavik, Iceland; and Verne Morrow, Elgin, IL; third row: Robert W. Schwyn, Davenport; Fred S. Bennett, Davenport; and Charles Boquist, Marion; fourth row: Charles John Pfeiffer, Davenport; Charles DCamp, Davenport; and Norman Smoizer, Davenport. (Report written and submitted by Dick Krattet, Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 2, Iowa City, Iowa. He resides at 705 Sixth Avenue, Iowa City, IA 52240-6438.)



One Hundred-Ninth Potentate



Albuquerque York Rite Bodies are pleased to announce that one of their own was elected to be the one hundred-ninth Potentate of Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple of Now Mexico. Sir Knight William S. "Bill" Lord played trumpet in the Shrine Band for many years before getting in the Divan line. Bill has set an image of what Knight Templary stands for by exhibiting his youthful presence in Masonry. (Submitted by Sir Knight H. William Hart, Public Relations Director for Ballut Abyad Shrine.)



Knight Voices

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

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 KTEE General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad Street, S. W; Pataskala; OH 43062, (614) 927-7073.

For sale: antique sword and scabbard, purchased from original owner from California. Name on them In gold Is A. D. Blshot. Need refurbishing. Length, 36 inches. \$160.00. Otis Dennie, 8894 Cox Road, Westchester, OH 45069.

For sale: sword that has bust of George Washington on hilt and is engraved C. B. Bachofer." Best offer over \$100.00. Proceeds to benefit KTEF. Bill Haynes; R.R.2, Box 115; Cresco; PA 18326, (717) 595-3333.

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

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania now has an approved Web Page on tie kit This site has Pennsylvania Masonic information and a gift shop area. The profits from tie gift shop are donated to charity. From your Internet browser software enter

Clarkrange Lodge No. 605 needs outdoor globe lights with emblems. They are usually round or oval and are soft white glass. We already have the pole and lights, but our globes are damaged. Emblem does not matter, as we will have new emblems painted on the globes. We need at least three (3)globes and would be willing to pay for them. This is an opportunity for a Lodge that Is merging or Just wants to get rid of the old-fashioned outside globes. Please contact Harvey Peters; Rt. 1, Box 461; Clarkrange; TN 38553; (615) 863-3421. Thank you.

Old Town R.A.C. No. 68 of Old Town, Maine, has a limited supply left of their 75th anniversary coins at \$5.00 each, postage and handling Included. Make check or money order payable to Old Town R.A. C. No. 68 and mail to James Oakes, Sec.; 312 Center Street; Old Town; ME 04468-1542.

Local Lodge Is sponsoring a Pipe and Drum band at our middle school. We need bagpipes, drums, practice chanters, and any articles of clothing Including kilts, hose, sporans, etc. These can be in any condition, and we will pay for shipping and fair market value. Andrew J. Clyde, 311 Janero Place, Sonoma, CA 95476, (800) 924-0917.

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

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

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 &

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.

The Fort Washington Chapter of the Philalethes Society announces It has produced Its first 300 copies of Its new Famous Mason board game. Promulgated by the late John J. Robinson, author of Born in Blood and A Pilgrim's Path, even before he was made a Mason, the game celebrates and teaches the accomplishments of many historical Masons. It is valuable as a gift for anyone, including new Masons, and as a tool for friendship nights and is played in a similar fashion to Bingo. The first edition is expected to sell out promptly and become collectors items. Proceeds will be used to further the Chapter's research and publication of its area Masonic heritage. Price \$32.00 each, including S & H. A 10% discount for quantities at 10 or more. Order by contacting Robert O. Boyington at (513) 451-0530, fax (513) 921-1003

A new Kennel of the Yellow Dogs, an offshoot York Rite body, is being formed in northern New Jersey. The organization has a primary emphasis on quality time for its members and functions to involve the entire family. All Sir Knights in good standing in the state of New Jersey and from neighboring states are welcome to apply for membership. If interested, please contact Robert L. Tedeschi at 443 East 39th Street, Paterson, NJ 07504 or call (201) 279-3853 (10:00 am. to 10:00 p.m., EST). Also, although I am presently in possession of the Yellow Dogs Cipher Book from one southern jurisdiction, if anyone has any other cipher books from other jurisdictions that he would like to share with me, please contact me at the above address or phone number.

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.

For sale: No. 2 Dudley silver, pocket watch in excellent condition and runs well. There is a silver Bible riveted to it. \$3,500.00. Clifford T Henry, 12176 Colt Drive, Sutter Creek, CA 95685, (209) 267-1448.

For sale: entire collection of Masonic memorabilia. I still have over one hundred glass items, as well as many badges, medals, medallions, and many other items. All glass items are antique and in excellent condition. For list, send a self-addressed envelope with 78 cents postage to: Fred L.

Lowstetter, 59 Donora Road, Monongahela, PA 15063.

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 Schnaike, Co/dwell Banker Major League Realty, Inc.; Residential Real Estate; 1625 Taylor Road, Suite B; Daytona Beach; FL 32124; 1-800 752-5021.

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"Lefty" O'Doul, Pacific Coast League, and older baseball items wanted by Brother/collector. Mike Gonsolin, 242 La Pera Circle, Danville, CA 94526, (510) 838-5331

Wanted: old neckties. Collector will pay cash for old ties from 1930s to 1950s, all postage paid. Unwanted ties returned at my expense. Call collect (704) 452-9511 or send to Phil Williams, 126 Fe/met Street, Waynesville, NC 28786.

Information wanted: I am seeking information pertaining to the location of Brother Noland (possible Norman) Riley and his wife Winnie. As a DeMolay, Mason, and Templar; there is a debt of honor I must repay and fulfill. Brother Riley is a member of the Masonic Lodge and maybe other Masonic family groups, and both he and Winnie are possible members of O.E.S. If you have information of any kind, relating to past or present please contact Richard Hedden, 2035 Colorado Dave, Green River, WY 82935, (307)875-6704. Any and all information will be helpful. A reward is offered for information leading to the contact of Brother Riley or members of his family.

Looking for all members of the 772MP Bn. who served in Korea from 1950 to the present. Compiling history of the Duece. Joel C. Davis, Box 342, Luckey, OH 43443-0342, (419) 833-1613

Help.. A retired school teacher and Past Master needs your help in completing a wheat penny collection he has been working on for several years. If you wish to get rid of some "wheaties" in your closet or trade duplicates, I'd like to correspond with you. No dealers need write as this is just a hobby. All notes and letters will be answered. Write soon! Warren A. Williams, R.R. 1, Box 1230, Craftsbury, VT 05826, (802) 586-2825

Soul Stars

On, beautiful Soul Stars" so tenderly pled in
Heaven, we thank you for your beauty there.

In glowing path of destiny you heat deaths parting by
Faith and Grace, which time atone doth bear.

Planned alone for thought UI eyes to search above for the
Peace and Serenity which cleanses sorrows tear.

Light eternal of special moments we cherish in memory of
loved ones and captured earth-bound here!

Watch thee well when "Shooting Arrows' astro-streak to part
midnight black and inky sky ... to show,

Last imprints of a beloved's touch in fond farewell to your
heart until tomorrows blend in sunshine down below.

Each and every star a universal window to give thee
Hope and Courage and shag never dim from view,

Because they shine by Luster of
Prayers" by someone In Heaven
humbly asking God
'To Kiss the Soul of You!'

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