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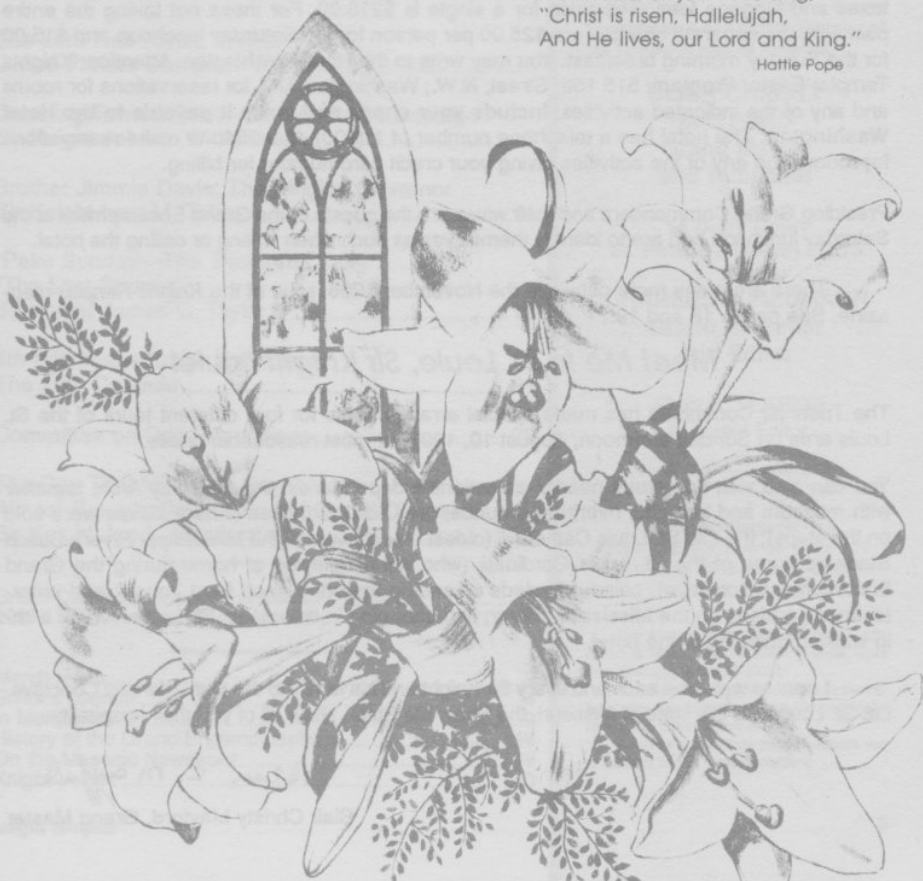
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There's a glow on Easter morning
In rose-tinted eastern sky.
There is dew upon the lilies;
Church bells ring from belfries high,
Ringing clear in perfect rhythm
In the cool, fresh morning air,
Calling all to join and worship
In a resurrection prayer.

Easter

There is joy on Easter morning
When we hear the gospel read,
Telling Jesus Christ, our Savior,
Has arisen from the dead.
Oh, with prayerful hearts uplifted,
We should all join in to sing,
"Christ is risen, Hallelujah,
And He lives, our Lord and King."

Hattie Pope



Easter Sunrise Service—March 30, 1997—Washington, DC

This will be the third and final call of the 60th Triennium of the Grand Encampment for the Easter Sunrise Services at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. During the first two years of this triennium, our attendance has greatly increased over previous years. We hope that the Sir Knights and their families will support the Easter Service even more. I want to thank the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for permitting us to use the facilities and making our Easter Service an all Masonic event. We do not have to play any politics when having the service at one of our own facilities.



Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Grand Prelate and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, will deliver the sermon again this year. For those of you who know Sir Knight Donald, you can be certain of a worthwhile message. (For those of you not able to attend the service or those wanting to read in addition to hearing it, his sermon is printed on page 5-6 of this issue.)

The headquarters hotel will be the Hotel Washington, and it is again offering a package arrangement with the same prices as last year: \$250.00 per couple: double occupancy, Friday and Saturday nights; Saturday luncheon for two; and Sunday breakfast for two, including taxes and luggage fees. The price for a single is \$210.00. For those not taking the entire package, the separate charges are \$25.00 per person for the Saturday luncheon and \$15.00 for the Sunday morning breakfast. You may write to the Hotel Washington: Attention: Knights Templar Easter Program; 515 15th Street, NW.; Washington; DC, for reservations for rooms and any of the indicated activities. Include your check and make it payable to the Hotel Washington. The hotel has a telephone number of 1 (800) 424-9540 to make reservations for rooms and any of the activities giving your credit card number for billing.

Presiding Grand Commanders and their wives are the guests of the Grand Encampment at the Saturday luncheon and are to identify themselves as such when writing or calling the hotel.

There are many more details in the November 1996 issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine. See pages 18 and 19.

Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight Louie

The Triennial Committee has made special arrangements for four different tours of the St. Louis area on Sunday afternoon, August 10, 1997, at most reasonable prices.

You can also visit numerous nearby attractions independently: the Gateway Arch, together with museum and beautiful riverfront grounds; the Old Courthouse (where slaves were sold on the steps); the Old St. Louis Cathedral (oldest church west of the Mississippi River); Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals (who will be playing at home during the Grand Encampment Conclave); colorful Ladedes Landing featuring good food, music, and entertainment; cruises on the Mississippi River; and shopping in downtown St. Louis. All are within walking distance of the hotel.

I want to welcome each and every Sir Knight and his family to the 60th Triennial Conclave. Let St. Louis and the state of Missouri, the Show Me State, show all of you their hospitality.

Blair Christy Mayford, Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

MARCH: On page 5 is Grand Prelate Smiths Easter Message, so even if you can't attend the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service in Washington, DC, you don't have to miss this inspiring sermon. (Last call information on attending on page 2 in the Grand Master's Message.) By the time you receive this, there will be less than two months left in the 2h Annual Voluntary Campaign for KTEE Don't be left out; read Chairman Winkeiman's article on page 7 and join us. We have two Easter poems by Department Commander Taylor, lots of news from around the nation, and two articles of great interest: one on Brother Jimmie Davis and one on the Michigan Royal Arch and how it almost toppled General Grand Chapter.

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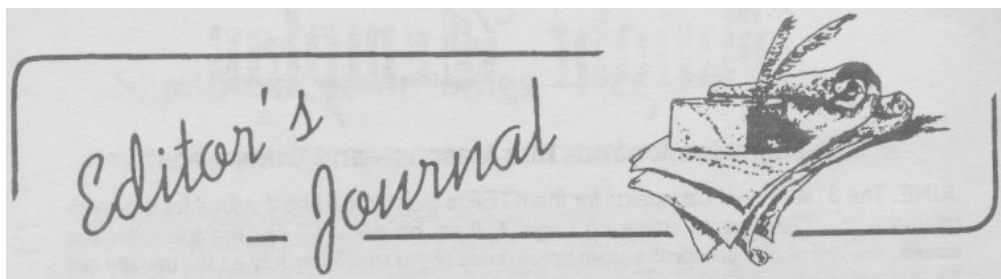
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are to be sent to the local Recorders



Editor's death: We are sorry to announce the death of longtime editor of the South Carolina Supplement, Robert C. Hoppie.

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!

Corrections and Additions: Annual Conclaves: We did not have the information for the Connecticut Annual Conclave, January issue. The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut will be held April 11-13, 1997, at Rocky Hill, Connecticut. The Annual Conclave of Indiana will be held April 26, rather than April 25 as reported in the Jan. issue.

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 Tempters: 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 Tempter 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. It is authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel. 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, Suit 101; Chicago; IL60630-2480.

KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2¹/₂. inch diameter, embroidered emblem has been produced for use on mantles and blazers of KCT recipients. Emblem is to be centered on the Cross that adorns the left side of the mantle or ceremonial robe or on the left side (on pocket) of a dress blazer. The same use for the GCT emblem which is bordered with a wreath. The cost of the KCT emblem is \$8.50 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling, and the cost of the GCT emblem is \$10.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Contact Jon Patrick Sweet, 7474 Benton Street, Westminster, CO 80003-7001, or phone at (303) 430-8483



The Lord Has Risen!

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



Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith presents "The Lord Has Risen, Indeed!" at the 67th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 30, 1997.

A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master Blair Christy Mayford to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at this traditional Easter service. For those who are unable to attend the 1997 Easter ceremony in Alexandria, we would like to share with you the Grand Prelate's Easter message. Sir Knight Smith has served as the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, 1985-1988, and was the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Kentucky, 1974-1975

He was dead! His disciples saw him on the cross as He gave up the ghost. They had believed that He was the Christ, the King of Kings. He was immortal! But he was dead and buried. He was gone, and they were alone again. They were tilled with grief and disappointment.

They had thought that He would never die. But He did. What about all the wonderful things He said about Joy, about Love, about Peace, and about Hope? What about all the wonderful things He did?

During the three years He walked this Earth teaching the truth to all who would listen, He made manifest thirty-seven miracles. They were such as to make anyone who observed them a believer in the Messiah. They were extraordinary miracles. They varied in their power and substance, but anyone who had seen just one of them must have found a powerful faith in Jesus.

The miracles began with the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana, and each miracle taught a lesson about His Love and His power. He cast the traders out of the temple to cleanse it. He healed twenty-eight persons who were blind or deaf or paralyzed or impotent or bleeding or dropsical. He replaced an ear that had been cut off and cured eleven lepers.

He brought the son of the widow of Nain

back to life, and also the daughter of Jairus, and Lazarus.

He brought sanity to demoniacs.

He fed several thousand hungry people by turning a few loaves of bread and a few fishes into a meal for all.

He walked on water and showed His great power over nature by calming a great storm at sea. He even told them that He would die, be buried, and rise again in just three days.

How could there be any doubt in the mind and heart of anyone who had witnessed this great evidence of Divinity?

He had done all these wonderful acts of Deity, but He could not save himself. Fear came to all those who loved Him, and faith was troubled, and they forgot His prophecy about himself.

After all, the Romans killed Him on that tortuous cross on the hill of Calvary, and He was buried in a tomb. The faith of the disciples began to fail. Their Hope was dead. Their Joy was now sadness and their Peace turned to fear. All that He taught seemed now like so many words. How could they love those who had murdered their Lord? Some had even heard Jesus ask for their forgiveness as he was dying that horrible death on the cross. How could they do anything but hate the killers of their Lord and fear them? Hope gone, some went home.

Two of those who had followed Jesus and had believed were on their way home to Emmaus, a seven-mile journey from Jerusalem. One was named Cleophas and the other is not named in the scripture. As they walked, they were joined by Jesus whom they did not recognize, but who asked many questions of them and taught them as they walked along the road because of their obvious sadness and disappointment.

He called them fools and stressed the words of Moses and the Prophets. Jesus asked them, "Ought not Christ have suffered these things to enter into His Glory."

As they came to Emmaus, they asked the stranger to have supper with them, and it was at supper that he revealed Himself as He took bread and broke it and gave it to them; then he vanished.

One of them said, "Did your heart not leap within you as He spoke?" Faith returned, Joy returned, Hope returned, Love returned, and Peace returned to them. They had seen the risen Savior, and they got up and returned to Jerusalem to tell the eleven who were still there about their experience. While they spoke, Jesus stood in their midst and said, "Peace be unto you."

Have you had your walk with Jesus? Have you felt His love and His presence? Does your faith falter at times when you feel your prayers are not being answered or when some tragedy enters your life? The Apostles felt that faltering of their faith. They felt that they had been cheated in some way.

Hope was gone, gone when Faith left, but Jesus came back to them. He showed them His tortured body and His wounds.

He chastised them for their lack of faith, but He loved them.

And He still loves us if we falter in our love for Him. He will forgive us as He taught us to forgive others who trespass against us.

I have used four words: Joy, Peace, Love, and Hope which are the words of the four Sundays of Advent in many churches. However, to me, they are not just for the advent of the Birth of Jesus. They are for every day in the life of a faithful Christian. Every day Christ gives us those wonderful feelings.

Into my life, Jesus brought Joy, Peace, Love, and Hope. I trust they are in your lives also. He walks with us in our daily lives and in our faith. As He ascended into Heaven to sit on the right hand of the Father, His parting words to all of us were blessings.

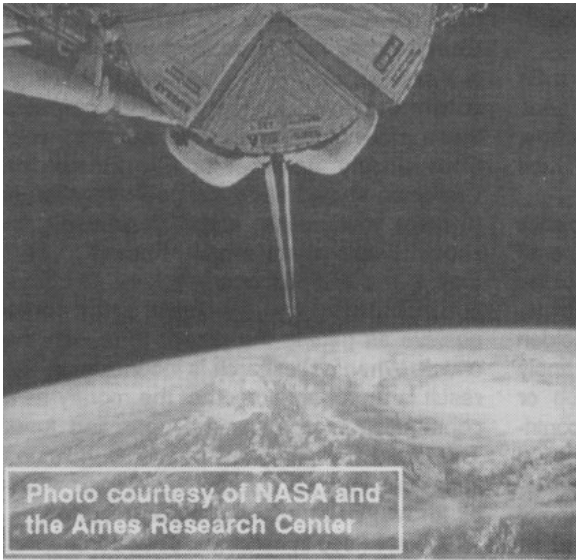
So, as we walk the Emmaus Road of life, our unseen Savior, our companion, will walk with us. We will feel His presence as our hearts leap at His words.

My dear Brothers and Sisters, as you walk with Him, remember the words of a famous hymn, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face and the things of Earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His Glory and Grace."

Amen

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Happy Easter!



The 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign

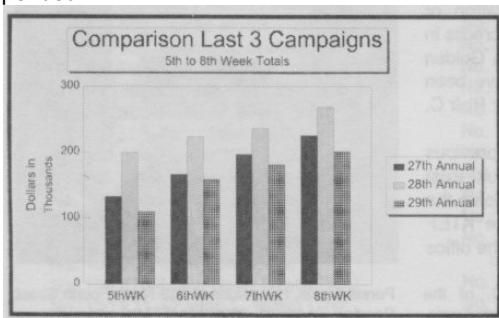


Coasting Toward Orbit!

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

The throttles have been backed off significantly, the upward motion is still accelerating, and the Shuttle has moved high enough so that one is able to see the curvature of planet earth. Routines are settling down, but much more remains to be done. Our version of the Shuttle Mission has become more stable during the second four-week period of the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, but it still remains behind last year's pace for the same time period. If history repeats, by the time you read this article, the pace will have picked up and we will be in better shape. 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: 60% of the Campaign is already behind us as of the printing of this March issue. The "window of opportunity" is rapidly shrinking for YOU to become a full-fledged member of the crew of the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign.

The chart below depicts the "stabilizing" I referred to in the first paragraph. Shown are the totals reported at the end of each of the weeks in the second four-week period of the current and previous two campaigns in bar graph format. Please note that the weak start in the first week of our current Campaign continues to be most of the margin of difference between it and the 27th Annual Campaign. The strong start of the 28th Annual Campaign continues to be the cause of the large margin of difference between it and the current Campaign. The current Campaign total, at the end of January, is slightly over 10% of the two million dollar goal but 40% 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 Grand Commandery of Utah has become the second Grand Encampment jurisdiction to meet the goal of \$10.00 per member. Congratulations to all the Sir Knights of Utah for being early birds. How about the rest of the jurisdictions? Are you on target with your plans or are you still wondering where the available

time has gone or even worse, you don't really care that you have not planned for a successful campaign in your jurisdiction.

I have received a second check for a Sir Knight's individual commitment to the goal. Many thanks to this Sir Knight from Florida. Appropriate recognition and credit will be made of his contribution.

Some recent letters and telephone calls that I received have made it evident that some Sir Knights have a misunderstanding about the methods of achieving Grand Master's Club status or becoming a recipient of a Golden Chalice. Requests have been made to apply prior contributions toward either a Club or Chalice. The established practice is that contributions made in prior years may not be applied to an account you have opened or are considering opening in the future for one of the above awards, unless you can produce proof that an error was made by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation office when they credited an earlier contribution. Such proof might be canceled checks with a directive indicated in the memo portion of the check or a copy of a letter sent with a check or checks indicating your wishes. If no such directive or letter of intent was presented to the KTEF office at the time of receipt and the contribution was not designated for a Life Sponsorship, Associate Patron or Patron status, the money is treated as a regular contribution and is placed in the General Operating account for that year. Therefore, we can summarize by stating that in the absence of proof of error by the KTEF office, no accounting procedure exists for opening, at the personal request of a Sir Knight, any prior years set of books for the purpose of transferring credits from the General Operating account, Life Sponsorship account, Associate Patron or Patron accounts in order to increase credits in a Grand Master's Club account or a Golden Chalice account. These practices have been confirmed as correct by Grand Master Blair C. Mayford and his predecessors.

Expanding the theme of the previous paragraph, much less confusion would exist if the proper forms were used to indicate the direction of contribution sent to the KTEF office. Many checks are received in the office that have no directive memo or attached form, nor do they have any indication of what Commandery and jurisdiction the Sir Knight is a member of. This results in additional time consuming research by the staff to determine

these necessary facts. Sir Knights, your Commandery Recorder or Eye Foundation Chairman should have the necessary forms to meet your needs, and if he doesn't, he should know where to get them. The staff tries to make a proper credit for your contribution, but looking in the crystal ball is not as positive as getting the proper form with the check. When all research is inconclusive, the result is a probable credit of the money as a contribution to the general operating fund. This could start the chain of events indicated in the previous paragraph. Make your wishes known when making a contribution.

Always 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. Also, remember to check your employer to see if the 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. I have been informed that such a charitable foundation has made a very substantial donation to the Campaign in one of the jurisdictions. It just takes some research and some dialog with the foundation's trustees to create a possible windfall for your Commandery's campaign. Try it, it does work.

Sir Knights, our mission crew is still each and every one of you!



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In Memoriam



Warren R. Williams, Jr.

Pennsylvania

Grand Commander-1977

Born October 17, 1927

Died December 20, 1996

Max L Briggs

Kansas

Grand Commander-1995

Born June 21, 1934

Died January 14, 1997

T. Eugene Womach

Delaware

Grand Commander-1996

Born September 18, 1926

Died January 23, 1997

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

Grand Master's Club and Grand Commander's Club Pin

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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 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 February 7, 1997. The total amount contributed to date is: \$238,972.22

Alabama	\$3,240.00
Arizona	4,640.00
Arkansas	1,977.00
California.....	12,160.82
Colorado	2,760.00
Connecticut	1,581.00
Delaware.....	430.00
District of Columbia.....	1,700.00
Florida	7,205.00
Georgia	30,150.00
Idaho	339.00
Illinois	3,815.00
Indiana.....	4,450.50
Iowa.....	3,154.03
Kansas	1,177.65
Kentucky	3,256.20
Louisiana	3,100.00
Maine.....	2,846.45
Maryland	3,670.00
Mass./R.1.....	5,647.00
Michigan	6,748.50
Minnesota	655.00
Mississippi	670.00

Missouri	7,511.99
Montana.....	577.00
Nebraska	1,095.29
Nevada	4,300.00
New Hampshire.....	1,728.00
New Jersey	2,075.00
New Mexico	1,941.34
New York	5,291.77
North Carolina	6,907.52
North Dakota	445.00
Ohio.....	9,067.50
Oklahoma	740.00
Oregon	1,470.00
Pennsylvania	17,598.16
South Carolina	6,182.00
South Dakota	215.00
Tennessee	7,226.38
Texas.....	5,932.20
Utah.....	7,342.50
Vermont.....	345.00
Virginia	21,206.00
Washington	2,341.00
West Virginia.....	3,800.00
Wisconsin	1,515.00
Wyoming	180.00
Philippines	60.00
Honolulu No. 1	400.00
Anchorage No. 2.....	3,000.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico	15.00
Miscellaneous	13,090.42

Brother Jimmie Davis: The Singing Governor

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH

In recent decades, show business and sports personalities who have gone on to carve out successful careers in politics have become increasingly common. For instance, Jack Kemp, a former Buffalo Bills quarterback and member of Fraternal Lodge No. 625 in Hamburg, New York, was recently nominated for Vice President. Yet the phenomenon is hardly as new as it may appear. For instance, W. Lee O'Daniel, a flour salesman who led western swing bands such as the Light Crust Doughboys and Hillbilly Boys in the mid-thirties, was elected governor of Texas in 1938. However, O'Daniel, a member of Ninnescah Lodge No. 230 in Kingman, Kansas, was not really a musician but a businessman, who had a band and served as their radio announcer. The first real musical figure to make it big on the political scene, country singer Jimmie Davis, won election as governor of Louisiana in 1944 and again in 1960. Along the way, Davis racked up several hundred recordings for such companies as Victor, Dacca, and Capital including one of the most popular standards of the century, "You are My Sunshine."

Like many other southerners of his generation, James Houston Davis grew up in poverty as the son of a near impoverished sharecropper. The actual date of his birth remains a bit uncertain, but it is most likely September 11, 1900 (or September 19), although estimates of the year have ranged from 1899 to 1908. As Jimmie later said, keeping track of time could sometimes be a challenge in the country where there were no newspapers or radio. The place was a modest cabin in the Beech Springs community of Jackson Parish, Louisiana, between the towns of Quitman and Jonesboro. The struggle to survive in those early years probably helped him gain the

enduring strength that has sustained him in a long life. Unlike many poor folks, the elder Davis, who had only a third grade education, insisted that his children get as much of it as they could. Thus about the time Jimmie finished grade school, the residents of Beech Springs constructed a modest high school, and young Davis became one of their first graduates. Continuing to make local history, he then became the first to attend college, and then the first to return as a teacher.

In addition to hard work and the striving for schooling, music filled an important gap in the Davis home. It helped sustain them through economic hardship and provided both home entertainment and spiritual comfort. "Amazing Grace" was the first song Jimmie remembered hearing. When his younger sister Elsie died at age four, that lyric and "How Firm a Foundation" gave hope to the unfortunate family and their neighbors at the funeral service prior to lowering the child's last remains into the ground. Music also played a role in the happier moments as well, and Jimmie learned to love both secular and sacred songs both inside and outside of school and church. Davis learned to play guitar a little as he got older, but it would be as a vocalist that he made his mark in the world.

Jimmie Davis chose Louisiana College in Pineville as the place to further his education and managed to survive and pay for his schooling by doing a variety of odd jobs. Sometimes, he would simply sing on street corners in nearby Alexandria and pass the hat to secure funds. His efforts eventually paid off, and he obtained a four-year degree in 1924, after which he returned to Beech Springs as both a teacher and coach. He also went to Louisiana State University during summer terms and earned a Master's degree in 1927.

That same year that the young teacher obtained his M.A., he also began his Masonic labors. On March 21, 1927, Jimmie was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Jonesboro Lodge No. 280 in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Academic endeavors at L.S.U. may have temporarily slowed his progress in the order but not for long, because on September 5, the Lodge Brethren passed him to the degree of Fellowcraft. Only eleven days elapsed until they Raised him to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Some time later, Jimmie took the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Shreveport.

Shortly after receiving his M.A., Jimmie Davis took a new position teaching history at Dodd College, a girls' school in Shreveport. During this time, he also began his singing career via KWKH radio in that same Red River city. This historic station at the time belonged to W. K. Henderson, who became famous for his opposition to chain stores and the use of public highways by the trucking industry. Jimmie sang both the popular and country hits of the day, as can be illustrated by the fact that his first recording session in the spring of 1928 included cover versions of Gene Austin's "Ramona" and the Jimmie Rodgers' hit "Away Out On the Mountain." Issued on Henderson's own Doggone label, the discs had limited distribution and are exceedingly rare today. A second attempt at recording on Columbia in December 1928 resulted in two unreleased songs. Finally, beginning in September 1929, Davis began recording for the Victor label, and he has been a regular in the recording studios since that time. In fact, he may be the only artist to have made record sessions in eight different decades.

By the time he began recording for Victor in 1929, Jimmie had dropped his work at Dodd College and taken a position as clerk of the Shreveport Criminal Court. This job paid \$190.00 per month and provided Davis with a modest but steady income and gave him sufficient time to continue his part-time musical career. Meanwhile, he kept cutting sessions for Victor having a total of sixty-eight issued songs through 1933. While his



discs chalked up only modest sales in this period - few buyers could be found in the depression wracked economy - the music holds up today as excellent examples of white blues music in the Jimmie Rodgers' style, some of it with accompaniment by African-American guitarists Oscar "Buddy" Woods and Ed Schaffer. Jimmie's best seller in the early years was a humorous number titled "Bear Cat Mama from Homer's Corners," which was also covered by a Masonic cowboy singer named Gene Autry.

In 1934, Jimmie switched his recording allegiance to the new Decca label and immediately turned out a major hit with "Nobody's Darling But Mine," a number that became an all-time country standard. In his first decade with Decca, Davis had over 140 sides released. These included such major hits as "It Makes No Difference Now," "Sweethearts or Strangers," "Columbus Stockade Blues," "There's a New Moon Over My Shoulder" (also a hit for Brother Tex Ritter), and the prison ballad that became a bluegrass standard, "Shackles and Chains." An April 30, 1938 article "Thar's Gold in Them Hillbillies," in *Collier's* ranked him in stature with Gene Autry and the Carter Family at the top in their musical field.

In the meantime, Davis had settled in at Shreveport as a home base. In 1936 he married Alvern Adams, a young schoolteacher, and in 1937 he transferred his Blue Lodge membership to local Joppa Lodge No. 362. In 1938, he sought and won the office of Public Service Commissioner in Shreveport which put him in charge of the city's police department. Four years later, Davis moved up the ladder by winning a four-year term on the Louisiana Public Service Commission. This office had earlier proven a springboard to the governorship for Huey Long among others. In 1944 it did the same thing for the popular country singer.

While in public office in Shreveport, Davis had continued his musical endeavors as time permitted, traveling to recording sessions during vacations. On February 5, 1940 he waxed what would become the trademark number of his career, a song titled "You Are My Sunshine." Since Jimmie and his steel guitarist Charlie Mitchell owned the song, it became one of the most noted copyrights in musical history. Its popularity led to quick cover versions by other artists including Gene Autry and Bing Crosby. "You Are My Sunshine" became one of the great commercial hits of that era and made the name of Jimmie Davis a household word. By May 1942, when he went to Hollywood for another record session, Jimmie also got the opportunity to sing it in the motion picture *Strictly in the Groove*. Later he appeared in other films such as *Riding Through Nevada* (1942) and *Frontier Fury* (1943), both with Charles Starrett. Still later he starred in two Monogram films, *Louisiana* (1947) and *Mississippi Rhythm* (1949), the former picture actually being his own life story.

In 1944, Jimmie successfully sought the Louisiana governorship. His four-year term was marked by a fairly harmonious period in a state noted for its turbulent politics. Davis continued the moderate reforms of his predecessor Sam Houston Jones and benefited from a strong economy that wartime and post-war prosperity had brought

to the Pelican State. One of his first actions as leader of his state's delegation to the 1944 Democratic Convention was to second the nomination of Brother Harry S Truman for Vice President. This proved to be a fortunate move for Davis, as it led to a close friendship with a man who would become President in less than a year. As governor, Davis gave Louisiana four years of balanced budgets and left the treasury in better shape than he found it. He also led the way to the establishment of a retirement system for teachers and state workers. One of his most courageous acts was to veto a right-to-work law which had sailed through the legislature. Although he curtailed his singing career, he did not stop it. As the governor, he gave numerous benefit concerts and managed to get away for a few recording sessions. Some critics complained when he was out-of-state for twelve days filming the movie *Louisiana* (1947) that told his life story and in which he played himself, but in the long run it brought favorable publicity to the state.

Ironically, Jimmie Davis never became a full-time entertainer until 1948 when he retired from the governor's chair. He went on a lengthy tour, visited President Truman in the White House, made another motion picture, and initiated a regional weekly radio program, "The Jimmie Davis Hour" heard via syndication in thirteen states. He made a brief switch to Capital Records but soon returned to Decca. In fact, his tenure with Decca-MCA may well be second only to that of the late bluegrass music legend Bill Monroe. After the popularity of the inspirational number "Supertime" in 1953, followed by "Mansion Just Over the Hilltop" and "Someone to Care," Davis became increasingly, although not exclusively, associated with sacred music. For nearly twenty years from the mid-fifties, Jimmie turned out some thirty albums, most of them of religious numbers both old and new.

In 1959, David decided to again seek the governorship. The state had been rocked by another wave of sensationalism

during the Earl Long years (remember the movie *Blaze!*), and Jimmie hoped to restore some of the "peace and harmony" that had characterized his first term. Early in 1960, he cruised to a fairly easy runoff win defeating New Orleans Mayor de Lesseps Morrison by some 70,000 votes to win a second term. Putting the Earl Long-Blaze Starr scandal behind him was one thing, but calming the emotion aroused by the civil rights - school integration controversy was more challenging. The Davis position of moderate segregation hardly satisfied extremists at each end of the controversy, although in retrospect Jimmie could later say that he managed to avoid the violent confrontations that took place in neighboring states. Critics also complained about some of his public works projects, such as the so-called "Sunshine Bridge" and a new governor's mansion, but time has vindicated his position on the building program. As in the first term, fiscal responsibility proved another hallmark of the second Davis era. Ironically, Jimmie had his last hit record midway through his term with a 1962 revival of one of his early hits, the nostalgic favorite "Where the Old Red River Flows," a lyric he had originally waxed on Victor some thirty years earlier. Also, for a dozen years from 1960 to 1972, Davis maintained a plural membership at A. U. Peterson Lodge No. 455 in Folsom, Louisiana, but eventually demitted from there, while retaining his ties to Joppa Lodge No. 362 in Shreveport.

Following his second retirement from the statehouse, Jimmie continued his singing career. Tragedy struck in 1967 when his wife Alvern became a cancer victim. Two years later Davis remarried, this time to Anna Carter Gordon, a longtime member of the legendary gospel singing Chuck Wagon Gang. After leaving Decca-MCA Records in 1974, he recorded for Paula, Plantation and especially Canaan. Some of these discs were released as the Jimmie Davis Trio, which included Anna and a guitarist James Wilson. Continuing to release albums up

through the early eighties, Jimmie cut a pair of compact discs in 1993, making him perhaps the only vocalist in American musical history to have made recordings in eight different decades.

Although a third quest for the statehouse in 1971-72 proved unsuccessful, Davis continued to be a popular figure on the gospel music circuit. Meanwhile many honors continued to come his way. In 1965, the Jimmie Davis Tabernacle was dedicated near his childhood home, a beautiful structure that seats 750 persons. The home was also restored. As a vocalist, he has been honored by inclusion in the Songwriters' Hall of Fame, the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, and in 1972, the Country Music Hall of Fame. On October 18, 1985, he belatedly received his fifty-year pin from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Still active in singing in his mid-nineties, Davis made a guest appearance at the Grand Ole Opry in September 1995. In addition, he is honored yearly on the first Sunday in October when thousands gather at the Jimmie Davis Tabernacle to pay their respects. One suspects that the tradition will continue long after his earthly life has ended. As one who has accomplished much in certain diverse fields, Jimmie Davis is a unique person in the annals of the American experience. He is equally unique in the annals of Christian Masons. As country music historian Ronnie Pugh has written, if someone had put his life story into a novel of southern life, critics would no doubt call it unrealistic. Nonetheless, the story of the "Singing Governor" is as true as life can get.

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Pictured at right is Brother Jimmie Davis, the Singing Governor, about 1940, decked out in the garb of country Singer. Many thanks to Sir Knight Roger Van Dyke, KYCH, 33, whom the author wishes to credit with supplying this picture.



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Constitution of the General
Grand Encampment of
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Article II

State Grand Encampments
(Continued)

SEC. 3. The State Grand Encampments shall be holden at least once in every year, at such time and places as they shall respectively direct; and the Grand or Deputy Grand Masters respectively may call special meetings when they may deem the same necessary. Their officers shall be chosen annually by ballot.

SEC. 4. The several State Grand Encampments, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Councils of Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, within their respective jurisdictions, to assign their limits and settle controversies that may happen between them; and shall have power, under their respective seals, and the sign manual of their respective principal Grand Officers, attested by their respective Secretaries, to constitute new Councils and Encampments of the above mentioned Orders, within their respective jurisdictions.

SEC. 5. The Grand and Deputy Grand Masters severally shall have the power and authority, during the recess of the Grand Encampment of which they are officers, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners, residing within their respective jurisdictions (possessing the constitutional qualifications), empowering them to form and open a Council

and Encampment, for a certain specified term of time, not extending beyond the meeting of the Grand Encampment; and in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer granting the same shall make report thereof at the next meeting of the Grand Encampment, who may either continue or recall the same, or may grant the petitioners a Charter.

SEC. 6. The several State Grand Encampments shall possess authority, upon the institution of new Councils or Encampments within their respective jurisdictions, to require the payment of such fees as they may deem expedient, which fees shall be advanced and paid before a Charter or Letters of Dispensations shall be issued.

SEC. 7. The State Grand Encampments shall severally have power to require from the several Councils and Encampments within their respective jurisdictions, such reasonable proportion of sums received by them for the promotion of candidates, and such certain annual sums from their respective members, as may be necessary for supporting the Grand Encampment with propriety and respectability, which said dues shall be made good and paid over by the Councils and Encampments respectively, at such time as the said Grand Encampments may direct.

SEC. 8. No Charter shall be issued for constituting a Council of Red Cross Knights, except upon the petition of at least seven Knights of that Order; or for constituting an Encampment of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, except upon the petition of nine Knights of those Orders; and the petitioners must be recommended by the Council or Encampment in the same State nearest the place where the new Council or Encampment is to be established.

SEC. 9. The Grand Recorders shall severally make an annual communication to each other, and also to the General Grand Recorder, containing a list of Grand Officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed useful for the mutual information of the several Grand Encampments. And the said State Grand Recorders shall also regularly transmit to the General Grand Recorder a copy of all their By-Laws and Regulations.

SEC. 10. The jurisdiction of the several State Grand Encampments shall not extend beyond the limits of the State in which they shall respectively be holden; excepting any case wherein, before the formation of this Constitution, a Grand Encampment had been formed by an united representation of the Encampments in two adjoining States.

Article III

Subordinate Councils And Encampments

SEC. 1. All regular assemblies of Knights of the Red Cross are called Councils; and all regular assemblies of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta are called Encampments. Every Council and Encampment ought to assemble at least quarterly, for business and improvement. Every Encampment shall consist of a Grand Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Warder, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, and as many members as may be found convenient.

SEC. 2. No Encampment shall confer the orders of Knighthood for a less sum than twenty dollars, nor upon any one who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. The rule of succession in conferring the orders of Knighthood shall be as follows, viz.: Knight of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta.

SEC. 3. Every Council and Encampment shall have a Charter or Warrant from the Grand Encampment of the State in which they may respectively be holden, or from one of the first four General Grand Officers. And no Council or Encampment that may hereafter be formed or opened shall be deemed legal without *such* Charter or

Warrant; and communication is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council or Encampment under this jurisdiction, or any member of either of them, and any Council, Encampment or Assembly, that may be so formed, opened, or holden without *such* Warrant or Charter, or any or either of their members, or any person introduced into such illegal assembly.

SEC. 4. The Grand Commander of every Encampment and Council has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Council or Encampment are duly observed, as well as the General Constitution, and the Regulations of the Grand Encampment; that accurate records are kept and just accounts are rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Encampment, and to the General Grand Recorder annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He has authority to call special meetings at pleasure; and it is his duty, together with his second and third officer, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment in person or by proxy.

SEC. 5. It shall not be deemed regular for any Encampment or Council to confer the orders of Knighthood upon any sojourner, whose fixed place of abode is within any State in which there is an Encampment regularly established; and in case any Encampment shall confer the said orders, contrary to this section, such Encampment shall, on demand, pay over to the Encampment situated nearest the candidate's fixed place of abode, the whole amount of fees received for his admission.

SEC. 6. The officers of every Council and Encampment under this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective offices, and also the members of such Councils and Encampments, and every candidate upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I, A. B., do promise and swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the United States' General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and the appendant Orders."

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of the Constitution of the United States General Grand Encampment, adopted and ratified in convention at the city of New York, on the 21st day of June, A. O. 1816.

J. J. Loring, General Grand Recorder

Palm Sunday - The Triumphal Entry

by James C. Taylor, P.G.C.,
D.C. - South Central

He rode through the crowd with humility
On the back of an unbroken colt, To
fulfill the historic prophecy
That a Messiah would come for revolt.

A king who would come to save the world
From the ills that besieged mankind, His
banner would proudly be unfurled
To save the oppressed and the blind.

He was pictured by people in different ways
Some thinking his mission to be A
warrior leader to end the days
Of the harsh Roman tyranny.

Or those seeking justice from Herod's hand
Who sent John to his Master above,
But most of the people did not understand
That His was a mission of love.

But He entered Jerusalem hailed as a king
By the meek and the pure in heart,
Who knew Him as one who healed and would
bring
Redemption, God's grace to impart.

He threw traders out of the temple to spare The
Lord, who for his home grieves,
"My house shall be called a house of prayer But
you make it a den of thieves."

Christ taught and healed in God's holy place,
The priests asked "whence do you preach?"
They felt that his deeds were to them a
disgrace
As just priests had the power to teach.

His being the Christ was unsuspected
When He quoted the psalm for the
scorner, "The stone which the builders
rejected Became the headstone of the
corner."

He made enemies of the priests that day
When he accused them of selfish denial,
And they plotted to get Him out of the way
With the help of a Roman tribunal.

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Did the priests and elders do what was
wrong? Impostors had appeared before
To claim the title before the throng
Of the one who their lives would restore.

But if the Messiah would appear today
And teach and heal in our town,
How many of us would acknowledge His way
And revere the king with God's crown?

Let us not be blind like those priests apart
As we deal with our problems and strife, Just
let Christ's teaching be to your heart
A triumphal path for your life.

Matthew 21:1-16, 23-27, 42-45
March 8, 1994

The Last Supper

by James C. Taylor, P.G.C.
D.C. - South Central

God chose the Passover as the time
For Christ's passion to be revealed,
The place, Jerusalem, to be sublime
And die for our sins to be healed.

Christ planned to share the Passover feast
With disciples whose mission was planned;
The meal, that extolled God's people released
From the Pharaoh's enslaving hand.

He told them that the time was right
To depart and see scripture fulfilled, His
loving students then pledged to fight
To prevent Christ from being Killed.

He quieted their plan to intercede
For He alone must answer this call,
And He washed their feet to show that to lead
One must be a servant to all.

He took bread and broke it and shared His
food As a token of sharing His life,
And they took the cup which was his blood As
a covenant to ease man's strife.

As the Passover meal released mankind
From the bonds of slavery and toil, Christ's
communion with us will assist us to find
Serenity in life's turmoil.

March 25, 1994

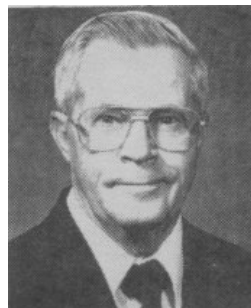
On the Masonic Newsfront...

Herman Bernard Wilson Honored in Louisiana By York Rite College of North America

Late last year Brother Herman Bernard Wilson was recognized for his service as Secretary of Graham Surghnor Lodge No. 383 for the past thirty years. The Gold Honor Award was presented by Earl Albritton, President of the York Rite College in Louisiana. Worshipful Master Billy Carter threw a plate steak dinner to honor the occasion.

The Lodge presented Brother Wilson with a wall-mounted grandfather's clock, a George Washington clock, whose face has various Masonic emblems and whose pendulum has an engraving of the George Washington Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

Activities were many at this celebration and included an especial Lodge of Table Instruction, a fellowship of singing, and the formation of a Circle of Fellowship, prayers at opening and closing, and the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" of the United States of America.



Brother Herman Wilson
Honoree of
York Rite College of
North America

Grand Lodge Rededication in New York City

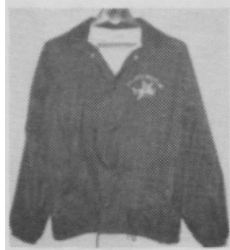
Sir Knight Walter Drake, Jr., Grand Commander of Knights Templar, New York State, attended the ceremonies held at the New York Masonic Hall, F. & A.M., located in New York City.

The Grand Commander was accompanied by several of New York's grand line officers and a number of Sir Knights, who formed an honor guard for the occasion. It was pleasant to see the Sir Knights in full uniform, and all the Sir Knights enjoyed the hospitality extended to them by the Grand Lodge, New York State.

Sir Knights in attendance were: Walter Drake, Jr., G.C., KCT; Ronald S. Januszkiewicz, D.G.C.; Reverend Robert J. Cave, G.G.; David D. Goodwin, G.C.G.; Charles Mendell, G.Sr.W.; Kenneth Perry, G.Jr.W.; M. Eugene Ellis, G.St.B.; Paul Barrera, Jr., G.Sw.B.; Jay A. Spadaro, G.S.

Other Sir Knights were: Michael A. Perez, P.C. No. 79, Zone 2; Zone 12: Robert E. Keuther, Sr.W. No. 20; Edward L. Meyers, St.B. No. 20; Chet C. Catuzza, No. 20; Bert Larson, P.C. No. 30; Ronald Nelson, P.C. No. 30; Paul Mayes, Jr. W. No. 30; Carl Mott, No. 30; Thomas Richmond, St.B. No. 30; Kenneth Kohlhausen, P.C. No. 34, D.Z.C.; Jerold Brade, P.C. No. 34; Haldred C. Breckton, P.C. No. 64; James E. Sullivan, P.C. No. 10 and Griffith Jones III, C. No. 78.

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Proud to be a Templar and a Mason? What a nice way to show it by wearing a black coach's jacket that boasts of the Knights Templar (at left). On the left breast is the red and gold cross and crown and "Knights Templar" written above it in gold. Or buy a royal blue coach's jacket (to right) with a gold square and compass and letter "G." You will



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Illinois Commandery Members Participate in 20th Degree of Scottish Rite



Pictured are members of Crusader Commandery No. 17, Love's Park, Illinois. These Sir Knights took part in the 20th Degree presented at the fall reunion of Scottish Rite Valley, Valley of Freeport. Left to right, they are: front row: William E. Wenger, Senior Deacon; Charles A. Brown (E.P.C. and R.E.P.G.C.), George Washington; Robert K. Cronk (E.P.C. and R.E.G.C.), Colonel Gilbert Beltower; Glen D. Ballinger (E.P.C., M.E.P.G.H.P., and P.G.P.), Senior Warden; second row: C. Fred Hoegberg (director), Benedict Arnold; Jack P. Alongi (E.P.C.), James Mercer.

Lewiston No. 238, S.O.O.B., Idaho Celebrates 25-Year History

Mrs. James B. Ruckman, the first President of Lewiston No. 238, 1971, (incorrectly called "first Vice President" in our October issue) hands Mrs. Russ Davis, 1996 President of the Assembly, a history booklet compiled for and given to all the members. Mrs. Ruckman was the chairperson of the history committee which produced the history.



La Crosse Assembly No. 215, S.O.O.B., Wisconsin

Mrs. Mary Callaway, Worthy President, and her officers ended 1996 with the initiation of Mrs. Genevieve Hanson into the Assembly. The picture at left below shows the members of the Assembly. Additionally, they donated many pairs of mittens, gloves, hats, caps, and scarves from the mitten tree, which they sponsored, to the Salvation Army in La Crosse. Food donations, a year-long project, was also greatly appreciated by the Salvation Army. Their annual Christmas party with the Sir Knights of La Crosse Commandery was held with Mrs. Ruby McBain as chairperson, and the December birthday girls were given special treatment. in the picture to right, shown from left to right, are the birthday girls with Ruby McBain, left in back row. They are, left to right, in front row: Donna Hersh, Dorothy Weidman, and Susie Davis. Marion Neprud is next to Ruby in the back row.



4th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land The 10th Crusade



On November 18, 1996, forty-one Sir Knights and their ladies departed from Kennedy Airport and made the 4th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land during the 10th Crusade. The picture above was taken on the steps of one of the entrances to the Holy Sepulcher Church in Jerusalem. In the very front is our famous guide, Brother Ezra Eini.

The pilgrims returned to the United States on Thanksgiving Day. Sir Knight Billy J. Boyer and his Lady Elizabeth and your Grand Master and his Lady Dorella extended the trip four days, journeying into Egypt to see the pyramids, the Sphinx, and historic Cairo. They returned home on December 2.

Committee On Drill Regulations
Grand Encampment Of Knights Templar Of The U.S.A.

Attention, Competitive Drill Teams!

The 60th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in St. Louis is fast approaching. The time to make plans to enter a Drill Team competition is NOW! Entry forms, drill schedules, detailed instructions, and new rules and regulations are available.

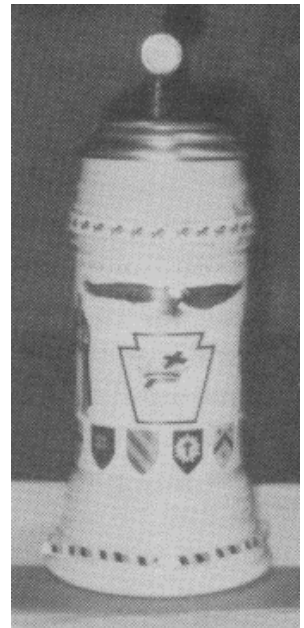
Many things are new for the Competitive Drills in St. Louis, including a **New Class "C"** Drill. This drill consists of twelve Sir Knights formed in two sections with a captain and left and right guides for a total of fifteen Sir Knights. Essentially it is $1\frac{1}{2}$ of a Class "A" team. With the addition of Class "C", the committee hopes that more Commanderies will be able to enter Triennial Drill Competition. All three drill classes will implement companion drills; with similar movements arranged in the same sequence of drill, facilitating teams switching classes if necessary depending on their ability to field Sir Knights. In addition, for purposes of Class "A" Drill, a Grand Commandery, subdivision of a Grand Commandery, subordinate or constituent Commandery may field a team. This permits a Grand Commandery or a division, battalion, etc., of a Grand Commandery to field a Class "A" team. Greater flexibility should increase the number of Class "A" teams able to enter competition.

The Committee on Drill Regulations hopes that these changes will bring more drill teams to St. Louis than ever before. To enroll your drill team or to receive information, please contact, as soon as possible:

Sir Knight William H. Koon II, KCT, Co-Chairman
7200 Slabtown Road
Columbus Grove, OH 45830
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Pennsylvania 200-Year Anniversary Stein
To Benefit The Knights Templar Eye Foundation

This stein was manufactured in Germany by the fourth cousin of the Mettloch family. This stein is a white ceramic stein, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall with pewter insert lid and with eight different colors and six blended colors. On one side of the stein are two crusader knights from the early 1100s, and on the center of the stein is the national symbol, the American bald eagle, with the Pennsylvania keystone. On the other side of the stein are three Sir Knights; one of the Sir Knights is being installed into his office. The stein has two American flags from the periods 1797 and 1997. On the bottom of the stein are the nine beautiful battle shields for the nine crusaders who founded Knights Templar. The price of the stein is \$58. Order by making check or money order payable to Elizabeth Buz. Send to Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. Shipment of stems will start after May 25, 1997.



The Day That Michigan Royal Arch Almost Brought Down General Grand Chapter

by Reverend Jan L. Baderstadt, P.C., P.M.

General *Grand High Priest* Charles Gilman looked out over the delegates gathered in Chicago for the 1859 session of Grand Chapter. At the age of sixty-five, he should have been at the zenith of a long and successful Masonic career. He was the presiding officer of the largest national Masonic body, and it was possible he would be the last. "For what?" he thought. This could happen because he had simply enforced the constitution, laws and edicts of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America (now Royal Arch Masons, International).

He looked across a sea of angry delegates and could see his nemesis, a man whose charisma equaled his own. Both were lawyers. Both were respected Masons. But while Gilman was at the end of his Masonic career, his rival's was only beginning.

Gilman's rival was looking across the auditorium calculating his votes. Salathiel Coffinbury was Grand High Priest from Michigan.

Coffinbury saw the situation from a different viewpoint than Gilman. The issue at hand wasn't simply enforcing the law. Instead, it was a violation of the constitutional right of grand jurisdictions to control the destinies of the areas under their control. Coffinbury saw Gilman's actions as meddling and felt General Grand Chapter had way too much power. Something must be done, and now, like Gilman, he knew there was enough support to dissolve General Grand Chapter. Already two Grand Chapters, Kentucky and North Carolina, had withdrawn their membership from this organization. At this convocation, the entire foundation of General Grand would be shaken and rewritten.

The Chartering of Peninsular Chapter No. 16

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan was organized in 1848 with just three Chapters: Monroe (Detroit) No. 1, St. Joseph Valley No. 2 (Niles), and Jackson No. 3. Michigan was growing rapidly, and as the state grew, so did the Masonic Fraternity. Within eight years, the number of Chapters grew to fifteen.

Salathiel Coffinbury had been elected Grand High Priest in 1857. He was Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Clinton Lodge No. 104 in Massillon, Ohio, in January 1839, and upon coming to Michigan four years later, he opened a law practice in Centerville. He joined a petition to the Grand Lodge of Michigan for a new Lodge and was its first Senior Warden, becoming Master in 1850. He served for three terms.

In 1855 he moved his practice to Constantine in the same county and in December of that year was elected Master of Siloam Lodge No. 35, serving in that capacity for four years.

He was Exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Centerville Chapter No. 11 on January 4, 1853 and was soon High Priest, serving in that capacity for several years. Four years later, he would be elected Grand High Priest.

Detroit, while no longer the capital of Michigan, was still its largest city. A number of Royal Arch Companions in the city felt that the time had come to establish a second Chapter, and they petitioned Grand Chapter for a charter.

This didn't set well with the Companions of Monroe Chapter. They fought the establishment of a new

Chapter, refusing to give their consent to the new Chapter.

However, the organizers found two other Chapters to recommend them to Grand Chapter. The petition was presented to Grand Chapter in 1857, and over the protests of Monroe Chapter, Peninsular Chapter received a charter, number 16.

This did not conclude the matter for the Companions of Monroe Chapter. They appealed to General Grand High Priest Gilman for a ruling.

For Gilman, this issue seemed rather cut and dried. Upon examining the information before him, he issued a proclamation revoking the charter of Peninsular Chapter on May 21, 1857.

He cited the new General Grand Chapter Constitution of 1856 for his reasons. In his proclamation, he noted that to grant charter over the expressed protest of Monroe Chapter was wrong. Michigan was in conflict

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Gilman wrote as of May 21, 1857, that Peninsular Chapter "is an irregular Masonic assembly; that the charter or warrant, under and by virtue of which the same is held, is void; and that every act which has been, or may hereafter be done, under the same, is also void, and of no effect in Freemasonry."

That was it, in Gilman's mind. Masonic law had prevailed. And that would be the end of this matter.

The storm had just begun.

Charles Gilman

If anyone knew about Masonry and Masonic law, Charles Gilman would be. He was born December 14, 1793 in Meredith, New Hampshire. He was a lawyer and became a Mason in 1823 in

Meredith and a Royal Arch Mason three years later in Union Chapter No. 7 in New Hampshire. He served as Grand Master of New Hampshire in 1829 at the age of thirty-seven and then as Grand Treasurer for three years until 1833, when he moved to Baltimore, Maryland, and continued his meteoric rise in the Fraternity.

Gilman became the 16th Grand Master of Maryland in 1842, serving for eight years in that capacity. He left Maryland in 1849 to go to California, where he helped establish the first Lodge in the state, Western Star (now No. 3) and in 1850, he opened the first session of the Grand Lodge of California, where he presided and had the privilege of installing its first Grand Master before returning to Maryland.

He also served as Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Maryland and for fifteen years served concurrently as General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter., R.A.M., and General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Encampment, Knights Templar.

He knew Masonry, and he knew Masonic law. He was simply enforcing the Constitution.

What he didn't know was his adversary, Coffinbury, didn't take the action lying down. Upon receiving the communication from Gilman, he saw a threat to states' rights. The 1856 Constitutional amendments continued the shift in Royal Arch power from the individual state to a national body, and the time had come to fight back.

He immediately issued a counter-proclamation declaring the General Grand High Priest's proclamation null and void. Michigan Grand Chapter law was not in conflict with General Grand, and Michigan law should be respected. Peninsular Chapter was back in business.

Some Opposition to Coffinbury's Decree

Most of the Michigan Chapters backed Coffinbury's decree, but two did not. Monroe Chapter was furious, and Lansing Chapter No. 9 (now Capitol No. 9) also supported the action of the General Grand High Priest.

Coffinbury received a letter September 8, 1857, from E. E. Beebe, Secretary of Lansing Chapter, informing Coffinbury that

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they would uphold the ruling of the General Grand High Priest. Coffinbury responded quickly: He sent Fred Hall, Grand Scribe of Ionia, to Lansing to arrest Lansing's charter. While it was restored at Grand Chapter the following year, it certainly had a profound affect upon H. B. Shank, the Deputy Grand High Priest. Lansing No. 9 was his Chapter, and he was now a member of a Chapter with a suspended charter!

The intensity of the battle of the Chapters was felt most in Detroit in about September 1857, when Monroe Chapter's High Priest S. B. Morse refused to allow Companion W. H. Barse of Peninsular Chapter to visit Monroe, noting that Barse belonged to "an irregular or clandestine

body of Masons." Barse filed a complaint with Coffinbury, who requested Morse to inform the Grand High Priest by whose authority he had the right to place Companion Barse in such a light.

Morse replied in a brief note, saying he refused to recognize the authority of Coffinbury. In response, the Grand High Priest called Morse's letter "evasive, disrespectful and contumacious."

On October 23 of 1857, Coffinbury repeated his request and noted that his first reply had been disobeyed, to which Morse replied as before. Coffinbury removed Morse as High Priest of Monroe Chapter on November 19 of the same year.

Past Grand High Priest Czar Jones also proved to be a thorn in Coffinbury's side. He had originally brought a copy of Gilman's document to Coffinbury and backed the General Grand High Priest, rather vocally. Coffinbury, in his address at Grand Chapter in 1858, noted Jones' actions. Charges were filed, accusing Jones of inciting subordinate Chapters to disobey the Grand High Priest's mandate regarding Peninsular Chapter and sowing seeds of discord within Michigan, but the committee appointed to investigate the matter was unable to produce any evidence to support the charges, and no further action took place.

Grand Chapter Supports Coffinbury

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A committee, headed by M. E. Companion Michael Shoemaker, presented a five-point resolution to the 1858 Grand Chapter delegates, which included the following points:

1. The Grand Chapter approved of the course outlined by Grand

High Priest Coffinbury in the matter of Peninsular Chapter.

2. Would not be supportive of any concession of power to General Grand Chapter, instead maintaining that any power that body has is granted by the respective Grand Chapters of the Royal Arch. Grand Chapter cannot exercise any powers or control over subordinates of a state Grand Chapter.
3. The General Grand High Priest has no powers over subordinate Chapters in any grand jurisdiction. The only power he has is over the body of which he presides.
4. M.E. Companion Charles Gilman, in receiving a complaint from a subordinate Chapter and declaring Peninsular Chapter irregular had committed 'an unconstitutional and un-Masonic attempt to usurp authority, in direct contravention of the Constitution and Edicts of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, from which alone he can derive authority.' (*Freemasonry in Michigan*, Vol. 1, page 453)
5. A committee of three will consider a plan to withdraw from General Grand Chapter and will bring back to the floor a plan to abolish General Grand Chapter.

The above plan had strong endorsement, and it began to be circulated around the Grand Chapters of the United States.

The Question was: Should General Grand Be Abolished?

The proceedings and resolutions of the 1857 Annual Convocation of the Michigan Grand Chapter drew much interest around the country. A number of Grand Chapters favored the idea; indeed, Kentucky and North Carolina would withdraw over these issues before the 1859 General Grand Chapter session. Illinois would break ranks and

recognize the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania was not a member of General Grand Chapter, and in turn, many grand jurisdictions failed to recognize their Pennsylvania Companions.

However, things were changing.

Indiana strongly endorsed the Michigan position and their Grand High Priest William Hacker spoke strongly against G.G.H.P. Gilman. Said Hacker: "Such an egregious blunder, as the General Grand High Priest has here evidently committed, shows him, in my opinion, a more fit subject for the insane asylum than the honorable position he now occupies amongst the Fraternity."

Their Grand Chapter passed the following resolution of support: "Resolved, that the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter of Michigan, in their manly resistance to the powers assumed by Companion Gilman, as the General Grand High Priest, merit our warmest thanks, and have our unqualified commendation."

Alabama and Kentucky gave strong support, but others were either lukewarm or in support of Gilman. The Grand Chapter of Maryland, where Gilman was a Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of their Grand Chapter, supported Gilman. Maine also sided with Gilman in the battle. Others debated the issue, with many being sent to General Grand with resolutions to either support Michigan or Gilman. The fate of General Grand Chapter hung in the balance.

The General Grand Session of 1859

General Grand High Priest Gilman knew that the very survival of General Grand Chapter was at stake. There were twenty-five Grand Chapters now composing its membership, down two from three years before. And several now were looking at leaving if General Grand wasn't dissolved.

Seven Grand Chapters went on record wanting to dissolve this body: Michigan, Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi,

and Missouri. Seven were in favor of keeping the body alive: New York, Maryland, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Maine, Louisiana, South Carolina, and Vermont.

It would be up to eleven jurisdictions to decide. They had either expressed no formal opinion or had simply left the issue up to the representatives: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Gilman knew that many of the officially undecided Grand Chapters leaned in favor of dissolution. Whatever happened, it would be close.

The issue was first formally addressed on September 14, the second day in the report of the General Grand High Priest, who

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acknowledged the difficult situation before them. "I regret that it is not in my power to congratulate you upon the continuance of that peace and harmony of our subordinate Grand Chapters that had so long and so happily prevailed," he reported.

Gilman then made a lengthy and eloquent defense of his actions. He continued: "It is generally known to you, I suppose, that the Grand Chapters of Kentucky and North Carolina have announced that they have withdrawn their allegiance from the General Grand Chapter, and that some others have signaled their desire that the General Grand Chapter shall cease to exist. When the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, acting under the instructions from individual states, can dissolve the Congress of the United States and repeal the Federal

Constitution, then, and not till then, may be said power in the State Grand Chapters to dissolve the General Grand Chapter... Where were the state Grand Chapters when this body came into power? They had no existence. On the contrary, their very existence, in almost every instance, was by grant from the General Grand Chapter." (1859 *Proceedings*, page 15)

He later explained his version of what happened concerning the Michigan situation and noted that he acted according to General Grand Chapter law. He also closed his report with the announcement that for health reasons, he would not be a candidate for any official station in the upcoming election.

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Thursday evening, September 15 the constitutional questions would be considered. Gilman informed the delegation that, after debate was done, he would address the General Grand Chapter and then put the question to a vote. Companion Pike disagreed, claiming a right to reply, and a motion was made to allow Pike to respond. It passed, but Gilman declared it out of order.

The tension rose.

Gilman decided to try compromise, with the General Grand High Priest expressing his views and calling upon Pike to do likewise.

Pike briefly addressed the body, supporting an amendment that would declare that General Grand Chapter would only receive its power from the state Grand Chapters. The amendment failed, lacking two-thirds support. Ayes were 63, nays 34. It was just seven votes short of passing.

Companion Philip Tucker, Deputy General Grand High Priest, then made a

motion to reconsider the amendment, and it was adopted, but voting would not take place until the next day.

Few must have slept that night, and the politicking must have been fierce. Seven votes would decide the power of General Grand Chapter. If this Pike amendment passed, General Grand would be stripped of its powers. If it failed, could General Grand stop the exodus of member Grand Chapters?

The next day it was time to vote again, this time passing seventy-seven to twenty-three. Votes among states were split with one vote from Maine and one from Maryland

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as well as two from New York, crossing over to the "yeas." Massachusetts switched all four of its votes over, and the General Grand Secretary changed his vote to supporting the proposal. General Grand Chapter could no longer meddle in affairs within a Grand Chapter.

The issue of Peninsular Chapter, however, was not yet over. Jurisprudence ruled in favor of the General Grand High Priest, and declared that its creation was in violation of the (then) General Grand Chapter Constitution and therefore Peninsular Chapter was not a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The report was made at the September 19 session, the sixth day of the meeting.

Pike then offered a resolution to be substituted in place of the Committee of Jurisprudence: "Resolved, that although

the disregard by the Grand Chapter of Michigan of the provisions of the General Grand Constitution requiring the voucher and recommendation of the Chapter nearest the place where Peninsular Chapter was proposed to be opened was unwarranted, and so ought not to be made a precedent for the future, still such nonobservance did not affect the validity of the act done; but, for the protection of innocent parties, such Chapter cannot be held to be irregular, or the action of the Grand Chapter in creating it to be null and void, but it must be held to be a regular Chapter." This substitute motion passed 40-17, with the General Grand High Priest voting yea. Faces were saved.

General Grand Chapter then closed after some final action. Albert Mackey of South Carolina was elected General Grand High Priest, and the next session was to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, September of 1862. That would be interrupted by the impending Civil War, that interestingly enough would involve similar issues: States' Rights.

The Grand Session of 1860

It had been a long and bitter fight, but the time had come when all the parties involved had to put it behind them. This especially involved the Companions of Monroe and Peninsular Chapters.

At the close of the January 1860 session, Monroe and Peninsular Chapters came forth and placed two resolutions in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The first, from Peninsular Chapter stated that they wished no unpleasant feelings to exist between themselves and Monroe Chapter, and "solely for the purpose of restoring that harmony that should always exist between Royal Arch Masons, would respectfully request Monroe Chapter to solicit permission of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, to place upon its records the endorsement, by Monroe Chapter, of Peninsular Chapter and its members."

Monroe Chapter then came forth and brought such a resolution, recommending Peninsular Chapter.

The scene was a touching one, with many Companions who had been alienated over the years rushing to the altar and clasping hands over the Great Light. Grand Lecturer Stillman Blanchard was called to speak, but was overcome with emotion. All he could say was, "Now, my sons!" Thus ended an affair of national prominence that changed forever the face of General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

By 1861, the nation would be plunged into civil war. Charles Gilman, his health deteriorating, would be dead that year. Salathiel Coffinbury would be elected Grand Master of Masons in Michigan in 1866 and would be the last Grand Master of Michigan to serve for three terms. Albert Pike would go on to national fame with the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Albert Mackey would become the first great Masonic author.

It was an unusual setting to involve such great minds at one Grand Masonic session, but it was with such great men that the Fraternity would avoid what a nation could not, a civil war.

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