



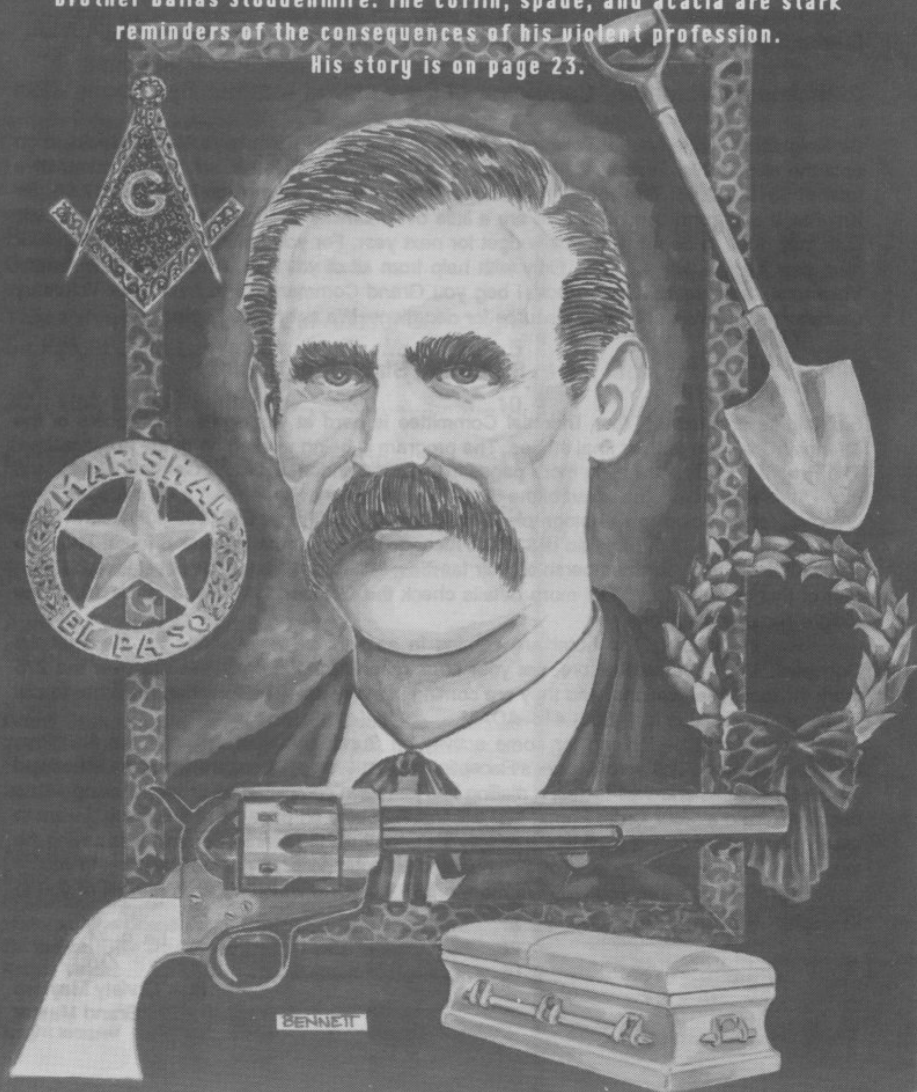
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Brother Dallas Stoudenmire: The coffin, spade, and acacia are stark reminders of the consequences of his violent profession. His story is on page 23.



Past, Present, and Future

Easter 1997

By the time most of us read this April editorial, we will be back into our everyday routines. Easter 1997 will have become history.

Our hopes and prayers for a beautiful sunrise, along with a great increase in attendance, will have been answered. We have always been assured of a great Easter Memorial Sunrise Service. All of our Grand Prelates have done an outstanding job in carrying out their duties and sending forth a most interesting Easter message.

I will give all of you a full report, in detail, on the Easter Sunrise Service in the May issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine.



29th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Sir Knights, the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign is in trouble. We have eleven weeks to go until the end of this campaign. At the end of the first thirteen weeks, we have a cumulative total of \$313,012.48. This total is behind the 28th Voluntary Campaign by \$103,317.98. Sir Knights, if this trend continues (We are a little over halfway through the campaign.), drastic cuts may have to be made in our budget for next year. For your information, the budget for next year begins July 1, 1997. Only with help from all of you can we get our 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign back on track. I beg you Grand Commanders to have your Voluntary Campaign Chairmen seek every source for donations. We **need your help**.

Meet Me in St. Louie, Sir Knight Louie!

Sir Knights and ladies: Your Triennial Committee is hard at work getting all facets of the Triennial Conclave in their final stages. The program is being worked on at the present time. The Program Book is awaiting more pages from Commanderies, Grand Commanderies, and individuals who want to be a part of the 60th Triennial history. Remember, a full page ad, camera-ready copy including a photograph, is only \$95.00. A half page ad is \$65.00. A fourth page ad is \$45.00. An eighth page ad is \$35.00. Also, do not forget the Booster Sheets. They are a valuable way for your membership, their families, ladies, children, pets, or relatives to be a part of this great history. (For more details check the October 1996 issue, page 10, of the *Knight Templar* magazine.)

Reservations for the hotel are coming in as well as registrations for the Triennial Conclave. As I have said before, get your hotel reservations in early. We are over the 275 mark for room reservations, and they are coming in every day. The telephone number to call for hotel reservations is 1 (800) 444 - ADAM.

Should you be looking for some activity on Sunday, August 10, after the Religious Service and before the Grand Master's Reception on that evening, there are four tours scheduled for the Sir Knights and their ladies. A mailing has just been completed on the tours along with a description and a "Tour Order Form." You will find the same on page 12 of this issue. I want to assure you that the cost of each tour is exactly the price that the Triennial Committee is paying the tour company. We want you to enjoy St. Louis and Missouri hospitality at the least cost to you.

Again, I hope that you will give me the opportunity to welcome each and all of you to the "Show Me State."

Blair Christy Mayford
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

APRIL: Attention: At the beginning of April, there is only one full month left in the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. You should already have been inspired to take part in the Campaign, but it not, the words of Chairman Winkelman on page 5 and those of our Grand Master on page 2 should get you going. Please help with this great philanthropy! There is a great clamor for more information on the 60th Triennial Conclave, and we provide it on pages 11-15. As usual, we have an abundance of news, as well as many unique ways you can help the Eye Foundation, while serving yourself. Our feature story is a rip-roaring one by Sir Knight Joseph Bennett about a tough, Western gunfighter and Freemason.

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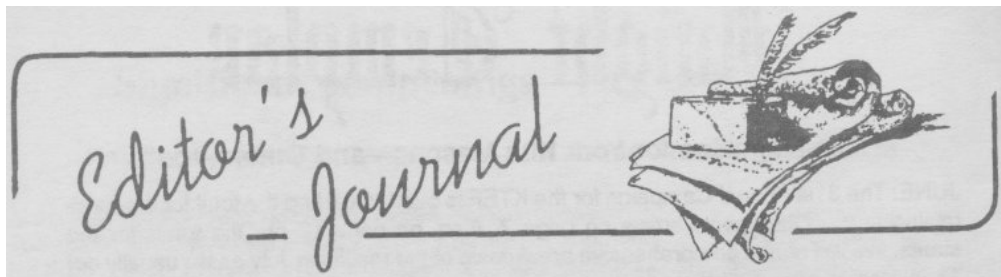
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Important Announcement: Due to automation, the Post Office is requiring us to make changes to many addresses that we have on file; therefore, you may begin noticing these changes on your mailing label; whether subtle or drastic, we had to do it!

Daughters of Mokanna: The women's arm of Grottoes of North America will meet September 17-20, 1997, in Terre Haute, Indiana. For information contact: Sharon Carroll, P.S.M.C.O., 3305 7th Street, East Moline, IL 61244-3258.

Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple Award: AU 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 Pins 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 the widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commander*, 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. Elson Avenue, Suite 101; Chic; 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, Fir., 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.

KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2 1/2 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 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign



That Others May See!

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

In mid-February of 1997, a Shuttle Mission paid a visit to the Hubble Space Telescope to perform "space surgery" for some vision problems that the controllers on earth had noted and given authorization for corrective action. In the photo above taken through the window of the Shuttle, the Hubble Space Telescope is seen in its orbit, just before it was captured by the Shuttle. Hubble is mankind's eyes for the previously unseen universe and is subject to "diseases and injuries to" its vision equipment and protective covers. These expensive repairs, funded by the taxes we pay, were conducted in order "That Others May See" the mysteries of the universe. Many scientists were overjoyed by the success of the difficult work performed by the members of the crew of the Shuttle.

The analogy of this event to the work we on earth, as Knights Templar, perform through the **Knights Templar Eye Foundation** is obvious.

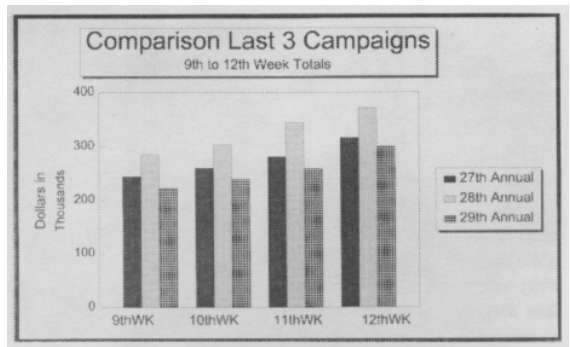
1. Diseases and injuries to the human eye cause vision problems.
2. A Sir Knight becomes aware of the problem and investigates it.
3. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation authorizes corrective action.
4. Efforts of the Sir Knights have provided the necessary funds.
5. Skilled people perform the corrections so "That Others May See."
6. The individual and the family are overjoyed with the result.

Our version of the Shuttle Mission has continued to become more stable during the third four-week period, but it continues to remain behind last year's pace for the same time period. The gap has shrunk as was predicted, and if history continues to repeat itself, by the time you read this article, the gap will have continued to shrink. 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**, 80% of the Campaign is already behind us as of the printing of the April issue. The "window of Opportunity" is very rapidly shrinking for YOU to become a full-fledged member of the crew of the **29th Annual Voluntary Campaign** and thus be able to say that you provided some of the necessary funds to operate the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The chart at right shows the shrinking of the gap I referred to in the third paragraph. Shown are the totals reported at the end of each of the weeks in the third 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 this Campaign 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 February, is almost 15% of the two million dollar goal, but 60% 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. There have not been any additional grand or subordinate jurisdictions meeting the goal of \$10.00 per member during the month of February. There are three jurisdictions reporting numbers between \$5.00 and \$10.00. Congratulations to the Grand Commandery of Missouri for an excellent donation of \$25,030.00 during the twelfth week. 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, do you really not care that you have not planned for a successful campaign in your jurisdiction?

I have received a third and a fourth check for a Sir Knight's individual commitment to the goal. Many thanks to the Sir Knight from Minnesota and the one from Pennsylvania. Appropriate recognition and credit will be made of their contributions.

During recent conversations with our Grand Master, Sir Knight Blair Christy Mayford, he indicated that it is an acceptable practice for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to process Golden Chalice requests that are intended to be memorials to deceased individuals. Such memorials may be requested by a corporation, business, foundation, or individual making a



one-time donation of \$10,000.00. There is no provision now nor was there ever any provision for an installment plan for the Golden Chalice program such as the one existing for the Grand Master's Club. Nor are there any retroactive provisions for any prior contributions of \$10,000.00 to be applied to the Golden Chalice program. Please be sure to indicate the intent of your contribution when you make it. This also applies to any contribution for purposes other than the Golden Chalice.

Repeating from last month, much less confusion would exist if the proper forms were used to indicate the direction of a 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 contributions, but looking in the crystal ball is not as positive as getting proper form and information 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.

Please 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 there is a matching gift plan or possibly a charitable foundation built into the business organization. Funds from these could help your Commandery meet its per member goal. It takes research and some dialog with those foundation trustees to create a possible windfall for your Commandery's campaign. Try it, it does work.

April 30 is just a few weeks away. I remind you to get your donations in to the Chicago office in a timely manner, so that they will be counted toward your jurisdiction's 29th Annual Campaign results.

Sir Knights, our mission crew is still made up of every one of you, and our final success depends strictly upon your efforts.



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.

200% Life Sponsorship In The Eye Foundation For Washington Commandery No. 1, Connecticut

When Grand Master Mayford was in Hartford, Connecticut, in October 1996, to help Washington Commandery No. 1 celebrate their 200th anniversary, he was given their pledge that they would attain 200% Life Sponsorship in the Eye Foundation.

Washington Commandery and the Grand Encampment are pleased and proud to announce that Washington Commandery No. 1 of Hartford, Connecticut, the oldest extant Commandery in the U.S.A., did achieve this remarkable plateau.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Largest Wills, Bequests and Trusts

Wills and Bequests

8/27/96	Robert A. Barkley	\$102,042.99
9/12/96	Ethel C. Welsch	\$205,000.00
9/27/96	Harold S. Saenger	\$50,000.00
11/27/96	Ruth Hotchkiss	\$115,893.43
12/30/96	Kirkpatrick	\$32,000.00

Trusts

9/13/96	Elsie J. White	\$48,957.79
9/25/96	Albert W. Anderson	\$54,303.92
12/6/96	Charles E. Gibson	\$184,499.90
12/23/96	Lucille E. Kemerling	\$117,500.00

Grand Commander's Club

- No. 100,593-Alfred M. Lyth (NY)
- No. 100,594-Norma A. Gulp (PA)
- No. 100,595-Lloyd D. Pittenger (PA)
- No. 100,596-Mary Alice Smith (GA)
- No. 100,597-T. S. Sitterley (AZ)
- No. 100,598-Roman Hochhaltar (AL)
- No. 100,599-William ft Green (PA)
- No. 100,600-Mark B. Hammond (PA)
- No. 100,601-Lloyd Perkins (TX)
- No. 100,602-Charles Ingerson (SD)
- No. 100,603-Thomas S. Hutcherson (GA)
- No. 100,604-Roy F. Weingarten, Sr. (GO)
- No. 100,605-Philip A. Anderson (NV)
- No. 100,606-Robert L. Dempsey (KY)
- No. 100,607-Wade Hampton Kelly (GA)
- No. 100,608-Charles L. Ingram (AL)

Grand Commander's Club

- No. 2,713-Dale E. Shambaugh (OH)
- No. 2,714-Donald J. Sprenkle (GA)
- No. 2,715-Forrest W. Arbogast (WV)
- No. 2,716-Jerry L. Fenimore (CO)
- No. 2,717-Richard T. Gates (VT)
- No. 2,718-Jonathan D. Webb (SD)
- No. 2,719-Fermor R. Hargrove, Jr. (GA)
- No. 2,720-Francis W. Chariton (PA)
- No. 2,721-J. P. Mabry (GA)
- No. 2,722-Joe B. Frick (GA)

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 Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commanders 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 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 ID 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.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc. Twenty-ninth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending March 7, 1997. The total amount contributed to date is \$331,134.99.

Alabama.....	\$7,290.00
Arizona.....	5,437.50
Arkansas.....	2,704.00
California.....	13,585.03
Colorado.....	5,183.50
Connecticut.....	4,221.00
Delaware.....	481.25
District of Columbia.....	1,899.00
Florida.....	8,032.00
Georgia.....	37,682.50
Idaho.....	728.15
Illinois.....	5,205.00
Indiana.....	4,739.44
Iowa.....	3,664.03
Kansas.....	1,829.65
Kentucky.....	4,409.85
Louisiana.....	4,120.00
Maine.....	4,295.45
Maryland.....	3,735.00
Mass.JR.I.....	9,477.50
Michigan.....	7,020.50
Minnesota.....	869.00
Mississippi.....	940.00
Missouri.....	32,883.99
Montana.....	874.00
Nebraska.....	1,275.29
Nevada.....	5,615.00
New Hampshire.....	2,924.25
New Jersey.....	2,185.00
New Mexico.....	2,496.34
Now York.....	5,674.77
North Carolina.....	8,518.59
North Dakota.....	498.00

Ohio.....	12,764.50
Oklahoma.....	795.00
Oregon.....	4,060.00
Pennsylvania.....	22,918.11
South Carolina.....	6739.00
South Dakota.....	1,215.00
Tennessee.....	8,767.38
Texas.....	7,297.20
Utah.....	7,342.50
Vermont.....	1,115.00
Virginia.....	22,601.00
Washington.....	3,886.30
West Virginia.....	5,015.00
Wisconsin.....	2,169.00
Wyoming.....	4,700.00
Philippines.....	60.00

Honolulu No. 1.....	400.00
Porto Rico No. 1.....	750.00
Anchorage No. 2.....	3,000.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico.....	15.00
Solo Di Aruba No. 1.....	1,900.00
Miscellaneous.....	13,130.42

Yes, We Have Moved!

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
now resides at 5097 N. Elston Avenue,
Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60630-2460.
Our phone is (773) 205-3838

IN MEMORIAM



Edward Ripley Saunders Maryland
Grand Commander-1981
Born November 3, 1901
Died September 21, 1996

Lovilo H. Fagan, Jr. Colorado
Grand Commander-1965
Born May 18, 1919
Died December 10, 1996

Alfred E. Braam
Indiana
Grand Commander-1952
Born May 2, 1902
Died January 6, 1997

Harold R. Hoolihan
Indiana
Grand Commander-1966
Born August 3, 1909
Died January 26, 1997

James A. Sullivan
New York
Grand Commander-1992
Born November 19, 1932
Died February 3, 1997

Clifford James Turner
Alabama
Grand Commander-1970
Born August 15, 1911
Died February 10, 1997

Morton P. Steyer
Nebraska
Grand Commander-1985
Department Commander North
Central-1988-1991
Born January 25, 1914
Died February 14, 1997

Marvin N. Devoung
South Carolina
Hon. Grand Commander-1991
Born September 14, 1916
Died September 30, 1996

Lowell M. Reed
South Carolina
Grand Commander-1973
Born August 4, 1916
Died January 6, 1997

Robert C. Hopple
South Carolina
Grand Recorder-1991-1997
Born March 4, 1928
Died January 22, 1997

20th Holy Land Pilgrimage

The Grand Commandery of Michigan



On December 18, 1996, at the Christmas Observance of Marshall Commandery No. 17, Marshall, Michigan, the Grand Commandery of Michigan presented the Reverend James E. Brazell with a Holy Land Pilgrimage trip. The Holy Land Pilgrimage was initiated in Michigan in 1977. Making the presentation was Sir Knight Stan Simons, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan. Also in attendance were Sir Knights Russell P. Livermore, East Central Department Commander, Grand Encampment; Richard E. Cooper, Grand Commander of Michigan; P. Fred

Lesley, Past Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, Michigan, and Co-chairman of the Grand Encampment Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee; and Rex E. Anderson, Commander of Marshall Commandery. Pastor Brazell was accompanied by twelve other ministers from Michigan on this trip. Pictured, left to right, are: Sir Knight Cooper, G.C.; Sir Knight Simons, D.G.C.; Sir Knight Anderson, E.G.; Reverend Brazell; Sir Knight Livermore, D.C.; and Sir Knight Lesley, P.G.C.

The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire

On Sunday, January 12, 1997, the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire made a presentation of a Holy Land Pilgrimage to Reverend M. Henry Pawluk, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Manchester. Making the presentation was Sir Knight Robert L. Sutherland, Jr., Grand Commander of New Hampshire. Pictured, left to right, are: Brother Arnold M. Ashley, Grand Master, New Hampshire; Sir Knight John O. Bond, Sr., Northeastern Department Commander of the



Grand Encampment; Sir Knight Charles J. Kennedy, Past Grand Commander, New Hampshire, and KCT; Rev. M. Henry Pawluk; Robert L. Sutherland, Jr., Grand Commander, New Hampshire; and Rev. and Eminent Dwight V. Meader.

60TH TRIENNIAL ADVANCE REGISTRATION

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

ORDER FORM VOTING DELEGATE

For registration fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Friday, August 8, 1997, at the Adams Mark Hotel St. Louis and upon my arrival.

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Lady (first name): _____
 Arrival Date: _____

Registration packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 60th Triennial Conclave, tickets for you and your lady, if attending, to the Grand Master's reception and to the Grand Master's banquet, a souvenir program book, admission to the awards and pass-in-review night, and registration gift. Additional tickets may be purchased as listed below.

Registration Fee \$140.00
 After April 30, 1997 \$165.00

Additional tickets may be purchased for the following:

_____ Grand Master's reception...
 \$10.00 _____
 _____ Ladies' luncheon, Monday...
 \$22.00 _____
 _____ Grand Master's banquet...
 \$37.50 _____
 _____ Honors breakfast...
 \$15.00 _____

Total with check for _____

ORDER FORM NON-VOTING DELEGATE

For registration fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Friday, August 8, 1997, at the Adams Mark Hotel St. Louis and upon my arrival.

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Lady (first name): _____
 Arrival Date: _____

Registration packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 60th Triennial Conclave, tickets for you and your lady, if attending, to the Grand Master's reception, a souvenir program book, admission to the awards and pass-in-review night, and registration gift. Additional tickets may be purchased as listed below.

Registration Fee \$65.00
 After April 30, 1997 \$95.00

Additional tickets may be purchased for the following:

_____ Grand Master's reception...
 \$10.00 _____
 _____ Ladies' luncheon, Monday...
 \$22.00 _____
 _____ Grand Master's banquet...
 \$37.50 _____
 _____ Honors breakfast...
 \$15.00 _____

Total with check for _____

60TH Triennial Conclave
- TOURS -
Sunday, August 10, 1997

Regarding all tours: Departure from and return to Adams Mark Hotel (4th Street entrance). Prices do not include food or drink. If requests do not meet a minimum number established, the tour will be cancelled and payment will be either refunded or applied to an alternate choice if desired and if space is available.

Tour No. 1: Travel to historic St. Charles, one of the oldest cities in Missouri, which was once the temporary capital of the state (1821-1826). Among the points of interest are numerous charming shops which specialize in crafts and antiques, many fine dining restaurants, and other highlights. The tour begins at 1:00 **P.M.** and lasts approximately four hours. Cost: \$10.00 per person.

Tour No. 2: Visit Grant's Farm, a picturesque showplace on land once farmed by Ulysses S. Grant and now operated and maintained by Anheuser-Busch Co., Inc. Enjoy a train ride through the wildlife park where zebra, buffalo, and longhorn cattle graze in this game preserve. At Grant's farm, also, the famous Budweiser Clydesdales frolic in the fields. Tour begins at 1:15 P.M. and lasts approximately four hours. Cost: \$10.00 per person.

Tour No. 3: City of St. Louis. Tour includes downtown, riverfront, Lacloda's Landing, Soulard area, central west end, and Forest Park in which are located many significant points of interest. Also, there will be a stop at the New Cathedral, where world-recognized, mosaic art may be seen in its wondrous brilliance. Tour begins at 1:30 P.M. and lasts approximately three hours. Cost: \$15.00 per person.

Tour No. 4: Grand tour of St. Louis. Same as Tour No. 3 with additional stop at Missouri Botanical Garden. The mission of this garden is to "discover and share knowledge about plants, in order to preserve and enrich life." Here was erected the world's first geodesic dome; here are magnificent floral displays; here also is the largest traditional Japanese garden in North America. Tour begins at 1:00 P.M. and lasts approximately five hours. Cost: \$20.00 per person, and there is an additional group rate admission charge at the Garden. Amounts vary. Ages 65 and over: \$1.25; under 65: \$2.25. Please plan to pay this admission charge at the Garden; do not include with your order for the tour. Many will prefer to walk through the Garden; others may wish to ride. A tram is available at \$2.00 per person (also paid at Garden, and not with order for the tour).

TOUR ORDER FORM	
Name _____	Lady's Name _____
Address _____	City/State/Zip _____
Tour No. 1 @ \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px;">Please make check payable to: 60th Triennial Conclave and mail to: Llonel J. Goede P.O. Box 1132 Fenton, MO 63026-1132</div>
Tour No. 2 @ \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____	
Tour No. 3 @ \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____	
Tour No. 4 @ \$20.00 x _____ = \$ _____	
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60th Triennial Conclave - August 8-13, 1997
Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A.

Following is the schedule for the 60th Triennial Conclave to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Adam's Mark Hotel. The advance registration for voting and non-voting delegates is on page 11 and should be mailed as indicated.

We have tried to put together a Triennial that everyone will enjoy, and it is the hope of the Triennial Committee that everyone will do so. Those who want to take tours will find descriptions and a registration form on page 12, directly after the page with advance registration forms. Directly following the schedule of events is a note concerning the Honors breakfast to held Tuesday, August 12, at 7 am. in the St. Louis Ballroom of the Adam's Mark Hotel

Schedule of Events - Adam's Mark Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri - August 8-13, 1997

TIME

EVENT

Friday, August 8, 1997

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Drill team judges' meeting
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Knights Templar Educational Foundation meeting
4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Drill team captains' meeting

Saturday, August 9, 1997

7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Drill team competition, inspection, and photographs
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open
9:00 A.M.	Committee on Finance
10:30 A.M.	Committee on Jurisprudence
2:00 P.M.	Committee on Dispensations and Charters
3:00 P.M.	Committee on Ritual Matters
6:00 P.M.	Drill teams pass in review and awards

Sunday, August 10, 1997

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	Registration open
10:00 A.M.	Divine Service

11:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open
1:00 P.M.	Bus trip No. 1 and No. 4 available
1:15 P.M.	Bus trip No. 2 available
1:30 P.M.	Bus Trip No. 3 available
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Knights Templar magazine editors' meeting
5:00 P.M.	Mutual Guild meeting Grand Recorders/Secretaries
6:00 P.M.	The Forty-Fivers dinner
7:00 P.M.	Mutual Guild dinner Members and wives only
8:30 P.M.	Grand Master's Reception Admission by ticket only

Monday. August 11, 1997

7:00 A.M.	Southern Breakfast Admission by ticket only
8:15 A.M.	Grand Encampment and distinguished guests assemble
9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open
9:00 A.M. sharp	Grand Encampment opening ceremonies
11:30 A.M.	Ladies' luncheon Admission by ticket only
2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	Grand Encampment business session

Monday Evening Is Open For State Dinners. Tuesday, August 12, 1997

7:00 A.M..	Honors breakfast Admission by ticket only
8:30 A.M. to NOON	Registration open
9:00 A.M. to NOON	Grand Encampment business session
1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Grand Encampment business session

6:00 P.M.	Social hour
6:15 RN. sharp	Grand Encampment officers and distinguished guests assemble
7:00 P.M.	Grand Master's Banquet Doors open at 6:30 P.M. Admission by ticket only

Wednesday, August 13, 1997

9:00 A.M.	Grand Encampment business session If required
10:30 A.M.	Installation of officers Open to guests
12:00 NOON	Knights Templar Eye Foundation meeting
3:00 P.M.	Incoming grand officers and committee chairmen meeting

Honors Breakfast-60th Triennial Conclave

A highlight event at the 60th Triennial Conclave will be the Honors Breakfast to be held on Tuesday, August 12 at 7 A.M. in the St. Louis Ballroom (on the fourth floor) of the Adam's Mark Hotel. All honor men of the York Rite, Scottish Rite, and other Masonic organizations are urged to attend. Thus you qualify if you are a member of such groups as Allied Masonic Degrees, Royal Order of Scotland, York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Red Cross of Constantine, Knights Commander of the Court of Honour or 33⁰, Scottish Rite. Order tickets when you send your registration fee, or if you have sent in your fee, get your tickets in St. Louis.

MSA Appeal For Relief - Nevada/California

As we are all aware, severe flooding has hit hard in the Pacific Northwest. We have been asked by the Grand Lodges of California and Nevada to put out an appeal on their behalf to help in their recovery from this flooding. Flooding has been widespread in both states and damage is extensive.

MSA has learned that the offices and home of the Grand Lodge of Nevada which is a Masonic building on the bank of the Truckee River in Reno has suffered extensive damage. Numerous Lodges meeting in this building as well as youth groups. Eastern Star, and appendant Masonic bodies have also been affected.

We also know that extensive damage has occurred to Masonic Brothers in California, particularly in the San Joaquin Valley. Assistance to these two Grand Lodges will be divided equally from undesignated gifts and designated gifts will be sent to the Grand Lodge named.

Please forward to the MSA on behalf of your Grand Lodge such funds as you feel will be appropriate to help our devastated Brethren. Make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

from Emessay Notes, February 1997

History of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America: Book II

A continuation of the History of the Grand Encampment
of Knights Templar of the United States of America
from 1949 until 1997

by the Grand Encampment Committee on Knights Templar History:
Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, M.E.P.G.M.;
Sir Knight James L. Grigsby, P.G.C.; and
Sir Knight and Chairman Jacob C. Baird, P.G.C.

Preface

There are many quotations in this book; all of which are not accredited either within the text or in footnotes are from the *Proceedings* of that particular Triennial Conclave. The *Proceedings* listed in the bibliography are the main source for what is printed herein; as you should know, they *are* the legal records (history) of this organization.

The reader will miss a wealth of information if he does not read the Appendices as well as the main portion of this book - they abound in historical information, and it is hoped that the first four will be of considerable help in answering questions about certain Sir Knights who are (were) Past Grand Commanders (or past dais officers of Grand Commanderies).

Those items "handed down" to this Committee at the beginning of this triennium (1994), were: most of the information in Chapter XII, "Uniforms," which was checked for completeness; some of the information in Chapter VII, "Subordinate Commanderies," which was incomplete by a few triennia; some of Chapter XV, "Biographies of Grand Masters," which was incomplete and was completed by Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, M.E.P.G.M.

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith was a member of the Committee on Knights Templar History from August 1994 until he was appointed Grand Prelate in January 1996. He has been invaluable to this committee because of his work and more especially because of his advice. Even in his present position he has edited this entire book. Sir Knight James L. Grigsby, P.G.C. of Kentucky, was assigned to the committee in May 1995. He accepted the job even though he is Secretary/Recorder of all three York Rite Bodies in Richmond, Kentucky, and is Director of Admissions at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. He has done considerable research into the three philanthropic activities of the Grand Encampment: the Educational Foundation, the Eye Foundation, and the Holy Land Pilgrimages.

Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder, has been very helpful during my tenure in this position, *for I have requested Proceedings* quite often and he has always sent them immediately. Without his assistance I could not have completed my portion of this work.

Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, Most Eminent Grand Master during this triennium, appointed me as Chairman of this

committee in May 1995. He has provided assistance when asked to do so and has been a goat 'cheerleader' for the committee in its efforts to complete this book. I'm glad to have been a part of this work; I have learned much, much more about the Grand Encampment and Templary in general than I would ever have otherwise known.

Jacob C. Baird, P.G.C. Missouri, 1988-1989

INTRODUCTION

This, a continuance of the *History of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America* will be a bridge between the years of 1949 and 1997 for all Sir Knights and historians.

It is coincidental that two Sir Knights from Missouri, Sir Knight William Catron Gordon and Sir Knight Blair Christy Mayford, served as Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America during this period. Sir Knight Gordon served from 1952 to 1955, and Sir Knight Mayford served from 1994 to 1997.

During this period in the history of our great country, our nation became involved with the Korean War, the Vietnamese War, and the Gulf War (Desert Storm) in the Middle East. Usually, after a devastating period, such as these wars, the Fraternity has a great influx of new membership. Not so in these conflicts. The men in service were not welcomed home in the hero's role to which they were entitled. Thus we have lost several generations of well qualified men who would have and could have served our Fraternity under the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God. Since the beginning of the 1960s, our Fraternity as a whole has had a steady decline in membership. From 1949 to 1997 sixteen Grand Masters served this Grand Encampment. All but three have spent much of their valuable time and effort attempting to eliminate this membership loss.

Sir Knight Francis J. Scully, M.D. and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of

Arkansas, did an outstanding piece of work in writing the *History of Knights Templar of the United States of America*, "The 850th Anniversary of Templary, the Story of Knighthood from the Days of the Ancient Templars to the 44th Triennial Conclave of the Modern Templars in 1949."

Book Two of the *History of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States* is being published and copyrighted in 1997. Many committees have been appointed by Grand Masters to bring this history up-to-date. I congratulate the present committee, which has done an outstanding job in writing this history.

This committee consists of Sir Knight Jacob C. Baird, Chairman, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri; members of the committee: Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Past Grand Commander of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and Sir Knight James Leslie Grigsby, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

I wish to call your attention to the Biographies of the sixteen elected Grand Masters and three honorary Grand Masters that appear in this Book 2. There was a great amount of research needed to get the necessary information to make this history possible.

It cannot be better said than to repeat the last paragraph of the introduction" of Sir Knight Scully's *History of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States*: "In the following pages every effort has been made to present as clear and comprehensive a view as possible of the origin, development and aims of our Illustrious Order. It is hoped that every Sir Knight will find in it a stimulus to take greater interest in the glorious principles, Christian ideals, and high purposes which distinguish this great and Magnanimous Order of the Temple."

Blair Christy Mayford Grand Master

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Book Review

Masons Along The Rio Bravo by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett

"Joseph E. Bennett is a highly successful and prolific author that in about ten years has completed three books and written over a hundred articles which have appeared in various Masonic publications" (Duncan Howard, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Texas). Readers of *Knight Templar* are no doubt familiar with Sir Knight Bennett's writing as many of his articles have run in the monthly magazine.

Now, Sir Knight Bennett has collected in *Masons Along The Rio Bravo* the stories of Freemasons who were prominent in the history of the Southwest along the Rio Grande River, called Rio Bravo by the Spanish speaking and running along the border of Mexico and the United States, particularly Texas.

"We have selected a few from scores of personalities who have had their moment on the stage along the Rio Bravo. Each had a different role to play during his time in the limelight, but each adventure was important in the context of time and place in which it occurred. Across the years the principal actors in these real life adventures we talk about shared one thing in common. Each one was a Freemason."

Joseph E. Bennett

Masons Along the Rio Bravo is available from the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Texas, at a postpaid price of \$5.95. Send order and check or money order to: Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.; Library and Museum Committee; P.O. Box 448; Waco; TX 76703.

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Michigan Grand Officers at Inspection

At the annual inspection of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Detroit, Michigan, held in the Detroit Masonic Temple; many Sir Knights and ladies joined in congratulating new Sir Knight Glen M. Green as he became a member of the Knights Templar and welcoming the grand officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and the Grand Master of Masons of Michigan to the celebration.

Pictured are the Grand Commandery officers and the Grand Master of Michigan with the Commander of Detroit No. 1 after the Order of the Temple. Left to right are Sir Knights: Robert C. Ickes, Grand Captain General; Richard D. Erspamer, Grand Generalissimo; Richard E. Cooper, R.E. Grand Commander; Charles A. Williams, Commander of Detroit No. 1; Donald J. Van Kirk, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; Stanley O. Simons, Deputy Grand Commander; and James C. Costello, Grand Junior Warden.



A First For DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Bonn. Terre, Missouri

The officers and Sir Knights of DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Bonne Terre, Missouri, were extremely pleased, privileged, and honored to receive both the M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Blair C. Mayford, and the R.E. Grand Commander of the state of Missouri, Danny L. Ferguson, at the same Conclave at the start of the year. It was a first for DeSoto No. 56 and perhaps for the state of Missouri. Twenty-six Sir Knights and fifteen ladies were present.

Eminent Commander Richard E. Jump and Past Commander J. Edwin Nobel and his Lady Marlene prepared food, while other Sir Knights and ladies brought food.

The Commandery was opened by officers doing the Competitive Drill Opening Ceremony. There was a moment of silence for Past Commander and Warder James H. Reynolds, who passed on December 8, 1996.

With Sir Knight James H. Pennington, P.G.C., acting as Grand Warder, the *officers* of DeSoto, assisted by Sir Knights from Ascalon Commandery No. 16, received the Grand Commander under an arch of steel. Grand Commander Ferguson spoke on membership.

The Grand Master was received under an arch of steel and spoke about the 60th Triennial Conclave in St. Louis in August 1997.

In the picture below are, left to right, front: Sir Knights Robert R. McKinney, Harold J. Richardson, Blair C. Mayford, Richard E. Jump, P. Vincent Kinkad, Billy G. Tilley, and back, left to right: Albert L. Miller, J. Edwin Nebel, J. Joseph Hayes, Harold E. Williams, E. Wayne Mund, James E. Snively, and Steven C. Monrotus. (Article by Steven C. Monrotus; photo by Robert E. Hardester.)



Templar at the Shrine Circus In New Mexico



An Albuquerque York Rite Mason was in charge of this year's Shrine circus in New Mexico. Ballut Abyad's one hundred-ninth Potentate, Sir Knight William S. "Bill Lord, was "front and center" making sure young and old alike enjoyed Masonic hospitality. (Photo and editorial by Sir Knight H. William Hart, Grand Lodge of NM, Public Relations Committee.)

Moomaw Commandery No. 27, Virginia, Honors Sir Knight Carl Niswander

Moomaw Commandery No. 27, Lexington, Virginia, recently took occasion to honor Sir Knight Carl Davis Niswander in Kingsport Commandery No. 33, Kingsport, Tennessee. The occasion was the presentation of a plaque to Sir Knight Niswander from Buena Vista Lodge No. 186, A.F. & A.M.; Rockbridge Royal Arch Chapter No. 44, R.A.M. in Virginia; and Moomaw No. 27, celebrating his seventy-five years of service to York Rite Masonry. Kingsport rolled out the red carpet for the Virginia Sir Knights as well as for Sir Knight Niswander. Pictured left



to right are: Sir Knights Baldwin G. Locher, Jr., Grand Senior Warden and Recorder; Carl D. Niswander, Past Commander (1940 and 1941); Jack Cadden, Generalissimo; Loren W. Brown, R.E. Grand Commander; and M. D. Sensabaugh, Past Grand Commander (1971). All but the Grand Commander are members of Moomaw Commandery. The Grand Commander is a member of George W. Wright No. 31, Martinsville, Virginia.

Wyoming Knights Templar—Black Horse Troop



The Wyoming Knights Templar Black Horse Troop was originally formed in 1965 by Sir Knight Albert W. Cross, who was the R.E. Grand Commander of Wyoming at that time. The troop's original purpose was directed as a search and rescue unit to assist the sheriff's department as they attempted to find lost hunters and sportsmen in the rugged Wind River Mountains. In addition, the troop under the guidance of Sir Knight Cross implemented precision riding drills that are still practiced and demonstrated today in parades all around Wyoming. The active members of the troop are local area cowboys and ranchers that belong to Hugh de Payen Commandery No. 7, headquartered in Riverton, Wyoming. The troop was and still is a very effective method of putting Christian Masonry in the public eye and stimulating membership growth in Hugh de Payen Commandery No. 7.

Today the troop's primary function has changed from its original purpose somewhat in that it no longer serves as a search and rescue unit, but it still performs at many functions around the state. In addition, the troop sponsors chariot races each year designed to contribute to the Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Eye Foundation. The troop has been very successful making it possible for the local Commandery to obtain their \$10.00 per member status each year.

Pictured is Sir Knight Phil Cross (left) presenting a check to the Grand Commander of Wyoming in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Eye Foundation during the 109th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery held in Cheyenne. Other Sir Knights in the photograph from left to right are: Ernest I. Teter, R.E. Department Commander, Northwestern Department; Kenneth B. Fischer, R.E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment; Mike Johnson; Troop Commander Phil Cross holding the check; Douglas L. Johnson, R.E. Grand Commander; Nate Hindman; Dave Brant; and Robert Finley. (Submitted by Douglas L. Johnson, R.E.P.G.C.)

Arkansas Sir Knight Receives Recognition



Sir Knight John CogdeU, Jr., a member of Hanford Commandery No. 46, Hanford, California, and marshal of Mineral Springs, Arkansas, has received recognition for unusual and heroic service. Inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame twice, he also received a certificate from the governor of Arkansas when his quick actions saved the life of a seven-year-old Oregon girl who had begun to choke on a piece of food. The certificate recognized Sir Knight Cogdell, Jr., "as an outstanding citizen of the State of Arkansas having shown to the people of Arkansas an outstanding interest to public service to this state."

Pasadena Assembly No. 44, S.O.O.B., California Honors Longtime Member

Pasadena Assembly No. 44, S.O.O.B., of Pasadena, California, honored (Mrs. Thaxton) Eva Ballance on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Ballance has been a member of the Assembly since 1951 and has served as an officer each year of her membership. She presided over the Assembly as President in 1960 and served on Supreme Assembly committees throughout the years. She was presented with a basket of cards from throughout the U.S. Her wish as she blew out her birthday cake candles was for good health and happiness for all her many friends. Pictured with Mrs. Ballance (middle) are Mrs. Sheldon Brown, Past President, and Mrs. Melvin Wood, President of Pasadena No. 44. (Submitted by Mrs. Paul E. Mihal, P.S.W.P. and Recorder of Pasadena No. 44.)



Shreveport Assembly No. 60, S.O.O.B., Louisiana, Initiates New Members

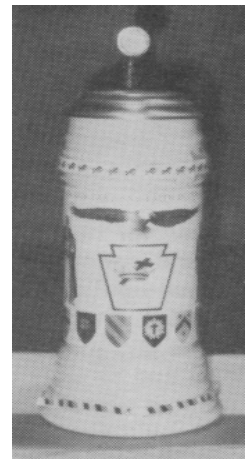


Shreveport Assembly No. 60, S.O.O.B., Shreveport, Louisiana, initiated four ladies: Mrs. James Steadman, whose husband is the Past Commander of Ascension Commandery No. 6; Mrs. David Sistrunk, whose husband is Colonel of the Units, El Karuhah Shrine; Mrs. Joe Rachal, whose husband is Assistant Raban, El Karuhah Shrine; and Mrs. Virgil Sistrunk, whose husband is Potentate of El Karuhah Shrine. Mrs. Steadman is currently serving the Assembly as Color Bearer. These

ladies brought the total of initiates for Shreveport No. 60 to eight for the year. In addition they added one dual member and had one reinstatement.

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.



April in El Paso—Part I

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, 33^o. KYCH

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El Paso - Part I

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, 33^o. KYCH

The movies have supplied the popular image of a 19th century western gunfighter. They are as indigenous to the history of the old West as cattle, and some of the more renowned became household words during their lifetimes. John Wesley Hardin, Wild Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, and Sam Bass - to name a few - have been immortalized in pulp fiction and on film. On this occasion, we propose to reprise the story of one EL Paso shooter who blasted his way into history during one sanguinary week in April 1881. He enjoyed a brief, violent moment of fame on the stage of life before slipping into obscurity and disappearing from memory. He was Dallas Stoudenmire, an Alabama-born adventurer, who starred in the deadliest gunfight ever recorded in the Texas border town of El Paso. In 1881, violence and death were on the menu twenty-four hours a day.

In the 1880s, El Paso was separated from the rest of Texas by some seven hundred miles of mountains and arid landscape, home primarily to Gila monsters and roving Apache war parties. The village of El Paso was tucked into the most southwestern triangle of the state, on the north bank of the Rio Grande. Across the river was a Mexican town called Paso del Norte, the oldest settlement in that part of the country. Today, it is Juarez, a city of a half million. EL Paso has grown to a metropolis of similar size.

When the first prospectors stopped in El Paso on their way to the California gold fields in 1849, the population did not quite reach five hundred. Only a more handful of Anglos made the village home. Except for a burst of activity during the Civil War, plus a brief, bloody feud over salt in 1877, the dusty little town didn't grow much until 1880. The anticipated arrival of the railroad

changed all that abruptly, but not necessarily for the better. By the end of 1881, the *El Paso Times* reported the permanent population as 1,600 Americans, 600 Mexicans, 300 Chinese, and 100 "colored." The paper failed to take into account the horde of transients residing temporarily in their fair city. Among those were opportunists, entrepreneurs, drunks, adventurers, fleeing felons, and an overabundance of prostitutes.

Strangely enough, Masonry had already been established in El Paso well before the Civil War. it survived those difficult early years, in spite of Reconstruction, the feuding, and continued lawlessness. A good number of the town's prominent citizens were members of El Paso Lodge No. 130 and were involved in the struggle to bring civilization and respectability to a place frequently compared to Sodom and Gomorrah of biblical infamy.

When 1881 dawned, Solomon Schutz was one of the wealthiest men in town, the successful operator of their largest mercantile, and the Worshipful Master of El Paso Lodge. Joseph Magoff in, a son of the pioneer first family of El Paso, was likewise a prominent figure in the city government and a member of the Lodge. Several members of the city council were Masons, also. Schutz, Magoff in, and the rest of the town council were struggling to establish law and order in El Paso, with minimum success.

A succession of town marshals had failed to measure up, and the lawless element pretty much conducted themselves however they pleased. Their activities were totally repugnant to the respectable citizens of El Paso. Ex-Texas Ranger John Tay was appointed marshal in 1880 and survived less than a month in the position.

It was not a great surprise, in view of his inept conduct during the El Paso Salt War in 1877. He had ignominiously surrendered his Ranger command, causing the death of several citizens. His successor as marshal was also fired after a few brief weeks on the job. The council's third

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selection was a Kentucky-born ex-lawman, George W. Campbell.

Campbell came aboard on December 1, 1880, and lasted until New Year's Eve in 1881, but his was a troubled tenure, also. Although Campbell brought some law-enforcement experience to El Paso, he was overly-lenient with minor lawbreakers, drunks, and prostitutes. Many regarded his friendship with the Manning brothers, prominent saloon operators in town, as the reason George was reluctant to crack down on malefactors and undesirables. They reasoned that if he was over-zealous in the discharge of his sworn duty, it would impact on the business activity in the Manning establishments. Unfortunately, Campbell's income depended entirely on fines and licensing fees levied on working ladies of the evening. The city government provided no regular salary. The arrangement became an ongoing source of contention between Campbell and the city council and set the stage for the entry of Dallas Stoudenmire early in 1881. The events which followed profoundly altered the course of history in the wide-open Texas town.

The rift between the marshal and the El Paso government finally climaxed on New Year's Eve in 1880. George apparently hatched a scheme in which the drunks and

lawless element were to "tree the town" on December 31, 1880. They responded magnificently, shooting and rioting for hours in a drunken revelry which held the entire population hostage. Mayor Solomon Schutz was out of town on a prolonged visit, and missed the uproar; but Joe Magoff in and the rest of the city government were obliged to cower in their homes. Some of the houses were subject to considerable random gunfire. Finally, Magoff in succeeded in dispatching an appeal for help to the Texas Ranger headquarters at Ysleta, a few miles south. Their arrival quieted the revelers, while Marshal Campbell, a drunken participant, beat a hasty retreat to the home of Johnny Hale, the foreman of the Manning ranch, some eight miles north of town. After sobering up, Campbell resigned, realizing his attempt to pressure the town into agreeing to his salary demands had backfired.

In late December 1880, Stanley "Doc" Cummings had arrived in El Paso and opened the Globe Restaurant on the main thoroughfare of the town. Dec was the brother-in-law of Dallas Stoudenmire by virtue of marriage to his older sister Virginia. He and Dallas were close friends, having been associated since the 1870s. Dec was a dangerous and fearless man, with a reputation as a gunman. Historians can only speculate on Cummings' role in summoning Stoudenmire to El Paso. Some sources believe Joseph Magoff in extended the invitation, but it seems reasonable to think Doc acted as an advance man and passed the word along to Dallas that El Paso needed a new marshal. When Stoudenmire stepped off the stage from Socorro, New Mexico, on April 11, 1881, the situation went into fast forward immediately. The events which transpired in the next two weeks unfolded like a classic movie plot.

Dallas Stoudenmire looked every inch the part of a deadly gunfighter. He was dressed in a long, black, frock coat covering a white shirt and string necktie. He stood well over six feet tall, with a strong chin and a long drooping mustache. The most striking feature of his handsome face were his icy,

blue eyes. He gave every indication of a man not to be trifled with, even if one were unaware of his formidable reputation as a shooter. Dallas was equally impressive to Judge Magoffin, mayor protem in the absence of Solomon Schutz. The tall

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gunman was hired without hesitation to be El Paso's new marshal, even though there was a question about his bond and some dissension from one member of the council.

The new marshal was granted a substantial salary, an improvement over the arrangement given George Campbell. Dallas was also granted authority to hire several deputies, at his discretion. Campbell had inherited only one, and he was Bill Johnson, the town drunk - a holdover from the administration of John Tay. Stoudenmire also enjoyed a share of all fees and fines collected in the discharge of his duties. The rewards of law enforcement in El Paso were improving dramatically.

Stoudenmire was born on December 11, 1846, in Aberfoil, Macon County, Alabama. He was the son of Lewis Stoudenmire, a German farmer who had immigrated there from South Carolina. Dallas was one of nine children born to Lewis and his two wives; his mother being the second spouse. He was quite large for his age, a physical advantage which permitted him to volunteer for military service in 1861, at the outset of the Civil War. He was only sixteen, but his appearance convinced the Confederate recruiting officer that he was older. Before

long the Confederates discovered Dallas' true age, and he was released from service. On his third attempt, he was successful in remaining in the army and served for the balance of the war as an Alabama infantry volunteer, evidently with some distinction. In 1882, a bathhouse attendant in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, counted twenty-seven bullet scars on Stoudenmire's body. His reputation as a fearless fighter had obviously been earned at considerable cost in pain and suffering.

The new marshal's back trail following the Civil War was shadowy at best, with conjecture and rumor providing much of his history. There was speculation that he had served Maximilian in Mexico immediately after mustering out of Confederate service, but that was never established. Dallas was in Upshur County, Texas, in 1867 with his older brother, Abednego Stoudenmire, a farmer. Not cut out for a sedentary life, he wandered all over Texas during the next few years. Dallas served briefly as a second sergeant in Captain J. R. Waller's Company A, Frontier Battalion of the Texas Rangers. He was headquartered in Comanche County but ranged over Stevens and Brown counties as part of his assigned duties, which were primarily as an Indian fighter. Later on, he moved to Columbus, in Colorado County, west of Houston, and tried a variety of occupations. Dallas was remembered as a rough and tumble, fun-loving fellow, given to brawling and an occasional gunfight. His trail eventually led to San Antonio and later into New Mexico Territory. As time passed, his reputation as a gunfighter grew as a result of his tumultuous life style. He was sober, willing and qualified when he stepped off the stage in El Paso.

Hostility from the lawless and drinking elements in El Paso was evident from the moment Stoudenmire pinned on the badge. The Manning Brothers; James, Frank, and George Felix (they called him "Doc"); all had a vested interest in seeing that their business

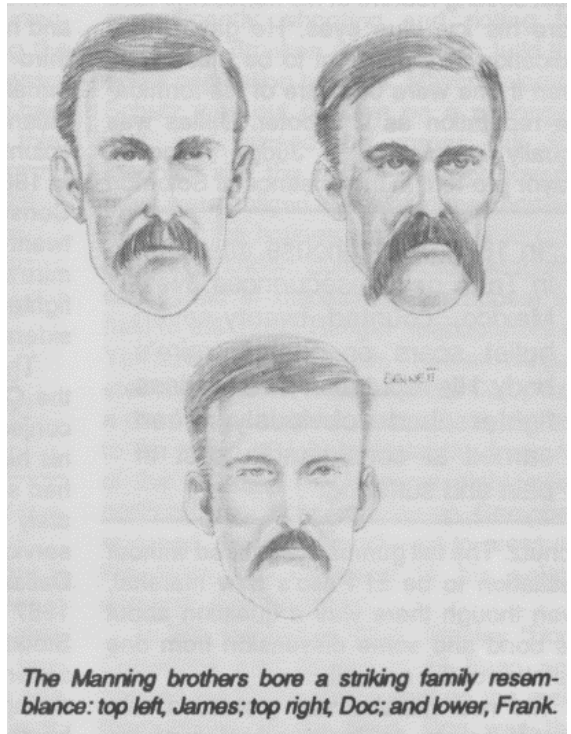
interests were protected from an overzealous lawman. They encouraged the hostility from every one of their friends and patrons. In addition, they were formidable foes personally.

Stoudenmire established his local reputation as a hard case almost immediately. The town council unceremoniously notified Bill Johnson that he had "resigned" as town deputy marshal. Dallas went looking for Johnson to acquire the jail keys, which the ex-deputy carried on a ring. When Dallas found Bill, he grasped the hapless fellow by the scruff of the neck and shook the keys loose. Drunk and confused, Johnson did not comprehend what was happening. The Mannings seized the opportunity not to let Bill forget the humiliating incident, keeping his glass full while they urged him to plan revenge against Stoudenmire. Before Johnson could be exhorted to action against the marshal, another situation demanded Dallas' attention, one that would result in one of the deadliest gunfights in the annals of the

old West. It rivaled any which occurred during the Lincoln County War in New Mexico or the fight at the O.K. corral in Tombstone, Arizona.

One of the Manning brothers' enterprises was a ranch some eight miles north of El Paso, at a village named Canutillo. It was situated on the north bank of the Rio Grande, and was a favorite crossing point for rustlers driving stolen herds into Texas from old Mexico. The Manning ranch and its corrals enjoyed a reputation as being a collection point for stolen herds and a haven for rustlers. Their foreman was Johnny Hale, who owned an eighty-acre homestead adjoining the Manning ranch. He was also considered to be involved with the Mannings in illegal cattle trafficking.

A herd of more than fifty Mexican cattle were driven across the Rio Grande and penned on the Manning ranch about the time Dallas Stoudenmire was sworn in as marshal of El Paso. A posse of Mexican nationals



crossed the river, trailing the stolen herd to the Manning ranch. A careful search of the property yielded no clue to the cattle, and the vaqueros departed. Two riders remained, determined to search the surrounding thicket for trace of the stock. They were subsequently killed by two men from the Manning ranch. The news soon reached the Mexican side of the border in Paso del Norte. On April 14, a group of seventy-five armed riders rode into El Paso announcing they intended to recover the bodies of their friends. The appearance of a large body of armed Mexicans alarmed the El Paso residents, and almost immediately a group of local citizens gathered. Angry charges flew back and forth between the two factions, and the situation became extremely threatening. Marshal Stoudenmire was ready for an explosion at any moment. A confrontation was avoided

when a coroner's inquest was hastily convened to make a ruling on the case.

The inquest was inconclusive, but the Mexicans calmed down and departed El Paso with the two bodies and re-crossed the river. Stoudenmire, relieved that the situation was defused, went into Doc Cummings' Globe Restaurant for lunch.

During the morning, ex-Marshal George Campbell had reappeared in El Paso after an extended absence. He was drinking heavily and was in a quarrelsome mood. He bragged to bystanders that he intended to 'take the measure of the new marshal. Campbell spied the constable who had served as the

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interpreter for the Mexicans during the inquest which had just concluded. He was Gus Krempkau. Gus was in the act of mounting his mule, tied across the street from the Globe Restaurant. Campbell began to berate Krempkau for consorting with Mexicans, and a few words were exchanged. At that moment, a very drunk John Hale staggered up behind George Campbell and got off a shot at Krempkau under the ex-marshal's upraised right arm. Gus fell, mortally wounded, but was still able to fire a handgun. He began shooting at Campbell and Hale.

In the Globe Restaurant, Stoudenmire heard the gunfire and charged out the door, drawing his six-shooter as he ran. At that point, Campbell made a foolish and fatal error. He drew his pistol, shouting he had no part in the fight. George intended to throw his gun to the ground. His intention was lost on Dallas. The grim-faced lawman snapped

a shot toward Hale, but a young Mexican bystander ran across his line of fire and fell dead in the street. Dallas thumbed a second shot, drilling the tall Johnny Hale squarely between the eyes. He then swung the muzzle toward George Campbell. Gus Krempkau was already firing, and one of his shots shattered Campbell's right arm. With his left hand, George reached for his six-shooter lying in the street. Before he could retrieve the weapon, Stoudenmire pumped a round into his mid-section. The fight was over. Hale and the young Mexican were dead, and both Campbell and Krempkau were dying. The entire incident had consumed only a few seconds. A wild-eyed Marshal Stoudenmire surveyed the situation momentarily, holding his smoking pistol in readiness, before returning it to the holster. He had asserted his authority in an impressive manner, and the spectators were convinced that law had come to El Paso.

A subsequent inquest cleared Stoudenmire of any wrongdoing in the incident, judging his actions to be justified. The necessary burials were completed, and the town settled into an uneasy calm, awaiting any developments. On April 17, Stoudenmire received an anonymous note warning him to be out of town by the end of the day. That evening he exercised additional precaution while making his appointed rounds after dark. He enlisted the aid of his brother-in-law, Dec Cummings. Doc walked beside Dallas with a sawed-off shotgun cradled under his arm.

The Manning brothers had been urging Bill Johnson to take revenge against Stoudenmire for the incident involving the jail keys. They had supplied the liquor to keep him well pickled while they exhorted him to action. By the evening of April 17, 1881, they had fanned the flames sufficiently. Johnson planned an ambush.

As previously stated, the main street of the town was El Paso Street, running due north from the Rio Grande, barely a mile

away. The first street north of the river, at right to El Paso Street, was Overland. Most of the business section of El Paso was contained between Overland and San Antonio Street, just a block north. El Paso Street emptied out of a plaza a little north of San Antonio Street. At the intersection of El Paso and San Antonio streets, the new State National Bank building had just been completed. On the opposite, or west side of El Paso Street, were Frank Manning's saloon and a couple of small business establishments. In front of the new bank building, a pile of bricks remained in the street from the construction work. Bill Johnson was perched on top of the bricks, awaiting the new marshal, as darkness enveloped the town.

Stoudenmire and Cummings walked carefully north on the east side of El Paso Street, approaching the new bank building site. It was dark now, and they could not see Johnson awaiting them. Nervous and drunk, Bill fingered the trigger of his shotgun. Before the marshal and Doc could get into range, Bill fired his gun. The charge flew harmlessly over their heads. Both men began firing at Johnson, now visible on the pile of bricks. In the twinkling of an eye, eight slugs perforated his body and ex-Deputy Marshal William Johnson was dead on the bricks.

After a moment of silence, sporadic firings began across the street from the darkened Frank Manning saloon. Stoudenmire's response was startling. He charged toward the darkened saloon, firing as he ran. His unknown assailants faded silently into the shadows and fled, as the firing ceased. A ricocheting bullet penetrated Stoudenmire's heel during the brief exchange, inflicting a superficial, though painful, wound. The attempted ambush was over, and Dallas had prevailed once more. Even the Manning clan were convinced they had law and order in the city.

Dallas went to the Texas Ranger camp in Ysleta to spend a few days in peace while his wounded heel mended. When he

returned, he found El Paso to be unusually serene and the citizenry giving full attention to the long-awaited arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad. It had been years in the building, and reports say over 1,600 Chinese laborers had been engaged in laying track from California to Texas. Many years had passed since President Franklin Pierce announced the purchase of a large tract of territory from Mexico in 1853 in order to secure the right-of-way. Senator James Gadsden paid ten million dollars to Mexican President Santa Anna for a large slice of New Mexico and Arizona territories. Now, in May the silver rails finally linked Texas with the Pacific Ocean. El Paso became an important commercial crossroads virtually overnight.

A gala reception was held to welcome Southern Pacific and political officials to El Paso. Dallas was highly visible as a happy participant in the social activity. He always enjoyed dancing and drinking - particularly the latter. He was a habitual heavy consumer of alcoholic beverages.

In the months that followed, Dallas displayed a high degree of efficiency in the discharge of his duties, including a surprising talent for criminal investigation. He had other duties, also. The marshal was responsible for maintaining the streets in the town, and this was accomplished by the use of the prisoner population which happened to occupy the jail at the moment. There were also fines to collect, plus the ten-dollar license fee levied against all professional ladies of the evening. The city fathers were delighted with the peaceful transition of El Paso into a respectable town.

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