

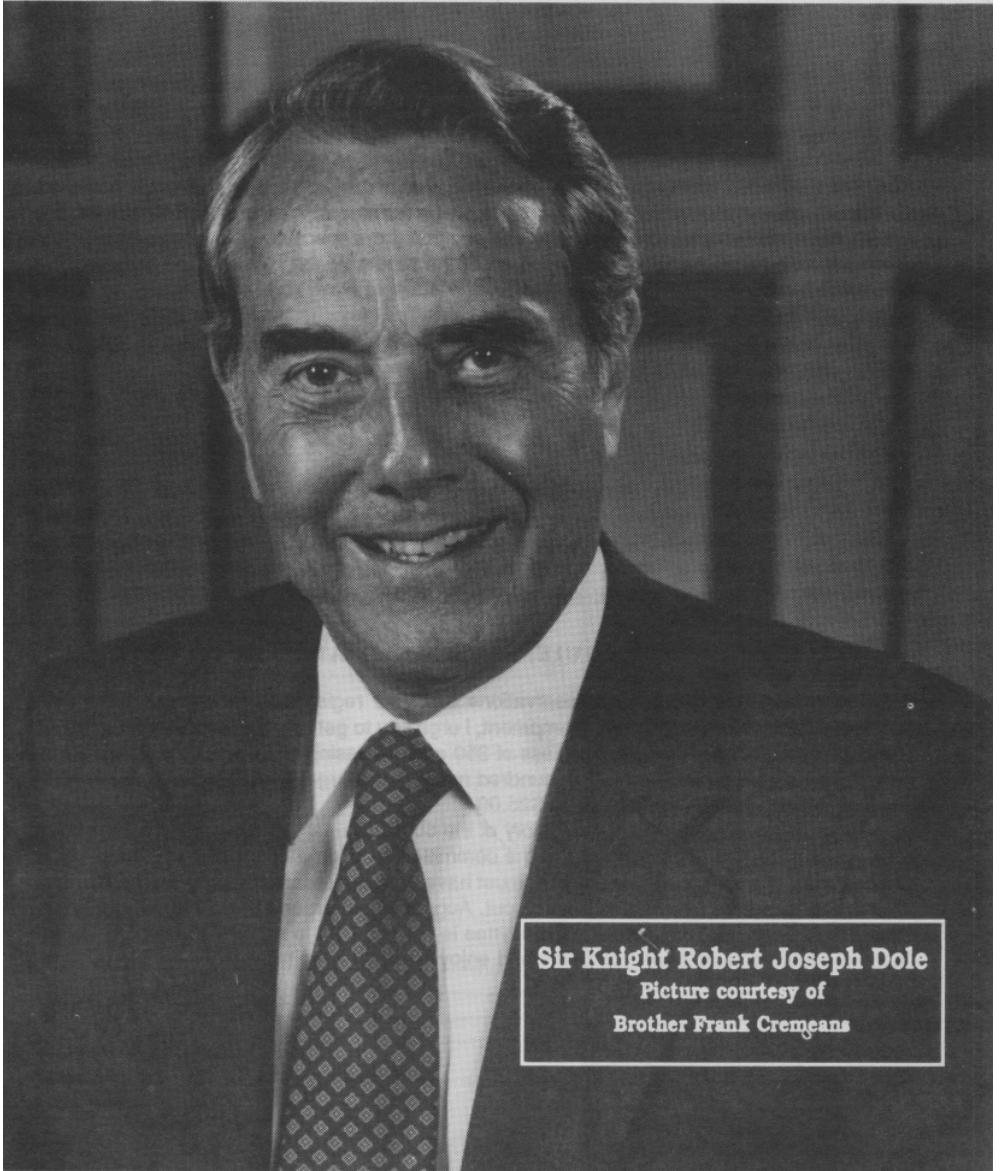


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Sir Knight Robert Joseph Dole  
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## Spring in All of Its Glory

It was promised in the April issue of *Knight Templar* magazine that there would be a report on the Easter Sunrise Service, and here it is. On our 18th visit to the nations capital to celebrate the annual Easter observance, my Lady Dorella and I had our hopes and prayers answered in that the weather was absolutely beautiful. We have been blessed this past three years with nothing more than cloudy, cold, and windy Easter mornings. This year was really more than could be expected. We had a rain shower at the time of the luncheon on Saturday, but when we left the luncheon, the rain was long gone. The weekend temperature was in the lower 700 range. The sky



was mostly cloudless, and winds were very slight. One could not have ordered more perfect weather. Also, if you did not attend, you missed some of the finest meals that have been served by the Hotel Washington. The Easter Service was outstanding under the direction of our Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith. For those of you who were not in attendance, read page 5 of the March issue of *Knight Templar* magazine. The fellowship was great, and everyone enjoyed himself. To top off the entire weekend, the famous cherry blossoms were at their peak and in full bloom. Washington, DC, was bulging at the seams with people. Most were there to see that great spectacle, the **cherry blossoms**.

I must be a little selfish as to this part of the report. At the luncheon on Saturday, Sir Knight Walter Drake, Grand Commander of the state of New York, presented your Grand Master with a Missouri mule that he made especially for the occasion. There were many photographs taken, and there will be a report on this presentation in a later issue of the magazine. Thank you, Sir Knight Waiter.

Your Grand Master also received an invitation from Sir Knight Willard Clutter, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, to assist him in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. What a memorable event in the history of the 60th Triennium. Sir Knight Clutter, your Grand Master is most appreciative and thanks all from Indiana for their hospitality.

I urge every Sir Knight in the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment and every Grand Commander to attend one Easter Sunrise Service in our nation's capital. It is an experience that you will never forget. Even though this was our 18th consecutive Easter Service in Washington, DC, every one is different and has a special meaning.

### Meet Me In St. Louie, Sir Knight And Lady Louie!

If you have not made your hotel reservations and your registration for attending the 60th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, I urge you to get them in before April 30, 1997. The hotel reservations are now in excess of 350 and increasing every day. We are sure that the hotel reservations will top the five hundred mark. Don't forget that after the April 30, 1997 deadline the registration fee increases \$25.00.

If you want to be a part of the history of the 60th Triennial Conclave, get your program book advertising and booster sheets to the committee as soon as possible. The cut-off date has not been announced, but the printer must have time to prepare the program book. Sir Knights, time is fast running out. August is just around the corner, and there is still much to be done. The Conclave Committee is hard at work to make this one of the finest Triennials ever, and we hope you come and enjoy Missouri hospitality.

Blair Christy Mayford  
Grand Master

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

MAY: The Annual Voluntary Campaign is over! You can check the states' tally on page 9, but the final results will be available later. Sir Knight Winkelman has closing remarks on the Campaign on page 5. Grand Master Mayford has a report on the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service on page 2. We have praises for the Holy Land Pilgrimage on page 7, and an informative summary of Masonic internet activities on page 10. This month's feature story is about remarkable Sir Knight Robert Joseph Dole, starting on page 11. Don't miss the startling conclusion of our story on Bother Dallas Stoudenmire on page 25. In addition, we are offering a timely article on organizing your bodies by Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, R.E.D.C., Southwestern.

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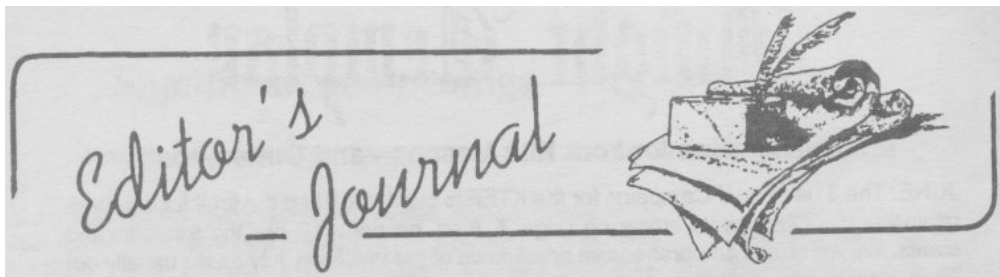
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**Important Announcement:** Due to automation, the Post Office is requiring us to make changes to many addresses that we have on file; therefore, you may begin noticing these changes on your mailing label; whether subtle or drastic, we had to do it!

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

**Announcing: The Widow's pin to commemorate those who were active Templars:** The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A **green** pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a **red** Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this **Includes Commanders, Past Commanders** and **grand officers**). Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece,

payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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

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

KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 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



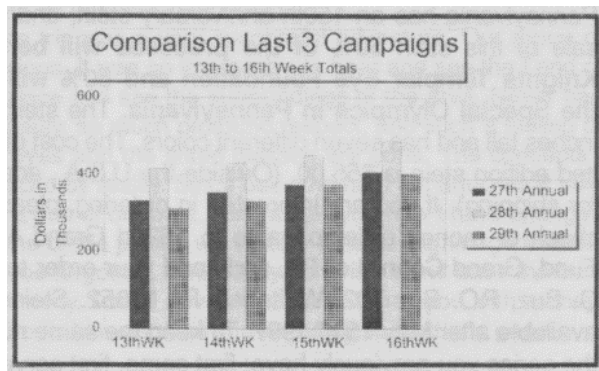
Mission  
Completed

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

In this month's photograph, the Space Shuttle is shown seconds from Main Landing Gear Touchdown and moving rapidly toward completion of its assigned mission. Our version of the Shuttle Mission, better known as the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, touched down on April 30, 1997, and is within days of completion of the mission it was designated to accomplish. The final results are being tabulated in the Chicago office, and we soon will know how successful we have been. Historically, more than 50% of the Campaign funds are received during the month of April and its "overflow period," so we are waiting breathlessly to see if history will repeat itself.

Our version of the Shuttle Mission had continued to become more stable during the fourth four-week period of the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar

Eye Foundation, but it continued to remain behind last year's pace for the same time period. The gap between the current campaign and the one of two years ago had shrunk to nearly zero as shown in the chart of a \$10.00 contribution or if your Commandery did not plan a fundraising event and hold it, you and/or your Commandery missed an opportunity to become members of the Crew of our **29th Annual Voluntary Campaign**, who are therefore able to say that they provided some of the necessary funds to continue future operations of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at the levels experienced in the past. There was one additional grand jurisdiction and one additional subordinate jurisdiction that met the goal of \$10.00 per member during the month of March. Congratulations to the Grand Commandery of Nevada and to Solo Di Aruba No. 1 for reaching \$10.83 per member and \$86.36 per member, respectively. There are three



jurisdictions reporting numbers between \$5.00 and \$10.00, but unfortunately, there are fourteen jurisdictions reporting numbers less than \$1.00 per member.

Although it is too late to be counted in the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign, 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 goal of a future campaign. And there will be many future campaigns, because the Knights Templar Eye Foundation does provide a service that will always be needed by the less fortunate in our society, who are suffering from diseases and injuries to their eyes.

Many, many thanks for all that each of you has done during the past five months to help our **great humanitarian charity**.

### **Stay tuned for the final results of the Campaign!**

SIR KNIGHTS, THE CREW OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION WILL ALWAYS BE EVERY ONE OF YOU, AND ITS SUCCESS EACH YEAR WILL ALWAYS DEPEND STRICTLY UPON YOUR EFFORTS!

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### **Sale Of Masonic Pin Benefits Knights Templar Eye Foundation**



This beautiful pin is 14 kt. gold overlay and made in the U.S.A. **Proceeds from the sale of this pin will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.** Price of \$6.00 each includes mailing. Checks should be payable to W. W. Longworth, 502 Wentworth Avenue, N.E., Roanoke, VA 24012-3545

### **York Rite Stein To Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Special Olympics**

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania has an 150th anniversary stein, and from the sale of this stein **50% of the proceeds will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and 50% will benefit the Special Olympics in Pennsylvania.** The stein is eight inches tall and has seven different colors. The cost of this limited edition stein is \$55.00. (Outside the U.S.A., add \$15.00 for shipping). If you are interested in ordering, please make check or money order payable to 152nd Grand Assembly Fund, Grand Council of PA, and send your order to Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. Steins will be available after May 15 of 1997. To keep the same number in the series you previously have; first come, first served.



## Letters from Pilgrim Ministers

The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land was an experience of a lifetime, indeed. Although the traveling part was over on February 13, the cherished memories make the pilgrimage an event that continues in my thoughts and experience.

The arrangements in Israel couldn't have been any better. Everything was perfect. The hotels, food, tour buses, and tour guides were excellent. Above all, you, like the knights of old, were with us to make sure that the pilgrim ministers missed nothing of that marvelous spiritual journey.

I have a lot of precious insights to share from this pilgrimage. I will be sharing the blessings that have been given me on several occasions. I will be sharing the same with my church and with St. Omer Commandery at Burlington, Iowa, on Ascension Day, May 7.

I am grateful to the Grand Commandery of the state of Iowa, to St. Omer Commandery, and to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., for this wonderful opportunity to be with Jesus.

Dr. Paul Benjamin, Pastor  
West Hill United Methodist Church  
Burlington, Iowa

As you may have heard, I was with my father six days before he died. I told him that I was going to cancel the trip to the Holy Land. His reaction was swift and strong: "No," he said. "This is an opportunity of a lifetime for you. You have to take it. What will happen will happen. I will die and things will fall in place. Everything is set, and it is what I want you to do." He died in my presence and with many of my brothers and sisters, also. That was February 3, 1997. My group was to leave for the Holy Land on February 4. After my dad died, my entire family agreed that I should go to the Holy Land. It was our dad's wish, it was a trip of great importance, and it was an opportunity that could not be passed up. So I left on February 4 with Bob Stewart and Wendall Kopish driving me to Milwaukee.

Thus started my journey. Torn by the toughest decision of my life, I placed my trust in God and asked my dad to go with me. Indeed, I felt his presence. Our flight was loaded early, but because of de-icing, we did not leave Milwaukee until our scheduled time. Once airborne, I knew that everything was going to be great.

We arrived in St. Louis and then on to New York under the supervision of Fred Lesley. We received our tickets and things fell into place. It was a very professional organization. One could tell that this trip was being handled by experienced people. I was amazed at the way things proceeded; the trip, the information that was forwarded to us, the smoothness and flow of all that was happening.

Let me assure you that the trip was a very successful adventure. Our group of ministers and others were marvelous. It was so impressive to hear and see the Land of Scripture, see where they took place and see the surroundings of the area. Never had I imagined so much; so much beauty, so much profound respect, and such a feeling of holiness. I see things with new eyes and the tinted glasses are gone. The concepts I had have vanished and are replaced by reality. Since being home, I am amazed at how much of what I saw and did was a part of our past. I cannot tell you how I have changed my preaching when I speak of one of the places we visited. What a pilgrimage it was!

Your gift to me shall never be forgotten. I will always cherish it and have the best memories because of your generosity. I shall never be able to repay you with money, but I shall pray for you and ask God's blessings on you for being so kind and generous.

Reverend C. Terry LaCombe  
Marinette, Wisconsin

## In Memoriam



John H. Rich  
Missouri  
Grand Commander-1960  
Born June 12, 1909  
Died January 13, 1997

Donald S. Seeley  
Vermont  
Grand Commander-1987  
Born October 31, 1917  
Died March 1, 1997

Clyde H. Putnam  
Vermont  
Grand Commander-1986  
Born August 25, 1909  
Died March 2, 1997

Raymond William Cable  
Nevada  
Grand Commander-1981  
Born October 10, 1908  
Died March ii, 1997

Raymond F. Sutton  
Vermont  
Grand Commander-1972  
Born February 4, 1918  
Died March 17, 1997

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No. 100,610-Odie B. Stover (TN)  
No. 100,611-Miles Scandrett (CA)  
No. 100,612-100,615-Solo Di Aruba  
*No. 1, Aruba, Netherland, Antilles*  
No. 100,612-Marvin W. Dupersoy  
No. 100,613-Ismael J. Wolter  
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No. 2,732-Frank W. Gnoo (GA)  
No. 2,733-Rupert Queen (GA)  
No. 2,734-Rodney L. Johnson  
(Anchorage No. 1, Alaska)  
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How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the per-*pose* 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 \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Masters Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for

### Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc. Twenty-ninth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending April 11, 1997. The total amount contributed to date is \$499,248.46.

Alabama .....	\$10,067.47
Arizona .....	7,745.50
Arkansas .....	4,823.10
California.....	17,063.96
Colorado.....	9,632.00
Connecticut.....	5,036.00
Delaware.....	651.25
District of Columbia	1,934.00
Florida .....	13,733.00
Georgia .....	50,054.50
Idaho .....	2,429.39
Illinois .....	10,323.00
Indiana .....	6,462.12
Iowa.....	6,688.83
Kansas.....	1,904.65
Kentucky .....	8,880.50
Louisiana.....	4,950.00
Maine .....	9,661.69
Maryland .....	6,770.00
Mass/R.I. ....	9,870.50
Michigan.....	9,586.50
Minnesota.....	1,239.00
Mississippi.....	1,915.00
Missouri.....	37,700.02
Montana .....	1,615.00

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 dubs 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.

### ***Yes, We Have Moved!***

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Nebraska .....	5,535.29
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New Jersey.....	5,120.55
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New York.....	7,918.47
North Carolina.....	9,048.59
North Dakota.....	508.00
Ohio .....	17,819.50
Oklahoma .....	855.00
Oregon.....	5,982.25
Pennsylvania.....	52,072.11
South Carolina.....	9,188.60
South Dakota .....	2,101.00
Tennessee.....	13,848.42
Texas.....	10,580.20
Utah .....	8,300.39
Vermont .....	4,485.00
Virginia.....	26,512.00
Washington .....	4,944.25
West Virginia.....	12,420.00
Wisconsin .....	14,379.00
Wyoming.....	7,481.00
Philippines .....	60.00
Honolulu No. 1 .....	400.00
Porto Rico No. 1.....	750.00
Anchorage No. 2 .....	3,300.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico .....	15.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany .....	1,600
Italy Subordinates.....	110.00
Solo Di Aruba No. 1 .....	1,900.00
Miscellaneous .....	14,717.42

# Freemasonry on the Internet

by Sir Knight Dan Pushee, KYCH

Are YOU ready to "surf the net"? Are you "on-line"? These are some of the current in terms" used by people "connecting to the Internet" or "the information highway."

Recently Steve Case, CEO of America On Line (AOL), reported that "there were ninety-seven (97) million TV sets in U.S. households and thirteen (13) million personal computers or PCs. Steve also indicated that they currently have "over eight (8) million customers and AOL had a usage figure of one hundred (100) million hours in December of 1996."

Bill Gates, CEO of Microsoft, also, recently indicated that he anticipates that every household will eventually have a PC.

How many companies are still using typewriters? Even our school systems are teaching our youth how to use computers. The company that I work for manufactures resins or "plastic pellets" that are used to "mold" the CRT enclosures for Sony-Gateway computers. Over nine (9) million pounds have been utilized in that application since early 1996. That's a lot of CRTs!

The purpose of this introduction is to indicate that we in Freemasonry need to move "from the island of Malta to Cyberspace."

Sir Knight Jack Canard, E.P.C. of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, located in Alexandria, Virginia, has taken an initiative to help all Masons to do just that. In late November Sir Knight Jack returned to the northern Virginia area after spending some time in California. He found that it was very difficult to find out information about Masonic activities in order to get "reconnected" in that area. Jack then decided to "build a homepage or web site" on the Internet. In mid-January he published "The Virginia Masonic Information Net."

This net can be "viewed" at: <http://www.gslink.com/l-gcanard>. This net contains EVERYTHING that a Mason needs

to get started on his "search for more light" through the use of the Internet. its primary purpose is to provide timely notice to the Brethren of northern Virginia on all items that need a quick response. Sick lists and funeral notices are given a high priority. It contains links to over twenty-two (22) Masonic Grand Lodges, seventy-two (72) Lodges with "homepages," and many other sites for Masonic research and discussions. It also contains many non-Masonic links to help anyone discover and search the "Information Highway." This net currently contains over three hundred (300) members of the Craft who are able to E-mail each other instantaneously.

In addition to this net and as a cooperative effort to that site, another homepage has been constructed. This site is listed as "The Virginia Knight Templar Information Net." It can be viewed at: <http://members.aol.com/kych52va/indox.html>. The purpose of this net is to provide unofficial information on Commandery activities in Virginia and Templary in general. The page currently contains "Knight Line News," a schedule of events, a description of the Orders, information on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and an "In Remembrance" page to honor departed Sir Knights, and it provides a viable data base on all Grand Commandery officers, committees, and Virginia Commanderies. It will also carry the Grand Commander's schedule. This net has been on-line since January 22, 1997, and has an active list of over forty Sir Knights.

Each one of these "sites" contains a "counter," so you can show your support by visiting. Why not "get connected," and let's go surfing on the net and spread **the light of Freemasonry**.

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## Sir Knight Robert Joseph Dole: Twentieth Century Statesman

Throughout the twentieth century, many noted members of the United States Senate have also been Masons. Politically, they range from some of the most liberal; for example, Hubert Humphrey and George McGovern; to some of the most conservative; for example, John Bricker and Jesse Helms. They have included such respective party stalwarts as Democrat Robert Byrd and Republican Everett Dirksen as well as political mavericks typified by Robert LaFollette, George Norris, and Burton Wheeler. Seated comfortably near the center, albeit slightly to the right, in this panorama of statesmen is a man who occupied center stage for nearly twenty-eight years. Like the other aforementioned Senate notables, it has not been Robert Dole's destiny to attain the highest office in the land. Yet, like the Senate giants of the nineteenth century; Clay, Calhoun and Webster; Sir Knight Dole may be as remembered by posterity as they have been, while lesser figures who occupied the White House such as Tyler, Fillmore and Pierce are largely forgotten.

Like many Americans who have attained stature, Robert Joseph Dole comes from modest, albeit honorable, beginnings. Born in Russell, Kansas, on July 22, 1923 to Doran R. and Bina Talbott Dole, Bob grew up a typical Midwestern small town youth. Like many Great Depression era families, the Doles struggled with the hard times that characterized the thirties. Doran Dole advanced from running an egg and cream station to managing a grain elevator. Mrs. Dole was a Singer sewing machine sales agent. When a minor oil boom hit Russell, the family rented rooms in their home to oilfield

workers and moved into the basement. Young Bob had a paper route and then worked in a local drugstore. He also displayed an interest in high school sports, competing in football, basketball and track. Following high school graduation in the spring of 1941, Bob entered the University of Kansas with intentions of studying medicine.

American entry into World War II in December 1941 changed the course of millions of American lives. After finishing his second year of college, Bob Dole enlisted in the United States Army. He became a member of the 10th Mountain Division and saw extensive combat duty in Italy. While leading an attack on a German machine gun unit in the Po Valley on April 14, 1945, parts of an exploding shell hit Lieutenant Dole.

His combat career ended suddenly, and the young officer now began a fight for life. His right shoulder was virtually gone, some neck and spinal vertebrae were fractured and several slivers of metal penetrated his body. Three years of hospital rehabilitation followed including three major operations. Slowly the wounded soldier recovered the ability to stand, walk, and use his left arm and hand. During his period of recovery, Dole met and married Phyllis Holden, a young physiotherapist who had helped with his recovery. When he reentered college, Phyllis took lecture notes for him until he learned to write with his left hand. The couple later had a daughter Robin. Their marriage, however, ended in January 1972. In 1975, he married again to Elizabeth Hanford of Raleigh, North Carolina

Discharged from the Army in 1948 with the rank of Captain. Bob Dole now displayed a determination to return to college

and pursue a career in law. Taking advantage of the GI Bill, he briefly attended the University of Arizona and benefited from Tucson's healthful climate. Returning to Kansas, Dole completed a B.A. degree at Washburn University in Topeka. He then entered its law school.

In 1950, a twenty-seven-year-old Dole made his initial entry into politics when he became a candidate for the Kansas legislature. Although his forebears had been Democrats, Bob Dole chose to cast his political future with the GOP which has generally been the dominant party in the Sunflower State. Elected in November 1950, the young legislator completed his law degree, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1952. With His law license in hand, Bob Dole returned to Russell that fall where he was elected county attorney, a part-time position that also permitted him to pursue a private practice. He held this office for four two-year terms.

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During this eight-year residence in Russell, Bob Dole participated in a variety of community and service groups. He joined the Kiwanis Club, Trinity Methodist Church, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and several veterans' organizations. He also petitioned Russell Lodge No. 177, Free and Accepted Masons. Bob Dole was subsequently initiated an Entered Apprentice on April 19, 1955; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on June 7; and was raised a

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After eight years as prosecutor in Russell County, Bob Dole decided to seek a seat in Congress. His district, which covered virtually the western half of the state, was a large one, but he managed to win both the primary and general election and went on to serve eight years before moving to the Senate. During his years in the House, Dole served on the Agriculture Committee where he became a spokesman for Kansas wheat farmers. He also became a strong critic of liberal policies. A popular speaker on the GOP dinner circuit, Sir Knight Dole spoke at a Lincoln Day dinner in McArthur, Ohio, on March 21, 1964, in company with local Congressman and Brother Homer E. "Pete" Abele of Delta Lodge No. 207 and Jackson Commandery No. 53. It was this writer's pleasure to meet and shake hands with the gentleman from Kansas that evening.

When veteran Senator and Brother Frank Carlson announced his retirement early in 1968. Congressman Dole stood for the seat, winning sixty-eight per cent in the primary, followed by another relatively easy sixty per cent victory in November. In the Senate. Dole gained an early reputation as a strong supporter and defender of Nixon administration policies. This led to his subsequent elevation to the position of chairman of the Republican National Committee. However, when the Watergate scandal ultimately led to the demise of the

Nixon presidency, Dole narrowly managed to win a second term in the Senate in November 1974. An anti-Nixon backlash nearly ended his career as he squeezed out a narrow victory of a less than two per cent margin. His third, fourth, and fifth terms, however, were won easily, and his Senate stature grew accordingly.

During his senate years, the aggressive, youthful congressman mellowed somewhat as he became more of a coalition and consensus builder. With a Republican President and a Democratic Congress, Dole realized that in order to accomplish their goals, the GOP must build some bridges to the opposition. While toning down some of the old partisan fire, a more moderate and more off active Senator emerged. Ironically, when the GOP came to control the Senate, some of the younger firebrands sometimes viewed him as too willing to compromise.

After 1974, Bob Dole became something of a spokesman for the Ford administration, and in 1976, President and Brother Gerald Ford selected him as his running mate. Republicans had not yet fully recovered from the Watergate imbroglio and the primary challenge of former California Governor Reagan had also been divisive. Trailing Democratic nominee Jimmy Carter by double digits at convention time, the Ford-Dole forces took the offensive with Dole firing most of the salvos. In spite of some costly errors, they closed most of the gap by November and provided the American people with the tightest electoral count since 1916. By sweeping most of the western states the final total stood at 297 to 240. A change of 10,000 votes in Ohio and 15,000 in Mississippi would have given them victory.

Dole's narrow loss of the Vice Presidency did not diminish his Senate stature, and he soon emerged as a prominent critic of the Carter administration while making efforts to remold his image as a "conservative with compassion." Although successful to a degree, it was

not enough to propel him to the top level of GOP presidential hopefuls in 1980, and he withdrew after the New Hampshire primary to seek and win a third term in the Senate. The victory of Ronald Reagan that November provided coattails of sufficient length to give the GOP a majority in the upper house for the first time since 1954. Bob Dole became chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

In his new role, Senator Dole played a leading part in the passage of two major bills, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 and Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982. He also proved to be a key player in preservation of the Food Stamp program, extension of the Voting Rights Act, and the Social Security bailout of 1983, plus legislation making Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a national holiday. Dole also became known as a champion of legislation on behalf of the handicapped.



Candidate Dole makes a point.

Picture courtesy of Brother Frank Cremeans.

After the retirement of Howard Baker, Bob Dole became the GOP leader in the Senate, a position he held for eleven and one-half years (majority leader, 1965-86, 1995-1996; minority leader, 1987-94), until he relinquished the post to Brother Trent Loft of Mississippi and a member of Pascagoula Lodge No. 419.



*Robert and Elizabeth Dole*

In 1988, Robert Dole mounted another presidential challenge with a much stronger organization than in 1980. He scored an impressive win in Iowa, but stumbled in New Hampshire and afterward when Vice President George Bush put together an impressive string of victories that left Dole and the other major challenger, Brother Jack Kemp (of Fraternal Lodge No. 625 in Hamburg, NY) far behind. Like the team player that he had always been, Dole continued to serve as a major spokesman for the Bush administration, and Elizabeth Dole, who had served as Secretary of Transportation earlier in the Reagan administration, became Secretary of Labor (until resigning to head the Red Cross).

The GOP Congressional victories in November 1994 again elevated Bob Dole to the status of Senate Majority Leader and made him an early favorite for his party's presidential nomination. After a rocky beginning in the 1996 primaries, the Senator put together a string of victories that left his principal rivals; Lamar Alexander, Patrick Buchanan, and Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr.; far behind in delegate totals. Some Buchanan supporters, in particular, seemed to reflect a touch of anti-Masonic sentiment, one being quoted on NPR that he would have a hard time voting for a 33° degree Mason. Somewhat surprising to many, Sir Knight Dole not only chose to retire in early summer from the Senate, but also chose Brother Jack Kemp as his running mate. While it is true that Dole neither particularly warmed up to nor really understood the "supply-side" economics that Kemp had long championed,

their political differences tended to be otherwise minute. The Dole-Kemp "All Masonic" ticket ended up winning nineteen states for a total of 159 electoral votes. They won back three states the GOP had lost in 1992; Colorado, Georgia, and Montana; but lost normally Republican Florida and Arizona, probably because of the so-called "Mediscare." Rightly or wrongly, many voters viewed incumbent President Clinton as having co-opted many of the positions normally taken by Republicans. Nonetheless, Sir Knight Dole accepted his defeat with grace and has since appeared in national TV in such roles ranging from guest on David Letterman to a commercial for Visa Card (donating the proceeds to charity).

In conclusion, while Robert Joseph Dole may have fallen short of his presidential quest, his life still represents triumph over adversity. The small-town Kansan, whose broken and wounded body lay at death's door on that Italian battlefield in mid-April 1945, made a remarkable comeback. He could have opted to spend the rest of his life drawing a disability pension and swapping war stories with other veterans in some American Legion hall out on the Great Plains. Instead, he gave the people of Kansas a decade of dedicated public service and the American people another 35½ years in the House and Senate of like dedication. On January 17, 1997, his opponent, President Clinton, rewarded him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. To borrow a phrase from the title of Brother John Wayne's most celebrated motion picture, Sir

Knight Bob Dole has and continues to display **true grit**.

***Next month: Brother Jack French Kemp***

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an unabashed and unapologetic admirer and supporter of Sir Knight Dole. One may also wish to consult an earlier article, Our Templar Senators, by J. E. Behrens in the October 1977 issue of Knight Templar, pp. 7-12

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## Discount Air Fares to Triennial in St. Louis

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## In Memoriam

### **Morton Philip Steyer - 1914-1997**

#### **R.E. North Central Department Commander-1988-1991**

Sir Knight Morton P. Steyer was born in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, on January 25, 1914, and resided in Omaha, Nebraska, most of his life. He was married to Barbara and had a daughter Margaret. He was a retired office manager/bookkeeper and was appointed Right Eminent North Central Department Commander on August 9, 1988, by Most Eminent Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler at Lexington, Kentucky.

Active in many civic activities, he also had an illustrious Masonic career: Raised in Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha, serving as Worshipful Master, 1968; member of Membership Promotion Committee and Perpetual Life Membership Committee, Grand Lodge of Nebraska; Florence Chapter No. 61, Omaha, High Priest, 1953; President Nebraska Council of Anointed High Priests, 1981; Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter, Nebraska, 1986; Omaha Council No. 1, Illustrious Master, 1961, and Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Nebraska Council, Order of the Silver Trowel; Illustrious Grand Master of Grand Council of Nebraska, 1975; Past Commander and Prelate of Jordan Commandery No. 15, Blair, Nebraska, and Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Nebraska, 1985; was a member of KT Educational Foundation Committee, KT Eye Foundation Committee and York Rite Finance Committee of Grand Commandery. Room does not allow us to mention all his Masonic memberships.

Sir Knight Steyer is survived by Barbara Steyer, 5668 Filmore, Omaha, NE 68152

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

### CHAPTER I

#### **Are Freemasons Templar Progeny?**

Have you read *Born in Blood* by John J. Robinson? Do you believe that the medieval Knights of the Temple in Great Britain, who were driven underground after the order for their arrest was published by Pope Clement V and King Philip IV of France, continued as a secret organization and emerged in 1717 as Freemasonry? That is what this chapter is about. No matter how you answer the above question, you should read this: if your answer is yes, I think that it will reinforce your belief; if your answer is no to either of the questions, you should read this to become a better informed Knight Templar.

Scully, in Chapter IV, "Medieval Knighthood and Freemasonry," of his *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America*, in speaking of the medieval order of the Knights of the Temple states in the last sentence at the bottom of page 34:

"When the Order was suppressed, it was a Christian secret society with a secret doctrine and a secret rite of initiation. At its peak were the Knights, and at its base were the workingmen, many of them operative masons, builders, and no doubt belonging to the various guilds and societies of their craft. It is difficult to believe that such an active and prominent organization could vanish completely without any trace or influence left upon those who followed after."

The several theories which he enumerates on pages 36-37 indicate a connection between the medieval order and the present order, and even between the medieval

order and Freemasonry. As he stated, these theories came from Brown's *Highlights of Templar History*, which also included:

"Dr. Oliver quotes two authorities who affirmed the belief that the Templars and Freemasonry have been in close relationship for a long period. The first of these was an opponent of Freemasonry, from whom Dr. Oliver quotes: Barruel, however, expressly asserts that the whole system of Masonry was derived from the Templars'... After the extinction of their order, a certain number of criminal knights, who had escaped the general proscription, formed a body to perpetuate their frightful mysteries. They formed adepts who were to perpetuate and transmit from generation to generation the same mysteries of initiation, the same oaths, etc...' (*History of Jacobinism*, Vol. II, p.378)

"Dr. Oliver also quotes another authority on the same theory: A talented living Brother is persuaded that the Templars' order has been preserved in the system of Freemasonry from the period of its proscription...' He continues that the same authority further stated 'I am fully convinced that the Order of the Templars received by them (Masons), and to our days preserved, with its constitution, ceremonials, and titles as a Christian order. This is well attested by the Grand Lodge of Kilwinning, and several conclaves established in Scotland, England, Ireland, and particularly in France.' (Husenbeth's *Essay, in the Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, 1838, p.29)" (*Brown's Highlights of Templar History*, p.43)

The inimitable historian, John J. Robinson, while researching information on the Peasants' Revolt, became convinced



that Freemasonry was founded by those Knights Templar who were never discovered by the authorities in England.

In the "Introduction" to *Born in Blood*, Robinson wrote:

'The research behind this book was not originally intended to reveal anything about Freemasonry or the Knights Templar. Its objective had been to satisfy my own curiosity about certain unexplained aspects of the Peasants' Revolt in England in 1381, a savage uprising that saw upwards of a hundred thousand Englishmen march on London. They moved in uncontrolled rage, burning down manor houses, breaking open prisons, and cutting down any who stood in their way.

"One unsolved mystery of that revolt was the organization behind it. For several years a group of disgruntled priests of the lower clergy had traveled the towns, preaching against the riches and corruption of the church. During the months before the uprising, secret meetings had been held throughout central England by men weaving a network of communication. After the revolt was put down, rebel leaders confessed to being agents of a Great Society, said to be based in London. So very little is known of that alleged organization that several scholars have solved the mystery simply by deciding that no such secret society ever existed.

"Another mystery was the concentrated and especially vicious attacks on the religious order of the Knights Hospitaller of St. John, now known as the Knights of Malta. Not only did the rebels seek out their properties for vandalism and fire, but their prior was dragged from the Tower of London to have his head struck off and placed on London Bridge, to the delight of the cheering mob.

"There was no question that the ferocity unleashed on the crusading Hospitallers had a purpose behind it. One captured rebel leader, when asked the reason for the revolt, said, 'First and

above all ... the destruction of the Hospitallers.' What kind of secret society could have had that special hatred as one of its primary purposes?

"A desire for vengeance against the Hospitallers was easy to identify in the rival crusading order of the Knights of the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem. The problem was that those Knights Templar had been completely suppressed almost seventy years before the Peasants' Revolt, following several years during which the Templars had been imprisoned, tortured, and burned at the stake. After issuing the decree that put an end to the Templar order, Pope Clement V had directed that all of the extensive properties of the Templars should be given to the Hospitallers. Could a Templar desire for revenge actually have survived underground for three generations?

"There was no incontrovertible proof, yet the only evidence suggests the existence of just one secret society in fourteenth century England, the society that was, or should become, the order of Free and Accepted Masons...

"I was aware that there had been many attempts in the past to link the Freemasons with the Knights Templar, but never success. ..I was not about to travel down that time worn trail, and decided to concentrate my efforts on digging deeper into the history of the Knights Templar, to see if there was any link between the suppressed Knights and the secret society behind the Peasants' Revolt. In doing so, I thought that I would be leaving Freemasonry far behind. I couldn't have been more mistaken."

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## On the Masonic Newsfront...

### Boracci To Host Cablevision Series On Mysteries Of Masonry

Sag Harbor, New York, writer Andrew Boracci, who is a Sir Knight of Patchogue Commandery No. 65, Islip, New York, has begun offering a series of twice a month, one-hour TV documentaries on Freemasonry over Cablevision Channel 27. "Exploring the Mysteries of Masonry" will be shown at 11:00 P.M. Thursday nights as a joint production of Cablevision TV Riverhead, the 17-Lodge Suffolk district of the New York State Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and the EastEnders Research Institute headquartered in Sag Harbor, of which Boracci is president.

"This is a delightful undertaking," said Sir Knight Boracci, who is serving his third volunteer term as Director of Communications for the Grand Lodge's Suffolk District, largest of all Masonic districts in New York State. "The oldest, most prestigious Fraternity in the world is probably the most misunderstood. The term 'mysterious,' however, is too often unfairly applied to a brotherhood bonded in love of God, family, fellow man, and humanity. But do we have a heck of a colorful history - one dating back to the warrior monks of the Crusades who called themselves Knights Templar, to those mystics of the Grand Lodge of England who pretended an antiquity linked to medieval stonemasons."

"Masonry," Boracci went on, "sparkles as dramatic antiquity, dramatic history, and dramatically ready for the future as it prepares to enter the new millennium just several years off."

The show's format, he said, is to bring on a guest or two to talk about one or more seemingly obscure Masonic activities, and to clarify misconceptions regarding the Masonic craft. Participating will be representatives of Suffolk's Blue Lodges as well as those of Masonry's concordant bodies such as the Shriners, Knights Templar, and 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Segments will be illustrated by still photographs, drawings, and video clips on loan from different Masonic organizations throughout the state and the nation. Considerable help will be forthcoming from the Robert N. Livingston Masonic Library housed in the Grand Lodge in New York City, thanks to Will Moore, its director.

For more information call Sir Knight Andrew Boracci, (516) 725-1860.

### Virginia Assembly, S.O.O.B., Installs Jewel Belote

Taken after the installation of Jewel Belote as Worthy President of Norfolk Assembly No. 235, S.O.O.B., the photo shows, left to right: Sir Knight Robert M. Ohman, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Virginia; Mrs. Bernard B. (Jewel) Belote, wife of Past Commander and Past Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Virginia; and Sir Knight Jesse A. Hughes, Eminent Commander of Grice Commandery No. 16, Norfolk, Virginia.



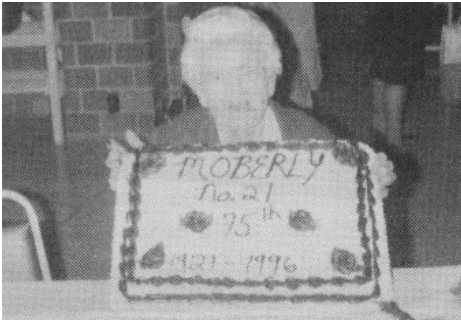
## Mayor Presents To Preceptor Mawson The Key To City



Larry Trenary, mayor of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, presented Ernest F Mawson, Very Eminent Preceptor of the Spirit of Truth Tabernacle No. 71, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, the symbolic Key to the City at their annual meeting held in Fort Walton Beach. Mayor Trenary in doing so pointed out the great job that Masons are doing for charity and the communities wherever located.

## Missouri Assembly, S.O.O.B., Celebrates 75th Birthday

Moberly Assembly No. 21, S.O.O.B., Moberly, Missouri, celebrated its 75th or diamond anniversary with its Recorder, Mrs. Herschel Wright, giving a brief history; a special program, Harvest Letters; and a recognition of all its Past Presidents. Each Past President was given a red rose by President, Mrs. John T. Lutz. Special recognition was given to Mrs. Omar Edwards, ninety-five, who served as President in 1954 and is the oldest in age and service, holding a station every year until 1996. In the picture below left, Mrs. Edwards is shown with the anniversary cake. In the picture below right, from left are: first row: Mrs. J. E. Thomas, PP.; Mrs. Carter Durbin; Mrs. Omar Edwards, P.P.; Mrs. James Kappler; Mrs. Delbert Dunkin, P.P.; Mrs. William Stephens, P.P. Second row: Mrs. J. T. Lutz, W.P; Mrs. Billy Gene Young, PP.; Mrs. C. K. Swan, PR; Mrs. Joseph McKinsey, P.P.; Mrs. Roy Kirgan. Back row: Mrs. Sam Reed; Mrs. Herschel Wright, PP.; Mrs. Roy Noel, P.P; Mrs. James Oliver, P.P; Mrs. Jerry Evans; and Ms. Alpha Biggers, new member.



## Masonic Secrets

One of the best kept secrets in the Masonic Fraternity is the different charities within our several different groups. We all know, or should know, of the Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and the Scottish Rite Learning Disabilities Clinic, but not many know of the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund (HIKE) of the International Order of Job's Daughters. This is a story about this fund.

A mother called the Shrine to see if her child could get help in receiving hearing aids. Another phone number was given to the mother. An application was sent to her with instructions to return it to the Guardian of Bethel No. 10, Montana, who was informed of the situation. The form was completed, sent to the Guardian who forwarded it to the proper

individuals. The mother and son, second recipients of hop, are shown in the picture with the members of Bethel No. 10. The first family to receive help from the HIKE fund were from Lewistown, Montana. They were sponsored by a Bethel in Great Falls. That was between five and ten years ago, but the word about this work is just getting out. Information must be given to schools, nurses, and doctors to be effective. Now you know so you can pass the word yourself.

Jobies are: top row, from left: Stacey Graham, Julie Webb, Shantell Coleman, Kelle Wendorf, and Jaime Loveridge; bottom row, from left: Kimberly Arnold, Lynsey Ross, Kristin Carmony, Shannon Skillesta:J, and Jamie 'bung. In from are Nina and Joseph showing the check.



### Masonic Youth At Circus In New Mexico



Knight Templar and Potentate William S. "Bill" Lord was assisted at this year's George Carden Shrine Circus by members of Albuquerque's Masonic youth. Seen aboard the Bafut Abyad Shrine Band trailer are: Sir Knight Lord seated next to ring-mistress Miss Nida and Noble John Denslow, Dad Advisor of Metro DeMolay Chapter, surrounded by Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolays. (article and photo by Sir Knight H. William Hart)

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

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



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

# Can Anything Be Good About a Bureaucracy?

by Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, KYGCH, KCT, P.G.C.  
Southwestern Department Commander

Would you be surprised if I told you that some of the best lessons in all history dealing with organization and **bureaucracy** are found in the Holy Bible?

When we think about bureaucracy, the mental picture created is usually one of a government office where people are more interested in *form* than *content*. We call a person a "bureaucrat" when he is only concerned with rules and regulations, not what is intended to be accomplished by those rules and regulations. The term "bureaucrat" has come to have a very unpleasant and unfavorable connotation.

It wasn't always so, however, and we can learn a lot if we go back to one of the origins of that concept.

One particular example of good organization is beneficial for Commanders of constituent Commanderies. It would also be beneficial to anyone filling a leadership position, but this article is addressed to Commanders. The information here will be helpful to anyone who has the responsibility of leading a Commandery, our important "grass-roots" structure.

The story comes from the book of Exodus. It takes place after the Israelites have been released from Egypt and were traveling through the wilderness in the Sinai Peninsula, being lead by God's chosen messenger - Moses.

We know that Moses must have been a very wise and intelligent person. He would have received a good education in the house of Pharaoh as a young man, since he was the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter. He showed many signs of natural leadership in securing the release of the Israelite slaves from Egypt. Furthermore, he had a special relationship

with the Great I Am, who certainly gave him much valuable instruction.

However, a critical piece of advice came to Moses from a most unlikely source - his father-in-law! (How many of us have perhaps been given unwanted advice from our fathers-in-law?)

Moses was lucky, however, because Jethro, the father of his wife, had come out to meet Moses and bring his wife and two sons to join him. (You may be interested in reading Exodus 18:13-27.) Jethro watched the daily routine of Moses, as the special, dedicated, appointed leader of those wandering people.

Moses would sit in judgment before the people, and the scripture says that they: <sup>U</sup> stood by Moses from the morning until the evening." Can't you just see it? A very long line of folks, stretched out across the sand, bringing to Moses all their problems both major and petty. They would all be hot, thirsty, impatient, and probably very hard to deal with. Apparently, no one else could make a decision in that group; Moses did it all!

Jethro pulled Moses aside one day and pointed out to him that this was a very inefficient way of doing things. (He didn't say it was a "crazy way to run a railroad," because of course he didn't know what a railroad was. He may have said it was a "crazy way to run a wandering in the wilderness!")

At any rate, Jethro said, in effect: "You will wear yourself out." He then advised Moses to concentrate on *policy* and not get bogged down in *detail*. He advised him to appoint subordinate leaders, rulers of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. (See Ex. 18, verse 20.) These men, with responsibility

for their own groups, would judge the people in all but the most important matters.

Guess what: That was a bureaucracy!

It was a valuable bit of advice, however, and greatly needed at the time. Moses did just what Jethro proposed and it worked. Everyone benefited. Moses was able to give overall

"We can follow the example of Moses in one way, however. He did not have all of the subordinate leaders reporting directly to him. He arranged a pyramid - bureaucracy, if you will, - with various levels reporting to the next level above. This structure creates a logical and workable flow of information and activity."

leadership more effectively. He was not worn out by overwork. In addition, the men who were given subordinate responsibility were able to develop their own skills. Furthermore, the people who had problems got more immediate attention and did not have to wait in that long line in the desert.

Can we, as leaders of a Commandery, learn a lesson from Moses and Jethro? There is no question that we can.

How many Commanders do we know who are "anything and everything" for their Commandery? How many: (a) open the doors of the Masonic Hall for the meeting, (b) bring the refreshments, (c) make the coffee, (d) see to it that everyone has the uniform items they need, (e) coordinate schedules with the Masonic Hall manager, arrange for the Christmas Observance, arrange for the Easter Service, (h) organize the ritual teams, (i) promote all the charities, etcetera, et cetera, et cetera? Does this sound familiar? I am afraid that all too many Commanders are guilty as charged.

What is the result of this kind of structure? Why is it not advisable for the senior leader of an organization to take upon

himself so many detailed responsibilities? Here are a few simple principles:

1. If one person is doing too many jobs, they cannot possibly be done as well as they might be. His effort is going to be spread too thin, and something is bound to fall through a crack.
2. There is no opportunity for growth of those coming up the ladder. Junior officers and other members (especially some of the newest members) do not learn all the things which are necessary for the conduct of a Commandery.
3. Those being served are short-changed. The stockholders who have a right to expect some kind of output from the organization do not get the benefit of the entire organization. In other words, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Holy Land Pilgrimage, Educational Foundation, and important local projects, do not get sufficient effort.
4. The Commander gets burned out! This may be one of the most important principles of all. How many times has a Sir Knight served as Commander, and then "disappeared" as an active member? Subconsciously, he often says: "I've done my part, and worked too hard; now let someone else do it!" A Commander should look back on his year of leadership with joy and satisfaction, not frustration and disgust.

There are many ways to set up an effective, organizational structure. Moses was able to simply do it by the numbers. Our Commanderies do not have the numbers of people Moses had to deal with, but we do have a large number of functions to perform.

Our division of responsibility should be done on an operational basis. We simply need to look at the various tasks to be performed, and then assign them in a logical structure.

We can follow the example of Moses in one way, however. He did not have all of the subordinate leaders reporting directly

to him. He arranged a pyramid - bureaucracy, if you will, - with various levels reporting to the next level above. This structure creates a logical and workable flow of information and activity. Everyone has someone to report to, someone to keep them accountable, and someone to rely on for help when needed.

**"Organization is good! Structure is good! Assignment of duties is good! Training of junior officers is good! Communication is good! Let's use these important principles - found in every successful business and endorsed in the Holy Scriptures - to make our Commanderies equally productive. Good luck, and good organizing!"**

I sincerely hope by now that you are convinced that a "Moses-like" organization can help your Commandery. I would not simply leave you at this point, however, because wanting such an organization and putting one together are two different things.

This article will end with one solution to that problem. You will find on page 24 a very workable, well-structured organization for a constituent Commandery. This suggested organization has every officer responsible for some, specific group of tasks necessary to make the Commandery successful, it contains all the basic functions which need to be performed. It gives junior officers experience and involvement in the work they will need to understand as they progress up the line. It also has senior officers responsible for juniors as well as having some assignments of their own. In this way senior officers

are not only personally contributing to the Commandery but getting experience in leadership and supervision as well. Furthermore, the Commander has a manageable configuration through which he can receive information and be assured that all the activities of the Commandery are being addressed.

This proposal is certainly not the only way to organize. You may want to do it in a completely different way; by all means do so. If the principles are all covered, almost any form can be effective.

However, the configuration suggested is a good place to start if you do not already have something similar in your Commandery. If it accomplishes nothing else, it should give every Commander (and those who will some day be Commander) some food for thought. Organization is good! Structure is good! Assignment of duties is good! Training of junior officers is good! Communication is good! Let's use these important principles - found in every successful business and endorsed in the Holy Scriptures - to make our Commanderies equally productive. Good luck, and good organizing!

Author's note: A larger, 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 11-inch copy of the organization chart is available for the asking. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: W. Bruce Pruitt, 14104 Manuella Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022-2109

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# KNIGHT TEMPLAR COMMANDERY ORGANIZATION CHART

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Long Range Planning; York Rite  
Coordination; Festivals and Schedule;  
Coordination With Ladies;  
Advisory to Commander

## COMTELANDER

Supervisor: Leadership Training & Education Committee  
Ex Officio: All Committees  
Center Order of Temple; Relief Committee  
Grand Commandery and Department Commander Contact

January, 1993  
W. B. Pruitt  
Grand Commander  
California

## GENERAL ASSISTANT

Supervisor: Christian Ministries Committee;  
Ritual Instruction; Finance and Budget Committee;  
Center Order of Malty; Relief Committee

## CAPTAIN GENERAL

Supervisor: Eye Foundation Committee; Drill Team;  
Floor Work; Set up for Candidates; Center Order of  
Red Cross; Relief Committee

## SENIOR WARDEN

Supervisor: Patriotic and Civic  
Affairs; Public Relations; and  
Membership Committees;  
Christmas Observance

## STANDARD BEARER

Supervisor: Outside Teams; Barriers  
and Flags; Flag Presentations; Picnic

## JUNIOR WARDEN

Supervisor: Uniforms and Paraphernalia  
Committee; Youth Activities; Telephone  
Committee; Prepare Candidates

## SENTINEL

Guest Visitors  
Refreshments  
Post Bills and Orders  
Keep Department in Anteroom

## SWORD BEARER

Supervisor: Audit Committee;  
Widows and Orphans Committee

## WARDEN

Supervisor: Sick and Distressed  
Committee; Education Foundation

## GILLERD

Serve as Prelate, Triangle, and Jewish Guards;  
Assist: Telephone Committee

## TREASURER

Finance and Budget Control;  
All Physical Property of the  
Commandery; Pay Bills

## RECORDER

Receipt of Funds and Bills; Correspondence;  
Bulletins; Records; Monthly and Annual  
Reports; Office Manager

## PRELATE

Spiritual Leadership; Pyramage  
To Holy Land; Funeral; Visitation



# April in El Paso—Part II

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, 33<sup>0</sup>, KYCH



With personal affairs in good order in the fall of 1881, Dallas decided to petition El Paso Lodge No. 130 to become a Mason. He was accepted, and the degree schedule was arranged. Solomon Schutz continued in the office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Dallas received his E.A. Degree on October 15, 1881, with the Fellowcraft following on November 19. He was Raised to the degree of Master Mason on January 7, 1882, before an assembly of eleven members and eleven visitors. Joseph Magoff in was prominent among the Brethren, with Worshipful Brother Schutz presiding.

Early in February, both Dallas Stoudenmire and his chief deputy, James B. Gillett, were bedfast with influenza. Finally, Dallas got out of bed, but he was weak and debilitated. He decided to visit his old home in Columbus, Texas, for a while. During his convalescence he married Isabella Sherrington, a resident of Columbus on February 20, 1882. The newlyweds soon departed for El Paso, totally unaware that a traumatic event had occurred in the absence of the marshal.

With Marshal Stoudenmire absent in Columbus and Deputy James Gillett still confined to bed, Doc Cummings assumed the role of law enforcement officer in El Paso. He had a little experience in the role and probably assumed he had implied authority to act for Stoudenmire. He immediately turned his attention to the Manning brothers, whom he blamed for all the problems the town had suffered through since Dallas arrived. He loudly pronounced that he intended to wipe out the whole clan. Always a heavy drinker, he accelerated his consumption during this period. His activities climaxed on February 14, 1882, at Jim Manning's saloon - a place he called the

Coliseum Variety Theater. Cummings burst into the establishment, cursing and challenging Jim to shoot it out with him. To Jim's credit, he did his best to dissuade Doc Cummings from his homicidal intent, to no avail. Finally, the pair resorted to guns to resolve the long-standing feud. Cummings fell, mortally wounded from two gunshot wounds. Bartender David Kling was suspected of implication in the incident, but that was never proven. In addition, two other facts added an air of mystery to the shooting. Doc had suffered a severe blow to the back of his skull, which was casually dismissed as the result of a fall. It must have been one of tremendous force. Another oddity was the fact that Frank Manning was holding Doc's six-shooter when outsiders arrived, and there were two empty chambers. There were no bullet holes in the walls nor had any of the Mannings sustained a wound.

All of El Paso awaited the arrival of Dallas Stoudenmire and his reaction to the news of Cummings' untimely demise. He accepted the bad tidings with unexpected calm; however, a dramatic increase in his consumption of whiskey soon became apparent. Dallas also began to brood about the possibility of being ambushed in a situation where he might be a target without being able to defend himself. In fact, one or two attempts were made on his life in the weeks ahead. All of the anxiety fueled his drinking even more. It was obvious to everyone that Marshal Stoudenmire was on the skids, and his future on the job was questionable.

By the time spring arrived in 1882, it was only a matter of time before the town government would be compelled to act on the matter of Stoudenmire's replacement. A

qualified one was available in the person of Chief Deputy James Gillett, even though he and the marshal were close friends. A special meeting of the town council was called in May 1882 for the purpose of dismissing Stoudenmire. It was a confidential gathering, but Dallas got wind of it, nevertheless.

"Gillett had not yet taken the time to become a Freemason, but he took care of that before many years passed. He lived to render outstanding service to Masonry, while serving in a number of prestigious offices."

Before the meeting had been called to order, a very inebriated Stoudenmire lurched into the room and confronted the council, some of whom were Masonic Brethren from El Paso Lodge. Stoudenmire launched into a blistering diatribe against the entire city council, singling out Joe Magoffin for special remarks. The gentlemen were completely unnerved at the outburst, and the meeting failed to convene when their drunken marshal staggered off into the night.

When Stoudenmire awakened in the morning, he realized he had crossed the point of no return and submitted his resignation to the council on May 29, 1882. Very relieved, the council accepted the resignation after passing a unanimous resolution of appreciation for Dallas' outstanding service to El Paso. They immediately installed James Gillett as marshal of the city. He was well qualified for the job by virtue of exemplary service in the Texas Ranger Frontier Battalion. Gillett had not yet taken the time to become a Freemason, but he took care of that before many years passed. He lived to render outstanding service to Masonry, while serving in a number of prestigious offices.

Dallas straightened up for a while, realizing that he must get on with his life. He had a small income from the Globe

Restaurant he had inherited from Doc Cummings, but it was not enough to support him. He was still capable of giving good service as a lawman, and on July 13, 1882, he was appointed a deputy United States marshal. His duties kept him in the New Mexico Territory most of the time, but he retained his residence in El Paso. He seemed to do well on the job until he arrived on the train from Deming in a very inebriated condition. He circulated the saloons in El Paso, announcing he had a warrant to serve, but everybody was sure he was hunting for the Mannings. They were duly alerted, but Dallas staggered off to one of the brothels to sober up.

He awoke on September 18, completely sober. As the day progressed, he drank heavily, becoming increasing hostile toward the Mannings. Eventually, he stag-gored into the Acme Saloon and accosted George Felix 'Doc' Manning at the bar. After a heated exchange of remarks, both parties reached for their weapons. A peacemaker, hoping to defuse the situation, pushed between the combatants as they drew their guns. Dallas, who practiced a left-handed cross draw, was momentarily prevented from reaching his weapon. Doc Manning got off the first shot which struck Dallas in the chest, inflicting a severe wound. The bullet deflected to his left arm, causing further damage. Dallas was propelled backward into the street by the force of the bullet. Flat on the ground, he was able to draw a belly gun he always carried, and snap a shot at Doc Manning charging at him through the door. The slug inflicted a serious and painful wound in Doc's right arm, and he dropped his gun. Screaming in fear and rage, Doc leaped on top of the prostrate lawman, wrapping his arms about Dallas to prevent him from firing again. As they struggled on the ground, Jim Manning appeared and fired a shot at Stoudenmire. The first round missed. He stepped closer and fired another - point-blank - into Dallas' skull above his left ear. Stoudenmire died instantly.

The fight was over in an instant. Doc Manning was taken away for emergency treatment and the remains of the ex-marshal were conveyed to the undertaker's parlor. Marshal Gillett arrived after the fracas was over. A subsequent trial absolved both Mannings of guilt in the shooting. It was curious to note that the foreman of the jury was W. W.

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Mills, a close friend of the Mannings and a prominent political figure in El Paso.

El Paso Lodge was called upon to extend a full measure of charity to their fallen Brother. Isabella Stoudenmire was penniless and unable to pay for her husband's final expenses. She appealed to his Lodge for assistance, and they came through handsomely. The Lodge paid for all expenses of preparation and disposal of the body, including transportation to Columbus, where Isabella wanted Dallas interred. His mortal remains laid in state in the Lodge room until 6:00 P.M. on September 18, before being conveyed to the 11:00 P.M. train bound for Columbus. A memorial service was conducted by Caldonia Lodge No. 68 at Alleyton, Columbus County, on September 23, 1882. El Paso Lodge approved payment of the billing for all the expenses incurred.

By way of comparison with the cost of a funeral today, which averages from four to five thousand dollars, a review of the invoices for Stoudenmire's arrangements might prove interesting. The vouchers are still on file at El Paso Lodge. They state as follows: the cost of a new suit, shirt, and

miscellaneous wardrobe items, plus nineteen yards of white cloth to line the casket - \$11.55. In addition, the expense for grave digging, teamster services, preparation of the body by the undertaker, and lumber for the casket - \$16.50. The total cost to El Paso Lodge was \$28.05.

Today, only a few Texas history enthusiasts and some of the Stoudenmire descendants ever mention Dallas' name. A prominent exception is author Leon Claire Metz. He occasionally conducts a group of tourists around downtown El Paso, recounting the exploits of their greatest shooter. He also points out the former law office of John Wesley Hardin, a celebrated shooter who was shot to death in a downtown saloon himself in 1895. A few years back, Mr. Metz and I were leaving the elegant Westin Hotel (the former site of Frank Mannings saloon), and I asked him what Stoudenmire might think if he stepped out of the hotel with us today. Leon laughed and responded, "He would probably pull out that big sixshooter and blow his own brains out!" He may have been right.

Nevertheless, in one explosive week in April 1881, the tall ex-Confederate from Alabama changed the course of history in El Paso. Nobody realized at the time, but it marked turning the corner to bigger and better times for the city on the Rio Grande.

It would be easy to dismiss Dallas Stoudenmire as a blot on the record of the Fraternity, with few characteristics worthy of emulation. We might reach that conclusion without taking into account the turbulent and bloody circumstances which existed on the southwestern frontier during the 19th century. One bright light in the entire sorry episode was the outstanding charity of the lawman's Masonic Lodge, in spite of his shabby treatment of some of the Brethren. We, as Masons, might be equally charitable in placing the cloak of Masonic charity around his over-powering faults, and focus on the contribution he made toward establishing order in a violent town. He did that wonderfully well, in spite of his

shortcomings. During that smoke-filled week in April 1881, one solitary figure achieved a moment of greatness on the stage of history, and he was a Freemason!

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#### Detroit Commandery No.1 Malta Team, Michigan, Confers Order

##### At St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 In Chicago, Illinois

Toward the beginning of 1997, the Malta team of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Detroit, Michigan, traveled to Chicago, Illinois, to confer the Order of Malta at St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 of Chicago in the Scottish Rite Cathedral. St. Bernard No. 35 then conferred the Order of the Temple.

Pictured below is the Detroit No. 1 Malta team with the Commanders of Detroit No. 1 and St. Bernard No. 35 and the new Illinois Sir Knight who received the Orders.

Shown, loft to right, are: (first row) Sir Knights Corbin Elliott, P.C.; Walter LeRoy Coughenour; Jack Shumate; John Dowling, Commander, St. Bernard No. 35; Albert Firth, P.C., Prior for the Order; James Champane, Jr., Commander; William Gitsonis, new St. Bernard Sir Knight; George Loesch, Prelate; Emmett Mills, Jr., Warden; J. Andy Jackson, P.C., Recorder; and Christopher Fildos, Generalissimo. (Second row): Sir Knights Billy Long, Associate Director of the Malta cast; Theodore Monolidis, P.C.; Robert Johnston; Thomas Tabor, Warder; Richard Langs; Frank O'Boyle; Thomas Garner, Treasurer; and John Strang, First Guard. (Third row): Sir Knights Robert Noechel, Organist; John Ray, Sentinel; Gerhardt Obrikat, P.C., Northville Commandery No. 39; Joseph Giumette; Robert Mackey, P.C.; William Fisher; Harold Teufel, Sword Bearer; and Charles Reisdorf, Capt. General Emeritus. (Submitted by Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliott, P.C., Chairman, Publicity Committee, Grand Commandery of Michigan.)



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## What Mother Means to Me

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Lilly Yeoman, 3-25-1912 to 3-12-1985

From Gods Own Cookie Jar

One day when God had just finished his usual batch of hearts and was lovingly placing them in his favorite cookie jar, he happened **to** notice one heart in particular was of excellent consistency and done to perfection. Not wanting to keep such 'a masterpiece' all to himself, he decided to share the results of his art by having an angel carry this little heart to earth where it could grow by love. And indeed, it really became more beautiful than one could imagine as time aged it. This heart contained lavish amounts of devotion, courage, tenderness, unselfishness, patience, kindness, understanding and compassion as its major ingredients. God Himself was so pleased that he decided to give the heart its own special name,  
He called it. MY MOTHER

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