

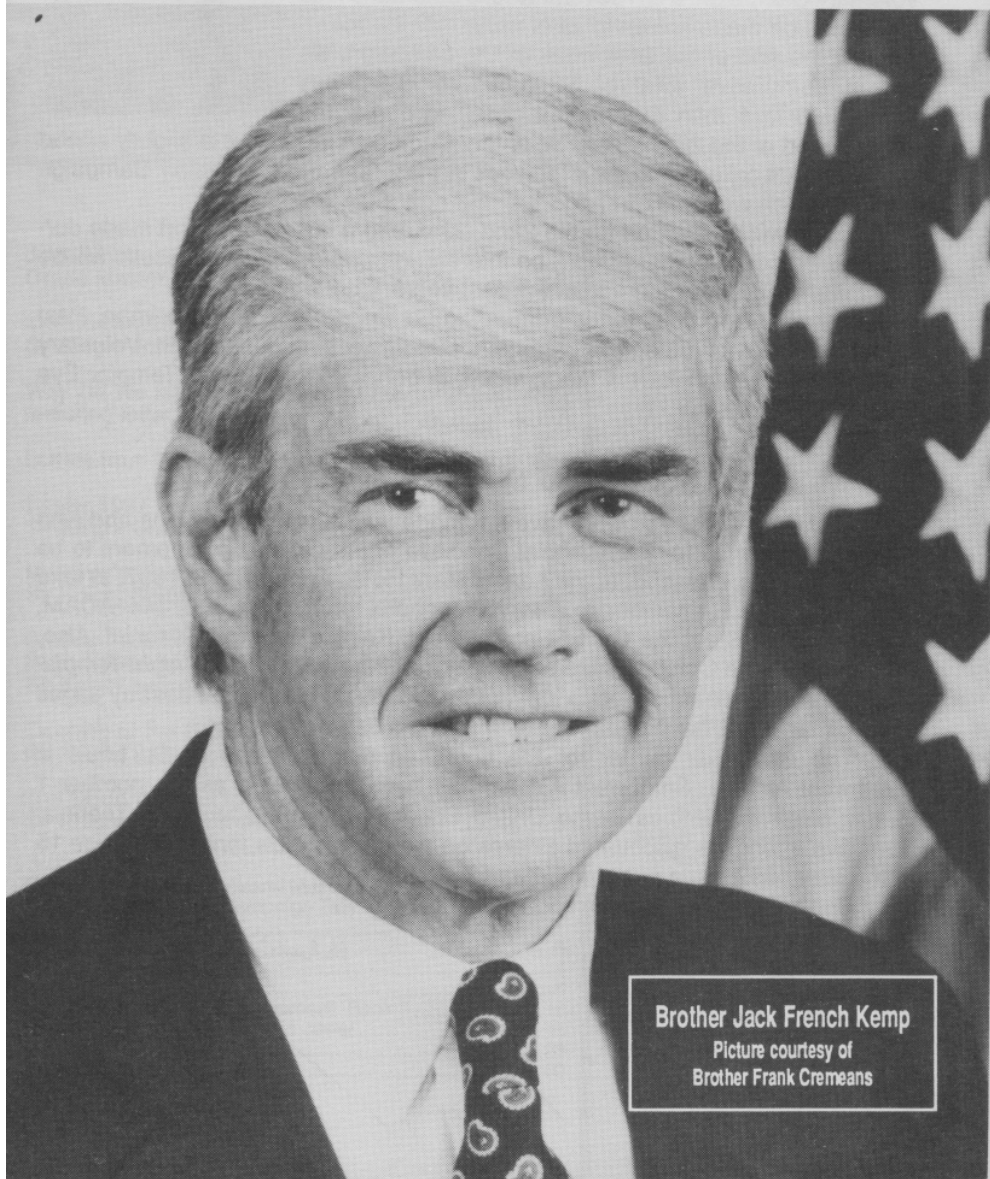


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Brother Jack French Kemp

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June 1997 - Grand Master's Message

The Deadline Date For The Annual Voluntary Campaign Has Passed

April 30, 1997, was the deadline date this year for several major events in the Grand Encampment. The staff of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., office in Chicago is busy closing the books on the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign. It will several weeks before the final results will be made known to all of us.

At the end of the 21st week of the campaign, we had a cumulative total of \$638,081.78. This was **\$75,601.36 less than** the amount collected during the same period of the 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign in 1996. It is slightly ahead of the amount collected in the 21st week of the 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign in 1995, which was \$637,617.01.

There will be a report for the 22nd, 23rd, and a last week report made during the next several weeks. It will be interesting to note if the final results will be less than, equal to, or more than the past years. Only time will tell.

I want to take this means of thanking Sir Knight John L. Winkelman, Past Department Commander, Northeastern Department, and the 29th Voluntary Campaign Chairman for his many efforts in behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

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

Again, I urge each of you who have not made your hotel reservations and who have not registered for the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Adams Mark Hotel, August 9-13, 1997, to take care of this now. Remember, to reserve your hotel room call 1 (800) 444-ADAM, and mention to them the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, Triennial. Also, on page 18 of the October issue and page 11 of the April issue of *Knight Templar* magazine are registration forms for your use. If you do not want to destroy pages of your magazine, have photo copies made and use a photo copy.

The official air carrier for the 60th Triennial Conclave in St. Louis is Southwest Airlines. Southwest Airlines has been designated as the number 1 carrier of all the airlines in the United States. They are offering to Triennial Conclave attendees discounted airfares on their already low fares. See page 15 of the May 1997 issue or page 6 of this issue.

Don't forget; get your reservations in NOW!



Blair Christy Mayford
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

JUNE: In his message on page 2, Grand Master Blair C. Mayford has closing remarks on the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign and information on the 60th Triennial Conclave. Sir Knight Winkelman also has closing remarks on the Campaign. The final results will be published in the July issue. On page 7 you'll see why the Annual Campaign is so important! On page 11 is a report of the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service and activities surrounding that glorious affair. We conclude this issue with articles about two Brothers who were worlds apart, while having significant Influence: Sir Knight Greenberg's Masonry's First Oriental," starting on page 14 and Sir Knight Tribe's article about Brother Jack Kemp, starting on page 19.

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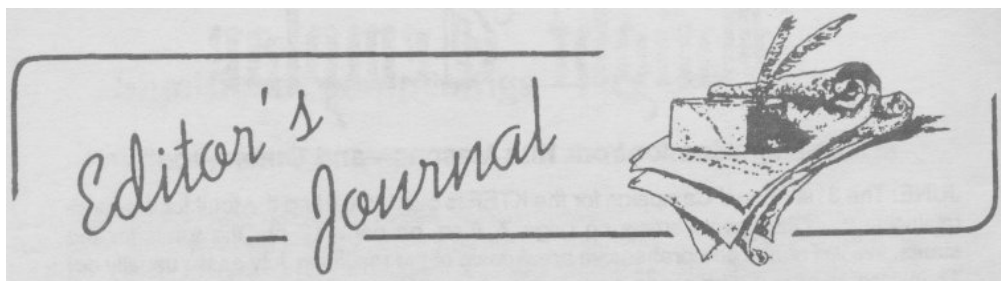
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Important Announcement: Due to automation, the Post Office is requiring us to make changes to many addresses that we have on file; therefore, you may begin noticing these changes on your mailing label; whether subtle or drastic, we had to do it!

In Memoriam: We're sorry to report that Sir Knight Endicott A. Batchelder, 1906-1997, Editor Emeritus, Louisiana Supplement, Knight Templar, passed on April 27, 1997.

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

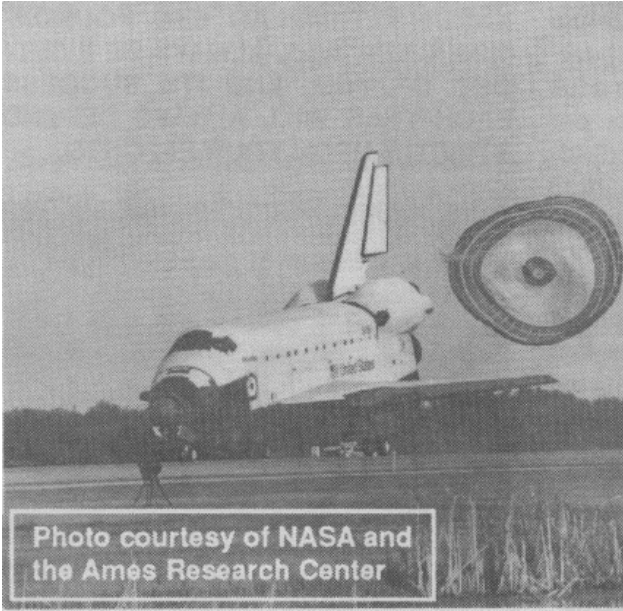
Attention: all Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 1997; or Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November issue, Knight Templar magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders on November 1. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 10, 1997. If your installation will be in late September or October, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 10, 1997. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.

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.

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



The 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign



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

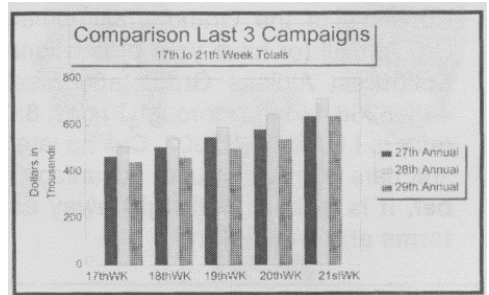
In this month's photograph, the Space Shuttle is shown rolling to a stop. The braking parachute has been released, and shortly the various safety and auxiliary equipment trucks will arrive on the scene. The only thing remaining is to compile the data and determine whether or not the goals of the Mission were met. Our version of the Shuttle Mission, better known as the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, is now history, and its final results will have been compiled by the time you are reading this article. But on this date, April 28th, we are still waiting breathlessly to see if the Campaign has been successful. The final results will not be printed in the *Knight Templar Magazine* until the July issue.

As depicted in the chart at right, our version of the Shuttle Mission had finally passed the 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign results at the end of the 21st week, but it continued to remain behind last year's pace for the same time period. The gap between the current campaign and last year's campaign has shown no appreciable shrinkage since the beginning of weekly reporting.

No additional grand jurisdictions or

subordinate jurisdictions have met the goal of \$10.00 per member during the month of April. There are eleven jurisdictions reporting numbers between \$5.00 and \$10.00, but unfortunately, there are ten jurisdictions reporting numbers less than \$1.00 per member. The Grand Commandery of Texas deposited more than \$50,000.00 in contributions during the 21st week and has taken over second place in the national totals. A new Commandery, stationed in Lima, Peru, and now under dispensation, reported \$300.00.

Although it is now 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 goals of the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign, which will get underway on December 1, 1997. You have a full year to accumulate the three cents per day, so I would expect many more individuals to meet their personal goal by April 30, 1998. Grand Commanders and Commanders: you also have a considerable period of time to devise plans and programs to improve your fundraising efforts. Please, don't wait until the last minute to turn on your thinking processes. Start now and improve your chances for success in the forthcoming campaign.

Again, many, many thanks from the Grand Encampment officers and the trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for all the efforts that each of you have made to help our great humanitarian charity. My assignment as Campaign Chairman has been made enjoyable by having a **crew of Christian gentlemen** working with me. Please accept my personal thanks for a job well done. **Stay tuned for the final results of the 29th Annual Voluntary Campaign In the July issue.**

Sir Knights, I Repeat: The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Crew Will Always Be Every One Of You, And Its Success Each Year Will Always Depend Strictly Upon Your Efforts.



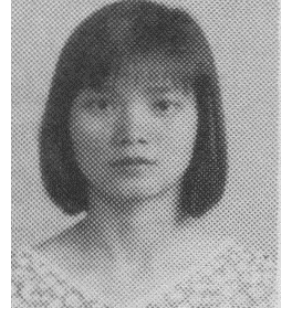
Sir Knight John L. Winkelman, P.D.C. Of The Northeastern Department And P.G.C. Of Pennsylvania, Is The 29th Voluntary Campaign Chairman And A Member Of Reading Commandery No. 42, Reading, Pennsylvania. He Resides At 513 North Fourth Street, Reading, Pa 19601-2836. His E" Mail Addresses Are: 1) On The Internet: Jlwink@Ptdprolog.Net And 2) On Compuserve Network: 72307,2022

Discount Air Fares To Triennial In St. Louis

Southwest Airlines is offering a discount on most of its already low fares, for travel to and from the 60th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. Call (or have your professional travel agent call) the Southwest Airlines Group and Meeting Desk at 1 (800) 433-5368, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and refer to I.D. Code R3907. Call no later than five days prior to first date of travel to take advantage of this offer, but **remember, it is best to call right away as fares are subject to terms and availability.**

Why Do We Have Annual Campaigns For the Eye Foundation?

Sarah Hsu, pictured at right, is thirty years old and a student at Walla Walla College, Washington State. Sir Knight Waiter L Peters, 10680 S. W. 77th, Portland, Oregon 97223, of Oregon Commandery No. 1 helped her with the steps necessary to receive help from the Eye Foundation. Her surgery was performed by Dr. Davis Wilson at the Casey Eye Institute in Portland. Sarah's ink drawings are shown below to emphasize the talent the world had lost before her eyes were restored. Her letter follows:



Thank you very much for informing me that your organization had accepted my application.

I had my eye surgery on March 20, 1997, at the Casey Eye Institute, Portland, Oregon, and it was a successful one; my retinal detachment was repaired. My fears were gone.

I thank you for your immediate and important support. Without your kind and gracious charity, I would not be able to have that wonderful eye surgery. Without your generous help, I would still be living in fear, anxiety, depression, and hopelessness.

I am a foreign student in this country. I was born and raised in Taiwan. Two years ago I left my motherland and came to the United States to achieve a higher education. Now, I am studying in the School of Social Work at Walla Walla College, Washington State. My greatest hobby is ink drawing. Before my retinal

detachments (both eyes) were discovered, I drew a lot of masks. They have been published in the *Journal of San Francisco State University*. But after my eye problems were found, I have not continued to do drawing for a while. For quite a few months (before I had surgery), I was very discouraged because I thought I probably would need to give up my graduate studies and my beloved interest in drawing.

Fortunately, I was accepted by your organization. Luckily, I had this funding to help me preserve my vision.

I really want to show you my greatest appreciation. Thank you very much, and the Lord bless you and your foundation.

Sara Hsu
325 S.E. 8th Street
College Place, WA 99324



In Memoriam



W. J. J. "Jack" Fleming
West Virginia
Grand Commander-1963
Department Commander East
Central--1970-1973
Born October 13, 1901
Died October 6, 1996

Lloyd E. Poore
Missouri
Grand Commander-1968
Born March 12, 1912
Died March 5, 1997

Max E. Ellis
Iowa
Grand Commander-1975
Born February 7, 1917
Died April 4, 1997

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 No. 100,641-Howard F. Davis, Jr. (PA)
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 No. 100,643-Edward F. Stoll, Jr. (KY)
 No. 100,644-Delbert E. Long (MT)
 No. 100,645-Floyd P. Jenni (MT)
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 No. 100,647-Juan F. Von
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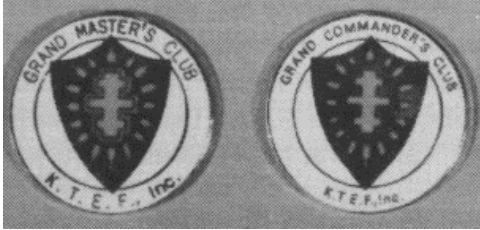
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 No. 2,778-Shirley V. Brefka (CA)
 No. 2,779-Orville K. Holman (MT)
 No. 2,780-Chester Richard Cowen (OK)
 No. 2,781-Lois M. Peterson (TN)
 No. 2,782-Raymond C. Fouts (CO)
 No. 2,783-Robert K. Cronk (IL)
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 No. 2,795-Tracy L. Krantz (MD)
 No. 2,796-Melvin D. Krantz (MD)
 No. 2,797-Earl D. Hams (GA)
 No. 2,798-John P. Bohanan (GA)
 No. 2,799-Calvin Wright Parker (MD)
 No. 2,800-Thomas T. Lanman, Jr. (WA)

How to Join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2480; (773) 205-3838.

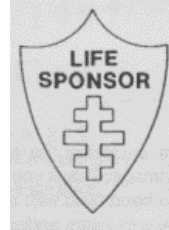
Grand Masters Club and Grand Commander's Club Pins

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



Life Sponsorship 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 May 9, 1997. The total amount contributed to date is \$777,176.13.

Alabama	\$10,312.47
Arizona	9,808.08
Arkansas	6,172.10
California	20,296.46
Colorado	20,749.74
Connecticut	6,614.50
Delaware	1,928.75
District of Columbia	2,984.00
Florida	22,215.00
Georgia	61,620.25
Idaho	2,765.39
Illinois	14,976.71
Indiana	11,963.77
Iowa	16,058.92
Kansas	2,868.76
Kentucky	15,135.00
Louisiana	7,231.25
Maine	12,251.69
Maryland	13,759.75
Mass./R.1	21,628.50
Michigan	11,703.17
Minnesota	2,234.00
Mississippi	1,970.00
Missouri	44,581.37
Montana	5,178.50
Nebraska	11,345.41
Nevada	11,044.00
New Hampshire	6,938.25
New Jersey	6,350.55
New Mexico	3,410.53

North Carolina	10,088.59
North Dakota	508.00
Ohio	28,889.33
Oklahoma	1,345.00
Oregon	13,063.50
Pennsylvania	84,965.86
South Carolina	14,042.17
South Dakota	3,631.00
Tennessee	35,902.71
Texas	63,740.10
Utah	9,159.16
Vermont	6,150.00
Virginia	30,884.70
Washington	10,705.03
West Virginia	14,263.00
Wisconsin	14,714.00
Wyoming	11,259.91
Philippines	90.00
Honolulu No. 1	400.00
Porto Rico No. 1	750.00
Anchorage No. 2	3,300.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico	15.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan	10.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	1,600.00
Italy Subordinates	110.00
Solo Di Aruba No.1	1,900.00
Canaan No. 1, Virgin Islands	350.00
No. 001 U.D., Lima, Peru	300.00
Miscellaneous	19,124.03

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

Letters from Pilgrim Ministers

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

I am enclosing the music for these words, which would be a wonderful addition to our Pilgrimage. Thank you for the photo, which brought back so many fond memories. My sermons have been filled with sharing of days spent in the Holy Land. It is my one regret that I did not go twenty years earlier. Thank you to the Knights Templar for this fantastic opportunity.

I shall never forget sitting on limestone benches on the Mount of Olives, looking across the Kidron Valley to the old city of Jerusalem, with the golden Dome of the Rock shining in the sun. Tears came easily as reality hit. "I am here, I am actually here, where Jesus walked, died, and rose!"

Later as we walked down the Mount of Olives to the Kidron Valley, as Jesus did on that Palm Sunday long ago, I sang to myself, "Hosanna, loud hosanna." Crowds of people from all over the world joined me. Jesus wept over the city saying, if only you knew the things that make for peace." I prayed that I would be willing to be a peacemaker and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Reverend James H. McLaurin, Pastor
Trinity United Methodist Church
Iron Mountain, Michigan

As I slowly return to the routine and busy activities as a parish minister, I am constantly reminded of where I was but a few days ago - experiencing all those mountain tops! I have such great memories and deep appreciation for my time in Israel. It was two of the best weeks of my life. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Jay E. Smoke, Minister
Wesley United Methodist Church
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

My pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February was wondrous! It was truly a life-transforming experience. I want to thank all of the Knights Templar members who made this trip possible. My life and my ministry have been significantly enriched by your generous gift of this pilgrimage.

You can be sure that my joy in and commitment to Christ will make a difference in the lives of this parish and the lives of all who touch my life in the years to come.

Reverend William G. Lover
Woodbury Union Church, Presbyterian
Warwick, Rhode Island

Thank you for the pilgrimage trip to the Holy Land! The Bible has come alive for me since this experience. As I open the pages to read the scenes, the life recorded there springs up within me. Please extend my sincerest gratitude to all the Knights Templar who made this pilgrimage possible.

Jeffrey E. Gibby
Covington Baptist Church
Covington, Virginia

Easter dawned a beautiful and glorious morning! One cannot help but be concerned about the weather for this event, especially when it falls early as it did this year. Fortunately, we were all treated to unusually warm and beautiful weather from Thursday on through Sunday. I have to add that we were really fortunate because the next day, Monday of Easter week, the temperature dropped, the wind chill was only 24 degrees, and a gale was blowing across Shooter's Hill, where the service was held, at a rate of what must have been about fifty miles an hour! The good Lord was surely watching over us this year.

Activities began with attendance of the Grand Encampment officers and other Sir Knights, along with the District of Columbia Scottish Rite Bodies, at a Maundy Thursday observance. There were officials present from the Supreme Council, including the Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious C. Fred Kleinknecht. Saint Simeon Stylites Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine hosted a Good Friday breakfast for their members and invited the Grand Encampment visitors as well. We were all very pleased to have Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign Stanton T. Brown in attendance.

The Saturday luncheon turned out very well and is now a full part of our Easter observance. It is encouraging to see a large number of Sir Knights and their ladies from all across the country thoroughly enjoying themselves in each other's company. Following the luncheon, two presentations were made to the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Someway, somehow, it was discovered that the U.S. flag in the chapel had only forty-eight stars. Sir Knight Herbert A. Fisher, H.P.D.C., of Virginia, and his wife Phyliss donated a new fifty-star flag with stand and eagle. The flag was flown over the U.S. Capitol building at the request of Congressman Tom Davis of Virginia with an accompanying certificate attesting that it was done in honor of the Grand Encampment and our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford. Sir Knight Loren W.

Easter 1997 Revisited

by Sir Knight

Charles R. Neumann,
Grand Recorder

Brown, R.E. Grand Commander of Virginia, made a presentation, and he was joined by all the Virginians present.

The second item was a handsome halberd, representative of the time of the original Knights Templar, the handle of which is about six feet in length. It was donated by Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, P.G.M., who made the presentation together with others of the Ohio delegation.

These gifts were dedicated in a special ceremony written by our Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, P.G.M., after which both items were given to the Chairman of the Chapel Committee, Sir Knight Robert D. McMarlin, R.E.P.G.C. of Virginia, for placement in the chapel.

On Saturday afternoon, the Grand Commandery of Indiana placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery with Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, M.E. Grand Master, participating.

We had a significant number of delegation dinners on Saturday evening set up by the delegations themselves at locations of their own choosing. Then, everyone hustled off to bed for a short night's rest.

At the service itself, all the elected Grand Encampment officers of the progressive line were present with their wives, viz: Sir Knight Blair Christy Mayford (MO), Most Eminent Grand Master, who was also accompanied by his daughter and her family; Sir Knight James Morris Ward (MS), Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; Sir Knight William Jackson Jones (IL), Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer (TX), Right

Eminent Grand Captain General; as well as Sir Knight Charles Richard Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder.

Three of our six Past Grand Masters were present: Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, and Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler.

Six of the seven Right Eminent Department Commanders were present: Sir Knight John O. Bond, Sr. (ME), Northeastern Department; Sir Knight David L. Hargett, Jr. (NC), Southeastern Department; Sir Knight Russell P. Livermore, Jr. (MI), East Central Department; Sir Knight Jerry K. Thomas (SD), North Central Department; Sir Knight James C. Taylor (OK), South Central Department; and Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt (CA), Southwestern Department.

Once again this year, there were an even twenty Right Eminent Grand Commanders in attendance, and they are listed at the conclusion of this article. It was a really fine showing!

The Grand Commandery of Ohio was again recognized as having the largest contingent present at the Service with a total of eighty Sir Knights in attendance; congratulations again for a really fine showing! The Grand Commandery of Maryland deserves honorable mention: They had fifty Sir Knights present and made a fine appearance in their black plumes. The Grand Commandery recognized as having the greatest percentage of its members present at the Service went to the Grand Commandery of Delaware.

Total attendance included 360 Sir Knights in uniform with guests and visitors numbering at least five hundred.

The Service began with the march down the north side of the Memorial past the stage area reviewing stand and into seats as guided by the marshals with the DeMolays on hand for assistance. Everyone thrills a little as we sing that Easter favorite, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." We initiated a new Parade Marshal this year, Sir Knight Paul L. Purdy, R.E.P.G.C. of Virginia.

Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, M.E.P.G.M. and Grand Prelate, delivered a most meaningful message entitled: "The Lord Is Risen, Indeed!" When the sound system momentarily failed, he saved the day by observing that he had clicked it off to see if we were all really paying attention!

Sir Knight Richard Webb, Jr. (MI), sang "The Lord's Prayer" as he has done for so many years, and the entire affair concluded with the singing of our "National Anthem."

Special thanks go to the Kena and Alma Shrine Temples for the combined band, which has performed so well for so many years. Equally as great thanks go to those stalwart Templars and DeMolays who are out there Friday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday from the grand jurisdictions of Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia setting up the stage, benches, banners, and other impedimenta including the sound system. The permanent staff of the Memorial itself deserves special mention for all the work they do not only for the event itself but all throughout the year.

By way of interest, the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia record that the first Easter observance which began this tradition was done by that Grand Commandery on the grounds of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in the District on March 31, 1929, at the request of Chaplain A. C. Oliver, Jr., U.S. Army. It is from this date that the numbering of these events commences.

In 1931, the Service was moved to Arlington National Cemetery with "many thousands in attendance" including the President of the United States, Herbert Hoover, and Mrs. Hoover. Sir Knight and Reverend James Shera Montgomery, D.D., Chaplain, United States House of Representatives and Grand Prelate of our (DC) Grand Commandery, presided.

In 1932, at Arlington Cemetery, President Hoover and his wife were again in attendance as were Vice President Charles Curtis and his sister. The Marine Band provided the music. Sir Knight Joseph H.

Milans, R.E. Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment, was also present. "The attendance was estimated by officials at Arlington Cemetery as nearly ten thousand.... Sir Knight Eugene E. Thompson, R.E.G.C. of DC, in his report in 1932 suggested "that the Committee on Religious Services be directed to look into the matter of proposing to the Grand Encampment that they take over the supervision of the Easter Sunrise Service in the National Capital in order that the celebration might come under national auspices..."

His suggestion did not take root immediately, and in 1937 the event takes on the title of "Joint" since Virginia was invited to take part and assist. Eleanor Roosevelt in these years was present annually and placed the Cross of Lilies on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (now the Tomb of the Unknowns).

In 1940, Virginia formally voted to join DC in requesting that Grand Encampment assume responsibility for the event. In 1941, DC appointed Sir Knight Eugene E. Thompson, by now R.E.P.G.C., to contact Grand Encampment concerning the proposal. In 1940, Grand Master Mark Norris urged and secured financial assistance to

DC in conducting the ceremony.

The next year in 1941, DC set up the first breakfast following the Sunrise Service, and this was done at the Hotel Washington, where we once again have this event after several years' attendance at the Sheraton Hotel in Virginia. While the DC Proceedings for 1941 do not say so in so many words, it appears in context that Grand Encampment conducted the Service that year for the first time. The Proceedings for 1942 clearly show that Grand Encampment conducted the Service with the Grand Commandery of DC continuing to sponsor the breakfast.

In this manner, our present day Easter weekend began.

Looking forward to next year, let's everyone do some serious planning, and let's continue to build this event into a real highlight that will draw Templars from every corner of the nation as it once did!

The great spirit of brotherhood permeating every aspect of this special holiday is what sets Masonry in general and the Templars in particular apart from all other human endeavors. It really must be experienced in person to be fully understood and appreciated.

Right Eminent Grand Commanders Attending (Arranged by Jurisdictional Seniority)

Jeffrey H. Adams (MA/RI)
Walter Drake, Jr. (NY)
Loren W. Brown (VA)
David E. Cumming (VT)
William H. Koon II (OH)
Sam E. Lowe (KY)
Richard P. Day (ME)
George W. Metz (PA)
William R. Clutter (IN)
Robert K. Cronk (IL)

Robert B. Latzel (WI)
Oscar D. Olsson (NJ)
James B. Phillips (GA)
Richard C. Gunnarson (MN)
Stephen J. Ponzillo III (MD)
Robert L. Caldwell (WV)
Guy E. Waltman (FL)
Milton E. Daniel (DC)
Don S. Blair (SC)
Franklin Townsend (DE)

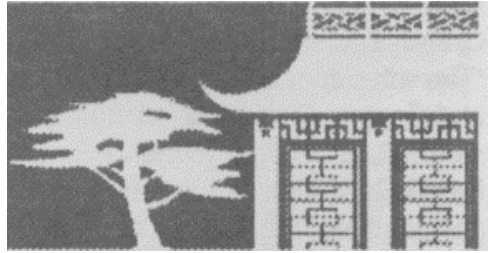
Grand Commanderies with Delegations Present (Arranged by Jurisdictional Seniority)

Massachusetts/Rhode Island
Virginia
Vermont
New Hampshire
Ohio
Kentucky
Maine

Pennsylvania
Indiana
Michigan
New Jersey
Maryland
District of Columbia
Delaware

Masonry's First Oriental

by Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg
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Across the centuries, there has been a measure of notable leaders within the frontiers of the Craft. In the world of the far East, however, Masonry was sadly absent. Its existence was unrecognized, even into the 19th century; significant leadership was also lacking. Though the Western world was experiencing a renaissance of Freemasonry, the mainstream of our fraternal philosophy and the essential principals of the Craft had drifted past the oriental world.

Profound change was ordained when, on February 22 of 1850, a boy named Shingoro was born to the Sato family in Shomofussa Province near Tokyo, Japan. By circumstances not known, this boy was adopted into the Hayashi family who lived in nearby Edo. This family, through fondness for this small boy, gave him their surname; his first name became Tadasu.

At the age of twelve, Tadasu was sent to Yokohama where he was placed under the tutelage of Dr. James C. Hepburn, an American medical missionary and a linguist who translated the Bible into Japanese and compiled the first Japanese-English dictionary. Dr. Hepburn was regarded by the Japanese as "Kunshi," a superior person, who with the aid of his wife, established the first coeducational school in that country. Little Tadasu was welcomed into the Hepburn family, and through them, he received a careful foundation in the English language that was to serve him well in later years.

In 1866 the ruling Tokugawa Shogunate, impressed with the potential of this youth, sent him to London to further increase his skills in the language and culture of the West. Upon arriving in London, he was sent to live in the small Japanese colony resident

in that city, but since they spoke only Japanese except while attending the University College, Tadasu asked for and received permission to reside with private English families. Such situation further advanced his knowledge of the world around him.

Two years later in 1868, revolution struck at his homeland. He returned to Japan where he joined with the Tokugawa loyalists. During the battle of Groyokaku at Hakodate, Tadasu Hayashi was captured and imprisoned at Tenmachi, Nihonbashi near Tokyo. Here many of his fellow inmates were executed. His life was spared through the efforts of Mrs. Hepburn, who petitioned for his acquittal which was finally granted in 1870.

Through his skills in the English language, Hayashi was selected as an interpreter to join the Iwakura Mission as Second Secretary. This mission journeyed across the world to America and to Europe to study the political systems and material culture of the Western world. When the mission reached London, Hayashi returned to Japan in the company of the Japanese Ambassador, Count Mutsu, who had been recalled. The ambassador promptly recognized the potential of young Tadasu Hayashi and guided his career for the next few years. With such assistance, Hayashi received appointments to the Industrial and Imperial Household Bureaus, the Minister of Public Works, and became, as well, the governor of two Japanese Prefectures by 1889. In this capacity Hayashi successfully participated in drawing up a treaty which ended the Chinese-Japanese war in 1891.

Continued success saw him elevated to the rank of Baron and subsequent

appointments as Minister to Russia, as a delegate to the International Peace Conference at the Hague in 1898 and in 1900 as Ambassador to the Court of St. James in London. It was here, while serving at the Court of St. James, Hayashi received honorary degrees from Oxford and

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Cambridge universities. He wrote avidly for "his people in English.

The brightest jewel in his crown of achievements, the accolade of which he was most appreciative, came on February 24, 1903, when Tadasu Hayashi was initiated into Empire Lodge No. 2108 E.C., in London. A large assembly of dignitaries representing the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, together with Brethren from Parliament, witnessed the impressive ceremony. His Masonic progress was swift. He was raised on May 29, 1903, and was installed as Master on January 20, 1904. The following year Hayashi was honored by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, by elevation to the rank of Past Senior Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England. In 1907 Brother Hayashi resigned from his lodge to return for the last time to his homeland.

In Japan, a land where Masonic membership was restricted only to resident foreign populations, Worshipful Brother Hayashi became a Masonic pilgrim. Through his influence, real and potential, Japan gradually opened its arms to the Craft, achieving its full flower at the close of the Second World War. This truly inspired man

and Mason saw his brilliant career brought to an unseemly end when, in 1913, following a ricksha accident complicated by severe diabetes, his leg was amputated. Recovery did not occur, and on July 10 in his sixty-third year, he closed his eyes upon this world. A distinguished life now belonged to the ages I

Were he to return again to his beloved Japan, Brother Tadasu Hayashi would be pleased to find a broad range of Masonry and its appendant bodies widely flourishing: the Scottish and York Rites, the Order of Eastern Star, the Red Cross of Constantine, Shrine, and High Twelve Clubs; all are dedicated to the same sublime principals that he received so long before as he knelt at the altar of Masonry in far distant England.

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Perhaps, the most pleasing of all to this great Brother would be were he allowed to witness the time in 1984 when Lord Cornwallis, the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, visited his final resting place in Aoyama Cemetery in Tokyo, here to offer a prayer for his eternal repose.

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

Chapter 1

Are Freemasons Templar Progeny? (continued)

(from pages xi, xii, xiii of the "Introduction" to *Born in Blood*)

"As the Templars planned a new Crusade against the infidel, King Philip IV of France was planning his own private crusade against the Templars. ... Philip was able to get his own man on the throne of Peter as Pope Clement V ... At dawn on Friday, the thirteenth of October 1307, every Templar in France was arrested and put in chains on Philip's orders. Their hideous torture for confessions of heresy began immediately.

"When the pope's orders to arrest the Templars arrived at the English court, young Edward II took no action at all. He protested to the pontiff that the Templars were innocent. Only after the pope issued a formal bull was the English king forced to act. In January 1308 Edward finally issued the orders for the arrest of the Knights Templar in England, but the three months of warning had been put to good use. Many of the Templars had gone underground while, some of those arrested managed to escape... In Scotland the papal order was not even published. Under those conditions England, and especially Scotland, became targeted havens for fugitive Templars from continental Europe, and the efficiency of their concealment spoke to some assistance from outside, or from each other.

"...When their pope turned on them, chained them, beat them, he broke their link with God. In fourteenth century Europe there was no pathway to God except through the vicar of Christ on Earth. If the pope rejected the Templars and the Templars rejected the

pope, they had to find a new way to worship their God, at a time when any variation from the teachings of the established church was blasted as heresy.

"That dilemma called to mind the central tenet of Freemasonry, which requires only that a man believe in a Supreme Being, with no requirements as to how he worships the deity of his choice. In Catholic Britain such a belief would have been a crime, but it would have accommodated the fugitive Templars who had been cut off from the universal church. In consideration of the extreme punishment for heresy, such an independent belief also made sense of one of the more mysterious of Freemasonry's Old Charges, the ancient rules that still govern the conduct of the fraternity. The Charge says that no Mason should reveal the secrets of a brother that may deprive him of his life and property.

"That connection caused me to take a different look at the Masonic Old Charges. They took on new direction and meaning when viewed as a set of instructions for a secret society created to assist and protect fraternal brothers on the run and in hiding from the church. That characterization made no sense in the context of a medieval guild of stonemasons, the usual claim for the roots of Freemasonry. It did make a great deal of sense, however, for men such as the fugitive Templars, whose very lives depended upon their concealment. Nor would there have been any problem in finding new recruits over the years ahead: There were to be plenty of protesters and dissidents against the church among the future generations. The rebels of the Peasants' Revolt proved that when they attacked the abbeys and monasteries, and when they cut the head off the Archbishop of Canterbury, the leading Catholic prelate in England.

"The fugitive Templars would have needed a code such as the Old Charges of Masonry, but working stonemasons clearly did not. It had become obvious that I needed to know more about the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons. The extent of the Masonic material available at large public libraries surprised me, as did the fact that it was housed in the department of education and religion. Not content with just what was generally available to the public, I asked to use the library in the Masonic Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio. I told the gentleman there that I was not a Freemason, but wanted to use the library as part of my research for a book that would probably include a new examination of the Masonic order. His only question to me was, 'Will it be fair?' I assured him that I had no desire or intention to be anything other than fair, to which he replied, 'Good enough.' I was left alone with the catalog and the hundreds of Masonic books that lined the walls. I also took advantage of the publications of the Masonic Service Association at Silver Spring, Maryland.

"Later, as my growing knowledge of Masonry enabled me to sustain a conversation on the subject, I began to talk to Freemasons.

"They were as intrigued as I was about the possibilities of discovering the lost meanings of words, symbols, and ritual for which no logical explanation was available, such as why a Master Mason is told in his initiation rites that 'this degree will make you a brother to pirates and corsairs'...

"Among those lost secrets were the meanings of words used in the Masonic rituals, words like *tyler*, *cowan*, *due-guard*, and *Juwes*. Masonic writers have struggled for centuries, without success, to make those words fit with their preconceived conviction that Masonry was born in the English-speaking guilds of medieval stonemasons.

Now I would test the possibility that there was indeed a connection between Freemasonry and the French-speaking Templar order, by looking for the lost meanings of those terms, not in English, but

in medieval French. The answers began to flow, and soon a sensible meaning for every one of the mysterious Masonic terms was established in the French language. It even provided the first credible meaning for the name of Hiram Abiff, the murdered architect of the Temple of Solomon, who is the central figure of Masonic ritual. The examination established something else as well. It is well known that in 1362 the English courts officially changed the language used for court proceedings from French to English, so the French roots of all the mysterious terms of Freemasonry confirmed the existence of that secret society in the fourteenth century, the century of the Templar suppression and the Peasants' Revolt.

"With that encouragement I addressed other lost secrets of Masonry: the circle and mosaic pavement on the lodge room floor, gloves and lambskin aprons, the symbol of the compass and the square, even the mysterious legend of the murder of Hiram Abiff. The Rule, customs, and traditions of the Templars provided answers to all of those mysteries. Next came a deeper analysis of the Old Charges of ancient Masonry that define a secret society of mutual protection. What the 'lodge' was doing was assisting brothers in hiding from the wrath of church and state, providing them with money, vouching for them with the authorities, even providing the 'lodging' that gave Freemasonry the unique term for its chapters and their meeting rooms. There remained no reasonable doubt in my mind that the original concept of the secret society that came to call itself Freemasonry had been born as a society of mutual protection among fugitive Templars and their associates in Britain, men who had gone underground to escape the imprisonment and torture that had been ordered for them by Pope Clement V. Their antagonism toward the Church was rendered more powerful by its total secrecy. The suppression of the Templar order appeared to be one of the biggest mistakes the Holy See ever made."

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- 239. Edward R. Jury, Sr., San Diego Commandery
No. 25, San Diego, CA. 10-18-96. (jewel and
one bronze)
- 240. Frederick G. Kleyn III, San Diego
Commandery
No. 25, San Diego, CA. 10-18-96.
- 241. Ray Lee Covey, Union City Commandery
No. 29, Union City, TN. 10-29-96. (jewel and two bronze)
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Appeal For Relief-Minnesota/North Dakota

The damage to areas along the Red River is enormous. Also, the destruction by fire in parts of Grand Forks has added to the devastation.

The Red River is the natural boundary between the states of Minnesota and North Dakota, and because flooding is severe in both states, responses to this appeal will be divided equally between those two grand jurisdictions.

It should be mentioned that there is extensive flooding in other parts of both states as well, so funds to help in the recovery from this disaster are urgently needed.

Assistance to these two Grand Ledges will be divided equally from undesignated gifts and designated gifts will be sent in their entirety to the Grand Ledge named.

Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel will be appropriate to help our devastated Brethren in these stricken jurisdictions. Please make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund, and send to 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785. Thank you very much for your help. from the Masonic Service Association, U.S.A.

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from Grand Recorder Donald B. Purrington,
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Brother Jack French Kemp: From Football Hero to Congress and Cabinet

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH

While Masonic membership has declined in the last three decades, both among the general populace and among those in higher echelons of public service, numerous Brethren within the Fraternity still retain prominence on the American scene. In 1996 two of these individuals sought the nation's highest offices. Although the presidential and vice presidential quest of Brothers Bob Dole and Jack Kemp fell short of success, both men have exemplified the highest traditions of public service with their lengthy and significant careers.

The junior member of this team, Jack French Kemp, was born in Los Angeles, California, on July 13, 1935. Jack ranked as the third of four sons of Paul and Frances Pope Kemp, his father being the owner of a small trucking firm. As a youngster, the son worked part-time for his dad's firm while attending Fairfax High School. His major interest, however, tended to be football, and he became known as an excellent quarterback. Somewhat physically small, Kemp enrolled at Occidental College. In later years he recalled I wasn't big enough to go to USC (University of Southern California) or

UCLA (University of California at Los Angeles)"; nonetheless, displaying grit and determination, he added, "but I was going to play football and I was going to play pro football."

Academically, Jack Kemp, who majored in physical education and minored in history, described himself as only an average student; however, on the gridiron his star shone brightly, and in 1956 he became the nation's leading small college quarterback, gaining special attention for his accuracy in passing. Occidental normally doesn't turn out many professional football players, but Kemp made a significantly sufficient impression to be a seventeenth round Detroit Lions draft choice in 1957.

Early efforts to make it in the National Football League must have been frustrating for the aspiring youngster. Joining the Lions after his June 1957 graduation as their third string quarterback, he was released before the regular season started. Signed by the Pittsburgh Steelers, Jack saw limited action in five games that fall, before again receiving his walking papers. After spending 1958 on active duty in the U.S. Army, during which time he

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married Joanne Main. Kemp had a brief fling with the Canadian Football League's Calgary Stampeders in 1959, and he was also briefly the property of both the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers. In 1960 the newly formed American Football League, presided over by former war hero and South Dakota Governor and Brother Joe Foss of Minnehaha Lodge No. 5 in Sioux Falls, provided a new lease on life for Jack Kemp. Signed by the Los Angeles Chargers, the twenty-five-year-old quarterback led the league in 211 pass completions for 3,018 yards and twenty touchdowns. The team moved to San Diego in 1961, and Jack had another fine season, but injuries sidelined him through most of 1962.

Picked up by the Buffalo Bills from the waiver lists, Kemp enjoyed his best years in the mid-sixties. His passing skills led the Bills to three straight division titles and AFL championships in both 1964 and 1965. The latter season saw the strong-armed quarterback at his peak as Jack was named the AFL player of the year and most valuable player in the league championship game where he led Buffalo to a 23-0 victory over his former Charger teammates.

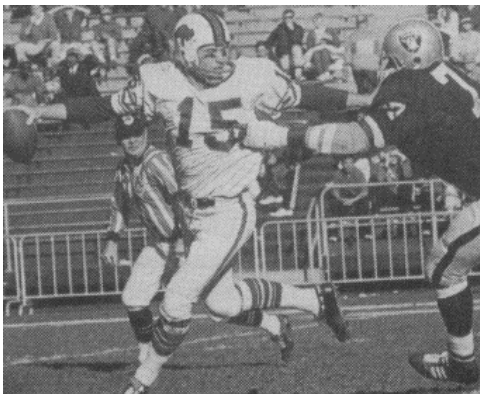
Jack Kemp spent four more years with the Bills, but injuries plagued his later years in football. The latter included two fractured ankles and shoulders, a broken knee, and several concussions. Retiring after the 1969 season, Kemp then held the career league record for passing attempts, completed

passes, and yards gained in passing. The Buffalo management retired his number 15 jersey. Off the field Jack had served as president of the Players' Association helping his peers get good work contracts. For a year after leaving the gridiron, the one-time pass thrower spent a year as a PR officer for the Marine Midland Bank of Buffalo. Meanwhile, the Kemp family - grown to include four children - settled in the Buffalo suburb of Hamburg.

In 1970 local Republicans sought out Kemp as a congressional candidate in the Thirty-ninth District. As one party leader said, "We were looking for an attractive, articulate, forthright, aggressive man" and "finding Jack Kemp was like finding the Holy Grail." Although he had the advantage of a celebrity name, the newly retired footballer was not a political novice having prior participation in campaigns for governors' Rockefeller in New York and Reagan in California, as well as the presidential quests of both Barry Goldwater and Richard Nixon. Furthermore, Jack had taken graduate courses in political science at Long Beach State and began some rigorous self-study in economic history. He would later describe the latter as "a road-to-Damascus-like experience." Certainly it came in handy later in the decade when Kemp became a major congressional spokesman for "supply side" economics.

Jack Kemp won his first congressional race in a district comprised largely of the suburban portions of Erie County by a relatively modest 51.6% of the vote. Thereafter, in an enlarged 38th District, voters returned the former gridiron hero by margins in excess of 70%. In 1978 Jack enjoyed the luxury of running unopposed. Although he maintained a fairly low profile outside his district in his early years on Capitol Hill, he was increasingly in the national spotlight by the later seventies.

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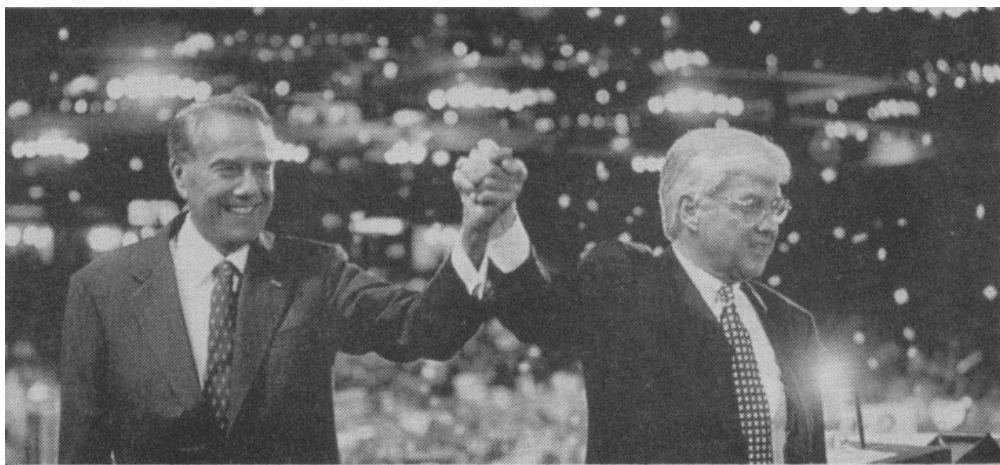
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By the later seventies Jack Kemp had begun to emerge as a major figure on the American political scene. In 1978 he became known as co-sponsor of the Kemp-Roth Bill, a broad ranging plan for tax reductions to stimulate the stagnant economy. Although defeated in Congress, a modified Kemp-Roth plan became part of the GOP platform in 1980. It became a key feature of the Reagan administration's economic program and many economists have identified it as the main catalyst for the so-called "seven good years"

of economic recovery that began in 1983.

Through the eighties, Jack Kemp's national stature gained, and many young conservatives saw him as the logical heir to the Reagan mantle, given his knack for defining conservatism in positive terminology. In 1988 he gave up his safe seat in Congress to seek the White House, but generally ran third behind the better known Vice President George Bush and GOP Senate leader and fellow Mason, Bob Dole. Nonetheless, his championing of such proposals as "free enterprise zones" in inner cities and the sale of public housing projects to occupants as a way to promote pride in home ownership made him a natural choice for Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Bush administration. Kemp served four years with honor and dignity in the Cabinet. Unfortunately, his ideas met with a chilly reception in a Congress still oriented toward "big government" and some skepticism among those in his own party who had other priorities.

When the Bush presidency ended after the 1992 election, many pollsters and pundits expected Jack Kemp to be the GOP standard bearer in 1996. In fact, delegates at the 1992 convention gave him a plurality of their votes in a straw poll conducted at that time. However, Jack and



Bob Dole and Jack Kemp—running mates for the top job.

former Secretary of Education William Bennett threw their energy into the Empower America Foundation, a think tank that promoted positive conservative ideas and values. In 1995 to the disappointment of many of his followers, he decided not to seek the presidency in 1996. The following July, however, Jack did accept the vice presidential nod from Brother and Sir Knight Robert Dole, who had secured a majority of convention delegates in the spring primary campaign. His selection added some spark to the Republican ticket. While the fall campaign proved unsuccessful, the Dole-Kemp ticket attracted more than thirty-seven million popular votes and carried nineteen states for a total of 159 electoral votes.


In addition to the aforementioned endeavors, Jack Kemp has written two books: *An American Renaissance: A Strategy for the 1980s* in 1979 and more recently *The American Idea: Ending the Limits on Growth*. Numerous honors have been bestowed upon him over the years. Of the four Kemp children, all have names that begin with the letter "J" like their parents: Jeffrey, Jennifer, Judith, and James. Jeff, the elder son, graduated from Dartmouth and has also carved a career in professional football. In matters of religion, the Kemps are Presbyterians.

At the age of sixty-one, the life and career of Jack Kemp has not yet run its course. He may or may not seek the presidency in 2000. With thirteen years of professional football experience, eighteen years in Congress, and four years in a presidential cabinet behind him, Kemp has certainly earned a prominent place on the contemporary American scene. Certainly he ranks as one of the best known Masons in public life today. Whether on the football gridiron or in the high ranks of the national government, Jack has been and continues to be a consistent competitor who has fought the good fight for his team and his ideals. One cannot say too much more than that for any man - past, present, or future!


Acknowledgments: In preparation of the above article I would like to express my gratitude to Sir Knight Wilfred J. Salisbury, Secretary of Fraternal Lodge No. 625 in Hamburg, and Brother Frank A. Cremeans of Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7 in Gallipolis, Ohio and a member of the 104th Congress who secured the portrait photo of Brother Kemp in the waning days of his term.

Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, a professor of history at the University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Ohio, is a P.C. and a member of Athens Commandery No. 15, Athens, Ohio. He resides at 111 East High Street, McArthur, OH 45651-1111

**Knights Templar and Blue Lodge Jackets from New Hampshire
To Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage**



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



time as you proclaim your pride. The cost for either is \$30.00, including shipping (priority mail). \$5.00 from each jacket goes to Templar charities. To order send \$30.00, your return address, and your size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL). Indicate Templar or Blue Lodge jacket. Send to: Charles J. Kennedy, 203G Raymond Road, Deerfield, NH 03037.

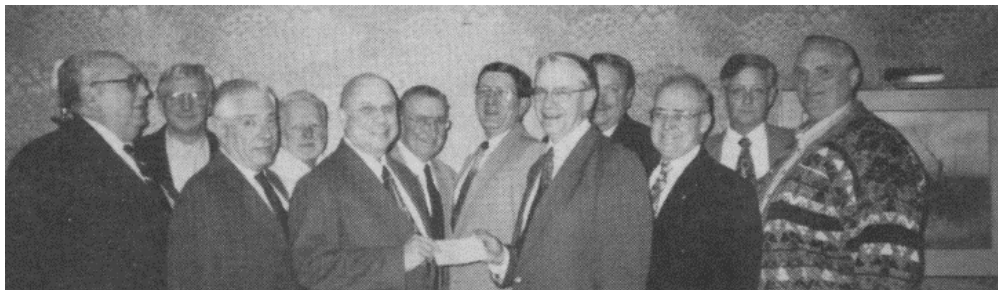
On the Masonic Newsfront...

Maine Participates in Feast of the Paschal Lamb



On Sunday, March 23, 1997, approximately forty-five Sir Knights and their ladies attended the Feast of the Paschal Lamb, which was presented by Dunlap Chapter of the Rose Croix in Portland, Maine. Sir Knight Richard P. Day, then Grand Commander and Past Most Wise Master, 33^o, started what he hopes will be an annual event to show the unanimity between the York and Scottish Rites in Maine. Among those present were: Richard P. Day, then G.C., 33^o; John O. Bond, Sr., Northeastern Department Commander, 33^o; Robert D. Chaput, then V.E. Deputy Grand Commander, 32^o; and Reverend David E. Wigley, Grand Prelate of Maine, 32^o, who delivered the memorial address. (submitted by Sir Knight Frederick E. Lombard, Jr.)

Pennsylvania Commandery Supports Scottish Rite Learning Center



Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, made a donation of \$5,000.00 toward the construction of the Scottish Rite's Children's Learning Center in Pittsburgh. The check was presented by the Eminent Commander, Sir Knight John L. McCain, Jr., to Sir Knight Ernest A. Henderson, Jr., chairman of the Executive Board of the Valley of Pittsburgh. Pictured are (l-r): front row: Sir Knights J. Lockhard, C. Kern, J. McCain, Jr., E. Henderson, Jr., R. Bryant, K. Faub; back row: Sir Knights L. Beletic (P.G.C.), J. Gruntz, H. Mazur, A. Kappeler, Jr., J. Corey, and H. Klose. (submitted by Sir Knight Charles A. Games, H.P.D.C.)

New Mexico Sir Knights Support Freedoms Foundation

Albuquerque York Rite Bodies, New Mexico York Rite College, and Kit Carson Chapter No. 447, National Sojourners, Inc., provided scholarships and airfares for high school students to attend a Freedom and Leadership Youth Conference conducted by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. At the scholarship and airfare presentation ceremony (from l to r) were: I.M. Dick A. Watkins, P.M., Hiram Council No. 1; Rebecca S. Brown, Chaplain of Albuquerque Assembly No. 20, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; James D. Fisk, Master Counselor of Metro Chapter, Order of DeMolay; Sir Knight Robert W. Zarm, P.M., Southwest Area Representative of National Sojourners, Inc.; Andrea E. Harbison, Worthy Advisor of Albuquerque Assembly No. 20, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; E.G. Karl W. Asendorf, Pilgrim Commandery No. 3. (submitted by Sir Knight H. William Hart, Public Relations Committee) (Photo next page).



Masonic Library & Museum Association To Meet In San Francisco

The Masonic Library & Museum Association will hold its annual meeting in San Francisco, Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, 1997. The meeting is being hosted by the Center for Masonic Studies at the Grand Lodge of California. All individuals interested in the stewardship of Masonic books and artifacts are welcome to attend.

The Masonic Library & Museum Association is an international organization of librarians, archivists, curators, and directors affiliated with Masonic institutions. The mission of the association is to assist and support; through education, facilitation of communication, coordination of effort, and other means; those individuals charged with the collection, management, and preservation of the Masonic heritage.

The 1998 meeting has been planned tentatively for Dallas, Texas, in the first week of October. Meetings previously have been hosted by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the Grand Lodge of New York, the Supreme Council, 33°, N.M.J., the Supreme Council 33°, S.J. and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

For more information or to join the association, please contact: Paul Bessel, the Secretary of the Association, at: the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22301, or send e-mail to: paulb@cpcug.org.

Sword Is Passed To Another Generation

Sir Knight Donald C. Collins (center) was Knighted by Sir Knight Ronald M. Lowe (left), E.G., in Idaho Commandery No. 1, Boise, Idaho during the 1996 Fall Class. Sir Knight Robert T. Hackett (right), class leader, looks on. Sir Knight Collins' sword belonged to his grandfather, Sir Knight Charles J. Collins and is inscribed: "Charles Joseph Collins, 1922 KT - Mizpah Commandery, Chicago, Illinois."



Grand Master's Parade In Florida

The annual Grand Master's Parade at the Masonic Home was again a huge success. This fourth year saw increased participation with over thirty units included in the lineup.

Everyone had a great time, from the marchers to the children and Masonic Home guests lining the parade route. There was a large contingent from Florida York Rite Bodies including (picture below left) Paul Friend, the Most Illustrious Grand Master (in the middle); Harvey Ward, the Grand High Priest (in the hat); and Guy Waltman, the Grand Commander (first on the left). The ladies of the Florida Beauceant Assemblies were also represented (picture below right) by (l-r): Mrs. Dean, P.S.W.P, No. 208; Mrs. Dale, No. 208; Mrs. Wyllie, No. 208; Mrs. Gruber, P.P. No. 220; Mrs. Piasecki, President No. 249; and Mrs. Zerola, President No. 208. (submitted by Mrs. Dean, P.S.W.P.)



New S.O.O.B. Assembly Constituted In Fort Worth, Texas

On Saturday, February 22, 1997, a year of effort by Mrs. Joe N. Randall, Supreme Organizer, and the ladies associated with Worth Commandery No. 19, Ft. Worth, Texas, culminated in the constituting of Worth Assembly No. 264, Social Order of the Beauceant. The Assembly was constituted, the members initiated, and officers were installed by Mrs. Milton F. Baker, Supreme Worthy President, and her Supreme Officers. Many ladies from across the nation joined in the most impressive ceremony, including the nine Past Supreme Worthy Presidents, shown below left with Mrs. Baker, (l-r): front: Mrs. Harrison, No. 124; Mrs. Williams, No. 81; Mrs. Baker, No. 153; Mrs. Dean, No. 208; Mrs. McClure, No. 57. Back: Mrs. Danskin, No. 194; Mrs. Randall, No. 8; Mrs. Foster, No. 90; Mrs. Nelson, No. 116; and Mrs. Osborn, No. 149. In the picture, right below, the officers of Worth No. 264 are shown. The new Assembly may be congratulated and contacted through its Recorder: Mrs. J. F. Litchfield, P.O. Box 14614, Ft. Worth, TX 76117-2446



2000 - The Year Of The Temple by Sir Knight Don Haska

The year 2000 A.D. marks an important milestone in our Masonic travels through time. Anno Luce 6000 will inevitably prove to be a major step forward into the future of friendship

charity, and brotherly love among all Masonic bodies. One thousand years ago, Masons were constructing monasteries, roads, and bridges to unite a broken Roman Empire. Two thousand years ago, new ideas emerged from the East, and another era was enlightened by the Great Architect of the Universe. About three thousand years ago, the Great Temple of King Solomon came into existence. Then, a multitude of builders from across the known world gathered to honor the presence of the G.A.O.T.U. Today we build new Temples of communication among Masons using the unique tools of an electronic age in the same spirit of the Temple of King Solomon.

The year 2000 is indeed The Year of the Temple. The Temple of King Solomon unites all Masonic bodies and has taught Masons the study of tolerance and the unification of spirit. The year 2000 can be a year dedicated to the study of King Solomon's Temple among all Masonic bodies, reflecting on the past to plan future Temples among all Masons. If you wish to join in an effort to make the year 2000 The Year of the Temple for all Masonic bodies or just wish to contribute ideas about it, call Brother Donald Haska (King Solomon's Lodge, Somerville, MA) (617) 242-0093 or the Grand Commandery at (617) 426-1973. For more information, write: King Solomon 2000, C/O Don Haska, 16 Polk Street, Charlestown, MA 02129.

Texas Commandery Participates In Parade

Pictured are Melrose Commandery No. 109, Houston, Texas participants and their float at the annual Conroe, Texas, parade. The participants are, left to right: Jack Kramer (driver), Billy Ward, Darlene Ward, Becky Wunsche, Paul Wunsche, and Wes Irvine. Not shown is James Willard, who took the picture



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.



Opening of the Crypt

by Sir Knight E. M. "Mac" Griffiths

Sir Knight E. W. Wellington, an important figure in the story below, was Grand High Priest of Kansas in 1902, Grand Commander of Kansas in 1901, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Kansas in 1900, and Grand Master, A.E. & A.M., Kansas, in 1907 He was the Most Puissant Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, International, 1915-1918

On a hot summer afternoon in the month of August, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, one man's dream became a reality. It was a vision started by accident and jest; however, here was this man and several others, standing on a mountain top west of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

They had arrived to this lofty perch by rail, stage coach, wagon, and horse. These dedicated, proud men after many weeks of preparation were now ready to fulfill the dream. They looked eastward over this vast country of ours, much of which still lay in virgin wilderness.

These men had ascended to the top of one of America's highest points because of a freak snowstorm a year earlier and because of these words uttered in jest: "If they can't show up because of a little snow, next year I will make them climb mountains to receive these degrees." These words of Illustrious Companion Edward W. Wellington were now part of history, and this great pilgrimage, started as a joke, was now a reality.

They stood quietly listening to the proceedings, these great men, some of whom were our fathers and grandfathers. They came from all types of religious backgrounds, educations, and vocations. They were, however, banded together on this mountain by one love, one common cause, and one great brotherhood - they were all Masons.

They were assembled around a small grave or crypt on this eleventh day of August on the summit of Pike's Peak. The crypt was not for human remains but for deposit of

several articles dedicated to the Craft. They made this gesture with the knowledge that not one among them would be present when the bronze plaque was removed and the crypt reopened.

With loving care they laid the small casket into the tomb, chiseled into this great granite mountain top; then they covered it with the chips chiseled from the grave. After a prayer of dedication, they sealed the site with a bronze plaque bearing the inscription: "To be returned to the Craft after one hundred years have elapsed."

I wonder if they knew that we, their Masonic Brothers, would be there to reopen the crypt, or that men would fly, or walk on the surface of the moon, or automobiles would bring us there in only a few hours. I wonder if they knew that we would care and remember this great and difficult task that they as York Rite Masons had undertaken.

On September the sixth in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, A:DEP: 1999, we the Brothers of that same Craft will assemble on that same mountain top and with loving care remove the bronze plaque, open the crypt, and after a similar ceremony make a deposit from our generation. We will reseal the crypt and cover it with a bronze plaque and thus renew the tradition. Maybe many of us present will wonder about or have many of the same thoughts about our predecessors that these distinguished Masons had.

This, my Brothers, will be a chance of a lifetime opportunity: to be present for the opening of the crypt, to be present to examine

the articles of the original deposit left in our trust, and to renew the tradition with our deposit and ritual custom. I know I will be present for this auspicious occasion, and I hope to see you, when we Brethren, under the guidance of Illustrious Companion John H. Dougan; the Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, assisted by Ellsworth Council No. 9 and the Grand Council of Colorado; will once again assemble as one great band of friends

and Brothers to fulfill our obligation to our past Brothers. By doing so we will renew our belief that our Fraternity is immortal and will live in the hearts of men forever.

Sir Knight E. M. Mac Griffiths is a member and Past Commander of DeMolay Commandery No. 4, Lawrence, Kansas. Correspondences to Rt. 1, Box 82A, McLouth, KS 66054

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



Illinois Metzger Memorial Benefits KTEF

Sir Knight Jim Thompson (second from right), Eminent Past Commander of Cyrene Commandery No. 23, Vandalia, Illinois, and his Lady Linda have established a memorial in the name of Leigh-Ann Metzger and given a donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Sir Knight Thompson made the announcement when Elwood Adams (left), Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, was in town recently for an inspection. Also present for the announcement

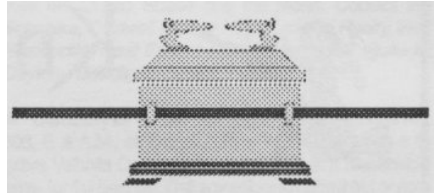


were Peggy and Bruce Bowen, the mother and stepfather of Leigh-Ann, who was killed in an automobile wreck in 1995. Cyrene Commandery No. 23 had sponsored Leigh-Ann for a Vandalia Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Award when she was a student at Vandalia Community High School, and the Thompsons attended the Youth Appreciation banquet with her. Peggy Bowen is at Thompson's right, and Bruce Bowen is at Thompson's left.

The Modern Quest for the Ark of the Covenant

by Dr. E. K. Edwards, Jr.

Presented at Pompano Lodge No. 263, Free and Accepted Masons, Pompano Beach, Florida



The Ark of the Covenant, (Hebrew: Aron Haberit) also known as the Ark of Revelation and the Ark of Testimony, (Exodus 25: 10-20) has intrigued, fascinated, and eluded generations of religious and would-be treasure hunters for centuries.

The Ark was a sacred chest which housed the Tables of the Law, better known as the Ten Commandments. The Ark was made of acacia wood and was a rectangular box measuring three feet nine inches in length; two feet three inches in width; and two feet three inches in height. The inside and outside of the Ark were lined with gold. The Ark had four gold rings through which were passed two acacia poles for transporting or carrying the Ark. (Num. 3: 32) The Ark was fabricated by the ancient Israelites under the direction of Moses. The Ark was the most sacred religious symbol of the Israelites and was kept in the Holy of Holies or Sanctum Sanctorum of King Solomon's Temple, seen only by the high priests on Yom Kippur.

The Ark is referenced dozens of times in the Old Testament, but sometime in the sixth century B.C., further reference to the Ark mysteriously ceased, almost as though the Ark had mysteriously vanished or disappeared.

King Solomon's Temple, which housed the Ark, was located on the summit of Mt. Moriah, in Jerusalem. The Temple was destroyed circa 587 B.C. by the Babylonians. We must keep in mind the headquarters of the Knights Templar in Jerusalem was located at the former site of King Solomon's Temple. Here the

Templars were to remain for years. This also happens to be one of the holiest sites of Islam, so archaeologists have not been permitted to excavate this site. However, immediately north of this area Israeli archaeologists have discovered many exit tunnels with Templar/Masonic inscriptions. It is interesting to note that historian Graham Hancock feels the Templars may have been either directly or indirectly involved with the Ark.' Whatever the case, millions of Ethiopian Jews and Christians feel that the Ark of the Covenant rests today in Axum, Ethiopia. Whether the Ark is located in Ethiopia or in some hidden Templar tunnel in some remote location, we may never know. Perhaps this is the so-called "Templar Treasure that we so often hear about.

Having researched and written about the Holy Grail, The Shroud of Turin, and the Ark of the Covenant, regardless of the source I have read or studied, the common factor that always seems to turn up is the Knights Templar. Another way to look at the Templars is that of guardians and custodians of some of the most sacred and important religious treasures of all times. We, too, as Templars can also be protectors of that which is religious and sacred.

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Knight Voices

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

Help re-outfit victims of recent burglary. Pilgrim Commandery No. 7, Gainesville, Florida needs: previously owned swords, belts, chapeaux, and uniforms. Contact Howard Osgood at (352) 373-9243, (352) 373-3894 (evenings) or e-mail Claypot@Cris.com.

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes: 44 short, 44X long, and 46 shod. \$23.00 includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad Street, S. W; Pataskala; OH 43062, (614) 927-7073.

For sale: KT uniform garrison caps (caps with bills) in various sizes. Both Sir Knights and Past Commanders' caps are available. Most have never been worn, a few only once or twice. Contact Sam V. Cochran, 308 Weyland Road, Boonville, MO 65233 or phone (816) 882-2612 after 7:00 p.m. weekdays.

Wanted: one used chapeau case with handle, reasonable. Ross Price, 3129 Apollo Drive, Carson City, NV 89706-1302, (702) 882-4720.

Sir Knight in need of Commandery coat, size 54 long, to continue in officers' line. Must be reasonable and in good condition. Tom Cochran, 511 Brookdale Drive, West Jefferson, OH 43162. (614) 879-6053.

Do you keep a library on Masonic history? Lodge No. 12, Austin, Texas, has written a book just for you. It contains 460 pages and tells the annals of this great Lodge. The author will autograph your book. Send \$17.50 plus \$5.00 S & H to Austin Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M.; P.O. Box 5150; Austin; TX 78763.

Lamberton Lodge No. 476, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has 125th anniversary coins for sale. One face of coin has the Masonic symbol, "Lamberton Lodge No. 476, 1870-1996" and "125th Anniversary." The other side has a picture of our Masonic center. is antique bronze, 1.5 inches in diameter, and sells for \$6.00, including S & H. Checks or money order payable to Lamberton Lodge

No. 476 and send to Homer E. Vaughn, P.M.; Lamberwn Lodge No. 476; 1308 Blue Jay Drive, Lancaster, PN 17601-2700.

M.W. Joseph W. Regian. 33^o, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, has announced the availability of several commemorative items to celebrate the 280th anniversary of the first Grand Lodge meeting in Texas. Among the commemoratives are a limited edition plate, Royal Doulton ornament, and two collectors' belt buckles. For more information Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, C/O William H. Hale, P.O. Box 222137, Dallas, DC 75222.

We have fifteen silver coins (99 44/100 % silver), commemorating the 150th year of Owensboro Lodge No. 130, F. & A.M., for sale. Cost is \$38.00 each including the cost of postage. First come, first served. Send order with check to Owensboro Lodge No. 130, F & A.M., 227 St. Ann Street, Owensboro, KY 42303.

We have a limited number of 10-oz., ironstone mugs commemorating the centennial of Mattawan Chapter No. 192, O.E.S. These are dishwasher safe and sell for \$7.00 each or \$20.00 for tour, including shipping. Send check or money order to Mattawan Chapter No. 192, O.E.S.; C/O Bill Frommann; 22831 60th Avenue; Mattawan, MI 49071.

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is of sterling silver with 241< gold vermeil. Price is only \$9.00 per pin, including S & H. 10% of proceeds will benefit the KTEF. These unique pins are available only through Professional Creations Unlimited, 1630 Orchard Hill Road, Cheshire, CT 06410-3728.

I would like to acquire patterns for filet crochet of all York Rte emblems. Rah G. Weed, 127 W. Palmetto, DeL and, FL 32720-2233.

Wanted: individuals interested in making money for their Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, or favorite

charity. Sell unique Masonic passport and travel certificate. For information and product description Travel Associates; 2300 Corporate Boulevard, N.W., Suite 123; Boca Raton; FL 33431, Attn: Mr. Howard. When writing, be sure to mention "Knight Voices" to ensure proper credits are given to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

For sale: Masonic Passport, especially designed for the active Mason. Special features: provision for insertion of Lodge dues card, your photo, stamped/written entries, fold-in of a travel certificate. Much like regular passport, it is a historical diary, a special record of Masonic travels for future reference and remembrance. Ideal for a gift, souvenir, memento, award, etc. Modestly priced at \$3.75 each or \$3.10 each for 50 or more. Also, for sale: Travel certificate: impressive characteristic design; royal blue ink on 8/11x11-inch parchment paper. Place it on the wall or mantle, affix it in your Masonic passport. It provides a permanent record of when, where, and with whom your Masonic journey began. Modestly priced at \$225 each or \$1.95 each for 50 or more. Indicate "Knight Voices" when ordering to ensure 10% of sales are donated to the KTEF. Travel Associates; 2300 Corporate Boulevard, N. W., Suite 123; Boca Raton, FL 33431-7345.

Three Masonic convention souvenir wine glasses available at auction: 1st: "Sari Francisco 1902" and "Pittsburgh, PA" with logo of 2 standing horses, banners with "VIRTUE, LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE and a black bear; 2nd: green glass has gold enamel plaque with "Buffalo" and "1899"; 3rd: ruby stained shading to crystal at foot, "Tangier Temple," saber, crescent, star and "1976." A donation has been made to the KTEF. If interested, contact Shot Glass Exchange, P.O. Box 219, Western Springs, IL 60558, (708) 246-1559.

For sale: one 32" ring with Eagle on one side and Shrine emblem on other, size 14, \$750.00; two good KT swords and scabbards, \$95.00 each; four leather sword carriers in good shape, \$25.00 each; one bole tie with gold medallion with all York Rite bodies on it, 1 oz. of yellow 14 Id. gold, \$500.00. Call (205) 864-0606.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 24 years, and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585.

My company and I will donate 10% of the commission on any real estate transaction originating from this ad to the KTEF, be it purchasing a home, vacant land, etc., or selling property. Working for

Coldwell Banker allows me to service locations all over the United States and the world. Contact Bi Schnalke, Coldwell Banker Major League Realty Inc.; Residential Real Estate; 1625 Taylor Road, Suite B; Daytona Beach; FL 32124; 1-800752-5021.

Cemetery kit for sale by Lodge: Kenwood Lodge No. 303, F. & AM., of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, owns a 6-grave Valhalla Cemetery kit, to be sold at a reasonable price, for the best bid. Call any officer to submit bid or contact William M. Hueguel 6660 N. River Road Milwaukee WI 53217, 352-8020 (Milwaukee area code).

Order of St. Raphael info sought: During the mid and late 1950s, the British Grand Council of the Healing, Teaching and Chivalric Order of St. Raphael and Universal Brotherhood chartered several conclaves and received several members from the U.S. Over a period of a few years contact with U.S. members was lost and not reinstated. The Grand Council is now seeking any into on former members, conclaves, or surviving groups which may still be operating in the U.S. Bro. Shawn D. Abbott, KSR; 924 Greenbrier Road; Muncie; IN 47304; (317)284-4805.

Wanted: trains: American Flyer, Lionel and Marx, Aurora rail car sets and old U.S. military items plus your old pocket watches and wrist watches, any condition. Call collect or leave message on answering machine (313) 854-3021 or write Tim Rickheim, 14761 Tunni cliff Road, Petersburg, MI 49270-9716.

For sale: home style family restaurant. Owner wants to retire. Progressive booming area, corner lot, 1300 sq. ft. building, existing beer license. Seats 64 people and mass repeat business. No existing mortgage, partial finance by owner available. \$180,000 or make offer. Bradenton, Florida. Call (941) 758-5774.

U.S.S. McCawley (APA4) Reunion: The mighty Wacky Mac crew will meet again, June 29-30, July 1, Memphis, Tennessee, Four Points Hotel. All fighting marines and GIs who ever sailed in her, WELCOME. Jesse Cannon, (504) 748-4131, or Frenchy Maurais, (847) 358-7188.

Reunion: 11th Airborne Division Association at Holiday Inn Central, 3321 S. 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68124, September 4-7, 1997. Fred J. Thompson, 2200 Lake Drive, Pasadena, MD 21122, (800) 379-9191.

Reunion: 48th Reunion of 93rd Sea Bees will be September 4-6, 1997, at Thunderbird Hotel, Bloomington, MN. Curl Larson, (612) 545-0047.

Reunion: U.S.S. Helena (CL50, CA75, S8N725) on August 29-September 2, 1997, in Portland, OR. Bill Bunker, Pres. U.S.S. Helena Organization; 596-A West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007, (818) 446-7361

The. Hard Working Angel

Happy Fathers Day, Yo Yo The Clown

I lovingly whisper, Thank you God.. for my *father*
because he gives for free,
A treasure chest of wise words to share ... while hiding
his tears from me.
Trials have deepened the creases about his beautiful face
but even these are his character lines -
For they show by his acts of tenderness he has ruled the
world by 'kind.
Every day his deeds try to warm others like gentle sun
so as night falls ... others may reach for his hand;
Stormy seas soon lull to calm sweet shores, if you stay
ready and willing ... to help your fellow man.
I do not know of the times God must smile over his hard working
angel. as he listens to faithful prayers up above -
He can always count on this favorite clown to hug His Special
Children and bestow his kiss of love!
So now I have special thoughts engraved on my heart, in a
place where only God may see.
They simply say, 'I will always be by, you, Dad;
you re the best that there could be!'

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