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King of the Cowboys
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Thanks! And I Ask for Your Prayers and Support!

As I begin to serve my term as the 52nd Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, I am grateful for this honor and I humbly thank you for the privilege of serving in this high office. The other officers and committeemen chosen are eminently well qualified and committed, and I welcome the opportunity to serve with them. We stand at your service.



The principles and tenets that characterize Templary and Freemasonry have not changed and should not change, but we have had many experiences and have experienced many changes throughout the past four decades in the ways and means by which Templary and, indeed, our Masonic institution have achieved the purposes for which they exist. All of these experiences have affected our thinking and actions or inactions as members. Sir Knights, I believe we know what to do, and with all of the associated Masonic organizations supporting each other and working together, we can find the ways and means to promote the well-being of our order and of Freemasonry. Let us be about doing those things that clearly need to be done NOW!

The new plans and programs developed by the officers and committeemen for the 61st Triennium are being put into place, and those programs that have proved successful in the past are being continued. These plans and programs concern: retention of members, recognition and image improvement (including community involvement), training and education of members, recruitment of new members, and evaluation of the uniform, ritual, tactics, etc.

Sir Knights, let each of us wholeheartedly commit ourselves and our resources to the fact that:

Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar

My prayer is that through our faith in the grace and mercy of the Great Captain of our Salvation we will be given the wisdom and courage and strength to do the right thing, and I respectfully ask for your prayers and support in our endeavors.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James Morris Ward". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "J" and "W".

James Morris Ward
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

SEPTEMBER: The 60th Triennial Conclave is history; thus commences a new triennium, bright with promise! The officers of the grand line were moved up, and our new Grand Captain General is Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, H.R.D.C, P.G.C. of Virginia, and chairman of the Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service for many years. The darkened Commanderies now yawn, stir and awaken; ready to resume the work of another Templar year. We wish you success! This month we have news from across the nation and a number of articles about interesting Masons, including, of course, Sir Knight Roy Rogers, who is featured on our cover. But you'll also be surprised by the complexity and accomplishments of Brother Charles Lindbergh and Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton.

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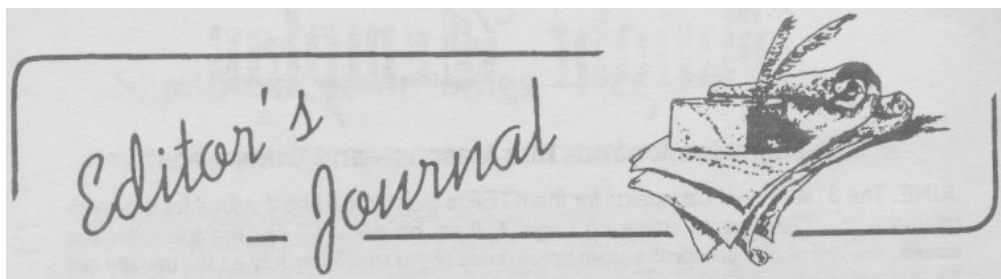
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Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded 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.

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.

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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.

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Comments from Pilgrim Ministers Holy Land Pilgrimage 1997

It's time to renew your support for the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage program. Nominations and funds for the trip are due soon if the pilgrimage is to be as successful as those in the past. The following words from 1997 pilgrim ministers will give you the inspiration to follow through!

Reverend James Edward Farrer II, Ligonier United Methodist Church, 1202 West Union, Ligonier, Indiana 46767: I feel refreshed and re-inspired to be the spiritual leader God has called me to be. Personally, the trip has helped me to touch deep spiritual spots within me, and God has blessed me with new insights.

Reverend George A. Fiscus, Church of Christ, 5343 St. Rd. 61, S, Winslow, Indiana 47598: As a person I will be a better husband and minister; the cross, the Gospel are more real to me. I have a deeper understanding than ever before thus more compassion, zeal, and sincerity with love. I feel closer to my Lord than ever before. With this inspiration - like the Apostle Paul "for me to live is Christ."

Reverend Robert J. Henke, Chapel of the Dunes, 353-1 LaHonda Drive, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383-3712: The Bible came alive to me more so than ever before. Having walked where Jesus walked added a great spiritual depth to my scripture readings. I can now speak with more authority regarding Christ's physical movements recorded in scripture. But more so I have been enriched in a way which is not easily put into words. Simply put, the pilgrimage touched my soul.

Reverend Vernon J. Stover, Jr., Sheridan First Christian Church, 3298 W. 246, Sheridan, Indiana, 46069: I've met a people on a personal basis; my quest for peace now has face and not just a cause. The pilgrimage will help to better reenact the scriptures, scriptural interpretation, and deeper prayer time. I experienced the proximity of birth and death in Bethlehem; I felt God's presence now, in the past, and felt assured for the future.

Reverend Larry L. Van Camp, Trinity United Methodist Church, 408 Seminary Street, Rockport, Indiana, 47635: The pilgrimage reaffirms my faith. They are no longer just stories. I will be helped in my preaching and biblical studies. I am very grateful to have been selected for this trip. Thank everyone who helped make the trip possible. I found special the walk through Kidron Valley, David's tomb, and the service in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. I also felt a sense of joy and holiness at the Garden Tomb and the service we held there as we celebrated Holy Communion.

In Memoriam



Lyman Elmore Smith
Montana
Grand Commander-1959
Born November 7, 1909
Died December 1, 1996

Samuel A. Woods
California
Grand Commander-1984
Born May 14, 1907
Died July 14, 1997

Melvin Wall
South Dakota
Grand Commander-1988
Born September 19, 1908
Died July 18, 1997

Albert Winston Hoffses
Maine
Grand Commander-1957
Born November 2, 1913
Died July 19, 1997

The Empty Chair

I glanced over to where he always sat
The empty chair the story told. We can't
capture and imprison time.
We can't impede our getting old.
How well I remember his standing
On the old and worn square checked
floor. And, that expression of bewilderment
As he entered through the guarded door.
He took it well on his night of light.
He was being given what his heart desired.
What was it? fifty years ago?
Through all these years he remained
inspired.
We were as close as brothers could over be.
Never a cross word between us two. He
revealed his secrets 'on the square'
And solicited my strength with trials he
knew.

The casket was so heavy on that dark and rainy
day
But not so heavy as my aching
heart.
How could! bid him sweet farewell.
What words would! use to even start?
I glanced over to where he always sat.
My venting heart shed a lonesome tear.
The empty chair the story told.
But - Somehow, I felt that his spirit and his
bond was near.

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How To Join The Grand Commander's And Grand Master's Clubs

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 Avenue, Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (773) 205-3838.

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

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

Sir Knight Roy Rogers
King of the Cowboys
by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe KYCH



One of the great advantages enjoyed by American children who grew up in the 1940-1955 era was being able to have Roy Rogers as a hero and role model. While most of us never got to ride the range on the back of the great palomino horse Trigger, have Dale Evans cook our breakfast, or sing with the Sons of the Pioneers, we did learn a great deal about honesty, facing up to adverse situations, and distinguishing right from wrong. Although there were other cowboy heroes who rode across the silver screen and exemplified many of these same virtues including Gene Autry, Tex Ritter, Rex Allen, and Rod Cameron - Masons - none had quite as much appeal as the former farm boy from Appalachian Ohio who left us each week with that pleasant farewell of "Happy trails to you."

The man who became famous as the King of the Cowboys started out in life with the much less glamorous name of Leonard Franklin Slye in Cincinnati, Ohio on November 5, 1911. At the time, Andrew and Mattie Slye lived at 412 Second Street, an area since occupied by Riverfront Stadium. Len had two older sisters, Mary and Cleda, and later another girl Kathleen completed their family circle. Like many working class folk, life was often a struggle for the Slys. With the help of his blind brother, Andy built a houseboat and took his brood back up the Ohio River to the city of Portsmouth in July of 1912. The family docked their boat at the landing in the latter river city for some time, later moving it on to dry land. Some of young Lennie's earliest recollections

are of the great Ohio River flood of 1913. About 1917, the Slys moved to a farm some twelve miles from town in the rural community of Duck Run.

Earning a living at farming in southern Ohio can be somewhere between difficult and impossible. Andy Slye soon returned to Portsmouth where he labored in a shoe factory and came home only on alternate weekends. Young Len had to do his share to keep food on the table by doing much of the farm work. The youth also attended a one-room school and had some of the best moments of his youth in a 4 H Club when his pig Evangeline took first prize at the Scioto County Fair. This won the boy a trip to the State Fair in Columbus where he spent much of a day riding the elevator in the Neil House. On another occasion, Len rode his horse to Portsmouth to visit his Dad and take in his first western movie, a silent one starring Hoot Gibson (a member of Truth Lodge No. 628 in Los Angeles).

In his youth, Len Slye had hopes of becoming a dentist, but that was not to be. After two years of high school in nearby McDermott, the youngster dropped out of the educational system to enter the school of hard knocks. The family returned to Cincinnati with both Andy and Lennie going to work in another shoe factory. Cleda had married and remained on the farm in Duck Run, while Mary had also married and went to California. The latter caused the male Slys to come down with a mild case of "California Fever," which they alleviated by going west for a long, four-month visit in the Summer of 1930.

Andrew and Leonard found jobs driving gravel trucks. Although they returned to Ohio that fall, the "California Dream" had taken permanent hold, and they soon went west again to forever make it their home. Returning to their truck driving jobs proved to be of short duration, because the company they worked for went bankrupt during the Great Depression. The young migrant soon found himself forced to become an itinerant fruit picker in order to survive.

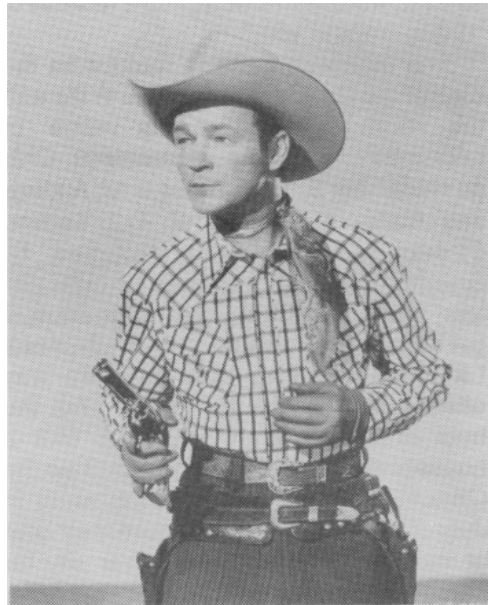
The struggling Len Slye also began to do a little picking and singing with family and friends - primarily a cousin named Stan Slye. He also sang in a group called the Rocky Mountaineers whose membership included a young Canadian named Bob Nolan and an Oklahoman named Tim Spencer. While this group had little financial success; Slye, Nolan, and Spencer would later form a combination that did make it. In the meantime, Len also worked with some other musical teams, such as the International Cowboys, the O-Bar-O Cowboys, and Jack and his Texas Outlaws. None of them did much more career-wise than to avoid starvation, but on one tour through New Mexico, Len met a girl in Roswell named Arlene Wilkins who would become his wife on June 14, 1936.

Meanwhile, Len Slye got together again with Bob Nolan and Tim Spencer forming another group, called the Pioneer Trio that developed a fine harmony trio sound. They landed a regular radio spot at KFWB in Los Angeles. Within a few months, they obtained a sponsor who paid them each a \$35.00 weekly salary. With the addition of the slick fiddle and guitar duo of Hugh and Karl Farr, the trio became the Sons of the Pioneers. On August 8, 1934, the boys began recording for Decca, a session that included the classic songs "Way Out There" and "Tumbling Tumbleweeds." The one-time farm boy from Duck Run had commenced his climb up the ladder of success.

Leonard Slye remained with the Sons of the Pioneers until the fall of 1937. The

group recorded additional sessions for Decca and then switched to the American Record Corporation (later Columbia). That same fall, Republic Studios decided to hire another singing cowboy. (The firm was experiencing contract problems with Brother Gene Autry at the time). After auditioning some seventeen hopefuls, they signed Leonard Slye for \$75.00 per week on October 13, 1937. Within a few weeks, they also signed him to a solo contract with the American Record Corporation. (Herbert Yates was a power in both A.R.C. and Republic). Soon the boy from Duck Run who had begun to use the name Dick Weston in the bit parts he earlier played in films had been transformed into "Roy Rogers," an upcoming singing cowboy movie hero.

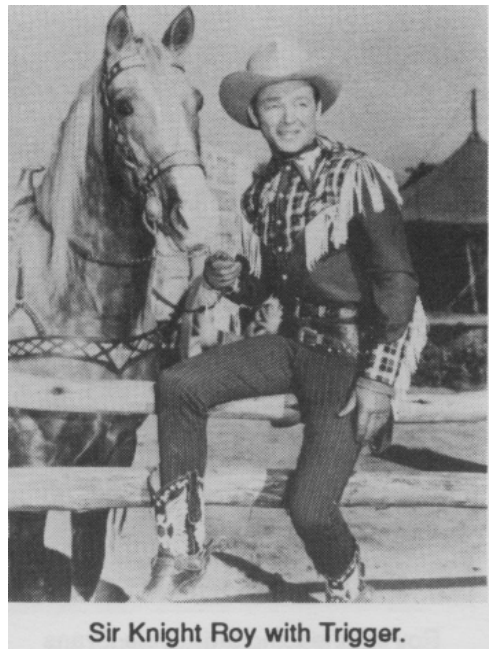
Roy's first starring role, *Under Western Stars*, saw the young star championing the cause of out bowl plagued ranchers. Before the end of 1938, he had starred in three more films. The following year saw him star in eight horse operas and make an additional guest appearance in a Weaver Brothers and Elvira feature. In 1939, *Motion Picture Herald* ranked him



third in popularity among B Western stars, and through the next fifteen years he never ranked any lower in these ratings. Only Gene Autry and Bill "Hopalong Cassidy" Boyd stood higher, and by 1942, when Leonard Slye legally changed his name to Roy Rogers, he had nudged Boyd out of the number two slot. The following year - with Gene Autry in military service - Rogers took over the top spot and never relinquished it through 1954, when the poll stopped being taken.

In August 1940, Roy Rogers switched his recording allegiance to Decca. He spent some three years with this company cutting some twenty-eight songs plus another half-dozen square dance numbers. Although none of the releases classified as super-hits, Decca's PR people contended in 1943 that his disc sales averaged 6,000 per week. Not recording again until after the war, Roy began with RCA Victor in August 1945 and remained with that firm through the fifties. Most of the title songs from his best known films appeared on that label, such as "Don't Fence Me in," "Home in Oklahoma," "The Gay Ranchero," and "Along the Navajo Trail."

Many film experts date Rogers' long ascendancy to the top of the movie cowboy field from his 1943 film *King of the Cowboys* coupled with his photo on the July 12, 1943 cover of *Lie* magazine. With his nearest competition in military service and with thirty-four starring roles behind him, Roy Rogers had reached the top of his profession. In this period, his pictures became more elaborate, sometimes running more than seventy minutes in length rather than the fifty-five to sixty-two minutes allowed usually for B movies. Some were also shot in "tricolor," the Republic watered-down version of Technicolor. From then until 1951, when his series ended with *Pals of the Golden West*, Roy remained at the top. In addition to his motion picture and recording career, the *King of the Cowboys* also began his own weekly radio program over the Mutual Broadcasting System on November 21, 1944. After a short hiatus, it moved to NBC



in 1946 and remained on the air until 1955. Beginning in January 1948, Dell initiated a regular comic books series, which by year's end reportedly reached monthly sales of 1.3 million. Numerous product endorsements made his name a household word, especially in homes with children.

During Roy's peak period of popularity, he petitioned Hollywood Lodge No. 355, through the help of a friend named Joe Espalier. As quoted in Bobby J. Copeland's article "Masonic Cowboys" from *Favorite Westerns and Serial World* No. 40 (1993), Rogers said, "I visited a Shriners' Hospital and saw all the good that those folks did for kids. I made up my mind right then that I wanted to be a Mason." Accepted into the order, he was initiated an Entered Apprentice on April 15, 1946. A month and a half later on June 3, the Lodge Brethren passed him to the degree of Fellowcraft, and raised him a Master Mason on June 27, 1946. Assuming that Roy also wanted to be a Shriner, four more years elapsed before he became a noble of Al Malaikah Temple. Perhaps some events in his personal life caused the delay.



Roy with leading lady, Dale Evans

Roy and his wife Arlene had adopted a daughter Cheryl in 1941, and in 1943, the couple had a girl named Linda. On October 28, 1946, the proud pair had a son named Roy, Jr - known as Dusty in his childhood - but problems developed and tragedy struck when Arlene died a few days later from an embolism. Suddenly left alone with three small children to rear, the 'King of the Cowboys' had more than his share of burdens. In the months that followed, Roy turned increasingly for advice and comfort to Dale Evans (born Frances Octavia Smith on October 31, 1912), who had been the leading lady in most of his Republic films since 1944. This circumstance soon blossomed into romance, and the couple married in Davis, Oklahoma, on December 31, 1947.

Although Republic pictures matched Roy with a new leading lady, Jane Frazee, for a time; Roy and Dale were soon reunited on the screen. A little later when Dale took time off to await a visit from the stork, Penny Edwards appeared in a half dozen of his films. Then Dale returned for the final two in

1951: *South of Caliente* and *Pals of the Golden West*. In all, Dale Evans appeared in twenty-eight of the eighty-two Roy Rogers Republic westerns.

In the meantime Roy continued his Masonic journey in June 1950, when he joined the Scottish Rite (SJ) bodies in Los Angeles. He also became a Noble of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple in Los Angeles. Sometime later Rogers became an honorary member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. On August 5, 1988, he moved his Scottish Rite membership to Long Beach.

On August 26, 1950, Dale gave birth to the couple's only child, a girl named Robin. Robin had Down's Syndrome and lived for only two years. Nonetheless, the whole experience drew them closer to God and inspired Dale to write her book, *Angel Unaware*. The Rogers family subsequently adopted three additional children; Sandy, Debbie, and Dodie; as well as rearing another foster daughter, Marion. Unfortunately, two of these children died in accidents some years later.

Roy Rogers left Republic studios in the Spring of 1951 to embark on a career move into television. The golden age of the B-Western was winding downward, but Herbert Yates did not want Roy to do a television series. As a result, he left Republic and over the next six years filmed an even hundred thirty-minute TV shows. While "The Roy Rogers Show" was designed primarily for a juvenile audience, numerous adults watched it too. The program premiered on December 30, 1951 and ran until June 23, 1957. In addition to Roy and his longtime faithful steed Trigger, Dale Evans who ran a cafe, comedian Pat Brady with his temperamental jeep "Nellybelle" and Roy's wonder dog Bullet appeared on every program. Quite popular in the earlier years, the program seemed somewhat dated by the time it left the air as the trend toward the sophisticated adult westerns began to hit in the mid-fifties. After he left Republic, Roy starred in only one movie during his TV years, the highly popular

spoof, *Son of Paleface* (Paramount, 1952) with Bob Hope and Jane Russell.

After some twenty consecutive years in the public eye, Roy Rogers' career began to slow down a bit after 1957. He and Dale continued to make personal appearances and recordings, but their media exposure was increasingly limited to guest spots. In the fall of 1962, they hosted an ABC Network variety show, and in 1975, he made another movie, *MacKintosh and T J*. In this film, Roy plays an aging modern cowboy who helps a troubled teenager. While not like his earlier heroics, he still plays a good if unspectacular role model for youth. In the later sixties and early seventies, he recorded several albums for Capitol Records including some mid-level country hits, such as "Money Can't Buy Love" and "Lovenworth." In the sixties he together with the Marriott Corporation started a chain of restaurants, and in 1965 opened a museum in Apple Valley, California, the main attraction of which was Trigger who passed away at the age of thirty-three. Roy had him stuffed and mounted. In 1976 Roy and Dale relocated their museum to Victorville, California, where it remains to this day. Among other mementos, it contains numerous Masonic and Shrine memorabilia. In 1991 Roy recorded a new album for Warner Brothers called "Tribute," which contains Roy singing with several contemporary country stars.

Among other things, Roy Rogers continued Masonic activity. In 1975 he received the KCCH and in 1979 the 33^o. On November 9, 1983, he received the York Rite degrees in a single day as part of a class that was named in his honor. He is a member of San Pedro Chapter No. 89, R.A.M.; Harbor Council No. 45, R. & S.M.; and San Pedro Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar, all in San Pedro, California. On February 24, 1997, he received his fifty-year award from Hollywood Lodge No. 355.

The King of the Cowboys has been honored in many ways. In 1976 he was elected to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. In 1982 he was elected to



Sir Knight Roy with his Lady Dale.

the Country Music Hall of Fame. (In a sense he is twice a member as the Sons of the Pioneers are also there). For several years his hometown of Portsmouth has held a Roy Rogers Festival in his honor. Sometimes Roy, Dale, or Dusty put in an appearance. Roy's signature occupies a spot on the city's flood wall along with other famous native sons (except for baseball great Brother Branch Rickey, who died before the wall decor had been conceived). The fact that so many of his films are available on home video and that numerous recordings are on compact disc is a tribute to his enduring popularity.

Now in his mid-eighties, the King of the Cowboys is semi-retired. He still makes a public appearance from time to time and periodically visits his museum, but he also stays home more. According to various sources, he has been known to watch "The Guiding Light" on daytime TV and tune in to Rush Limbaugh on talk-radio. At year's end he and Dale will celebrate their Golden

Anniversary. As one of Americas best known men and Masons of the twentieth century, few people have set better examples for their fellow citizens to follow than the man born as Leonard Slye, but known to the world as Roy Rogers.

Acknowledgments: I would like to thank Roy Rogers, Jr; David Dresser, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; Earl Gifford, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio; and Ms. Bonnie Johanson, staff member of the Grand Lodge of California,

for their help with compiling the Roy Rogers' Masonic record. For additional biographical material one may wish to consult the autobiography with Jane and Michael Stern, *Happy Trails; Our Life Story* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1994), and David Rothel, *The Roy Rogers Book* (Madison, NC: Empire Publishing Co., 1987).

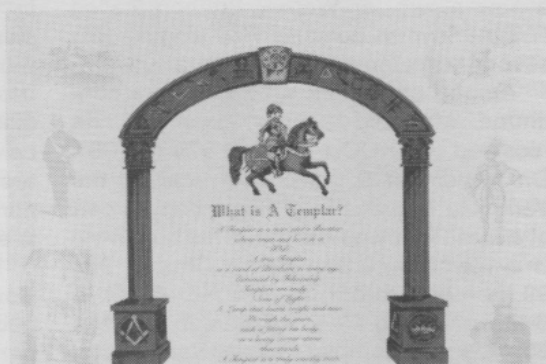
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Looking Toward the 30th Annual 'Voluntary Campaign

by Sir Knight Glen N Marshall, P.G.C.I KCT
 Iowa State Chairman, KTEF

As the start of our 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign nears, consider the case of Sir Knight Wayne A. Syverson. The Grand Commandery of Iowa is proud to call this Sir Knight their own. His care and concern and unselfish generosity towards our philanthropy serves to exemplify one of the greatest beliefs which we as Masons share.

As a matter of fact, as Commanders of our constituent bodies, we pledge ourselves, among other obligations, "to bind up the wounds of the afflicted." Certainly those who need our assistance in order to receive proper care for their eyes qualify in the spirit of this duty.

Can you imagine what the loss of your sight or the sight of a loved one would mean to you? That difference between day and night or light and darkness, sight and blindness, is surely some of the reason Sir Knight Wayne Syverson is so committed to helping. Sir Knight Wayne travels about the state giving instructions and checking on the abilities of our

members in doing the ritual and performing the correct tactics required of us as Knights Templar. For many years, he has donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation the expense checks he received for miles traveled. In addition, various of his contributions have purchased certificates for him as Life Sponsor, Patron, etc. He is the holder of two memberships in the Grand Master's Club. (That is \$1,000 each.)

What would happen if more of us shared this commitment?

At the last Annual Conclave of Iowa, this Sir Knight was given a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Most Eminent Grand Master, Blair C. Mayford.

Thank you, Sir Knight Syverson, Knight Commander of the Temple, a title richly deserved by you!

Sir Knight Glenn N. Marshall, P.G.C. State
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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)

The authors are both British Freemasons; Christopher Knight was born in 1950 and in 1971 completed the work on a degree in advertising and design; Robert Lomas, Ph.D., was born in 1947, has his degree in electrical engineering and has done research in solid state physics. They state: "We have no reason to be apologists for Freemasonry, but it does do a lot of good and as far as we know, nothing bad.. .Our biggest criticism of Freemasonry is its sheer pointlessness. It does not know where it came from, no one seems to know what it is trying to achieve, and increasingly it seems improbable that it can have much of a future in a world that demands a clarity of purpose and benefit... If the words that emerge from the ritual are taken at face value, Freemasonry would have to be at least three thousand years old."¹⁰ (p.4)

"At the centre of Masonic lore is a character called Hiram Abif who, according to a story told to every Freemason, was murdered almost three thousand years ago at the building of King Solomon's Temple. This man is a total enigma. His role as the builder of King Solomon's Temple and the circumstances of his horrible death are clearly described in Masonic history, yet he is not mentioned in the Old Testament. For four of the six years we spent working on this research, we believed that Hiram Abif was a symbolic creation. But then he materialized out of the mists of time to prove himself very real indeed.

"Once Hiram Abif emerged from the distant past, he provided nothing less than a new key to Western history. The intellectual contortions and laboured conclusions that

have previously formed Western society's collective view of the past gave way to simple and logical order. Our researches led us first to reconstructing the ancient Egyptian king-making ritual of four thousand years ago; that in turn led us to uncover an assassination that took place around 1570 B.C., which gave rise to a resurrection ceremony that is the direct antecedent of modern Freemasonry. As we tracked the development of this secret ritual from Thebes to Jerusalem, we uncovered its role in the building of the Hebrew nation and in the evolution of Jewish theology.

"In startling contrast to what is currently held to be fact, the Western world actually developed according to a very ancient philosophy encoded into a secret system that has come to the surface at three key moments over the past three thousand years.

"The final proof of our findings may well turn out to be the archaeological find of the century. We have located the secret scrolls of Jesus and his followers."¹¹ (p. xii, xiii)

"Although we joined different Lodges several years apart, we recall identical experiences."¹² (p 5)

"We shared the same frustrations concerning the vague conventional explanations of the origins of the Order. Our discussions became more frequent and our interest grew as we sparked off each other, and it was not long before we decided to undertake a structured investigation with the joint objectives of identifying the character we knew as Hiram Abif and finding the lost secrets of Freemasonry. At that time neither of us believed that we had any chance of succeeding in this strange quest, but we knew that the journey would be interesting. We did not know it at the time, but we had just set in motion one of the biggest detective

five investigations of all time, and that our findings were going to be of major importance, not only to Freemasonry, but to the world in general.¹³ (p. 17)

"...We therefore decided to look into the possible history of the Craft before it 'went public' and felt there were three serious theories that had received consideration from historians:

"1. That Freemasonry is as ancient as the Masonic ritual claims - it was indeed created as a result of happenings at the building of King Solomon's Temple and has been passed down to us through mechanisms unknown.

"2. That it is a development of medieval stonemasons' guilds, whereby 'operative' Masonic skills with stone were translated into what Masons call 'speculative' Masonic skills of moral improvement.

"3. That Masonic ritual originates directly from the Order of the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon, now better known as the Knights Templar.

"The first theory, that Freemasonry was the creation of King Solomon, struck us as impossible to research because the Old Testament is the only source, so we pursued no further at that time.

"The second one, that medieval stonemasons developed the Craft for their own moral improvement, is a theory that has found acceptance in virtually every quarter, Masonic and non-Masonic. Nevertheless, despite the apparent logic of this idea and the large number of books that have promoted this idea over many generations, we found it difficult to substantiate once we considered it in depth. For a start, despite searching, we were completely unable to find any records to show that medieval stonemasons' guilds existed at all in England. Had they existed we felt certain that some trace

would still remain; in many European countries they certainly did exist and there is plenty of evidence of their activities. Gould's *History of Freemasonry* carries page after page of crests of the guilds of stonemasons across Europe, but none is British.

"Such workers were skilled artisans in the employ of the church or rich landowners, and it seems unlikely that their masters would have been enlightened enough to permit some form of proto-trade union, even if the workers had developed a desire for such a unifying body. Many of them would have spent their lives working on a single building such as a cathedral, and the need for secret signs of recognition and passwords struck us as non-existent when these masons were trundling around the same building site for fifty years.

"Most stonemasons in the middle ages were illiterate and would have little or no education outside of their apprenticeship which provided only craft skills. To imagine that they could have understood, let alone have originated, as complex a ritual as that now used by Freemasons strains credibility. Their vocabulary and most likely their ability for abstract thought must have been very limited indeed. Travel for all but the most highly skilled master masons was a rare event so secret signs, grips and passwords would not be of much value; and even if they did travel from one building to another why would they need secret means of recognition? If anyone falsely claimed to be a stonemason it would not take long to spot their inability to work stone.

"As many kings and their mightiest lords have been Freemasons from the Order's known beginnings to the present, we could not imagine the circumstances in which a band of noblemen turned up at a stonemason's gathering asking if they could copy their proceedings to use them, in a symbolic manner, for their moral betterment.

(quote continues next month)

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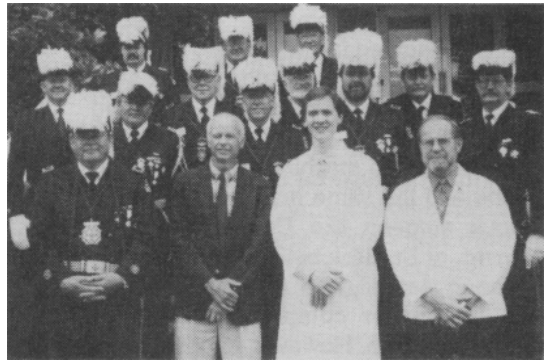
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The Grand Commandery Of North Carolina Presents Grant From Knights Templar Eye Foundation

July 23, 1997, marked a special occasion for the Grand Commandery of North Carolina. They were pleased and honored to present a check in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Doctor David K. Wallace, Department of Ophthalmology, University of North Carolina for a pediatric ophthalmology research grant entitled, "System of Video Indirect Ophthalmology for Retinopathy of Prematurity in the name of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



Pictured, left to right front row: James M. Earnhardt, Grand Commander; Joe Capowski, MS, co-investigator; David K Wallace, M.D., UNC assistant professor of ophthalmology and pediatrics; David Eifrig, M.D., chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology; second row: Donald Bennett, Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S.M. in NC; Gene Lewellyn, Grand Standard Bearer; Kirby Matthews, Grand Sword Bearer; Wayne Walker, KTEF campaign chairman; third row: Bill Ivey; Louis Dean, Deputy Grand Commander; Arthur Bloxham, Chief Instructor-Instructor; Michael Rachel; fourth row: Dennis Mikeal, Grand Warder; David Cronk, Grand Generalissimo; Charles Ray Thomas, Grand Captain General.

To the Heart of the Matter

by Sir Knight Dan C. Ehlert, KYCH, P.C.

Today, whether it is due to the stress of our current life styles or whether it is due to man's continuing failure to keep in proper physical shape, the occurrences of cardiac failure continue to soar. Today, medical heart problems are major contributors to America's death toll. Today, coronary bi-pass surgery is almost common. Heart replacement surgery is limited only by the availability of donor organs. Neither of these operations would have been possible without the invention of the artificial heart and lung machine.

Also, human blood is a key ingredient in all surgical operations especially coronary procedures. Today's procedures are enhanced by the use of blood cell platelets. Whole blood has a finite shelf life, but blood cell platelets alone can be stored for a protracted period of time. Blood donations can be repeated much more frequently, sometimes weekly, if the whole blood donation is separated into platelets and into plasma. The platelet cells are reserved for future use, while the plasma is returned to the donor. This separation is performed by a machine called a hemo-centrifuge.

Both of these machines were invented by one and the same man. He was not a famous surgeon like Dr. DeBakey, Dr. Bernard, or Dr. Beck but rather, he was an engineer. Actually, he was an engineer who had never completed college or earned a degree. However, in private and secret research this engineer invented the hemo-centrifuge in 1932; in 1935 he invented the artificial heart and lung machine. His contribution of these inventions is now almost forgotten. He coauthored a book with Dr. A. Carrel entitled *The Culture of Organs*. He received the Pulitzer Prize, but it was for another book published some fifteen years later. In 1926 this same young engineer had

united with the Masonic Fraternity when he joined Keystone Lodge No. 243 of Missouri.

As Americans and as Freemasons, we bask in the reflected glory of this man, not only because he was the inventor of these vital machines that mean so very much to cardiac patients but also because of his daring to do what no man had ever done before. You see, he also loved to fly. He flew the first air mail run from Chicago to St. Louis. He set a speed record for flying from California to New York. He was the first to fly nonstop from New York to Paris (over the Atlantic Ocean). He was, of course, Brother Charles A. Lindbergh, "Lucky Lindy," "The Lone Eagle," the author of the Pulitzer Prize winning book *The Spirit of St. Louis*, and the same man and Masonic Brother who had also invented the hemo-centrifuge blood machine and the artificial heart and lung machine - That goes to the heart of the matter!

Charles Augustus Lindbergh was born February 4, 1902, in Detroit, Michigan and died August 26, 1974. He was the only child of Congressman C. A. Lindbergh, Sr. (Minnesota, 1907-17) and Evangeline Lodge Land. He attended the University of Wisconsin (1918-20, engineering) and went to U.S. Flying Service School, 1924. He was in the U.S. Army Reserve, became brigadier general and a civilian consultant to U.S. Air Corps, and flew fifty combat missions. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Pulitzer Prize and others. Masonically, he was a life member of Keystone Lodge No. 243, St. Louis, Missouri; M.M., December 15, 1926. Also, he was a member of St. Louis Chapter No. 23, National Sojourners, St. Louis, and the Order of Sciots, San Diego, California.

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Cross of Malta

While I was visiting my son, who is a volunteer fire fighter in Nebraska, he took me to \$09 the fire station in his community. On the uniforms worn by the fire-fighters I saw embroidered a large representation of the Maltese Cross. I commented that this is also the symbol of the Knights Templar and asked my son, who has since joined our chivalric order, if he knew of any connection. He recently sent me the following article:

'History of the Maltese Cross' by Bob Tichota as reported in the *Smoke-Eater*, Vol. 53 - No. 1, official newspaper of the Nebraska State Firefighters' Association:

"The insignia of the fire service is the 'Cross Patee-Nowy,' otherwise known as the Maltese Cross. This cross represents the fire service ideals of saving lives and extinguishing fires.

"The fire service borrows the cross from the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem, a charitable, nonmilitary organization that existed during the 11th and 12th centuries. A white or silver cross on a dark background was adopted by these Knights of Hospitallers (sic), as they were also known, because of their charity toward the sick and poor in setting up hospices and hospitals. Later they assisted the knights of the crusades through their goodwill and also through military assistance in an effort to win back the Holy Land. The Knights of St. John eventually moved to the Island of Malta, the island for which the Maltese Cross was named.

"The need for an identifiable emblem for the knights had become crucial. Because of the extensive armor which covered their bodies and faces, the knights were unable to distinguish friend

from foe in battle. They chose the cross of Calvary as their symbol since they had fought their battles for a holy cause. The cross was later called a "Maltese Cross" and represented the principles of charity, loyalty, chivalry, gallantry, generosity to friend and foe, protection of the weak, and dexterity in service.

"During the crusades many knights became firefighters out of necessity. Their enemies had resorted to throwing glass bombs containing naphtha, and sailing their vessels in war containing naphtha, rosin, sulfur, and flaming oil into the vessels of the knights. Many knights were called on to do heroic deeds by rescuing fellow knights and extinguishing fires.

"In acknowledgement of these feats the cross worn by these knights was decorated and inscribed. This was considered a most honorable claim."

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On the Masonic Newsfront...

Kentucky Presents Eye Foundation Research Grant

July 9, 1997, Sir Knight Samuel E. Lowe, Grand Commander of Kentucky; accompanied by Sir Knights Donald Hinslea Smith, M.E. Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and Kurt Legait, P.C. and state chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; presented a KTEF grant check for \$20,000 to Dr. Jennifer K Brueckner, Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical Center, for her research project in the area of pediatric



ophthalmology. Pictured, left to right, are: John D. Porter, M.D., professor; Dr. Brueckner; Donald Smith; Kurt Legait; and Sam Lowe. The presentation was made in the research area of the medical center. (submitted by Sir Knight Donald Smith, Kentucky editor)

Illinois Masonic Medical Center Opens Latino Cancer Institute

In July 1997 Illinois Masonic Medical Center (IMMC) announced the opening of the Latino Cancer Institute, a unique program of the Angelo P. Creticos, M.D. Cancer Center designed to meet the needs of the Latino community. Located on the IMMC campus at 901 W. Wellington, the Latino Cancer Institute offers a team approach for guiding each adult patient through screening, diagnosis, treatment and education.

Angel Galvez, M.D., Ph.D., is the medical director of the Latino Cancer Institute. Dr. Galvez, who joined the IMMC medical staff in 1994, is board certified in medical oncology, hematology, and internal medicine. "We are very interested in educating the Latino community about cancer focusing on early detection," said Dr. Galvez. "Since there is no language barrier at the Institute, we understand our patients' feelings and beliefs, help them improve their understanding of cancer, and provide them with optimal medical care."

Currently, the Latino Cancer Institute receives seventy patient visits a month. The Institute utilizes the resources of the Creticos Cancer Center offering comprehensive diagnosis and treatment, including on-site chemotherapy, state-of-the-art radiation oncology services, breast and gynecological cancer evaluations and treatment, psychology services, and access to new treatments through research trials.

In addition, the Latino Cancer Institute plans to regularly schedule special screening services for the Latino community, since early detection is crucial in treating cancer, especially cancer of the breast, prostate, colon, and cervix. Patients' families are involved in their loved one's cancer care by joining family conferences where the diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment plan are discussed.

For more information call: (773) 296-5711. A bilingual representative will assist you.

"Hall Masonic Park" Dedication Memorializes Utica, New York Physician

A ceremony dedicating the Utica Masonic Temple's new, decorative frontage park to the memory of benefactor William P. Hall, M.D., was held Sunday, June 22, at the Fraternity's downtown Utica headquarters at 251 Genesee Street.

Dr. Hall, an otolaryngologist, who practiced in Utica from 1910 until 1951 and who was active in Freemasonry until his death in 1967, was honored by the Utica Masonic Association for his outstanding service and benevolence to the Fraternity and charity.

The grassy park which features evergreens, flowering cherry and linden trees, provides an attractive facade for the Masonic Temple parking lot expansion. Centerpiece of the park is a hand-wrought Square and Compass, the Fraternity's ancient emblem, crafted by Utica blacksmith Robert Coley and accented with decorative slate paving stone.

The park was developed in a cooperative effort between the Utica Masonic Association and the Utica mayor's office to assure the demolition of the dilapidated Hotel Albert adjacent to the Temple would benefit the city not only with increased downtown parking but also with a decorative touch in keeping with the downtown beautification efforts fostered by city government.

The ceremony, an adjunct event to the St. John's Day weekend festival across town at Utica's famous Masonic Home on Bleecker Street, included brief addresses by state and local Masonic dignitaries and local government officials.

Following the ceremony, the public was invited into the Masonic Temple to enjoy a free reception, light refreshments, and guided tours of the historic structure.

Kansas Masonic Rosicrucian College Chartered

Collegium Floris de Solis Kansiensis Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, the Kansas College of the Masonic Rosicrucian Society in the United States, was chartered in February 1997. In order to be established, it required the written permission of the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas. Most Worshipful Carveth K. Neer gave his written approval in December 1996. The first meeting of the new College was held on Saturday, May 17, 1997.

Masons in the U.S. learning about the development of Masonic Rosicrucianism in England and Scotland became interested in organizing a similar body in the United States as early as 1878, as indicated by the granting of a charter to Dr. Jonathan J. French to organize a College in the state of

Illinois. Unfortunately, Dr. French died later that year, so the College did not survive. Several Masons from Pennsylvania were admitted to the First Grade in Yorkshire College while on a Masonic pilgrimage to Mary Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar of England. These Brethren became the nucleus for the Pennsylvania College, which received a charter on December 1879. This was followed by charters issued to New York on April 9, 1880; Massachusetts on May 4, 1880; Maryland on May 10, 1880; and Vermont on September 22, 1880. Vermont was never active. Members from Philadelphia and New York met in Philadelphia on April 21, 1880, and formed a Grand High Council. The Society is in amity with the only other similar societies in the world: Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia (England) and Societas Rosicruciana in Scotia

(Scotland). These three entered into a concordat in 1911 and use the same ritual for the "work" or the grades.

Colleges of the Society are located in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Star (Minnesota), Oklahoma, Ontario, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Supreme Magus (Washington, D.C.), Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and now Kansas. There can be only one College in each state or province. Membership is limited to seventy-two members, but one rarely finds a College with more than forty-two members. The Supreme Magus College serves as a College for those who reside in a state or province where there is no College. The Society is not interested primarily in increasing its membership, and today there are about 1,600 living members. Among its members will be found the most active and distinguished members of Freemasonry. Membership is by **Invitation only** and cannot be petitioned.

Membership is predicated upon Masonic affiliation and Christianity. The Society is not merely another degree in Freemasonry which may be acquired and outside the normal "workings" of the Craft. The Masonic qualification assures the membership that the neophyte has given proof of that fidelity and privacy which characterizes a member of the Fraternity. The Christian qualification is required because the character of the Grade rituals is completely Christian and would not be understood or appreciated by those of other faiths. This character is emphasized in the Ceremony of Admission, and it will be noted that a certain community outlook and understanding among the members (called Frates) is necessary.

The Kansas College came about with the transfer of four Rosicrucians who were

already members of the Society: Merlin R. Grundy and Robert L. Tomlinson, Jr. were members of the Illinois College, Forrest D. Haggard was a member of the Supreme Magus College (Washington, D.C.), and Donald F. Young was a member of the Oklahoma College. These four members transferred into the Kansas College along with the initiation in Washington, D.C., of Allen M. Peyton, Barry G. Albin, and Alan C. Reeves. The remaining members were included in May 1997 and were M.W. Carveth K. Neer, P.G.M.; David F. Snyder; Jerry E. Stotler; Jim D. Beye; Charles W. McClain; James A. Walker; and Larry C. Reeder.

The aim of the Society is to afford mutual aid and management in working out the great problems of life and to search out the secrets of nature; to facilitate the study of the system of philosophy founded on the Kabalah and the doctrines of Hermes Trismegistus, which was inculcated by the original Frates Rose Crucis, A.D. 1450, and to investigate the meaning and symbolism of all that now remains of the wisdom, art and literature of the ancient world.

Officers for the Kansas College are Chief Adept, Merlin R. Grundy; Celebrant, Forrest D. Haggard; Suffragan, Robert L. Tomlinson, Jr.; Treasurer and Secretary, Allen M. Peyton; Primus Ancient, Carveth K. Neer; Secundus Ancient, Donald F. Young; Tertius Ancient, David F. Snyder; Quartus Ancient, Jerry E. Stotler; Conductor of Novices, Barry G. Albin; Organist, Jim D. Beye; First Herald, Charles W. McClain; Second Herald, James A. Walker; Torch Bearer, Larry C. Reeder; and Guardian of the Caverns, Alan G. Reeves.

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Empire-DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 14 of Staten Island, New York
Honors Governor and Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton

Early Spring 1997 Empire-DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 14, Staten Island, New York, laid a wreath at the Clinton monument to honor and remember Governor and Past Grand Commander of New York State, DeWitt Clinton, who was also a Past Grand Master of Masons of New York and a Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of New York, a General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter, and a Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. A few of the dignitaries present at the ceremony were: Michael A. Perez, Zone Commander;

Alfonso Serrano, Commander of Empire-DeWitt Clinton; Rudolph W. Guillian, mayor of New York City; George E. Pataki, governor of New York State; John Manbeck, historian, Borough of Brooklyn representative; then Grand Commander of New York State, Wafter Drake, Jr.; Blair C. Mayford, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; Stewart C. McCloud, Deputy Grand Master of New York Masons, representing Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master.

Following are pictures and on the next page an article about DeWitt Clinton.



The laying of the wreath, from left to right,: Stewart C. McCloud, Deputy Grand Master; Brother Ralph Archangel; Sir Knight Alfonso Serrano, Commander. (photo by Ed Swietnicki)



The Clinton monument.



Sir Knights on the march.

Who Was DeWitt Clinton?

by Sir Knight Alfonso Serrano, E. Commander

As I approached the guard station at the main gate of the Green-Wood Cemetery (dubbed "Brooklyn's Victorian Necropolis"). I couldn't help thinking of a listing of the people buried there. It reads like the index of a history book: Currier and Ives, Horace Greely, Samuel B. Morse, Lewis Comfort Tiffany, Henry Steinway, Frank Morgan, Alice Roosevelt, and Leonard Bernstein, to name a few.

The reason I was brought to the Green-Wood Cemetery was to search out a man who in his day was one of the most famous statesmen produced by the state of New York, Governor DeWitt Clinton. When I questioned the sentinel as to where the Clinton plot was located, he remarked that although he had seen it, he wasn't sure where it was. He radioed the roving patrol on duty and asked them where DeWitt Clinton was buried. They responded, "Who?"

I had known of Governor Clinton for more than half of my adult life, being a graduate of DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx, New York City. (DeWitt Clinton High School once held the Guinness world record for the school with the largest student population in the world.) But the school made no effort to educate its students on the history of the man for whom the school was named.

After reading the book *Born In Blood* by John J. Robinson, I found myself at the doorstep of Freemasonry. I had submitted a petition to Aurora Grata-Day Star Lodge No. 647 of Brooklyn. The Worshipful Master that year had arranged to take the members of the Lodge on a tour of the Green-Wood Cemetery, inviting all the men on the trestle board awaiting the degree of Entered Apprentice. To my surprise I found that Governor Clinton was buried in Brooklyn, and I remarked to those who were with us that I had gone to a school named after this

man and I didn't even know who he was or what he had done in his life. Afterward, I filed this fact away in the back of my mind.

I didn't come across the name of DeWitt Clinton again until I had presented myself at Stapleton Masonic Temple on Staten Island, New York, to receive the Order of the Red Cross, the Mediterranean Pass, and Order of Malta. These Orders were conferred upon me by the Sir Knights of Empire-De Witt Clinton Commandery No. 14. Again I asked myself who was DeWitt Clinton.

That evening I began to research the history of this man, and I was surprised to learn who this man was. DeWitt Clinton was born March 2, 1769, at Little Britain, New York. His father, James Clinton (1736-1812), served as a captain of the provincial troops in the French-Indian War and as brigadier general in the American Army during the Revolutionary War. DeWitt Clinton graduated from Columbia College in 1768 and in 1790 was admitted to the bar. From 1790 to 1795 he was the private secretary to his uncle, George Clinton, then governor of New York and leader of the Republican Party. DeWitt Clinton entered the state senate in 1798, serving until 1802. He at once became a dominant factor in New York politics, and for the next quarter of a century, he played a leading role in the history of the commonwealth.

In 1802 Clinton became a member of the U.S. Senate, but he resigned the following year to become Mayor of New York City, an office which he held for ten years during the period 1803-1815. During his mayoralty he also held other offices, being a member of the state senate in 1806 and lieutenant governor in 1811. In 1811 after a congressional caucus at Washington, D.C., had nominated James Madison for a second

term, the Republicans of New York, desiring to break up the so-called Virginia Dynasty, as well as the system of congressional nominations, nominated Clinton for the presidency by a legislative caucus. In the election Clinton received eighty-nine electoral votes and Madison received 128.

As a state legislator, Clinton was active in securing the abolition of slavery and of imprisonment for debt. He was also instrumental in perfecting a system of free public schools in New York (an idea started by his uncle George Clinton). In 1810 he was a member of a commission to explore a route for a canal between Lake Erie and the Hudson River, and in 1811 he and then Governor Morris were sent to Washington to secure federal aid for the undertaking of the canal but were unsuccessful. The second war with Great Britain prevented any immediate action by the state, but in 1816 Clinton was active in reviving the project, and a new commission was appointed, of which he became president. His connection with this work so enhanced his popularity that he was chosen governor by an overwhelming majority and served two triennial terms, from 1817 through 1823. As governor he devoted his energies to the construction of the canal, but the opposition to his administration, led by Martin Van Buren and Tammany Hall, became so formidable by 1822 that he declined to seek a third term. His successful opponents, however, overreached themselves when in 1824 they removed him from the office of canal commissioner. This partisan action aroused such indignation that at the next election Clinton was again chosen governor by a large majority and served from 1825 until the time of his death.

As governor he took part in the formal ceremony of admitting the waters of Lake Erie into the canal in October of 1825, thus he witnessed the completion of a work which owed more to him than to any other man. Aside from these great accomplishments he was also one of the most prominent Freemasons of his day.

Most Worshipful Brother Clinton was Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Holland Lodge No. 16 (now No. 8) on September 3, 1790, serving as its Master in 1793 and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York from 1806 through 1819. He was the first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York in 1798 and the first General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America from 1816 through 1826. He was Knighted in Holland Lodge No. 16 on May 17, 1792, and served as the first Thrice Illustrious Grand Master (Grand Commander) of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New York from 1814 through 1828. He was also the first Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America from 1816 through 1828.

The origin of our present system of Orders is not exactly known. The Order of the Temple was conferred under the control of the Symbolic Lodges in Scotland, England, and Ireland in the early part of the 18th century. It was considered that a charter or warrant of a Blue Lodge was sufficient authority to confer the Orders of Knighthood.

The earliest known Lodge to confer the Order of the Temple was St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts, which took place in 1769, the year that Clinton was born. In New York it is uncertain when the first encampment (Commandery) was formed, but there's reference that there was a Commandery established in New York City as early as 1785, when a detail of Knights formed an escort for the Grand Lodge of New York on the anniversary of the feast of St. John the Evangelist, December 28, 1785.

Prior to the formation of the Grand Encampment of New York, there were several encampments or Commanderies in existence. In the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New York of 1882, the following information on these encampments was compiled: New York City: Old

Encampment (Morton Encampment), Columbian Encampment, Jerusalem Encampment, Rising Sun Encampment, St. Peter's Encampment; Stillwater: Montgomery Encampment; and Albany: Temple Encampment. There is also in the minutes of the organization of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America mention of an Ancient Encampment of New York. Since there were approximately eight encampments in New York, some control was needed to keep them functioning as a cohesive group. On January 22, 1814, it was decreed by unanimous vote that a Grand Encampment would be established in New York with DeWitt Clinton, then Grand Master of Masons of New York and mayor of New York City as its Thrice Illustrious Grand Master or Grand Commander. Governor Clinton held that office until his death in 1828.

The Grand Encampment of the United States of America was instituted on Juno 22, 1816, in New York City. At this session Do Witt Clinton was appointed the first Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the

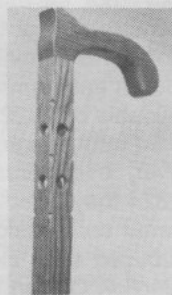
United States. When the anti-Masonic fervor gripped New York State in 1826, as a consequence of the Morgan Affair (Masons were accused of putting Morgan to death as a result of his attempt to publish an exposé on the Masonic Fraternity), Governor Clinton took all the necessary steps for the arrest of the supposed criminals. Although he offered a liberal reward for their detection, he was charged by the anti-Masons with official neglect and indifference, charges which were undoubtedly false and malicious.

The accusations leveled at the executive office of New York State are attributed to the political excitement of the time, anti-Masonry being adopted soon after its origin by politicians as a vehicle for their advancement to office. DeWitt Clinton was an honorable man and a true patriot. He was also an ardent and devoted Mason.

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York Rite College In Texas Holds One-Day Festival To Honor Joseph W. Regian, M.W. Grand Master

Gulf Coast York Rite College No. 106 held a one-day York Rite festival honoring Joseph W. Regian, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas. All of the York Rite degrees and orders were conferred in full form on twenty-one candidates. The York Rite Association and College have been holding a summer festival and maintaining this time schedule for over twenty years. Tom Turner, E. Grand Senior Warden, had the honor and privilege of Knighting his son Nathan Turner, who was one of the candidates.

All of the presiding York Rite grand officers of Texas and many others were present. Pictured in the front row from left to right are: Leonard Pierce, E. Grand Generalissimo; Paul Warren, R.E. Grand Scribe; Richard Coates, M.E. Grand High Priest; Joseph Regian, M.W. Grand Master and honoree; Thomas Snyder, M.I. Grand Master; Graham Childress, R.E. Grand Commander; Ben O'Brien, R.I. Deputy Grand Master; John Elkinton, R.I. Grand RC. of Work; Jerry Kerby, E. Grand Captain General; and Jimmy McClellan, I Grand Conductor of the Council. Other grand officers in the picture are: Wilbur Johnson, V.I. Past Grand Master, Grand Council; Tom Snedecor, E. Grand Royal Arch Captain; Jack Wright, R.E. Past Grand High Priest; Larry Tucker, E. Grand Warder; Eldon Brooks, RE Grand Secretary; Loyd Chance, E. Grand Recorder; Jim Smith, E Grand Standard Bearer; A. D. Jackson, E. Grand Prelate; Tom Turner, E. Grand Senior Warden; Ken Fischer, then R.E. Grand Captain General, now Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment; and Glen McCandless, E. Grand Sentinel.



MARYLAND ASSEMBLY, S.O.O.B., INITIATES NEW MEMBERS

Westminster Assembly No. 245, S.O.O.B., has initiated four members since October. Pictured at the initiation of Mrs. David Kempfer, wife of the Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, are: Mrs. Samuel McHenry, Gettysburg, PA; Mrs. Kempfer, Harrisburg, PA; Mrs. Curt Wood, President of Westminster Assembly; Mrs. Bryan Berry, wife of the Aide to Grand Commander Kempfer of Pennsylvania, Lewisburg, PA. Missing at the time of the picture was Mrs. Patrick Racioppa, Hanover, PA.



Westminster Assembly celebrated their 23rd birthday with a dinner and a magic show, and their annual picnic with Carroll Commandery was held on July 12.



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Bethel Commander's No. 98, Hanover, Pennsylvania, has a limited number of attractive, commemorative, 10-inch plates in white, hard porcelain with gold edge band. Customary cross and crown, cross in brilliant red and crown in gold, are in the center on pink and black Command seal on top side; Founders Hail in Hershey and then Presiding officers listed on bottom. These were held over from 1982 Annual Conclave of Pennsylvania, which was held in Hershey. Priority mail, first come, first served: \$5.00 each plus \$5.00 postage and shipping, representing half of original cost. All proceeds to KTEF. Check or money order to Bunnell C. Stambaugh, 303 York Street, Hanover, PA 17331, (717) 632-5811.

For sale: Commander's uniform with chapeau, 71/4; jacket, 46 large; sword, sword sling; and shoulder boards. All for \$150.00 plus postage. *James B. Terry, 1056 Madison Street, Largo, FL 33770, day: (813) 464-3665, night: (813) 581-7562.*

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Kennesaw Lodge No. 33, F. & AM., of Marietta, Georgia, has a limited supply of 150th anniversary bronze coins available at \$5.00 each, postage and handling included. Check or money order payable to *Kennesaw Lodge No. 33* and mail to *C. B. Stephens, 1302 Old Coach Road, Marietta, GA 30060-3731.*

For sale: Western Star Lodge No. 37, Norfolk, Connecticut, has a limited supply of original design 200th anniversary coins for sale: 1.875-inch diameter, two ounce, 0.999 silver (14 left) for \$35.00 and a matching "gold tone" bronze (100 left) for \$8.00. Also: T-shirts with side of coin on front and back, \$12.00; 7.5-inch wine goblets with square and compass and commemorative dates, \$600, or two for \$10.00. All items postage paid. Check or money order to *Western Star Lodge No. 37*, and send to *Duncan Denny, 549 North Street, Middletown CT 06058.*

Pulaski Royal Arch Chapter No. 39, Pulaski, Virginia, has a supply of 100th anniversary antique bronze coins for sale. Coin measures 1.25 inches in diameter. Face has "Respect for the Past, Confidence in the Future," circled around outside edge with "100th anniversary" in middle; reverse has "Pulaski Royal Arch, Pulaski, Virginia," circled on edge with "Chapter No. 39, 1896-1996" in middle. \$5.40 each includes postage, etc. Checks or money orders to *Pulaski Royal Arch Chapter No. 39* and send to *A. J. Spradlin, PH.P.; P.O. Box 396; Dublin; VA 24084.*

Albuquerque Lodge No. 60, A.F. & AM., Albuquerque, New Mexico, has available 50th anniversary golden bronze coins for \$3.50 each. Proceeds to Lodge charity fund. Check or money order payable to Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 and send to *Dick R. Watkins, Sec.; 602 Mesilla, N.E.; Albuquerque, NM 87108-2046.*

For sale: York Rite cap with 6-color embroidery showing Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Command emblems. Specify white or dark blue cap. Donation to the three York Rite charities. \$11.00 each plus \$1.00 postage. *Robert Hauptert, P.O. Box 433, Farmington, NM 87499.*

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

For sale: Bulova gold Accuquartz wrist watch with small diamond approx. .03 carat, single cut, day-date: appraised for \$4,100; asking \$3,000 or best offer with 10% of selling price to KTEF. *Jim McKnight, P.O. Box 231, Macatawa, MI 49434, (616) 335-3450.*

For sale: Scottish Rite ring, 10K yellow and white gold. One side has gold 32° in black triangle; other side has gold "Yod" in black triangle. Top of ring has white gold double-headed eagle with .10 pt. diamond: \$335.00. *Jet! Cook, 149 Rio Verde Drive, Belleville, IL 62221-3185, (618)257-1940.*

For sale: size 10, 10K yellow gold diamond ring: mounting: 32° Scottish Rite and Shrine ring and emblems on the side with .45 ct. round brilliant diamond. Almost new: appraised at \$2,000: will accept \$1,200.00 or best offer. *Harvey I. Mize, 7010 Sheridan Road, Pine Bluff, AR 71602, (501) 247-1240.*

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For sale: Masonic afghans and Masonic stems. If you are interested in the items listed below, please send your name and address and I will send you a color photograph and order form for the items you have indicated: afghans for Blue Lodge, Shrine, Eastern Star, Rainbow, Royal Order of the Jesters, and Daughters of the Nile. I also have Eastern Star pillows and Blue Lodge and Shrine stems, One dollar from every item sold goes to KTEF when ordering from this ad. Please specify that you saw the ad in "Knight Voices." *Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 543, Trexlertown, PA 18087.*

What has happened to the social graces and common courtesies! After my poem, "Tis True" was published in the magazine, I got many requests for it and also some for my other work. La=s answered and provided with an ample cross section of various poem subjects. The mailing was costly. I did not get the first "thank you" nor was I even informed that the material had been received. It took me two and a half years to research and write the history of my Masonic Lodge, Harmony No. 1. So many requests were made for copies, it took weeks to comply. I mailed at my personal expense. **Not** one advised that the history had been received. When a Brother wants to write his Lodge history and solicits help, I have sent mine. I have yet to receive a thank **you** or a **note** that it was received, *Henry Doherty, 204 Holly Drive, Natchez, MS 39120-4811*

Wanted: Accutron Blue Lodge Past Master's wrist watch and also Accutron pocket watch, Hamilton electric pocket watch, and Accutron World Time pilot and diver's wrist watches. Send to *H. C. Arbuckle III, P.O. Box 3026, Corpus Christi, TX 78463-3026*

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 co(lection. 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*

Are you a Steadman? I am seeking additional information regarding the Steadman lineage through Lodge affiliations and Masonic orders. Any into will help to supplement the family tree line. We have present knowledge back to YOU and will trade if desired. You may call (904) 252-3834 or write *Fredrick Eugene Steadman, 298 Brookline Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118*

Wanted: fire men's helmets for museum. Will pay reasonable price and shipping charges. Young Brother *Mason is fire fighter. William Cashman; 11 Pine Street, No. 5; Newburyport; MA 01950-3238, or call collect (508) 465-6434.*

Order of St. Raphael info sought 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. Contact with U.S. members was last and not reinstated. The Grand Council is now seeking any info on former members, conclaves, or surviving groups which may still be operating in the U.S. If you have any info *Shawn D. Abbott, KSR; 924 Greenbrier Road; Monde; IN 47304-3260; (765) 284-4805.*

84-year-young Knight seeks help with hobby, collecting business and/or calling cards, world-wide and needs: DE, ME, WV, MT. and "special" sections: law enforcement, clowns, dolls, celebrities. I am 100% medically retired, military. *Edward A. Hill, 326 Jolly Ridge Circle, Columbus, MS 39701.*

My company and I will donate **10% of the commission** on any real estate transaction originating from this ad to the KTEF, be it purchasing a home, vacant land, etc., or selling property. Working for Coldwell Banker allows me to service locations all over the United States and the world. Contact *Bill Schmalke, Coldwell Banker Major League Realty, Inc.; Residential Real Estate; 1625 Taylor Road, Suite B; Daytona Beach; FL 32124; 1-800 752-5021.*

A big thank you for all the postcards, letters, pictures, books, etc. I think I've received something from every state plus Canada, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, and Northern Ireland - hundreds of them! I have an undiagnosed ailment that has left me unable to stand, walk or write. Also, thanks to the unknown Brother who submitted my name and address to "Knight Voices." *Henry Pease, 3841 Ionia Road, Bellevue, MI 49321-9454.*

For sale: 2 adjoining lots, Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, Illinois. Asking \$1,55W for both or \$850 each. (334) 687-4835, or write *F Thompson, PD. Box 981, Eufaula, AL 36072.*

Looking **for** long lost friend: served aboard U.S.S. Lowe (DER-325) from about 1964-1966 also in South Chins Sea during Vietnam. His name is Jacob Ershul Mullins, Jr. (A.K.A. "Moon"). In Virginia last heard. Originally we were from Charlotte, NC. His mother's name is Nell. Any info call, day or night, collect (916) 343-7151.

Wanted: Aurora HO racecar sets: American Flyer, S and HO; Lionel O, 027 and HO; and Marx trains, any condition. Also: U.S. Military swords, old wrist and pocket watches. Fair prices paid. Call collect or write *Tim Rickheim, 14761 Tunniditf Road, Peterburg, MI 49270-9716, (313) 854-3021.*

Reunion: U.S.S. Kenmore (AP-162IAK-221), WWII, including boat groups 3, 4, and 5; October 1997, Branson, Missouri. *W. R. Graybill, 1400 Meadowark Lane, Sweet Home, OR 97386, (541) 367-6527.*

Reunion: U.S.S. Samuel N. Moore (DD-747), October 15-19, 1997, Holiday Inn Bayside, San Diego, California. Information *Paul R. Berry, P.O. Box 133, Hopkinsville, KY 42241.*

Reunion: Navy U.S.S. Dorothea L. Dix (AP-57) Hampton Inn, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Wed., Oct. 15-18. *Richard Daedier, 654 Shultz Road, Washington Boro, PA 17582.*

Today
by Virginia W. McPheeters

Yesterday's tomorrow Is here today.
The time for delay is past.
I'll do it tomorrow" we often say
But tomorrow Is here at last.

Don't put off again that hind deed you'd do.
Don't fail to right any wrong.
Bring all the gladness to others you can
For today doesn't last very long.

Tomorrow's yesterday is here now today
So be careful of all that you do.
Make each hour worthwhile and to all give a smile
And you'll find Joy In remembrance, too.

Don't regret what Is past or fear what's ahead.
Now's the time, whatever others may say,
To make each tomorrow and each yesterday
The best that you can - today.