

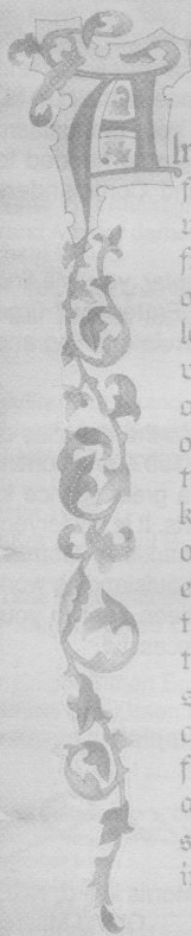


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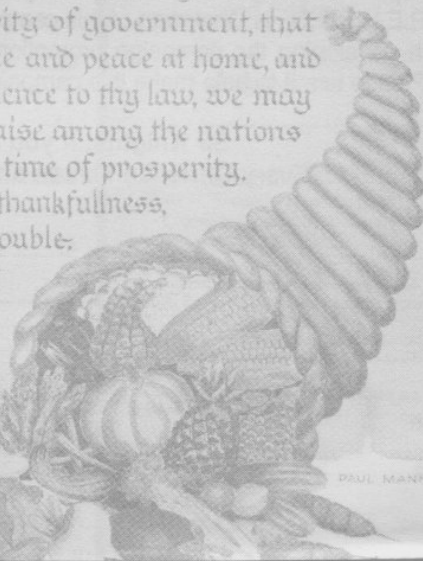
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## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail.

AMEN



PAUL MANN

## A Time for Thanksgiving and a Time for Achieving

Friends, this month we observe one of the most cherished holidays in the year. Thanksgiving Day is a time for family and friends to gather together to give thanks for all of the blessings that a merciful and all-powerful God has lovingly provided. It is a time filled with joy and a counting of God's blessings and a time for remembering where we came from. My prayer is that this will be a special time for all of us.



Sir Knights, I appreciate your interest and participation in the inspections, visitations, Annual Conclaves, Department Conferences, Lodge meetings, and other special activities and programs that make November one of the busiest months in the year for Masons. I particularly thank you for your enthusiasm and the progress you have made in implementing the programs needed to achieve the Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery, and Commandery objectives for this triennium. We can do it! 5/50 works!

Elsewhere in this issue, as in all issues of the *Knight Templar*, you will find articles and announcements concerning our order and our Fraternity. I urge you to take the time to read them. I believe you will find them interesting and informative.

The 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign to raise funds to finance the activities of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will begin December 1, 1997, and continue through April 30, 1998. The KTEF continues to provide a great service to those who need our help, and it is truly worthy of our best efforts. It is my fervent hope that every Commandery will participate. Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, R.E.H.P.D.C., is Chairman of this campaign and has done an outstanding work in developing the campaign promotional material that has been sent to you. Please use it to help make this campaign one of the most successful.

Sir Knights, if you ask, they will come.  
Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Morris Ward".

James Morris Ward, KGC  
Grand Master

# Knight Templar

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

NOVEMBER: The 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign starts December 1, and both Grand Master Ward (page 2) and Chairman Garnes (page 5) anticipate a successful campaign. Please read their words of encouragement, and join us in this worthwhile endeavor. Voluntary Campaign chairmen are listed on page 11. We salute our Grand Commanders for 1997-1998 with their pictures and addresses (pages 7-10). It's time to make your plans to be at the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service in Alexandria, Virginia. Sir Knight Baldwin offers all you need to know to do so starting on page 18. Most of us have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, and Sir Knight Kerr sums up our gratitude (page 20). The story on General Simon Buckner is concluded here.

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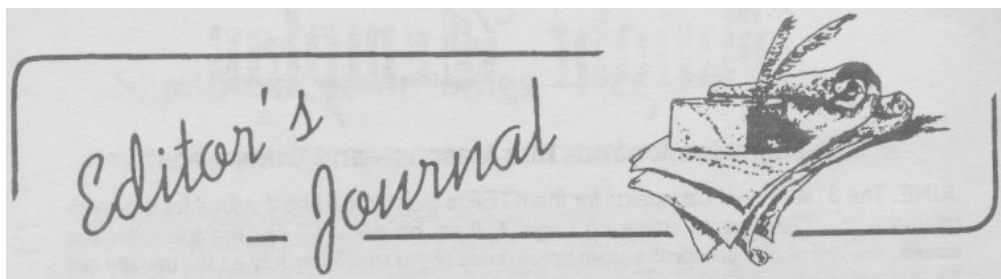
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Contacts for all Masonic organizations listed in our January 1997 issue should have the form for our next listing in January 1998; It was sent October 1. Please respond as soon as possible, and if your organization has a new contact, please inform that person that in order to better serve his/her Masonic organization he/she should respond immediately. We would rather not leave anyone out.

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

**Announcing:** The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A green pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a red Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past Commanders and grand officers). Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

**Sir Knights, Attention!** An important and invaluable booklet entitled *The York Rite of*

*Freemasonry - A History and Handbook* is available. It is authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Spoidel. 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.

*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.

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



## Are You Ready to Join Me In the "Journey for Sight"?

by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary P.D.C.  
and Chairman of the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign

The 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation begins December 1, 1997 and might be considered a journey similar to the Journey through Life we are all traveling. When we arrive in this world, our journey begins, and there are many challenges, opportunities and temptations. Our attitudes, beliefs, desires, and goals develop in our early years, and some make it known they want to be members of the world's oldest and most prestigious Fraternity - Freemasonry. It has been said that the Ancient Order of Knights Templar was the beginning of Freemasonry, but it is left to each individual to choose what he wants to accept about this due to lack of documentation. The one thing we do know is that the Order of Knights Templar, whether ancient or modern, has been dedicated to helping those less fortunate. As Knights Templar, we have made promises that reflect high Christian ideals, Charity being high on the list as we remember the ancient Templars who gave their all to protect pilgrims on their way to the Holy Land.

There will always be those in need of help. Children are still being born with crossed eyes. Accidents still happen to children as well as adults, and cures have not yet been found for all diseases of the eye. The elderly still have problems and may not have the funds to pay for surgical help. Each of these conditions may be a part of what we face in the Journey through Life. Our commitment as Knights Templar obligates us to help in the



"Prevention of Blindness." It has been said that we don't concern ourselves about a problem until it hits home or happens to someone in our family.

I am asking each Sir Knight to join with me on a "Journey for Sight" during the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign. Two years ago the imaginary vehicle was a train, and last year it was a rocket; progress was made, but we did not reach the goal necessary to raise our banner to a higher plateau. There is no amount specified to go on this journey; it can be as minimal as you desire or as high as the sky. **YOUR PARTICIPATION CAN BE UNLIMITED.** There is no magic, and the success of this journey is not difficult but does require concern and commitment. All we have to do is decide that we are going to reach our goal - and do it!

Every day we hear of the costs of new airplanes, rockets, office buildings that reach to the sky, and stadiums for sports' games. All of these projects cost many millions of dollars, and the funds are provided because those who want it to happen, make it happen. By comparison a goal of \$2 million to help in the preservation of sight is a small amount. We cannot place a price on sight; all we can do is help through medical assistance and research. If we feel sight is important, then the small amount of \$2 million can be reached in the 30th Voluntary Campaign.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is the Charity of the Knights Templar, and it is our responsibility to support it by our service, our gifts, and efforts. Unfortunately, some Sir Knights have little compassion and may not even read this article. This requires the help of those who do read this article to extol the good work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to our members as well as to the public.

Every Knight Templar is asked to participate in the 30th Voluntary Campaign beginning on December 1, 1997: (Your donation will then be tax deductible for 1997). A small commitment from each of us would be to commit to \$1 per month; this could be two candy bars, one pack of

cigarettes, one lottery ticket or just one day's change in your pocket. If we were in a room and asked how many will do this, I have no doubt that every Sir Knight would signify his support. What happens when no one is watching us? Well, we seem to forget, but remember - someone is watching from a distance.

Some may decide to participate in the Grand Master's Club, Grand Commander's Club, or become a Patron, Associate Patron, Life Sponsor or just give a \$10.00 contribution. Every Sir Knight with a little charity in his heart can participate.

Will you join with me in the "Journey for Sight" and be a part of the Templar Team that "Helps Others to See"?

Let's make December 1997 the record month for donations in a Voluntary Campaign.

Now that you have read this message, please mention it to another Sir Knight that may not have read his magazine.

Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary Past Department Commander and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, is the Campaign Chairman for the 30th Voluntary Campaign and a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. He resides at 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944

## Special Award Of Appreciation To San Diego Sir Knight

Linda R. Creel, President and CEO of Prevent Blindness America, San Diego Division, presented an Award of Appreciation to Jose J. DeLuna, Chairman, San Diego, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, on behalf of the organization to thank him for his work in preventing blindness and preserving sight. Pictured are, left to right: Sir Knight Jose DeLuna, Linda Creel, Dr. Lawrence Cooper, surgeon who cooperates with KTEF program, and Christy Nieto, also with Prevent

Blindness America. Sir Knight DeLuna, in addition to his many other Masonic affiliations, is a member of San Diego Commandery No. 25 and Past Commander, Tokyo Commandery No. 1, Japan.



# Saluting Our Grand Commanders

Congratulations are extended from our Most Eminent Grand Master, James M. Ward, and the grand officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., to the fifty newly elected Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies under their jurisdiction. As part of this salute to their dedication and tireless service to Templary, ***Knight Templar*** magazine is printing the names and pictures of the Sir Knights who will serve as Grand Commanders for the current Templar year.

These Grand Commanders, whose pictures appear on these pages, will be the guiding hands on the tiller of the ship of Templary, navigating their vessel faithfully through the uncharted waters ahead.



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**Died August 20, 1997**

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**Died September 2, 1997**

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**Died September 8, 1997**

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How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commanders Club membership and made payable to the

Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand 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.



### 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.

## Eve Foundation Grant Presented In Alabama



**For the** third year in a row, a researcher from the University of South Alabama has been presented the prestigious Pediatric Ophthalmology Research award from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Atef K. Sayed (second from left in picture), M.D., M.Sc., senior postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at USA was presented a \$20,000 research grant during a **ceremony on July 23, 1997**, at the USA College of Medicine.

Formerly a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pathology, Dr. Sayed is pursuing basic science studies in the laboratory of Steven J. Pittler, Ph.D.

Presenting the award were Arthur Harding (right in picture) and Charles McDonald (left in picture), Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of the Knights Templar of Alabama. Harding is currently Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Alabama. McDonald is Recorder of Mobile Commandery No. 2.

"We are pleased to be back for the third year in a row to present this award to a researcher in Dr. Pittler's lab," said Harding. "Only twenty such grants are given each year by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."

Dr. Sayed received the award for studies proposed on retinoblastoma (Rb), a malignant cancer affecting the eyes of young children. His research focuses on finding an alternative treatment for the disorder that will eradicate the cancer. The proposed project will test a new class of anticancer agents on cultured Rb cells. The current methods of treatment for this life-threatening illness are surgery, radiation or chemotherapy, which most often require removal of the eye. Dr. Sayed's research is a project of the USA Center for Eye Research.

Also shown in the picture (second from right) is James Joseph Austin, Sr., of Mobile, one of those who has benefited from the Eye Foundation. Austin, who was legally blind, had major cataract surgery which improved his eye-sight from 22/100 to 20/20. "I was losing my eyesight and could not read a bedtime story to my three children before the eye surgery that saved my vision," Austin said.

## Eye Foundation Receives Maguerite J. Bowman Bequest



A substantial bequest was left to the KTEF by Maguerite J. Bowman (left) of Quincy, Illinois, upon her death, January 7, 1997. Mrs. Bowman was an elementary grade teacher in Quincy schools for thirty-eight years prior to her retirement. She had memberships in many education related organizations including Quincy Education Association, the Amerian Federation of Teachers, and the Retired Teachers Association. She was married to Albert L Bowman (right), who died



August 17, 1976 after thirty years service with the Prudential Insurance Co. Mr. Bowman was a 50-year member of Lambert Lodge No. 659, Quincy; a member of Quincy Consistory and coordinate bodies; and of Mohammed Temple, AAONMS, Peoria, Illinois. He was a Past Commander of Quincy Commandery, a member of Quincy Council Royal Arch Masons, and a charter member and Past President of the Quincy High Twelve Club.

## *On the Masonic Newsfront...*

### Edward H. Fowler, Jr., Installed Provincial Grand Master Of The Royal Order Of Scotland

October 8, 1997 in Washington, DC, at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland for the U.S., Edward H. Fowler, Jr., was installed as the 10th Provincial Grand Master since 1878. He replaces Marvin E. Fowler (no relation), M.E.P.G.M., Grand Encampment, who has served continuously since 1953, 44 years. Fowler was installed by the world wide head of the order, Right Honorable Earl of Elgin and Kincardin, who is headquartered in Edinburgh, Scotland and who is a direct descendent of Robert Bruce, who became king of Scotland in the 13th century following the defeat of the English at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. The degrees were originally established as the highest form of civil knighthood; however, in later years they became an appendant organization of the Masonic Fraternity.



Brother Fowler is a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, 1992-93. One of his many accomplishments was the completion of successful negotiations with the U.S. Department of Parks for the placement of the Friend to Friend Memorial Monument on the battlefield in Gettysburg.

He is Past Great Chief of the Grand Council of Knight Masons, U.S.A.; presently serves as Grand Marshal of the Grand Council of A.M.D., U.S.A.; received the 33<sup>o</sup> in 1974; and is a member of many Masonic and civic organizations.

## News From Illinois Masonic Medical Center—Chicago

Experts In genetics gather In Chicago. September 18-21, 1997 more than 300 of the world's leading experts in genetics, assisted reproduction and embryology gathered in Chicago at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel for the Second International Symposium on Pre-implantation Genetics. These scientists conduct trials and tests that can detect certain genetic and chromosomal disorders prior to implantation and establishment of pregnancy. Pre-implantation diagnosis eliminates the need for termination after prenatal diagnosis of a genetically affected fetus.

"This Second Symposium comes seven years after the first, when only two centers, including ours at Illinois Masonic Medical Center were applying pre-implantation genetic diagnosis. Since 1990, pre-implantation diagnosis has been used clinically in more than 20 centers around the world," said Yuri Verlinsky, Ph.D., chairman of the organizing committee and director of Reproductive Genetics Institute at Illinois Masonic.

Illinois Masonic elects two new trustees: Leonard Japp, Jr., Mystic Star Lodge No. 758, and Richard E. Nye, Masonic Lodge No. 934, were recently named to the board of trustees at Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Each will serve a three-year term. Mr. Japp, 65, is chairman and CEO of Jays Foods, LLC., maker and distributor of Jays Potato chips. Richard E. Nye, D.D., 62, is pastor of Union Church in Hinsdale. He has served as pastor there for more than 12 years and before that was affiliated with First Congregational Church, Moline, Illinois for 14 years.

## Gulf Coast Assemblies Meet - Drawing Contributes \$600 To KTEF

Friendship Circle, composed of the Gulf Coast Assemblies of the Social Order of the Beauceant, held their annual meeting on August 2, 1997, hosted by Galveston Assembly No. 152 in Galveston, Texas. The meeting was attended by (Mrs. Milton F.) Coy Baker, then Worthy Supreme President (Baytown), and (Mrs. W. J.) Elvie Williams (Houston) and (Mrs. Roland J.) Phyllis Maddox (Galveston), both Past Worthy Supreme Presidents of the Supreme Assembly. A drawing was held at the luncheon for a stain glass cross and crown made and donated by Area 9 chairman, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, (Mrs. Bruce F.) Judy Rogers of Houston No. 81, at right, with all contributions going to the KTEF. (Mrs. Patrick) Ester Jordon (Baytown) to the left was the winner. The S.O.O.B. is proud to assist the KTEF and the Knights Templar. (Article submitted by [Mrs. W. J.] Elvie Williams, P.S.W.P.)



## Jacksonville No. 220, S.O.O.B., Florida, At York Rite Sessions



In Daytona, Florida, at the York Rite sessions, Jacksonville Assembly No. 220 was represented at the ladies' breakfast with a dozen members, making Worthy President of the Assembly, Ruth Middleton, very proud. In November they will initiate another member making a total of seven this year.

## Sale Of Masonic Mouse Pads Aids The Livingston Masonic Library

The Livingston Masonic Library is offering computer mouse pads ornamented with an eighteenth century Masonic engraving. Originally published in London in 1754 as the frontispiece to *The Pocket Companion and History of Free-Masons*, this elegant illustration depicts King Solomon, Hiram Abiff, and Hiram, King of Tyre, at the legendary founding of the Fraternity. This art work is one of many important historic engravings in the collections of the library. The image is reproduced in slate-blue ink on a high-quality white pad measuring 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches by 7  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. The sale supports the many programs of the Livingston Masonic Library, a state-chartered non-profit center for the collection, study, and preservation of the Masonic heritage. Pads are \$7.00 each. Include \$2.00 for S & H with each order. New York residents include proper sales tax. Make check payable to: Livingston Masonic Library, and mail to: Livingston Masonic Library, Mouse Pads, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010-4171.



From the Committee on Knights Templar History...

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

### Chapter I

#### Are Freemasons Templar Progeny? (continued)

When Hugues de Payen went back to France to recruit other knights to become Templars, he took with him one of the original nine, André de Montbard, who happened to be the uncle of the Abbot of Clairvaux "(destined to become St. Bernard)", who appraised Pope Honarius II of the self-established Order, asking that they be provided with a "Rule," a constitution of their own which would give them a legitimate and defined standing in the Church. It was granted on January 31, 1128, at the Council of Troyes.

"To the whole world they were now truly monks as well as knights.

"What fascinated us about the Rule given to the Templars was not so much what it said but much what it did *not* say. Nowhere was there any mention of pilgrims or their protection. Strange, we thought, how the apparent sole reason for creating the Order could be so totally overlooked! By this point we were convinced that something very mysterious was at the centre of the founding of the Templar Order.

"...Their new Rule made joining members probationary for the first year and required for them an immediate vow of poverty, so a new brother had to hand over his personal wealth to the Order...

"Immediately after the granting of their Rule the Templars' circumstances went from strength to strength. They gained the support of scores of influential landowners and donations started to arrive from all corners of the Christian world.. When Hugues de Payen and André de Montbard returned to Jerusalem two years after setting out, the level of their success is outstanding. They had gone west with nothing and came back

with a Papal Rule, money, precious objects, landed wealth, and no less than three hundred recruited noblemen to follow Hugues de Payen's lead as Grand Master of a major order."1B (p. 31)

"Hugues de Payen remained married to Catherine de St. Clair (a Scottish woman of Norman descent) and set up the first Templar Preceptory outside of the Holy Land on her family's land in Scotland, a fact that would later turn out to be of major relevance." (p 32)

There seems little need to recount here the activities of the Templars until they had been declared heretics and renegades by Philip of France and the Pope. There is plenty of evidence to show that many of the Templars, particularly those outside of France - and almost the entire Templar "navy" - were able to go into hiding and many were successful in evading the "law."

"Whilst the Grand Master was being crucified, many Templars had slipped the net. A large part of the Templar fleet had been in harbour at the Atlantic sea port of La Rochelle and they must have been tipped off or picked up some rumors, for as the sun rose on the morning of Friday 13 October, the would-be arresting guards could see only water where the fleet had been tied up the night before. The ships of the Order were never seen again, but their battle flag, the skull and crossbones, was.

"We now need to establish what happened, happened to those Templars that managed to escape the clutches of King Philip. From our investigations we found that their presence can be detected in two places soon after the escape: Scotland and America.

"We cannot be sure from the surviving evidence, but stories persist of Templar ships going to Scotland and to Portugal ... From there they set out on a



voyage that had often been discussed but, due to commitments in the Holy Land, had never been undertaken. They pointed their bows exactly due west and set sail on what is now the forty-second parallel in search of the land marked by the star they knew from the Nasorean scrolls was called Merica, which these French knights referred to as 'La Merica,' a name that later became simply America. They almost certainly landed in the Cape Cod or Rhode Island area of New England in the early weeks of 1308, Setting foot on the New World nearly a century and a half before Christopher Columbus was ever born.

"This is a strong claim, but irrefutable evidence is already in existence to show that the Templars did reach America, settled there and that they carried out journeys to and from Scotland..." (p 288)

"...However, we already knew that Rosslyn Chapel provides the evidence that is beyond debate, as we discussed earlier in this book. Well known as a place where the Templars congregated after the attack by King Philip and the Pope, this elaborate building took some forty years to build and was completed in the early 1480s by Oliver St. Clair, which predates Christopher Columbus's arrival in America by several years ..."<sup>21</sup> (p. 289)

"...As stated earlier, the archways and ceiling of Rosslyn Chapel have corn cobs (Indian maize) and aloes carved into them as decorative devices; those are two plants that the Scots had no right to know about, let alone illustrate so accurately. Corn was extensively cultivated, in all its present forms, by the Indians of North and South America, but it is still believed to have been unknown outside the New World before 1492 at the very earliest. According to official history, seed grains of Indian maize were first brought to Europe and Africa by sixteenth-century explorers and eventually thrived throughout most of the world. These carved plants are very much an integral part

of the fabric of the chapel and they must have been started some years before the completion of the building, so we have certain evidence that the men that instructed the masons of Rosslyn Chapel must have visited America at least a quarter of a century before Columbus." (p. 290)

It has been four years since the authors had visited Rosslyn Chapel, years which had been spent on researching the connection between Freemasonry and the Knights Templar.

"As we walked into the building we were pleased to find it deserted so that we could enjoy its powerful personality without distraction. . .As we studied the cactus lintel a lady vicar approached from the north doorway and, with a warm smile, asked if we had seen the Indian maize.. .She continued her helpful commentary by referring to the documented evidence that Prince Henry Sinclair, the first St. Clair Jan (Earl) of the Orkneys had, thanks to Templar money, commissioned a fleet of twelve ships for a voyage to the 'New World.' The fleet under Antonio Zeno landed in Nova Scotia and explored the eastern seaboard of what is now the United States of America prior to 1400. The date is certain because Henry Sinclair was murdered upon his return in that year."<sup>23</sup> (p. 302)

"We left the Rosslyn shrine with great reluctance because it had told us so much in such a short space of time, and we drove the very short distance to the place down the road that is called simply 'Temple.' This was the Templar headquarters in Scotland, although the picturesque ruin that stands there now is a far more recent structure, built from stones reclaimed from the original Proceptory. In the graveyard we found numerous Masonic graves, most sporting the symbolism of the Royal Arch Degree, and many the ancient twin pillar and lintel motif."<sup>24</sup>

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## Easter 1998

by Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, KCT

R.E. Grand Captain General, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA  
Chairman, Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

The 68th Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will be held on Sunday, April 12, 1998, on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, beginning at 7:30 A.M. As in past years, this service and the breakfast following will complete a memorable weekend of events in Washington, DC, including delegation dinners, tours, and fellowship. In 1998 Easter coincides with the city of Washington's Apple Blossom Festival, which is a spectacular affair and should serve as an added incentive to attend.

**The Hotel Washington Package:** The main hotel will again be the Hotel Washington in downtown Washington, DC. This year the Hotel Washington is again offering a package arrangement with the same prices as last year: \$250.00 per couple, double occupancy, Friday and Saturday nights; Saturday luncheon for two; and Sunday breakfast for two; including taxes and luggage fees (\$210.00 for singles).

This arrangement is good only for the Friday and Saturday preceding Easter! If you come earlier or stay later, the standard hotel rates apply to those other days and are available from the hotel. Write the hotel to make your reservations: Hotel Washington; Attn: Knights Templar Easter Program; 515 15th Street, N.W.; Washington; DC 20004. Include your check or credit card number.

You may also call the hotel at (800) 424-9540 to make reservations for rooms and any of the activities giving your credit card number for billing.

Check with the hotel upon your arrival to insure all your reservations are complete.

Other than the package: For those not taking the package, the separate charges are \$25.00 each for the Saturday luncheon and \$15.00 each for the breakfast on Sunday. If you are not staying at the Hotel Washington, please make arrangements to attend the breakfast. It is a great event! Make your reservations with the Grand Encampment office: (773) 777-3300.

**Grand Commanders and their ladies:** Grand Commanders and their ladies may attend the Saturday luncheon and the Sunday breakfast, courtesy of the Grand Encampment. Be sure to identify yourself as such when dealing with the hotel.

**Our Grand Master:** The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight James M. Ward, and his officers will greet everyone at the Saturday luncheon. This is Sir Knight Jim's and Lady Jan's first Easter as Grand Master and First Lady. Let's get a big crowd out for them!

**Tomb of the Unknowns:** On Saturday the Grand Commandery of Indiana will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery honoring their members who fell in combat as members of the uniformed services of the United States of America. They have asked that everyone be invited to attend. Details as to time, etc., will appear in the *January Knight Templar* magazine.

**Easter Morning Program:** Coffee and donuts will be available in the Hotel Washington lobby at 5:30 A.M. on Easter

morning. Two buses will be available at 6:15 A.M. to take members and their ladies to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for the Sunrise Service and will return to the hotel after the service, which will begin at 7:30 A.M.

**Parade Formation:** The parade will form on the lane leading up the hill. Delegations will form according to their entry into the Grand Encampment, and markers for each will be in place. The parade will step off at 7:30 A.M., proceed up the hill, render "Eyes Right on passing the Grand Master and his staff, then proceed into seats as directed. Formations of three squads each are suggested but not mandatory. Colors will "Right Wheel" at the podium and post the colors as directed. Cars and buses may park beside the Memorial.

Other details: Delegations desiring to make any special group arrangements may call Muneer Deen at the hotel at the above telephone number.

Delegations staying at other hotels or motels must provide their own transportation or meet at the Hotel Washington.

Parking for cars and buses is available at the top of the hill next to the Memorial; however, no vehicles will be permitted up the roadway after 7:00 A.M.

Recognition is made to the Grand Commandery having the most Sir

Knights in uniform in the parade and to the Grand Commandery having the highest percentage of its members in uniform in the parade.

Prior to the service, beginning at 6:30 A.M., carillon music will be played over the public address system and at 6:45 A.M. the Kena and Almas Shrine Temple Band will play Easter selections until the parade moves out. The sermon will be delivered by our Right Eminent Grand Prelate and Most Eminent Past Grand Master, Sir Knight Donald H. Smith.

The breakfast will begin upon our return to the Hotel Washington.

Reservations should be made for rooms and any activities by April 1, 1998.

Grand Commanders are requested to appoint a delegation chairman and notify this committee's general chairman, Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin; 5400 Bromyard Court, Burke, VA 22015, telephone: (703) 323-0007; In order to receive all mailings concerning this event and to facilitate adequate planning! Forms will be sent in January 1997.

Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin; General Chairman of the Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, P.G.C. of Virginia, and R.E. Grand Captain General; is a member of Arlington Commandery No. 29, Arlington, Virginia, and resides at 5400 Bromyard Court, Burke, VA 22015

KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2 ½ 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



# A Time for Gratitude

by Reverend Donald Craig Kerr, 32<sup>o</sup>



One of the important symbols of the Masonic ritual is the hand. As an Entered Apprentice it is the hand which removes the blindfold from a candidate's eyes. In the degree of Fellowcraft it is a hand that reaches out to guide the follower. When the time comes to be raised a Mason, it is a hand that grips the hands of the one who wishes to be enlightened. All along the Masonic path hands are there to enfold and to tighten and to welcome the one who seeks the light of truth.

Many years ago in one of the public schools of Baltimore Mrs. Klein was a first-grade teacher. Her pupils came from a very poor neighborhood. At Thanksgiving time Mrs. Klein asked her students to draw a picture of something that would remind them of Thanksgiving. The teacher knew very well how little there was in the lives of those young boys and girls for which to be grateful.

As she watched her class go to work, she looked at what the children were drawing - a turkey, a pilgrim, an Indian, a church. What really surprised her was to see one child drawing a picture of a hand. Whose hand? she wondered. She asked the others what they thought. Some said it was a crossing-guard's hand or a policeman's hand or maybe the hand of Uncle Sam.

No! It was none of those things. Mrs. Klein asked Henry, who drew the picture. Henry at first wouldn't say. He was too shy and a little afraid. After some prodding, Henry said, looking up at his teacher, it's your hand." Mrs. Klein didn't know what to say. "My hand - why?" Then she remembered the times she had taken Henry's hand to help him and guide him and listen to him. Mrs. Klein had never much thought about it but to someone she had meant a lot and someone was grateful.

When you think of it, Thanksgiving came after a time when people were starving and cold and comfortless. Half the Pilgrims had died. You might have wondered why they came or why they remained and did not return to whence they came. However, they persevered and became more and more thankful for the hand of God that had rescued them and led them to the land of hope and freedom.

Have you ever noticed how gratitude and sacrifice somehow go together? The greater the need or the more severe the sacrifice the higher the reason to be grateful. In 1985, former President Ronald Reagan in his Thanksgiving message to the nation said, "How can we not believe in the goodness and greatness of America? Carl Sandberg said, 'I see America, not in the setting sun of a black night of despair ... I see America in the crimson light of a rising sun fresh from the burning, creative hand of God.' We will carry on the traditions of a good and worthy people who have brought light where there was darkness, warmth where there was hunger, and peace where there was only bloodshed."

Many of the strong and courageous voices of our nation have been imbued with the Masonic zeal, and by their influence have molded the character of our country. In his familiar words Benjamin Franklin reminds us of the source of our energy and power: "Have we now forgotten that powerful friend or do we imagine that we no longer need his guidance? I have lived, sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of His truth: that God governs in the affairs of men."

How would we advance without that Supreme Spirit that inspires many hands to accomplish that divine destiny? Over the gateway at Harvard University there is carved this inscription: "After God had carried us safe to New England and we had builded our houses, provided necessities for our livelihood, reared convenient places for God's worship and settled civil government; one of the next things we longed for and looked after was to advance learning and perpetuate it to posterity."

Therefore, let us revive the faith of our fathers and from that sacred heritage derive our reason to be grateful. A little verse known to us all says:

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,  
And back of the flour the mill, And  
back of the mill is the wheat  
and the shower  
The sun and the Father's will."

That is Thanksgiving - the honest gratitude for the plain necessities that give life its happiness and security. If you look for the hand that embraces and gives us comfort and courage, think on these things.

Otherwise:

"The things that will destroy us are:  
politics without principle;  
pleasure without conscience; wealth  
without work;  
knowledge without character; business  
without morality; science without  
humanity and worship without sacrifice."

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## In Memoriam

Conrad Hotopp Cates, KGC

Grand Warder, Grand Encampment, 1955 - Grand Commander, KY, 1940

Almighty God has called our beloved Frater, Sir Knight Conrad H. Cafes, to his reward in that House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We mourn the loss of a distinguished Templar and Christian gentleman, whose service and presence were felt in the Grand Commandery of Kentucky and in the Grand Encampment for over seventy-two years.

Sir Knight Conrad H. Cates, Senior Past Grand Commander of the entire Grand Encampment, passed away on September 19, 1997, at the age of ninety-six. He was born in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on June 28, 1901. He was Knighted in 1925; served as Commander of Elizabethtown Commandery No. 37 in 1928; was elected into the grand line of Kentucky in 1931; and installed Grand Commander in 1940. In 1952, he was elected Grand Treasurer and served until 1969. In 1955 at the 46th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, he served as the Eminent Grand Warder. He was awarded the Order of Knight Commander of the Temple by Grand Master Blair C. Mayford in 1995 for his unceasing service to our order. He was the example of Christian manhood that his successors followed.

Sir Knight "Connie" also served in all the York Rite bodies - in the Red Cross of Constantine, he was the Intendant General for Kentucky for eight years.

He is survived by his loving wife Estelle and thousands of dear friends.

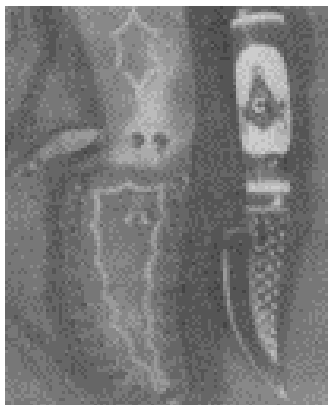
"His Lord said unto him, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

Matthew: 25: 21

submitted by Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, M.E.P.G.M  
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment

## Knives From Illinois Commandery Benefit KTEF

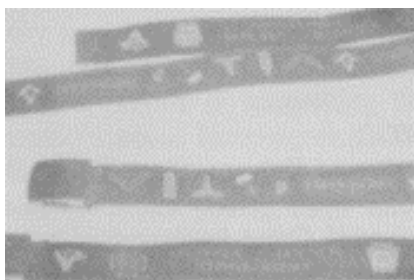
Aurora Commandery No. 22, Illinois, is offering for the first time the opportunity to own one of the finest handmade pieces of cutlery made in the U.S. The 4½-inch Skinner blade is made of high carbon (SAE 1085) steel, tempered to a spring hardness that will hold an edge and is resistant to breakage. The handle is from antler, either mule or white tail deer or elk (recovered after it is dropped by the animal). There is a choice of brass cap or crown cut (where the antler is joined to the head) on the end of the handle. The knife comes with a square and compass engraved on the handle. Included is an 11-oz. (latigo laced) leather sheath. The price is \$80.00 plus \$6.50 for S & H. For each knife sold, a \$10.00 donation will be made to the KTEF. Also available is the steak knife, blade approx. 4 inches long and handle of antler, crown cut. The square and compass are on handle or on the crown. There is no sheath. The price is \$30.00 each or can be ordered in



sets of four for \$105.00.

For each separate knife, **the KTEF receives** \$4.00; for each set, \$15.00. S & H is \$5.00 for single knife or \$6.50 for sets. Orders can be e-mailed to [OZRKMTNCUT@juno.com](mailto:OZRKMTNCUT@juno.com), faxed to (630) 554-7166, phoned to (815) 246-9623 or send name, address, and phone number to Aurora Commandery No. 22, 16 Shell Court, Oswego, IL 60543-9303. Check or money order payable to Aurora Commandery No. 22. No cash please. Allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

## New Hampshire York Rite and Freemason Belts To Benefit KTEF



York Rite and Freemason belts are still available from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, and there is a good supply on hand. The York Rite belt is made of a black web belt with a matching black ribbon sewn on it and emblems in gold and silver colors and the three bodies spelled out in gold as well as "York Rite." The Freemason belt is in navy blue with the Masonic working tools and the square and compass and "Freemasonry" woven through a matching blue ribbon. Standard length is 51 inches and may be trimmed shorter. 62-inch belts are available on special request.

A brass buckle is supplied with each belt. The cost is still \$12.00 each, postpaid, and quantities over 10 will be discounted \$1.00 each, over 25 will be discounted \$2.00 each. U.S. funds only please. Many thanks to all who have bought these fine belts. You have assisted me in contributing over \$10,000 to our KTEF as well as smaller amounts to RARA, CMMRF, MSA, and the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. Send order and check to Frederick H. Heuss, P.G.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue; Rochester, NH 03867-2034.

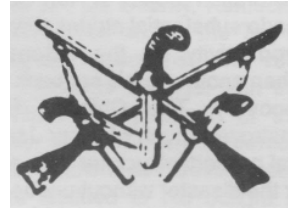
## Beautiful Knights Templar Afghan To Benefit The KTEF

A limited edition afghan has been produced with old designs, early Knights Templar period, and with a poem: "What is a Knight, defining a Knight Templar and what he stands for. The afghan is a tapestry weave measuring 54 by 68 inches; it has ten warp fill-in colors. It is 100% cotton that is preshrunk and colorfast. It weighs 5 pounds, 2 ounces and has a multi-color fringe border. The price is \$48.00, including S & H within the U.S. If ordering out of the U.S., please add \$20.00 for shipping. For every afghan sold, there will be a donation of \$5.00 to the KTEF. Please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052



## Sir Knight Simon Bolivar Buckner General and Green River Rebel - Part II

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



Initially, after returning to civilian status, Buckner obtained a position writing editorial columns for *The Crescent*, a New Orleans newspaper. A little later, he joined the Harlow J. Phelps Company, as a junior partner. The firm was a New Orleans cotton and grain brokerage. In addition to the aforementioned activities, Simon helped organize the Commercial Insurance Company, a fire insurance underwriter. In 1867, he assumed the presidency of the firm, which demanded he travel outside of Louisiana. He was granted permission to do so by his old classmate, General U. S. Grant.

Almost immediately, Simon expanded his business interests beyond the confines of Louisiana. Memphis became the hub of his various enterprises. He also commenced legal action to have his confiscated property returned, with compensation. Before the year of 1867 ended, Simon had achieved his goal along with a very generous cash settlement. He was well on his way to financial recovery.

During the calendar year of 1867, Buckner had received his orders in Jacques DeMolay Commandery in New Orleans, as previously mentioned. After leaving the city, there is no further reference to any participation in a constituted Masonic body, with the exception of a ceremonial function which will be mentioned later.

Knitting up the threads of his civilian life was not easy or pleasant in Kentucky. Simon's personal finances were in shambles after four years of military service, compounded by his inability to look after his confiscated real estate. His business

ventures were all new ones and suffering from the pangs of getting established. When he tried to establish a residence and business headquarters in Louisville early in 1868, he met with a great deal of hostility. Most of Louisville's population had been solidly pro-Union during the war, and still looked upon Buckner as a traitor.

Ignoring the fridity of his neighbors, Buckner began to divest himself of business ties with New Orleans and Memphis. He accepted a position as editor of the *Louisville Daily Courier*, a conservative Democratic newspaper. He was also determined to refurbish his neglected ancestral estate in Hart County. Simon did retain an interest in brokerage activity in grain and cotton commodities and in insurance sales. The wide-spread business commitments demanded that he give up his editorship after a few months, but Simon's brief tenure as a newspaper editor had fostered an interest in politics. His new political involvement was responsible for Buckner's selection as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York in the summer of 1868.

The trip to New York offered an opportunity to expand his business interests in the city, and before long his entrepreneurial efforts began to yield impressive financial returns. Mrs. Buckner's properties in Chicago began to prosper, too, after a period of restoration and improvement. Unfortunately, Mary Jane had contracted tuberculosis, and her health was declining rapidly. It was necessary that she spend her winters in Florida just as their post-war prospects were beginning to brighten.

Simon was progressing rapidly on his restoration project in Hart County. He had made substantial strides toward achieving productivity on the extensive acreage when another crisis set back their financial recovery. The Chicago fire of 1871 destroyed much of Mary Jane's commercial property. Buckner was able to weather the disaster without undue financial burden, however, and was able to rebuild and modernize in a surprisingly short time. By 1871, the ravages of the fire were forgotten. He completely restored his ancestral lands in Hart County during the same period, including the home where he was born. Simon christened the remodeled estate "Glen Lily," in honor of his daughter.

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Mary Jane died on January 5, 1874. Simon continued to maintain a residence in Louisville for business, but Glen Lily was his legal home. He continued to improve his properties as his financial resources prospered. Simon did not harbor old grudges. He forgave and became friends with many who had regarded him a traitor for joining the South in the late war. He even reconciled with Braxton Bragg and Jefferson Davis. Buckner's growing visibility in political circles prompted his associates to urge him to consider running for governor of Kentucky. His name was briefly in nomination, but Simon withdrew when he realized he could not win. An event which brought joy to the aging general was the marriage of his daughter Lily, on June 14, 1883, to Morris B. Belknap, the son of a former political foe. The scars had healed, though, and the marriage began happily with everybody's

Blessing. Simon lived at Glen Lily, with only his older sister Elizabeth to act as the head of the household and as hostess for his numerous social affairs.

The year of 1884 was an emotional one for Simon Buckner. He learned his old friend, U. S. Grant, was dying of cancer. Grant had served two terms as President of the United States following the Civil War. He was living in New York City in severe financial straits, a condition which plagued him all his life. To help relieve his financial burden, Buckner made a gift of \$5,000 to his friend. When Grant was sent to Mt. McGregor, near Saratoga, New York, Buckner was one of those he requested to visit. Grant's son, Fred, dispatched a special train to carry Simon to Saratoga, where he found the general weak and emaciated from his ordeal with throat cancer. They reminisced over the events at Fort Donelson, and their days in the Mexican War as young junior officers. Simon also remarked on Grant's generous terms at Appomattox, ending the Civil War. At the request of the family, Simon served as one of President Grant's pallbearers a few days after his death on July 23, 1885.

Romance entered Buckner's life for a second time, when he met Miss Delia Claiborne while vacationing at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. She was the daughter of a distinguished Richmond family. A May-December romance soon developed, and the couple were married on June 10, 1885. Simon was 62, and the bride was 28; but in spite of the difference in ages, the union was a happy one.

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James W. Tate, absconded with an undetermined amount of state funds on March 14, 1888. A great deal of effort was made to apprehend the culprit, all to no avail. The total amount of his embezzlement was determined eventually to be approximately one-quarter of a million dollars.

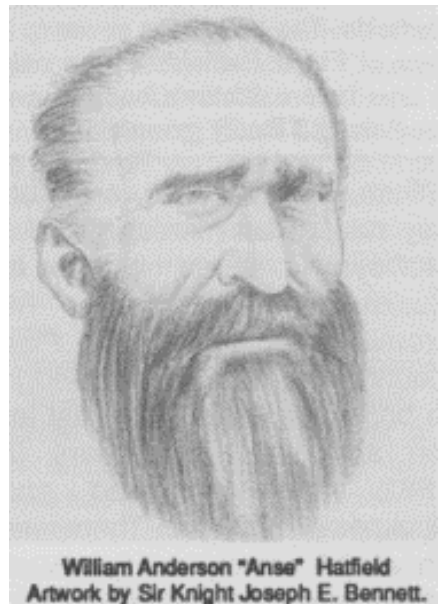
The new governor established a dubious record for vetoed bills during his administration - more than all ten of his predecessors combined. To Simon's credit, he ended a custom of pork-barrel legislation by the process of the veto, endearing himself to the rank and file voters of Kentucky. Naturally, he made many political foes in the process, which eventually cost him the opportunity to be elected a United States senator from Kentucky.

Feuding was a major problem during Buckner's tenure as governor. One large affair, which erupted into shootings and unprovoked murder, nearly resulted in the declaring of martial law to re-establish civil order. It was the deadly feud between the Tolliver and Martin clans in Rowan County. It began in 1884 and consumed at least twenty-three lives, before a vigilante group virtually wiped out the Tolliver feudists. Buckner followed through by taking the necessary steps to restore judicial order in Rowan County, happy not to have declared martial law.

That feuding activity was eclipsed by the notoriety generated by the Hatfield-McCoy troubles which demanded Simon's involvement in 1888. It had its roots many years before he became governor, probably as early as the Civil War days. The killing was not ended until the final slaying in 1899, with the death of a prominent West Virginia citizen murdered on the platform of a railroad passenger car. The long-running vendetta was publicized nationally as the Hatfield-McCoy feud, and it provided newspaper copy for years.

The scene of the historic conflict centered in Pike County, Kentucky, and Mingo County, West Virginia. The Tug Branch of the Big Sandy River formed the boundary between the two states at the geographical center of all the trouble. The McCoy's were residents of Pike County, Kentucky, and the Hatfields lived across the Tug in the West

Virginia mountains. The root cause of the problems was lost with the passage of time. The patriarch of the Hatfield family was William Anderson Hatfield, better known as "Devil Anse". The nickname testified to his delight in "devil" his acquaintances.



During the Civil War, Anse gained wide renown as a partisan guerrilla fighter and a captain in the Confederate cavalry. He was a deadly shot. Many of the McCoy's were Union sympathizers. One of the family, Harmon McCoy, was killed during the war and Anse Hatfield was considered to be the one who sent him to his reward. Harmon was the brother of Randolph McCoy, the head of the large Kentucky clan.

The second and well-documented difference between the families erupted over a pig, on election day in 1873. The normal practice of marking pigs, which roamed free, was to notch an ear with the owner's peculiar mark. One with Randolph McCoy's marks turned up in the pen of Floyd Hatfield, who claimed he bought the pig legally from old Rand'l. The dispute was scheduled for a hearing on election day before a neutral arbitrator who was

well respected by all parties. He was Preacher Anse Hatfield, although not aligned with the clan, in spite of his name.

After hearing the evidence, Preacher Anse ruled in favor of Floyd Hatfield, outraging the McCoy faction. Six Hatfields and six McCoy's were sitting on the jury which handed down the verdict to Preacher Anse. One of the jury, Bill Staton, a McCoy in-law, had voted with the six Hatfields. The count was seven to five in favor of Floyd Hatfield. It was only a short time before Staton's body was discovered along a lonely mountain trail.

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The feud simmered along for years, with periods of relative peace between the two families. Several bloody incidents kept the vendetta alive and the story in the public eye. One such event occurred on another election day on August 7, 1882 in Pike County, Kentucky. Elections were normally a gala occasion for the citizenry, and many Hatfields crossed the Tug to join in the festivities. Alcoholic libations were a tradition at such gatherings and emotions frequently got out of control. Before long, Tolbert McCoy, one of old Rand'I's thirteen offspring, accosted Ellison Hatfield, Anse's brother. Both were drinking heavily, and a fight ensued. Tolbert slashed Hatfield in the stomach with a knife, while Ellison picked up a rock to retaliate. Both men collapsed to the ground wrestling. Two of Tolbert's brothers, Phamer and Randolph, Jr., entered the fray. A shot rang out as the four men struggled. Phamer McCoy had shot Ellison Hatfield.

During the ensuing confusion, the three McCoy's fled on foot and were quickly captured by a Hatfield "posse." At 4:00 p.m. the posse started for Pikeville, the county seat, allegedly to turn over the three prisoners to authorities.

They were soon intercepted by Anse and some of his clan. Anse remarked that Ellison had suffered twenty-six knife cuts and a gunshot wound, adding, "If Ellison dies, we'll hang the McCoy's." Anse and his party retraced their steps across the Tug and settled down in an abandoned schoolhouse for the night. It was a death watch, awaiting news of Ellison Hatfield's demise. Word came that Ellison had expired. On the morning of August 10, 1882, the lifeless bodies of Phamer, Tolbert, and Randolph McCoy, Jr., were found tied to paw-paw bushes near the abandoned school. They had been riddled by rifle fire. Eventually twenty of the Hatfield clan were indicted, but warrants were not served.

Simon Buckner drew chips in the feud when he campaigned for governor in 1887. Although five years had passed since the twenty Hatfield indictments were handed down, hostility continued between the two clans without a major confrontation. When Perry A. Cline, an attorney related by marriage to the McCoy's, became active in Buckner's campaign, he promised to deliver the Pike County vote for Simon's pledge to bring the Hatfields to trial for the schoolhouse murders in 1882. Cline delivered and Buckner was elected. There was an air of anxiety on the West Virginia side of the Tug Fork.

Cap Hatfield, Anse's second son, was the actual leader of the clan in 1887. His Uncle Jim Vance was Cap's advisor and confidant. Both were violent and dangerous men. On January 1, 1888, Cap and Vance led a party of eight across the Tug to silence Randolph McCoy and avert the possibility of his testimony against the indicted Hatfields, should the case come to trial. At 10:30 p.m., the Hatfield group

began firing on old Rand'l's cabin. Before long, they put the dwelling to the torch and settled back to deal with the fleeing survivors. Suddenly, Allifair, McCoy's daughter, ran out to extinguish the flames. Cap Hatfield shouted to dim-witted "Cotton-Top" Ellison Mounts to shoot her. Atlifair dropped dead not far from the doorway of the cabin. Rand'l's wife, Sarah, ran from the cabin to assist her fallen daughter, and was viciously clubbed by Jim Vance. Rand'l and his son, Calvin, escaped under cover of the flames and confusion. The Hatfields melted into the night, painfully aware that the bloody incident was a failure and a disaster for their family. it immediately generated a massive effort to bring the culprits to Justice.

Buckner commissioned a special deputy, one Frank Phillips, to bring in Anse Hatfield and all family members under indictment. Phillips, a violent and unscrupulous man with a sadistic nature, carried out his mission with great dedication. Storming into Mingo County, Phillips and his large posse killed Jim Vance, and rounded up a sizable number of West Virginia citizens, including the indicted Hatfields. Among Phillips' haul were nine of those implicated in the New Year's killing at Randolph McCoy's cabin. The large rewards posted for their apprehension was a major incentive in the energetic campaign to bring the accused before the bar of justice.

The trial for the nine Hatfield family began in late August 1888, after a great deal of legal maneuvering. Several life sentences were handed down against the nine who were brought to trial. Only one death sentence was decreed - on Cotton-Top Mounts. He was publicly hanged on February 18, 1890, under heavy security against rumored intervention from the Hatfields which never materialized.

During the same time frame, heated differences arose between Governor Buckner of Kentucky and Governor E. Willis "Windy" Wilson, of West Virginia. Buckner put the Kentucky State Militia on alert status,

fully expecting to dispatch troops to the Tug to maintain order. Governor Wilson alerted his West Virginia militia to repel any infringement on the state's sovereignty.

The feud was not over by any means. Gunfire and fights flared up frequently in the next few years, with the final killing related to the feud occurring in July 1899, when Humphrey "Doc" Ellis was shot on the platform of the aforementioned railroad car at Gray, in Mingo County. The shooter was Devil Anse Hatfield's eighteen-year-old son, Elias. Earlier, Doc Ellis had a role in the trial and conviction of Jonse Hatfield for murder, an action which generated a life sentence. A prominent citizen of the community, Doc Ellis was a member of Aracoma Lodge No. 99 in Logan, West Virginia.

Governor Buckner was not nominated for re-election in 1891. He and Delia returned to Glen Lily, hoping for a quiet and restful retirement. Many unhappy events had transpired in the preceding few years, and all of them left their mark on the old campaigner. His friend Jefferson Davis had died in New Orleans in 1889; and Simon had finally disposed of the balance of his Chicago property in 1890, a sad reminder of his beloved Mary Jane. In 1893, Simon suffered a sorrowful blow when his daughter, Lily, died on December 29th. That left the former governor with one surviving child, Simon Bolivar, Jr., born to Simon and Delia on July 18, 1886.

One last opportunity to be a U.S. senator eluded Buckner in 1894, when the Kentucky legislature was empowered to select one. Due to a badly divided Democratic party, Buckner withdrew his name from consideration. Later, his name was placed in an unsuccessful nomination for the vice presidential candidacy of the Democratic Party. That ended Buckner's political career, and he was never again a party regular.

As the 20th century dawned, Simon Buckner's health began to decline noticeably. He and Delia were still able to travel a

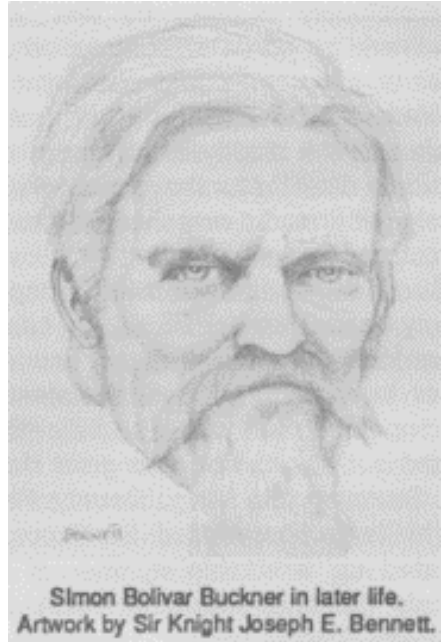
little, and they enjoyed a European cruise immensely. Most of all, however, Simon relished his quiet life at Glen Lily, among his horses, dogs, and pet peacocks. In 1903, he emerged successfully from a risky cataract operation, against all odds. President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Simon, Jr., to West Point in 1904, much to the delight of the old warrior. His health, however, continued to decline steadily, and he sank into a coma the first week in January 1914. Simon died peacefully in his sleep on January 8 and was buried at Frankfort, the state capital, near the final resting place of Daniel Boone. Later the remains of his parents and paternal grandfather were interred with Simon's. A long and eventful life had ended after 90 years.

Simon Bolivar Buckner was an individual who died unfulfilled. His lofty dreams of military fame and national recognition were never realized. Although born with an extraordinary measure of ability, and the energy to accomplish great deeds, he lacked the elusive spark which would elevate him to immortality. Today, Simon is a footnote in history, and one of the forgotten names in the annals of our great civil conflict. Born to wealth and affluence, he was a worthy steward over his inheritance. Over the years, life brought more tragedy and conflict than fulfillment. Even Freemasonry was unsuccessful in attracting his life-long commitment, although he enjoyed the recognition of being called "Brother" during an emergent session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; a gathering to dedicate and unveil a memorial to ex-Governor Luke P. Blackburn on May 27, 1891. That incident marked the final record of Buckner's sparse Masonic odyssey.

Buckner's son, Simon, Jr., lived under the same star as his illustrious and frustrated father. He was a World War II fatality when caught in artillery fire on Okinawa on June 19, 1945. Simon, Jr. was a lieutenant-general, just as his father before him. He was commanding the Tenth Army when he demised at fifty-eight years.

The saga of the Buckner clan had played out to the very end. The blood, sweat, and tears shed by the illustrious family since their

exodus from the Jamestown, Virginia colony in 1661, covered three centuries of American history. All of them were outstanding citizens, including Simon Buckner, who lived his most notable moment in military history at Fort Donolson. It is an unpredictable world, after all.



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BUT MOST OF ALL

I am but a shaft of sunlight failing upon God's luxurious green earth; The fragile violet petal Is trod upon the ground, yet I am eager to lift my face again toward life and its acceptance;

I am all the butterfly wings of tenderness I can be, but most of all...

I AM ME!

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