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*Most Eminent Grand Master*  
*1997-2000*

## Message from William J. Jones, Deputy Grand Master

At the combined Inspection of Melita Commandery No. 37, Tuscola, Illinois, and Godfroy de Bouillon Commandery No. 44, Mattoon, Illinois; I had the pleasure of Knighting my son, Phillip W. R. Jones. I was assisted by my brothers, John D. Jones, Eminent Commander of Godfroy de Bouillon, and Thomas M. Jones, Eminent Past Commander of Melita Commandery. Of course, there were many other Sir Knights involved in the Order of the Temple. I feel very fortunate to have been able to do this. So



many of our members have sons who are not members of what we consider to be "The World's Greatest Fraternity." Somehow, we have failed to let them know how important Masonry and Templary are to us.

The Most Eminent Grand Master and the other officers of the Grand Encampment are working to help the Grand Commandery officers in every state and through them to help every Commandery to improve its *esprit de corps*. Like the U.S. Marines, we need a few good men. Where better can we find them than among our own family and friends. If we believe in Christian Masonry and Templary, we need to show how we feel by telling everyone we can about the good things we do and the principles for which we stand. Our Commanderies need to be active in the community and publicize our good works. For many people, actions speak louder than words alone, but if we keep our actions a secret...

As part of his program for this triennium, James Morris Ward has asked each Grand Encampment officer to be the coordinator for certain committees. He is suggesting that each Grand Commander and the Commander of each Commandery do the same. He believes in accountability! My areas of responsibility include Membership, Public Relations, and Patriotic and Civic Activities. I must report to him what these committees are doing. These committees will also be accountable to you as well as to the Grand Master. You will be hearing more from me and these three committees.

William Jackson Jones, KCT  
GCT Deputy Grand Master

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

FEBRUARY: As the magazine goes to press, the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign is looking good, but it is early, and there is still much to be attained before the end date, April 30. Chairman Garnes has just the words to pep up your team for the job ahead. Check your state's progress on page 13. Standing in for the Grand Master on page 2 this month is our guest writer, Deputy Grand Master William J. Jones, with interesting news about Grand Encampment. The biographies of four officers of the Grand Encampment are featured this month, three more are to follow next month, and as soon as possible we'll cover the Department Commanders. We have much of interest here, including a biography of Brother Al Jolson by Sir Knight John A. Gunn.

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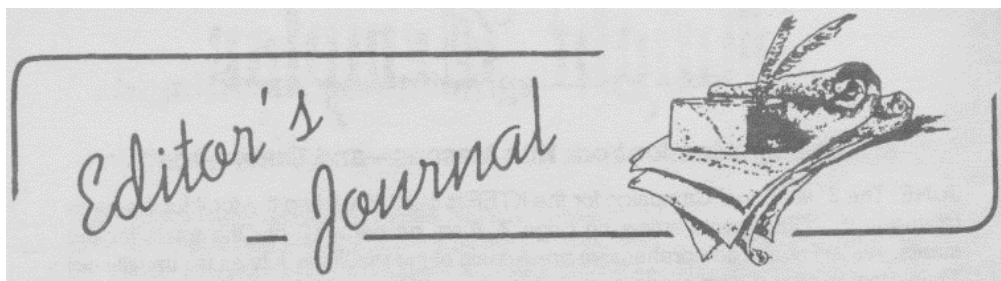
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Correction: Grand Commandery chairman of the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign: Wisconsin: Roger L Bloomfield's address is: 3985 S. 84th Street, No. 2; Greenfield; WI 53228, not as reported in the November issue.

Corrections: Grand Commandery Annual Conclaves: Idaho's Annual Conclave will be April 23-25, 1998. not as reported in the January issue, and will be in Moscow as reported. Uoyd Hebert, Department Commander, will be the representative at Oklahoma's Annual Conclave, not Charles Neumann as reported in the January issue.

Supreme Shrine, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem: We received their report too late for the January issue. Meeting annually the White Shrine will meet May 5-7, 1998, in Charleston, West Virginia. The Supreme Worthy High Priestess is Barbara Anne Ridgway, 6533 W. 87th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045-3716. Their contact is Barbara C. Eagan, Supreme Worthy Scribe, 9731 S. Mansfield Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

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

Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A green pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a red Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past

Commanders and grand officers). Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to the Grand Recorder Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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

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 Tomplar 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.



## The 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign Are Hearts and Flowers On your February Agenda?

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

We are now into February, the third month of the Voluntary Campaign. Have you made your contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation? If not, I hope you will do it now and open your hearts so that those who may face blindness may be able to see the flowers now and in the future. The month of February reminds us of several of our great presidents, but it is also a month to show Love and Kindness; after all, who is there in this world that doesn't need a little Love and Kindness? Our record shows that there are thousands of persons who have benefited from the kindness of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Knights Templar can continue to show their Love for their fellow man and Kindness for those who may suffer from diseases of the eye. if we look at our goal of \$2 million for a period of five months, it is easy to see that what is needed is \$400,000 per month or \$800,000 by February 1, 1998. This is an attainable goal if the unity alluded to in Freemasonry becomes a reality, but the Sir Knights should remember that these funds do not have to come out of your pockets. Many Templars know people in business who would be willing to help in this worthy cause, if properly approached, and some of you may have connections with people in foundations that would be willing to help in the prevention of blindness. Every Sir Knight should be an Ambassador for the preservation of sight. Your feelings could be the same as you have in February when your heart goes out to those you love in the form of Hearts (valentines) and Flowers. The Grand Encampment officers and the trustees cannot accomplish the goal alone; it takes all Sir Knights pulling together to be successful!



Generally, donations to charities are down, and this includes to churches. The message every Sir Knight should hear is that as Knights Templar we are responsible for our charity even though we support our churches and other worthy charities. We are frequently asked, "Where does the Knights Templar Eye Foundation get its funds to help those in need?" "Donations!" Is the answer, and these donations may come from Sir Knights but a goodly amount comes from friends of Templary, fund-raising by Commanderies, wills and bequests.

During Christmas week, three donations were received from organizations that are to be commended for their desire to help others to see. One came from a Masonic Lodge in the Northeastern Department in the amount of \$10,000. (The Lodge does not wish to have its name mentioned.) A second donation in the amount of \$11,000 came from Shepherd Shrine No. 20, Order of the White

Shrine of Jerusalem in Schenectady, New York. Another check was received from an organization in Grand Rapids, South Dakota, in the amount of \$10,000 with the request that we not mention their name and "just help those in need." These are only a few examples of Christian charity similar to that rendered by the Sir Knights of old as they helped those in need on their journey to the Holy Land. Because of our support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the ancient Knights are still reaching out through us modern Templars and helping those in need.

Sir Knights, hold your heads high as nothing can replace or compare with the Gift of Sight. May your giving be as generous as your heart and financial resources permit.

Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary Past Department Commander and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, is the Campaign Chairman of the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign and a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. He resides at 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944; Send e-mail to: cagarnes@aol.com

### Take A Little Time For The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Show your support by wearing a watch with the KTEF logo. All watches are gold electroplated, and have precision metal quartz movement, scratchproof mineral crystal, long-life silver oxide battery, stainless steel case back, and genuine leather band. Your donation of \$25.00 per watch includes shipping and handling. Each Sir Knight will receive credit for at least a \$10.00 donation for each watch (the goal per member in the 30th Voluntary Campaign). His Commandery will receive credit in the 30th Voluntary Campaign. (The writer has worn one for four years without repair, and like the Energizer Bunny it's still going!)

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## James Morris Ward, Mississippi Elected New Leader of Templary Masonry

Elected to office on August 12, 1997, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, Most Eminent Grand Master James Morris Ward (pictured on our February cover) will preside over 220,000 Sir Knights who comprise the Knights Templar of the United States of America. Our new Grand Master was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the Southeastern Department, 1982-1985, by Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Most Eminent Grand Master, August 19, 1982. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment on August 9, 1988, in Lexington, Kentucky. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo on August 20, 1991, in Washington, D.C. He was elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 16, 1994, and installed August 17, 1994 in Denver, Colorado. He was elected Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 12, 1997, and was installed on August 13, 1997, in St. Louis, Missouri.

James Morris Ward was born August 10, 1930, in Dyersburg, located in northwest Tennessee about ninety miles north of Memphis. Today he resides with his wife, the former Janet Dublin (Jan), in Jackson, Mississippi. They are the parents of one daughter, Kathy. Sir Knight Ward and his wife are members of Griffith Memorial Baptist Church where he is an active deacon and serves on the Finance, Budget and Bylaws committees. He also has been a member of several civic and professional organizations and actively participates in the United Givers Fund Drives, Savings Bond Drives, and Blood Assurance Programs.

Sir Knight Ward obtained his early education in the public schools of Dyersburg. After graduation from high school in 1948, he attended the University of Mississippi and later the University Center in Jackson where he completed courses in business administration, mathematics, and engineering. In 1965-66, he completed studies in mathematics, electronics, and economics at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

He was employed by South Central Bell Telephone company for 35<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years and during that period worked in engineering and construction

management positions. At the time of his retirement in 1991, he was manager of district construction operations in Jackson, Mississippi.

Raised in Pearl Lodge No. 23, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 25, 1967, Sir Knight Ward served as Master of his Lodge in 1971 and is now the Secretary. In 1979, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and is now a member of the board of managers of the Masonic Children's Home. He is a past president and is Secretary/Treasurer of the Mississippi Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc.

He is a past presiding officer of his Chapter, Council and Commandery and is Secretary/Recorder of these York Rite bodies. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Mississippi in 1985; Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S.M. of Mississippi, in 1986; and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Mississippi, in 1982. He is a member of the Finance and/or Jurisprudence Committees of these grand bodies. He is a holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple of the Grand Encampment.

He was elected Grand Sovereign of the United Imperial Council, Knights of the

Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, in June of 1994, and he is a present or past officer of the following: the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees; and the Grand College of Rites.

He is a member and past presiding officer of Mississippi Priory No. 36, KYCH and Mississippi York Rite College No. 83. He is a member of Tara Council No. 29, Knight Masons Mississippi College

SRICF; Royal Order of Scotland; and the Order of Eastern Star. An active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and a recipient of the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Jackson, A. & A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, and is Past Commander of the Council of Kadosh. He has served and is serving as a member of the Executive Committee of the Jackson Bodies and has been invested with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander Court of Honor.

### Richard Burditt Baldwin of Virginia Elected to Grand Line

*Sir Knight Richard Burditt Baldwin, Past Grand Commander of Virginia. 1989, and Right Eminent Department Commander (honorary) of the Grand Encampment, was elected to the grand line of the Grand Encampment as Right Eminent Grand Captain General at the election of officers, which was held at the 60th Triennial Conclave on August 12, 1997. He was installed on August 13, 1997.*



Richard B. Baldwin was born in Concord, Massachusetts, October 28, 1935, the son of David S. and Hope W. Baldwin. He attended the Sudbury, Massachusetts public schools graduating in 1953, was graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1957 with the degree of bachelor of business administration, and received a MS degree in 1974 from George Washington University.

He entered active duty on Flag Day, June 14, 1957 and served more than thirty years of active federal service, retiring on August 1, 1987 as a colonel. He has three children, two daughters and one son, and three grandsons.

His Symbolic Lodge memberships include Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54, A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research No. 1949, Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777, all in Virginia; and Missouri Lodge of Research in Missouri.

His York Rite affiliations are: Annandale Royal Arch Chapter No. 77, Virginia; Triangle Council No. 3. R & S.M., DC; Adoniram Council No. 10, R & S.M., FL; Commandery: Arlington No. 29, Thomas S. Ely No. 30, Penn-Neck No. 33, Once No. 16 (Honorary) all of Virginia; INRI Commandery No. 4, DC; Winchester No. 12, (Honorary); Bayard No. 15 (Honorary); St George No. 76, OH. He has honorary memberships in many Grand Commanderies and also in York Rite bodies of Florida, Alabama, South Dakota and New Hampshire; and the KYCH of Texas and Illinois. He is currently and long-time general chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service.



Masonic offices held: Grand Commander of Virginia, 1989-90; Department Commander (honorary), Grand Encampment; Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of VA, 1993-94; Grand Royal Patron, Order of Amaranth, VA, 1989-90; High Priest, Annandale Royal Arch Chapter No. 77, VA 1974-75 and 1979-80; Past Commander, Arlington No. 29, VA, 1983-84; Royal Patron, Potomac Court No. 4, Order of Amaranth, VA, 1982, 1985, 1989; Grand Tall Cedar, NOR-VA Forest No. 163, 1984; P.D.D.G.H.P., Grand Chapter of RAM., VA, 1986; Governor, York Rite College, (Charter Governor, Honorary Member), 198384; Sovereign Master, Allied Masonic Degrees, 1987; Patron, Columbia Chapter No. 15, O.E.S., DC, 1990-91; Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine, 1992-94; Preceptor, Nova-Vita Tabernacle, HRAKTP 1994; Prior, Rose of Sharon Priory No. 2, KYCH, 1994; Celebrant,

Societas Rosicruciana Civitatis Foederatum (1994-95); Watchman of Shepherds, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, 1994-97; President, National Sojourners, 1982-83; Commander, Heroes of 76, 1981-82; RE Chief, Knight Masons, 1993; Pres., National Defense Masonic Club, 1982-83; Pres., VA Appreciation Club, KTEF (1989); Pros., VA Assoc. of A.M.D. Councils. 1990; Grand Treasurer, Royal Order of Scotland, 1986-1991; Grand Chaplain, Grand Council, R. & S.M., DC; P.D. Supreme Watchman of Shepherds, 1995-97.

Scottish Rite Bodies: A. & A.S.R., S.J. of the U.S.A., Valley of Alexandria, Orient of VA; A. & A.S.R., S.J. of the U.S.A. Valley of Washington, Orient of DC; A.A.S.R., N.M.J., New Jersey.

### Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Illinois Elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

Sir Knight William Jackson Jones; Past Grand Commander of Illinois, 1984, and Right Eminent Past Department Commander of the North Central Department, 1985-1988; was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment on August 20, 1991, in Washington, D.C.; he was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo in August 1994 in Denver, Colorado, and he was elected second in command, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, at the 60th Triennial, held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 12, 1997.



William Jackson Jones was born on March 12, 1939, in Tuscola, Illinois. He went to high school in Villa Grove, Illinois, at Villa Grove High School; he went on to the University of

Illinois for his B.S. in 1961, and he received his D.D.S. there in 1964. He married Lois A. Robinson at Tolono, Illinois, on December 10, 1967, and they have two children; Phillip and Jane. Sir Knight Jones currently resides in Villa Grove, Illinois, where Sir Knight Jones has practiced dentistry for 29 years.

Sir Knight Jones has held numerous civic positions, including serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Villa Grove Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, American Heart Association, Illinois Affiliate; Villa Grove Schools Citizens Consulting Committee; Board of Directors for Villa Grove Community Theater; and President, Eastern Illinois Dental Society.

Sir Knight Jones was Raised in Villa Grove Lodge No. 885, Villa Grove, Illinois, in September of 1960. He has served as Worshipful Master of this Lodge. In the York Rite, he is a member of Tuscola Chapter No. 66 in Tuscola, Illinois, where he has served as High Priest. He is a member of the Order of High Priesthood. He is a member of Mattoon Council

No. 10, Mattoon, Illinois, where he has been the Thrice Illustrious Master. He was created a Knight Templar on December 1, 1969, in Melita Commandery No. 37, Tuscola, Illinois, where he has served as Commander in 1972 and 1977. He is a member and Past Preceptor of Lily of the Valley Tabernacle XLVI, HRAKTP. He has been elected to the grand line of the Grand College of America, HRAKTP.

In the Grand Commandery of Illinois, he ascended the grand line, serving as Grand Commander in 1984. In addition to being in the grand line of the Grand Encampment, he is holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple and the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple.

### Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer, Texas Elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo

Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer, Past Grand Commander of Texas, 1990, was elected and installed Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment in Denver, Colorado, in August 1994. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment on August 12, 1997 in St. Louis, Missouri



Kenneth Bernard Fischer was born August 13, 1937, in Houston, Texas. He graduated from the University of Houston receiving a B.S. in mechanical engineering in 1960.

He married Arlene M. Martin and they have five children; Ken Jr., Kristian, Amy, Wendi and Ken; and they have two grandchildren, Samantha and Alexa.

Kenneth and Arlene reside in Friendswood, Texas, and are members of Friendswood United Methodist Church. He has been employed at Hoechst-Celanese, as Corporate Rotating Equipment Consultant for thirty years.

His professional and civic activities include registered and professional engineering, Texas (33 years); member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers; active member Turbomachinery

Appendant Masonic activities include membership in the Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, the Valley of Danville, Illinois. He was coronated an Inspector General Honorary of the 33<sup>rd</sup> in 1985. Sir Knight Jones is a member of Ansar Temple, Springfield, Illinois, AAONMS. He belongs to the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and was recipient of the Purple Cross in 1988. He is a member of Saxa Rubra Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is an Active Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honour, and a recipient of the Order of Chevalier and is an honorary member of International Supreme Council, Order of DeMalay. He is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Knight Masons, and the Order of Amaranth.

Symposium, Texas A & M; Pump Symposium, Texas A & M; Vibration Institute; Amateur Radio Operator, WA5NKK; and Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

His Masonic affiliations are: Louie J. Brown Lodge No. 1426, A.F. & A.M., Past Master, D.D.G.M., 1994; Galena Park Chapter No. 490, R.A.M., Past High Priest, D.D.G.H.P., 1977; Galena Park Council No. 405, R. & S.M., Past Thrice Illustrious Master, D.D.G.M., 1992; Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas, Past Thrice Illustrious Master; Park Place Commandery No. 106, K.T. Past Commander; Park Place Commandery No. 106, Drill Captain (20 years); Grand Commandery of Texas, Past Grand Commander (1990-91); Resurrection Tabernacle No. 21, HRAKTP, KC., (1993); San Jacinto Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Prefect; Valley of Houston, A.A.S.R., S.J., KCCH (1992); Royal Order of Scotland; Gulf Coast York Rite College No. 106, Purple Cross (1988); Order of DeMolay, Chevalier, Active Legion of Honor; Friendswood Chapter No. 1131, O.E.S., Sam Houston Council No. 275, A.M.D., Sovereign Master, 1994; Anson Jones Council No. 47, Knight Masons, Senior Knight, 1994; Arabia Temple, AAONMS; Amaranth, Initiated 1994; holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple.

**Next month: biographies of: Grand Recorder Charles R. Neumann, Grand Treasurer Sam E. Hilburn, and Grand Prelate Donald H. Smith**


## KTEF GOLF SHIRTS AND JACKETS



Choose your color: black, navy, dark green, purple, maroon, red, or white (The KTEF logo is purple on white items, white on dark colors.)

Golf shirts and flannel lined windbreakers with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation logo embroidered in white or purple are available for Sir Knights and their families who want to "Help Others to See." Golf shirts are 50/50 cotton/polyester jersey knit with fashion collar and ribbed cuffs. The flannel lined windbreakers are hip length. These items make meal gifts for that special person. Net proceeds will benefit the KTEF and help reach the goal of \$2 million for the 30th Voluntary Campaign.

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_____ Windbreakers	\$33.00 each—size:	S	M	L	XL	XXL

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**Every Sir Knight should be proud to wear the emblem of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. SUPPORT YOUR CHARITY, SUPPORT TEMPLARY.**

## In Memoriam



William F. Boyd  
Wyoming  
Grand Commander-1979 Born  
August 18, 1928  
Died November 25, 1997

Louis V. Sylvester  
Nebraska  
Grand Commander-1966  
Born July 2, 1907  
Died December 4, 1997

Frank M. Hartung  
Wyoming  
Grand Commander-1984  
Born March 8, 1922  
Died December 26, 1997

Adam Mehn, Sr.  
Louisiana  
Grand Commander-1974  
Born July 30, 1907  
Died December 30, 1997

### Grand Commander's Club

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Robson S. Lawwill (OH)  
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No. 100,700-4n honor of Woodrow and  
Margaret Coker by John K. Coker (SC)  
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by William C. Nutter (WI)  
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No. 100,720-Richard Westergaard (NJ)  
No. 100,721-Loren Elwood Schrodck (OR)  
No. 100,722-Alan C. Lewis (NY)  
No. 100,723-Warren A. Willoughby (KY)  
No. 100,724-Donald T. Beecher (PA)  
No. 100,725-Keith A. Sultzbaugh (PA)  
No. 100,726-Robert W. Bennett (NH)  
No. 100,727-Audrey Sohi (GA)

### Grand Master's Club

No. 2,848-Edith K. Brinkman (MI)  
No. 2,849-Arthur J. Robertson (GA)  
No. 2,850-S. Robert Marziano, Jr. (PA)  
No. 2,851-George W. Shook (KS)  
No. 2,852-Verb R. Howe (IA)  
No. 2,853-Don S. Blair (SC)  
No. 2,854-Judge Charles A. Wofford (GA)  
No. 2,855-John A. Wages (GA)  
No. 2,856-Theodore D. Keller (PA)  
No. 2,857-Thompson G. Murray (CC)  
No. 2,858-John F. Abel (MI)  
No. 2,859-Wendell Shelnut (GA)  
No. 2,860-C. Russell Whiting, Jr. (GA)  
No. 2,861-Peyton Atterbery (IL)  
No. 2,852-Roy G. Morgan (PA)  
No. 2,863-Jack Cluck (GA)  
No. 2,864-Emmett Johns (GA)  
No. 2,865-Kenneth J. Stafford (GA)  
No. 2,866-James Edward Mitchell (GA)  
No. 2,867-Charlie W. Phelps (GA)  
No. 2,868-James E. Jarvis, Jr. (GA)  
No. 2,869-Larry J. Mathis (GA)  
No. 2,870-Lloyd D. Caldwell (GA)  
No. 2,871-James E. Stevens (GA)  
No. 2,872-Bobby Neal Pedigo (GA)  
No. 2,873-Leon L Blair (GA)  
No. 2,874-Carson P. Pate (GA)  
No. 2,875-Joe V. White (GA)  
No. 2,876-Donald N. Lear (GA)  
No. 2,878-Douglas A. McCreary (GA)  
No. 2,879-Robert S. Ryan (GA)  
No. 2,880-J. Leonard Self (GA)  
No. 2,881-Willis A. Hughes, Jr. (GA)  
No. 2,882-Hubert W. Kleasen (OH)  
No. 2,883-Charles L. Carl, Jr. (PA)  
No. 2,884-David L. Kempter (PA)  
No. 2,885-Harry Miller, Jr. (MD)  
No. 2,886-Edwin L Collishaw, Jr. (NH)  
No. 2,887-Harry Miller, Jr. (MD)  
No. 2,888-John S. Sutton (OR)  
No. 2,889-Clarence D. Ferrell (WV)  
No. 2,890-John R. Margroff (NJ)  
No. 2,891-Michael C. Powles (MN)

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 Commanders Club Pins

Since July 1, 1992, all new members of the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's dubs have been issued pins at no charge to the recipients. If you became a member of either dub 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 Sponsor Pins Available

This very attractive pin in the shape of a shield is available for a donation of \$7.00 each or \$5.00 each in lots of twenty. Show your Commandery members that you are a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by ordering yours today. Pins are available to any Knight Templar who already has purchased a Life Sponsorship or who intends to do so. Contact: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (773) 205-3838

### Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Thirtieth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending January 9, 1998. The total amount contributed to date is \$182,004.01

Alabama.....	\$3,205.00
Arizona.....	2,035.00
Arkansas.....	1362.00
California.....	5,772.59
Colorado.....	3,555.00
Connecticut.....	1,301.00
Delaware.....	60.00
District of Columbia.....	446.00
Florida.....	4,955.71
Georgia.....	24,318.00
Idaho.....	350.50
Illinois.....	7,985.32
Indiana.....	2,673.85
Iowa.....	7,193.82
Kansas.....	1,851.85

Kentucky.....	3,145.00
Louisiana.....	800.00
Maine.....	90.00
Maryland.....	3,350.00
Mass./R. 1.....	3,178.30
Michigan.....	7,848.00
Minnesota.....	3,070.00
Mississippi.....	440.00
Missouri.....	1,882.22
Montana.....	185.00
Nebraska.....	549.50
Nevada.....	1,060.00
New Hampshire.....	10,663.00
New Jersey.....	2,345.00
New Mexico.....	1,751.00
New York.....	14,742.00
North Carolina.....	4,526.79
North Dakota.....	260.00
Ohio.....	3,542.34
Oklahoma.....	360.00
Oregon.....	3,848.07
Pennsylvania.....	10,949.00
South Carolina.....	4,901.37
South Dakota.....	11,320.00
Tennessee.....	2,759.38
Texas.....	2,493.50
Utah.....	30.00
Vermont.....	5,495.00
Virginia.....	2,069.00
Washington.....	2,324.00
West Virginia.....	1,433.00
Wisconsin.....	2,004.00
Wyoming.....	366.66
Honolulu No. 1.....	30.00
Alaska No. 1.....	100.00
Anchorage No. 2.....	130.00
Tokyo No. 1.....	110.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany.....	400.00
Harry J. Miller No. 5, Germany.....	60.00
Miscellaneous.....	327.24

### Trusts

A. G. Kaubisch (OH).....	\$150,000.00
Evelyn E. Vyhnaelek (AR).....	25,000.00
Louella Riemen (NM).....	50,000.00
Edward J. Gladfelter (PA).....	274,490.32

### Wills and Bequests

Elmer J. Dixon (WI).....	\$20,000.00
Marguerite J. Bowman (IL).....	86,031.59
Lora M. Givens (OR).....	250,000.00
J. Clair Donley (PA).....	25,000.00
Mildred G. Eshleman (PA).....	35,955.54
Louis G. Bingel (OH).....	50,238.12
Elizabeth M. Parker (MD).....	53,765.28
Dorothy E. McKinley (FL).....	30,367.10
Ralph C. Taggart (NY).....	33,329.86

## The Social Order of the Beauceant and Their Active Support of the Eye Foundation

For forty years, members of the Social Order of the Beauceant have actively supported the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in its quest to "Help Others to See."

On September 27, 1957, on the request of Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, the Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Walter P. Remele, appointed a Supreme Eye Foundation Committee to share in the project of the Knights Templar, which was to be known as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The first chairman of this committee was Mrs. James E. Collier, Past Supreme Worthy President from Dodge City, Kansas.

During the first year, 1957-58, contributions amounted to \$12,546. In ten years contributions had more than doubled, and in twenty years they had quadrupled. The records of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., show that during the past forty years, from 1957 to June 30th, 1997, the Social Order of the Beauceant has contributed \$1,328,448.49. This amount includes Life Sponsorships, and Associate Patron and Patron certificates, unless otherwise noted to credit a particular Commandery. Additionally, the Foundation has received \$54,098 from the Mrs. Mildred Brabetz Williams Trust from August 1975 to June 30, 1997.

Beauceant Assemblies are divided into twelve Eye Foundation areas with a chairman for each area. Each Assembly determines the manner in which money will be earned for this project. Fund-raisers have included breakfasts, preparation and serving of dinners, bake sales, bazaars, or whatever manner is voted by the individual Assembly. Many contributions are made as memorials or honors. In the past seven years contributions have averaged over \$44,000 per year.

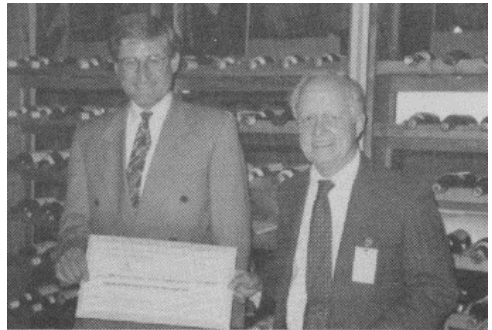
The General Chairman for 1997-98 is Mrs. James Hookman, Independence Assembly No. 150/Little Rock Assembly No. 260, and the Advisory Chairman is Mrs. Roy Kilough, Baytown Assembly No. 153, both appointed by the Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. C. Dean Porter, to coordinate the endeavors of each Assembly.

The ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant are proud of their accomplishments in support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and are appreciative of the Knights Templar for providing this means for the Beauceant to be of service to this great Humanitarian Project.

submitted by (Mrs. Paul E.) Mary Frances Mihal, P.S.W.P.  
Pasadena Assembly No. 44, Pasadena, California

### Charity Golf Day Benefits Illinois Masonic Medical Center

William Warman, Chairman, Golf Day Committee (left), presented Charles Gambill, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Illinois Masonic Medical Center, with a check for \$127,000, which represented the proceeds from the Illinois Masonic Medical Center Foundation annual Charity Golf Day, held at Olympia Fields Country Club in Olympia Fields, Illinois. The funds benefit the Medical Center's Emergency Room Crisis Intervention program.



## 1997 - Knights Templar Pilgrims to the Holy Land



Fifty-four members, family, and friends enjoyed a peaceful and inspiring trip to the Holy Land this past November. The pilgrims are pictured above on the steps near the Holy Sepulchre Church in Jerusalem. Included in the group were Jan and J. K. Ward, wife and daughter of Grand Master James Ward, and Charles R. Neumann, Grand Recorder, and his wife Karla. Another Pilgrimage is planned for November of 1998, so make your plans now to be a member of the group.

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

### Chapter II

Period of Consolidation, 1949-1961

Forty-sixth Conclave, 1955

(continued)

Marx Wagner gave an address of welcome to the assemblage, which was responded to by Sir Knight Waiter A. DeLamater, Deputy Grand Master. After the Mayor had been escorted from the room by the Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Perry S. Cochrane, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, was Introduced, followed by the introduction of Sir Knight and Colonel Sir Basil A. T. McFarland, Baronet, Great Chancellor of the Great Priory of Ireland, representing the Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Ireland; and Brother Raymond C. Ellis, Knight of Malta, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Brother Ellis welcomed the group and promised to see them again before the end of the Conclave. The recess declared prior to the Introductions was ended and business resumed.

Following the Grand Master's Report and a partial report by the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, the Grand Master recessed the Conclave until 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday in order that all might watch the competitive drills in the afternoon and participate in the parade in the evening.

Business of the Conclave resumed again at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday. Probably the most important event of this Conclave was the establishment of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The fifth of seven proposals presented by the Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Waiter A. DeLamater, was the establishment and operation of '...one or more Knights Templar Eye Hospitals...'. On Tuesday morning, Sir Knight DeLamater moved for a 'Special Order of Business' during the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence; asking that his proposal on Knights Templar Eye Hospitals be heard at 10:30 A.M. when most of the members would be present; the Proposal was XXI as presented by the Committee.

General DeLamater stated that in 1941 he had been stricken and paralyzed for two months by a blood clot on the brain; his doctors had told him it would be impossible for him to live; later when they found that he was determined to live, they stated that he would be in a wheelchair for the rest of his life. He felt that his Maker had proven the doctors wrong, and he therefore endeavored to do His will in any way that he could. This Proposal was the result.

He felt that the Christian thing to do would be to assist people who were in danger of facing blindness; only for those who could not afford the treatment or operations necessary to restore their sight. He felt that an assessment of \$1.00 per year on each of the nearly 400,000 Sir Knights would not be excessive, and could do unimagined good for many poor people during just the first year of operation. He had thought what a great service the Shrine's Crippled Children's Hospitals were doing and envisioned how much good Eye Hospitals could do. As the Shrine Hospitals took care of the total cost of treatments, so would the Eye Hospitals. He was aware of the great publicity and good will generated by the Shrine Hospitals and thought that would also work for Knights Templar organizations.

Early in the discussion it was suggested that since the Educational Loan Foundation had been reasonably successful from its inception, that instead of 'Knights Templar Eye Hospitals,' the proposal should be changed to 'Knights Templar Eye Foundation.' And as discussion continued, it was felt that where owning and operating 'Eye Hospitals' might become a very expensive project, the same work could be done in existing hospitals all over the country at the expense of the Foundation, which would cost much less than one or two Foundation hospitals. Once Sir Knight DeLamater had agreed to that basic change, most of the original opposition seemed to disappear.

After several amendments had been made to the Proposal (including the addition of coverage for diseases and injuries to the eyes, and research into problems and diseases of the eye), the report by the committee with the various amendments was accepted by a three-quarters



standing vote. Enabling legislation was passed in the afternoon session.

No mention was made in the seven-page committee report in the *Proceedings* of the attendance at the Easter Sunrise Services, but the services were broadcast nationwide each of the three years by the National Broadcasting Company. Knights Templar services were held elsewhere for those who could not attend the services in Arlington National Cemetery.

Fourteen teams competed in the 1952 Drill Competition; ten "A teams" and five "B teams" entered the Drill Competition in 1955.

The Educational Loan Foundation had made 913, 1,080 and 1,298 loans, respectively, in the three years of the triennium. The report of the Chairman, Sir Knight Thomas C. Law, P.G.C., Georgia, presented an interesting problem which showed that the cost of operations to process loans in various cases was from as high as 57.6% to as little as 3.63%. He concluded that "... ninety percent of the trouble of this Education Foundation is due to the administrative office...".

Some of the officers instated were Sir Knights: Walter Allen DeLamater of New York as Most Eminent Grand Master, Louis Henry Wieber of Ohio as Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Paul Miller Moore of Pennsylvania as Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Ansel Alva Packard of Connecticut as Right Eminent Grand Captain General, and John Temple Rice of Texas as Right Eminent Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight Robert B. Gaylord, Junior Most Eminent Past Grand Master, had died on August 4, 1953.

### **Forty-seventh Conclave, 1958**

The Forty-seventh Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was called to order by Most Eminent Grand Master Walter Allen DeLamater in the James Whitcomb Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, at 12:30 P.M., August 16, 1958. Following an address of welcome by Honorable Phil Bayt, Mayor of the city, and one by Honorable Harold W. Handley, Governor of the state; the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master Louis H. Wieber responded for the Conclave. Short addresses were then given by the Most Worshipful Grand

Master of Indiana Masons, Theo J. Jena, and other notables. After a few committee reports, the Grand Master recessed the Conclave until 1:30 P.M. on Monday.

When the Conclave reconvened at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, the first report called for was from the newly formed committee on Patriotic Activities, which submitted a report of about seventeen pages. The report of the Committee on Awards was next with a recommendation to award a "Knight Templar Cross of Honor to Sir Knights in both constituent and subordinate Commanderies "for meritorious and faithful service in perpetuating Templary." There was no opposition to having it referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence to be put in proper form and reported to the next Triennial Conclave.

The report of the Committee on Progress and Special Activities was extensive, consisting of about thirty-three pages, explaining ways of "revitalizing" Templary. The Committee on Condition of the Order followed with a report showing a decline in what had been a steady increase in membership from 1920 to 1927; then the decrease in membership from 1928 to 1931. In 1943 it again began to increase, but the rate of increase had dropped perceptibly by 1958. The warning was there: Declining membership was just around the corner!

The Easter Sunrise Memorial Service continued as in the past with good support by all concerned, including the broadcast by the National Broadcasting Company.

In his address at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, the Grand Master recognized and emphasized that modernization was taking place, and the pace of things was growing more frenetic. The idea of "so-called York Rite Festivals" was proposed to help eliminate the lime element"; the need for improved leadership was also emphasized. He also reported that the *Grand Encampment Review* (with 532 subscriptions) had been discontinued during the triennium, and the *Knight Templar* magazine (with over 10,000 subscriptions at \$1.00 for two years) had been substituted. He explained that he had made good use of the magazine for "the dissemination of Templar news," and that "it has eliminated the necessity and expense of issuing General Orders."

275. Henry C. Rigdon, Jr., Ivanhoe Commandery No. 10,  
Fort Valley, GA. 11-7-97.
276. John T. Shultz, N. Green Commandery No. 81,  
Xenia, OH. 11-7-97.
277. John C. Buckles, Waco Commandery No. 10,  
Waco, TX. 11-7-97. (jewel and one bronze cluster)
278. William E. Matyastik, Waco Commandery No. 10,  
Waco, TX. 11-7-97.
279. Finly S. Stanly, Rhodes Commandery No. 17,  
Leesville, LA. 11-12-97.
280. Roy B. Tuck, Jr., Rhodes Commandery No. 17,  
Leesville, LA. 11-12-97.
281. Marshall A. Stinnett, Cyprus Commandery No. 23,  
Knoxville, TN. 11-12-97.
282. Noble Colclough, Corson Commandery No. 15,  
Red Bank, NJ. 12-11-97. (jewel and one bronze cluster)
283. Daniel M. Hogue, Salisbury Commandery No. 13,  
Salisbury, NC. 12-11-97.
284. William F. Meacham, Sr., Salisbury Commandery No. 13,  
Salisbury, NC. 12-11-97. (jewel and two silver clusters)
285. John R. Corey, Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1,  
Pittsburgh, PA. 12-11-97.
286. Christopher W. Edwards, Melita-Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 17,  
Scranton, PA. 12-11-97. (jewel and one bronze cluster)
287. Robert O. Finley, Hugh de Payen Commandery No. 7,  
Riverton, WY. 12-15-97.

### Family Medicine Physicians at Illinois Masonic Announce New Service for Senior Citizens

Chicago, Fall 1997: Family Doctor Housecalls for seniors is a new service for older adults who are frail, homebound, and/or unable to travel to a physician's office. The service is offered by Illinois Masonic Medical Center's (IMMC) Department of Family Medicine.

Senior citizens living on the north side are eligible for Family Doctor Housecalls services. Older adults who participate in Family Doctor Housecalls are automatically enrolled in IMMC's Family Practice Center.

When making a housecall, the medical team consists of a nurse, a family medicine attending physician, and a family medicine resident. The team can provide patients with a full physical evaluation and assessment in the comfort of home. Patients with chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and emphysema are also evaluated by the team and individualized care plans are designed and explained. The non-emergency medical care provided by Family Doctor Housecalls is covered by Medicare and most private insurers.

"Our goal is to optimize the patients' functions and keep them well - at home," said Maureen Mavrinac, M.D., attending physician and Family Doctor Housecalls team leader, who is board certified in Family Practice with additional certifications in Geriatric Medicine.

Housecalls are made Monday through Friday during daytime hours, and patients can call a physician twenty-four hours a day. For more information: (773) 296-7400.

## Al Jolson – Master Mason

by Sir Knight John A Gunn

The man we know as Al Jolson, the world's greatest entertainer, was born Asa Yoelson in the little Lithuanian village of Seredzius. His actual date of birth is unknown even to him so he chose - yes, chose - May 26, 1886 as his birthday. His father and grandfather were both Cantors and Asa was expected to carry on the family tradition. His father, Moshe, immigrated to America in 1890, and his family joined him in Washington, D.C. four years later. Asa's mother died in 1894, leaving the family at the mercy of an over strict and demanding father. There had obviously been a strong bond between Asa and his mother which was reflected throughout his musical career.

Asa and his older brother Hirsch began singing for pocket change wherever anyone would listen. Shortly after, Asa changed his name to Al Joelson, and his brother was then Harry Joelson - they later shortened it to Jolson. But to his close friends and fans, he was to be called, "Jolie." At the age of twelve, Al Jolson had already performed with a carnival, a circus, and had been a mascot for U.S. soldiers during the Spanish-American War. Once he joined a risqué vaudeville show and later joined up with a tenor, Fred G. Moore. At the age of fourteen, Al and his brother Harry had an act called, "The Hebrew and the Cadet."

But it was in 1903 that the Al Jolson we recognize emerged when he joined Joe Palmer's Merry Minstrel group. It was with these minstrels that Al did his first black-face which he was to be identified with for the rest of his life. At the age of nineteen he got his first solo with the minstrels and sang such songs as, "Who paid the rent for Mrs. Rip Van Winkle while Mr. Van Winkle was away." During the 1906 earthquake, Jolson made a

reputation for himself when he generously donated his time to sing in the streets of rubble. It was at this time he coined the phrase, "You ain't heard nothin' yet," which he would use for the remainder of his life.

In June of 1913, Brothers Al Jolson, John H. Bunney, Charles Emmet, David Stamper, and Charles J. Dryden were Passed in the Fellowcraft degree. All of these individuals were widely recognized in the entertainment field. On July 13, 1913, Al Jolson was Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at St. Ceciles Lodge No. 568, New York. Jolson is listed in the log as Albert Jolson.

In 1918, Jolson did a short film for the Vitagraph Film Company as a benefit for the Patrolman's Benevolent Association (PBA) fund for the children of policemen killed in service. The agreement was that all proceeds were to be given to the PBA. This film was shown one time during a special police performance of Sinbad. But Al found out that only 40% went to the PBA and was so upset that he ordered the film destroyed.

Jolie was sensitive to the needs of crippled and disabled persons. In one instance, he paid for an operation that enabled a child to use his legs again. He gave generously to numerous worthy causes such as building a church for Indians in California. In his will he left a three million dollar inheritance to charity.

Friends and associates in show business considered Jolson to be a ruthless man, but he obviously had a soft heart somewhere. I believe it is meaningful that, in the manner expected of a true Mason, he insisted that his many kind and altruistic acts were to be kept secret.

During the 1929 market crash, Jolson lost over four million dollars. But he still

had a veritable fortune left and was benevolent enough to loan money to friends that had lost everything. Oddly enough, instead of being grateful, these friends were resentful.

Songwriters Irving Caesar and George Gershwin wrote the song, "Swanee" during this time, but it met with limited success. However, Jolson recorded the song and made it an instant hit - such was the power of Jolson.

Al Jolson's name appeared on many songs at that time, but he never contributed to the writing of them. Al insisted that his name be included because his singing "style" was a major factor in the songs' success - and he was obviously right.

Brother Jolson performed many firsts during his lengthy and prosperous career. He made the first pilot TV appearance, he was the first to entertain the troops in three wars, he recorded the first successful LP record in Britain, and he was the first to perform a full Broadway tour.

However, the accomplishment most remembered is his starring role in the first sound movie, *The Jazz Singer*. His song, "Mother I still have you," has the distinction of being the first song ever to be composed especially for a movie.

He was the undisputed king of Broadway for many years, and there is today a movement on by the International Al Jolson Society (IAJS) and the Al Jolson Internet Fan Club (AJIFC) to get a city block at 51st and Broadway in New York named in Jolson's honor - an honor he well deserves. You can find both of these clubs along with Dr. Marc Leavey's Jolson web page on internet. I find it significant of Jolson's greatness that even now - almost 50 years after his death - we still have thousands of fans registered on the internet.

Jolson made numerous motion pictures. By today's standards they probably appear corny, but in his day they were very successful. He was so widely recognized that caricatures of Jolson appeared in cartoons galore.

Most of Jolson's successful acts were in blackface. Although this is considered politically incorrect today, it was believed to be appropriate for his era. It is widely believed that Al was basically a shy

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individual that could "let himself go" when in blackface. I believe that Jolie had a lot of respect and admiration for blacks; although many blacks today resent him for the blackface, most blacks at that time did not. When Jolson died, the president of the Negro Actors Guild, Noble Sissle, represented their organization at his funeral.

Al Jolson married four times, but like so many people in entertainment, marriage did not stick. His first marriage was to vaudeville dancer, Henrietta Keller, and his second was to actress Ethel Delmar. These quickly ended in divorce. His third marriage was to Ruby Keeler, a chorus girl in Texas Guinnan's speakeasy. They adopted one son and named him "Sonny" after his hit.

All of his wives claimed that they could not contend with Al's "mistress," his love of singing. This was undoubtedly true. Jolson was "larger-than-life" and possessed the need and energy to be the best. He could never accept second place.

During one of his U.S.O. shows, Al contracted malaria and had to have one lung removed. It was during his stay in the hospital that he met a lovely nurse, Erle Galbraith. He married her in 1945.

Jolson experienced a lessening of popularity in the 1930s, and Bing Crosby became the number one singer. Al still had work, but it was no longer top billing. However, in 1944 Al got a new lease on life when Harry Cohn decided to make

*The Jolson Story* movie. Al could see nobody in the role of Jolson other than himself and fought desperately for the part. But he was now a balding man in his 60s and Columbia pictures gave the role to aspiring actor Larry Parks. Jolie himself sang all the songs, but Jolson was not happy with just doing the songs. He insisted on actually being in the movie. As a result, the scene

"Al was eager to sing once again for the troops and called then President and Brother Harry Truman to volunteer. When Truman told him there were no funds, Jolson paid his own way. He performed in forty-two shows for the troops in a mere seven days."

with Jolson singing "Swanee" was actually Jolson. It was shot at a distance so nobody would notice.

The movie debuted in 1946 and was a box office hit. Jolson's voice was mellowed and better than before, so all of his songs were rerecorded and once again released. Jolson was back as the number one singer again followed by Bing Crosby, Perry Como, and Frank Sinatra. Larry Parks received an Oscar nomination as best actor.

A sequel was equally successful *named Jolson Sings Again*. As before, Jolson insisted on being somewhere in the movie. During the "You Made Me Love You" sequence, he can be seen walking and wearing a fedora hat. Larry Parks became a victim of McCarthyism and was destined never to have another film. But Jolie was once again king of the mountain.

In 1945, Jolie married Erie Galbraith, and they adopted two children: Asa Albert Jolson Jr., who was last reported to be in the music business in Nashville,

Tennessee, and a daughter, Alicia. Alicia was mentally retarded and had to be institutionalized. She is now deceased.

Jolie was now in his 60s, but his voice was better than ever. All of his old songs - now rerecorded - along with many new songs, sold millions. Al was in demand again and gave many concerts in New York City. He also made frequent guest appearances on radio. He hosted his own radio show, "The Kraft Music Hall" from 1947 to 1949 and was looking forward to a signed TV contract with CBS, but Korea happened. Al was eager to sing once again for the troops and called then President and Brother Harry Truman to volunteer. When Truman told him there were no funds, Jolson paid his own way. He performed in forty-two shows for the troops in a mere seven days.

The strain was too much for him. He fell ill and had to return home. On October 23, 1950, in San Francisco, Brother Al Jolson had a heart attack and died. The world had lost the world's greatest entertainer. Jolson was awarded the Congressional Medal of Merit (posthumously) for his many overseas tours for the U.S.O.

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*Jolson* by Michael Freedland  
Internet: David Hamers, UK Jolson Fan Club, <http://www.btinternet.com/~jolson>  
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## On the Masonic Newsfront...

### CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES – 1997

Hugh dePaynes No. 30 and Tancred No. 80, East Aurora, New York

These two Commanderies had a joint Christmas Observance, featuring a beautiful candle lighting ceremony interspersed with toasts. Room does not allow us to reprint the lovely ritual in which the officers each have a part; however, we would be happy to share it with anyone who writes to us asking for a copy of it. The picture shows participants gathered around a splendid table



#### **St. Amend Commandery No. 20, Kennebunk, Maine**

At St. Amand's Christmas Observance Sir Knight David J. Billings, E.G.C.G, presented Ron Terry of the Salvation Army a token coat representing the 2,256 articles of winter clothing collected by the Commandery this year and already turned over to the Salvation Army. Mr. Terry stated that all clothing collected in Maine is distributed in Maine and is greatly needed. He thanked all Sir Knights. Sir Knight Billings stated that 4,246 articles of winter clothing have been collected in four years, and St. Amand will be collecting again in 1998.

Pictured, left to right, are: Mrs. David Billings, David Billings, and Mr. Ron Terry. (submitted by Sir Knight Fred Lombard, Maine editor)



#### **Michigan's Fred Lesley Named Honorary Past Department Commander**



The middle of November 1997 a reception was held in Battle Creek, Michigan, honoring Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley, P.C., P.G.C., G.R., who was elected last summer to the rank of Honorary Past Department Commander.

Sir Knight Lesley, in addition to serving as Grand Commander of Michigan (1980) and as Grand Recorder for many years, has co-chaired the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee for the Grand Encampment along with Sir Knight Frank Williams, P.G.C. of Indiana, who was also elected an Honorary Past Department Commander at the Triennial on August 12.

An impressive number of Sir Knights and ladies joined in honoring Sir Knight t Lesley and his Lady Carol at the reception.

Pictured on page 22 are a number of the dignitaries present to honor Sir Knight Lesley. Shown, left to right, are Sir Knights: William H. Thornley, Jr., GCT, Th.D., Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; William H. Koon II, P.G.C. (Ohio), R.E. Department Commander, East Central; P. Fred Lesley, P.G.C., G.R., Honorary Past Department Commander; Most Worshipful Brother Robert W. Stevens, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Michigan; Stanley O. Simons, R.E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Michigan; and Russell P. Livermore, Jr., P.G.C., R.E. Past Department Commander, East Central. (photo courtesy of Sir Knight Art Jacobs, P.C., 33°)

### **History has been made in Connecticut**

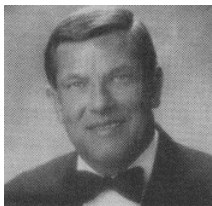
An excerpt from the records of Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar of East Hartford, shows the following information:

On the occasion of the Annual Christmas Observance held in East Hartford, Connecticut, on December 16, 1997; with more than forty Sir Knights in attendance, including Most Excellent Grand High Priest Herbert R. Schilke, Most Puissant Grand Master Thurman P. Sharpies, Jr., Right Illustrious Deputy Puissant Grand Master Richard A. Eppler, and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Stanley S. Sheldon, Jr.; Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles B. Fowler, Jr., and his staff were received.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Fowler then announced that the Most Eminent Prince Hall Commandery had voted on November 15, 1997, to reciprocate the recognition extended by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut. He then directed the Eminent Grand Sentinel to present at the foot of the lines, Sir Knight Barry Williams Mitchell, M.E.P.G.C. and Right Eminent Grand Recorder, representing Most Eminent Grand Commander John W. Jenkins of the Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, Inc. Sir Knight Mitchell was saluted with an arch of steel as he approached the East where he was greeted by R.E.G.C. Fowler and E.C. Reginal Abbott. Sir Knight Mitchell was accompanied by Sir Knight William D. McLean, Right Eminent Grand Prelate.

This is believed to be a very historic occasion; the first reception of Prince Hall Sir Knights anywhere in the tiled asylum of any Commandery operating under authority of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., and especially so, in that it occurred in the oldest extant Commandery in the Western hemisphere. (This information was provided by Sir Knight Charles B. Fowler, Jr., R.E.G.C. of Connecticut.)

### **Sir Knight James L. Ernette Installed Grand Master of Masons, PA**



Sir Knight James L. Ernette, a member of Kedron Commandery No. 18, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was elected December 3 and installed December 27 as the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. He will lead more than 150,000 Pennsylvania Freemasons in 485 Masonic Lodges in sixty-six of the Commonwealth's sixty-seven counties.

Sir Knight Ernette is a member of Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg, PA, where he was Worshipful Master in 1980. He also was a District Deputy Grand Master for six years. He is a member of Valley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289, Export, and Olivet Council No. 13, R. & S.M., Greensburg, and of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh. He is a Past Grand Tall Cedar in Westmoreland Forest No. 77 and a member of Syria Shrine in Pittsburgh and of numerous other appendant Masonic bodies.

He is the owner and president of Unity Printing. Latrobe, and he and his wife Brenda reside in Greensburg

## **CENTENNIAL HISTORICAL MARKER—NEW MEXICO**

Albuquerque York Rite Masons participated in a historical event in New Mexico! Temple Lodge No. 6, A.F. & A.M., was asked to assist with the dedication of the Centennial Historical Marker at the site of the original Congregation Albert Building. In 1897, Temple Lodge performed the Masonic cornerstone laying ceremony for the first Jewish Temple built in the Rio Grande valley.



In the photo of the dedication ceremony, from left to right, are: Mr. Peter Weinreb, Congregation Albert Centennial Historical Marker Committee member; Sir Knight Jefferson H. Jordan, Jr. P.M.; and Ms. Leslie Pivar, co-chair of Centennial Celebration of Congregation Albert. (Article submitted by Sir Knight H. William Hart; photo by Judy Basen Weinreb of Congregation Albert.)

## **Officers Wives Association of the Grand Commandery of MA/RI**

Shown in the picture are the members of the Officers' wives Association of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts/Rhode Island. They attended the Annual Conclave in Danvers, Massachusetts, in the fall of 1997.



The Officers' Wives Association provides the food and hostesses the Friday hospitality suite at the Annual Conclave and supports the Knights Templar Eye Foundation with gifts for the boutique table and by a direct donation from its dues.



## A Drive to Georgetown

by Sir Knight Neil C. Colin, Commander

Its 4:07 in the afternoon, and Bob said he would be by at 4:00 to drive to Georgetown. His 4-wheeled drive will do us well, as it is cold out, with a forecast for more snow. We have two Sir Knights to pick up. Paul lives in Golden, just west of Arvada, where Bob and I live. The other Sir Knight Roger will meet us at a parking lot west of town along Interstate 70. The interstate highway is a vital link between the Denver International Airport and the famous ski slopes of Colorado. We have made this trip innumerable times in all kinds of weather and road conditions, and have always concluded with a safe and enjoyable ride.

You may wonder why we are going to Georgetown. It is because our Knights Templar Commandery is there. Georgetown is a small mining town that saw its hey day in the 1860s. Population now is around 500, of course double that in the summer. We are a group of Sir Knights who have joined the Commandery up there. I say up there because we gain more than 3,250 feet in elevation on the drive. Years ago, many Sir Knights from the Denver area demitted to Georgetown and have thus kept the Commandery active, and indeed they have succeeded. We have 105 members and average nearly 40% attendance each month. Our Conclaves are held in the Masonic building above the Red Ram Restaurant, up a flight of original wooden stairs that creak and groan as our weight is applied. The gas lights are still operable and are used while conferring the Order of the Temple. The walls of the lodge are festooned with relics of the past. These are handmade, rustic masonic implements and tools, painstakingly crafted by Masons long ago as they established their lodge. As times improved and wealth increased, beautifully hand carved walnut furniture and pedestals were acquired for the East, West and South. Today, we respectfully enjoy

the fruits of their labors.

I wanted to get an early start today because as I said it's cold and snowing. We need to fire up the old wood burning pot belly stoves to get the chill out of the air before the Sir Knights arrive for the meeting. We will be conferring the Order of the Temple tonight. The old glass lantern slides need also to warm up before we put them in the antique cloth bellows slide projector that projects the Victorian images on the north wall between the two stoves glowing cherry red from the heat.

Dinner tonight will be at 6:00, prepared by Bob and Lance. We serve dinner each month by volunteer members who provide and prepare the food. All proceeds go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This past year Georgetown Commandery was second in the state for contributions. Most of the income for the Eye Foundation is produced through the dinners.

I always enjoy the forty-five mile drive up to Georgetown. Of course, the interstate has improved the trip over the years, well at least in driving time. The entire route is sprinkled with places of interest. We first come to the Geologic Cut, an attraction to anyone interested in geology. The cut exposes millions of years of sedimentation as far back as the Jurassic Period and then was uplifted during the formation of the Rocky Mountains. The area is an outdoor classroom laboratory for students of geology. The Mount Vernon Canyon portion of the drive is a six-mile downhill descent with a six percent grade that has caught many a driver of a semi tractor trailer unaware of the hazard. Fortunately, the state has provided runaway ramps which are used quite frequently to slow or stop their frantic descent. As we ascend this steep section of the route we pass the famous or at least locally famous house that is built in the shape of a taco on a pedestal. Several

million dollars were put into this structure by a local architect, and it was never completed or occupied. At the top of Geneses Pass is one of the most beautiful, panoramic views in the state of Colorado. The snow capped mountain peaks form a jagged silhouette on the horizon at the 13,000 foot level. They are part of the continental divide, the backbone of the country. Closer to the highway is a Denver Mountain Park that sustains a large herd of buffalo for the enjoyment of visitors. The buffalo graze in the mountain pasture, oblivious to the tourist cameras. Beyond the buffalo herd is another road which takes you to Lookout Mountain where a famous Mason is buried, William "Buffalo Bill" Cody. As we continue westward on 1-70 we descend into a canyon, down Floyd Hill, across Clear Creek and into Idaho Springs. The traffic is always congested in this area as the highway twists and turns through the narrow confines of the canyon. Idaho Springs is a quaint thriving mining town that has survived all the years on mining and tourism. Remains of deserted mines dot the steep mountain sides in all directions, their orange and yellow tailings piles scarring the landscape; monuments to a bygone era. Idaho Springs is at the base of Colorado Highway 103 that goes to the top of 14,264 foot Mount Evans, the highest paved road in the United States! On the north side of town is Virginia Canyon, traversed by the infamous "Oh My God Road" which leads to one of the gambling districts of Colorado, the famed Central City and Blackhawk area. These mining towns experienced hard times until Colorado voted for legalized gambling in designated cities.

The interstate levels out now on our remaining ten miles to Georgetown. We pass the intersection of US 40 which goes northwest over 11,315 foot Berthoud Pass to the Winter Park Ski Area. Beyond the Berthoud Pass exit we glue our eyes to the right-hand side of the canyon wall as we enter Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep Country. We have a large resident herd here that can

often be seen high up on the precipitous slopes. The state has provided a wild life viewing station on the shores of Georgetown Lake complete with telescopes for observing the animals.

The wind is now out of the west, blasting straight down the canyon, and the snow is coming toward us horizontally. Finally there ahead is the exit ramp. Georgetown is doing well and has many interesting attractions, one being the Georgetown Loop Railroad that has been restored by the Colorado State Historical Society. The loop is 1 and 1/4 miles of narrow gauge railroad track between Georgetown and Silverplume. The track gains 600 feet of elevation between the two towns. In order for the small steam engine to ascend this grade the track loops over itself, providing a spectacular view into the raging abyss of Clear Creek below. Gold ore was the cargo in the past, over \$100,000,000 were removed and taken to the Denver smelters. Today that cargo is visitors that enjoy the ride and reminisce about the past. A favorite winter pastime is to attend the Christmas Market the town sponsors each yuletide season. Georgetown literally opens its doors to one and all. School children in choir gowns sing Christmas Carols, while Old Saint Nick with his full length flowing robe and miter passes out Christmas treats. Hay rides and ice skating are available. Handmade local crafts and wares are sold in the market square where a large open fire burns brightly to warm one's back side. Hot chestnuts and hot cider add to the delight.

Well, best I stop day dreaming about how fortunate we are here in this area to have such interesting and beautiful surroundings. Bob has arrived out front and we need to get those fires built in the old pot belly stoves so we can prepare for dinner and the Order of the Temple. Oh, Oh! Better make sure we have some matches! But most important I wonder what Bob and Lance will serve for dinner tonight?

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Visitation of Lodges:  
Scotland – Part II

by Sir Knight James L. Sieber

The thing that really increases attendance is deputations. The master formally by letter invites other lodges to send deputations. At a regular meeting there may be one, two, three or more deputations from other lodges. They usually come after the business meeting and are formally brought into the lodge. Each deputation will include three to a dozen members including a number of Past Masters and honorary members. Of course, most deputations are returned so that increases attendance at both lodges. Visitors from other countries are frequent. During the author's visiting, he sat with visitors from Switzerland, Holland, England, Tennessee, and Canada. A visitor from the colonies or overseas is always welcome and many lodges would be honored to receive a special overseas deputation and would schedule special meetings to receive such deputations. The Order of the Eastern Star is very active in Scotland and would likewise appreciate visitors.

The meetings usually include introductions of visiting Masters and Past Masters, a short business meeting including reading the General Committee's minutes, presentation of deputations, and then the conferring of a degree. A lodge will open in the First Degree and do its business in that degree and raises to a higher degree only to confer those degrees. If there is not a candidate available, they will usually exemplify a degree. The ritual depends on the lodge, and it can be very interesting to both foreign and Scottish visitors to see the different working. The lodge in the nearby town of Musselburgh confers a ritual that they got from New Jersey. That ritual includes opening in the Third Degree. Once a year there is a deputation from either the area Provincial Grand Lodge or, in the case

of Edinburgh city lodges, the Metropolitan Committee. At these times the visiting representatives of Grand Lodge take the Master's and Wardens' chairs and then report on the review of the records and books of the local lodge. This annual visit must be a Scottish tradition for the author also observed an annual visit from Presbytery to a Scottish church where the minister filled the pulpit for that Sunday and gave a report on the review in addition to delivering the sermon. In Scotland a candidate can receive the Mark Degree from either his lodge or from a Royal Arch Chapter. Most lodges confer the Mark Degree once a year to all the candidates for that year and consider it an extension of the Second Degree although a person must be a Master Mason to receive the degree.

Many consider the Harmony Board one of the highlights of the fraternity. Most of the lodges have a bar that is open for the harmony and may have been open before the meeting. Usually the harmony consists of a light meal. Distinguished visitors are seated at the head table. When there is a formal harmony, there are toasts to the Queen, the Craft, the candidates, the visitors, absent Brothers and possibly more. Except for the toast to the Queen most of the toasts are with shock. Each toast receives a response so one or more visitors will be asked to respond to the visitor's toast. Entertainment is interspersed among the toasts with usually a number of solos, maybe some jokes, maybe poetry, and sometimes group singing. There is great fellowship around the harmony board, and the formal harmony concludes with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" followed by "God Save the Queen." If somebody planning to visit could prepare a song, poem, or a few jokes to contribute to the harmony, it would be appreciated. There is usually a raffle at each harmony to help support the cost of the meal.

Masonic affiliated bodies do exist in Scotland. About half the city lodges in Edinburgh have a Royal Arch Chapter. It reports to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter but works closely with the local

lodge, and many of its members are from that lodge. The Royal Arch Chapter sometimes confers side degrees such as what is called "The Lodge and Council" that consists of at least the Royal Ark Mariners' degree. One Brother said those side degrees cost forty pounds for lifetime membership, so they add to a Brother's Masonic experiences without adding to his yearly fees. Scotland's Knight Templar organization is called a Preceptory and does degrees similar to the American Commandery. Most of the Preceptory members have a uniform consisting of a white blouse, cape, and cap. Some officers wear boots and spurs. The Scottish Rite in Scotland is a Christian order and confers the 18th Degree by invitation and usually expects their candidates to be RM.s and have contributed significantly to Freemasonry. Eighteenth Degree members may, after a number of years and contribution, be advanced to the 30th degree. Advancement to the 31st, 32nd, and 33rd degrees are each very restrictive with only about nine members in the Supreme Council for Scotland. The Royal Order of Scotland is also an invitation body.

The buildings are smaller than the typical American lodge building but usually include a social room and, outside the city, often a lounge. One of the characteristics is that most lodges have liquor licenses. Most of the lodges visited outside Edinburgh sponsored numerous social activities such as dances and shows where non-members as well as members were welcome. This outreach greatly assisted in attracting candidates as they are usually well known by the members and the candidates already know many of the members. The facilities sometimes seemed to resemble the American veterans' clubs although none were observed that served meals on a regular basis. The lodges outside the city often had lounges where a member could go for a drink on the weekend. The bars contributed significantly to the financial resources of the lodges, and it was indicated that many lodges would not be able to survive without the bar income. Most of the Masonic halls in the city had a number of lodges meeting in them. They recruited members

from throughout the city and therefore did not have as many community social activities as the small town lodges. Several lodges rearranged the lodge room for the harmony following the meeting, and the bar was in the back of the room and opened after the meeting. The facilities are available for rent by outside groups which produce both rental and bar income for the lodges.

Although each lodge has a unique and wonderful history, there are a few city lodges that deserve special mention. The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1 was referred to by the Schaw Statutes in 1599 as the first and principal lodge in Scotland<sup>10</sup> and now meets on Hill Street. Canongate Kilwinning No. 2 meets in the oldest lodge building that can be verified as being built for a Masonic lodge. The property is now owned by the Royal Order of Scotland and is well worth visiting or including in a tour. It is located in Canongate right off the Royal Mile and near the Queen's Kirk in Scotland, Canongate Kirk, and not far from Holyrood Palace. Journeymen's Lodge No. 8 on Blackflyers Street just off the Royal Mile has the distinction of being the only lodge without a charter. They were given permission to form by The High Court of Edinburgh. In 1707, Lodge Mary's Chapel No. 1 took them to court to try to stop the operative masons in Mary's Chapel from leaving and forming a new lodge to confer the Mason's Word. Solomon Lodge No. 1209 has the distinction of meeting in the Jewish Synagogue and it receives many visitors to see its distinctive work. Unfortunately space does not permit all the special lodges to be included here.

The officers are elected annually, but it is the custom in many lodges for the Right Worshipful Master to be reelected for a second year. Each year the lodge has a special installation meeting that is often on a Saturday, and the time of year varies from lodge to lodge according to their bylaws. The installations include the Installed Master

Degree for the Right Worshipful Master, and then all the other officers are installed. It is followed by a formal harmony that includes a printed program with designated persons to give and respond to the toasts and planned entertainment. Tickets are usually sold for this harmony, but it may be possible to get a few tickets at the meeting.

Grand Lodge meets quarterly for business and has a special meeting called the Feast of St. Andrew for the yearly installation of officers. St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland. His bones are said to have been brought to the mission at St. Andrews for burial. Grand Lodge has a large statue of St. Andrew on the front of the building and has St. Andrew, in addition to St. John, as the saints of Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge officers do a lot of international visiting since Scotland has lodges warranted all over the world. Since the officers of overseas lodges cannot usually attend Grand Lodge meetings, most of them have proxy officers to represent them in Grand Lodge voting. If a Mason is in good standing and wishes to become a proxy Master or Warden for an overseas lodge, he can apply to Grand Lodge for such an appointment. These proxy Masters and Wardens are the voters, in addition to regular Masters and Wardens, for Grand Lodge officers and the Grand Committee. The members of the Grand Committee eat at Freemasons Hall after their meeting but pay for their own lunch. When attending The Feast of St. Andrews following the installation of the Grand Master, they buy their own and wives' tickets.

The Masonic dress for officers varies from lodge to lodge. One Right Worshipful Master wears white tie formal wear. Most Edinburgh city lodge officers wear tuxes, kilts, or black suits, but some lodges only require their officers to wear suits and a lodge tie. Most lodges have a lodge member's jewel and a lodge tie, and members are very faithful in wearing them in addition to their Past Masters' jewels, Past Masters' aprons, and their respective officer regalia if visiting another lodge. Visitors when possible should wear dark suits and bring their lodge aprons to

the meetings, but extra aprons are always available. Visitors will notice that most Scottish Masons wear their aprons under their coats, but this is again a lodge option, and a visitor may wear his apron as he was taught in his own lodge. The Masonic lodges in Scotland stress charity, and at every meeting a collection is taken.

Edinburgh has a social club called the Masonic Club. Although it has no official relationship with Grand Lodge, it requires Masonic membership for membership and many lodges use it for social activities that are too large for their own facilities. Each lodge has a number of social activities. The author was not able to attend any of the Grand March ladies' activities or Burn's nights but saw the incoming Masters planning for those special activities. Activities announced at meetings included bowling tournaments, golf matches between lodges, western nights, Christmas parties for children, and dances.

In summary, Scottish Freemasonry is very active and friendly and gives all visiting Masons a warm welcome. It has many characteristics adaptable by other lodges as they try to add new life to their activities. The organization is a deeply philosophical organization, and this paper has only touched the surface in that area. Any Masons from outside Scotland are very welcome, and the lodges would welcome foreign deputations. Any lodges that would like to set up a visit can contact the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Freemasons' Hall, 96 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 3DH, United Kingdom (Tel 0131-225 5304 or FAX 0131-225 3953) or the author of this paper would be happy to advise anyone planning any activities.

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For sale: one Knight Templar ring, Gothic, with 10-14 K yellow gold. Crown and cross emblem on top with words: "In hoc signo vinces" around top and two side emblems for Chapter and Council. Has been re-enameled within last year - \$500.00 O.B.O. Also, Shrine ring, <sup>13</sup> carat five-diamond cluster, 10 K Y.G. with double-headed eagle and Shrine emblem; Blue Lodge and Rose Croix emblems are on shank - \$650.00 O.B.O. Both in excellent shape. *Frank R. Cardenas, Sr.; Home: (281) 487-4557; pager: (281) 266-2831 or cell phone: (281) 787-4858.*

Columbus Lodge No. 5, F. & A.M., Columbus, Mississippi, has a few 175th anniversary coins available at \$5.00 each, including postage and handling. An abbreviated copy of our Lodge history can be included

for \$1.00 each. Proceeds for defrayment of cost of coins and printing. Check or money order to *Columbus Lodge No. 5, F & A.M., and send to Leland B. Gilmore, Jr.; P.O. Box 106, Columbus, MS 39701 or Jeffie C. Dukes, 414 Wynhurst Cit., Columbus, MS 39702.*

Fate Masonic Lodge No. 802, A.F. & A.M., Fate, Texas, has 100th anniversary antique bronze coins for sale. Coin is 1.585 inches diameter with reeded edge, 3 mm thick or nearly <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inch. Face of coin has "Fate Masonic Lodge No. 802, A.F. & A.M. on border, very center has a star, very center of star has square and compass, with wreaths outside of coin and banners "1896-1996." Bottom of coin below on border has the word "centennial." Reverse has square and compass in center with working tools around. Price is \$5.00 and \$1.00 postage. Checks or money orders payable to *Joseph Ray Moran, Sec* and send to him at *P.O. Box 293, Rockwall, TX 75087.*

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

For sale: In Memoriam booklet, 51k x 81k, from Blue Lodge to family of deceased Brother. It has card stock cover with 5 parchment-like pages including personal history page. The "Lodge's Memorial" presents Masonic sympathies and convictions in 2 1/2 pages, and there is a signature page for Brethren. Quality presentation for family, especially if no Masonic service or Brother lived away. \$3.75 each including postage or ten for \$23.50. Satisfaction or refund. Check to *Monument Lodge, P.O. Box 743, Houlton, ME 04730.*

Pulaski Royal Arch Chapter No. 39, Pulaski, Virginia, has a supply of 100th anniversary antique bronze coins for sale. Coin measures 125 inches in diameter. Face has "Respect for the Past, Confidence in the Future," circled around the outside edge with "100th anniversary" in the middle; reverse has "Pulaski Royal Arch, Pulaski, Virginia," circled around edge with "Chapter No. 39, 1896-1996" in the

middle. \$5.40 each including postage, etc. Checks or money orders to *Pulaski Royal Arch Chapter No. 39*, and send to *A. J. Spradlin, P.H.P.; P.O. Box 396; Dublin; VA 24084*.

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 30006-3631*.

Tyre Lodge No. 18, F. & A.M., Coldwater, Michigan, is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 1998 with a commemorative coin, antique bronze, 1"-1 1/2" diameter and 10-gauge thick. They are \$7.00 each plus \$1.00 postage and handling. To purchase coins, write *Donald J. Pann, 111 S. Hudson Street, Coldwater, MI 49036-1958, (517) 278-7305*.

Aurora Grata-Day Star Lodge of New York, New York, is accepting donations for the M.W. Raymond C. Ellis-M.W. Gary A. Henningsen Scholarship Trust, established in 1995 by Aurora Greta-Day Star Lodge In honor of her two Past Grand Masters. Any donation over \$25.00 will receive a commemorative medal which is suspended from a purple ribbon that you can wear around the neck. The medal also comes in a protective case. Any donation will receive a certificate. Please send checks or money orders payable to the *Ellis .Henningsen Scholarship Trust, C/O Aurora Grata-Day Star Lodge No. 647, Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010*.

Wanted: chair for Masters station, preferably in good condition, for East Point Lodge No. 657. F. & A.M., East Point, Kentucky. *W. L. Baidridge, Secretary 35 Little Paint Road, East Paint, KY41216, (606) 886-2834*.

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I have a small souvenir spoon about six inches long. In the bowl are the following letters: JOAN NESDGPORTEAGPR EGENS and under that: 400 1809. On the back side of bowl is IN HOC SIGNO VINCES. In the center is a Maltese Cross. Please let me know what the significance or purpose is and/or its origin. *Albert C. Coonrod. 47 Lincoln Avenue. So. Hamilton, MA 01982-2098*.

Wanted: Due to house break-in. I have lost a collection of Blue Lodge and York Rite pocket knives. Would like to replace them. They were bought within the last three years. One was Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the

State of Oklahoma, purchased in 1995. I would appreciate any responses. *Otis Dennis, 8894 Cox Road, Westchester, OH 45069, (513) 777-6474*.

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 tin a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. *Maurice Stort\*, Sr. 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585*.

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For sale: cemetery plot, Franklin Memorial Park. New Brunswick, New Jersey. Double, central location. 100% to KTEF over \$750 Initial cost, *Lester Auchmoody, (717) 653-6027*.

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Need help from those who are suffering from Lymphoma cancer. Tell me what treatments you are receiving. If a person knows someone who has Lymphoma cancer, please have them contact me. Your response is urgent! *Don Venue, P.K.P.; P.O. Box 63; 463 Meadow Gate Road; Meadow Wsta, CA 95722*

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