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John Wayne's movie characters are larger than life! The true story of this extraordinary Sir Knight starts on page 19.

Grand Master's Message

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley, P.G.C., H.P.D.C., G.R. (Michigan), and Sir Knight R. Frank Williams, P.G.C., H.P.D.C., (Indiana), co-chairmen of the Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage, have again successfully led a group of Christian ministers on a tour to the Holy Land, Israel, to walk where JESUS walked. We know that this is a wonderful, exciting, and inspiring experience for these ministers, as evidenced by their enthusiastic testimonies. Sir Knights, I commend you for the commitments that have made this undertaking possible and urge you to continue your generous support of this worthy cause. I also commend the unselfish, dedicated, knowledgeable Christian leadership of Sir Knights Fred Lesley and Frank Williams, and I know you join with me in expressing our thanks and appreciation for the great work done by these good men and true.

Easter-1 1998

The annual Knights Templar Easter weekend activities are planned for April 11-12, 1998, in the District of Columbia and at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Saturday activities include the public laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery by members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana and luncheon at the Hotel Washington. Sunday activities include early morning coffee and pastries at the Hotel Washington, sunrise religious services at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and breakfast at the Hotel Washington. Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, R.E.G.C.G.; members of his committee; the officers and others from the Grand Commandery of Indiana; and many others have worked hard on the planning and implementing of these activities, and I know this will truly be a special time. I hope you will make a special effort to attend.

What Can We Do To Help?

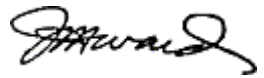
The officers of Grand Encampment share your concern and enthusiasm for the well being of our fraternity; at each meeting we have attended and particularly at the Department Conferences held since August 1997, we have asked the question: 'What can we do to help? The officers of Grand Encampment want to be of service. Tell us how we can be of assistance, and we'll give it our best shot.

30th Annual Voluntary Campaign - Every Commandery Participating
\$2,000,000.00 by April 30, 1998 - We Can Do It!

Membership

The Committee on Membership for Grand Encampment includes: Sir Knight Stan Simons, G.C. (Michigan), chairman; Sir Knight James C. Taylor, P.D.C., P.G.C. (Oklahoma); and Sir Knight Paul A. Brehm, P.G.C. (Wisconsin). These are the movers and shakers on devising ways and means to get new members, to retain our present members, to educate and train leaders, and to provide the environment in our Commanderies that is conducive to our growing mentally and spiritually and to our being of service to our fellow man. Their work is coordinated by Sir Knight William J. Jones, R.E.D.G.M., and they are doing well. Their 5/50 Plan is working well where it has been implemented, and if you are not already using this or a similar plan, it will work for you. Try it! This committee is busy working on developing the ways and means to educate and train leaders and teaching us how to work together as a team. Hopefully, these ideas can be tried at an upcoming Department Conference and then be distributed. Much good works to look forward to.

5/50 Works - If you Ask, They Will Come
Every Christian Mason Should Be a Knight Templar



James Morris Ward, KGC, Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

MARCH: You can see by this month's total on the state-by-state tally on page 13 that the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Eye Foundation is ahead of last year; however, there is still a long way to go. Please use the envelope attached to the magazine for your contribution if you have not already contributed. Three more biographies of Grand Encampment officers are here for your information (page 7-11). You'll find a beautiful Masonic poem on page 14, the story of Sir Knight John Wayne on page 19, and an article about some of our Masonic gospel song writers on page 25. Of course, as usual there is much news from many jurisdictions. Enjoy!

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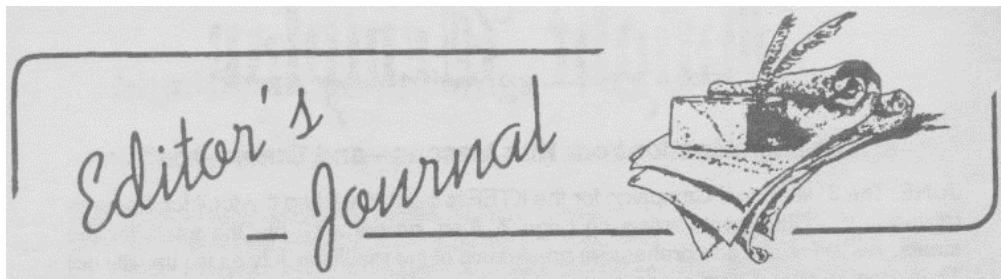
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Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded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

Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A green on 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. Speidei. This comprehensive, illustrated, 78-page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, and benevolent programs of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery. There are illustrations of the Jewels of the officers of each body and the Red Cross, Malta, and Templar banners. There is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies, plus shipping and handling; \$1.00 each over 100 copies, plus shipping and handling. Write your checks to and mail to the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, international
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<http://members.aol.com/YorkRiteFM/HomePage.html>



The 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign Opportunity Knocks Again!

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

A new envelope has been produced for use in making contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Each Sir Knight received an envelope in his copy of the *December Knight Templar* magazine, and normally we send only one envelope each year, but "opportunity knocks again" in the 30th Voluntary Campaign, and a new envelope is enclosed.

Each Sir Knight is asked to enclose a donation in the envelope. The new envelope lists the various categories of giving. We believe that everyone can find an appropriate category. Naturally, there were costs involved in this revision and the mailing of the second envelope. Please help us recover these costs. If you are not going to use the new envelope, please share it with a friend; he may wish to make a contribution.

Opportunity is usually associated with favorable conditions, and just maybe the Opportunity Knocking in March is more favorable to the Sir Knights and their ladies than in December when there are extra expenses for Christmas and dues are due in most Masonic organizations. So you see, Sir Knights, "Opportunity knocks again." Is this a favorable time?

Many of us have the opportunity to serve our fellow man in various ways. Donations are not the only opportunity to serve. As Sir Knights we can serve the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by making it known among our friends, and we can serve others in need by telling them about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and assisting them in making applications if their cases meet our requirements. If you have an opportunity to handle a case, don't treat it lightly; you will find great satisfaction in **"Helping Others to See."**

The goal of the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign is still before us; will we make our goal or fall short? The goal is just \$10.00 per member. We have over 200,000 Sir Knights



and would like to see 100% response, but we know that is not possible because "Old Apathy" still has a strong hold on many of our members, but if only 50% will respond, what a great impact it would have on this campaign! Our success will be determined friend asks you, "How are you doing?", thank him for CARING, and you will probably get a smile or a surprised look CARE is our initial concern, but to exhibit real meaning in many cases it requires the action of another word, 'GIVE.' If we care about the Journey for Sight, we must walk the talk and follow through with the support required for our foundation to function. No foundation can serve its purpose without funds from some source. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation depends on donations from members for the needed funds.

If we care enough and give enough, the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign will be successful. I believe every Sir Knight wants the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to grow, and if you share my belief that it can happen, **IT WILL HAPPEN.**

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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Sam E. Hilburn **Right Eminent Grand Treasurer (1997-2000)**

Sam E. Hilburn was born in Grandfield, Oklahoma, June 15, 1921. His early education was in Wichita Falls, Texas, graduating from Wichita Falls High School in 1938. He attended Tarleton State University and Texas A. & M. prior to military service and graduated from Oklahoma University with degrees in Geology and Petroleum Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas, and a member of various geological and engineering societies, both state and national.

An independent oil operator of Midland, Texas, he has resided there for more than fifty-two years, during which time he served in various civic capacities, including six years as member and president of the Midland School Board. He and his wife Millie have been married fifty-four years and have three children; Sam, Jr., Caren Lynne and Sandra Kay; six grandchildren (all girls), one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson. They are members of St. Luke's Methodist Church of Midland, where he is past chairman of the board, lay leader, trustee and adult Sunday school teacher. He is chairman of the board of the Midland American Bank, Midland, Texas, and has served in that capacity for more than twelve years.

His Lodge affiliations are as follows: Initiated Entered Apprentice, December 1, 1949; Fellowcraft Degree, January 9, 1950; Master Mason Degree, February 19, 1950 in Midland Lodge No. 623; Worshipful Master of Midland Lodge No. 623, 1959-1960; District Deputy Grand Master of 81st Masonic District, 1962; Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Texas, 1970; Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, 1980; life member and endowed member of Midland Lodge No. 623; member of Midland Centennial Lodge No. 1148 and endowed member of J. W. Chandler Daylight Lodge in Houston; Past Director of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia; member of Purposes and Policies Committee of the Grand Lodge of Texas; President of the Texas Grand Lodge Library and Museum Board; Worshipful Master of the Texas Lodge



of Research, 1988-89; currently serving a third term as Vice President of Masonic Home and School of Texas in Fort Worth. In the Royal Arch Chapter he was Past High Priest, Keystone Chapter No. 172, Midland; Past District Deputy Grand High Priest; Grand Orator of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; chairman of the Grand Chapter Purposes and Policies Committee; President of the Board of Directors of the Home for Aged Masons in Arlington; member of the Order of High Priesthood; endowed member of Keystone Chapter No. 172. Council of Royal and Select Masters: Past T.I.M. of Keystone Council No. 112, Midland; Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council; Chairman of the Grand Council Purposes and Policies Committee; member of the Order of Silver Trowel and the Purple Cross; and endowed member of Keystone Council No. 112.

His Commandery affiliations are: Past Commander of Midland Commandery No. 84; Past *Grand* Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas (1975-76); chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee of the Grand Commandery; Past Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; Grand Treasurer, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; Trustee and

Treasurer of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, U.S.A.; and endowed member of Midland Commandery No. 84.

Scottish Rite: Received the Scottish Rite degrees in the El Paso Scottish Rite Bodies in October 1953 and is a life member; coroneted with the 33° in 1973; chairman of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas; chairman of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital Family Scholarship Fund; chairman of the Board of Dictators of the Scottish Rite Dormitory at the University of Texas; chairman of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Texas, and Chairman of the Educational and Fellowship Program of Texas; chairman of the Scottish Rite Foundation of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc., and chairman of the Finance Committee; Grand Treasurer General of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., and chairman of the Finance Committee; Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Texas.

Other affiliations include: Initiated as a Noble and a charter member of Suez Temple, AAONMS on October 14, 1950 and is a permanent contributing member; ordained a member of Texas Priory No. 23, Knights of the York Cross of Honour in December, 1959 and is a life member. He was elected Herald of Texas Priory No. 23 in December 1980 and served as

Eminent Prior in 1985; member of Nazareth Tabernacle XXXIV Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests on December 17, 1955 and served as Preceptor in 1962; Sovereign of St. Aiphege Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in 1966; Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, 1983-84, and currently serving the Imperial Council as Grand Trustee; member of Texas York Rite College No. 14 and a dual Member of West Texas York Rite College No. 36; served as Deputy Grand Governor in Texas for the York Rite Sovereign College, and member of the Finance Committee of the York Rite Sovereign College; life member of the Royal Order of Scotland; life member of Chinar Grotto in Houston and a dual member of Omala Grotto in San Antonio; member in perpetuity of National Sojourners; Past Patron (1958-1959 and 1983-1984) of Midland Chapter No. 253, Order of the Eastern Star; Past Chapter Advisor of the Midland Chapter, Order of DeMolay; and has received the Cross of Honor and Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay; State Dean of the State Preceptory, Legion of Honor; member of Holy Grail Council, Allied Masonic Degrees and Texas College SRICF, VIII*.

Sir Knight Hilburn was appointed Right Eminent Grand Treasurer in Denver, Colorado, by Grand Master Blair C. Mayford in August 1994.

CHARLES RICHARD NEUMANN

Right Eminent Grand Recorder (1997-2000)

Honorary Past Grand Master

Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann was born December 28, 1940, in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Arlington High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and holds the degree of doctor of neuropathy received from the National College of Neuropathy in September 1962.

He was installed in the position of Assistant Grand Recorder by Ned E. Dull, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, in Chicago on July 1, 1984, after being appointed to the position by Grand Master

Dull. He was elected to the position of Grand Recorder the following year, on August 13, 1985, at the 56th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has served as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Commandery of Illinois first in 1977 and then again from 1980 to 1987, and again in 1989 and 1991; membership since 1976. He also serves as President and Executive Board Member of the Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm, serving on the Board since 1972.

Charles Neumann is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and has been married to his wife, Karla, since 1972. Karla holds a degree in education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

In addition to practicing neuropathy from 1962-1974, he worked as a Systems Coordinator for Waukegan Steel Company, and from 1980-84 was branch manager, then salesman for Midwest Welding Supply Company.

Masonically, Sir Knight Neumann was Raised in Arlington Heights Lodge No. 1162 in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and served as Worshipful Master in 1972. He received the degrees of the Royal Arch Mason in November of 1963 and is a member of Palatine Chapter No. 206, Palatine, Illinois. He served as Excellent High Priest in 1968 and as a member of the Grand High Priest Address Committee during 1983-84. He has been a member of the Order of High Priesthood since 1968. He was Greeted a Royal and Select Master in Cryptic Council No. 46, Elgin, Illinois, in 1964 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1969. He received the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree in 1969 and is a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel. He is a Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Illinois for 1988-89. He was Knighted in 1963 in Bethel Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar (Elgin, Illinois), serving as Eminent Commander in 1967. In 1975 at the age of 34 he served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. He also served as an aide to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment during 1982-85. He is a Life Member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Chicago. He was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General at the Supreme Council Session in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September, 1988. He became a



member of Medinah Temple, AAONMS, in 1963 at Chicago and is a member of the Medinah Fire Unit.

Additional Masonic affiliations include: life member, St. Bridget Council No. 23, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; life member, Illinois Priory No. 11, KYCH; Arlington Heights Chapter No. 992, Order of Eastern Star; Heather Court No. 27, Order of Amaranth; dual membership with Austin Commandery No. 84, Glenview, and Drill Team; and Illinois York Rite College No. 15, life member, Royal Order of Scotland; Allied Masonic Degrees; a member of Simon Peter Tabernacle XXII, HRAKTP; and a member of SRICF and CBCS.

Sir Knight Neumann has received the Purple Cross from the Sovereign York Rite College of North America, is the holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple, the Honorary Degree of Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay, and is an active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. At the 60th Triennial Conclave he was awarded the title of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Donald H. Smith
Right Eminent Grand Prelate (1997-2000)
Most Eminent Master (1985-1988)

Donald Hinslea Smith was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in Detroit, Michigan, where he was educated in the public schools. He began his career life simultaneously with the beginning of the Second World War, serving from the week of Pearl Harbor until he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in April 1964. He served as a combat infantry officer in Europe in 1944-45, and in 1946 transferred to the Military Police Corps, the branch in which he was serving when he retired. His service included the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He was decorated for bravery and for meritorious service.

He entered Eastern Kentucky University upon retirement from the Army and graduated with honors in 1966, subsequently earning a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He was an Assistant Professor of Police Administration and the University Registrar of his Alma Mater when he retired in 1985. He is a past officer in Phi Kappa Phi National Scholastic Honor Society; Phi Delta Kappa, Professional Education Fraternity.

He is married to the former Kathleen Virginia McCallum of Detroit, and they have two sons: The Reverend Donald H. Smith, Jr., of Homer, Michigan, and Mark M. Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio. Sir Knight Smith is a Deacon in the Berea, Kentucky, Baptist Church, where he taught a Men's Bible Class for twenty years.

Masonically, he was Raised in Atlanta Lodge No. 59, Georgia, from which he demitted in 1962 to become affiliated with Richmond Lodge No. 25 near his home in Kentucky. In the latter, he served as Worshipful Master in 1977. In the York Rite, Sir Knight Smith is a member of Richmond Chapter No. 16, Council No. 71 and Commandery No. 19, Richmond, Kentucky. He has served as High Priest of Richmond Chapter, and as Illustrious Master of R. & S.M. of Richmond Council, and



has served as Grand Chaplain of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Kentucky. He was Knighted in June 1960 and in 1969 was elected Eminent Commander of Richmond Commandery. In the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Sir Knight Smith held the office of Grand Commander, 1974-75. He has served as Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation being appointed to that position at the 53rd Triennial Conclave by Grand Master Willard M. Avery.

Appendant membership includes: Kentucky Priory No. 25, Knights York Cross of Honour; Golgotha Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Kentucky; Kentucky Chapter No. 134, National Sojourners; St. Barnabas Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Louisville, Kentucky; Royal Order of Scotland and the Philalethes Society. He is Past Chief of Great Chief's Council, Knight Masons, U.S.A.; Past President of the Forty-Fivers; and holds the Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay. He also holds membership in the York Rite Sovereign College and in the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lexington and Louisville; Oleika Temple, AAONMS, Lexington; Allied Masonic Degrees; Colorado College, SRICF; and Order of Eastern Star.

Elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, on August 15, 1979, at Indianapolis, Indiana. Advanced to the office of Grand Generalissimo on February 16, 1980, following the death of William P. Wilson. Elected R.E. Deputy Grand Master,

August 18, 1982, at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. Elected Most Eminent Grand Master, August 13, 1985, at Cincinnati, Ohio. Appointed Right Eminent Grand Prelate in 1996 by Grand Master Blair C. Mayford.

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In Memoriam



William L. Corves Connecticut
Grand
Captain General-1985
Died January 4, 1998

Willard G. Wellman
Kentucky
Grand Commander-1986
Born December 26, 1921
Died January 11, 1998

Thomas Craven Brown
Massachusetts/Rhode Island
Grand Commander-1973
Born August 24, 1908
Died January 14, 1998

Grand Commanders Club

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 No. 2,938-Athur L. Jung, Jr. (LA)
 No. 2,939-Wilhelm A. Amstutz, Jr. (AZ)
 No. 2,940-Vern Schneider (MO)
 No. 2,941-James H. Cockerham (MO)
 No. 2,942-P. Vincent Kinkad (MO)
 No. 2,943-Emory J. Hampel (MO)
 No. 2,944-E. Allen Kohler (MO)
 No. 2,945-James H. Pennington (MO)
 No. 2,946-Lionel J. Goede (MO)
 No. 2,947-Billy J. Boyer (MO)
 No. 2,948-William H. Chapman (MO)
 No. 2,949-O. Robert Downey (MO)
 No. 2,950-Blair C. Mayford (MO)
 No. 2,951-James H. Miller (MO)
 No. 2,952-Marvin L. Painter (MO)
 No. 2,953-Harold J. Richardson (MO)
 No. 2,954-Danny L. Ferguson (MO)
 No. 2,955-Ernest J. Thacker (MO)
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Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending February 6, 1998. The total contributed to date is: \$300,047.61

Alabama.....	\$3,555.00
Arizona.....	2,075.00
Arkansas.....	1,509.00
California.....	11,871.27
Colorado.....	5,405.00
Connecticut.....	4,196.00
Delaware.....	1,607.55
District of Columbia.....	1246.00
Florida.....	6,772.21
Georgia.....	36,551.77
Idaho.....	455.50
Illinois.....	10,300.32
Indiana.....	3,183.60
Iowa.....	8,656.82
Kansas.....	2,218.85
Kentucky.....	5,195.00
Louisiana.....	4,280.00
Maine.....	120.00
Maryland.....	5,710.00
Mass./R.1.....	7,852.30
Michigan.....	10,963.00
Minnesota.....	3,379.00
Mississippi.....	1434.00
Missouri.....	21,318.22

Montana.....	\$808.50
Nebraska.....	604.50
Nevada.....	1,755.00
New Hampshire.....	11,251.50
New Jersey.....	4,504.85
New Mexico.....	3,595.63
New York.....	17,063.11
North Carolina.....	6,346.79
North Dakota.....	260.00
Ohio.....	5,326.34
Oklahoma.....	480.00
Oregon.....	4,293.57
Pennsylvania.....	18,059.80
South Carolina.....	8,403.37
South Dakota.....	12,358.00
Tennessee.....	4,520.88
Texas.....	4,210.50
Utah.....	7,525.00
Vermont.....	5,525.00
Virginia.....	9,870.00
Washington.....	4,166.00
West Virginia.....	2,598.00
Wisconsin.....	2,459.00
Wyoming.....	596.66
Philippines.....	54.00
Honolulu No. 1.....	30.00
Alaska No. 1.....	100.00
Anchorage No. 2.....	130.00
Tokyo No. 1.....	110.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany.....	530.00
Harry J. Miller No. 5, Germany.....	60.00
Miscellaneous.....	2,596.20

Take My Hand; Follow Me by Alvin F. Bohne, P.M.

When I was a young man, a long time ago,
The secrets of Masonry I wanted to know.
Of a Mason I asked what those secrets might be.
He replied, "First we talk, then we will see."
A petition he granted and ordered it filled
To be read at a meeting and a judgment be willed.
Then questions I answered about God and home;
Of habits and friends; a wife or alone.

In time I was summoned—a date to appear
Before an assembly of men gathered near.

I entered the building and looked up the stair;
Does pleasure or pain await me up there?
A hazing by paddle, taunting by joke?
My petition accepted or maybe revoked?
Introductions and handshakes welcomed me there
And lessons symbolic, an aid to prepare
For a journey in darkness, a predestined plight
To a Holy of Holies, the source of all light.
How well I remember what I heard someone say,
"To enter God's Kingdom there is but one way;
Be ye naked and blind, penniless and poor;
These you must suffer 'fore entering that door.
The journey ahead is not yours to know,
But trust in your God wherever you go."
Then assurance from the darkness whispered tenderly,
"My friend, be not afraid; take my hand, follow me,

With nervous attention a path I then trod;
A pathway in darkness to the altar of God.
With cable-tow and hood-wink, on bare bended knee,
A covenant was made there between God and me.
Charges and promises were made there that night
Dispelling the darkness and bringing me light.
Mid lightening and thunder and brethren on row!
Cast off the darkness! And cast off the tow!

In the company of men a man you must be,
Moral in character, the whole world to see.
Trust in your God, promise daily anew
To be honest and upright in all things you do.
Each man is a brother in charity to share
With those suffering hunger, pain or despair.
The widow and orphan and brother in pain
Depend on your mercy their welfare to gain.

The secrets of brethren keep only in mind.
To the ladies of brethren be noble and kind.

Go now, my brother, your journey's begun
Your wages await you when your journey is done.

That journey I started, oh, so long ago
And I've learned of those things I wanted to know.
I've learned of the secrets, not secret at all,
But hidden in knowledge within Masons' hall.
Childhood yields to manhood, manhood yields to age,
Ignorance yields to knowledge, knowledge yields to sage.

I've lived all my life the best that I could,
Knowing full well how a good Mason should.
I know of those times when I slipped and then fell.
What's right and what's wrong were not easy to tell.
But a trust in my God and a true brother's hand.
Helped raise me up and allowed me to stand.
I've strode down the old path, Masonically worn
By all Masons raised for the Masons unborn.

But this tired old body, once young and so bold,
Now suffers the afflictions of having grown old.
The almond tree's flourished; the grinders are few.
The house keepers tremble; desires fail too.
The locusts are a burden; fears are in the way.
The golden bowl is breaking, a little every day.
Mine eyes again are darkened, my sight again to fail;
I sense the Master's presence mid my family's silent wail.
I've laid aside my working tools, my day is nearly done.
For long I've played the game of life; the game's no longer fun.
Life's pathway ends before me. I see what's meant for me:
An acacia plant is growing where a beehive used to be.

The Ethereal Lodge has summoned from beyond the wailing wall
And I vowed that I must answer when summoned by a call.

Again I stand bewildered at the bottom of the stair
In nervous apprehension of what awaits me there.
Once again, and now alone, I stand without the door.
With faltering hand I slowly knock as once I did before.
I pray again to hear those words, whispered tenderly,
"My son, be not afraid. Take my hand; follow me."

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

Chapter II

Period of Consolidation, 1949-1961

Forty-seventh Conclave, 1958 (continued)

On July 21, 1956, the officers elected to do so had met and organized the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as authorized by the Forty-sixth Triennial Conclave. No cases were accepted until early 1957; by July 1, 1958, 250 cases had been processed and \$225,000.00 had been contributed to fifteen different institutions for research. Although there seemed to remain some opposition to the \$1.00 per capita assessment, the Grand Master kept repeating that the less than 2 cents per week" assessment should be happily paid when one realized what it was paying for! Sir Knight Murray A. Stillwaugh, P. G. C. of Illinois, proposed an amendment to Section 18^{1/2} that the \$1.00 assessment be "based upon the dues-paying membership" but withdrew his proposal in favor of one made by Sir Knight Robert B. Gaylord, Jr., P. G. C. of California, which allowed for the \$1.00 assessment on all "except members whose dues have been remitted because of their inability to pay the same," which was adopted. Sir Knight Walton Smith Hootsell, P.G.C. of Mississippi, stated that he had asked the Grand Commandery of Mississippi to inaugurate a "\$100. 00 Club" for all who would donate that amount to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. He asked that all "... please get in behind this project. Help our great leader, who was inspired by God, to push this wonderful humanitarian work."

The report of the Committee on Uniforms and Templar Bands contained a detailed proposal for the requirements of the uniform, which resulted from a comparison of the uniform regulations of the Grand

Encampment with those of all of the state grand jurisdictions; the report was accepted and filed.

The Knights Templar Education Loan Foundation report stated that about the same activity had taken place during this triennium as the one preceding it.

There had been considerable activity during this triennium in the field of subordinate Commanderies. Dispensations, were granted for the formation of ten new Commanderies. Near the end of 1955 dispensations were granted for the formation of Tokyo Commandery No. 1, Japan, and Okinawa Commandery No. 1, Okinawa. During 1956 there were dispensations for Guam Commandery No. 1, Guam; Asian Commandery No. 1, Philippines; and Kaufbeuren Commandery No. 3, Germany. There were three more in 1957 and two in 1958: Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, Germany; Kalawa Memorial Commandery No. 3, Philippines; Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Germany; Daiz Abet Commandery No. 4, Philippines; and Teotihuacan Commandery No. 3, Mexico. Was this increase in the number of overseas Commanderies an indication of things to come?

Elected officers installed were Sir Knights: Louis Henry Weber of Ohio as Most Eminent Grand Master; Paul Miller Moore as Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; Wilber Marion Brucker of Michigan as Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Charles Vernon Eddy of Virginia as Right Eminent Grand Captain General; Rev. Phil Porter of Ohio as Right Eminent Grand Prelate; Edmund F. Ball of Indiana as Right Eminent Grand Treasurer; and John Temple Rice of Texas as Right Eminent Grand Recorder.

Forty-eighth Conclave, 1961

For the third time the city of Cleveland, Ohio, welcomed the Grand Encampment of

Knights Templar for their Triennial Conclave; this was the Forty-eighth Conclave on August 12 to 17, 1961. The two previous times had been for the Twentieth Conclave, August 28 to 31, 1874, and the Forty-first Conclave, July 13 to 19, 1940. Two other Triennial Conclaves had been held in the state of Ohio, both in Columbus: the Tenth from September 14 to 18, 1847, and the Sixteenth from September 5 to 7, 1865. The Sir Knights and their ladies were greeted with "a full program and an exciting agenda" which the Grand Encampment had prepared for them.

The Grand Encampment was reconvened at noon on Saturday, August 12, 1961, in the Main Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, by the Grand Master, Sir Knight Louis Henry Wieber. The roll of officers and committee members was called, followed by the introduction of distinguished guests. The Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze, Mayor of the city of Cleveland, then gave the "Welcoming Address" to which the Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, responded. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Grand Master began his Report to the Conclave. He asked that "special attention" be paid to the fact, that - although there was "a net gain of members of 4,853 during the triennium," the year 1961 had shown a loss of 375 in the number of Templars. He announced that, although authority had been granted at the Forty-seventh Conclave for the issuance of a charter to form a Grand Commandery in the Philippines, he had not done so because he had learned that "Templary was in a very unsettled and unsatisfactory condition in the Philippines." The Conclave was recessed at 4:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Monday the 14th. About 5,000 Sir Knights took part in the parade which started at 7:00 p.m.

Divine Services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday in the Cleveland Public Auditorium. At 6:30 p.m. the Grand Commandery of Ohio honored the Grand Master, his officers and distinguished guests with a "bountiful dinner."

Competitive Drills began at 8:00 o'clock on Monday morning with twenty-five teams entered in the contest. At 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 14, the Grand Encampment was called to order by the Grand Master. The Educational Loan Foundation Committee reported that loans were continuing in about the same manner as in the past. The Committee on Easter Sunrise Services reported that the Easter Sunrise Services were well attended during the triennium, but requested an increase of 18% in funding each year for the next triennium. A 15-minute film of a Sunrise Service was then shown to the Sir Knights. The granting of charters to Hermann von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurtam-Main, West Germany, and Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Heidelberg, West Germany was approved. The Conclave recessed at 4:40 p.m.

At 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, the Conclave was called to order by the Grand Master. A proposal to change the law on Life Membership was given a lengthy hearing and discussion but failed to gain the necessary 2/3 vote of approval. A proposal was made to establish a "Knight Templar Cross of Honor" award, but after several amendments were proposed, the original proposal failed to get the required 2/3 vote. An amendment was proposed to Section 80 of the Constitution to allow petitions to "be balloted on at the same stated conclave at which they are presented." The amendment was defeated. A proposal was made to allow more Rituals for each Commandery, so that the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta could be put on with fewer problems. The Committee on Ritualistic Matters recommended that an additional nine rituals per Commandery be "leased" for \$10.00 each. A proposal was made that the Grand Commanderies be charged for the cost of the additional rituals and a charge of \$10.00 each be made for any which could not be produced when required. There was insufficient time for the Templar Jurisprudence Committee to get it in acceptable form for a vote.

Easter Update!!

Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns In Arlington National Cemetery

The Grand Commandery of Indiana, for the third year in a row, will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on the Saturday preceding Easter, April 11, 1998, at 9:35 A.M., honoring all of their members who have served in the Armed Services of the United States of America.

The Grand Commander of Indiana invites all Knights Templar and their ladies to attend. Full Templar uniform is required with chapeau, gloves, and sword.

Parking is available inside Fort Myer near the cemetery. There is about a half mile walk, so allow plenty of time!

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Albuquerque York Rite's Pilgrim Commandery No. 3 selected Reverend Jay Allen Armstrong of the First United Methodist Church of Belen, New Mexico, as one of two New Mexico ministers to make the twenty-first pilgrimage to the Holy Land, sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico.

Sir Knights were present at an 11:00 A.M. service to present Reverend Armstrong with his Holy Land Pilgrimage itinerary.

Seen standing in the First United Methodist Church of Belen, from left to right, are: Sir Knights Robert Hauptert, Bob Abernathey, Tony



Astorga, Karl Buttner, Karl Asendorf, Dick Watkins, Larry Brownfield, Dennis Detrow, Nesbit Maluf, Reverend Armstrong (center). (Photo and article by Sir Knight H. William Hart, Publicity.)

Sir Knight John Wayne: Hollywood Symbol of Americanism

By Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH



Among twentieth century Americans, John Wayne ranks high on the list for name recognition. Through the nearly four decades that Wayne characterizations graced film screens, the man became a virtual symbol of the American spirit. Heroism, rugged individualism, intestinal fortitude, and unapologetic patriotism typified the persona that John Wayne portrayed on celluloid. In real life, of course, he was sometimes more and sometimes less than the image that Hollywood created for him. And although his Masonic membership stretched over only the last nine years of his life, he may well be the fraternity's best known member in this century other than presidents, kings, and prime ministers.

Like many motion picture stars, John Wayne was born with a much more ordinary sounding name. Marion Robert Morrison entered life in Winterset, Iowa, on May 26, 1907, the son of Clyde and Mary Brown Morrison. The elder Morrison worked as a pharmacist but encountered financial difficulties. In 1911, his Rexall Drug Store in Earlham, Iowa, went under, forcing the Morrisons into bankruptcy. Clyde Morrison also began to experience health problems. In 1914, the family moved to California, settling first near Lancaster and then permanently in the growing city of Glendale. By this time another boy Robert born in December 1912 completed the Morrison family circle.

In Glendale, young Marion Morrison lived his adolescent years. He absorbed

patriotic American values he would embrace throughout life in the Boy Scouts, YMCA, and Order of DeMolay. A strong student academically, he did even better in football where he distinguished himself as a left guard. He also acquired the nickname of Duke which he would carry through life. Graduating from Glendale High, second in his class, the future movie star won a football scholarship to the University of Southern California.

At Southern Cal, Morrison joined the men of Sigma Chi, held a part-time job waiting on tables, and got in sufficient football playing time to earn a letter. The next year, however, he injured his shoulder which effectively ended his athletic career. Dropping out of school at the end of his sophomore year and having met people connected with the film industry, young Marion began to pick up work in the movie studios. He played a few bit parts, doubled, and worked as an extra. Marion also made friends with John Ford, who was already on his way toward becoming a legendary director. The latter hired Duke to be an assistant property man at \$35.00 per week. Between 1927 and 1929, Morrison learned a great deal about the making of films. By 1930, he had been given his stage name of John Wayne and landed a choice part in a new major sound picture *The Big Trail*.

The Big Trail had been intended by Fox Studio and director Raul Walsh as a monumental epic of the Westward Movement supplemented by Wayne's search for his

father's killer. The film has some good moments - especially the outdoor scenery and action--and Wayne handled his role well, especially for a newcomer. However, the stilted dialogue made *The Big Trail* a big 125-minute flop. For the next several years, John Wayne found himself relegated mostly to starring roles in low budget westerns.

During these years many of the characteristics associated with the later John Wayne persona began to appear. Much of his walk and talk, it was said, he learned from Brother and Sir Knight Yakima Canutt, a one-time champion rodeo cowboy who had starred in a few silent films but by the thirties usually played villainous roles while specializing in stunt work. Meanwhile, Wayne starred in numerous westerns with such forgettable titles as *The Trail Beyond*, *The Lawless Frontier*, *Riders of Destiny*, and *The Man From Utah*.

George (Gabby) Hayes often had supporting roles in these films. In one feature, *Born to the West*, Duke shared top billing with another cowboy star, Johnny Mack Brown (also reputed to be a Mason), and Marsha Hunt, who subsequently became a major film actress in the forties. Occasionally he appeared in lesser roles in non-westerns such as *College Coach* and *Central Airport*.



John Wayne and Marsha Hunt are shown when making *Born to the West*, a Paramount picture, ca. 1937.

In 1938, Herbert Yates of Republic Pictures contracted John Wane to appear in the *Three Mesquiteers Series* replacing Robert Livingston in the role of Stoney Brooke. Other co-stars in the series included Ray 'Crash' Corrigan and comic side-kick/ventriloquist Max Terhune. The Duke considered the series a bit too juvenile for his tastes despite its popularity and longed for the day when he could advance to major roles in big budget films. Fortunately, that time was not long in coming.

In 1939, John Ford cast John Wayne as the Ringo Kid in *Stagecoach*, the film that finally elevated him to the ranks of major stardom. His performance in the screen version of the Ernest Haycox short story, "The Stage to Lordsburg," took him out of low budget pictures and made him the central figure in what most critics deem the most significant western ever made. It was filmed in Monument Valley on the Arizona-Utah border, and this locale would subsequently reappear in several later Wayne pictures. He followed up this performance with significant roles in other sagas such as *The Dark Command*, *Allegheny Uprising*, and the movie version of Harold Bell Wright's famous novel, *The Shepherd of the Hills*.

Although John Wayne continued to appear in westerns such as *The Spoilers* and *In Old California* and other adventure films like *Reap the Wild Wind*, the coming of World War II added another legendary persona to the Wayne image, that of the rugged heroic man in uniform, beginning with *Fighting Tigers* in 1942 and continuing with *Fighting Seabees*, *Back to Bataan*, *They Were Expendable*, and *Sands of Iwo Jima*. During later wars the Duke continued to make military films - many of them designed to lift morale and showcase patriotism

including *Operation Pacific*, *Flying Leathernecks*, *Jet Pilot*, and finally in 1968, one of the few pro-Viet Nam war films, *The Green Berets*. Somewhat ironically, while Wayne became the ultimate war hero on the movie screen, he himself as the father of four children was not conscripted during the war. He could have enlisted but did not, choosing instead to maintain the morale on the home front with his masculine image.

The later forties saw John Wayne emerge as the ultimate star of big budget westerns just as Roy Rogers and Gene Autry dominated the singing cowboy oaters. The John Ford directed trilogy; *Fort Apache*, *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*, and *Rio Grande*; together with *Red River*, set the image. Two other films, *Angel and the Badman* and *Three Godfathers*, ranked close behind. *Dakota* and *The Fighting Kentuckian* added little to the Duke's luster, being vehicles that Republic studio head Herbert Yates placed Wayne in to boost the career of his protégée and romantic interest Vera Ralston - but they did little harm to his career. He did much better in a pair of high adventure films, *Tycoon* and *Wake of the Red Witch*, along with the comedy, *Without Reservations*.

The decade of the fifties saw the Duke continue to star in high profile pictures. Quality westerns included *Hondo*, *Rio Bravo*, and *The Searchers*, the latter of which again reunited him with director John Ford. His other films from that period included the classic airplane drama, *The High and the Mighty*, *Blood Alley* with Lauren Bacall, and another John Ford vehicle, *The Quiet Man*, which some critics rated among his best performances outside of his western roles.

For better or worse, during the Cold War, John Wayne became almost as well known for his outspoken opposition to Communism as for his motion picture stardom. He eventually took a key role in the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals serving as



its president from March 1949 until June 1953. Some of his pictures in this period are staunchly anti-Communist such as *Big Jim McLain* and *Blood Alley*. Along the way he antagonized some Hollywood people on the liberal-left and paid something of a price for it. Some friends believed that he failed to garner an Oscar nomination for *The Quiet Man* because of his outspoken criticism of Communists.

The Duke also engaged in production and direction of films although with mixed success. His first production company, Wayne-Fellows, did well but dissolved when his partner Bob Fellows encountered domestic problems and Wayne bought him out changing the firm's name to Batjac. The 1960 epic film *The Alamo* saw Wayne as star, producer, and director. He played the part of Davy Crockett. While the picture grossed a great deal of money, its costs were so huge that the film was judged a financial failure.

The fiscal problems of *The Alamo* to the contrary, notwithstanding, John Wayne went on to make several quality westerns

in the sixties. These included *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valence*, *The Sons of Katie Elder*, *The War Wagon* and at the decade's close *True Grit*. This latter film finally won him his long overdue Academy Award. In the film Wayne created another of his memorable characters the hard-nosed, grizzled, one-eyed old lawman Rooster Cogburn. Accepting the coveted Oscar on April 7, 1970, the Duke gave a brief and honorable acceptance speech.

With another major western *Chisum* completed and scheduled for release, John Wayne flew off to Tucson, Arizona, to make another film, *Rio Lobo*, at the old Tucson movie set. During this stay in Southern Arizona, Wayne at the age of sixty-three took the steps that would make him a Mason. Petitioning Marion McDaniel Lodge No. 56 in Tucson, under the name the world knew him by, Marion Morrison received his Entered Apprentice degree on June 9, 1970; passed as a Fellowcraft on the following day, June 10; and was raised a Master Mason on July 11, 1970. Later that fall, he took the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Pasadena,



John Wayne receives his Masonic Bible, July 11, 1970. Courtesy, Arizona Historical Society

California, on November 21, 1970. Sir Knight Wayne completed his York Rite work that same fall in the appropriately named (for him) Golden West Commandery No. 43 in Los Angeles. On December 5, 1970 he became a Noble of Al Maliakah Shrine Temple. Rex Allen, another noted film cowboy, took the Scottish Rite and Shrine work at the same time with Allen becoming a Noble of Sabbar Temple in Tucson. For the next six years the Duke served as an "ambassador-at-large" for Al Malaikah Temple.

Although age and declining health had begun to take their toll on John Wayne in the seventies, he continued to turn in some quality screen performances. These included *Big Jake*, *The Cowboys*, *Cahill, U.S. Marshal*, and *The Train Robbers*. In a memorable line in the latter film, he tells a young Ann-Margret, "I've got a saddle older than you." But perhaps his best role in the latter years came in *Rooster Cogburn*, a sequel to *True Grit* that costarred Katherine Hepburn, another venerable Hollywood legend. Perhaps in reaction to turning down the role made famous by Clint Eastwood in *Dirty Harry*, he did a pair of tough-cop pictures *McO* and *Brannigan*, the latter filmed largely in London.

The Duke made his last movie in 1976. Titled *The Shootist*, it tells of an aging and out-of-place gunfighter's last days and is one of the few pictures in which Wayne dies in the end. As such it seemed a fitting end of a career that dated back to 1928, when young Marion Morrison made his first screen appearance as an uncredited extra in *Hangman's House*. Wayne had an earlier battle with cancer in 1964 and had licked it, making his bout with the dread disease public in such a manner as to give hope to others. One critic argued that this action had been one of the most heroic things that he ever did in his private life.

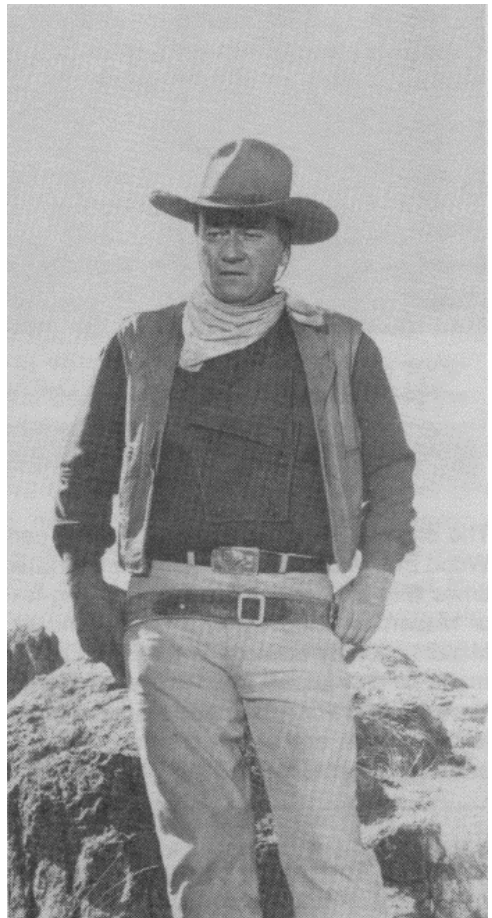
Age and ill health were obviously slowing the aging legend down somewhat, but it came as something of a surprise on January 13, 1979 when what had been

considered a relatively simple gall bladder surgery stretched into a nine-hour ordeal. The diagnosis of stomach cancer was bad enough, but further word came on the 17th that it had continued to spread. His last months were unpleasant as his condition declined rapidly. On May 21, his one-time leading lady Maureen O'Hara appeared before Congress urging passage of a bill to have a special medal titled "John Wayne, American" struck on his behalf. Brother and Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Arizona) introduced the bill. It passed and President Carter signed in time for the Duke to be notified on his birthday. Just a little over two weeks later he died after receiving the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church. He had described himself in later years as a "cardiac" Catholic." As his most adept biographers, Randy Roberts and James Olson, state nothing better illustrates John Wayne's ecumenical personality better than the fact that he was simultaneously a loyal Mason and a "cardiac" Catholic."

In some ways it seems ironic that John Wayne has come to symbolize America. While deeply patriotic, it has been pointed out that nearly all of his heroics were performed on the silver screen and not in real life. For all the military bravery the public saw him perform in pictures, he did not serve in World War II. Much of his private life could hardly be deemed that of the ideal role model. For much of his adult life, he drank heavier than one should. His treatment of women particularly that of his first wife - could hardly be described as anything but less than honorable. Although still married to his third wife, they had been separated for several years. Yet in the final analysis, his screen persona is not a false one. In many respects, that image of the rugged individual - warts and all - taking his stand for truth and justice represents what Sir Knight John Wayne was all about. In that sense he exemplified many of the ideals of Christian Knighthood.

Author's Note: There is an abundance of biographical data on John Wayne, but the one with the most depth is Randy Roberts and James S. Olson, John Wayne, American (New York The Free Press, 1995) which puts his Masonic actively in proper context although some dates are inaccurate. For his Masonic record I am indebted to Robert Henderson, P G.M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, and the staff at Al Maiaikah Shrine Temple in Los Angeles. Thanks also to my student assistant, Miss Abby Goodnite, for technical aid.

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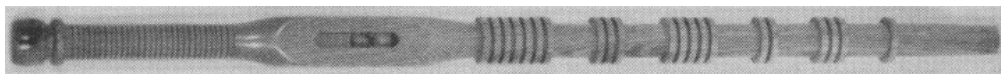
Christmas Observance—Norwich Commandery No. 46, New York

At the Norwich No. 46 Annual Christmas Observance in Oxford, New York; there were sixty-four Sir Knights, ladies, and dinner guests for the dinner and several more for the program that followed next door in the United Church of Oxford. The theme was "Christmas Angels," and the program; which featured candles, readers, music, and a prayer and benediction by Grand Prelate Allen C. Lang; was put together by Sir Knight Francis K. Wilcox, Associate Grand Organist.

Pictured below, left to right, are Sir Knights Allen C. Lang, Em. Grand Prelate; Francis K. Wilcox, Associate Grand Organist; Ronald S. Januszkiewicz, R.E. Grand Commander of New York State; James W. Homstrought, Jr., Em. Commander, Norwich Commandery No. 46; and George J. Knorr, Em. Grand Sword Bearer.



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A Masonic Gospel Team

by Sir Knight Norman G Lincoln, KYCH

Gospel music was a product of the Christian revival movement which resulted from a reaction to the tragedy of the Civil War. While gospel songs are sung in Sunday school and church, they are often more secular than other hymns. They are designed to create a mood which will result in a successful revival and the saving of sinners. Revivals are often more successful in rural America.

The greatest evangelist preacher of the nineteenth century was Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899). His music director was Ira D. Stankey (1840-1908), whose best-known song was "Jesus Is a Rock In a Weary Land." Other gospel songwriters include: George F. Root (1820-1895), "Jesus Loves the Little Children"; William Bradbury (1816-1868), "Jesus Loves Me," "He Leadeth Me," "Just As I Am"; Robert Lowry (1829-1899), "Shall We Gather at the River," "I Need Thee Every Hour"; and Fanny Crosby (1815-1910), "Blessed Assurance," "Tell Me the Story," and "Rescue the Perishing." None of the preceding had any Masonic connections.

The most influential gospel songwriter was born in Wilton Junction near Davenport, Iowa, on Aug. 18, 1856. Charles Hutchinson Gabriel was associated with revivalists, Gypsy Smith and J. Wham Chapman, before joining Moody in Chicago in 1892. "Send the Light" his best song, had been published in 1891. Before he died September 14, 1932, Gabriel published eight thousand works including three operettas, nineteen cantatas (of which he considered "Saul, King of Israel" his best work), and thirty-eight Christmas carols. He also edited nineteen anthem collections, thirty-five gospel songbooks, eight Sunday school collections, and a magazine "The Gospel Choir" from 1915-1923. He found time to become a member of River Forest Lodge No. 1049, Chicago, Illinois.

Gabriel's unrivaled popularity as a gospel songwriter did not begin until he joined Homer Rodeheaver in 1912. Homer Alvan Rodeheaver was born in Union Furnace, Ohio, on October 4, 1880, the son of Thurman Hall and Fanny Armstrong

Rodeheaver. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University but left to play trombone in the Fourth Tennessee Regiment Band in the war with Spain in 1898. In 1904 he toured with evangelist W. E. Biaderwoif playing his trombone and singing in a pleasant baritone voice. His big break came in 1909 when he was asked to join Billy Sunday.

Billy Sunday (1863-1935), a former baseball player, had been born in Iowa. In 1903 he was ordained a Presbyterian minister and began his revivals. Homer Rodeheaver was his music director until 1931. They were the most important revival team until the advent of Billy Graham and George Beverly Shea in 1949.

In 1910 Rodeheaver and gospel songwriter Bentley DeForest Ackley founded the Rodeheaver-Ackley Publishing Company. The next year Ackley dropped out, and in 1912 Gabriel brought his prolific output to the new company. In 1913 Rodeheaver took a step which was significant for his future popularity by signing a contract to record with Victor Records. After several modest releases, he recorded a song Gabriel had just written. It was to be forever associated with Rodeheaver's ministry.

Do not wait until some deed of greatness
you may do,
Do not wait to shed your light afar,
To the many duties ever near you now be true.
Brighten the corner where you are.
Someone far from harbor you may guide
across the bar;
Brighten the corner where you are.

Orders poured in, and Rodeheaver's company earned a handsome profit. He went on to record "Brighten the Corner" for Columbia (1916) and Okeh (1925) and made more than seventy records for these companies and Edison, Brunswick, and Gennett. For a time he had his own recording company which was called Rainbow. In 1918 he traveled to France with the YMCA to provide gospel music for the troops.

After leaving Billy Sunday in 1931, Rodeheaver wrote two books about his experiences: *Twenty Years with Billy Sunday* and *Stories of the Sawdust Trail*. He moved Rodeheaver Publishing to Winona Lake, Indiana.

He had joined Lake City-Warsaw Lodge No. 73 (degrees: Dec. 22, 25, 30, 1914), as well as the Commandery in Fort Wayne. He was also a Shriner and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

In 1934, Sir Knight Rodeheaver compiled "Triumphant Services Songs." During this period he opened the Rainbow Boys Ranch at Palatka, Florida, toured the Belgian Congo, and directed community song programs on radio for NBC and CBS. He was

the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Sacred Music Degree from Bob Jones University in 1942 and was elected a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

A devout Methodist, his motto was "Every cloud will bear a rainbow if your heart keeps right." Homer Rodeheaver died December 18, 1955. No doubt he and Gabriel are entertaining the heavenly choirs with "Oh That Will Be Glory For Me," "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and other gospel songs.

Sir Knight Norman G. Lincoln is a Past Commander and member of Middletown Commandery No. 71, Middletown, Ohio. He resides at 204 W. Chico Street, P.O. Box 454, Eaton, OH 45320.

Connecticut Masonic Leaders Attend Christmas Observance

The 172nd Annual Christmas Observance, New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, Connecticut, was attended by 165 Sir Knights, their family members, friends, and guests. Shown in the picture below are Masonic leaders who attended. Left to right are Sir Knights: Thurman P. Sharpies, P.C., Most Puissant Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S.M., of Connecticut; Richard V. Travis, P.G.C.,³³⁰, Deputy for Scottish Rite Masons of Connecticut; William F. Carpenter, Grand Master of Masons of Connecticut; Clyde W. Kaysor II, Commander, New Haven No. 2; Herbert R. Sche, P.C., Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons; and Charles B. Fowler, Jr., Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Connecticut. Besides other Christmas formalities, toasts were given to M.E. Grand Master James Ward, R.E. Department Commander Robert Foreman and to each of the distinguished Masonic guests, who responded with Christmas greetings and messages. The Commandery Christmas Observance Committee is already at work on next year's Observance.



On the Masonic Newsfront...

News From The Knights Templar Eye Foundation



Several years ago, Courtney J. McCann's crossed eyes were corroded with help from the Eye Foundation. The picture at left shows Courtney before the operation; the picture at right shows her after the operation. As you can see the Eye Foundation provided a much needed and admirable service for Courtney and her family, one of which each Knight Templar can be very proud



Another Eye Foundation recipient writes: I am very thankful to the Knights Templar for paying for the expense of my surgery in October. I do not have the money nor do I have insurance, so I am forever grateful because I really needed the surgery. I really appreciate your coming to my rescue."

Annie Spencer
514W. Hill Street, Quitman, Georgia

The Norwegians Are Coming To Seattle, Washington'

An unusual event and exciting opportunity to participate in a truly international Masonic exchange of ideas and fellowship will take place on March 7, 1998, at SeaTac Airport, Seattle, Washington, at about 12 o'clock, when about forty to fifty Norwegian Brothers will arrive.

An exciting schedule of activities is planned: All are invited to attend for church services at 10:30 A.M., March 8, at the Crown Lutheran Church, 1501 N.W. 90th Street. Refreshments will follow the service. One at the Norwegian Brothers will give a short talk on the underground activities in Norway during World War II. Monday, March 9, all are invited to the Masonic Retirement Home, 23660 Marine View Drive South, Des Moines, Washington. After lunch there will be entertainment with singing and music. Grand Commander Karl S. Reith and P.C. Peder S. Grambo will then dedicate the Green House, which was donated by Seattle Commandery No. 2. University Lodge No. 141 will confer the 3^o at 2 p.m. in the Scottish Rite auditorium, 1155 Broadway East, Seattle. Dinner will follow at 5:30 P.M. On Wednesday, March 11, Potentate Hans Lindquist will be host. A visit to the Boeing plant in Everett has been arranged, after a tour of the Nile Temple faces. On Thursday, March 12, the Royal Arch Degree will be conferred at 200 P.M. in the Scottish Rite auditorium by a team of Most Excellent High Priests. Dinner and socializing will follow at 5:30 P.M. Friday, March 13, there will be a banquet at the Scottish Rite Center dining room. Activities will begin at 2:00 P.M. in the auditorium, where the Evergreen Region DeMolay will present the Ceremony of Light. After entertainment by the Norwegian Brothers, all will retire to the dining room to enjoy the banquet and fellowship. Saturday, it's *bon voyage* with a breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Reservations are a must. Contact one of the following: Roscoe Mitchell, University Masonic Lodge, 11519 Bartlett Avenue N.E., Seattle, WA, call (206) 363-8843; Richard E. Gregory, 6542 Parkpoint Way N.E., Seattle, WA 98115, call (206) 526-8373; Richard H. Lowman, University Masonic Lodge, call (206) 632-7900.

The Gold Swords Of New Haven Commandery, Connecticut

At its Annual Conclave in February 1871, New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, Connecticut, extended an invitation to St. John's Commandery No. 4, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to visit New Haven Commandery on its journey to the 18th Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave at Boston, Massachusetts, to be held August 29-31.

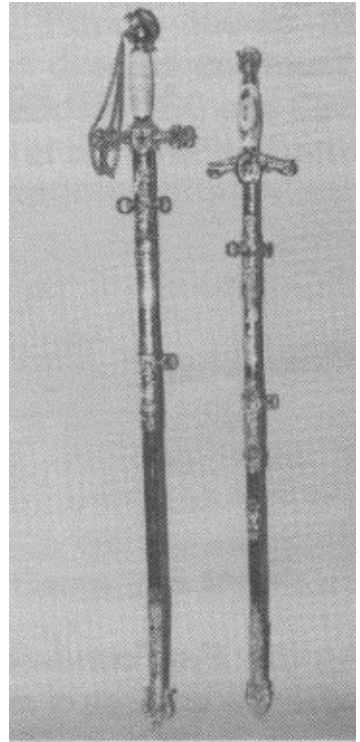
On this visit St. John's Commandery conferred the Order of the Temple on a class of candidates for New Haven Commandery and then after a banquet presented New Haven a handsome sword (on left in picture) and belt as a remembrance of the occasion.

This sword has been used since that time as New Haven's Knighting sword. Most of the Sir Knights since 1871 have been Knighted with that sword. The belt mentioned was probably discarded after years of service.

In 1971 the Commander of New Haven, Sir Knight Kenneth Gray (Grand Commander of Connecticut in 1981), believed that the time had come to pay St. John's a visit to renew the fraternal friendship between the Commanderies and to present them a sword on the one hundredth anniversary of the event of 1871. A bus was hired and a contingent of Sir Knights travelled to Philadelphia for this event.

At the banquet honoring the event, New Haven presented a suitable sword to St. John's Commandery, but they learned New Haven had presented a sword to St. John's in 1871.

St. John's then presented the second sword (on right in picture) as a token of remembrance of this 1971 visit. This sword of 1971 is used by the Commander of New Haven during his term of office, and as part of the installation service, he presents this sword to his successor. This story of the Knighting sword is given to each new Knight Templar at the conclusion of the Order of the Temple. (written by Robert A. Colbourn, P.G.C. Connecticut)



Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B., Visits Norfolk Assembly, Virginia



The Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, Mrs. W. Dean Porter, made her official visit to Norfolk Assembly No. 235 in Norfolk, Virginia, on November 24, 1997. Mrs. Howard McClure, Past Supreme Worthy President, traveled with her. There was a good turnout of Sir Knights from the three local Commanderies, Grice No. 16, I Hampton No. 17, and Portsmouth No. 5 for a covered dish dinner and to meet the Supreme Worthy President. Pictured are, left to right: Mrs. Howard McClure, P.S.W.P.; Mrs. Bernard Belote, President of Norfolk No. 235; and Mrs. W. Dean Porter, Supreme Worthy President.

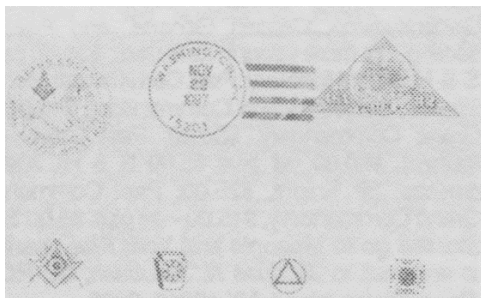
Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B., Visits Tampa No. 208, Florida



Pictured left to right are Mrs. Keith Dean, P.S.W.P.; Mrs. Thurman Bevin, President of Tampa Assembly No. 208; Mrs. Sean Buckmaster, new member; Mrs. W. Dean Porter, Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B.; and Mrs. Paul Case, P.S.W.P. Mrs. Buckmaster was initiated during the official visit of the Supreme Worthy President to Tampa No. 208.

One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Washington Council No. 1, Pa

The end of November 1997, Washington Council No. 1, Royal and Select Master Masons, Washington Pennsylvania celebrated its one hundred fiftieth anniversary. The Council was originally constituted on November 16, 1847, under a charter dated November 10, 1847. Because of interruptions in the early meetings, Washington was reconstituted in 1903 with a number of the previous members present. Washington Council has been honored by having several Most Puissant Grand Masters during its history, and the Council of Anointed Kings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



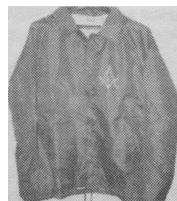
was formed in Washington in 1947 with twelve of the twenty charter members being Washington members

The dinner and program were attended by members of all Masonic bodies and their guess. The limited edition commemorative stamped Pacific 97,32-cent mangle Masonic stamp cover cancelled on November 22, 1997 is available at \$1.50 each. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Fred L Whitenight, 137 West Fourth Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1758.

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



Proud to be a Templar and a Mason? What a nice way to show it by wearing a black coach's jacket that boasts of the Knights Templar (at left). On the left breast is the red and gold cross and crown and "Knights Templar written above it in gold. Or buy a royal blue coach's jacket (to right) with a gold square and compass and letter "O." You will be helping Templar charities and proclaiming your pride! The cost for either is \$30.00, including shipping (priority mail). \$5.00 from each jacket goes to Templar charities. To order send \$30.00, your return address, and your size (S, M, L XL XXL XXXL). Indicate "Templar or "Blue Lodge" jacket Send to: Charles J. Kennedy, 2030 Raymond Road, Deerfield, NH 03037.





Knight Voices

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

For sale: Knights Temple- shoulder straps, at ranks, embroidered in gold and silver bullion on velvet with velcro backs: Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate (green); Generalissimo, Captain General, and Prelate Emeritus serving 7 or more years in rank (red): \$35.00 pair plus \$5.00 S & H. Also: Honorary Past Commander with H.C. in Old English, \$40.00; Grand Commandery, \$45.00; extra fancy Grand Commandery, \$60.00; Past Grand Commander (purple), \$50.00 (at plus \$5.00 S & H). Also: chapeaux crosses: Sir Knight, \$35.00; Past Commander, \$40.00 Grand Commandery, \$45.00 - all plus \$5.00 S & H. Part of monies go to Masonic and York Rite charities. Checks to and mail to *Jacques N Jesen, J. PC.; 80 Manor Road Staten Island NY 10310-2*

Reed Commandery No. 6, Dayton, Ohio, has a few remaining silver coins commemorating its 150th anniversary. Each is \$50.00. Pewter replicas we available for \$5.00 each. *James R. Thompson, 6610 Cedar Cove Drive, Centerville, OH 45459, (937) 433-9836.*

Empire-De Witt Clinton Commandery is appealing to the SW Knights across America to help us purchase a plaque that will be mounted onto the base of the monument that stands on top of M.W. and ME De 'iSit Cil'm grave—to commemorate his political and Masonic achievements. Suggested amounts are \$1.00, \$2.00, or \$3.00. If one tenth of the Sir Knights reading this ad were to help us out, we would have enough money to meet our goal. Any excess monies will be donated to the KTEF. Please make donations payable to *Empire-De Witt Clinton Commandery No. 14*, earmarked for *De Wit Clinton Memorial Plaque, C/O Alfonso Serrano, 4413 Urchell Avenue, &vdi4.i, NY 11219-12.*

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

For sale: new C.P.O. coats, polyester/wool, summer weight, sizes: 42S and 44XL. \$20.00 each plus S & H. Also, used chapeaux, size 7 with new plumes. A percentage will be donated to KTEF or HIP. *John Myers, 2120 N. SR. 127, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-2797 or J. Wham Meyers, 1460 E. (15 Highway 20, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-2797.*

For sale: one Knight Templar ring, Gothic, with 10-14 K yellow gold. Crown and cross emblem on top with words: *In hoc signo vinras*" around top and two side emblems for Chapter and Council. Has been re-named within last year—\$500.00 O.B.O. Also, Shrine ring, ^{1/3} carat five-diamond duster, 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.*

Help me recover a Masonic sword that belonged to my grandfather, a high ranking member. Following his death in Seattle, Washington, the sword was in possession of my father, Glenn B. Fansler, Detroit, Michigan area. When he passed, the sword was either sold or given away by his second wife. I wish to purchase it and have it in our family again. It had a pearl handle with initials "J.E.F. and on the blade was "James Edwin Fansler" (maybe "James E. Fansler"). It had a silver sheath and a cloth sleeve and a leather sheath for storage. *Bob G. Fansler, 6711 Woodbridge Drive, Fort Wayne, W46804.*

For sale: 1) E.C. sword with brass trappings and intricately engraved scabbard and black leather grip with brass aces inset. Its We 1800 era in excellent condition; 2) Commandery sword with ivory grip, by M. C. Lilley Co., and in very good condition; 3) Commandery sword: ivory grip, outstanding trappings on scabbard, early 1900, It C. Lilley Co. 4) E.C. sword, 1910-15; 5) Shriner ceremonial sitar- Grotto ceremonial schnitar. Ask for more information. Also, I am disposing of my entire collection of Masonic items and n't,4,ilia, including Commandery plates, other bodies' plates, china pieces, Triennial ribbons and medals, observance medals of Masonic bodies, Chapter pen-lea, lapel pins, Syria glass, watch fobs, ate. Send SASE for listing. *Ibberl E Ferguson, 1064 E. Church Street, Marion OH 43362, (614) 389-2026 and FAX.*

Fats 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 newly '1/5 inch. Face of coin has f'ale Masonic Lodge No. 802, A.F. & AM" 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 wound. Price is \$5.00 and \$1.00 postage. Checks or money orders payable to „Asaph Ray Msan Sec. and send to him at p.o. Box 293, Rodcnof, TX 75067.

Do you have books pertaining to Masonry that are lying around your home gathering dust? Austin Lodge No. 12, Austin, Texas, will pay your shipping for books on Masonry, volumes and single copies. Allow three weeks. We are in the process of building a library second to none, to preserve for posterity historic books and relics which otherwise might be forgotten. Send to *Lb'ansn, Ausah Lodge No. 12, A.F & AM, Box 5150, Austin, IX 78763.*

is For sale: In Memoriam booklet, 5'12 x 8'12, 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 2'12 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, LE 04730.*

Mountain Home Chapter No. 43, RAM., Mountain Home, Arkansas, is in need of the four veil banners. If someone has an extra set, please contact *B I?41,e,t, 54 Pheasant Run Terrace, Mountain Home, AR 72653-7047* or e-Mail: *niilberr@cenarylnatr.net*

The three Lodge rooms dedicated by a special Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held on May 3, 1997. Brother Edward O. Weissner, R.W. Grand Master, presided with the Grand Lodge officers at this historic event, which was a first in PA history - three rooms dedicated at the same time. The U.S. Post Office has issued a beautiful set of 27 different commemorative stamped cachet envelopes for this event with each one having one 32-cent stamp commemorating different non-Masonic historical events in the U.S.A. A complete set of individual envelopes can be purchased at \$5.50 per envelope. Make out check to *Masonic Fund Society*, and send to *Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237*

For sale: 125th anniversary pins. Help celebrate with us! Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. It is keystone shaped. This is the home Lodge of the R.W. Grand Master of PA. \$4.00, ppd. or 2 for \$7.00, ppd. Checks to *Westmoreland Lodge No. 518*, and send to *C. A. Sutherland, R.D. No. 11, Box 711, Greensburg, PA 15601-9142.*

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee has begun an annual Grand Master's Work Project, sponsoring and building a Habitat for Humanity house in the Grand Master's home region. A G.M.W.P. lapel pin is available for a \$10 donation. For more information or to order a *pine G.M.W.P., P.O. Box 926, Kingston, TN 37763-0926* or <waw.grayo.olg>

On May 17, 1998, the Grand Chapter, RAM, of Connecticut will celebrate its 200th anniversary and to commemorate this occasion, they have struck a beautiful coin taken from the design of the 100th anniversary coin. It is 1.75-in. in diameter and Wished in antique gold. There is great detail. They are \$20.00 each, boxed in a plastic case. Check or money order to *Grand Chtpw, RAM, of CT* and send *GO Charles C. Ma,rsor 41 bland 14ewAicnue, A4's,CT*

5. The first 200 to purchase a coin will receive free a gold bicentennial coin from Hiram Chapter No. 1.

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 241< gold vermell. Also available in an antiqued silver finish. Price is only \$9.00 per pin Including S & H. 10% **of proceeds will b.n.fl the KTEF.** These unique pins are available only through *S. Kei'wteht Sari 1630 Q'thani H8 Road, ChesiWe, CT 06410-3728,(203) 272-7579.*

For sale: Masonic signet ring, 14K yellow-gold, size 13. Very nice and appraised at \$600.00; will sell for \$350.00. ,io *Dewhurst, 712 N. Front Street; Crookston, ?.#d56716, (218)281-4459.*

For sale: two par antique cast iron Masonic bookends, \$90.00 each. Also, looking for the revenue stamp, R0106, and a set of 4 Space series Masonic stamps from Honduras, 1972. Always looking to buy antique Masonic items. *Steve Kapp, 301 IS, P.S.C. 76 Box 8285, APO AP 95319-8285.* E-mail: *koatw@.ats,e(.prp*

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 24 years, and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? twill 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 Storok, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705, (520) 888-7585.*

Wanted for cash: all 101< and 141< Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Commander jewels (older items preferred) for my personal collection and for needy Companions and Sir Knights. Above gold prices paid. *Ron York, 124 Topaz Drive, Franklin Park, NJ 08823-1617, (732)297-2030* evenings.

For sale: Fraternal jewelry, 101< and 141<, square and compasses, Lion's Club, Kiwanis, Moose and Elk lapel devices (all screw backs). Also, Eastern Star pins and marry Shiner lapel devices. I have one Ladies of the Shrine of NA. lapel pin and one Elk and two Shriner tie stick pins. Reasonable prices with 10% of all sales to be donated to KTEF. Send SASE for prices to *Highlander Enterprises, 4413 New Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219-1952.*

Wanted: old bottle openers, especially unusual or from old breweries, one or a collection. I will pay from \$1.00 to \$100.00 depending on rainy. *Hwa'd A. Queen, 1001 Cer'eAwoue, hi, Thorpe, PA 18229, (717)325-2612.*

Wanted to buy: Ampico Reproducing Player Piano Rolls. *Robert W. LaSurs, 3 Wooddiffe Drive, Collins wie, IL 62234, (618) 344-1482.*

For sale: Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, IL, 2 adjoining lots, section J. \$800.00 for both or \$450.00 each. (334) 687-4835 or *F Thompson, P.O. Box 981, Eufaula, AL 36072.*

Reunion: U.S.S. Guadalupe (A0-32), August 6-9, 1998, Tucson, Arizona. Reunion is open to all crew member who served aboard during the period from June 1941 to April 1975, when ship was decommissioned. *Arthur C. Tnqilo, 350 S. Stratford Drive, Tucson, AZ 85716, (520)327-3740.*

Reunion: U.S.S. Hyman (DD-732), September 13-20, 1998, San Diego, California. *Robert Moldenhauer, 52 S. 206i Street, Kenilworth, NJ 87033, (906) 276-3455.*

Our Sir Knights

Our Sir Knights beard a battle cry;
In a foreign land their flags fly.
Defending a land where a temple stood,
All brave men, honest and good.

Standing up proud, tall and strong
Against an enemy committing wrongs.
Our Sir Knights fell one by one.
Knowing their values would live on.

Their battle is over, ours is not;
The Christian way still means a lot.
Our Sir Knights today show the way;
The flag still flies, the deeds still sway.

Mrs. Cantrell,
First Vice President
McKinney Assembly No. 263, S.O.O.B., Texas