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Grand Master's Message

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The thoughts conveyed in that great Christian hymn of faith "in the Cross of Christ I Glory" and the words of promise found in the 57th verse of the 15th chapter of the First Epistle to the Corinthians ("But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ") fill our hearts and minds with hope and joy, especially at **Easter when Christians celebrate the death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.** As Christians and particularly as Knights Templar, we each have a cross to bear. Let us express our gratitude for **His** sacrifice for us on Calvary and **His** triumph over the grave by the acceptance of our responsibilities to be Christian Masons in every sense of the title. I wish for you and yours a blessed season



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

Assumption of Leadership

Quite often, as **tread** through various Masonic, business, and other publications; I come across articles dealing with present-day individual and/or corporate leadership education and training or, equally as often, the lack of it. Too often it appears to me, an age-old problem is being redefined and age-old remedies, indeed panaceas, being suggested. "Leadership" is defined as 1) the position or office of a leader or 2) the capacity or ability to lead." Consider this play on the words "assumption of leadership": In one context, it could mean accepting the responsibility for leading in some field of endeavor; in another context, it could mean that it is supposed or presumed that the one who has assumed leadership in some field of endeavor has the education, skills, experience, motivation, attitude, and other characteristics necessary to provide quality leadership. The contexts complement each other. The "assumption of leadership" makes quality organizations. The voluntary taking of the solemn oaths associated with the "assumption of leadership" in an organization commits us without equivocation to loyalty to and support of that organization and to the discharge of our duties and responsibilities to the very best of our abilities at all times and to the limit of our resources. Sir Knights, so be it!

5/50 Works—If You Ask, They Will Come
Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Morris Ward'.

James Morris Ward, KGC
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

APRIL: Check your state's progress on March 6 in the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign. All the figures and new Grand Commander's and Grand Master's club members - everything you want to know - are listed on pages 10 and 11. There is still time to make a difference, but April 30 is just around the corner. Chairman Garnes starting page 8 has advice on how to make sure you get credit for the Campaign. We have inspiring Easter messages from the Grand Master (page 2) and the Grand Prelate (page 5). We have stories about some interesting Masons: Thomas Jenkins (page 18), Gerry Carlton (page 13), and John C. Thomas and his peers (page 26). And as usual there is news from across the nation!

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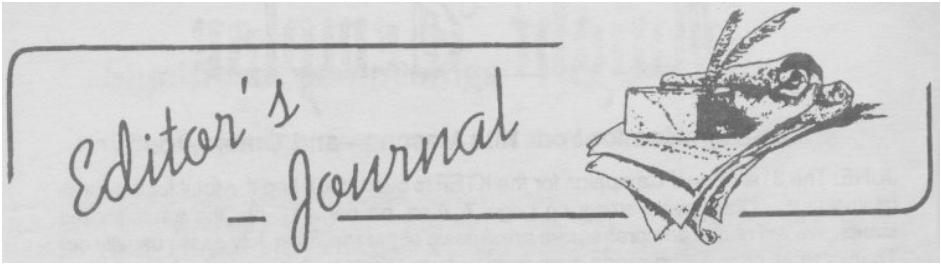
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Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A **green** pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a red Templar Cross pin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

A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right: This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling.

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Be Not Afraid!

by Sir Knight Donald Henslea Smith, MEPGM
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment



In the past most of my Easter messages have dealt with the fear and disbelief displayed by the disciples after Christ was taken and crucified. It always seemed to me that; after they had traveled with Jesus for a time and seen the miracles, heard the parables, and listened to Him teach; they should have had no doubts about Him, no fear for themselves.

However, there was another group of followers of Christ who didn't run and hide because their life-long training had given them duties in their society that others didn't have. The members of this group also traveled with Him, and their love for Him was greater than their fears for themselves. After all, they were thought to be lit-tie better than slaves in their society. They were the women who followed Jesus and His disciples. They had cared for the men, prepared the meals, cleaned the clothes, and carried more than their share of the load.

A woman's duties were endless. She was to have children for her husband's family. She was to care for the children until they were old enough to fend for themselves. Her sons would work with their father, and she would teach her daughters to do all that she did so that they would be ready for marriage.

At the time of a death in the family, she was to prepare the body of the deceased with spices and cloth so that it would be ready for prompt burial. So it was with the women who walked with our Lord as He preached to all who would listen. There are twenty-two passages in the Gospels in which Jesus spoke to individual women who needed Him and His love, and His forgiveness. It was a woman who anointed His head with ointment to comfort Him; another poured oil on His feet and wiped it with her hair as she worshipped Him.

And so it is that as we celebrate on this day the Joy of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, we should take a few moments to think of those who followed Him who didn't run away and hide and who didn't think of themselves but only of their dear Lord and Savior, who was crucified on that Cross of pain and death as they watched and wept.

Some of them who are named in the Gospels are: Mary, mother of Jesus; Mary, mother of James and Joses; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Joanna; and Mary Magdalene. Some of them followed Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus as they took the body of Jesus to the Sepulchre for burial. They watched as He was placed therein and saw the stone rolled in front of the entrance. They departed for home to prepare the spices and coverings for the body, which duties were a woman's, and now even more so for their beloved Jesus.

The Scriptures do not tell us a lot about all of these women except for Mary, the mother of Jesus, who has often been called the woman honored above all women in our history. Of Mary, the mother of James the Less and Joses, little is told of her except that one of her sons, James, was an apostle. She traveled with Jesus and His apostles as they went about Israel. She ministered to Him both with money and care. Her presence at Golgotha as our Lord died and her service in the preparation of the ointments and spice for anointing His dead body showed her as a generous, faithful, loving, and true follower.

Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, James and John, was a good wife and mother who wanted the best for her sons. Her husband was a rich fisherman, who did

not object when his sons

"Let us always think of his final words to Mary Magdalene: 'I am going to ascend to be with my Father and your Father, and My God and your God' and remember that He was also speaking to us, His present-day disciples."

departed to follow the Lord. Salome also went with her sons and ministered to them and Jesus. She strongly believed that Jesus was the Messiah and asked that when He came to rule that her sons sit on either side of Him in power. She soon learned that men gained that honor through service. Her sons became the first and last of the apostolic martyrs; James was the first, and John was the last. She sought earthly crowns for her sons but came to realize that through giving their lives for Christ they gained greater honor in Heaven. Her love of the Lord brought her to Golgotha and the tomb for service.

Joana, the wife of Chuza, Chief Steward to Herod the Tetrarch, was mentioned as one of three women that Jesus healed of evil spirits and infirmities. She was of the upper class, and her husband was trusted to handle the wealth of Herod. After Jesus cured her, she followed Him and contributed liberally with her substance and service. Having ministered to Him in life, she continued in death. She was there when they found the empty tomb. She saw the angels who announced His Resurrection. She was one of the three women who ran to tell the concealed disciples that the Lord had risen. Her faith was boundless. She had been healed by a miracle, and she knew that anything was possible for the Lord. Here was another exam-pie of love and faith overcoming fear.

Mary Magdalene was a woman of comfortable circumstances who was afflicted by seven demons. These could have been either medical or mental. She came to Jesus believing that He could help her. Her faith was true for He cast the demons out of her body, and she was cured. Returned to her right mind, she

wanted to follow and help the Lord in His travels. So here is another woman, who was able to minister with her service and her substance, joined with the group of the faithful. She gave up her home in Magdeia to follow Jesus. She followed Him to his trial, to His cross, and to His tomb. She was the first to see Him after He had risen. A poet reminds us of her love and faith by saying:

Not she with traitorous kiss her Master stung,
Not she denied him with unfaithful tongue;
She, when Apostles fled, could dangers brave,
Last at the Cross, and earliest at the grave.

On the morning of the first day of the week, while the disciples were still hidden from the priests and the Romans, a group of women led by Mary Madgalene walked to the Sepulchre to prepare the body of the Son of God for final burial.

But He was not there. Fear came upon them. They saw two angels in the tomb who told them to tell the disciples to go to Galilee, that the Lord would join them there.

And as they departed the tomb in fear and sadness, Jesus appeared to them as they went to tell the disciples what they had seen. "Be not afraid," He told them.

Fear and sadness were gone. They had seen the Lord.

So it was for the women who served Him and others - the women who loved Him more than they feared for themselves. He first appeared after His Resurrection to the women who had served Him.

On this wonderful day of Christian celebration, as we gather here, let us thank Him, whom we love as our Savior, for all that he has given to us: not only for the great demonstrations of love which he has shown us in His teachings, but also for that love given to us by our mothers and fathers, our wives and husbands, and our children.

Let us always think of his final words to Mary Magdelene: "I am going to ascend to be with my Father and your Father, and My God and your God." And remember that He was also speaking to us, His present-day disciples. AMEN.

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith presents "Be Not Afraid" at the 68th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 12, 1998.

A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master James M. Ward to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at this traditional Easter service. For those who are unable to attend the 1998 Easter ceremony in Alexandria or who wish to read the Grand Prelate's Message in addition to being there, here we share it with you. Sir Knight Smith has served as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, 1985-1988, and was the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Kentucky, 1974-1975. Sir Knight Smith resides at 1041 Idylwild Drive, Richmond, KY 40475.

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

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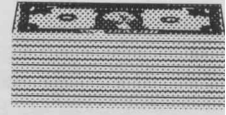
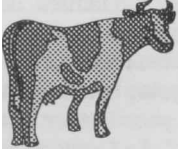
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Every Sir Knight should be proud to wear the emblem of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. SUPPORT YOUR CHARITY, SUPPORT TEMPLARY.



The 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign

It's Roundup Time at the KTEF

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

In days gone by, when there were cattle drives, there was always "roundup time" to gather all the strays that had wandered away from the herd. It made little difference where the herd was heading, but it was necessary to recover those that had gone astray. Other occasions for "gathering in" all that may have been forgotten, regardless of whether they concern animals or some tangible articles, are often referred to as "roundup time." The things that we gather in our daily lives are numerous, and this reference is only used **to remind all members of the Grand Encampment, all Commanderies, and all Sir Knights wherever dispersed** that there is only one month left in the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign, and it is time for each of us to gather up those pennies, nickels, and dollars that have been set aside for **the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**. How often we plan to contribute but don't get around to it. Or we send funds to our Campaign chairmen or Recorders, and for some reason these funds do not get forwarded during the Voluntary Campaign.

I am asking every Sir Knight to do three things before April 30, 1998:

1. Did you send a donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation during this campaign? If not, please do so before the end of April.



2. If you made a donation, did you receive an acknowledgement? If not, follow up and find out where it went. If the check was made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the cancelled check answers the question.
3. If you sent money to the Recorder of your Commandery for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, make sure he remembered to send it to the Chicago office.

The above requests, if followed, could produce a sizeable amount of money at "Roundup Time" In the 30th Voluntary Campaign!

Sometimes when people are very outspoken we say laughingly "Don't hold back," and I

say to every Sir Knight in the Grand Encampment, to every Sir Knight who professes to be a dedicated Templar: "Don't hold back," but help the 30th Annual Voluntary Campaign to be a sizeable contribution in helping others to see.

Dates and times are important. As it was important in the cattle roundup to depart on a certain date or arrive at a destination at the allotted time, so it is important for the roundup of the funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to be in the mail by April 30, 1998.

How often do we hear of someone or some Commandery that did not get their funds in on time and did not receive credit during the Campaign. Let's not have any

strays that somehow wandered away and were never found like a lost calf; rather, let's be sure that all stray funds make it to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation office on time.

The Most Eminent Grand Master and all the trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation thank all of our contributors for your moral and financial support.

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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Eugene C. Maillard (WA) - 382,586.52
W. Hobart Trivett (VA) – 16,000.00

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Ben Burroughs (MO) – 90,000.00

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Lynn D. Hudgeons
New Mexico
Grand Commander-1983
Born July 11, 1924
Died January 28, 1997

Wilder Drew Carr
Maine
Grand Commander-1959
Born June 30, 1903
Died January 14, 1998

Paul Jackson James
Connecticut
Grand Commander-1971
Born October 3, 1907
Died February 12, 1998

Grand Commander's Club

Out of Sequence

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No. 100,751 -Charles A. Lott (GA)
No. 100,752-Don Wendel, Jr. (OH)
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No. 100,755-David K. Dickson (IA)
No. 100,756-Robert A. Barnhart (OH)
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Grand Master's Club

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Park by Bobby C. Park (AL)
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Grand Master's Club And
Grand Commander's Club Pins

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

Life Sponsorship Pins Available

This very attractive pin in the shape of a shield is available for a donation of \$7.00 each or \$5.00 each in lots of twenty. Show your Commandery members that you are a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by ordering yours today. Pins are available to

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Thirtieth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending March 6, 1998. The total amount contributed to date is \$391,302.17.

Alabama	\$6,749.00	New Mexico.....	5,725.63
Arizona.....	2,525.00	New York.....	17,488.11
Arkansas	1,694.00	North Carolina.....	7,046.79
California.....	14,495.62	North Dakota.....	436.00
Colorado.....	8,398.50	Ohio.....	8,088.34
Connecticut.....	10,191.00	Oklahoma.....	810.00
Delaware.....	1,887.55	Oregon	8,008.57
District of Columbia	1,511.00	Pennsylvania.....	22,536.31
Florida.....	8,602.21	South Carolina	10,278.37
Georgia	48,236.77	South Dakota.....	13,388.00
Idaho.....	4,200.66	Tennessee	6,407.26
Illinois	12,456.32	Texas	5,515.50
Indiana	3,927.68	Utah.....	7,955.00
Iowa.....	11,837.69	Vermont.....	5,680.00
Kansas.....	2,949.85	Virginia	11,925.00
Kentucky	7,223.00	Washington	7,239.83
Louisiana.....	7,504.59	West Virginia.....	3,448.00
Maine	120.00	Wisconsin.....	3,149.00
Maryland	7,311.25	Wyoming	1,306.66
Mass/RI.....	10,074.55	Philippines.....	54.00
Michigan.....	11,722.50	Honolulu No. 1	30.00
Minnesota.....	3,499.00	Alaska No. 1	100.00
Mississippi.....	1,574.00	Porto Rico No. 1.....	750.00
Missouri.....	22,835.81	Anchorage No. 2	130.00
Montana.....	1,251.50	Tokyo No. 1	110.00
Nebraska.....	744.50	Heidelberg No. 2, Germany... 1,610.00	
Nevada.....	5,400.00	Harry J. Miller No. 5, Germany ...60.00	
New Hampshire.....	11,906.50	Miscellaneous.....	6,350.90
New Jersey	4,844.85		

HAPPY EASTER!

Beatitudes for Leaders

Blessed are the leaders who have not sought the high places, but who have been drafted into service because of their ability and willingness to serve.

Blessed are the leaders who know where they are going, why they are going, and how to get there.

Blessed are the leaders who know no discouragement, who present no alibis.

Blessed are the leaders who know how to lead without being dictatorial; true leaders are humble.

Blessed are the leaders who seek the best for the good of those they serve.

Blessed are the leaders who lead for the good of the most concerned, and not for the personal gratification of their own ideas.

Blessed are the leaders who develop Leaders while leading.

Blessed are the leaders who march with the group, interpret correctly the signs of the pathways that lead to success.

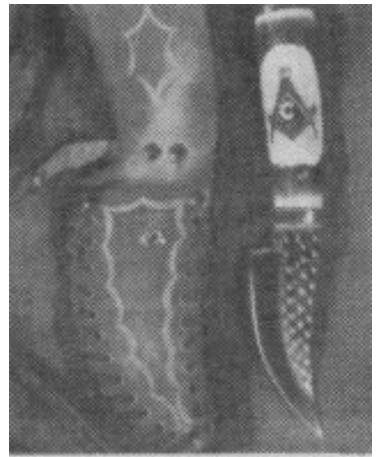
Blessed are the leaders who have their heads in the clouds but their feet on the ground

Blessed are the leaders who consider leadership an opportunity for service

*author unknown;
submitted by Sir Knight Bruce Pruitt, P/D.C., P4.C.*

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Roosevelt University Decorator-Foreman and Freemason Retires After More Than 40 Years of Restoration Efforts

by Sir Knight Mark Wukas

When Gerry Canton stepped into the Auditorium Theatre for the first time in December 1954, he was horrified by the sight. Carlton, who had just been hired by Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, as a painter and decorator, saw a great stream of water pouring on to the seats from a broken skylight and forming puddles on the floor.

"It was so desolate," said Carlton. "I figured no one'd ever be using that place again."

Thirty-four years later, Carlton had the satisfaction of watching his son, Joseph, walk across the same stage, then safe and dry, to receive his master's degree from Roosevelt.

"I felt like I was part of that ceremony because I helped restore the stage," he said.

After more than four decades of working for Roosevelt, Carlton is more than another painter at the Auditorium Building: He has been the unsung hero of its restoration. Canton was born in western Kentucky and came to Chicago to attend Washburn Trade School, where he graduated in painting and decorating. Roosevelt University was his first - and only - full-time job. He retired as Decorator Foreman in August 1997.

The Auditorium Building, which is a national historic landmark, was begun in 1889 by architects Dankmar Adler and Louis Sullivan as a combination hotel, auditorium, and office building, making it perhaps one of the first multi-purpose buildings ever built. Although it's hard to imagine now, the building was one of the most advanced of its day. It was the first building in the world wired for electricity (to be supplied by eleven dynamos in the basement), and its tower made it the tallest building in Chicago in 1891. The Auditorium Theatre was the home of Chicago's opera company, and the actress Sarah Bernhardt is said to have kept a room in the Auditorium Hotel.

Unfortunately, the hotel, never a money-maker, went into receivership in 1930, and efforts to keep it open collapsed around 1940

The Auditorium Building was in such a severe state of disrepair that demolition was considered, but the cost to tear it down was more than the land was worth. No one knew what to do with it. The USO used the building to entertain troops during World War II, going so far as to put a bowling alley on the Auditorium Theatre stage. Roosevelt University, which was founded in 1945, bought the building in 1946 and moved in in 1947.

When Carlton joined the Roosevelt University maintenance staff in 1954, the condition of the Auditorium Building was a far cry from its current level of restoration. In addition to the missing theatre skylight, Carlton remembers the original open-car elevators, whose hydraulic seals would break regularly and soak the student passengers; he remembers removing plumbing from the old hotel rooms and knocking down walls to create classrooms, offices and labs; he remembers the slow, painstaking process of restoring the Auditorium Building room by room, panel by panel, because the school had no money for big projects.

"A lot of rooms hadn't been used in years, and there was simply no money for renovation," he said. "The school bought the place for back taxes, and they had to borrow that."

Carlton started when Roosevelt's founding president, James Sparling, was still on the job.

"President Sparling was a kind, soft-spoken man who was fussy about his dress," said Canton. "If his shirt was not white, he'd get after the cleaners."

"It was a different story at the school, though. He wouldn't let us paint his office. He said that if donors came he wanted it to look like Roosevelt needed the money."

Carlton said that from the very beginning, Sparling made it a priority to save and to restore the Auditorium Theatre, which put him at odds with some board members,

some of whom suggested gutting the dilapidated theatre and building an interior parking garage.

"A lot of the board didn't want school funds going toward restoration, so they resigned, but Sparling thought the theater would be good for the school," he said.

As for the former hotel and retail sections of the Auditorium Building, Canton said, "The rooms were in such bad shape that we felt like quitting. We were doing more plastering than painting."

Every day on the job hold the potential for surprise. Canton said he'd heard of frescoes in the old dining room, now the library, but everyone had thought they had been destroyed. One day in the late 1980s he was standing on a scaffold in the library, picking through forty layers of paint with a knife, when he found a piece of painted canvas. Experts were called in, and the two frescoes in the library were restored to their former glory.

There was another surprise on the main stairwell between the second and third floors. As Canton was pulling out some plywood paneling from old window alcoves, he found the original stained-glass windows which also had been thought long destroyed.

Canton put his talents to work on the Auditorium Theatre restoration as well, painting and plastering with other craftsmen from scaffolding that filled the immense theatre for seven years. He painstakingly made castings of the plaster ornamentation and then made copies for the restoration efforts.

"We'd work until the money ran out," he said. "Then they'd raise another \$50,000 or \$60,000, and we'd go back to work."

Through the years, Canton has become a waking architectural encyclopedia and history of the Auditorium Building, tossing off facts about the place: "The wood paneling in the library is Honduran mahogany." "Hotel rooms facing Michigan Avenue had private baths - those on Congress shared."

"The original workmen put burlap in the plaster in order to strengthen it." "The original light bulbs were called 'Edison burners.'" "The parade balcony on the second-floor lounge used to be open air, but the smoke from the railroad tracks across Michigan Avenue forced the hotel to put in windows."

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Of all the nooks and crannies of the Auditorium Building, Carlton's favorite room is Ganz Hall, which is located on the seventh floor. Restoration work there began in 1955, making it one of his first projects. Ganz Hall, which currently is used as a performance and recital hall by the Chicago Musical College of the College of the Performing Arts, originally was designed as a ballroom and banquet hall and served as a Masonic Lodge from 1914-34. However, Ganz Hall suffered badly after the Auditorium Hotel finally closed, and by the 1950s, its sheet-metal skin provided little or no protection from the elements. Without any climate control, the paint, plaster and woodwork had suffered considerable damage.

"The murals were black they were so dirty," he said. "All of the columns and capitals were taken out and sanded one by one." Today the murals are still dirty, and fundraising efforts are underway to finish the job started in the mid-1950s.

"I like to go to Ganz Hall because that's where I first did my restoration work," he said. "Every bit of work that I ever had to do in the rest of the Auditorium Building- plastering, painting, mural restoration - was in one room. I would like to have seen that done before I left."

After forty-two years, Canton probably knows the details of the Auditorium Building better than Louis Sullivan himself.

"Quite a few people have studied the man, but my knowledge is on restoration," he said. "My interest is in the stencil designs and ornamental plaster."

Carlton's office was in the basement of the Auditorium Building, which is the headquarters for the maintenance staff. Although his desk was tidy, it was surrounded by shelves filled with stencils and plaster moldings and flanked by walls of paint cans. Pinned to one column was a map of Kentucky, where he has a

vacation house trailer which has served as his sport fishing headquarters for the last three or four years.

There is a strong sense of tradition among the maintenance staff. Canton's first boss was John Schauer, who had started working at the Auditorium Building as a hotel bellhop in 1907 at the age of fifteen before working his way up to elevator operator, fireman, engineer, and finally building superintendent before he retired in 1957.

"When John retired, they were tearing out the USO bowling alley which was built during World War II to entertain the troops passing through Chicago," he said. "I've heard that he built a farmhouse floor in Michigan with that bowling alley."

Carlton laughs when asked if the Auditorium Building is haunted, but he says he feels Sullivan's presence in the tower, which held his architectural offices.

"I often thought that we'd tear out an old bookshelf and find something of his, but we never did," he said. However, we did feel his presence up there. Sullivan was a great architect, and everything he did was being done for the first time. He was an inventor."

As Carlton walks through the building, his eyes are always searching, looking for some new detail that he may somehow have missed during his forty-two-year tenure in the Auditorium Building.

"What worries me most when I leave here," he said, is that they'll find something valuable and throw it away.

"I'm going to miss the place. I enjoyed working here. I'm not going to forget this place. When I leave, it'll be like I'm going on vacation, but this time I'm not coming back."

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Gerry Canton examines one of many stencils he cut and used in the restoration.

Happy Easter!

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

Chapter II

Period of Consolidation, 1949-1961 Forty-eighth Conclave, 1961

A proposal was made to establish Section 237/2 to create a 'Knight Templar Cross of Honor'; nine conditions and stipulations were listed. There was considerable discussion and several recommended changes, with the result that it was left for the next conclave to decide on what should be done with it.

If a proposed amendment passed, Section 80 would read: "Except as provided in Section 58(f), subsection 2, petitions for the Orders or membership shall be acted upon at stated conclaves only, and may be balloted on at the same stated conclave at which they are presented." Sir Knight Herbert T. White, Grand Commander of Nebraska, the proposer, explained that this would put the Commanderies working the same way as Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and Councils of Royal and Select Masters, which had operated that way for several years, and would do away with the requirement for a dispensation from the Grand Commander. The Grand Master stated his opposition; the vote was taken and the amendment failed.

Another proposal which failed was a change to Section 135 which would have read "Each Grand Commandery may determine whether or not its Constituent Commanderies may adopt by-laws providing for Life Memberships. If a Grand Commandery shall determine its Constituent Commanderies may adopt by-laws providing for Life Memberships, then such Grand Commandery must prescribe the minimum conditions of such

memberships. Each Grand Commandery shall have the sole and exclusive right to prescribe the minimum requirements for its Constituent Commanderies to adopt by-laws for life memberships. No Life Memberships heretofore issued shall be invalidated thereby."

Nine Class "A" teams and sixteen Class "B" teams competed in the Drill Competition. The participants of these teams and their ladies were feted at a luncheon on Tuesday in the Cleveland Public Auditorium. Each participant received an award for his participation.

A previous proposal was revised to alter the terminology from "life membership" in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to "life sponsor" for a donation of \$30.00; it was approved. Each Sir Knight who became a life sponsor would be relieved of the \$1.00 per year assessment for the Eye Foundation.

On Thursday morning, the following elected Grand Encampment officers were installed: Sir Knights: Paul Miller Moore, Most Eminent Grand Master; Wilbur Marion Brucker, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; John Lawton Crofts, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; George Wilbur Bell, Right Eminent Grand Captain General; Edmund F. Ball, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer; and John Temple Rice, Right Eminent Grand Recorder.

Chapter III

The beginning of a Period of Declining Membership, 1961-1970

As seen near the end of the previous chapter, the total membership had fallen during the year 1961 by 375 members.

This presaged a trend which at this writing has not yet changed. The greatest one-year loss since 1961 was in 1992 and was 11,596 members! There have been increases in individual Grand Commanderies for some one year, but there has not been a single year since 1961 when there was an overall increase.

During the Forty-ninth Triennial Conclave in Philadelphia in 1964 the Committee on Membership made a somewhat lengthy report. The report stated that demits and suspensions accounted for almost 50% of the losses in membership. In hindsight it seems that the members of the Committee were "whistling in the dark" and unwilling to acknowledge that knightings could no longer keep up with the number of those who demitted or were suspended; it seems they just could not believe that any Templar would voluntarily give up his membership in the organization. This indicates that at the time it was felt that the loss in membership was a short term blip that would right itself within a short time. To indicate how wrong that assumption was, on the Grand Master's Page (page 2) in the September 1994 issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine, Most Eminent Grand Master Blair C. Mayford stated, "Our main goal this triennium is membership, membership, membership." During that thirty year period (1964-1994), the membership loss had been from 398,564 in 1960 to 246,323 in 1993.

Forty-ninth Conclave, 1964

Promptly at noon on Saturday, August 22, 1964, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, the Most Eminent Grand Master, was received through the lines. He requested that the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilbur Marion Brucker, preside over all business sessions of the conclave.

The Sir Knights were welcomed by Honorable Frederic A. Mann, representative

of the Mayor of Philadelphia; Sir Knight Brucker responded to the welcome on behalf of the assembly. After the roll was called, Sir Knight John Laird read portions of the Grand Master's Report. One recommendation of the Grand Master was that each Grand Commander who had not already done so should appoint a committee for the maintenance of membership and for recruitment. The net membership

for this triennium was 7,239. When the Committee on Membership gave its lengthy report, it showed that demits and suspensions accounted for 49.83% of the losses. In the Membership Recruitment section of the report was the statement "To emphasize the negative matter of holding down suspensions and demits is hardly worth the product we have to offer."

During this triennium, charters were issued to Hermann von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurtam-Main, and Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Heidelberg, both in West Germany; a charter was also issued for the formation of a Grand Commandery of the Philippines. Charters were granted for St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2, Dover, Delaware, and Al Hasa Commandery, No. 1, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The charter of Juneau Commandery No.3 of Juneau, Alaska, was arrested for failure to submit annual reports and dues. Also, a decree was issued to allow members of Havana Commandery No. 1 of Havana, Cuba, to retain their membership by paying their dues to the Grand Recorder, or to receive demits.

The parade was held at 7:00 P.M., Saturday evening; the Grand Master with distinguished guests viewed the parade from a reviewing stand in front of Independence Hall. Divine Service was held on Sunday. More than 900 attended the formal banquet held in the main ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.



Brother Thomas A. Jenkins
Welsh-American Congressman
by Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH

In recent years much has been written about the contributions of various ethnic groups to American culture and society. One of the most influential although least heralded are the Welsh, a Celtic people who hailed from the far western side of Great Britain. When the U.S. was industrializing in the late 19th century, the Welsh often mined the coal and fired the furnaces that made it possible. Many of these Welshmen joined Masonic lodges. During the 1960s two Welsh-Americans from southern Ohio - Dan Jenkins and Ben Evans - served terms as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, while another, Jim Rhodes, spent much of the decade as the Buckeye State Governor. Across the American scene noted Welsh-American Masons have ranged from farmer businessman, Bob Evans, to mine union legend, John L. Lewis.

Another major figure among Welsh-Americans is the subject of this sketch, Thomas Albert Jenkins, who spent a third of a century in the United States Congress. Although he never attained great fame outside of his southern Ohio district, Brother Jenkins had become a virtual legend there, long before his period of national service ended.

Tom Jenkins was born in Oak Hill, Ohio, on October 28, 1880. His parents, Samuel and Ann Jenkins, had migrated to the heart of the southeastern Ohio Welsh settlements from their native land with their four older children in 1870. In Ohio, the family had nine more children of which Tom ranked third from the youngest. The elder Jenkins worked in the coal mines and took part in the affairs of the town's thriving Welsh-Congregational Church (now a museum) and other local

affairs. It was said that Tom's mother never enjoyed life in America and continued to speak Welsh for the rest of her life. Oak Hill had a strong industrial base with numerous brick yards, and nearby coal mines and charcoal-fueled iron furnaces. Most of the male populace went to work in their teens. Sam Jenkins stressed education and temperance to his children. Seven became teachers and two became lawyers.

After finishing high school in 1897, young Tom, who had been reared on hard work, taught school and attended a local institution of higher learning, Providence University, which he hoped would prepare him for law school. Meanwhile his father died in 1901. Tom continued to teach and did farm labor in the summer.



Congressman and Brother Thomas A. Jenkins. Photo from Athens Messenger with the aid of William Conrad.

In the spring of 1902, he petitioned Portland Lodge No. 366 in Oak Hill and received his Entered Apprentice Degree on June 26, 1902. He was passed on July 21 and raised on August 28, 1902. Many years later while riding through Oak Hill on a political trip accompanied by Sir Knight Earl Jenkins of Ironton, the latter remembered the aging Tom pointing out a hay field and recalling that he labored all day on that particular farm the day he received his Master Mason degree.

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Although Jenkins had been able to save but little money, he entered law school in 1903 but had to work part time as a bill collector. He graduated in 1907 and opened a law practice in Ironton.

Meanwhile he began a courtship with Miss Mabel Wynne of Columbus. They married in Oak Hill on January 19, 1909.

Newly married and settled in Ironton with a prospering law practice, Tom Jenkins became more involved in local affairs. On February 24, 1910 he affiliated with Lawrence Lodge No. 198 in Ironton, having applied for a demit the previous month. He also took the capitular degrees in La Grange Chapter No. 68, Royal Arch Masons, being exalted on October 16, 1914. He then took the Cryptic degrees in Ohio Council No. 92 and remained a member of all these bodies for the rest of his life. Some doubt exists as to whether he took the Chivalric Orders or not as the records of Ironton Commandery No. 45 are missing for the years 1916-1919 when he would likely have joined. However, the minutes of that body took no note of his passing as did the others.

Jenkins also joined the Methodist Church and served as secretary of the Ironton Flood Relief Committee.

In 1916, he won an easy victory as a Republican to the office of Prosecuting

Attorney. Two terms as a prosecutor enhanced the Welshman's reputation. Jenkins won the majority of some five hundred cases handled in those years and also worked hard in World War I bond sale drives and in Red Cross fund-raising.

After a year back in full-time private practice in 1921, he sought and won a seat in the State Senate. His main achievement, the Jenkins Act, equalized educational institutions throughout the state."

Southeastern Ohio school districts seem to have always been perpetually under funded, and the Jenkins Act provided a corrective. Ironically, no "fix" ever lasts long for the Ohio Legislature continues to grapple with this problem in 1997 and 1998.

In 1924, the ambitious Jenkins decided to seek the local seat in Congress. Incumbent Republican, Israel M. Foster (a member of Athens Commandery No. 15 and the other Masonic bodies in Athens, Ohio), had served three terms and earned some fame as sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment to ban child labor. Apparently little ideological difference existed between the two men and both generally appealed to voters on the issue of party loyalty, and the fact that Foster had held office for three terms. Jenkins campaigned heavily on the Washington-like slogan "Two terms are enough for any man." Tom won the primary and general election and went on to serve for seventeen terms. Foster accepted defeat gracefully and went on to serve seventeen years in a federal judicial position.

During his years in Congress Tom Jenkins built up an enviable record in constituent services that undoubtedly helped sustain him in office for so long. When visiting various public events in any locality in his district, he always made a point to have someone in the community nearby to supply first names of area residents. This enabled

him to give the impression that he knew most of his constituents on a first name basis.

Jenkins did much more than simple grandstanding for the folks back home. He also took an active part in Congressional actions. His early years were characterized by concentration on immigration issues. Although the son of immigrants himself, Tom generally favored tighter restrictions. This position put him in frequent conflict with Sir Knight Fiorello La Guardia of New York who opposed further restrictions on newcomers.

The coming of the Great Depression followed by the New Deal changed the focus of Congress during the thirties and placed Jenkins and the GOP into the minority.

Like many Republicans, he supported some New Deal measures and opposed others. The Welsh-American voted yes for Social Security, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the N.R.A., and the Agricultural Adjustment Act. However, he adamantly cast a no vote on the Tennessee Valley Authority, the W.P.A., and Tariff Reciprocity.

Becoming disillusioned with the N.R.A. even before the Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional, he then favored the Guffey-Snyder Act on behalf of coal miners. In fact, throughout his tenure in Congress, Jenkins enjoyed solid support from coal miners and their union..

How active Tom Jenkins remained in Masonic circles is hard to determine. Certainly he did not neglect them entirely. For instance on April 22, 1932 he was principal speaker at a special meeting of Paramuthia Lodge No. 25 in Athens, Ohio. Brethren constituted their program around the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth and took up a collection for a contribution to the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

The coming of World War II saw an increasing shift toward foreign problems on the part of Congress. Jenkins generally identified with the isolationist faction in Congress opposing Lend-Lease, revision of the Neutrality acts, and Selective Service. After Pearl Harbor, however, he supported war efforts, but continued to criticize domestic restrictions, especially in the area of food pricing and production.

The 1946 elections witnessed the first gaining of a Republican Congress since Herbert Hoover's day. Jenkins became a candidate for Majority leader but lost out to

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Representative Charles Hallock of Indiana. Jenkins continued as a critic of the Truman foreign policy opposing the President's aid to Greece and Turkey, but favoring the modified Taft-Hartley Act. Not wholly critical of Fair Deal programs, Jenkins supported increases in the minimum wage and extending Social Security coverage. He also authored a bill enabling states to collect taxes on mail order cigarettes.

In his latter years in Congress, Jenkins became increasingly less active. He spoke out strongly in opposition to Communism and worked to secure projects for his district, one of which was the dam on Sunday Creek that resulted in the creation of Lake Burr Oak, referred to in the *Glouster Press* as the best locale "in the state by a dam site." As a result of his efforts, the completed dam bore his name. A wing of the hospital in his home town of Oak Hill was also named for the Congressional veteran.

In 1952, Tom Jenkins received his fifty-year pin from Lawrence Lodge and continued to serve in Congress for the first six years of the Eisenhower presidency. He favored most of Ike's fiscal and economic policies but opposed much of his foreign policy programs. Sir Knight Earl Jenkins of Ironton, who accompanied the veteran lawmaker on his travels, recalls that Tom showed increasing signs of old age and that the younger man often took over the driving chores in the interest of safety.

In 1956, Jenkins won his seventeenth term in Congress, but had a primary opponent in the person of Athens Mayor Peter B. Seel (a member of Paramuthia Lodge No. 25). The latter no doubt had a greater interest in positioning himself for a future run but died in an auto accident the following year. In 1958, Jenkins faced another strong primary challenge from Sir Knight Homer "Pete" Abele (of Delta Lodge No. 207 and Jackson Commandery No. 53).

That November proved to be a disaster for Republicans, and the Tenth Ohio District went Democratic for the first time in the century. Sir Knight Abele eventually did win election to Congress in November 1962.

As for the retired Jenkins, he lived for only eleven months after his term ended, passing away in a private nursing home in Worthington, Ohio, on December 21, 1959.

On January 11, 1960, many of his former colleagues in the House paid verbal tributes to their deceased comrade. Brother Clarence Brown, a longtime Congressman himself and 33^o Mason, summed up his deceased Brother's legacy: "Tom Jenkins' life was one of accomplishment, which again demonstrates the opportunity America and our system of government afford to all who wish to work hard and live an upright life."

Increasingly forgotten by a younger generation and remembered primarily today by old-timers, Brother Tom Jenkins deserves to be remembered as one of the outstanding Welsh-Americans of his day, as one of the most durable Congressmen of this century, and as a distinguished Mason in public service.

Note: No biography of Tom Jenkins exists but the unpublished M.A. Thesis by Henry F Tribe, "An Ohio Republican in Turbulent times: The Political Career of Thomas A. Jenkins, 1880-1959" (Ohio University, 1982) is an adequate account. In researching Jenkins' Masonic background, I am indebted to Sir Knights Walter Butler, Earl Jenkins, and especially Lloyd Webb, all of Ironton Commandery No. 45, and also Sir Knight Clayton Smith of Athens Commandery No. 15. The photographs are courtesy of the Athens Messenger through the aid of Brother William Conrad of Savanna Lodge No. 466, Guysville, Ohio. Also thanks to Miss Ashy Goodnite for technical assistance.

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Congressman Jenkins in later years. He was raised in Portland Lodge No. 366, Oak Hill, Ohio; demitted to Lawrence Lodge No. 198, Ironton, Ohio; exalted in LaGrange Chapter No. 68; member of Ohio Council No. 92. He was a 50-year member in 1952. Photo courtesy of the Athens Messenger with the aid of Sir Knight William Conrad.

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Grand Commandery Officers of Indiana Attend Inspection

It was a "Grand" inspection for New Castle Commandery No. 44, New Castle, Indiana, when they were honored to have the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Indiana, Sir Knight James W. Prairie, and his officers, wives, and guests attend their inspection. Christmas dinner and fellowship were enjoyed following the inspection in the Knights of Pythias Hall. Pictured, first row, left to right: Ronald Simpson, E.G.I.G.; Rod Gardner;



Sterile R. Dishman, E.G., No. 44; James W. Prairie, R.E.G.G.; Tim Lewis, candidate, No. 44; Robert J. Frazer, V.E.D.G.G.; Gene Lackey, C.G., No. 67.

Pictured, middle row: Arthur Razor, Sentinel, No. 44; Ted Snodgrass, Recorder, No. 44; Byron Schall, Commander, No. 8; Mark Schall; Bob Thompson; Duane Vaught, E.G.Sr.W.; David Beard, G.E., No. 44; Bob Faulkner; Irvin Bitting, E.G.C.G.; George Kirkpatrick, St. B., No. 44; George Polk, Treasurer, No. 44; Delbert Stout, G.G., No. 44; Paul Simmerly, Warden, No. 44. Pictured back row: Gregory E. Snipes, E.G.Jr.W.; Harry McLearn; Henry LaHurreau, E.G.G.; James McKim, Sw.B., No. 44; F. Keith Dunn II, Sr. W., No. 44. Not pictured was Sam Giesman, Jr. W., No. 44.

Virginia Knights Templar And Knights Of Columbus Observe Religious Freedom Day In Fredericksburg, Virginia



The annual Religious Freedom Day was held on Sunday, January 11, 1998, and was observed by twenty Knights Templar in full uniform. The Knights Templar assembled with Knights of Columbus in the parking lot of the First Christian Church located on Washington Avenue in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and marched to the Religious Freedom monument for a service and wreath laying ceremony. Sir Knight Stewart W. Miner delivered a moving and eloquent

speech detailing the history and significance of religious freedom and this observance. For many years Sir Knight George D. Stevens, R.E.P.G.C., has worked with the Knights of Columbus to make this observance a success. Among the Virginia Knights Templar were Sir Knights: Robert M. Ohman, R.E.G.C.; John Wigglesworth, *Grand Generalissimo* Richard Baldwin, *Grand Captain General* of the *Grand Encampment, USA*; George Stevens, R.E.P.G.C. and *Grand Marshal*; Frank Dunaway, D.D.G.C., 3rd District; William Tyndall, *Commander*, Fredericksburg No. 1; and Donald Willard, *Commander*, Fairfax No. 25. (Article by Sir Knight John Mayberry, *E.P.C.*, Fredericksburg No. 1.)

Brother Installs Brother In Montana

In the picture Jack D. Rehberg (left), 33°, Past Grand Master of Montana, Scottish Rite Inspector of Montana, and member of Billings, Montana York Rite Bodies, installs his brother Sir Knight Wallace A. Rehberg, Eminent Commander of Colfax Commandery No. 15, Washington, as Master of Whitman Lodge No. 49, Pullman, Washington



S.O.O.B. Member Starts Year With KTEF And Holy Land Pilgrimage Donation



Lady Charlene L. Howard, a member of the Ocala Assembly No. 249, S.O.O.B., Ocala, Florida, presented a check for \$200 to her husband, Sir Knight William A. Howard., R.E.P.G.C. (1988). Sir Knight Howard is the newly installed Eminent Commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 42, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and also a Past Commander (1979) of the same Commandery. Receiving the check was Sir Knight Howard's first official duty after being installed. Lady Charlene earned the money by the collection of aluminum cans, and one hundred will go to the KTEF and the second hundred to the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Lady Charlene offers this as a challenge to all members to make the extra effort.

Ohio S.O.O.B. Member Serves Third Term As Worthy President

Pictured are the Worthy President of East Liverpool Assembly No. 71, Mrs. John Hopper, and her granddaughter, Anna Wilson. Anna is presenting her grandmother with the gavel she used in two previous terms as President of the Assembly: 1970 and 1981. East Liverpool celebrated its 50th anniversary during Mrs. Hopper's 1981 term.



In Kansas: "Gifts Keep On Giving:
Donors Support Masonic Home, Others Too"

Charitable Masonic Outreach

Charles Seshier, President of the Chanute Rotary Club (left) and Past Grand Master William J. "Bill" Brown, who is the General Chairman of the Room Refurnishing Appeal at Kansas Masonic Home, view one of the manual, crank-type beds which were being replaced by modern Hill-Ram electric models in December. Months of hard work on the Appeal ended with



a bonus for Masonic-affiliated people associated with Kansas Masonic Home. The former, manual, crank-type beds and mattresses were needed for other health-care missions in Kansas and possibly in several foreign countries.

Early Christmas for SAD Residents

Sydney Rhodes, R.N., (left) Director of the S. Allan Daugherty Medical Pavilion, and the clinical consultant for Hill-Rom, Debbie O'Connor, R.N., view one of the new Hill-Rom long-term beds designed expressly for durability, ease of use, and resident comfort. Wichita-area Masons unloaded, assembled, and delivered the furniture to residents in time for Christmas 1997. The delivery was due to the generous donations from Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, other Masonic-affiliated groups, private companies, considerate individuals, and foundations. Past Grand Master William J. "Bill" Brown says donors provided 'some direct, tangible comfort and joy to the elderly health-care residents in our Medical Pavilion.'



Commemorative Coins To Assist Knights Templar Educational Foundation In New York

These 1 1/4-inch coins commemorate the 184th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York State and have a motto of the order on one side and information pertaining to the 184th Annual Conclave on the other. The coins are available at a cost of \$6.50 each, including postage and handling. The net proceeds will be given to the Educational Foundation, state of New York. Make checks or money orders payable to: Walter Drake, Jr., P.G.C.;



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Easter Customs Around The World

Many customs connected with the Easter season come from pagan festivals of spring, while others stem from Passover celebrations. In many countries around the world, the two influences have merged, creating longstanding holiday traditions. Maundy Thursday is called *Green Thursday* in much of the world. In many European countries, green food, such as herb soup, kale, spinach, and salad greens, is served. The Germans color eggs green on Maundy Thursday and carry these eggs with them all day long for good luck. The giving of alms has come to be associated with Maundy Thursday. Queen Elizabeth I of England is rumored to have washed the feet of a poor person, using a basin of water filled with sweet smelling herbs, spices, and flowers. In England today, the custom is somewhat updated as the Queen gives money to the poor every Holy Thursday.

Foot washing on that day is still an important custom in other countries, however. The pope washes the feet of thirteen of his associates at Saint Peter's Cathedral in Rome. Twelve of them symbolize the apostles. The thirteenth represents the angel who reportedly appeared in the sixth century at the table of Gregory the Great when he was carrying out the foot washing tradition. In Spain, the archbishop washes the feet of thirteen poor elderly people who are then wined and dined by religious officials. Maundy Thursday is also associated with cleansing in other folk traditions. In Slavic countries, men in rural districts leave their homes at midnight on Maundy Thursday and go to a nearby river or stream to wash themselves.

Good Friday has also generated its share of customs and superstitions. Generations ago in Europe, people didn't wash clothes on Good Friday because they believed the laundry would be stained with blood like spots. Blacksmiths wouldn't nail horseshoes that day because they associated the nails with those driven through Christ's hands to the cross. Gypsies would not wash their hands on Good Friday because they remembered Pontius Pilate's hand washing ritual. Good Friday was considered a good omen, however, in some countries. It was supposed to be a lucky day for farmers - a good day to plant parsley, **peas**, beans, and fruit trees. If it rained on that day, the rain was supposed to have remarkable curative powers, especially for persons with eye trouble - if they were lucky enough to be able to catch and keep some of the rainwater. People who died on Good Friday were envied; they were said to have joined the good thief in a speedy entry to Heaven.

In England, eating hot cross buns was supposed to ward off bad luck. People who were concerned about keeping rats out of their cornfields, or preventing fires and shipwrecks, tried to protect themselves from such catastrophes by eating the buns. Legend says hot cross buns were first made in 1361 at Saint Alban's Abbey when a monk made them to give to the poor.

Thousands of worshippers make pilgrimages to Rome during Holy Week for services at Saint Peters. On Easter Eve in Romania, churchgoers carry lighted candles home from midnight mass. When they arrive home, the young people gaze into mirrors by candlelight to try to see into the future. Easter Sunday is traditionally a time for dressing up in new spring fashions. An old Easter rhyme sums it up, "At Easter, let your clothes be new, or else be sure you will it true."

Many special foods have become accustomed with Easter; among them are Easter breads, hot cross buns, and decorated pastries. Pork and lamb are the two main meats served for Easter dinner around the world. In this country ham is traditional, stemming from the English custom established in the days of William the Conqueror. The pig was a symbol of good luck and prosperity in many lands, and thus it was appropriate for representing the bounty of Easter. Lamb is still the favored Easter meat in many parts of eastern Europe, probably because of its religious connotations.

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A Masonic Matinee Idol

by Sir Knight Norman C. Lincoln, KYCH

In an effort to offset the fame and success of Flo Ziegfeld's Follies, Lee and Jacob J. Shubert built anew theater called the Winter Garden at the corner of 50th St. and Broadway. It had 1,750 seats where patrons could eat, drink, and enjoy a revue called "La Belle Paree" which opened March 20, 1911. The music (by Jerome Kern) was forgettable, but there were plenty of dancers and pretty show girls. There was also a young veteran of minstrels, burlesque, and vaudeville named Al Jolson. The show was a success and ran for 104 performances.

The next year (July 22, 1912) the Shuberts introduced "The Passing Show of 1912" with acts by Charlotte Greenwood, Trixie Friganza, Jobyna Howland, and Willie and Eugene Howard. It was so popular that there were annual passing shows through 1924. The 1913 edition opened on July 24 and included two performers who were destined for greater acclaim: Charles King and John Charles Thomas.

John Charles Thomas was born September 6, 1891 in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, a small town in the Allegheny Mountains about sixty-five miles from Pittsburgh, the son of Milson and Anna Dorothea Schnaebel Thomas. His father was a Methodist minister, and John grew up singing hymns with his parents at camp meetings. The handsome blonde youth was quite a track and football star in high school at Conway Hall Prep School in Carlisle. He decided on a career in medicine and was set for Baltimore's Mount Street College of Homeopathy when he received a scholarship to the Peabody Conservatory.

There his rich baritone voice was trained by Blanche Blackman and Adelin Fermin. He appeared in student versions of von Flotow's "Martha" and in "Carmen" as Escamillo singing the "Toreador Song." After graduating, he took the part of Passion in a cantata by George Chadwick entitled "Everywoman." His professional debut took place in London, Ontario, in October 1912. The next year he appeared in the Henry Savage Stock Company in New Jersey doing Gilbert and Sullivan roles such as the Judge in "Trial By Jury." This led to his role in "The Passing Show of 1913."

In 1914 Thomas toured with De Wolf Hopper. On March 2, 1915, he returned to Broadway in Rudolf Friml's "The Peasant Girl," which starred Emma Trentini and Clifton Crawford. It ran for 111 performances, and Thomas then took a part in "The Passing Show of 1915" (May 29), which spotlighted sixteen-year-old Marilyn Miller, who went on to fame as "Sally" and "Sunny." Thomas then did another operetta "Alone At Last" by Franz Lehar. Jose Collins co-starred. Thomas sang "Thy Heart My Prize" with lyrics by Edgar Smith. There were 180 performances at the Shubert Theater.

After three hit shows, John Charles Thomas was a star of Broadway. He began a forty-year career before the recording microphone. Not even his appeal to the ladies or the attraction of his co-star Lew Fields could make a success of his next show, "Step This Way," at the Shubert May 29, 1916. Better was the next show, "Her Soldier Boy," which opened at the Astor, December 16, 1916. It had music by Sigmund Romberg and was the first musical to deal with the First

World War. Thomas played a soldier who married his dead buddy's sweetheart, but there is a happy ending as the buddy is discovered alive, and his sweetheart really loves Thomas. In the cast were Beth Lydy, Frank Ridge and Adele Rowland. The hit song was "Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag" (not by Romberg).

In 1917, Thomas appeared in two unsuccessful shows. May saw a brief revival of Reginald De Koven's "The Highwayman" co-starring Jefferson De Angelis. "The Star Gazer" (Plymouth Theater Nov. 26) with music by Lohar ("If You Only Knew") made a star of Carolyn Thomson but lasted only eight performances. When Charles Pursell dropped out of Romberg's "Maytime" early in 1918, Thomas took over the role of Richard Wayne. He sang the duet with Othillie (Peggy Wood), "Will You Remember?," which was Romberg's greatest success to the date. William Norris co-starred. "Maytime" lasted for 492 performances.

In December 1918, Thomas made his first concert appearance at Aeolian Hall. He would continue to perform in concert for thirty-five years. In Chicago one time he sang to an audience of 100,000. On October 7, 1919, he opened in Fritz Kreisler's "Apple Blossoms" at the Globe Theater. Nancy Dodge (Wilda Bennett) and Philip Campbell (Thomas) are required to marry and then discover they actually love each other. "Little Girls Goodbye" was his solo. The pleasant operetta featured dancers, Fred and Adele Astaire, and had settings by Joseph Urban, who designed most of Ziegfeld's Follies. It ran for 256 performances.

After marrying Dorothy May Lehar, Thomas decided to take up more serious music. He had also joined St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, Corinthian Chapter No. 159, Columbian Council No. 1, and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 36 in 1920. His final Broadway appearance was in "The Love Letter" at the Globe, October 4, 1921. Carolyn Thomson and the Astaires also starred. Thomas sang "Canzoneta."

Although there were sets by Urban and music by Victor Jacobi, it was a failure lasting only thirty-one performances. Had Thomas remained in music theater, he might have been in "The Student Prince," "The Desert Song," or even "Show Boat" and emulated Nelson Eddy in films. But his heart was set on opera.

To that end he traveled to Nice to study with legendary tenor, Jean de Reszke. An

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acting part in "So Red the Rose," 1923, convinced Thomas that silent movies were not for him. A concert version of Rimsky-Korsakov's "Sadko" at Carnegie Hall on Dec. 30, 1924, led to a performance in "Aida" as Amonasro in Washington, D.C., on March 3, 1925. Returning to Europe, he made his debut at the Theatre de la Monnaie in Brussels as Herod in Massenet's "Herodiade." He was offered a contract for three years. On May 27, 1926, he sang the world's premiere of Milhaud's "Les Matheus d'orfoe."

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These Vitaphone shorts did not enhance his operatic career or lead to starring roles in films; however, on June 28, 1928, he made his debut at London's

Covent Garden as Valentine in Gounod's "Faust" based on Goethe's drama. Back in the United States, he sang "Pagliacci" at the Chicago Opera in 1930 and returned there from time to time for other roles. He also sang at the Philadelphia and San Francisco operas.

The goal of every opera singer is to sing at the Metropolitan Opera, and on February 2, 1934 John Charles Thomas met this challenge singing Giorgio in "La Traviata" with Tito Schipa and Rosa Ponselle. The New York *Herald Tribune* reported, "Mr. Thomas has matched his achievements on the concert stage with the same opulence of volume, polish in quality, and musicianship in phrasing." Among his many roles at the Met were Figaro, Scarpio in "Tosca," Jokanaan in "Salome," Athariel in "Thais," Renato in "The Masked Ball," and Tonic in "Pagliacci." He remained at the Met until 1943. (During this time the general manager of the Met was Brother Edward Johnson).

Thomas also added radio to his accomplishments. His first program had been for Maxwell House Coffee in 1927. Additional programs included "Five Star Theater," "Home On The Range," "RCA Magic Key," "The Westinghouse Hour," "The Ford Sunday Evening Hour," "The Pause That Refreshes on the Air," and "The Bell Telephone Hour." As far as known, he did not appear on television.

Sir Knight Thomas was able to maintain his rigorous schedule due to his athletic ability. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He played golf with Bobby Jones and tennis with Bill Tilden. He loved to sail his yacht *The Masquerader* and also raced power boats.

Among his best-selling RCA Victor records were "Home On the Range," "Trees," "Green Eyed Dragon," "Boots and Saddle," "The Lord's Prayer," "Just For Today," "I Love Life," "Old Man River," and "At Dawning." He recorded folk ballads, spirituals, operatic arias, Gilbert and Sullivan, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and Jerome Kern.

His final concert tour in 1953 took him to fifty cities. He then retired to his ranch in Apple Valley, California. In 1951 he had been appointed executive director of the Santa Barbara Music Academy. John Charles Thomas died of cancer, December 13, 1960.

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Press Release (release date January 24, 1998)

To: Masonic publications and Research Lodges in the United States
Members of the Civil War Lodge of Research #1865, AF&AM, Virginia
Local Secretaries of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle in the United States

On Saturday, July 11, 1998, a most exciting event will take place at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. For the first time ever, the leading officers and members of Quatuor Coronati (QC) Lodge, the premier research lodge in the world, will meet with brethren in the United States.

QC's Worshipful Master, Yasha Beresiner, and his Senior and Junior Wardens, Aubrey Newman and Dirk Van Peype, plus QC's Secretary, John Ashby, and other officers and members of QC will travel here and assemble with American brethren. They will be the guests of the Civil War Lodge of Research (CWLR) #1865, AF&AM, under the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

This will be a unique opportunity for American Masons to experience what a meeting of QC is like. The world famous Quatuor Coronati Lodge has been providing the very best in Masonic research and writing since 1876. Its transactions, *Ars Quatuor Coronaforum* (AQC) are considered the finest of Masonic publications. QC's Correspondence Circle members receive copies of AQC.

The CWLR has received the full cooperation of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and the Masonic Leadership Center, to provide accommodations for everyone's enjoyment. All Masons in lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia are invited to attend.

The meeting will be opened by the CWLR at 1000 am. A research paper on "Civil War Political and Philosophical Issues from a Masonic Perspective" will be presented by the Master, Paul M. Bessel. After discussion, and lunch, the lodge will reopen with the English ritual, worked by the Officers of QC, and John Hamill, Librarian and Curator of the Museum of the United Grand Lodge of England, will present a research paper, to be followed by comments as are usual in QC meetings.

An advance reservation and \$10 (to cover expenses, including a light lunch), is required to attend this unique event. Priority will be given to members of the CWLR (\$5 for CWLR members for a limited time) and the QC Correspondence Circle. To make a reservation, complete and return the following form:

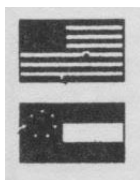
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The three Lodge rooms dedicated by a special Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held on May 3, 1997. Brother Edward O. Weisser, R.W. Grand Master, presided with the Grand Lodge officers at this historic event, which 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 history events in the U.S.A. A complete set of individual envelopes can be purchased at \$5.50 per envelope. Make out check

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Easter

The birds sing their songs when spring comes along
To brighten up our lives each day

It is a part of life's cycle on earth

To say that the Easter season is now on the way

The Robin with his breast of red sings so merrily
Ever to remind us of that fateful day

When on the crown of Jesus Christ his breast pricked by a thorn
The precious blood of Jesus on that blessed morn

God so chose the Robin to carry on his way
The message of our Saviour until the judgment day

The Robin's breast of red shall be throughout all eternity

Easter with spiritual blessings gives comfort to the soul
Like a golden ray of sunshine God's Infinite glories manifold

Keep the Easter message forever In your heart
Christ who was crucified and Is risen for mankind everywhere

Let faith hope Joy and love be your Easter prayer

Susanna Burton Goehler Campbell

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