

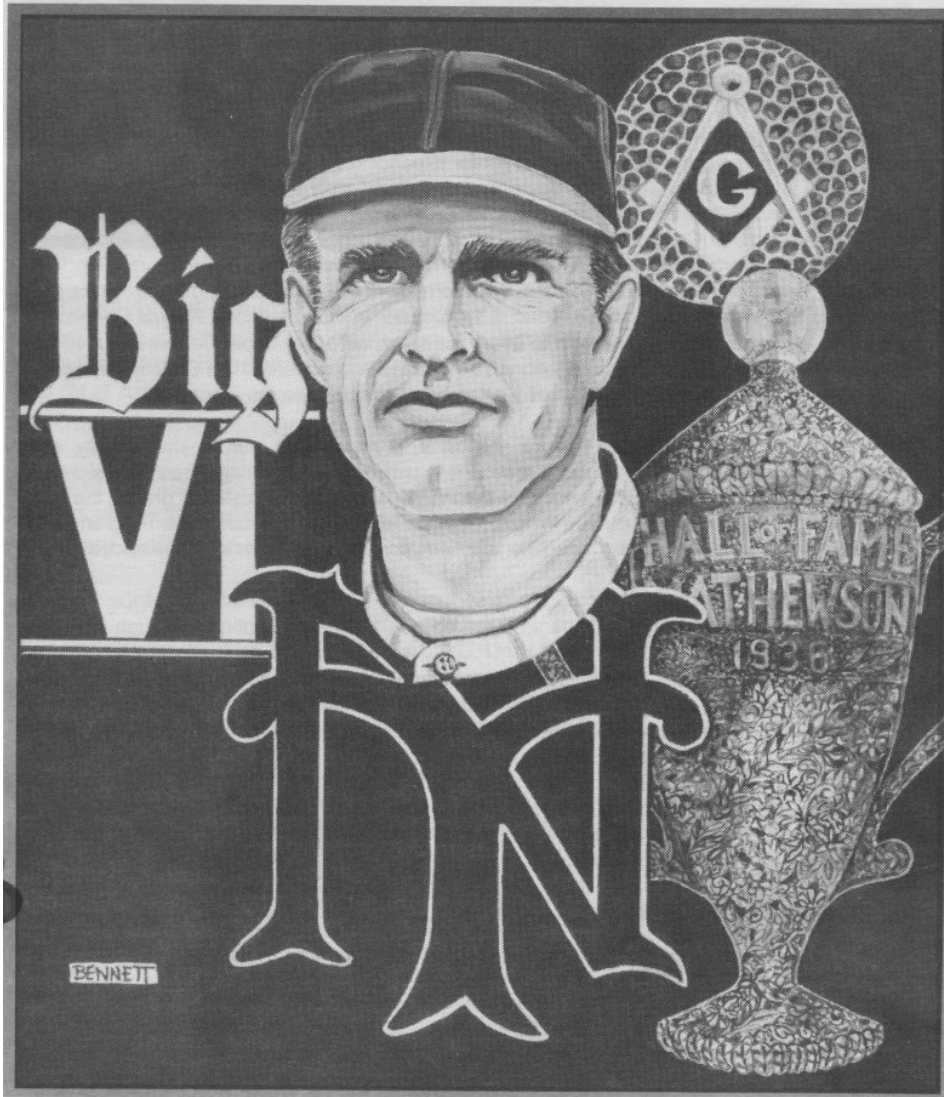


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Christy Mathewson, the New York Giants' "Big Six"  
Brother Mathewson's story starts on page 21.

## Service, Leadership, Education, and Communication

Friends, this month we observe one of the most cherished holidays in the year. Thanksgiving Day is a time for family and friends to gather together to give thanks for all of the blessings that a merciful and all powerful GOD has lovingly provided - a time filled with joy and a counting of GOD'S blessings and remembering where we came from. My prayer is that this will be a special time for all of us." This was a part of the Grand Master's Message in November 1997, and I can't say it better for this message. It is still my prayer that all of us can observe a wonderful time of **Thanksgiving** for the blessings a loving GOD has bountifully bestowed on us.



SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION are watchwords for our Templar Order. The officers and members of the Grand Encampment, of every Grand Commandery, and of every Commandery of Knights Templar are working, or should be working, toward achieving the goals that have been set for expanding our service to others, both as individuals and through our charities; for devising and implementing ways and means for involving our members in fraternal and public activities; for keeping our members informed on what's happening in our Templar Order and in other areas of interest; and for supporting ways and means to continue our efforts to learn where we came from, who we are, and what is our mission. The guidelines; the goals, aims and ambitions; the information; the materials; and the statistics that have been communicated and/or provided at the Department Conferences, Annual Conclaves, and other meetings, when passed on to every member, will prove to be effective in our efforts to fulfill the promises made in our obligations as members and officers of this Christian Masonry. I am confident, as you are confident, that we can be as good as we say we are.

Sir Knights, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is, in my opinion, our greatest charity, and because of your wholehearted support, it continues to provide more and more financial assistance to those who need our help. The funding of the individual cases, the research grants, the joint sponsorship of the National Eye Care Program, our participation in the Kids' Eyes Program, and other projects are essential or significant contributions toward the success of these endeavors.

The 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign to raise funds to finance the activities of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., will begin December 1, 1998, and continue through April 30, 1999. Sir Knight Charles A. Games, R.E.H.P.D.C., will again serve as Chairman, and thank you, Charlie. Sir Knight Games, as is his usual manner, has done outstanding work in organizing and developing the campaign, promotional material sent to you. I urge you to use it to help make this campaign one of the most successful. Again, it is my fervent hope that EVERY COMMANDERY will participate.

SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION are essential to the success of any organization or endeavor, and the ASSUMPTION OF LEADERSHIP is the duty and responsibility of every member.

I'm done pumping. GODSPEED!

**Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar!**

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

James Morris Ward, KGC, Grand Master

# Knight Templar

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

NOVEMBER: It's time to SALUTE our Grand Commanders for the Templar year 1998-1999. Their pictures start on page 7 and their addresses are on page 10. Since the 31st Campaign for the KTEF is just around the corner, you can also find your Grand Commandery's Campaign Chairman listed on page 11. Sir Knight Charles Garnes, overall chairman of the campaign, has written an informative article (page 5) to get you started toward a successful campaign. November is also the time for news about the Easter Sunrise Service and weekend in Washington, D.C., and Alexandria, Virginia. See page 14 for Sir Knight Baldwin's information. Our cover (artwork by Joseph Bennett) and our feature story celebrate the accomplishments of Brother Christy Mathewson, another baseball great.

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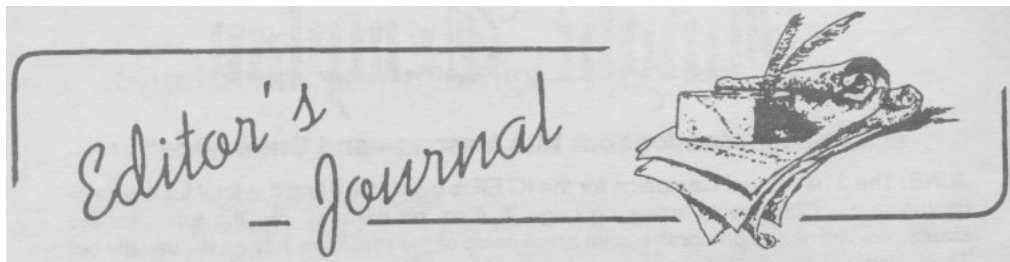
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Correction-addition to the Barry Goldwater story in the September issue: The April 22, 1978 York Rite class mentioned on page 11 was jointly named for Senator Goldwater and Congressman John J. Rhodes. Former President Gerald Ford was invited to become a member of the class, but he declined because of prior commitments. This information was provided by the author, Sir Knight Ivan Tribe, who came by it from the High Priest of Scottsdale Chapter No. 18, RAM., who signed the petitions of both men.

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

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

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

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

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## Is Your Team of Fund-raisers Ready for The 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign?

by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary P.D.C. and Chairman of the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign



We have all heard about closing the barn door after the horse is gone. Well, we get the same result when we fail to plan our fundraising program for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The same results occur when we fail to have an active membership plan. These examples are to call your attention to lack of planning. Nothing progressive happens if we don't plan our programs well. Last minute planning does not work, and it shows during and at the completion of the campaign.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is working on new programs to enhance the efforts to reach the goal of \$2 million in the 31st Voluntary Campaign. One of these new enhancements is the E-mail address for the Foundation; E-mail may be sent to: [ktef@knightstemplar.org](mailto:ktef@knightstemplar.org). There will be an automatic reply telling you that your mail has been received. It will be answered as soon as possible.

In the August issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine, you were encouraged to become a part of the Matching Gift Program, if your employer participates in this program. I am pleased to add the following companies to the list: Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.; Allied Signal Foundation, Inc.; Bell Communications Research; The Black and Decker Corp.; The Boeing Co.; The Chase Manhattan Bank; Chemical Bank; Chubb and Son, Inc.; Citibank N.A.; Comstat Corp.; The Continental Corp.; Crestar Financial Corp.; CPC International, Inc.; Dow Corning Corp.; Eaton Corp.; General Electric Co.; Georgia Pacific Corp.; and John Hancock Life Insurance.

There are more companies, but space does not permit mentioning them at this time. The key to matching gift giving is for



an employee to contact his personnel or human relations department and ask if his employer is a matching gift company. If the employer is a participant, it will be happy to work with you in making your gift.

At the present time there are many Sir Knights who have chosen to become a part of the Matching Gift Program and double their contribution at no extra cost to themselves. Please give this method of support your serious consideration.

The Matching Gift Program is for the individual, but what about your Commandery - what do you plan to do? If you have not decided on a fund-raising plan in your Commandery, it is not too late, but you need to plan now. A Commander should call on his Chairman at each Conclave for a report of what the Commandery is doing to raise funds for the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign. If there is no report, the Commander needs to motivate his Chairman or find some interested Sir Knight who really wants to do the job that is required to help those in need. Being Chairman of a Voluntary Campaign is not just an honor, IT IS A **WORKING RESPONSIBILITY.**

Your help is still needed in contacting the right people in Charitable Foundations for their assistance. The purpose of these foundations is to make financial gifts to worthy charities; it is not begging for money. Please don't be afraid to submit a name, address, and the name that we may use when we contact the Charitable Foundation.

Other enhancements to help the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., grow that are in the planning stage are direct mail requests for contributions and a system whereby donations can be made by Visa or MasterCard. These support items exist in most foundations and will help this

Foundation grow to its full potential.

Sir Knights, this is your Foundation and your responsibility. Let's all give our full support within our limitations. You are not being asked to do the impossible, but you and 200,000 other Sir Knights can accomplish what might appear to some to be the impossible.

Sir Knight Charles A. Games, Honorary Past Department Commander and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, is the Campaign Chairman of the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign and a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. He resides at 1700 Jamestown Pla, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944, Send e-mail to: cagames@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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Send check to: Charles A. Games, Trustee; 1700 Jamestown Place; Pittsburgh; PA 15235-4944. Allow three weeks for delivery.

### Sale of York Rite and Masonic Belts from New Hampshire Benefit KTEF

Advertise your pride in being a Mason or York Rite member! York Rite belt is a black web belt with brass buckle, 51 inches long, with York Rite symbols and names of 3 bodies in gold color and York Rite" repeated several times along length. Masonic belt is made on navy blue web with working tools and "Freemasonry" and square and compass repeated. Longer than 51 inches can be ordered. Price is still \$12.00 postpaid, shipped upon receipt of order. Orders over 10 will be discounted \$1.00 each, over 25 discounted \$2.00 each. US funds only, please. Orders to: Frederick H. Heuss. P.G.C.: 6 Vernon Avenue. Rochester. NH 03867-2034



# Saluting Our Grand Commanders

Congratulations are extended from our Most Eminent Grand Master, James M. Ward, and the grand officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., to the fifty newly elected Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies under their jurisdiction. As part of this salute to their dedication and tireless service Templary, *Knight Templar* magazine is printing the names and pictures of the Sir Knights who will serve as Grand Commanders for the current Templar year. These Grand Commanders, whose pictures appear on these pages, will be the guiding hands on the tiller of the ship of Templary, navigating their vessel faithfully through the uncharted waters ahead.



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**Nebraska**

**Grand Commander-1973**

**Born July 19, 1923**

**Died August 20, 1998**

**William R. Bannister, Jr.**

**Michigan**

**Grand Commander-1993**

**Born February 18, 1927 Died**

**August 29, 1998**

**Richard S. Hamilton**

**Alabama**

**Grand Commander-1984**

**Born February 3, 1929 Died**

**September 17, 1998**

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No. 100,906-James Roy Elliott (TX)

No. 100,907-John K. March (PA)

No. 100,908-Charles Edward Smith (MA/RI)

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No. 3,093-Ivan C. Rawson (IA)

No. 3,094-Eric A. Meace (SC)

No. 3,095-Harlan E. Phelps, Jr. (VA)

How to join: Any individual may send a check in tie amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of

KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2 1/2-inch diameter, embroidered emblem has been produced for use on mantles and blazers of KCT recipients. Emblem is to be centered on the Cross that adorns the left side of the mantle or ceremonial robe or on the left side (on pocket) of a dress blazer. The same use for the GCT emblem which is bordered with a wreath. The cost of the KCT emblem is \$8.50 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling, and the cost of the GCT emblem is \$10.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Contact Jon Patrick Sweet, 7474 Benton Street, Westminster, CO 80003-7001, or phone at (303) 430-8483

beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and male payable b the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will be your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Sub 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2480; (773) 205-3838.

### 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.

### Largest Trusts to KTEF-6/30/90

Walter B. Studley (ME) ..... \$229,743.58  
Wm. and Charlotte Stripe (NE) .... 15,000.00  
George R. Cook (Alaska No. 1) ... 20,000.00  
Evelyn E. Vyhrrelek (AR) .....8,316.70

### Largest Wills and Bequests to KTEF-9/01/98

Ben M. Burroughs (MO) ..... \$9,309.54  
Leo G. Ware (OH) ..... 58,954.06  
Verna M. Ammons (CA) ..... 31 ,250.00  
Joseph S. Lewis (OK) ..... 238,071.00

### Largest Trusts to KTEF-9/01/98

Otto Rinderhagen (WA) ..... \$151,003.45



## Easter 1999

by Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, KGC, R.E. Grand Captain General of the  
Grand Encampment and Chairman, Committee on the Easter Sunrise Service

The 69th Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will be held on Sunday, April 4, 1999, on the steps the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, beginning at 7:30 am. As in past years, this Service and breakfast following will complete a memorable weekend of events in Washington, D.C., including delegation dinners, tours, and fellowship. For one thing, the apple blossoms should be in full bloom - a sure sign of Spring!

### The Hotel Washington Package

The main hotel will again be the Hotel Washington in downtown Washington, D.C. THIS YEAR THE HOTEL WASHINGTON IS AGAIN OFFERING A PACKAGE ARRANGEMENT as follows: \$258.00 per couple, double occupancy, Friday and Saturday nights; Saturday luncheon for two; and Sunday breakfast for two, including taxes and luggage fees (\$37.00 extra for each person more than two per room and \$210.00 for singles).

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

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

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

### Other Than The Package

For those not taking the package, the separate charges are \$25.00 each for the Saturday luncheon and \$15.00 each for the breakfast on

Sunday. If you are not staying at the Hotel Washington, please make arrangements to attend the breakfast. It is a great event!

Make your reservations with the Grand Encampment office: (773) 777-3300.

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

**OUR GRAND MASTER:** The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight James M. Ward, and his officers will greet everyone at the Saturday luncheon. Lets get a big crowd out for them!!!

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

**EASTER MORNING PROGRAM:** Coffee and donuts will be available in the Hotel Washington lobby at 5:30 a.m. on Easter morning. Two buses will be available at 6:15 am. to take members and their ladies to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for the Sunrise Service and will return to the hotel after the Service which will begin at 7:30 a.m.

**PARADE FORMATION:** The parade will form on the lane leading up the hill. Delegations will form according to their entry into the Grand Encampment, senior to junior, and markers for each will be in place. The Maryland delegation, in their black plumes, will appear before the formal parade with drummers and form a Cross in the stands.

The parade will step off at 7:30 a.m., proceed up the hill, render Eyes Right" on passing the Grand Master and his staff, then proceed into seats as directed. Formations of three squads each are suggested but not mandatory. Colors will Right Wheel at the podium and post the colors as directed. Cars and buses may park beside the Memorial.

**OTHER DETAILS:** Delegations desiring to make any special group arrangements should call Joelle Nelson at the hotel at the above telephone number.

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

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

Recognition is made to the Grand Commandery having the most Sir Knights in uniform in the parade and to the Grand Commandery having the highest percentage of its members in uniform in the parade.

Prior to the service, beginning at 6:30 am., carillon music will be played over the public address system. Easter selections will be played as the parade moves out following the

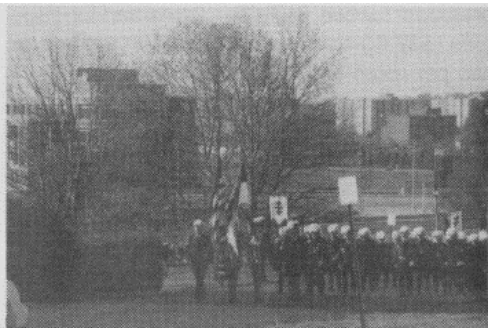
Assembly bugle call. The Service will be conducted by our Right Eminent Grand Prelate and Most Eminent P.G.M., Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, with Sir Knight Arthur C. Pace, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Chaplains Corps on active duty in the United States Army, a veteran of the Desert Storm campaign, now stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

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

Reservations should be made for rooms and any activities by March 20, 1999.

Grand Commanders are requested to appoint a Delegation Chairman and notify this Committee's General Chairman, Sire Knight Richard B. Baldwin, 5400 Bromyard Court, Burke Virginia 22015; telephone: (703) 323-0007, in order to receive all mailings concerning this event and to facilitate adequate planning! Forms will be sent in January 1999.

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



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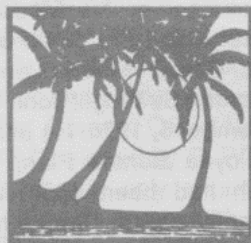
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## History of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America: Book II

### Chapter IV

Fifty-third Conclave, 1976  
(continued)

The proposed budget "hit a snag"; it was for \$2,221,800.00 and required an increase of \$40 in per capita (from \$1.50 to \$1.90) for constituent Commanderies. After considerable discussion, it was defeated by a 4 to 3 vote! The vote for the increase in per capita immediately followed and lost by about the same margin. The Grand Master directed the Finance Committee to present a new budget the next day (Wednesday). When it was resubmitted on Wednesday, "carved to the bone," each item was given detailed scrutiny by those present. There seemed to be no desire to cut the services which the original budget covered, so it was moved, seconded and the original budget and increase in per capita of \$40 passed with more than a 2/3 vote. Of course, it was explained that providing the same services, with rampant increases in inflation, had required the increase in per capita of about \$008 (8/10 of a penny) per week!

Ten Class "A" and eighteen Class "B" Teams had competed in the Drill Competition on Saturday.

Dispensations were voted for: a new Commandery in Bitburg, Germany, to be known as the Harry J. Miller Commandery; and a Commandery in Athens, Greece, to be known as Digenis Akritas Commandery.

The final action of the 53rd Triennial Conclave came at 11:00 A.M., Thursday when the following officers were installed: Sir Knight Willard Meredith Avery, Most Eminent Grand Master; Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; Sir Knight Kenneth C. Johnson, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Right Eminent Grand Captain General; Sir Knight Harold S. Gorman, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer; Sir Knight Paul C.

Rodenhauser, Right Eminent Grand Recorder; and the Reverend H. Dwight McAlister, Right Eminent Grand Prelate.

### Fifty-fourth Conclave, 1979

Opening Ceremonies for the Fifty-fourth Triennial Conclave of the Gra Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. began at 9:00 A.M., Monday, August 13, 1979, with Sir Knight Robert E. Price, P.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Indiana and Chairman of the Committee on Triennial Conclave, introducing the officers of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. Sir Knight Ernest G. Cunningham, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, gave a few words of welcome, and after the introduction of the officers of the Grand Encampment and distinguished guests, directed his officers to relinquish their stations to the Grand Encampment officers.

Following a recess to allow the nonmembers to leave the hall, Grand Master Avery called the first session to order. Sir Knight Thurman C. Pace, Jr., Past Grand Commander of New Jersey, reported for the Committee on Credentials that as of 4 P.M., Sunday, August 12, 421 voting members, representing 46 Grand Commanderies and five Subordinate Commanderies, had registered. All of the Grand Encampment officers answered the Roll Call, except for Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Right Eminent Past Grand Generalissimo; the Grand Master reported that Sir Knight Lear had been restricted to his home by his doctor.

The Grand Master's Report was the next item of business. In the report he asked that "appropriate respects be paid to the deceased, but we particularly mourn the passing of our Deputy Grand Master, John B. Cottrell, Jr.," who had died on November 30, 1977. Two other well known Sir Knights and Past Department Commanders were



among those who had passed on: Louis A. Beaudoin died on February 12, 1977, and Theodore F. Voelter died on March 29, 1979. He commented that there were more than 160 members of the Grand Master's Club (\$1,000.00 contributors) of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and that the Grand Commander's Club (\$100.00) had been a successful activity during the triennium. He also stated that the Educational Foundation had "been ably directed by Donald H. Smith,

G. C. of Kentucky, Chairman." He commented on the fact that during this triennium the first time the Grand Commanders had been awarded to each Grand Commander at the time of his leaving office and had "been most appreciated as a symbol of recognition of the work done by the retiring Grand Commander." He recommended "a National York Rite publication replacing the numerous publications we now have" and "a National York Rite office encompassing at least part of the activities now performed separately by General Grand Chapter International, General Grand Council International, and Grand Encampment offices." Following noon recess the reports of the Grand Treasurer, the Committee on the Educational Foundation, and the Budget for the Educational Foundation were adopted. But when Sir Knight Arch M. Dullnig, Past Grand Commander of Texas and Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Budget in the amount of \$2,743,500.00 for the forthcoming triennium, an increase of \$521,700.00 above the \$2,221,800.00 budget of the previous triennium (which would require an increase in the Grand Commandery per capita by \$50 to \$2.40, Subordinate Commanderies to \$3.40), it was obvious that considerable discussion would ensue! After some discussion concerning the cost of the *Knight Templar* magazine and a \$220,000.00 "slush fund, a proposal was made to "lay the budget on the table until such time as the printed resolutions have been acted upon." Grand Master Avery refused to "accept that as a motion," indicating that the floor was open for the amending of any part of the Budget, but that the Budget (or amended Budget) would be voted up or down. After attempts which

failed to amend Accounts 504 (Insurance Bonds), 505 (Grand Master's Jewel), 510 (Membership Committee), and 543 (Expenses not Anticipated - considered to be a "slush fund"), the entire Budget as originally presented was passed by a vote of 223 for and 124 opposed.

On Tuesday there were 443 voting members registered. Only about half as many proposals were on the agenda for action at this Triennial as had been considered at the 53rd Triennial. Those which passed were: 1) Section 237.6, which at this writing is 237(c) which established a National Award to be given at each Triennial Conclave to someone (not necessarily a Knight Templar) for an outstanding contribution to our country through civic, professional, military, scientific, religious, etc., endeavor." Nominations for the award were to be made by any Commandery or Sir Knight to the Grand Master who would refer them to a special committee or the Grand Encampment line officers; 2) Section 12 on finance would allow any two of the listed officers to sign "only in case of an emergency or inability of the Grand Master to so sign."; 3) changes to Sections 32, 55, 235, 242(c), 247(c), 248(c), 249(b), 258, and 261 to grant "Past Grand Officer" status to the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and to be updated as previously authorized for "Past" status of other Grand Encampment officers; 4) Sections 41(i) and 62(e) which allowed for using the ceremonial robes for opening and closing a Commandery; 5) Section 113<sup>1/2</sup> which established a Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimages to have "general oversight of the practical working of sending ordained Christian ministers, gratis, on pilgrimages to the Holy Land..."; 6) Sections 43 and 55 which had originally been defeated then reconsidered, to allow for certain appointive administrative officers in a Grand Commandery and to specify their relative rank. Also a proposal to provide a ritual in "plain" English (not coded except for "the Essentials") was passed.

## On the Masonic Newsfront...

### Mrs. Esther K Ofen Installed 78th Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B.

On Friday, September 25, 1998, in San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. Esther K. Ofen was installed the 78th Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant. Mrs. Ofen, born and raised into a very active Masonic family in Denver, Colorado, now lives in the mountains near the ski area of Vail, just thirty miles from the Mount of the Holy Cross. Her mother, a Past President of Denver No. 1, was a 60-year Beauceant member at her death. In addition, her grandmother and two aunts also belonged to Denver No. 1. Esther says that her first recollection of the Beauceant was as a very small child when she and her three sisters would attend the annual Children's Party. They often provided the entertainment by square dancing, folk dancing, and reciting poetry.



She and her sister were initiated into Denver No. 1 in 1969 at the time of Mrs. Charles Doey's official visit. Esther was Worthy President in 1978, General Chairman of the 1979 Hostess Committee, and Supreme Inner Guard in 1984. Other Masonic accomplishments include being charter Honored Queen in Job's Daughters and twice Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star.

Always interested in the history of the order and having access to local P.S.W.P. Mrs. John Blue and to her mother, Mrs. Alfred Krogh, Esther learned much that was not included in the written history. During her visits this year she plans to relate some of those little known bits. Her motto for the year is "Some of our Business," which was the original name of the group organized by the wives of Denver Commandery No. 1 in the late 1880s. Their original purpose, which was to render aid to the Knights Templar when requested and to promote loyal friendships, was adopted by the order when it became a national organization in 1923. In 1959 we adopted the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as our philanthropy and continue to support it today. Any lady who is the wife or widow of a Knight Templar is eligible for membership in any assembly. If there is not an assembly in your area, charter a new one. All it takes is a sponsoring Commandery and thirty-five interested ladies. For information concerning assembly locations, membership requirements, or organizational criteria; please contact our Supreme Organizer: (Mrs. W. J.) Elvie Williams, 2210 Wakefield, Houston, TX 77018. (submitted by Mrs. Keith W. Dean, P.S.W.P., S.O.O.B. magazine contact)

## Northeastern Beauceant Association Meets in Maine



The ladies of the Northeastern Beauceant Association met for lunch in Kennebunk, Maine. There were forty-four "Red Coats" present that day, and a good time was had by all. Shown are the ladies of Reading No. 117, Massachusetts, and Pawtucket No. 217, Rhode Island, who met in the parking lot just prior to the event.

## Vermont Milestones

The annual Shrine Maple Sugar football game and pregame events (August 7-8, 1998) have been traditions in Vermont and our neighboring New Hampshire for many years. We are told by our Grand Senior Warden, Brother Ted Corsones, who also wears the hat of Chief Council for the Imperial Shrine, that of the fifty-plus such games played annually throughout the US, ours is second highest in the amount of money raised over the years in support of the Shrine Children's Hospitals and Burn Centers. This is certainly a great achievement for so relatively small jurisdictions such as ours!

This year the Imperial Potentate of North America, Brother/Noble John Nobles, 33°, made his first visit to our Green Mountain State for the pregame banquet, August and attended the game in Memorial Field at Hanover, New Hampshire, where it has been played since 1958. During the past nine years the New Hampshire "all-stars" from their high schools have virtually dominated their counterparts from Vermont. ...but during that dark and gloomy period we Vermonters have consoled ourselves by remembering that the real winners are always the children of the Shrine Children's Hospitals. However, the 1998 game ended with a victory by Vermont of 21 to 13; nevertheless, the kids of the Shrine hospitals are still the big winners!

Another true milestone was the participation in the game of eighteen-year-old Jeffrey C. Martin, Fair Haven, Vermont. He was the first Mason/Shriner to ever participate in the long history of this annual event and as far as can be determined, the first to participate in any such game throughout the nation. This anomaly became possible when a few years ago the Grand Lodge of Vermont lowered its minimum age for membership from twenty-one to eighteen years, so Brother/Noble Jeff took his degrees in Eureka Lodge No. 75, Fair Haven, in early 1998, followed by his Scottish Rite degrees in the spring, and finally he became a Noble of Cairo Shrine, Rutland, prior to participating in the 1998 Shrine Sugar Bowl Game.

Congratulations and thanks to all the Vermont and New Hampshire boys who played.

Edward J. Wildblood, Jr.  
Grand Master, Vermont  
44 Lamplite Lane  
Williston, VT 05495

## Go-to-Church Sunday - A 200-Year Tradition in New York

Members of the First Congregational Church of Java Village, New York, and their pastor, Reverend Bruce A. Williams, were hosts to the Genesee-Wyoming Masonic district at the annual Go-to-Church Sunday, August 1998. The Sir Knights of Tancred Commandery No. 80, East Aurora, formed an honor guard outside the church as the District Deputy Raymond Barber, members of the Eastern Star, and Sir Knight and Reverend Dr. William Bailey, Prelate of Tancred, entered the church to the strains of Onward Christian Soldiers." The members of the congregation and visiting guests were welcomed by the District Deputy Raymond Barber. Officers of the various bodies took part in the service which included the service of Holy Communion.



## You Ask. They Will Come'

*This derivative of the famous line from "A Field of Dreams," carries a simple but effective message about membership recruiting and retention. You need only take the time to ask that potential member or dormant member to actively participate in Templary and they will come!*

Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar. This is the message of our Most Eminent Grand Master, and it must be the guiding lesson of every Templar. We have a duty to insure the continued success of Templar Masonry, and this will occur only if each of us takes the personal responsibility to preserve it. The Grand Encampment Membership Committee has developed and is implementing a process call "5 and 50." It calls for a 5% *net* increase in total membership and a 50% reduction in non-death losses by the end of this triennium. Quite simply, if your current membership is one hundred today, it should be 105 in two years; if non-death losses are averaging ten per year, they must shrink to no more than five per year. Growing the business is the pre eminent goal of the Grand Encampment; stemming the flow of losses is an unacceptable one.

*Personal involvement and commitment are minimum requirements* for a successful membership process. A knowledgeable and enthusiastic sales organization is equally important to insure that we are getting good results. We use the term "sales" because it perfectly describes our task at hand, selling membership in an organization whose prime mission is the "Support and Defense of the Christian Religion." No other organization unites all denominations of Christians together for this common cause. Knowledgeable Knights make enthusiastic and successful salesmen because they know the quality of the product and the benefits of ownership. A Knight who is well versed in all aspects of Templary must also "walk the talk" if he expects to be a convincing salesman.

The Grand Encampment Membership Committee has presented information on the 5 and 50 membership program at every Department meeting since the beginning of this triennium. Information materials and training aids have been distributed to each Grand Commandery to assist them in implementing the process and achieving the goal. It is important to understand that every constituent Commandery in every jurisdiction is expected to achieve the goals of increasing membership by 5% while reducing non-death losses by 50%. Implementation of the recommended practices means the Grand Encampment would have a net gain in membership by the end of the triennium. What a noble and glorious accomplishment that would be!

As we move into the second year of the 61st Triennium, the Grand Encampment Membership Committee is redoubling its efforts to train and encourage Knights Templar leadership at all levels to implement the plan and the processes necessary for success. Individual leadership, commitment, and accountability are keys to an effective program, but the real key is YOU! Membership recruiting and retention cannot be delegated to committees or become the sole responsibility of the leadership. We must live by this motto: *"If it is to be, it's up to me."*

As Knights Templar, we have one foe which we must collectively vanquish, and that is apathy. The membership program of this triennium is an action program designed to perpetuate our organization, and it will succeed if all members do their part. We read in Chapter 28 of the book of Matthew that Jesus commissioned His disciples to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost." Your Grand Encampment Membership Committee would paraphrase this commission by asking every Knight Templar to "Go ye therefore and teach all Christian Masons, encouraging them to unite under the banner of Templary." Our Grand Master puts it more eloquently: "Every Christian Mason Should Be a Knight Templar."

We cannot wish away our declining membership; we must be individually accountable for growing our business. Don't wait for somebody else to do what you can do now!

from the Committee on Membership:  
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James C. Taylor, P.D.C., (Oklahoma)  
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# Bucknell's "Big Six": Christy Mathewson Part I

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



in today's world the television and I news media maintain a constant drumbeat about striking athletes, multi-million dollar salaries, disgruntled player agents, playoffs, and owner lockouts. They are the by-product of a spoiled, self-indulgent society who hasn't a clue about how sports used to be. It certainly motivates an old-timer to return vicariously to the great days of our national game - baseball.

There was a time when a youngster with the ability to throw a ball harder or hit it farther than any of his peers was delighted and awed to attract the scrutiny of a big league scout. In this profile we focus on one of those young men who became a towering force in bringing an aura of respectability to big league baseball. At the turn of the 20th century, professional ball players were perceived to be uncouth, profane ruffians, who considered public brawling and drunkenness acceptable conduct. Christopher Mathewson of Factoryville, Pennsylvania, almost single-handedly changed that image to a mantle of gentility and respectability.

The Mathewson clan were Scottish immigrants who originally settled in Rhode Island in the early 1600s. One of the family migrated to a small village north of Scranton, Pennsylvania, about 1857, a place named Factoryville. The Mathewsons built a small cabin there, and in a few years Gilbert was born on the homestead. He grew to be a respected citizen of the community, eventually winning the hand of Minerva Capwell, a local girl.

Gilbert and Minerva became the parents of Christopher Mathewson, the eldest of their five children, on August 12, 1880. The family called him "Christy." Many more

knew him as "Matty." The Mathewsons were well endowed financially, thanks to Minerva's family inheritance. Gilbert was a skilled carpenter, an occasional post-office worker, and a good jack-of-all-trades. By virtue of his wife's wealth, Gilbert became a gentleman farmer after their marriage.

Christy was an active and highly-intelligent lad from his earliest years. Raised as a pious, God-fearing son of Baptist parents, he readily absorbed the lessons of Christian conduct. He developed a lifelong habit of immaculate dress, courtly manners, and great moderation in all the worldly vices. Christy never smoked, drank only a rare social libation, and assiduously avoided bad company. His first love was baseball, a sport he embraced as a small boy of preschool age. When the older boys objected to young Christy playing with them, he demonstrated his physical ability by throwing a homemade ball over the family barn to a catcher waiting on the other side. By the time he reached age twelve, he was pitching, playing second base, and taking stints in the outfield. He was an adequate batter, in spite of the fact that he employed a cross-hand" grip. Christy honed his throwing skill by skipping flat stones across a nearby creek, hour after hour. At nine years his stone-throwing was sufficiently accurate to hit a blackbird or a squirrel in a tree with consistency.

During his public school years Christy played baseball continuously wherever he found a game. By the time he was fifteen, he was a regular member of the Factoryville town team, pitching impressively

against adult competition. For his labors he was paid one dollar per game. In fact, he was soon pitching for a rival team at Mill City - for the same money.

The Mathewsons enrolled Christy in Keystone Academy in 1894, to complete his high school curriculum and prepare for college. The academy was founded by Christy's grandmother, and eventually, all three of the Mathewson boys graduated

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from there. While Mathewson was at Keystone, he gained considerable renown as both a pitcher and football player. He starred as a drop-kick specialist and center on the academy football team, but it was his kicking talent which commanded the most attention.

At sixteen years Christy was a strapping youth of six feet, one and a half inches tall. Exceedingly handsome, he was a splendid example of the ideal all-American boy, physically and mentally. He entered Bucknell University in the fall of 1896 on an academic scholarship and immediately became one of the most popular students on campus. It was his parents' dream that their broad-shouldered, eldest son would become a minister, and he seemed to possess all the prerequisites. He was an outstanding student and soon became an active member of two campus literary societies, demonstrating an impressive talent as a public speaker with literary ability. Christy also joined the university glee club in addition to his three sports activities; baseball, football, and basketball. His election as president of his freshman class was almost predictable.

During summer vacations Christy continued to play sandlot and semi-pro baseball.

The rules governing amateur status were not as defined as they are today, and the fact that he was paid for pitching did not impact on his college athletic status. Even though his family were well off financially, both parents expected their children to earn their own spending money in order to learn the lessons of self-reliance. Christy opted for baseball as his summer job. He pitched for Honesdale, Pennsylvania, in the Orange County League for \$20 a month. At the end of his third year at Bucknell in the spring of 1899, he signed with Taunton, a small city south of Boston with a team in the New England League. Although the job promised more money with a salary of \$90 per month, Mathewson soon learned the club was in dire financial trouble. The team disbanded on Labor Day after losing their final three contests.

The summer was far from a total loss. Christy learned how to throw a baffling, unorthodox pitch. It was a curve ball which broke inward to a right-handed batter, simultaneously breaking sharply downward. Properly controlled, it was a baffling delivery, albeit damaging to the throwing arm if used excessively. At first it was just a "freak" pitch to Mathewson. Eventually, it became known as the screwball.

Christy never completed his fourth year at Bucknell. John Smith, the manager of the Norfolk team in the Virginia League, signed the big right-hander to a contract for the 1900 season. He had seen Mathewson play for Taunton and in the role of a football drop-kicking specialist for the blue and orange at Bucknell. Smith was impressed with the big youngster's talents.

The twenty-year-old rookie from Factoryville got off to a fast start at Norfolk. By midway through the season, he had won twenty games, one of which was a no-hit performance. Matty had lost only two games during the same period. He had a slight problem controlling his "freak" pitch,

but his work was very impressive. His fast ball and conventional curve were extremely effective. Many compiled a batting record of .289, above average for a pitcher. It was

certain he was destined to attract the attention of a major league club. In fact, William H. Hannan, president of the Norfolk club, helped the process along. He sent a letter to Andrew Freedman, owner of the New York Giants, stating: "It would be worth a trip to look Mathewson over." He added that Matty was for sale at an attractive price. The Cincinnati Reds had also expressed an interest in Norfolk's rookie star.

Andrew Freedman was a controversial baseball figure with an arcane agenda. He purchased the Giants in 1895 and managed to keep the club in a constant state of turmoil, resulting in a poor performance record on the field. Even though Matty had an offer from the Cincinnati Reds, he reasoned that his chances to prove himself were better in New York. He signed with the Giants, who paid \$1,500 for his contract. Matty joined the team in July.

The Giants were far down in the standings of the fifteen-team National League in 1900. George Davis, the team's shortstop, was the current manager when Many joined them at the Polo Grounds in New York. In order to assess the young hurler's repertoire, Davis ordered Many to pitch to him in batting practice. Davis was favorably impressed with his fast ball and curve and asked if he had any additional pitches. Matty admitted he had a "freak" pitch he used occasionally. After swinging and missing a half dozen of the deceptive pitches, Davis congratulated Many and commented, "It sort of fades away." The name became the "fadeaway," the break-and-butter pitch which made Mathewson famous.

Matty worked in relief in his first game on July 18, 1900. During the course of the abbreviated season, he appeared in six games without a win. He was charged with three losses. With a record of yielding thirty-five hits, along with fourteen walks, in thirty innings, Matty was returned to Norfolk for further seasoning. Freedman decided he needed better control to succeed against major league hitting. During the winter Matty had an offer from Connie Mack, owner-manager of the Philadelphia

Athletics, to "jump" to his team in the newly-formed American League for a bonus of \$1,500. The Athletics were part of the new circuit assembled by the Western League President, Byron Bancroft Johnson. Johnson was making a determined bid to organize a major league to challenge the established National League. They were aggressively recruiting National League players with considerable success.

Freedman warned Mathewson that he would be "black listed" permanently if he signed with the Athletics. He worked a

"Matty admitted he had a 'freak' pitch he used occasionally. After swinging and missing a half dozen of the deceptive pitches, Davis congratulated Many and commented, 'It sort of fades away.' The name became the 'fadeaway,' the break-and-butter pitch which made Mathewson famous."

deal with the Cincinnati Reds to purchase Matty's contract for \$100, in order to list him as a National League player. The scheme involved transferring the contract to the Giants, once more placing Many on the New York roster.

Many returned to the Polo Grounds to begin the 1901 season. He made an impressive debut, winning his first Giant game on April 26. He followed with an additional seven consecutive wins, earning a place in the starting rotation. On July 15, 1901, Matty hurled a no-hit game against the St. Louis Cardinals, the highlight of a very successful season. During the campaign he compiled a record of twenty wins and sixteen losses. His earned run average (ERA) was an impressive 1.99 with an average of two walks per game. Many started thirty-eight games and completed thirty-six, an impressive performance record with a very poor team. The Giants won only fifty-two games that year and finished in seventh place. New York obviously had a pitching ace with great potential.

Encouraged by a \$500 bonus along with two new suits from owner Freedman, Matty asked for a substantial raise in 1902.

Andrew Freedman was aware of the value of his strapping, young pitching star, and agreed to a salary of \$3,500, a figure well above the norm. The 1902 season, however, turned out to be a disaster. The Giants sank rapidly to last place in the league, and George Davis was fired as field manager. In a frantic attempt to shore up the miserable team offense, Freedman began to alternate Mathewson at first base and the outfield. Morale plummeted,

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and the team fell into complete discord over their problems. Matty's best pitching efforts were not enough to offset the poor fielding and total lack of a team offense. He could manage only thirteen wins against eighteen losses in forty-one mound appearances. The Giants were in the throes of the worst dilemma in their history, and even Freedman concluded that he must take some drastic measures. He decided to make an offer to the sensational young manager of the Baltimore Orioles, John McGraw.

The Orioles in 1902 were part of Ban Johnson's new American League. McGraw had driven the Baltimore club to the top of their league by virtue of his aggressive

managerial tactics and inspiring performance on the playing field. He was a great field leader with a brilliant tactical mind. McGraw hated American League President Ban Johnson with a passion, so he was receptive to Freedman's overtures. However, he was adamant in his demands. John insisted on absolute control of the Giant team, totally immune from restraint or interference from Freedman or the front office. A salary of \$15,000 a year was also part of the package, including full authority to dispose of and acquire players McGraw saw fit. He would still be listed as an active player. Freedman agreed to everything, and McGraw assumed control of the Giants on July 17, 1902.

McGraw's first field decision was to confine Matty's duties to pitching. He called the first base and outfield assignments sheer insanity." McGraw deemed many of the playing roster below major-league quality and proceeded to eliminate the deadwood. Nine of the twenty-three-player Giants' squad were released outright before the beginning of the 1903 season. It was the dawning of a new day at the Polo Grounds. The twenty-nine-year-old McGraw had created a new dynasty.

Matty and McGraw became close friends in spite of vast personality differences. The even-tempered, articulate Mathewson was diametrically opposite to the fiery, pugnacious little Irish manager. McGraw loved to fight and would do so at the slightest provocation. Nevertheless, a genuine father-son relationship blossomed between the manager and his star pitcher. The 1903 season was a memorable one for Many, both on and off the field.

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The Giants underwent a radical recovery from their lowly standing in 1902. Matty enjoyed a banner season in 1903, pitching a total of 367 innings and winning thirty games, eight of them over the Pittsburgh Pirates. Even with thirty victories, Matty was not the team's big winner in 1903. McGraw had brought John Iron Man" McGinnity with him from Baltimore. He arrived at the Polo grounds in 1902 with enough time remain in the season to win eight games for the Giants. In 1903 his mark of thirty-one victories and twenty losses was achieved in fifty-five outings. McGinnity and Mathewson immediately became the most effective duo in baseball. The Giants finished the season in second place.

Christy Mathewson married in 1903. He wed Jane Stoughton, a girl he met while both were students at Bucknell during his third year. Jane was the daughter of a prominent Lewisburg, Pennsylvania family, privy to all the amenities of high social standing in a college town near Bucknell University. The fashionable nuptial ceremony was held on May 4, 1903, at the bride's home, officiated by the Reverend W. C. Thomas of the First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg. Even though Matty was born and reared as a strict Baptist, he joined Jane's church after their marriage. In return, she agreed to become a Republican, to please her husband.

Jane Mathewson and Blanche McGraw became fast friends soon after they met. A widower, McGraw had married Blanche on January 9, 1902, before coming to New York. She was the daughter of a prominent Baltimore contractor. Both new brides enthusiastically endorsed the idea that the two couples should lease an apartment together in New York. Their choice was a seven-room suite at 85th and Columbus Avenue in Manhattan, a block from Central Park. The arrangement worked exceedingly well. The couples shared expenses and went their separate ways. McGraw was totally preoccupied

with baseball during the season, and Blanche welcomed the companionship with Jane. The Mathewsons did not socialize with the McGraws to any degree.

Matty was a phenomenal checker and chess player, and he devoted a great deal of leisure time to those games. He often played against multiple partners, occasionally as many as six. Matty had a virtual photographic memory and was capable of keeping the details of several games in focus simultaneously. John McGraw consorted with many show business personalities and was a habitué of their watering holes. His circle of friends in the entertainment world included Will Rogers, Eddie Foy, and W. C. Fields. His associates also included well known sports figures like boxers John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett. McGraw loved horse racing and was an avid poker player, although he seldom won at the track. One of his less savory associates was gambler Arnold Rothstein with whom he was rumored to have a joint ownership in a pool hall. Matty's personal tastes were vastly different than those of McGraw.

Mathewson's influence on baseball cannot be overstated. He became the idol of American sports, a paragon of clean living, and the individual who brought gentility to the baseball stadium. Jane always hastened to assure one that Matty was not a snob. He would take a drink socially, albeit very sparingly; and he was capable of taking his part in an altercation on the playing field. To the sports public, Matty was a living, breathing Frank Merriweather," the fictional sports hero from contemporary literature.

The "fadeaway" pitch became Matty's trademark. It was reincarnated years later by a Giant from another generation, the great Carl Hubbell; but Matty was there first. The sports writers began to call him Big Six," a sobriquet of uncertain origin. Some thought it alluded to his six-foot-plus frame, while others maintained it had been pilfered from a luxury automobile, the Peerless Big Six." The most popular notion

was that Matty became known as Big Six because he was as adept at extinguishing fires on the playing field as New York's fabled horse-drawn fire engine, which bore the same name. Whatever the actual source, the name always stuck with Many.

As the new era of Giant dominance began under the reign of John McGraw, the team rolled to a second-place finish in the National League in 1903, behind Big Six and Iron Man McGinnity. Although the former Bucknell star still had lingering control problems with the fadeaway, he improved steadily. In 367 innings pitched in

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1903, Many issued one hundred bases on balls, but he improved every season thereafter. He was not as durable as Iron Man McGinnity, however. The Iron Man bordered on incredible in 1903. McGinnity climaxed his amazing year by pitching three double-headers in August, winning all six games. That performance was the highlight of a record of 434 innings pitched that year. McGinnity topped his win record again in 1904, by chalking up a total of thirty-five victories and eight losses, the greatest performance of his brief career. By the end of 1908, the Iron Man was gone.

Big Six had a stellar mark in 1904, winning thirty-one games while losing twelve, in forty-eight mound appearances. Between the two Giant pitching aces, they

accounted for sixty-eight of the Giants one hundred victories. They were the dominant factor in winning the N.L. pennant in 1904, McGraw's first as the Giant manager. The truculent McGraw refused to meet the American League winner, the Boston Red Sox, in a World Series; and he was backed by the new Giant owner, John T. Bush. McGraw's animosity toward A.L. President Ban Johnson was equaled by that of owner Bush. There was no World Series that year.

The New York Giants became the most hated team in baseball as their dominance in the senior league continued. McGraw's continual stream of invectives and bullying tactics generated wrathful reaction from opposing fans. It was great box office, and the turnstiles hummed as fans crowded into parks around the circuit to boo the hated Giants and McGraw. Many, however, was immune from their animosity. The fans loved him, and they were never disappointed. Big Six did not argue with umpires and rarely became involved in any argument. He was the consummate gentleman.

During the 1905 season a rival pitcher emerged in the colors of the Chicago Cubs, challenging Many's lofty position in the National League. He was Mordecai "Three-Finger" Brown, another great right-hander destined for Hall-of-Fame glory. The two pitchers began a rivalry which lasted until the end of both careers. It eventually ended in a dead heat as far as winning games was concerned. Both Many and Brown ended their careers with 373 victories. Their personal rivalry was won by Three-Finger, who garnered thirteen victories, with eleven going to Big Six. They labored through some monumental duels.

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The Giants won the N.L. pennant again in 1905 and agreed to meet the Philadelphia Athletics in a seven-game World Series. Legislation had been adopted in both leagues demanding the pennant winner must participate in the fall classic. The Giants would be facing the most formidable pitching quartet in the American League. It consisted of Eddie Plank, Chief Bender, Rube Waddell, and Andy Coakley. Just prior to the series, Waddell, an unpredictable character, announced he had injured his arm and would not be able to play. There were rumors circulating that Rube had conspired with gambling interests, but nothing came of it. The October 9 opener was at Columbia Park in Philadelphia. The fans had an opportunity to get a glimpse of the awesome Giant hurler in action. They were properly impressed when he appeared, dressed in a flashy black uniform with white stockings and trim, designed by McGraw just for the World Series. Big Six lived up to the advance publicity by limiting Home Run Baker and the As offense to four hits, coasting to a 3-0 shutout victory. That set the pace for the entire series.

Connie Mack's Athletics managed to salvage only a single win from the World Series, and that came in the second game. Chief Bender put down Iron Man McGinnity 3-0. The third game was called because of rain, giving Many an opportunity to be rested enough to pitch in game three on October 12. Big Six was virtually untouchable as the fade away baffled the A's through nine long innings. It was another 3-0 shutout for Matty, who struck out eight men during the pitching exhibition.

The next day Iron Man won game four 1-0 in New York. On October 15 Many again received the call to face Chief Bender in the make-or-break contest. The New York

faithful were not disappointed. Many served up his third masterpiece, completing a skein of twenty-seven scoreless innings for the series. In crafting the 2-0 last game, Many sat down the final ten men in order and collected eighteen strikeouts. It was one of his finest hours.

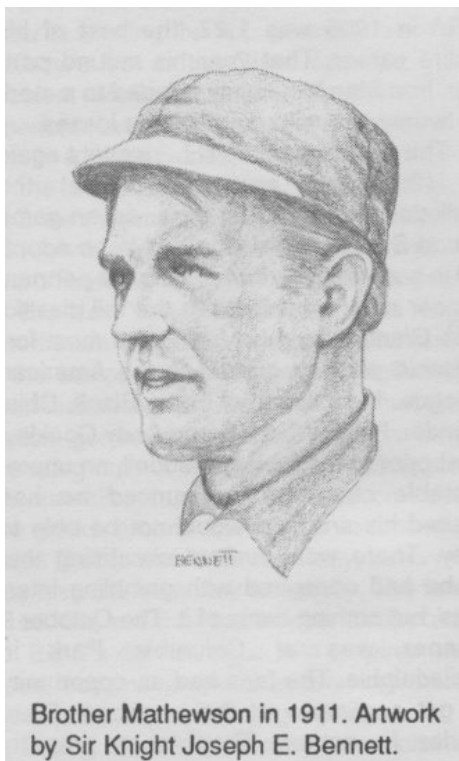
The Giants divided a winners' share of the gate receipts amounting to \$1,142 for each player on the squad. Grantland Rice wrote in his newspaper column: "Many could pitch shutouts 'til Christmas." That winter Jane and Many moved into the Washington Inn, a residential hotel near the Polo Grounds, ending their dual occupancy with the McGraws. John Christopher Mathewson was born that winter, and it was deemed necessary to obtain quarters suited to accommodate the new arrival. They named the baby John, in honor of Matty's great friend, John McGraw.

McGraw took the Giants to spring training in 1906 with a new three-year contract calling for \$15,000 per season. Many was unable to travel with the team. In fact, he missed all of spring training and a number of the regular series games, because of illness. What had been diagnosed as a severe cold turned out to be diphtheria. Many spent three weeks in critical condition before he was pronounced out of danger. Weakened by the illness, he still insisted he would take his regular turn on the mound. With his durability only slightly impaired, Big Six appeared in thirty-eight games. He won twenty-two and lost twelve. In spite of Matty's good performance, the Giants had a disastrous season. Their star outfielder, "Turkey Mike" Donlin, broke a leg sliding into base; the regular catcher, Roger Bresnahan, was beaned by a pitched ball in Cincinnati; and the rest of the pitching staff failed to perform anywhere near par. Many was short of his normal number of innings due to his illness. He worked only 266 innings, one hundred less than average. By September the Giants were eliminated from the race, and McGraw was already anticipating remedial steps to re-energize the Giants in 1907.

Although the 1907 face lift looked promising, it withered in the summer heat, and the team was unable to finish higher than fourth place. The young rookies, Fred Merkle and Buck Herzog, looked promising but still needed experience. Mike Donlin quit the team in a salary dispute, and his missing bat left a big void in the offense. Matty's contribution of twenty-four wins was not enough to overcome the other problems, even though he trudged to the mound forty-one times. He chalked up twelve losses over the season.

Big Six led the charge in 1908 with a brilliant mark of thirty-seven wins and eleven losses. That season the Giants acquired pitcher Rube Marquard from Indianapolis to help in the pennant drive between the Giants, Cubs, and Pirates. Matty often pitched with only two days rest. He worked in fifty-six games during the season, taking care to avoid over-taxing his throwing arm. He had learned to pace his pitching arm and still retain full command. His accuracy had been honed to a fine edge, allowing him to almost always remain ahead of the hitter. Nevertheless, 1908 was destined to be his last season in the 30-game-winner circle, the fourth time he reached the vaunted plateau. During his eighteen-year pitching career, he would achieve twenty or more victories in thirteen of them. Through it all, Three Finger Brown would prove to be his chief nemesis.

The 1908 race was still undecided on September 13. The Giants led the Cubs by a mere six percentage points, and they were scheduled to face off at the Polo Grounds. Matty was pitching against Cub ace, Jack Pfeister. The tight game dragged into the last of the ninth inning, tied 1-1. The Giants had Harry McCormick on third base and Fred Merkle on first. There were two outs when Al Bridwell came to bat and singled sharply past Pfeister into left center field. McCormick scampered home with the winning run. Young Fred Merkle, seeing McCormick cross the plate, did not continue on to second base but turned and ran toward the club house. As bedlam descended on the Polo Grounds, the



fans poured over the field. Johnny Evers, the Cubs' great second baseman, roared for the ball. Securing it, he stepped on second base and shouted for umpire Hank O'Day to call Merkle out for failing to touch the bag.

O'Day agreed with Evers and called Merkle out. The game was still tied 1-1. Even though it was impossible to clear the field, it was rapidly becoming too dark to play. O'Day called the game. In spite of McGraw's bitter protest, National League President Harry Pulliam upheld O'Day's ruling, and the game was officially ruled a tie. It was not a critical situation until the season ended in a dead heat between the 4 Giants and Cubs with both holding 98-55 game records. It was necessary to schedule the first ever N.L. play-off game at the Polo Grounds on October 8. Fred Merkle became the "goat" of the entire fiasco. He was nicknamed "Bonehead" because of his mental lapse which negated a sure victory. Baseball fans

never forgot the incident - or Fred Merkie's role in it.

Matty was scheduled to take the mound once more against Jack Pfeister. The Giants jumped on Pfeister in the first inning, and Chicago's manager, Frank Chance, ordered Three-Finger Brown to relieve him. Before he left home that morning Matty had remarked to Jane that he "wasn't fit to pitch." He was tired and not feeling well. It was never known whether Matty's physical condition was a factor, but the game was

won by Mordecai Brown and the Cubs by a score of 4-2 in a well-pitched contest. The season was over for New York, and the Cubs won the pennant.

*See the December issue for Part II of Bucknell's "Big Six" Christy Mathewson*

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## DeMolay International Press Release

### How DeMolay is making a Difference

#### **A Million Pennies**

Have you ever heard of collecting a million pennies? Here is how DeMolay is making a difference in southern California by doing just that!

The Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay, has joined hands with Ronald McDonald in support of Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times, the largest year-round recreational camping program for children with cancer and their families, in the nation. The Jurisdiction is raising money via several different events. One fund raiser, soon to be completed, has each chapter collecting pennies. The Jurisdiction keeps a running count of all Leagues and chapter

contributions. There will be a "Penny Pincher" Award presented at DeMolay's Conclave to both the Chapter and League who collects the most pennies. Another fund raiser, to commence soon, will be the miracle "quarter" mile, where by a mile of quarters, laid end to end, will be collected in much the same manner as the million pennies.

DeMolay involvement, to date, has helped provide young cancer patients and their families with residential camping experiences, local field trips, parties, reunions and travel, at no cost.

Children with cancer have a 70% chance of survival. Because of the camp, they have access to a broad range of childhood activities otherwise denied. They also learn how much they **£Bi** do, not how much they can't do.

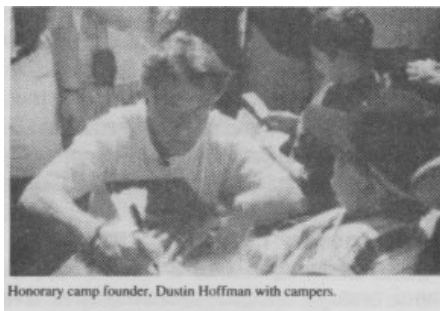
All the programs promote teamwork, sportsmanship, perseverance, the sense of

personal competency, which is needed to succeed in school and work, and, most of all, friendship, fun and laughter.

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The Missouri Triennial Committee has 25 commemorative St. Louis Gateway arches, that were the official registration gifts at the 60th Triennial. They may be purchased for \$10.00 plus \$3.00 for S & H. Proceeds will go to the KTEF. Mail check for \$13.00 to *Lionel J. Goode, Registrar; 715 Murray Hill Drive, Fenton, MO 63026.*

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Clarkrange Masonic Lodge No. 605, F. & AM., Clarkrange, Tennessee, has 100th anniversary commemorative coins for sale. These beautiful coins are gold colored with the Eye of God, Masonic emblem, and working tools on the face, while on the back "100 years from 1898-1998" is displayed with the Lodge name, number, city, and state. Clarkrange Lodge is using these coins to celebrate their centennial, as well as for a fundraiser for the year. Purchase by sending \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage for each coin to *Harvey Peters, 6940 South York Highway, Clarkrange, TN 38553.*

Fate Masonic Lodge No. 802, A.F. & AM., Fate, Texas, has a supply of 100th anniversary, antique bronze coins for sale. Coin is 1.585-in. diameter with reeded edge, 3mm thick or nearly 1/8-in. Face of coin has "Fate Masonic Lodge No. 802, A.F. & AM." on border, very center has a star, and in star center is a square and compass, and there are wreaths on outside of coin and banners

with "1896-1996." Bottom of coin, below border, has the word "centennial." Reverse of coin has square/compass center with working tools around. Price is \$5.00 and \$1.00 postage. Checks or money orders payable to *Joseph Ray Moran, Sec.; P.O. Box 293; Rockwall; TX 75087.*

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On this special day  
Many blessings that are ours  
All along the way.

May we with deep humility  
Forever have a part  
In expressing gratitude  
From a thankful heart.

Grant us strength to do our best  
In each daily task;  
To be worthy of this day  
We would humbly ask.

Help us walk In paths of service  
Doing all we can  
By giving thanks through kindness  
To our fellowman.

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