

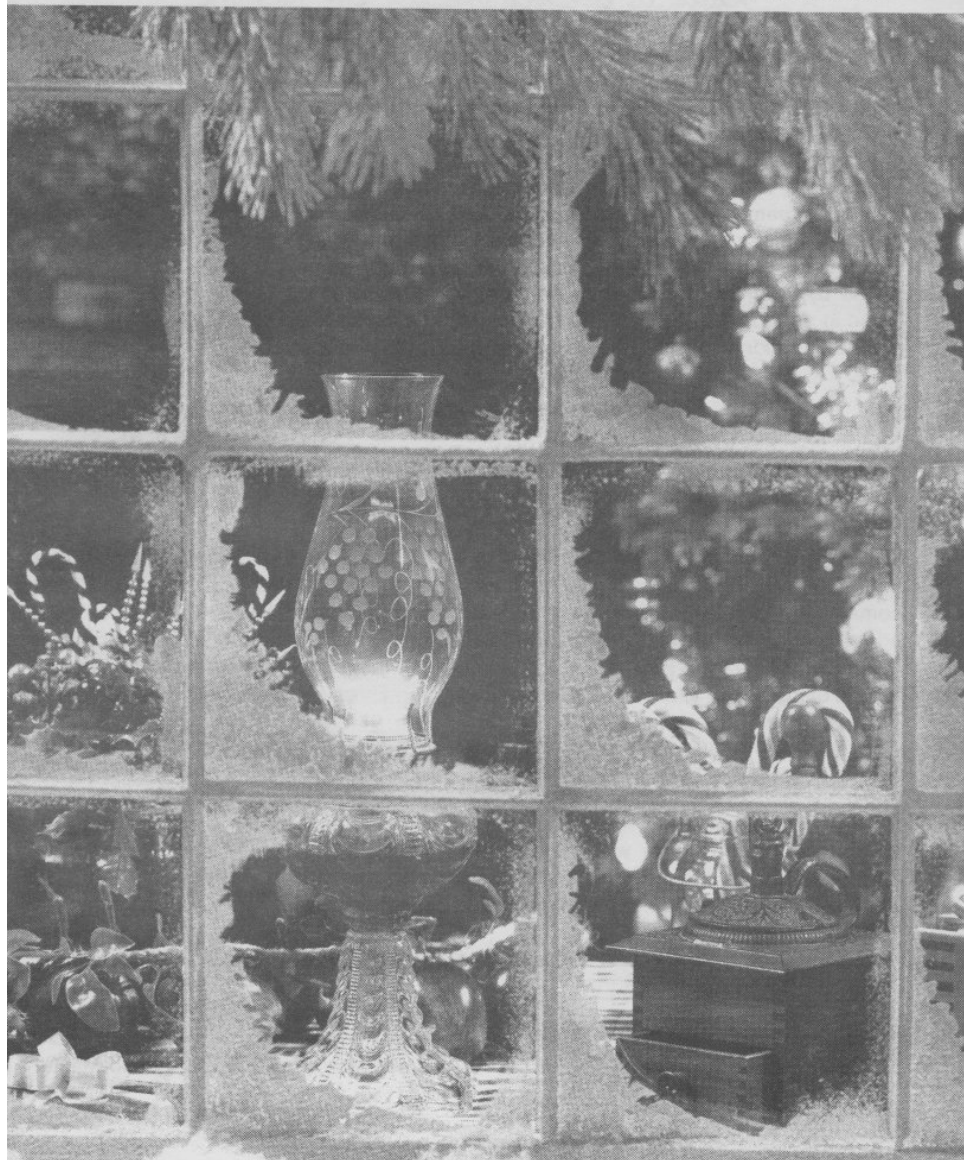


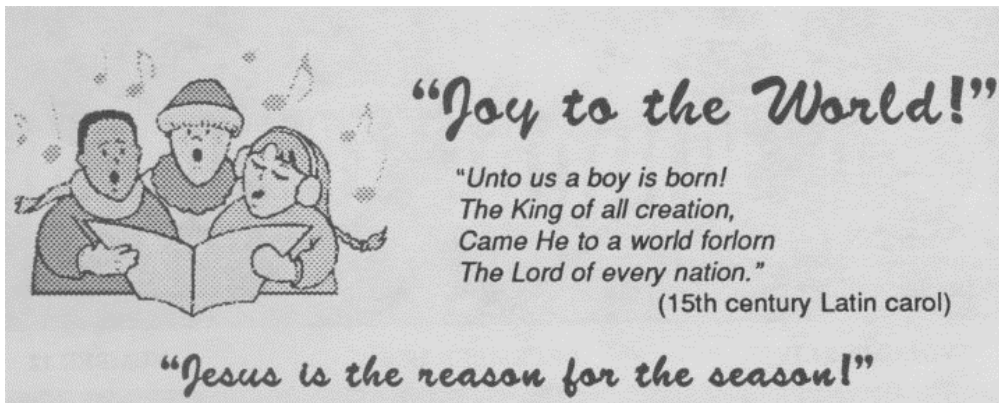
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A beloved old Christmas carol begins: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her king." "Joy to the world" is a glorious promise, particularly as we observe this season of Advent, the time of the birth or coming of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Christmas time is anticipation, crowds, visiting, sharing, shopping, laughing, sadness, worshipping, celebrating, remembering, and reminiscing. And Christmas, we believe, is alone that time when the spirit of love and giving and receiving that JESUS taught is most universally manifested by mankind. Sir Knights, let us strive to minister to those in need and to fulfill our vow to uplift the Christian religion and to glorify our FATHER in heaven.



*"And let us not be weary in
well doing: for in due season
we shall reap, if we faint not."*

(Galatians 6: 9)

My family joins with me in wishing for you, your family and friends a blessed

Merry Christmas!

The 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign to raise funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., a Masonic charity, started December 1, 1998. Your generosity and commitment to this endeavor has provided an important part of the funding that is needed for hospital and physician care, the research grants program, the co-sponsorship of the National Eye Care Program, the co-founding of the Kids Eye program, etc. Our goal for this campaign is \$2,000,000. We can do it when **Every Knight Templar in every Commandery participates!**

To paraphrase an old quotation: "Everything and anything is possible if we don't care who gets the credit." Competitions and rewards are motivating and are incentives to do our best in any field of endeavor and rightfully so, but the main thing is to work together and cooperate toward achieving the common goal for the common good. Sir Knights, the purposes for which we exist as a Masonic Fraternity, and especially as Christian Masons, are well tried and true and worthy of our best efforts.

I'm done pumping! I wish for you Godspeed in all things.

Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar!

James Morris Ward, KGC, Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

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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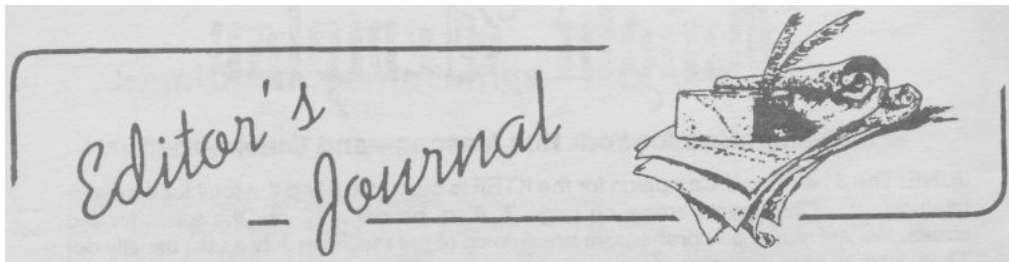
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Apologies: to Sir Knight Donald C. Phillips, Colorado State chairman for the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign for KTEF. We had his address wrong in the November issue. His correct address is: 112 Trout Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Colorado Sir Knights, be aware!

Contacts for all Masonic organizations listed in our January 1998 issue should have the form for our next listing in January 1999. Please respond immediately as the magazine goes to print on Dec. 15, 1998. If your organization has a new contact, please inform him/her of this. We would rather not leave anyone out.

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

Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows

of Knights Templar. A green pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a red Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office Wow 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 \$1500 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. *Born in Blood:* The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$16 00, including shipping and handling • *Dungeon, Fire, and Sword: The Knights Templar in the Crusades:* This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder: Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago: IL 60630-2460.

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Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America
<http://www.knightstemplar.org>

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

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International
<http://members.aol.com/GGCHAPTERIHomePage.html>

York Rite Freemasonry . The International Information Site
<http://members.aol.com/YorkRiteFMHomePage.html>

The 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign Is Knocking at Your Door!

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



The alarm will be sounded on December 1 to remind every Sir Knight that the needy are seeking our help so that they too may see the beauty of all things great and small that God has given us. If no one cares enough to answer the door, we are saying that we cannot help or have nothing to give to those who have nowhere else to turn. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is frequently the last hope between saving someone's sight or losing them to blindness? Will you open the door of hope for the prevention of blindness during the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign?

The goal for the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign is \$2 million. This is not a large sum in the financial world where we now hear of budgets and charitable donations of millions and billions, but the Knights Templar raising the sum of just \$2 million can make sight possible for over 2,000 people yearly. Don't you think it is worth the effort to raise these funds by personal donations, fundraising activities, or organizational donations so that we never refuse help because of lack of funds?

The easy method is this: **EVERY SIR KNIGHT** can and should put a check for \$1000 in the envelope in the center of this magazine and mail it before December 31, 1998. If you wish, you can make additional donations through the year. This would be a giant step forward from antiquated fundraising, and more concentration could be put on other important Templar projects such as membership, and the local Commanderies could do something to help those in need in their communities.



The Grand Master is looking for 100% participation of all Commanderies during the campaign. Every Commander is asked to take a voluntary collection at the December Conclave and forward the amount donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation office before the end of December. This is a simple request, and everyone is expected to cooperate and respond to the request of the Grand Master. This will make the 100% participation an easy goal. Please don't be negative, but respond immediately with a cheerful Yes, I will Help."

Have you checked on the Matching Grants Program with your employer? Here is a partial list of companies with Matching Gift programs: H. J. Heinz Co., Hoechst Celanese Corp., IBN Corp., The ITW Foundation, Johnson & Johnson Industries, Kemper Insurance Companies, Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, Lucent Technologies, Merrill Lynch Foundation, Mobil Foundation, Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., Murdy Foundation Inc., RJR Nabisco, Inc., Newport News Shipbuilding, Norfolk Southern Corp., Outboard Marine Corp., and the Pfizer

Foundation, Inc. Every Sir Knight is asked to check with the Human Relations program where he is employed and ascertain if they have a Matching Gift Program. Our members and friends of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation must originate this method of fund-raising by contacting the Human Relations or Personnel departments.

Sir Knights, the bottom line is that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is the responsibility of every Sir Knight.

Are you being true to your vows? I invite you to examine your commitment to Christian Knighthood and remember that we are "Crusaders for Sight."

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 Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944; Send e-mail to: cagames@aol.com or ktef@knightsterrc1ar.org

KTEF Grant Funds Biological Science's Eye Research In Delaware



A \$20,000 grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is helping to fund eye research at the University of Delaware - the first time one of these competitive grants has been awarded in the state.

Melinda K. Duncan, biological sciences, will use the funds to study the function of the Pax-6 gene, the cause of the genetic abnormality aniridia, an eye condition in which children are born without irises. Without an iris, the pupil is unable to close making it impossible for the eye to control incoming light.

Other potentially blinding complications such as cloudy corneas, retinal detachments, glaucoma, and cataracts also may be part of the condition.

Duncan's research will use genetically altered mice to investigate how mutant forms of the Pax-6 protein produce cataracts. "The results may tell us which aniridia patients could be helped by gene therapy and will teach us more about how our eyes form and develop," she said.

In the picture Melinda K. Duncan, assistant professor of biological sciences, receives a check for eye research from James A. Pletz, Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Delaware. Also, left to right: Daniel D. Carson, chair of the Department of Biological Sciences; Donald D. Thomas, Grand Recorder, Delaware; Herbert P. Fulmer, Grand Master of Masons, Delaware; C. Granville McVey, Grand Treasurer, Delaware; and Warren F. Schueler, Senior Past Grand Master and chair of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for Delaware. (from an article in *The University of Delaware UpDate*, October 22, 1998, by Beth Thomas)

Our Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the 1998 recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected forty-seven Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

Alabama

Patrick Bertram Bleakley, Anniston No. 23

Arizona

David Edmond Van Amburg, Yuma No. 10

Arkansas

Lewis Frank Polley

Jacques DeMolay No. 3

California

Thomas Franklin Pollock, Foothill No. 63

Colorado

Ernest L. Niemeyer, Pikes Peak No. 6

Connecticut

Robert Dikran Shooshan

Washington No. 1

Florida

Seth King Walworth, Springtime No. 40

Georgia

Bobby Lee Massey, Amicalola No. 41

Idaho

Kenneth Naylor, Twin Falls No. 10

Illinois

Walter Edward Davison, Elwood No. 6

Indiana

Harrison Eugene Lackey

Lawrence No. 67

Iowa

Robert L. Johnson, Columbian No. 18

Kansas

Clifford A. Johnson, Askelon No. 6

Kentucky

John E. Mitchell, Pikeville No. 45

Louisiana

Dudley Joseph Theriot, Payen No. 16

Maine

Gordon Ernest Reynolds, St. John's No. 3

Maryland

Oscar Doyle Johnson

Jacques DeMolay No. 4

Michigan

James H. Blauvelt, Jackson No. 9

Minnesota

Leonard E. Strobel, Ascalon No. 16

Mississippi

George Jasper Williams, Mississippi No. 1

Missouri
Logan Earl Wing, Jr.
Hugh de Paynes No. 4

Montana
E. Terrill Nobles, St. Omer No. 9

Nebraska
Joseph Howard Belden, Bethlehem No. 18

Nevada
Woodson Adams, E. C. Peterson No. 8

New Hampshire
Aldine Jack Tillotson
North Star - St. Gerard No. 4

New Jersey
Noble Colclough, Corson No. 15

New Mexico
Arland M. Blackburn, Shiprock No. 15

New York
William C. Jones, Sagoyewatha No. 17

North Carolina
William F Meacham, Sr., Salisbury No. 13

North Dakota
Clark Ormiston, Wi-Ha-Ha No. 4

Ohio
Ivan Lester McClary, Mt. Vernon No. 1
Clifford A. Fenner, Highland No. 31

Oklahoma
Forrest Teller Smith, Guthrie No. 1

Oregon
Herald E. Reid, Pendleton No. 7

Pennsylvania
George Henry Runkle, Pilgrim No. 11

South Carolina
Walter Hampton Johnson Spartanburg No. 3

South Dakota
Harlan E. Peterson, Cyrene No. 2

Tennessee
Donald Meyer, Baldwin No. 7

Texas
Howard Newton, Ruthven No. 2
William Gaston Parsons
San Marcos No. 56

Utah
Joe Edward Shirk, Ivanhoe No. 5

Vermont
Russell Alvern Goslant, Mt. Zion No. 9

Virginia
George Daniel Gilbreath
Old Dominion No. 11

Washington
Steven L. Guffy, Columbia No. 14

West Virginia
George J. Gruber, Potomac No. 5

Wisconsin
Harold J. Christiansen, St. Croix No. 14

Wyoming
Wayne F. Messenger, Constantine No. 9

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas!

by Sir Knight Donald IL Smith Past Grand Master and Grand Prelate or the Grand Encampment. Knights Templar of the USA

What a wonderful expression of our love for our Lord and Savior.

He was born for us!
He lived for us!
He died for us!
And now He watches over us.

What a present! What a wonderful reason to be Merry.

Each year millions of cards bearing the words "Merry Christmas" are mailed all over the world. They come in many colors, many sizes, and many languages - Joyeux Noel, Boa Noite, Feliz Navidad, Fröhliche Weihnachten, Buon Natale----and in so many other ways they express it.

It is such a wonderful custom. It tells the world that we believe. It tells the addressees that we are thinking of them at this wonderful time of celebration. It tells the sender that there is love in their hearts for many.

Some say this is a burdensome custom on a Post Office already overburdened with packages of gifts. Some say that many do not take the time to read them. Some say they are too expensive and the postage is too high. Some say they are just thrown away.

Sir Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, Grand Prelate member of Richmond Commandery No. 19, and Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Richmond, Kentucky. He resides at 1041 Idylwild Grand Encampment and P.G.C. of Kentucky, is a Drive, Richmond, KY 40475

But most of us say: "Isn't that a pretty card from our dear friends and such a wonderful greeting," and wouldn't it be wonderful if we all put the true meaning of

Merry Christmas!

into every heart, as we think of that stable, that manger, those animals, and the Love that came down from heaven to that carpenter and his wife and to us, as a new-son to born babe lay in that manger, in that stable, on that night in Bethlehem.

God Blessed us all that nights, and He blessed all those who will come after us.

Joy to the World!



*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from the Grand Master and
all the officers of the Grand Encampment*

Joy – Joy - Joy

by Reverend Donald Craig Kerr, 32°

'Tis the season to be jolly once again - a time to bring out the candles and the lights and the holly and the ivy. All of that represents the signs of celebration. Families prepare with the Christmas tree and the presents and the dinners. Some go to great lengths to decorate their houses inside and outside.

This is what happened at one house. Large plywood letters were to be put on the roof, illuminated by bright lights. As usual, the family before Christmas was in a frantic rush. Just before Christmas on a Saturday everyone was eager to get the sign ready. It was a blustery, wintry day. The big plywood letters were supposed to spell "Noel."

Fighting the wind and the cold and struggling to get the letters in the right order, the father of the house, who was on the roof, yelled down to the others below, "O.K., turn on the lights." Excited and watching eagerly, the family waited. Against the darkening sky and the hovering winter clouds,

the big letters on the roof were lit up and all aglow. Instead of "Noel," they spelled "Leon." What a shock! Everything was undone. It was a giant mix-up.

That's how things are sometimes at Christmas. We get confused. We know what the season is supposed to mean. We know that Hanukkah and Christmas are joyful and happy times. They exist to tell us about the miracles of God and the love of God. However, we get caught up with lists, ribbons, and tinsel and forget about the peace and hope and the "Silent Night, Holy Night." Let's all remember the thought of this simple rhyme:

"So many gods, so many creeds, So many ways that wind and wind, While all this old world needs Is just the art of being kind."

Sir Knight Donald Craig Kerr, Th.D., 32°, is a member of Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland. He resides at 5220 Manz Pl., Apt. 330, Sarasota, FL 34232-2683

Southwestern Department Commander Grover T. Halbrooks Presents Golden Chalice To California Commandery

Late September 1998 at a stated Conclave, Sir Knight Grover T. Halbrooks, Southwestern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, presented a Golden Chalice to Bakersfield Commandery No. 39, Bakersfield, California. It was presented for a contribution by Sir Knight Angel through a will. The Golden Chalice is presented for a contribution of \$10,000 or more to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. In the picture Commander Dale St. Claire (left) receives the Golden Chalice from Sir Knight Halbrooks.



In Memoriam



James Whitcomb Reineking, Sr.
Montana
Grand Commander-1991
Born November 2, 1915
Died July 23, 1998

Orville Kenneth Holman
Montana
Grand Commander-1982
Born January 13, 1913
Died October 7, 1998

Leimo G. Immonen
Nevada
Grand Commander-1950
Born February 24, 1903
Died October 13, 1998

Ben Max Jessurun-Lobo
New Jersey
Grand Commander-1991
Born March 16, 1913
Died October 17, 1998

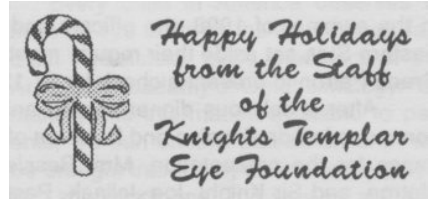
Grand Commander's Club

No. 100,909-Frederick A. Stahl (NY)

Grand Master's Club

No. 3096-Joseph A Anthony (KY)
 No. 3,097-R. P. Scott (TX)
 No. 3,098-Beaura R. Pahl (WV)
 No. 3,099-John Yates (TX)
 No. 3,100-Peter F. Gross (PA)
 No. 3,101-Frederick A. Stahl (NY)

How to join: Any individual may send a check *in* the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commanders Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commanders Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 100; Chicago; 1L60630-2460; (773) 205-3838

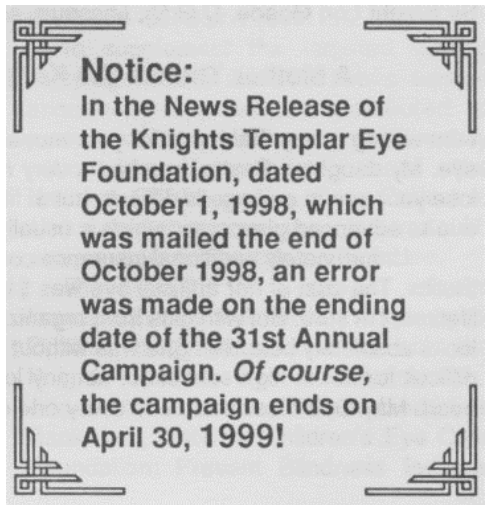


Grand Master's Club And Grand Commander's Club Pins

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.

Life Sponsorship Pins Available

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



News from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grand Chapter of Missouri, O.E.S., Makes Contribution to KTEF

In the summer of 1998, the officers and ladies of Fenton Chapter No. 152, Order of Eastern Star, set aside their regular meeting night for the Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron to present a check for \$7,125.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

After a delicious dinner served and prepared by the ladies of Fenton Chapter, some one hundred ladies and Brethren of various Eastern Star Chapters were in attendance for the presentation. Mrs. Bessie Mae Kirkpatrick, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Sir Knight Joe Jelinek, Past Grand Patron, presented the check to Past Grand Master, Blair Christy Mayford, who received the check for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Sir Knight Mayford's remarks were most appropriate as he thanked the ladies and Brethren for their support of the Foundation. He mentioned that the ladies are the Foundation's most generous contributors. He then turned the check over to Sir Knight Louis Monken, P.C. of Ascalon Commandery No. 16 and the chairman of the Voluntary Campaign for Missouri.



Left to right in the picture are: Sir Knight Louis Monken, **P.C., Ascalon No. 16**, and Missouri chairman for the campaign; Sir Knight Joe Jelinek, P.G.P.; Blair Mayford, M.E.P.G.M., Grand Encampment; Mrs. Bessie Mae Kirkpatrick, P.M.W.G.M.; and Sir Knight Harold Richardson, P.G.C., Grand Commandery of Missouri. Not pictured was Sir Knight Lon Goode, D.G.C., Missouri, and the photographer.

A Mother Thanks the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

I am writing to say thank you for your monetary gift to help pay for my daughter's artificial eye. My daughter, Sasha, has had a very rough road with her eyes in her young life. To lose your eye at any age is difficult, but at fifteen years old it is especially hard. She lost it due to advanced glaucoma, which is usually a disease that hits older people.

Unfortunately traditional insurance companies do not pay much, if any, toward prosthetics. The cost of her artificial eye was \$1,500.00, and this will be one of several in her lifetime, I'm sure. But with gifts from organizations such as yours, it is almost paid for! She looks absolutely beautiful! She was without an eye for almost three months, and that was difficult for her in high school but not any longer. Again thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless each and every one of you in all that you do for the community.

Beth Walter, Norfolk, Virginia

National Children's Eye Care Program

submitted by Sir Knight James W. Prairie, P.G.C. (Indiana)

On June 1, 1998, representatives of the Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery of Indiana, the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and Prevent Blindness Indiana met with First Lady Judy O'Bannon and Indiana State Representative Brian Bosma to announce the National Children's Eye Care Program (NCECP), a public service campaign that addresses children's eye care needs. The program is co-sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

"If parents learn to recognize the signs of early eye trouble in their young children, we can help prevent tragic, unnecessary vision loss," said First Lady Judy O'Bannon. "It is so critical that we offer all our young children good preventive health, so they can take hold of life's many opportunities."

The NCECP's pilot program began in June in Indiana. It will be released in Texas in the spring of 1999, and it is expected it will be available nationwide by 2000. As part of the pilot, Indiana's 70,000 parents of children through the age of four will be mailed a letter and brochure which highlight the importance of timely eye care for infants and toddlers and illustrate the signs of eye disease and disorders in young children. In addition, a copy of the brochure "Newborn to Early Childhood" will be sent to more than 15,000 pediatricians and family physicians across the state to make them aware of the program and recommend techniques for vision and eye health evaluation.

Several eye conditions, including congenital glaucoma, congenital cataracts, strabismus (crossed eyes), and amblyopia (lazy eye), among others, require early detection and ophthalmologic care to ensure early, successful treatment. Because of advances in medicine, ophthalmologists are able to diagnose and treat eye disorders in very young patients, in many cases preventing children from a lifetime of serious eye problems and even blindness.

"Every child in America deserves to have an eye exam by the age of five," said Elliot Finkelstein, M.D., president of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. "By making this information available to parents, we can ensure that all children will be brought into the eye care delivery system at an early age. This way we can help prevent vision loss."

State Representative Brian Bosma has experienced eye disease firsthand with his young son Christopher. "Thankfully, Christopher was diagnosed early and quickly treated. He now sees fully and is embracing every aspect of life that a normal 6-year-old would. We are examples of the success that comes with early detection. But awareness of eye disease and taking action for proper treatment are the keys."

In order to ensure that potential eye problems are discovered, representatives of Prevent Blindness Indiana are training volunteer vision screeners, including members of the Knights Templar, to conduct vision screenings that will detect eye diseases and disorders. These screenings will take place at community centers across the state and will be free to participants. For more information about these screenings, please call Prevent Blindness Indiana at (317) 955-9580 or 1(800) 232-2551.

To supplement the targeted mailing campaign, radio and TV public service announcements will be distributed to media outlets in Indiana and ultimately nationwide. Information about the National Children's Eye Care Project is also available on the Internet at:
www.eyenet.org/brochure/visioncare.

The NCECP is a project of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in conjunction with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc.; Anderson Foundation; Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.; National Children's Eye Care Foundation; Prevent Blindness Indiana,

Inc.; and Titmus Optical.

In addition to the NCECP, the Foundation also offers two other public service projects to help people obtain eye care. GLAUCOMA 2001™, 1 (800) 391-EYES (3937), provides information about glaucoma by assuring qualified callers receive a referral to a local volunteer ophthalmologist. Financially disadvantaged seniors, age 65 and older, can call the National Eye Care Project® at 1 (800) 222-EYES (3937). Qualified callers receive a comprehensive medical eye exam from a local volunteer ophthalmologist.

At this time volunteers from William G. Bray Commandery in Mooresville, Raper Commandery in Indianapolis, Connersville Commandery in Connersville, and Angola Commandery in Angola have received training. At an eye screening in Brownsburg, Indiana, at the town bicentennial celebration; twenty

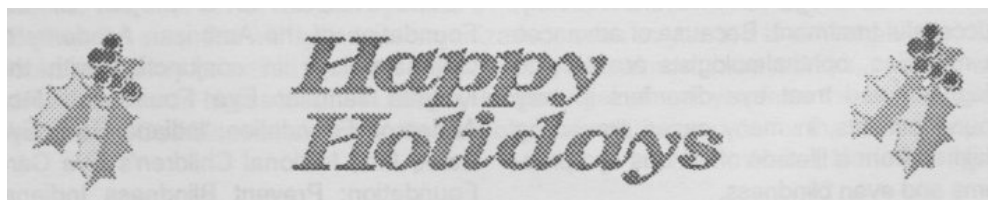
children, aged four to six years, had their eyes checked and one little girl was identified as possibly having sight problems.

For more information about the National Children's Eye Care Program or the National Eye Care Project, please contact Jill Hartle by phone at (415) 561-8524 or e-mail: jhartle@aao.org

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Pictured, left to right, are: Sir Knight William J. Jones, R.E. Deputy Grand Master; Dr. Eugene Helveston; Judy OBannon; Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting, E. Grand Generalissimo; Representative Brian Bosma and son Christopher; John Pratt, Prevent Blindness Indiana; Sir Knight James W. Prairie, Past Grand Commander, Indiana; and David Noonan of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.



Comments from 1998 Pilgrim Ministers

I am writing this letter to try to express my gratitude to everyone who had a part in making possible my visit to the Holy Land. The trip was an opportunity of a lifetime for me, and I am still trying to digest it all.

Since my visit to Israel, the Scriptures have a new and deeper meaning for me. When I read and study the Bible now, I am taken back to the places I have visited. I know that my future ministry has been positively affected, as I will be able to share for the rest of my life the impact that has been made by this trip.

I was privileged to meet a lot of interesting people, and I made many new friends. I especially enjoyed meeting Mr. Fred Lesley. Fred was very gracious to us all, and he worked very hard to make certain that our trip was enjoyable and enriching.

Words cannot express my gratitude to the Knights Templar for allowing me this experience. May God richly bless you all.

Pastor Jim Brinkley
Rocky Face Baptist Church
Rocky Face, Georgia

The trip has been so valuable to me in my sermon preparation and delivery and in my teaching here at the church. Many people have commented at the renewed energy with which I speak since my return. We probably will be able to form our own church tour due to the excitement of our people since hearing the reports and viewing the pictures of the Holy Land.

You were certainly correct in your estimate of how we will be affected by the Pilgrimage. The Bible now takes on a new dimension - like reading in 3-D. Those images of the places we visited constantly come to mind. New epiphanies are still happening for me as I realize once and again the significance of certain places or events that we studied in Israel. This has been one of the most consequential spiritual experiences of my life. And yes, Easter will certainly never be the same - not after the visit to the Garden Tomb, the Via Dolorosa, etc. Every single day my mind reflects on the Sea of Galilee, Old Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and places in between. I think I am about to drive my wife crazy with all the stories.

Every pastor - indeed every Christian - should have this opportunity. You have made possible a lifetime's worth of inspiration!

David A. Moffitt
First Christian Church
Port Angeles, Washington

I want to thank the Knights Templar for being used by God to provide me with the opportunity of a lifetime: to see, to feel, to taste, to experience the land of our Lord! This morning as we read and studied the Gospel of John, during our morning prayer time, I experienced one of the blessings of the trip again. I saw the Mt. of Olives and the Temple, not as lifeless black and white locations referred to on a written page, but I saw them in the full diversity of life and color that our Lord encountered.

Derik, Trinity Evangelical
Upper Sandusky, Ohio

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CHAPTER IV Fifty-fourth Conclave, 1979

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Those which failed were recommended changes to: 1) Section 237^{1/2} which would not allow a Sir Knight to have any knowledge of his nomination for the award of Knights Templar Cross of Honor; 2) Section 18^{1/2} which would require a \$50.00 tee to become a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; 3) Section 85 which would have allowed a vote of a majority to amend the statutes, and a vote of 213 to amend the constitution; 4) Section 10 which would have relieved a Grand Commandery of the \$1.00 assessment of the Eye Foundation for those whose dues were remitted for being 50-year Templars and for indigent members; and a proposal failed which would have changed the issuance of the *Knight Templar* magazine from monthly to once each two months.

The Permanent Endowment Fund of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was increased during the triennium by \$779,839 to \$3,451,533. Total assets had increased by \$2,920,403 to \$6,728,535, and more than 10 million dollars was paid out to doctors and hospitals.

The loss of membership during this triennium was 7,729. The Committee on Knights Templar History reported that through the efforts of Sir Knights Jacob L. King and R. Julian Glover of Arkansas "the copyright to Dr. Scully's history has been assigned to the Grand Encampment" and that Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, P.G.C. of North Carolina, "is already at work on the updating" of Scully's history.

Expenditures for the Committee on Easter Sunrise Services were \$13,401.06, an average of \$4,467.02 per annum, about 11% above the \$4,000 which had been expected.

The report of the Committee on Coordination, Cooperation and Unity of the York Rite of Freemasonry contained the statement "We can be proud, but not satisfied, of what we are presently doing Masonically."

Eight Class "A" and fifteen "B" Teams had competed in the Drill Competition. The Sunday luncheon for the drill team members was eliminated this year, the second such elimination. And again there was no Knights Templar Parade.

Dispensations were voted for: a new Commandery in Dusseldorf, Germany, to be known as the Pierre Teilhard de Chardin Commandery; a Commandery in Athens, Greece, to be known as the Dionysius Areopagites Commandery; and another Commandery in Athens, Greece, to be known as the Constantine Paleologos Commandery. Charters were granted to the Harry J. Miller Commandery No. 5, Bitburg, Germany; Simon von Utrecht Commandery No. 6, Hamburg, Germany; Digenis Aknitas Commandery No. 1, Athens, Greece; Carroccio Commandery No. 1, Milan, Italy; and St. John Commandery No. 2, Turin, Italy. Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, "due to government regulations in that country," ceased operation and was removed from Grand Encampment rolls as of December 31, 1978.

The installation of officers was the final action of the 54th Triennial Conclave which began at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday when the following officers were installed: Sir Knight Kenneth C. Johnson, Most Eminent Grand Master; Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; Sir Knight William P. Wilson, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, 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 Dr. George F. Ivey, Right Eminent Grand Prelate.

Fifty-fifth Conclave, 1982

The Opening Ceremonies of the Fifty-fifth Triennial Conclave began at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, August 16, 1982 in the Arlington Hotel, with "a five-star Arkansas leader," Sir Knight M. C. Lewis, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Triennial Conclave, introducing the officers of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas. After all of the introductions had been made, including forty-seven distinguished guests, and all of those who were not Knights Templar had been invited to speak, Grand Master Kenneth Culver Johnson recessed the Conclave until 2:00 P.M. when the first business session began.

Following the invocation by Grand Prelate Ivey, the first order of business was the roll call of the officers, followed by the preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials. Grand Master Johnson then gave his report. In his report on necrology, he "particularly" mourned the passing of Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight William P. Wilson of California, and Right Eminent Past Grand Generalissimo, C. Byron Lear of New Jersey. He noted that "for the first time ever" the Grand Encampment sponsored a trip for Sir Knights and their ladies. The committee was composed of Sir Knights Dull, Deputy Grand Master, and Fowler, Grand Captain General; Sir Knights and ladies of the South Central Department made a trip to Hawaii in April of 1982 for the purpose of visiting Honolulu No. 1 and Kalakaua, U.D., and also having a Memorial Service and placing flowers on the sunken battleship *Arizona* in Pearl Harbor. He also stated that he had arrested the charter of Tijuana Commandery No. 3, Mexico, and had lifted the dispensation of C. Wallace Jackson Commandery in Korea. He also quoted a letter he had written to Sir Knight Amos C. Leggett, Grand Commander of North Carolina, dated November 4, 1981, wherein he removed him as "Grand Commander, without the rank of 'Past Grand Commander'"

under Section 23 of the Constitution.

Nine Class "A" and fourteen Class "B" Teams had competed in the Drill Competition on Saturday. For the first time in the past several Triennial drills, there was a tie for first place among the "A" Teams; duplicate prizes were awarded to Knightstown No. 9 and Lansing No. 25. Appended to the report of the Committee on Drill Regulations was the *Official Salute and Courtesies to the Flag of the United States of America*.

The report of the Committee on Finance called for total expenditures of \$3,137,550 (compared with the previous budget of \$2,743,500), and an anticipated income of \$3,148,950, which included per capita dues of \$2.85 (for Grand Commanderies) and \$3.85 (for Subordinate Commanderies), an increase of 45 cents over the past triennium. Again, there was much discussion; the proposed budget and the discussion covers 23 pages in the *Proceedings* of the Conclave. There were many suggestions as to how the proposed budget could be "whittled down." One idea was to publish the *Knight Templar* magazine only once every two months, instead of monthly; this idea seemed to be "heresy." However, Sir Knight Thomas K. Griffiths, P.G.C. of Mississippi, stated: "And I go around Mississippi and I ask people who read the magazine - every one of you folks read it, sitting here - but for every one of you who reads it, there are ten who throw it in the trash can and don't read it, because I've taken a survey and I know what they do." Several present pointed out that all of the discussion was over 45 cents each year and that not only those present, but every Sir Knight would waste more than that each year! The crippling inflation of the past decade was just now being brought under some control. When the question was called, the budget and increase in per capita dues passed.

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Utica Commandery No. 3, Utica, New York-175th Anniversary Celebration by Sir Knight Thomas E. Loughlin, Jr. Commander of Utica Commandery No. 3

Utica Commandery's 175th anniversary celebration was not just graced with the presence of then Grand Commander of New York state, Sir Knight Ronald S. Januszkiewicz, but also with the presence of dignitaries from throughout the state. The celebration was organized and conducted by Commander Thomas E. Loughlin, Jr., with the assistance of Sir Knight Gerald B. Showalter, P.C., Generalissimo.

Utica Commandery was founded by M.E. Grand Master Do Witt Clinton and was chartered February 8, 1823.

After a fine lunch at a downtown Utica restaurant, the celebration moved to Tompkins Chapel on the campus of Utica's Masonic Home. Commander Loughlin says of this chapel: "Tompkins conducts a service within the hearts of all who enter, whether or not a preacher is present. It is the quintessential inspirational site of Freemasonry. Every hand which set to work to build and finish this great house of God, every worker or Mason who set to its maintenance or embellishment, and every worshiper who offered an inspired prayer have lent their aura and reverence in the fabric of the structure as a living tribute and prayer for all who enter to share. If anyone comes here without a prayer in his heart, Tompkins will bring one for them."

The event celebrating Utica's longest-established Christian organization featured addresses by then Grand Commander Januszkiewicz and Commander Loughlin, who has completed six years in the East, with a program of music by Sir Knight Jack W. Ovitt, Grand Organist.



Above: Commander Loughlin supports the century old Commandery standard given Utica No 3 by a grateful uniform company for an order of more than 1,600 uniforms, the nation's largest in 1896. Photographer Heather Martin and reproduced by permission of the *Utica Observer Dispatch*.

Right above: Team 175 pauses for a commemorative photo with the Tompkins Chapel stained glass, spirit



Hope. L. to r.: Francis Wilcox, Asst GO; Showalter, Gen. Januszkiewicz, then G.C., NY; Ovitt, GO., Grand Lodge, NY; Loughlin, E.C., Utica No. 3 with original charter; James Hemstought, E.C., Norwich Commandery, the vocalist; and Rev. Arden Coe, Prelate of Utica No. 3. Photo by Richard Eades.

Thomas E. Loughlin, Jr., Commander
2100 Baker Avenue, Utica, NY 13501

Nashville Commandery No. 1, Tennessee, Names Outstanding Student



Stephen Michael Campbell, a senior at McGavock High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship presented by Nashville No. 1. Mr. Campbell was chosen because of his outstanding

academic achievements, his leadership ability in his peer group, and his service to the Nashville community. He has maintained a 4.0 GPA while at McGavock, and was National Forensic League Chapter President, National Honor Society President, and National Beta Club President, North School. He also served as house page for the House of Representatives of the state of Tennessee and spent many hours in volunteer service to his church and community. In the picture, left to right are: Stephen's parents, James and Kay Campbell; recipient, Stephen Campbell; and Sir Knight Bob Fritz, Eminent Commander, Nashville Commandery No. 1.

Fall Festival of Albuquerque York Rite Bodies, New Mexico

Much hard work goes into the preparation for the conferral of degrees and orders in York Rite Masonry, and the 1998 Fall Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was no exception. This year marked the 231st conferral of Chapter degrees in the Rio Grande Valley, and it was well attended. The picture shows the Chapter degree team with candidates standing on the steps of Albuquerque York Rite Temple. (Photo and article by Sir Knight H. William Hart, Publicity.)



At the Annual Convocation of the State of New York



Meeting in Amherst, New York, for the Annual Convocation, New York state downstaters stop to chat. From the left these Sir Knights are: Lawrence Polla, P.G.C., New York; Frank Wells, P.G.C., New York; Walt Hilsenbeck, E.C., Nassua Commandery No. 73, Hicksville, NY; and Walter Drake, P.G.C., New York. Sir Knight Hilsenbeck's wife, Reverend Juanita, was sent to Israel on the Holy Land Pilgrimage, and the others in the picture helped make it happen. The Reverend told the ladies of her travels.

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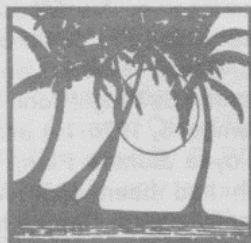
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Bucknell's "Big Six": Christy Mathewson Part II

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33⁰



During the 1908-09 post season, two disturbing events occurred, both of which touched Christy Mathewson in a personal way. On January 15, 1909, Nicholas Mathewson, his youngest brother, committed suicide. It was a tragic blow to Matty's parents, and he was the one who had the task of breaking the sad news to them. Later in the winter, Harry Pulliam, the N.L. president, who had confirmed the fateful tie-game ruling in September 1908, also committed suicide. He had been under psychiatric care for a time prior to his death. John McGraw, still seething over Pulliam's ruling, received the news with a typical acerbic observation: "I didn't think a bullet to his head could hurt him."

Mathewson was twenty-nine years of age in 1909, commanding a salary of \$10,000. The Giants were still traveling to Marlin, Texas, for spring training, but in 1909 McGraw failed to ignite the spark for a winning season. Matty was in splendid form all year and compiled an ERA of 1.14 while pitching eight shutouts. His record of twenty-five wins against six losses was eloquent proof that he was at the top of his game. His pinpoint control had never been better, evidenced by the fact that he walked thirty-six batters over the entire campaign. In spite of Matty's contribution, the Giants finished eighteen and one half games off the pace, a distant second to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Giants finished second once more in 1910, trailing the Chicago Cubs. Matty made thirty-eight appearances, winning twenty-seven games, and losing nine. The 1911 season promised more of the same, but an unexpected turn of events hinted that a

different season might be at hand. The Polo Grounds suffered a catastrophic fire early on opening day, April 13. The entire grandstand and left field bleacher section were destroyed. Temporarily without a park, the Giants had to prevail on the New York Highlanders to share their baseball home, Hilltop Park, located at 168th Street. In their temporary home field, the Giants launched the season with a new running game. The hustle and clutch hitting regenerated the Giant's offensive attack. Supported by a fine pitching staff, the New Yorkers jumped into the pennant race at the start.

Matty was pitching conservatively by 1911, wasting very few pitches. He actually threw only seventy-five to eighty times per game, considerably less than his average of 125 pitches per contest. He realized his arm was weakening. He finished the year with twenty-six wins and thirteen losses in forty-five mound appearances. Rube Marquard finally lived up to his potential and posted a sparkling 27-7 record in 1911. By October 4 the Giants had clinched the pennant and were preparing to meet the Philadelphia Athletics in the World Series.

This time the story was different. The As won the series in six games. Matty took the first one 2-1, throwing only ninety-two pitches before a record crowd of 40,000 at the Polo Grounds. It was all downhill from that point. Matty lost the third game 2-1 on October 17, primarily due to fielding miscues in an eleven-inning marathon. After a rain delay of several days, Big Six took the mound in relief in the seventh inning of the fourth game on October 24. He was the 4-2 loser of record to Chief Bender.

During the 1911 series, Matty was credited with a by-line in a daily column in the *New York Herald*, which was actually ghostwritten by reporter, John N. Wheeler. Well qualified to write his own material, Matty probably did not have time to compose the column because of his baseball responsibilities. Later in the winter of 1911-12, Mathewson's "autobiography" was completed with the title, *Pitching In A Pinch*. Again Wheeler wrote the manuscript.

News of the huge new luxury liner *Titanic* sinking on April 12, 1912, overshadowed all news in the United States for a time, but eventually, public interest returned to baseball. The Giants again opted to pursue a

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running game and accumulated 319 stolen bases as a team during the season. Again, aggressive running and hitting made it possible to finish ten games ahead of the nearest challenger, the Pittsburgh Pirates. The pitching story for the Giants was impressive in 1912. Matty posted a mark of twenty-three wins and twelve losses in his thirteenth year with the Giants. Rube Marquard had a great season, too, with twenty-six wins, nineteen of which were consecutive. The Giants faced the Boston Red Sox in the World Series. It was a disappointment for Matty as he was charged with two losses. He toiled through eleven innings in game two, an error-plagued contest ending in a 6-6 tie. In both game five and the final contest, Matty was the loser. Fred Snodgrass, a Giant outfielder, dropped an easy fly in the tenth inning. The error cost the final game and gave the World Series to Boston.

The great Smoky Joe Wood won three games for the Red Sox in the 1912 fall classic.

After the season ended, Matty starred in a silent movie, titled *Breaking Into the Big Leagues*, with John McGraw a member of the cast. Matty was also listed as the playwright of a Broadway show, *The Girl and the Pennant*, which ran for twenty performances. Salary controversy had been big news during and after the 1912 season. The players urged Mathewson to accept the presidency of a proposed player union they called The Fraternity of Baseball Players of America. Matty declined the post, but the organization went forward without him.

The great Indian athlete, Jim Thorpe, reported for spring training in 1913. He had just returned after a sensational World Olympic performance in Sweden. McGraw hoped to field the first Indian battery in the major leagues, with Giant catcher Chief (John T.) Meyers teaming up with Thorpe. The experiment was not successful, and Thorpe's baseball career did not last long. The Giants, however, drove to their third consecutive N.L. pennant, beating off the challenge of the Philadelphia Phillies and their young pitching sensation, Grover Cleveland Alexander. The Phillies faded in the second half, and the Giants ended the campaign twelve and a half games ahead. Although now thirty-three years old, Matty had been very effective on the mound all season. He won twenty-five games in forty appearances and lost eleven. He enjoyed a period of sixty-eight consecutive innings pitched without giving up a base on balls. He yielded only twenty-one walks in 306 innings the entire year.

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Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, organized a three-

month barnstorming tour around the world, beginning at the close of the 1913 baseball season. Matty was invited to be part of the group of star baseball personalities. Subject to acute seasickness, Many declined. He did agree to travel with the group as far as Cincinnati and pitch an exhibition game there, but he was determined to spend most of the winter with thirteen-year-old Christy, Jr. in Factoryville and Lewisburg. During the winter, the Federal Baseball League was launched with every intention of staffing their teams with established major-league talent. When Comiskey's entourage returned to New York on the *Lusitania*, Federal League representatives were waiting at dockside to approach the disembarking ballplayers.

Mathewson had been one of those approached early in the Federal League recruiting drive. They offered him \$100,000 to jump to the new league, but Many called a press conference and announced he had no interest in violating his contract.

The year of 1914 marked the beginning of World War I in Europe, with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand at Sarajevo on June 28. That was also the year the Boston Braves emerged as the "miracle team" of baseball, rising from the National League basement on July Fourth to win the pennant. They climaxed their amazing season with a four-game sweep of the World Series over the Philadelphia Athletics. Matty and the Giants finished eight games off the pace but not because Big Six had failed to produce. Many finished the season with a mark of twenty-four wins against thirteen losses. When he returned to Lewisburg at the close of the season, he was beginning to toy with the idea of retirement. His arm was far below the form he once enjoyed, but after 4,700 innings and nearly 600 ball games, ergonomic reality was inescapable. McGraw urged him to continue, and Matty arrived for spring training, although with a sore arm and an assortment of back and shoulder complaints. Even his most optimistic supporters realized that Big Six had reached the end of the road - or that it was in sight.

Matty struggled through 1915, making twenty-seven trips to the mound, but his record at the end of the season was a tragic litany of eight wins and twenty-seven disappointments. The Giants had lost all momentum. They settled into last place and watched the lowly Philadelphia Phillies take their very first N.L. pennant behind the thirty-one-game performance of Grover Alexander. Matty returned again in 1916 with a very sore arm and dim prospects of pitching with any degree of effectiveness. The Giants opened the season with three dismal weeks of poor performance before experiencing a

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dramatic turnaround on a road trip. They began to win, an anomaly which lasted through seventeen consecutive games. On Memorial Day, the Phillies burst the bubble, and McGraw's charges resumed their downward spiral. It was an embarrassing year for Matty. The magic was gone, and he struggled through sixty-six innings in twelve appearances, winning three and losing four. Many suffered severe pain in his arm, shoulder, and side when he wound up to pitch. It was all over.

During the off-season, McGraw explored the possibility of a trade. He knew Many wanted to manage and that the Cincinnati Reds were planning to fire their current playing manager, former Giant Buck Herzog. McGraw thought Herzog could help the Giants. Garry Hermann, the Reds' president was agreeable, and the

deal was made. Two players were thrown into the pot with Matty to sweeten the deal. Matty was agreeable and signed a playing-contract with Cincinnati, even though he planned only to be field manager. The 1916 season was nearly over, so little was expected of Matty in the way of results, but the team did move up a notch to seventh place before the season ended.

Hermann harangued Matty constantly to take the mound again in a pitching duel with Three Finger Brown. It was an obvious ploy to attract attendance and cash in on Many's legendary name, and the public clamored for the "grudge" match. With Matty at thirty-six and Three Finger at an even forty years, it was a contest between has-beens. The last game of a Sunday double-header was publicized for the "pitching duel." The old gladiators staggered through nine innings with Matty emerging as winner with a score of 10-8. The Reds touched Brown for nineteen hits, while Many surrendered fifteen. One sportswriter wrote that "About all Many had left was his beautiful ease of motion." It was Christy's final victory, ending his career in a dead heat with Mordecai Brown. Both had a career total of 373 pitching victories. Their personal duel had ended with thirteen wins for Brown and eleven for Many.

When the United States entered World War I on April 8, 1917, Many was thirty-seven years old and well past the age limit for conscription. He was preoccupied with military service, nevertheless, and another family tragedy. His surviving brother Harry succumbed to tuberculosis at age thirty-one; it was a malady which had taken several members of the Mathewson family. Matty continued his managerial duties through 1917 and managed the Reds to a fourth-place finish amid speculation that baseball would be suspended for the duration.

As the Reds assembled for spring training at Montgomery, Alabama, in 1918, President Wilson decreed that baseball would continue as usual. It was, in his judgment, a great morale booster for the country. The Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, amended



the President's declaration a little later, ordering that the 1918 season end on September 15, twenty-four games short of a regular schedule. A total of 255 major leaguers were already in military service. Many's commission as a captain in the Chemical Warfare Service arrived, and he managed his final game on August 27, 1918.

The war had dragged on four bloody years before Many joined up. The world was also in the clutches of a deadly universal influenza epidemic. In addition to half a million deaths in the United States, another 25,000 men had expired in military hospitals. The toll was added to eight million soldiers killed in the sanguinary insanity to that point. The specter of poison gas had become a reality, and the U.S. rushed to prepare for its use and defense. Many and several other baseball greats were among those committed to the effort. Prominent on the list were Ty Cobb, Branch Rickey, and George Sisler. Each of

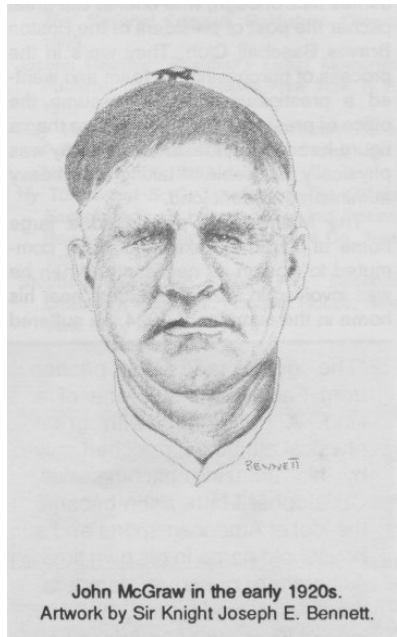
those men were assigned to the army's Gas and Flame Division. The Germans had initially employed chlorine gas at Ypres in April 1915 but later on introduced mustard gas, the most hideous weapon of all. The gas mask was rushed into production to defend against that threat.

Within a few weeks, Matty was aboard a troop ship bound for France with his chemical warfare unit. He was dreadfully seasick during the voyage and also contracted the flu. Medical personnel deemed him lucky to live through his physical ordeal. He did recover to participate in the hastily-arranged training program for troops in the field. During a test exercise at Hanlon Field in Chaumont, France, a number of soldiers failed to hear a command to don gas masks before live gas was released. Matty was one of those who inhaled a significant amount of the deadly fumes. It caused severe damage to his lungs, and a number of soldiers died in the panic which ensued when they piled up at the exit door.

When Many returned to the states in 1918, he was in serious physical condition. The bronchial damage later deteriorated into tuberculosis, which at the end of WW I was virtually incurable. Weakened and far beyond any measure of physical exertion, Matty had no plans to seek his old job as manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Finally, John McGraw prevailed on him to try coaching for the Giants. Matty traveled to spring training camp at Gainesville, Florida, a pasty-faced caricature of the strapping figure of pre-war days.

Mathewson managed to stay with the Giants during the 1919 season, but his health declined steadily. He was present in the newspaper pressbox during the scandal-plagued 1919 World Series between the Chicago White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds. Many was one of those who suspected from the outset that there were serious irregularities.

By 1920 Matty was officially labeled as suffering from tuberculosis. He entered the sanitarium at Saranac Lake, New York, for treatment. After six months, he was able to



receive only family members as visitors and was bedfast virtually all the time. By February 1921, he was permitted to sit up one hour a day in order to write personal letters. He relished an opportunity to play checkers and chess, his only form of recreation. Although Matty was far from being financially destitute, a benefit game was held at the Polo Grounds in New York the last day in September 1921. The \$50,000 raised was given over to defray Many's enormous medical bills.

Big Six was permitted to resume limited normal activity and visit outside the sanitarium by the end of December 1922. He traveled to New York City to launch the annual Christmas Seal drive that December. His recovery was labeled a "Saranac Miracle." Cautioned not to take on stressful activity, Many was unable to manage a baseball team. He was very interested when approached by Judge Emil Fuchs, a Boston jurist, and banker

James McDonough, who offered the great pitcher the post of president of the Boston Braves Baseball Club. They were in the process of purchasing the team and wanted a prestigious name to assume the office of president. It was little more than a figurehead office, inasmuch as Many was physically incapable of taking on a heavy administrative work load.

The Mathewsons purchased a large home at Saranac Lake, and Matty commuted to Boston as necessary. When he was involved in an auto accident near his home in the summer of 1924, he suffered

The great fadeaway pitcher from Factoryville was one of a kind. A gentleman with great physical attributes, matched only by his amazing pitching skill, Christopher Mathewson became the idol of American sports and a household name in his own time. A paragon of virtue, temperament, and moderation, he was indeed what every American boy should aspire to be."

a physical setback, even though he was not injured. His doctors refused to allow him to appear in court in a subsequent legal action in which he was the defendant. Although many stories circulated that his health was in decline, Matty continued to perform light duties in the Braves' front office and travel to St. Petersburg, Florida for 1925 spring training. Almost immediately after arriving, he contracted a severe cold and returned to the Saranac Lake sanitarium.

Through the spring and early summer, Many was barely able to leave his bed. That became the story in the days to follow. Frequent medical bulletins kept the country aware of his declining medical condition. On the morning of October 7, 1925, Many whispered to Jane, "It's nearly over. I know it, and we must face it." That night at 11:00 P.M. Christy Mathewson breathed his last.

He was forty-five years old. The official medical cause of death was given as tuberculosis pneumonia.

The news of Matty's demise swept through the baseball community like wildfire. The initial announcement was made before the start of the second game of the 1925 World Series in Pittsburgh on October 8. The flag was lowered to half-staff as the throng of 44,000 sang "Nearer My God To Thee." Matty had requested burial near the Mathewson home on Market Street in Lewisburg, not far from the Bucknell University campus. Matty was buried on October 10, and the outpouring of mourners at the obsequies included many of the great names in baseball. John McGraw was a pallbearer, along with Baseball Commissioner, Judge Kenesaw Landis, and Judge Emil Fuchs. Grantland Rice, the famous sportswriter and Many's close friend, chronicled the statement that Matty had been the greatest pitcher of them all and the most distinguished role model baseball would ever produce. The first statement might be questioned, in light of the accomplishments of Cy Young and Walter Johnson. The latter claim could not be disputed.

Matty was one of the original inductees to the Baseball Hall of Fame, dedicated in 1936. He became one of that select group which included Waiter Johnson, Honus Wagner, Babe Ruth, and Ty Cobb. Mathewson's statistics are awesome in themselves. He won a total of 373 games, lost 188, with a total of 4,790 innings pitched. His career ERA was 2.13, with 2,503 strikeouts. His single-season high was thirty-seven games won in 1908, a record which still stands.

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Freemason, he fulfilled every hope and goal the Fraternity holds near and dear. His word was bond, and he truly knew how to circumscribe his actions within the bounds of our mystic circle. So mote it be.

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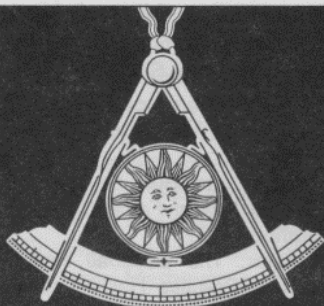
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Austin Assembly No. 125, Texas, S.O.O.B., Celebrates 50th Birthday

Late summer Austin No. 126, S.O.O.B., of Texas commemorated the special occasion of its 50th birthday by holding a celebration in conjunction with Colorado Commandery No. 4's Knights Templar fish fry. Some eighty-two members, family and friends attended. Mrs. Harley Ford, Past President, prepared and gave historical highlights to reflect the many events of the Assembly's fifty-year history. Twenty-six of the past presidents are living, and many of them were in attendance. Seventeen officers put on a short birthday skit under the direction of Mrs. Joe. B. Conner, W.P., and following, the officers served punch and cake. Mrs. Coy Baker, Supreme Worthy Oracle, was in attendance. Left below are the Assembly's past presidents and right below are its current officers.



ALLEN E. ROBERTS MASONIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM



The Allen E. Roberts Masonic Library and Museum, the Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, became a publicly supported organization in July, 1994 when it was named in honor of Ill. Brother Allen Earl Roberts, 33°, AASRNMJ, the well-known Masonic author who passed away in March, 1997. The Library and Museum located on the Masonic Home grounds in the Grand Lodge Building at 4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, Virginia is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Those wishing to use the Library and Museum on Tuesday and Thursday are advised to make an appointment through the Grand Secretary's office twenty-four hours in advance of their visit.

The collections in the Archives, Library and Museum contain artifacts and a wealth of material on Virginia Masonic history dating back to colonial times, Masonic history in general as well as Masonic history of the United States and abroad. The Library and Museum are honored to have among the collections the Allen E. Roberts collection of Mr. Roberts' books, papers and Masonic memorabilia, films and awards.

The Library and Museum welcome visitors and researchers and invite anyone to come by and tour the Allen E. Roberts Masonic Library and Museum of Virginia at Grand Lodge whenever they are in Richmond, Virginia.

The Library and Museum are incorporated and have received 501 (C) (3) tax exemption status for non-profit institutions. This enables the Library and Museum to receive tax deductible monetary gifts for investment that will provide funds for restoration, preservation and supplies. At this time, monetary donations are the only source of funds available to the Library and Museum for yearly operations.

This year, to raise funds for the Library and Museum the Board of Directors for the Allen E. Roberts Masonic Library and Museum of Virginia is sponsoring a **Special Edition 1998 Commemorative Christmas ornament**. The Christmas ornament is a reproduction of the original Grand Master's Jewel. The Jewel was made in 1778 by an unknown jeweler who was thought to have been Paul Revere.

The Grand Master's Jewel is 6 inches at its widest point and 5 inches long. It is composed of a composite metal with gold filling. The design on its obverse side is the traditional Square and Compasses, illuminated by rays emanating from the sun in its center. On the reverse side is the following inscription engraved in 1914: "Original jewel made in 1778 to be worn by George Washington as first Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. He declined the office being in command of the Army. It was therefore first worn by Gov. John Blair, who was the first Grand Master."

Because of the Jewel's historical significance and age, it is worn twice a year by the Grand Master at the time when his official portrait is done and when he is installed at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. At all other times it is kept in a secure area.

Now, as part of our 1998 fundraising efforts for the Library and Museum, we are proud to present this beautiful reproduction of the Jewel as a Commemorative Holiday Ornament. It has been designed by award-winning artists from Williamsburg, Virginia and is made of brass with a 24kt gold overlay and colorful enamels, to replicate the original Grand Master's Jewel. The ornament comes packaged in a Collector's gift box, with a gift card that tells the story of the Jewel and its distinctive two hundred and twenty-year history.

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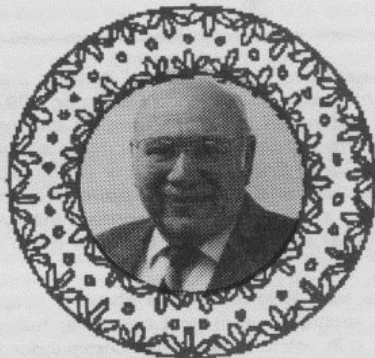
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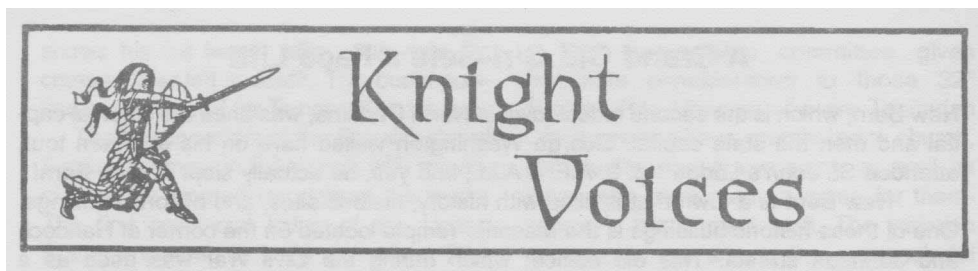
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For sale, from the regalia of R.E. Past Grand Commander William F. Haythorn, 1979-80, Florida' Commander's chapeau and case; coat, size 42; trousers, size 38, inseam 30; stainless steel York Rite watch, Pulsar in original case; York Rite insignia, petit point in frame, 10'12 by 10112 inches. The uniform has been cleaned and the chapeau has a Commander's emblem. Make reasonable, generous offer. All funds will be donated to KTEF. *Robert Herrault, 116-14th Street, South; Sebring; FL 33870-9644, (941) 655-1401.*

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

Lizella Lodge No. 663, F. & AM., Lizella, Georgia, has 1998 commemorative golden bronze coins available for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. Check or money order payable to Paul L. Parks, 749 Grenada Terrace, Macon, GA 31206.

Matador Masonic Lodge No. 824, A.F. & A.M., Matador, Texas, is celebrating its 100th anniversary on April 30, 1999, with an evening meal. The incoming Grand Master of Texas will be the guest speaker. All Masons and their families are welcome. Please RSVP! Call Worshipful Master Wes Campbell at (806) 983-3073.

Matador Masonic Lodge No. 824, A.F. & AM., Matador, Texas, has a beautiful centennial coin as a symbol of its existence to be used for a fund-raiser. These coins are of dollar size and come in gold and antique bronze. The price is \$10.00 each, including handling. We designed both sides of the coin and our focal jewelers at Roaring Springs molded the coins. You will be proud to own one of these beautiful and unique, centennial coins. Send starred, self-addressed envelope and \$10.00 to *Matador Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 707, Matador, TX 79244 - Attn: Wes Campbell, W.M.*

Fate Masonic Lodge No. 802, A.F. & A.M., 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 118-in. Face of coin has "Fate Masonic Lodge No. 802, A.F. & A.M. 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 *David Jacobs, P.O. Box 387, Rockwall, TX 75087.*

For sale' Burns, Wyoming Masonic Lodge No. 41, A.F. & A.M., has 75th anniversary bronze coins, limited edition. \$10.00 each includes shipping and handling. Checks or money orders to *Darwin Pace, Secretary; 311 Gardenia Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82009.*

The Pasadena Square Club of Riviera Beach, Maryland, formed twelve years ago for social and charitable work. We pass the word to all members with our newsletter. We need Masonic clip art to be used to enrich our newsletter. We use a 486 computer with both 3/2 and CD drives, It would be greatly appreciated if any Masonic group or Brother would help us obtain the needed clip art. *Denny Thomas; Pasadena Square Club, Inc.; P.O. Box 381; Riviera Beach, MD 21123.*

Masonic bumper stickers, lb Be One - Ask One," make great mementos for newly made members or potential candidates. They are \$1.00 each or *twenty* for \$10.00. *Larry Nines, Secretary; Waukesha Lodge No. 37; P.O. Box 322; Waukesha, WI 53187.*

For sale: Masonic ring, 14 kt. yellow gold, one half caret diamond centered in square; grade A S1 quality lop white color (G1) square and compass on lop with Royal Arch, Knights Templar, Council, and Shrine emblems enameled on the side of the ring. Appraised at \$1,950; will sell for \$975.00. Also, Knights Templar watch fob, 14 kt. gold; appraised at \$437.00; will sell for \$218.50. *Theodore K. Smith, 17 Karen Court, Haleyville, AL 35665, (205) 486-2243.*

Wanted: Masonic, Knights Templar, or Shrine ring, *either* with or without diamonds. *Harvey D. Tallackson, State Senator District 16, 53 West 5th Street, Grafton, ND 58237. Both fax and phone (701) 352-0871.*

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For sale: die cast metal coins as low as \$1.30 each, customized with your camera-ready artwork in a two dimensional casting, approx. 1/8-inch thick and with antique finish. Great to commemorate your next Masonic anniversary. Please allow 15 working days for production. \$40 die charge for second side. Also: wooden nickels and round tuits, made from sanded, selected hardwood, as low as \$90.40 per thousand; custom printed to your specifications or camera-ready art. 3% of your total order will be donated to your favorite Masonic charity. Call *Brother Frank Looser, (800) 765-1728* for details and ordering information. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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For sale: vintage, manual wind, rectangular, Hamilton Masonic wrist watch with leather band. It runs well and looks nice - \$200.00. I also would like to buy back issues of *Knight Templar* and the *Scottish Rite Journal* before 1994 and a gold York Rite ring in good shape. I'm always interested in buying antique Masonic items. *Steve Kapp, 301 IS; P.S.C. 76 Box 8285, APO AP 96319-8285*

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