

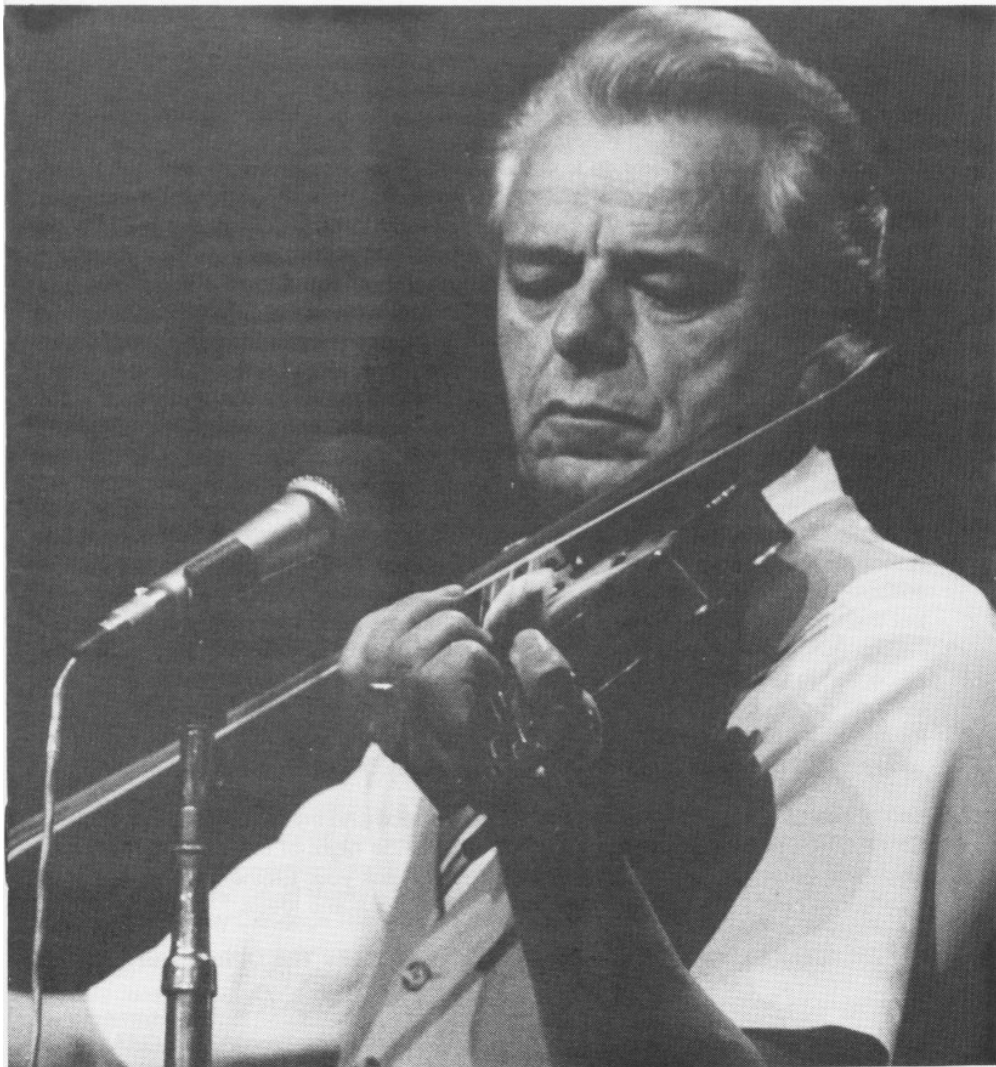


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Senator and Brother Robert C. Byrd, ca 1980

The story of the "Mountain State Senator and Fiddler" starts on p. 19
(picture courtesy of Sen. Robert Byrd)

You Can Make the Difference!

We often hear our members complaining that someone should have done this or that, and how great things would have been if this or that had been done. But do we ever stop and think that we could have made a difference?

You or I can recruit a Christian Mason to become a Knight Templar. After he is elected, make sure you congratulate him and notify him of the date or dates when he will receive the Orders. Make sure you are present when he receives the Orders, and present him with a small gift commemorating his Knighting. Make sure he is warmly welcomed and is **truly among friends**. **You can make the difference.**



You or I can make a difference with the retention of our present members. Demits must be granted if the member is clear on the books, but not before you investigate why he wants the demit. If the Sir Knight intends to move, let him know that he doesn't have to drop his membership until he affiliates with another Commandery. If a Sir Knight is requesting a demit just to drop out, you should contact him and remind him that he is important to us, and that we all want him to stay a member. If you find that the Sir Knight is ill or is having financial problems, you should find a way to keep him by remitting his dues. Before any member is suspended for nonpayment of dues, you should find a way to have personal contact with the Sir Knight. If you find him angry, apologize. If you find him ill or in need of funds, help get his dues remitted. But always remind him that you are his friend and that the Commandery needs him as a member. **You can make the difference.**

You or I can make a difference with restorations and affiliations. You can ask your Recorder for the names and addresses of some of the Sir Knights who have been suspended for nonpayment of dues. Make arrangements to visit these Sir Knights. Let them know how concerned you are that they are no longer part of your Templar family. Ask them as a personal favor to reinstate in the Commandery. Ask your Recorder to get a list of Sir Knights living in the area of your Commandery and belonging out-of-state. You should contact these Sir Knights, make friends with them, and invite them to attend your Commandery functions. After a time, ask them if they would like to affiliate with your Commandery. **You can make the difference.**

You or I can help stimulate membership attendance and interest. You can call three Sir Knights and ask if you can pick them up on the night of the meeting. You can help arrange a speaker for the evening. You can ask your Eminent Commander to arrange several programs. In other words, give him some ideas.

Dear Sir Knights and friends, You Can Make The Difference!

Charles A. Neumann, H.P.G.M., KGC
Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

Knights Templar

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

MAY: By the time you receive your magazine, the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign will be over. We will give you final figures in June and a comprehensive breakdown of the results in the July issue. Thanks to all Sir Knights, ladies, and friends of the Eye Foundation for their participation in the campaign! There is more on the Permanent Donor Fund program on page 6 and a form on page 7 for your convenience. This is a new KEF program introduced in the April issue. Be sure you are aware of the Grand Master's Decision on the Summer Uniform (page 5) as warm days are coming soon, and educate yourself on the leadership question in the article from the Committee on Membership, page 11. Drill teams are fun! See for yourself by reading Sir Knight Baldwin's article on page 13. And there is much more for your enjoyment

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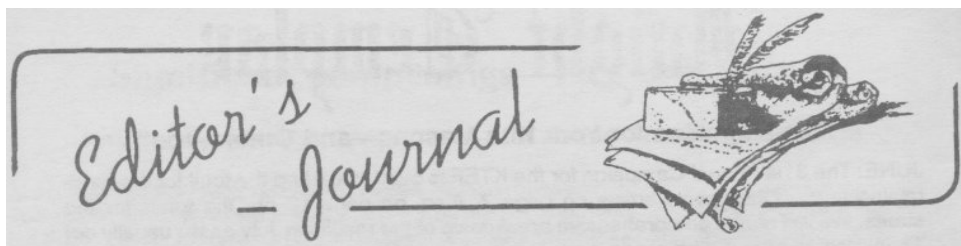
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Correction!: Author Peter H. Johnson, Jr., and the staff of *Knight Templar* magazine regret the error concerning Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Columbus, Ohio, in "Knight Templar Band Music," March issue, 1999. Mt. Vernon No. 1 is not only not "defunct," but it is alive and well! Thanks to Sir Knight Donald D. Douglass, a member of the Commandery, for letting us know! Also, author Johnson, KYCH, informs us that he is the current Grand Generalissimo of Arizona, not the D.G.C. as we printed.

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.

Complimentary for Widows: Widows of Knights Templar are eligible to continue receiving our magazine as long as they desire. To retain or reinstate the mailing, simply instruct your local Recorder or the Grand Encampment of your wishes.

York Rite Freemasonry On The Internet - Official Web Sites

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>

Decision Of The Grand Master-Summer Uniform

In an effort to achieve uniformity throughout the Grand Encampment, the following Summer Uniform is approved. Each Grand Commandery may at their discretion adopt the Summer Uniform herein described making use of the optional sections as they choose. Further, this uniform may only be used for the period beginning with Memorial Day, and continuing through Labor Day. A Commandery will either make use of this Summer Uniform, the Cap and Mantle, or the Regulation Uniform when appearing in public, but may not appear attired as a group using a combination (no mixing of uniforms).

Pants: Plain Black as prescribed.

Shirt: White shirt, short sleeve, of military style with shoulder epaulets and two flap pockets, one on each breast.

Tie: Black tie optional at the discretion of the Senior Officer present.

Sword Belt & Sword: As prescribed. No slings to be used.

Shoes: As prescribed.

Name Badge: The name badge shall be of metal, gold color, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch wide by $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch long, with the full name of the wearer in black letters to be worn centered above the wearer's right pocket.

Malta Jewel: A Malta Pin of current design, available from the Grand Encampment Office, shall be worn centered over the wearer's left pocket. (Option instead of pin: A metal ribbon bar, representing Commandery Jewels, to be worn centered over the wearer's left pocket. The metal bar shall contain three black panels, each surrounded with a silver line, each panel $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high by one-inch wide. On the left panel shall be centered a miniature Red Cross Jewel, on the center panel shall be centered a miniature Malta Jewel, and on the right panel, shall be a Templar Cross with a Cross and Crown in the center.)

Shoulder Insignia: For Grand Commandery Officers: A Red Templar Cross surrounded by a gold line, one-inch square, to be worn in the center of each epaulet. For Past Grand Commanders: The same except the color shall be purple. For Past Commanders, Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains General: A metal bar, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch of green or red color surrounded by a gold or silver line, as appropriate to the office, with appropriate emblems of their rank as currently prescribed to be worn centered on each epaulet. Essentially these are miniatures of currently prescribed shoulder straps in metal, and of similar configuration.

Collar Insignia (optional): For Grand or Past Grand Commandery Officers, shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch gold cut out letters with the abbreviation of the State as prescribed by the US Postal Service (no periods) to be worn on the wearer's left collar, and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch gold "KT" cut out letters (without periods) on the right collar. For Commanders or Past Commanders, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch gold State Abbreviations as above on left collar with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch cut out gold Commandery Number on right collar. Sir Knights below the rank of Commander are the same as for Commanders and Past Commanders, except the color shall be silver. These insignia to be worn centered on the collar and parallel with the top edge and set back $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch from the leading edge of the collar.

Cap: For Past Grand Commanders: Military style Navel Garrison Cap with white top, black band, and black visor with one row of gold oak leaves and acorns, metal purple Templar Cross, $2\frac{1}{4}$ -inch square, fixed to the front of the black band and a gold chin strap attached with gold buttons. For Grand Commander: Same as above except red Templar Cross. For Grand Commandery Officers: Same as above except plain black visor. For Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above except with a $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch by 2-inch red metal Passion Cross trimmed in gold with rays. For all other Sir Knights: Same as above except using a red metal passion cross trimmed in silver and a silver chin strap attached with silver buttons.

The 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign You are Part of the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign



How do you rate your performance?

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

The 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign is now history, and each Knight Templar should rate his performance. Usually, we rate ourselves with a tough measuring process, but we don't let anyone else rate us in the same manner, or if they do, we become defensive. We can rate our performance of our Christian Knighthood by answering the following questions:

1. Did you become familiar with the workings of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., so that you understand the importance of this Charity?
2. Did you respond to the goal of donating at least \$10.00 per member during the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign?
3. Did you help your Commandery reach the goal of \$10.00 per member by assisting in fund-raising activities?
4. Did you speak favorably of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., to those who are not aware of this Great Humanitarian Charity?
5. Did you sponsor someone who needs the help of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.?
6. Did you offer your assistance to the Chairman of the Voluntary Campaign in your Commandery?
7. Did you talk to anyone about our Wills and Bequests Programs?
8. Did you talk to anyone about the Eye Donor Program?
9. Have you become familiar with the different methods of giving?
10. Do you believe that as a Christian Knight you are obligated to bind up the wounds of the afflicted?

If you can answer "Yes" to half of the above questions, you are probably a Sir Knight who well remembers the teachings of our Order.

If you did not answer "Yes," keep trying; basically every human being wants to prevent blindness.



Last month the PERMANENT DONOR FUND was established, and four funds were created almost immediately. Those Philanthropists are as follows:

- PDF No. 1 The Genevieve H. McCain and John L. McCain Fund
PDF No. 2 Valley of Northern New Jersey, A.A.S.R., in Honor of Ill. Thurman C. Pace, Jr., 330, Deputy for New Jersey Fund
PDF No. 3 Virginia Rowe Miller Fund
PDF No. 4 Donald Dale "Pete" Miller Fund

Each of these funds had an initial donation of \$10,000.00 each.

Who will be PDF No. 5? The form is on the next page, or you can contact the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. office, or check the web at www.knightstemplar.org/ktef

Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, 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 personal e-mail to: cagarnes@aol.com. For information on the KTEF, send e-mail to ktef@knightstemplar.org

FORM FOR A PERMANENT DONOR FUND

You can become a Philanthropist by establishing a "Permanent Donor Fund" in

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

5097 North Elston avenue, Suite 100

Chicago, IL 60630-2460

Phone (773) 205-3838

Fax (773) 205-1689

E-mail: ktof@knightstemplar.org

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. sponsored by The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was created a tax-exempt charity under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, under the laws of the State of Maryland and as such, all contributions/donations are tax deductible.

Those donors making an initial donation of \$10,000.00 will be presented a "Golden Chalice" and those who make an additional donation of \$25,000.00 or more will be presented the "Sword of Merit" which is presented only at the time of the initial donation.

Any Donor, who wishes to have their name listed as a Permanent Donor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. may donate the sum of \$10,000.00 or more to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of generating income for The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund. The principal of this "Permanent Donor Fund" will remain permanent with income being used for the general purposes of The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

When the initial donation of \$10,000.00 is received a receipt will be issued stating how additional donations can be added to the fund as well as Bequests. Additional donations must be in increments of \$1,000.00 or more. This receipt will immediately recognize the donor as a Philanthropist who will be recognized in perpetuity.

The Donor may be an organization, foundation, corporation or individual. The Name of the Fund designated by the Donor shall appear in the Annual Report of The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as long as the Foundation exists and permanently honor the Donor as a member of the "Permanent Donor Fund". The purpose of including the fund by name is to give permanent recognition to individuals who want to help those who need the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. in the future.

The Fund shall be designated: _____ Fund.

To properly recognize the Donor and to provide a copy of the Annual Report each year, the following information is needed:

Name of Donor: _____ Phone (_ _) _ _ _ - _ _ _ _
Address: _____ City _____ State _ _ Zip: _____

Additional Information

If a Commandery is to receive credit for the donation, insert the name, number and state where the Commandery is located: _____ Commandery _____ No.:

State: _ _

Initial Donation Enclosed: _____

In Memoriam



Francis Eugene Butterfield

Idaho

Grand Commander-1977

Born July 1, 1917

Died January 23, 1999

Leon E. Anderson

Pennsylvania

Grand Commander-1984

Born September 11, 1919

Died March 30, 1999

Grand Commander's Club

- No. 101,003 -Richard W. Young (IL)
- No. 101,004 -Joseph M. Nolte, Jr. (MO)
- No. 101,005 -Hubert W. Cocklin (AZ)
- No. 101,006 -Leon B. Byers (PA)
- No. 101,007 -Melvyn Eugene Gregg (DE)
- No. 101,008 -Ronald E. Nicholson (OH)
- No. 101,009 -J. Rha McCleskey (GA)
- No. 101,010 -James E. Salter (GA)
- No. 101,011 -Harold E. Beard (GA)
- No. 101,012 -Michael Ray Parrish (GA)
- No. 101,013 -Kevin Miles Prater (AL)
- No. 101,014 -William Curtis King, Jr. (GA)
- No. 101,015 -Frank R. Potter (FL)
- No. 101,016 -Joe Ed Tracy (KY)

Grand Master's Club

- No. 3,256-Robert F. Menke (IA)
- No. 3,257-Harold L. Tomkins (WA)
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- No. 3,261-Lauren R. Handeland (WI)
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- No. 3,269-Mrs. Dolores Marki (WI)
- No. 3,270-Lonnie Cripps (GA)
- No. 3,271-William A. Bedford, Jr. (PA)

- No. 3,272-Robert E. Batchelor (OR)
- No. 3,273-Roger W. Myers (FL)
- No. 3,274-J. Larry Martin, Sr. (IL)
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- No. 3,277-James Robert Gill (GA)
- No. 3,278-Charles M. Carl (IA)
- No. 3,279-Thomas F. Craig (AL)
- No. 3,280-William J. Giles, Jr. (TX)
- No. 3,281-David W. Tipton (TN)
- No. 3,282-James R. Ferguson II (KY)
- No. 3,283-Harold O. Despain (VA)
- No. 3,284-George B. Yeates (VA)
- No. 3,285-Mark King (CO)
- No. 3,286-William Kerr (CO)
- No. 3,287-Austin E. Pearce (GA)
- No. 3,288-Robert F. Feldman, Jr. (VA)
- No. 3,289-Dana M. Thompson (TX)
- No. 3,290-Claud Bargerion (WV)
- No. 3,291-Stephen L. Goff (WV)
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- No. 3,293-Marvin Hill (WV)
- No. 3,294-Granville D. Newlon (WV)
- No. 3,295-William timbright (WV)
- No. 3,296-Homer Kevin Watson (WV)
- No. 3,297-Basil Wilson (WV)

How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (773) 205-3838

Grand Master's Club and Grand 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 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.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. 31st Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending April 9, 1999. The total amount contributed to date is \$576,499.93

Alabama - \$14,376.97
Arizona - 5,075.50
Arkansas - 4,261.55
California - 20,060.25
Colorado - 12,807.25
Connecticut - 10,168.00
Delaware - 1,190.00
District of Columbia - 7,113.35
Florida - 12183.28
Georgia - 54,752.91
Idaho - 2,011.40
Illinois - 14,778.88
Indiana - 5,083.00
Iowa - 16,769.65
Kansas - 3,086.00
Kentucky - 12,257.28
Louisiana - 6,892.00
Maine - 1,379.23
Maryland - 7,700.10

Mass ./R.I. - 11,279.25
Michigan - 9,633.32
Minnesota - 1597.80
Mississippi - 3,576.00
Missouri - 11,615.32
Montana - 6,223.62
Nebraska - 1,762.33
Nevada - 4,632.15
New Hampshire - 2,670.00
New Jersey - 39,947.00
New Mexico - 3,180.00
New York - 16,651.14
North Carolina - 7,973.99
North Dakota - 355.00
Ohio - 13,920.50
Oklahoma - 1,957.00
Oregon - 10,300.87
Pennsylvania - 45,117.40
South Carolina - 15,316.08
South Dakota - 7,495.00
Tennessee - 12,088.12
Texas - 62,623.77
Utah - 7,490.50
Vermont - 1,365.00
Virginia - 18,562.87
Washington - 7,432.53
West Virginia - 7,547.50
Wisconsin - 14,908.50
Wyoming - 1,387.00
Philippines - 720.00
Honolulu No. 1 - 2,433.00
Porto Rico No. 1 - 650.00
Anchorage No. 2 - 3,930.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico - 100.00
Tokyo No. 1 - 260.00
Heidelberg No. 2 - 1,205.00
Simon Von Utrecht, U.D - 500.00
Solo di Aruba No. 1 - 600.00
Canaan No. 1 - 200.00
Miscellaneous - 5,345.77

Sir Knight Robert W. Zarn Helps The Young In New Mexico

A very active member of Albuquerque York Rite Masonic Bodies in New Mexico has been serving the National Sojourners at the local and national levels for many years! Sir Knight Robert W. Zarn, P.M., not only served the country with twenty-four years of military service, but upon his retirement, he taught math in the Albuquerque public school system for fifteen years. In that time Sir Knight Zarn has managed to help further the cause of teaching "freedom" by aiding Kit Carson Chapter No. 447, National Sojourners, and Albuquerque York Rite Bodies to send deserving high school students to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, each spring! (submitted by Sir Knight H. William Hart, Public Relations. Photographer unknown.)



Sir Knight Neal McCoy Honored by Medina Commandery No. 84, Ohio

At right is a picture of Sir Knight Neal McCoy of Medina Commandery No. 84, Medina, Ohio; who with the permission of Ohio Grand Commander, Sir Knight Edward Estep, was recently honored by being created an honorary Past Commander of the Commandery. (Thanks to the *Akron Beacon Journal* and their photographer, Paul Tople, for permitting us to use this picture from a newspaper article.)



Sir Knight McCoy celebrated his loath birthday on February 19, 1999, and to honor him he was visited by Sir Knights Kenneth Crouse, E. Commander; James Himmelright, Prelate; and Edgar Ferguson, P.C. and Recorder.

Sir Knight McCoy has been active in Boy Scouts as a leader and has been active as a Mason for many years. He has served his Blue Lodge three times as Worshipful Master; 1948, 1961, and 1991 at the age on ninety-two. He has for many years been the Third Hermit in the Order of the Temple, always doing the work from memory. He is a charter member of Medina Commandery and he was always present at Conclaves. He is a retired school teacher and always helped the Sir Knights with pronunciation and ritual. He is famous for his apple pie and apple strudel from apples grown on his farm. (submitted by Sir Knight C. Edgar Ferguson, Jr., Recorder)

Masons Share Beanie Babies with Illinois Masonic's Youngest Patients

Thanks to Masons of Decalogue Lodge No. 160, the children in the Pediatrics Unit of Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, learned that the spirit of Christmas is very real.

"The success of this venture has been overwhelming; nothing could have prepared me for the amount of joy this has brought me and my fellow Masons," said Terry McClure, who spearheaded the goodwill tour of seven Chicago-area hospitals. "My children thought of the idea when we received the donated toys, and now we hope to make this an annual event."

In all, McClure and his Mason "elves" distributed more than 150 toys and an infinite number of smiles. In picture, left to right: top row: Manny Roth, Cary Coplon, Al Koch, Jerry Levine, and Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, Chuck Renslow; bottom row: John Valenza, Terry McClure, and Charles Sauer.



The Importance of Leadership to the Success Of the 5/50 Membership Program

from the Grand Encampment's Committee on Membership

The 5/50 Membership Program of the 61st Triennium of the Grand Encampment will show a gain if all Knights in a position of leadership perform their duties as recommended.

Mr. Webster defines leadership as 1. The position, function or guidance of a leader," or "2. The ability to lead." In the context of the 5/50 Membership Program and its success, we are more concerned with the guidance of our leaders, for with proper leadership by all officers in positions of authority, this program will succeed.

Leadership starts with the Grand Commander of each state. His prime duty concerning this membership program is to assure that all officers and Knights in his Grand Commandery are properly educated as to all the facets of Templary so that every Knight will be proud of the mission, philosophy, philanthropies, and history of the order. This will give each Knight pride in his membership, which is the basis of securing and retaining members.

In more specific terms, the Grand Commander is responsible to see that his junior officers receive proper educational training, whether it be attendance at Departmental Conferences, special seminars or schools, or just informational letters and orders. He must make sure that the officers who are responsible for presenting education to the officers and Knights of the constituent Commanderies are well versed in the practices concerning membership acquisition and retention, as well as developing leadership skills at the local level.

The Grand Commander is also responsible to see that the constituent Commanderies fully understand and agree to sign on to the 5/50 Membership Program. We must have the assent and cooperation of the leaders of the local Commanderies in order to be successful.

This is where members are made and kept..

The Grand Commander must set times for contact reports from the local Commanderies to be sent and follow up with inquiries if no report is received. He also has the responsibility to report to the Department Commander the actions being taken in his state to promote the 5/50 Membership Program.

This membership program being a continuous program, the Grand Commander has the duty to keep the other dais officers of his Grand Commandery well informed of the plans, progress, problems, and successes he has promulgated and received. There must be continuity in the program even after a change in officers.

The officers who have the obligation and duty to teach the constituent officers and Knights must be well versed in the ways and means to be successful in membership acquisition and retention. The program can be presented at statewide or district schools, but the success of transmitting this educational information depends upon how many local Knights hear and use this material. Too often, seminars are attended by Knights who are regular in attendance but do not carry this information back to the Knights who are active in the local body. It will be necessary to go to each constituent Commandery to educate the Knights there and get their commitment to participate in the 5/50 program.

The local officers have the responsibility to learn all facets of the 5/50 Membership Program so that membership acquisition and retention is a continuous process within the Commandery. If all officers are properly educated, they will have their Commandery program well planned and stated at the time of the installation or shortly thereafter. Leadership at the local level is of prime importance, not only for the success of this program but for the success of the Commandery as a whole.

Local leadership consists of developing a plan for the activities of the Commandery which will offer an opportunity for every local member to have an active part in its program. There should be plans for scheduling the conferral of the Orders. There should be plans for an annual money-raising event to support our charities involving the whole community. There should be committees appointed to plan and execute all the other activities of the Commandery, especially the committee on membership.

The membership committee should be designated and educated in all that Templary represents including its mission: "The Support and Defense of the Christian Religion." This committee should then divide into teams and seek out all Christian Masons in the area who are not Knights Templar and urge them to petition York Rite Masonry. Teams can also visit suspended Knights and urge them to reinstate showing them ways in which they are needed in service to Templary. Teams should also visit all those Knights who are in danger of being suspended for nonpayment of dues. The

success of the personal approach by teams in membership acquisition and retention has been well documented.

As you can see, leadership at the local level sets the tone for the activities of your Commandery, and if properly formulated, presents opportunities for service to every local member. Members like to feel that they are necessary, contributing members of an organization. If receiving a dues notice once a year is the only time they hear from a Commandery and its activities, they usually will not continue as members.

Leadership from the Grand Commander down to each committee chairman is necessary for the maintenance and growth of this noble organization. Leadership is therefore essential to the success of the 5/50 Membership Program.

Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar!

The Committee on Membership:

Stanley O. Simons, P.G.C. (Michigan)

James C. Taylor, P.D.C., (Oklahoma)

Paul A. Brehm, P.G.C. (Wisconsin)

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TEMPLARS! Any of you who has an anecdote (either funny or informational) about a Templar, group of Templars, a Commandery, a Grand Commandery, or the Grand Encampment, which might be of historical interest; please write it (by hand, if you wish), and send it to me. I will see that it is "laid up among the archives" of the Grand Encampment, to be printed in this magazine at an appropriate time and in any history published in the next century: Jacob C. Baird, Chairman of the Committee on Templar History, 1134 Royal Road, Norwood, MO 65717-9466; e-mail:jcbaird@windo.missouri.org

Drill Teams

by Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin
Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment

Every Templar leader from our Grand Master through the Commanders of our Commanderies is constantly interested in programs and activities that will create and promote the interest of the members. In the years before World War Two, many, many Commanderies had drill teams, and certainly parades were the order of the day. There are pictures in Virginia of a parade preceding one of the Annual Conclaves, and that parade was comprised of a thousand Sir Knights.

In recent years, there has been a gradual decline in the appearance and use of drill teams. Lately, however, Grand Encampment has modified the rules and has made provision for drill teams with as few as fifteen members. With this change there has been a definite, renewed interest in drill. Several Grand Commanderies have taken action to create and foster this part of our Templar heritage. The purpose of this article is to take note of this renewed interest with the hope that more Grand Commanderies will consider renewing the interest of their members in drill teams.

Ohio and Texas are today's Grand Commanderies having the largest number of active drill teams. These range from teams with as many as thirty-one men to those with as few as six. This means that even our smallest Commanderies can field a team. Each Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment starts with a Competitive Drill Competition at which participating teams are scored and prizes awarded in several different categories. Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, has described the drill team as being the very backbone of the Commandery. There is a picture of him at the Triennial Conclave in 1946 serving as Commander of a District of

Columbia drill team. Ned E. Dull, also a Past Grand Master, has had a lifelong interest in drill and seldom misses even a practice of the drill team of his home Commandery, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, of Van Wert, Ohio.

There are two types of drill: field and asylum. Asylum drill is essentially a series of movements similar to those used in opening a Commandery of Knights Templar. One of the best known is the team that opens the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, that of our Grand Master, and led for many years by Red Cotton. Field drill is a series of display" movements executed for the enjoyment of an audience. This class of drill has been a part of Templary extending back to the Eighteenth Conclave in 1871, at Baltimore, at which Baltimore Commandery No. 2 offered a prize for the best drilled unit in the procession. The prize was won by Detroit Commandery No. 1 of Detroit, Michigan, and was a sterling silver Libation Service. This event marked the beginning of competitive drill. A picture of the parade at the 26th Triennial Conclave at Boston in 1895 accompanies this article.

All of the drills executed by the Grand Encampment for competitive purposes are field drills. However, Commanderies are free to establish their own individual rules for their own competitions or purposes.

Accompanying this article are some pictures taken at a recent Annual Conclave in Ohio during their drill team competition, which is held annually. This drill competition is a larger affair than even the Annual Conclave itself. Around 800 men take part each year, some on more than one team. In Ohio, as in other jurisdictions sponsoring competitive drills, these events are an enjoyable activity that the Sir Knights look forward to each

year. Many hours of practice are a part of preparing for competition, which helps to build the esprit de corps that is so essentially necessary to the under girding of our order. Some teams practice as often as once a week and make their "drill practice" a family affair with wives and children attending. The ladies often provide refreshments and in so doing, make it an event for the entire family.

Let's give some positive consideration to renewing the interest in drill teams and take some action to sponsor these unique units in more of our Commanderies.

For help, aid, and assistance, contact the Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations, chaired by Steve J. Barton, 333 North 600 East, Greenfield, IN 46140. He can help point you in the right direction and provide you with assistance in getting started.

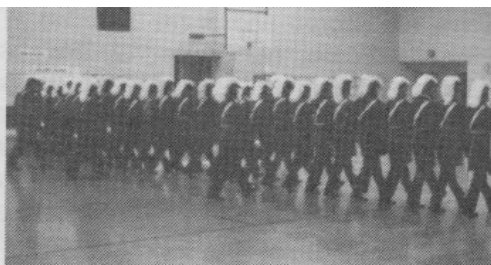
There's no time like the present!

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Parade at the 26th Triennial Conclave, Boston, 1895
from Francis J. Scully's History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar

The following pictures were taken at a recent Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Around 800 men take part each year, some on more than one team.



Dignitaries at Annual Conclave of New Jersey



At the banquet of the Annual Conclave of New Jersey, March 6, 1999, Westin Hotel, Morristown, New Jersey; the following dignitaries were captured on film by Sir Knight Oscar D. Olsson, P.G.C. of New Jersey. They are, left to right: Sir Knight James M. Ward, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; Sir Knight Edward Seabon, then Grand Commander of New Jersey; and M.W. Ross Van Ess Bayer, Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey

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Chapter V

Fifty-eighth Conclave, 1991

(continued)

Monday the Grand Encampment held its public opening ceremonies for the 58th Triennial Conclave session, beginning at 9:00 A.M. in the Sheraton Room. It began with the procession of officers of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia'Grand Commander Caulder B. Morris welcomed the assembly, then introduced the processional for the dignitaries of the Grand Encampment, including Sir Knight Herbert D. Sledd, Honorary Past Grand Master, chairman of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence and Triennial Parliamentarian; the Department Commanders; Past Grand Masters; officers of the Grand Encampment; and Grand Master Fowler. All were received under an arch of steel. Grand Recorder Neumann introduced the procession of distinguished guests of the 58th Triennial Conclave, who were greeted by Grand Master Fowler as each was introduced. The procession of flags and introduction of Grand Commanders followed, with each Grand Commander preceded by a member of the National Sojourners dressed in Revolutionary War costume and carrying the state flag, as had been done at the 57th Triennial Conclave. The Stars and Stripes were saluted by the singing of our national anthem.

After comments by Masonic dignitaries and affiliated women's groups, and welcoming remarks by Brother Darwin A. Brock, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the public opening was concluded and the business session opened. The various committees of the Grand Encampment reported on their activities during the 1988-1991 Triennium. Sir Knight Richard M. Strauss, chairman of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters gave his report and recommendations.

Grand Master Fowler had issued twelve new charters: one to a new Commandery in the state of Delaware, one in Aruba, one in the U.S. Virgin Islands, two in Venezuela, and seven in the country of Italy. There were then eleven Commanderies in Italy, and the Committee recommended that the Grand Encampment grant them a charter to form a Grand Commandery there. The Grand Master restored the charter of Hermann von Salza No. 1 in Germany, which had been tendered and accepted at the 57th Triennial Conclave. The committee recommended that the dispensations of Kodiak, Alaska; Ilario Secci, Italy; and Cahuiti and Sir Galahad in Mexico be continued. The Conclave approved the report and all of its recommendations and actions. On the following day the Grand Encampment issued a charter to form a Grand Commandery in Delaware.

In addition to "housekeeping" requirements, significant legislation was adopted by the Grand Encampment; included were: 1) Section 48(f)4 of the Constitution, to allow the Grand Commander authority to issue dispensation to change the date and time of a stated Conclave to accommodate holidays and special situations that he might deem appropriate, upon the written request of the constituent Commandery, based upon an affirmative vote at a previous stated Conclave, and provided only that due and timely notice be provided the membership of the change; 2) Section 180 of the Statutes, to read "A petition, whether for Orders or Membership, shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery, only when requested to do so by a member in good standing in the Commandery acting upon the petition. If a committee is empowered to investigate the petitioner it shall consist of members who shall know or personally interview the petitioner. The fact of the report being made, and not its character, shall be entered on the minutes of the Commandery";

3) Section 150(b) and 190(c) of the Statutes, the approval of plural membership rather than dual membership, authorizing a Sir Knight to belong to more than two Commanderies at the same time, and 4) that, to permit retention of rank of administrative officers and the Grand Prelate, Section 235 of the Statutes be amended to read "One who has filled by installation and term of service, the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Prelate, or Department Commander in the Grand Encampment; Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, or Grand Prelate in a Grand Commandery; or Commander in a Commandery; shall retain the title of the highest office attained and completed by him in the Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery, and Commandery, with the word 'Past' immediately preceding and qualifying the official title."

Proposals to: name a patron saint of the Grand Encampment; increase the levy for the Eye Foundation to \$5.00; establish a Holy Land Pilgrimage Foundation; allow a Grand Commander to issue a dispensation to allow fewer than nine members of a Commandery to constitute a quorum; make the Committee on Dispensations and Charters a Standing Committee; and not require a petitioner to belong to a Chapter and/or Council.; all of these were defeated. Several proposals made were withdrawn.

The Membership Committee reported a loss of 28,699 members during the triennium.

Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell stated the Knights Templar Eye Foundation fund balance had grown by \$6,691,457.65 during the triennium. He then proposed an increase in the assessment of \$1.00 to \$5.00; the proposal was defeated and he withdrew another one which would have increased the price of a "Life Sponsor" from \$30.00 to \$50.00.

The Committee on Knights Templar History called attention to Templar historian John J. Robinson's book *Born in Blood*, which presents a "considerable amount of circumstantial evidence that the Templars did continue underground as a secret society after the order was suppressed, and their influence is evident in present-day

Freemasonry, either by direct lineage or tradition."

The office of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was presented to Edward S. P. Carson, Most Eminent Past Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada, and honorary membership to David B. Turner, Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master of the Grand Priory of Canada.

On Tuesday, all grand officers were advanced one station, leaving the chair of Grand Captain General empty. Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Past North Central Department Commander and Past Grand Commander of Illinois, was elected to that office. The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer were reelected.

As the business sessions were concluded on Tuesday, Wednesday morning was reserved for the open installation of officers. Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr. was sworn in as the new Most Eminent Grand Master; Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; Sir Knight James M. Ward, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; and Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Right Eminent Grand Captain General. Sir Knights Harold S. Gorman and Charles R. Neumann retained their offices, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer and Right Eminent Grand Recorder, respectively. The Reverend Thomas E. Weir was reappointed Right Eminent Grand Prelate. New Department Commanders were appointed as follows: Sir Knights: John L. Winkelman, Northeastern; James E. Moseley, Southeastern; James DeMOND, East Central; Clyde E. White, North Central; Donald L. Smith, South Central; Joel C. Bingner, Northwestern; Robert N. Abernathy, Southwestern; and Richard M. Strauss, Department Commander of all Subordinate Commanderies, Italy, and the Philippines.

Administrative officers were Sir Knights: Howard L. Caldwell, P.G.C., Colorado, Chief of Staff; Earl R. Little, P.G.C., Louisiana, Deputy Chief of Staff; John C. Werner II, P.G.C., District of Columbia, Assistant Chief of Staff; William Schoene, Jr., P.G.C., New Jersey, Adjutant.

Louisiana Lodge Plans Masonic Burial Reenactment

On June 13, 1999, Feliciana Lodge No. 31, F. &A.M., of St. Francisville, Louisiana, joins with Grace Episcopal Church in the reenactment of the Masonic burial of U.S. Commander and Brother John E. Hart at St. Francisville, Louisiana. The reenactment will be held at Feliciana Lodge Hall and Grace Episcopal Church at 2:00 P.M.

For one brief and touching moment in June of 1863, the War Between the States stopped at St. Francisville. With full Episcopal and Masonic services, Commander John Hart was laid to rest in the Masonic burial lot in Grace Church's peaceful cemetery, respite being paid by Union and Confederate soldiers alike." (from a brochure)

The commemoration of this event will be in a play written by the current rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Reverend Kenneth Dimmick. For more information: call (225) 635-3873 or write P.O. Box 1392, St. Francisville, LA 70775. (submitted by John R. Rarici P.M., Feliciana No. 31)

New Mexico Grand Master, Sir Knight, At Circus

Sir Knight Dan F. Irick is the 121st Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico, but he recently appeared as "Dinky," the Ballul Abyad Shrine clown, at the George Garden Circus held in Albuquerque.

Seen standing in front of the circus elephants (from left to right) are: Sir Knight Victor Perez; Sir Knight Dan F. Irick; George Garden; Noble John Denslow; Noble Tom "Shamrock" O'Connell; Noble Red "Loco" Guran; Charles Vincent Amarol, ringmaster of the circus. (news and picture by Sir

Knight H. William Hart, P.R. chairman for Ballul Abyad Shrine.)



Illinois Sir Knight Nominated For Who's Who In The World, 2000

Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33°; E.P.C. of Mizpah Commandery No. 53, Oaklawn, Illinois, Chairman of the Grand Commandery Historian Committee, and a member of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of the Grand Commandery of Illinois; has recently been nominated for inclusion in the new, 17th Edition of *Who's Who in the World*, to published in the year 2000. Dr. and Sir Knight Greenberg is an associate professor pathology (retired) from the Chicago Medical School in North Chicago, Illinois, and is a frequent contributor to *Knight Templar* magazine.

History Of Freemasonry In Virginia

The History of Freemasonry in Virginia, written by two non-Masons, Richard A. Rutyna and Peter C. Stewart, both associated professors of history, emeritus, at Old Dominion University Norfolk, Virginia, has been released. The book is a collaboration between the two historians and the Grand Lodge of Virginia. It is the first history of the Grand Lodge of Virginia since 1936 when *Freemasonry in Virginia* by William Moseley Brown was written. The book is available from University Press of America, 4720 Boston Way, Lanham, MD 20706.

Brother Robert C. Byrd: Mountain State Senator and Fiddler

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 32°

In the past half century few members of the United States Senate have wielded more influence than West Virginia's Robert Byrd. At various times during the seventies and eighties, he held the positions of majority whip, majority leader, and minority leader. Described by both friends and foes as one of the hardest workers in the Senate, Byrd has also honed his musical skills in his spare moments and won sufficient acclaim as a traditional fiddler to record an album of traditional old-time tunes and appear as a guest on the Grand Ole Opry."

Byrd spent much of his early years in relative poverty. He was born Cornelius Calvin Sale, Jr. in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, on November 20, 1917. The future Senator's mother died in the influenza epidemic a few months later. His father then sent the infant to live in West Virginia with his aunt and uncle, Vlurma and Titus Dalton Byrd. His adoptive parents renamed him Robert Carlyle Byrd. Oddly enough, until he was fifty-four, Byrd believed that his birth date had been January 15, 1918. (This date appears on his Masonic records and early biographical sketches.)

Life in the West Virginia coal-fields - with a shrinking bituminous market - could be difficult in the twenties and even rougher in the Great Depression. Nonetheless, in those years young Byrd managed to get through high school graduating first in his class in 1934. During those bleak days, Byrd took up the fiddle learning the instrument from listening to local mountain fiddlers and also to records by the Kessinger Brothers. Charleston's Clark Kessinger (1896-1975) was already on his way to legendary status with his fiddle and he set the standard by which

other fiddlers would be judged. The fiddle and school work provided about the only pleasant moments in a youth otherwise dominated by hard times. Byrd recalled, that in some years no one in the family received anything for Christmas and that he had only one toy during his entire childhood.

With no money for college, Bob Byrd labored first in a gas station and then in a grocery store. Learning the meat cutter's trade, he obtained regular employment as a butcher, and by the end of the thirties his earnings had climbed to \$65.00 per month. Meanwhile, in 1936 he married Erma James, and they subsequently reared two daughters. Old timers in the Beckley area recall that he might also fiddle at a local dance and do a tune or two with the musicians at local radio station WJLS.

When World War II broke out, Byrd went to Baltimore, Maryland, and worked in the shipyards as a welder. Returning to Raleigh County in 1945, Robert Byrd opened his own grocery in the town of Sophia and also taught a bible class in the local Baptist church. The latter became so popular that a local radio station soon carried his lectures. In 1946 he ran for and was elected to the West Virginia House of delegates. Later he won a seat in the State Senate. Always interested in self-improvement, the young legislator took college classes at Morris Harvey (now the University of Charleston) and also at Marshall University in Huntington.

In 1952 Bob Byrd moved up the political ladder and sought a seat in Congress. One of his primary opponents uncovered the fact that Byrd had briefly belonged to the Ku Klux Klan, but the candidate

acknowledged his error as a "mistake of youth" and pressed forward with his campaign. That fall the voters in the staunchly Democratic Sixth District sent the former grocer-meat cutter to Washington with a 57% vote majority. Fiddlin' Bob Byrd, as Mountain State newspapers sometimes called him in those days, went on to serve three terms in the House. A vocal critic of the Eisenhower Administration, the West Virginia Democrat generally took liberal positions on economics and labor issues but ranked more conservative on social and foreign policy questions. Still interested in self improvement, he took courses at both George Washington and American universities, eventually obtaining his law degree from the latter institution in 1963.

Back home in West Virginia, Byrd who had already become a member of several fraternal orders; including the Elks, Moose, Knights of Pythias, and Odd Fellows; petitioned Mountain Lodge No. 156 in Coal City. (Sophia had no Blue Lodge.) He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on July 6, 1957. Six months later on December 5, 1957, he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, and on January 2, 1958, the Brethren raised Robert Carlyle Byrd to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Four months later on April 24, 1958, he completed the Scottish Rite degrees in John W. Morris Consistory in Charleston. More Masonic honors would come his way in later years.

With three House terms under his belt, Robert Byrd in 1958 chose to seek a seat in the U.S. Senate. Long-time West Virginia Democratic senators, Brother Harley M. Kilgore and Brother Matthew M. Neely, had died in 1956 and 1958, respectively. The generally weak West Virginia GOP had experienced a good year in 1956 when Eisenhower carried the state and Brother Cecil Underwood won the governorship, while old guard isolationist conservative Chapman Revercomb, who had earlier served a term in the Senate (1943-1949) won the race to complete Kilgore's term.

However, by 1958 Revercomb seemed especially vulnerable. Byrd defeated the aging Republican by a comfortable 118,000 vote margin and never faced serious opposition thereafter. He will complete his seventh term in January 2001.

In his early years as a Senator, Byrd initially became a protégé of Lyndon Johnson and then Georgia's Brother Richard Russell. By 1961 he had become Chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on the District of Columbia, where he took a strong stand on law and order issues and initially opposed self-government for the nation's capital, although he later shifted position on the latter. A staunch anti-Communist on foreign policy questions, the Mountain State Senator supported the Viet Nam conflict and initially condemned antiwar demonstrators. By the end of the sixties, he had sufficient standing with the Nixon Administration to be seriously considered for a Supreme Court judgeship. In 1971 Byrd defeated Teddy Kennedy for the position of majority whip. After that Byrd tended to follow the party line more than before but still displayed remarkable streaks of independence on occasion.

Meanwhile more Masonic honors came Robert Byrd's way. On October 3, 1967, the A. & A.S.R., S.J. elected him to receive the KCCH, and on October 6, 1967, he also received the 33^o. A decade later on October 13, 1977, he was chosen to receive the Grand Cross.

A full recap of Senator Byrd's career cannot really be undertaken in a brief article of this nature, so the following does little more than hit the high points. After six years as majority whip, the West Virginia solon succeeded Mike Mansfield as Senate Majority leader, a post he retained throughout the Carter Presidency. With the election of Ronald Reagan to the White House and a GOP Senate takeover after November 1980, Byrd became minority leader for the next six years until the Democrats recovered control in January 1987. After two more years as Majority

Leader, the Mountain State Senator stepped down from this position at age 71 but continued to hold his Senate seat. Among current Senators only the venerable, daily record-setting Brother J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina has been there longer. Since West Virginia voters are likely to keep him in office as long as he wishes to remain, he may ultimately outlive Thurmond and break his record.

During the late seventies and early eighties, Byrd also gained new attention for his fiddling skills. County Records, a Floyd, Virginia based company oriented toward traditional music, released an album entitled "Mountain Fiddler" in 1978. Critics generally applauded the effort, and it allegedly became County's all-time best seller. The senator made an appearance on the "Grand Ole Opry, where he was introduced by another fiddler (and lifelong Republican), Sir Knight Roy Acuff. Byrd also recorded some seven reels of fiddle music for the Library of Congress and appeared at several public functions as a musician. In 1983 he spoke at the 50th anniversary of Wheeling, West Virginia's longtime show "Jamboree, U.S.A.," where this writer met him and had an opportunity to thank the Senator for writing the forward for his book, *Mountaineer Jamboree: Country Music in West Virginia*. He spoke of recording another album but apparently has not done so yet.

At this writing Senator Byrd has recently passed his eightieth birthday and remains a powerful and prominent member of that august body, where he is serving his fortieth year. Like all politicians, he has his critics, particularly outside of West Virginia. His channeling of large amounts of federal funds into his relatively poor state has aroused criticism from outside but little from inside West Virginia. In all fairness to the Senator, one must conclude that he only does what all the members of that body attempt to do and has the seniority and parliamentary skills to do it better than they. A zealous guardian of Senate privilege, he is a firm critic of the line



item veto law recently enacted by a Republican congress and signed by President Clinton.

Although his political career has not ended nor has the final curtain come down upon the life of Robert Carlyle Byrd, his achievements stand. As a man of humble origins who has climbed high on the ladder of success, he has had but few equals. Among prominent Masons in the second half of the twentieth century, Brother Byrd is among the most distinguished. Like such noted past members of our Fraternity as Henry Clay, Stephen Douglas, Robert La Follette, and Everett Dirksen; Robert Byrd has taken his place among the giants of American politics.

Note: I wish to express my appreciation to the staff of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia and Ms. Joan Sansbury of the A.A.S.R. Library in Washington, DC, for Senator Byrd's A41asonic Record. The best biographical data is found in his two entries in Current Biography. The photos are courtesy of the Senator himself. Thanks also to my student assistant, Miss Shasta Dawn Amos.

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DeMolay and Philanthropy

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Masonic Trace at Donner Pass

Part III (Conclusion)

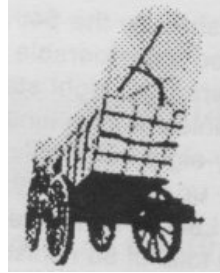
by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33°, FPS

Captain Reasin P. Tucker, in command of a party of fourteen rescuers, left Johnson's Ranch on February 4 bound for Truckee Lake.

Tucker was an experienced mountain man and a fine guide. One of the members of his party was a Mason by the name of Aquilla Glover. William Eddy had brushed aside arguments that he was in no condition to make the trip and was a member of the relief party, too. At Mule Springs Tucker left the horses and mules, and a party of seven finally moved on toward the summit pass. Another snowstorm began during their journey, but they pressed onward with heavy packs, anxious to reach the Truckee Lake. They arrived at the lake cabins at sundown on February 18, 1847, the first rescue party to arrive.

The Tucker party were horrified at the pitiful condition of the occupants of the cabins. Dark and reeking from fifth, the interiors presented the most horrifying scene the rescuers had ever witnessed. They distributed food sparingly, taking care that the starving people would not overeat and kill themselves. Mrs. Eddy and one of her children were dead, with little Jimmy the only family survivor beside William Eddy. Milt Elliott was also among the deceased. A while later Tucker and some of his party went on to Alder Creek and found conditions the same as in the cabins. The rescue party brought six of the Donner party from Alder Creek when they returned to the cabins. George Donner, Jean Baptiste, Tamsen and Elizabeth Donner, and eight of the Donner children remained in the tents at Alder Creek. Jacob Donner had died before the rescue party arrived.

Reasin Tucker prepared to depart for Johnson's Ranch on Monday, February 22. He was taking twenty-three of the Donner immigrants in addition to his own men. There were seventeen souls remaining at the lake cabins, either unwilling, too weak, or too young to make the perilous journey over the pass.



Among those who remained was Lewis Keseberg, pleading an injured foot.

After taking the trail, the line stretched out rapidly, as some of the travelers had trouble maintaining the pace. After two miles Aquilla Glover was obliged to tell Mrs. James Reed they must return two of the Reed children to the cabins; Tommy, three years and Patty, eight years. Elizabeth Reed refused to discuss leaving the youngsters until she extracted a vow from Aquilla Glover to return immediately and rescue the children after the Tucker party reached safety. He so pledged, on his Masonic honor.

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After returning the two Reed youngsters to the cabins on the lake, they resumed their journey. Patrick Breen refused to accept the children at the cabin until Glover convinced him he would be returning immediately and left additional rations for the two little Reeds. Only then, did Breen concede reluctantly. The Tucker rescue group and the members of the Donner Party made steady progress on the return trip to Bear Valley until the Englishman, John Denton, collapsed. Totally exhausted, he refused to go on and asked to be left by the trail. After building a fire for Denton, they resumed their journey

When they last glimpsed Denton, he was sitting calmly by the camp fire, smoking his pipe. He died soon afterward.

Captain Tucker's return march suffered a severe blow when a food cache they had left on the trail was discovered to have been ravaged by wild animals. The final four days on the trail were practically without food. Two of Tucker's men were sent ahead to obtain provisions and return. They met James Reed and a rescue party at Bear Valley bound for Truckee Lake. Learning all that had transpired, Reed hastened forward to meet Captain Tucker's main party and unite with his family members. There was a joyous reunion when Elizabeth and James met on the trail. Reed did not tarry long, for he was more anxious than ever to reach his other two children at the lake cabins.

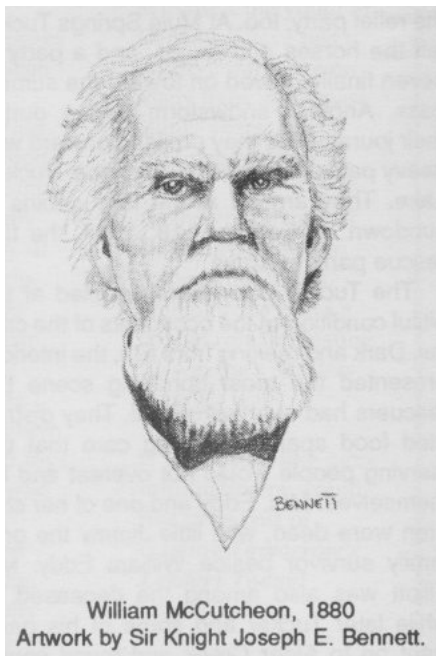
James Reed had reached Fort Sutter on October 6, 1846, following his banishment from the Donner train over the fatal encounter with John Snyder. He was advised by Captain Suffer to travel to Yerba Buena, soon to be known as San Francisco, and enlist the aid of authorities to underwrite a rescue mission to Truckee Lake.

The Americans at Yerba Buena contributed generously, and the fund was soon obtained. Manpower was in short supply, as the Mexican War was then under way and most of the able-bodied men had been enlisted for militia service. Reed himself felt obliged to sign up and accept a commission as a lieutenant of volunteers, to assist in recruiting. He stipulated that he must be free to pursue his rescue mission. After taking part in the battle of Santa Clara against the Mexican forces, he made plans to return to Fort Sutter. The funds raised had been entrusted to midshipman Selim E. Woodworth, an officer of the United States Navy on extended leave. He was appointed to disperse the rescue funds.

Reed and Woodworth departed Yerba Buena on February 7, 1847. They arranged to meet recruits raised by Caleb Greenwood, an aged trapper and guide. Finally Reed's rescue party left Johnson's ranch on February 22. Five days later they

met the Tucker rescue party with Elizabeth and his children on the trail.

The Reed rescue party included William McCutcheon, one of the original Donner party who had been sent for food, along with Charles Stanton, on September 18, 1846. He had been ill and unable to return with Stanton and the mule train on October 19. Reed arrived at the lake cabins on March 1. The conditions were even worse than those encountered by Captain Tucker and his party. The two Reed children were filthy and vermin-infested but alive. All the survivors were mere skeletons, and many more had died of starvation.



James Reed and McCutcheon tenderly washed the filthy bodies of the survivors. They rubbed oil on their wasted skin and wrapped them in flannel, while they laundered their ragged clothes. Reed even washed and ministered to Lewis Keseberg, his arch-enemy. The German was terrified that Reed would harm him, but he received the same tender treatment as the others. Traces of cannibalism were

everywhere, including the mutilated remains of the faithful Milt Elliott. Similar sights greeted the Reed party at the Alder Creek camp. Jacob Donner's body had been violated, and in four open graves outside the tents, only fragments remained in three. George Donner was still alive but barely so. An infection had set in on an injured hand and progressed steadily until it involved the entire arm and shoulder.

In spite of the wretched and repulsive sights at the immigrant camp, it was essential Reed plan an immediate departure taking all who were able to travel. They numbered seventeen in all. Only three were adults: Patrick Breen, his wife Peggy, and Mrs. Elizabeth Graves. There were fourteen children. The children ranged in age from eleven years to infancy. Back at one lake cabin was Lewis Keseberg, Mrs. Lavina Murphy, and three children. At Alder Creek George and Tamsen Donner and three of their children remained. Reed left two men at Alder Creek and one at the lake cabin to look after those staying. He left a supply of food for a week, fully expecting another relief party to arrive momentarily under Lt. Woodworth.

Progress was slow because of the many small children, but the experienced mountain men in the rescue party prepared a far better camp than the previous immigrant trekkers. Food had been cached along the trail, and Reed expected to meet Woodworth coming from Bear Valley. In reality, Woodworth had never left camp. Another major snowstorm halted Reed's party on March 6. Without food and totally exhausted, the Donner party members were failing rapidly once again. The storm ceased on March 8, but several were not ready to travel. Patrick Breen refused to resume the trail with his family, and five of the Graves family were too weak to proceed. Altogether, there were eleven out of the Donner group who were not able to travel further. It was imperative that Reed strike out and send back relief for them. Leaving a little tea and part of a small sugar-loaf, the only food remaining,

Reed and his party set out for Bear Valley. They cut a supply of wood before leaving Breen and the others.

Reed and his companions had not covered much ground before they were overtaken by two of the men left at Alder Creek to look after the Donner families. Obviously they had indulged in some looting before leaving. Well rested and unencumbered, they had made good time. No record exists of any trial or punishment as a result of their dereliction of duty. James Reed and the rest of the party walked safely into Bear Valley on March 10, 1847. The entire Reed family ordeal was over and they were all spared.

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William Eddy and William Foster were still trying to energize Lt. Woodworth into action. The two left Johnson's Ranch on March 7 and pressed forward to Mule Springs in the upper valley, where Woodworth had made his camp. They persuaded Woodworth and five of his men to join them and continued their rescue mission eastward toward Truckee Lake. They had met two of Reed's party coming toward them and sent ahead to obtain food concealed in a second cache left by Reed. One of them turned back immediately with provisions for Reed. After meeting Reed's advance men and hearing their story, Woodworth refused to go on. Eddy and Foster were compelled to return to Mule Springs to secure new recruits. The following morning they started once more with five men they were able to enlist with

a promise of substantial wages. The second day out they came across the remains of the Englishman, John Denton. At 4 P.M. they arrived at the camp where Patrick Breen and the others awaited rescue.

Breen and his wife were in better shape than the others. All the survivors were huddled around the camp fire. Mrs. Graves and two of the children had died after Reed left. All three of the bodies had been cannibalized. Eddy sent three of his men back to Bear Valley with the eight survivors; while he, Foster, and his other two volunteers continued on to Truckee Lake. They arrived on March 13.

The same scene greeted Eddy and his small party as the other rescuers had come upon. The only difference was that there were less of the Donner Party still alive, and the conditions had worsened - if that was possible. All that were alive in the lake cabins were Lewis Keseberg, Mrs. Lavina Murphy, the fifty-year-old widow, and little Simon Murphy. At Alder Creek George Donner still clung to life by a thread. Tamsen, in relatively good condition, was nursing her husband and watching over three Donner children. The incredible surroundings and the mutilated bodies lying about served to motivate William Eddy and William Foster to depart with all possible haste. They managed to get under way the same day they arrived.

Eddy's party carried the three Donner children and Simon Murphy. Only five of the wagon train party remained at the lake site; George and Tamsen Donner and Sammy Donner, Jacob's son. At the lake cabin Lewis Keseberg and Mrs. Murphy remained. George Donner's hired man, Baptiste, was missing; along with Nicholas Clark, the last of the men Captain Reasin Tucker had left to care for the lake cabins' dwellers and those at Alder Creek.

William Eddy and his three-man crew struck out for the summit pass late on March 13, carrying the children. Before they passed over the summit, they overtook Baptiste and Clark. They had deserted the Donner Party site and were finding the going difficult with

heavy packs of loot. Two days later on March 17th, William Eddy and those in his group reached Bear Valley and safety. Only one more party would be dispatched to bring back survivors, and they would have a dual role. They would also be scouting for salvage. Both the James Reed family and that of Patrick Breen came through the entire ordeal without a death. The Reeds were taken into the home of a wealthy benefactor, George Yount, living in the Napa Valley. Yount had been one of the most generous contributors toward the rescue of the Donner Party, not only with cash but with provisions and supplies.

A final salvage expedition was assembled and departed on April 13, hoping to collect any valuable goods abandoned. The spring rains would surely ruin most of the valuable property if the expedition did not arrive in timely fashion. W. O. Fallon, an experienced guide, was in command. Fallon had a party of six, one of whom was William Foster. They arrived at Truckee Lake on April 17. Three frightened Digger Indians fled when Fallon's party approached the cabins. They spent two hours searching the lake cabins before going on to Alder Creek. They saw a set of tracks going in that direction, which proved to be those of Lewis Keseberg on a looting expedition of his own. Moving on to Alder Creek, they found many valuable goods scattered around, the remainder of George Donner's trade stock, including fine fabric and many cooking utensils. On one stove was a pot containing cut-up human flesh. They discovered George Donner's mutilated body but no trace of Tamsen, his wife. They camped that night at Alder Creek, planning to dry and prepare their salvage for transport. They searched unsuccessfully for \$1,500 in cash known to be in the possession of George Donner. It was the Halloran bequest to George and his family. Fallon planned to bury the salvage they could not carry and leave the morning of April 21.

Before leaving, Fallon had to take care of a small matter with Lewis Keseberg. He was alone in his cabin, the only living soul among all the dead bodies. He was in bed when Fallon entered, with a large pan beside his bed containing a human liver and miscellaneous body parts. Keseberg claimed Tamsen Donner had come up to the cabin two weeks before, reporting that she was the lone survivor at Alder Creek. He reported that Tamsen was soaked to the skin and delirious and that she had died that same night. Keseberg added that Mrs. Murphy had expired two weeks after the Eddy rescue party departed Truckee Lake. Fallon was of the opinion the entire account was a lie. When questioned about the Donner money, Keseberg denied any knowledge of it.

Fallon and his men were in no mood to be thwarted by Keseberg. They had nothing but utter contempt for the cringing German. They found George Donner's pistols, some silk, jewelry, and \$250 in cash among Keseberg's belongings. Before leaving next morning, Fallon threw a noose about Keseberg's neck and declared he must produce the money or they would hang him. The German led them to a stash of \$273 at the Donners' tents. There was simply no other money. The large amount of cash known to have been with George Donner and the widow, Mrs. Wolfinger, was never discovered.

Fallon and his crew pulled out of Truckee Lake, with Lewis Keseberg in tow. They all carried huge packs of salvage. The agreement was that each man would receive half the value of goods he could carry back. They arrived at Bear Valley on April 22, 1847, ringing down the curtain on one of the most infamous tragedies in early American history. After the disaster, their winter home was called Donner Lake, and the summit pass was also given the Donner identification.

Of the eighty-seven people on the Donner wagon train when it arrived at the Great Salt Lake, forty-seven survived the terrible ordeal that followed. Five perished

before reaching Truckee Lake, and thirty-four died at the cabins and at Alder Creek or during the mountain crossings. With Sutter's two murdered Indians and the death of William Hook, a young boy who overate at Mule Creek after being rescued, the final head count of those who perished was forty-two.

"General Stephen Watts Kearney and a military detail returned to the Donner Lake campsite and buried the mutilated bodies. The Hastings cut off near Fort Bridger was abandoned, and an alternate route somewhat to the north was opened in 1847. When the news of the Donner tragedy reached New York, the story became national news in July 1847."

The publicity persuaded many immigrants to avoid any route leading through Donner Pass.

James Reed prospered in California. He located in San Jose and acquired substantial real estate property. After gold was discovered in 1848 near Sutter's Mill, Reed accumulated a fortune in the gold fields, and developed his property in San Jose. His prosperity declined somewhat when the strike declined, but he retained the major portion of his wealth. Active in city and state government, he spent \$20,000 of his own money in an attempt to have San Jose chosen as the capital. Mrs. Elizabeth Reed died on November 25, 1861. The Reed children, including Virginia Backenstoe (James' stepdaughter), all grew to adulthood. Reed adopted little Mary Donner, who lived to marry S. O. Houghton, a San Jose lawyer. She died in childbirth in 1859.

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The *Proceedings* of the Grand Lodge of Illinois also include the record of Stephen A. Douglas being raised the same year in Springfield Lodge No. 4. Brother Reed was also a member of Springfield Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the first settler in California to hold membership in Capitular Masonry. Reed's name appears as one of fifteen signers of a petition to work under dispensation in San Jose, California. Four months later, when the U.D. charter was issued, he was not listed as a member. However, James continued his Springfield Masonic membership affiliations until the end of his life. Reed was buried beside Elizabeth at San Jose following his demise on July 24, 1874.

William Henry Eddy, a very prominent figure in the Donner story, was one of fifteen signers, on July 11, 1850, of the petition to work under dispensation in what became San Jose Lodge No. 10. The record lists Brother Eddy as a charter member. Plagued with physical problems as a result of his experiences during the 1846-1847 winter he,

was in poor health the rest of his life. Eddy died of a heart disorder (angina pectoris) at Petaluma, California, on December 24, 1859, in reduced financial circumstances. He had been suspended for nonpayment of dues in 1857. Speculation was that his suspension was due to failing fortunes caused by chronic health problems.

Lewis Keseberg survived and continued to declare his innocence to every charge against him relating to the Donner tragedy. He brought a slander suit against W. O. Fallon in Alcalde John Sinclair's court and was awarded one dollar in punitive damages. The alcalde also required that Keseberg pay all court costs. It was rumored that Keseberg had some "hold" over Captain Sutler when he was given command of Suffer's trading schooner. Keseberg later operated a restaurant in Kansas City, and was reported to be financially well off. Finally, he returned to San Jose penniless and died in that condition at age eighty-one - still proclaiming his innocence. Many researchers believe Keseberg's convincing denials of any wrongdoing during the Donner affair influenced Charles E. McGlashan's extensive writings, based on his own survivor interviews. McGlashan's account was far more charitable to Keseberg than any of the others.

One of America's most shocking and melancholy events marked the conclusion of a journey which had its beginning with the lighthearted group who rode out of Springfield, Illinois, on that sunny April day in 1846. Before it was over, the outer limits of man's endurance was tested. Judgment of the participants must be withheld when one realizes that rationality and sanity were not part of the equation controlling the shocking events at Truckee Lake and in the mountains. Some of the most loathsome acts in American history occurred during those terrible days, and only the Grand Architect of the Universe may properly judge the culpability of the individuals involved. The participants in those unhappy events passed to that verdict before the turn of the 20th century.

One bright beacon of light in the adventure was the gallantry and bravery of James Frazier Reed. He exemplified the highest traditions of Masonry through his actions in the Donner disaster. Aquilla Glover did likewise, in fulfilling his Masonic oath to Elizabeth Reed. Brothers Reed, Glover, and Eddy emblazoned some of the most notable examples of Masonic fidelity on the pages of historic record; and vicariously, we may all share a sense of great fraternal pride in the deeds they accomplished.

The End

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"Why do I believe?"
Has often been a question
That I have asked of me.

Only a ninny" could look about
And say, "There is no God."
And thus fail—creation to see.

The mountains and the *rivers*,
The jeweled sun which brightly shines
The peaceful moon which smiles at night,
Are no way - the handiwork of man.

The rain, the wind, the sleet, the hail,
The gift of life itself
Are all controlled by one great plan.

I choose to follow this planner's Word,
Which points to Jesus as the Christ.
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