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"Rex Allen: The Arizona Masonic Cowboy"
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Significant Happenings - Past and Future

Knights Templar Eye Foundation-31st Annual Voluntary Campaign

At the time that this message is being written, all the information and statistics on the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign are not completed, but there is every indication that the campaign was very successful. It appears that most of our Commanderies and more of our members participated than in previous campaigns. I commend each Knight Templar and others for their unselfish, generous support in both time and money of this great humanitarian charity. Your support will allow the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to continue to provide financial assistance to needy individuals, to National Eye Care Programs, to National Child's Eye Care Programs, and to provide grants for research in areas relating to eye care. I especially commend the Campaign Chairmen for their efforts and results. Sir Knight Charles A. Games, P.G.C., H .P.D.C., served as Chairman of this 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign, and we cannot say enough in expressing our appreciation and admiration for his commitment, expertise, and untiring leadership. Charlie, you truly did an outstanding work, and Thank You!



Easter 1999

Grand Encampment has for many, many years observed one of the most sacred of all Christian seasons with an Easter morning sunrise religious service and related activities in Washington, DC. This is a time when we recommit to the purposes for which we exist as Freemasons and particularly as Knights Templar and members of a Christian order dedicated to serving a true GOD through His SON, JESUS CHRIST. It is also a time for fellowship and visiting with old and new friends. Easter 1999 will surely be recorded as an outstanding happening. The placing of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington under the auspices of the officers and members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana; the glorious sunrise Sunday morning; the wonderful parade up Shooter's Hill; the magnificent service, sermon, and music at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial; and the exceptionally large attendance at the Saturday luncheon and Sunday breakfast were inspiring and a joy to be a part of. A lot of work and a lot of cooperation from a lot of fine members and others made this happening possible. We especially commend Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, R.E. Grand Captain General, and his staff. Well done, Sir Knights, and Thank You!

Templary 2000 Crusade

Templary 2000 Crusade is an undertaking to launch a program that will ultimately result in each Commandery in each Grand Commandery in the Grand Encampment Knighting new members on one day, February 5, 2000. The reinstatement of those of our members who have demitted or been suspended is an important part of this undertaking. Sir Knight Bill Clutter, KCT, P.G.C. of Indiana, is the Chairman of the ad hoc committee working on the details of this event and will be providing information on ways and means, commemorative certificates, badges, and jewels. Sir Knights, this crusade is a cooperative effort that must involve the members of our Symbolic Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Priories, York Rite Colleges, and other Masonic organizations. We must all work together in order that all may succeed, and we must begin today, NOW! By the way, if for some reason you cannot make February 5, 2000 the day, pick a day before June 1, 2000, except April 29, that will work for you! Y2K is a great opportunity, and we want to be a part of the celebration. We can do it

I'm done pumping. You make me proud. GODSPEED!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James Morris Ward". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "J" and "W".

James Morris Ward, KGC, Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

JUNE: The 31st Annual Campaign for the KTEF is **over!** You'll find the total for the fundraising in the Chairman's article on page 7. Also, on page 18 are the totals for the states. We will print a comprehensive breakdown of the results in July as we usually do! Thanks to all of you who made such tremendous efforts in the campaign! Starting on page 9 you will enjoy the article and pictures covering the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service and festivities, and on page 19 there is more concerning the Templary 2000 Crusade. Read the latter, and join us for a big event in 2000! There is more from the Committee on Membership on page 5, and please yourself with the story of Brother Rex Allen; it's another fine contribution by talented Sir Knight Ivan Tribe. Enjoy!

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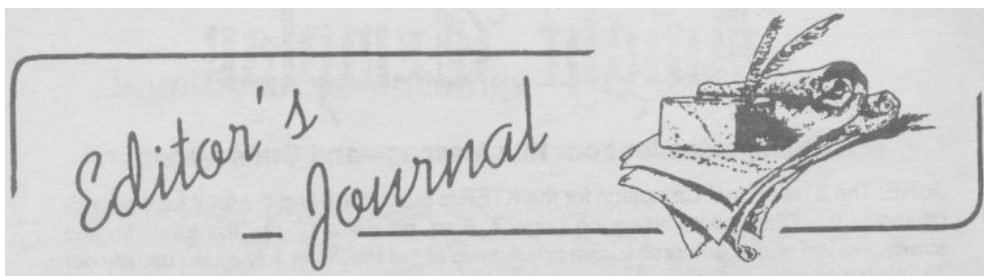
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Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded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

Attention: all Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 1999; or Grand Commanders on November 1, 1999; or Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November issue, *Knight Templar* magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders on November 1. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 10, 1999. If your installation will be in late September or October, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots, and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. **Photos are requested by September 10, 1999. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.**

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 Ave, 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 your wishes.

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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/YorkRiteFM/HomePage.html>

The Necessity of Personal Involvement in Templary from the Grand Encampment's Committee on Membership

It is strange that the precepts of the religion; which gave us as individuals freedom of thought, philosophy and action; could also lead to its downfall. I feel that this is true because, ever since the forties and fifties, Christian church enrollment has been decreasing and our organization of Knights Templar whose mission is "The Support and Defense of the Christian Religion" has also been declining in membership.

Christ gave us freedom to serve God as we see fit, but He also gave us the responsibility for our own actions. Our responsibility has not been fulfilled. It has been a continuing study of inaction instead of action. With all that we have taken on for ourselves in the manner of time consuming practices, however seemingly necessary, we have not spent the time necessary to promote and protect the Christian philosophy and way of life. The Christian community as a whole has been severely lacking in the support and defense of its primary institutions. Even though many people profess to believe in Christian principles and beliefs, yet they do not take time to get involved in the maintenance and growth of Christianity and thus increase its membership. It seems that we are too busy with items of entertainment or the acquiring and repairing of labor-saving devices.

The energizing force which could reverse this decline in membership is **Personal Involvement**. Of course, we were personally involved when we joined Templary, and we were impressed with the teachings of the Orders. Of course, we were involved when we took offices and proceeded through the lines and conferred the Orders on other Christian Masons. But evidently this is not enough for we are still losing members.

When we, as Christians, dedicated ourselves to Christ's service and His way of life, we also swore to support the principles involved in the Christian religion. It is evident from its decline that we have not been supporting those principles strongly **enough to help it grow**.

How then can we be involved more than we already are? I am not, in general, speaking of officers of Grand Commanderies, who, if they are properly executing their responsibilities, have a full slate of action already on their plates. They must, however, take it upon themselves to see that every Sir Knight in their jurisdictions becomes more personally involved.

Every Sir Knight should be thoroughly educated in our mission, our history, our philosophy, and our philanthropies so that he can be enthusiastically involved in membership acquisition and retention. If he is knowledgeable about the attributes of Templary, he will be much more apt to inspire some other Christian Mason to be a part of this noble cause. Constituent Commanderies can have lectures and present papers which can educate Christian Masons in who we are and why they should be a part of the promotion of our mission. Every state should have workshops to educate all Knights, thus increasing knowledge and enthusiasm.

I truly believe that a majority of Christians and Knights Templar do not understand and appreciate the freedoms which Christianity gives us. I do not think that they realize that worldwide Christianity is a minority religion. They tend to be complacent about its increase and success because, in America, it is in the majority. Christianity offers freedoms to the individual which other more militaristic religions do not have, and thus we become a threat to them. Christianity and Templary (if they find out about our mission of

supporting and defending the Christian religion) are under constant attack by dictators, communists, and atheists as well as the politically correct" people in our government who don't wish to anger anyone and lose a vote even though those principles of freedom formed the basis of our Constitution and should be upheld at any cost. We need organizational support in Templary to uphold those freedoms.

Christ, in His life, gave us freedom from the law, freedom from sin, and freedom from death. He gave us freedom from the law (or the binding restrictions of it) when He simplified the Jewish law. That law was the most complete and restrictive set of rules ever devised to guide the conduct of man. It encompasses most all of the second through the fifth book of the Old Testament and was given to God's chosen people by Moses. It started with the Ten Commandments and progressed through every conceivable condition which might be confronted by man and gave him solutions for justice including the punishments for disobedience.

Christ came not to refute the law but to simplify it and show that there are times and places where God will be served better by not obeying the strict verbiage of the written law and by our using our own judgment as to what is right according to God's law. He gave us the freedom of action to use as to how we as individuals can best serve God, but He also gave us the obligation of responsibility for our actions.

Christ gathered food and ate on the Sabbath, and He healed on the Sabbath, both of which were in violation of the strict Jewish law. The Pharisees attempted to trap Jesus by asking Which is the greatest commandment of all?" Jesus answered by saying You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with

all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment." And a second like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus gave us the freedom to decide how each of us shall serve the Lord, and he also laid upon us the individual responsibility for our actions.

Jesus also gave us freedom from sin when He died for ours thus relieving us of guilty consciences. Our Savior gave us freedom from death when He proved that there is a life after this life by bodily ascending into heaven. This theory is prevalent throughout all of York Rite Masonry.

Sir Knights, Christianity frees us to serve God as we think He would have us do. Jesus also gave us the obligation to support and defend this most sublime of all religions. In the Great Commission, Jesus told the disciples to "Go therefore into all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost." **He did not say sit there, He said go!**

Our mission as Knights Templar, 'The Support and Defense of the Christian Religion,' is not being accomplished as well as it should be. The secret to success in this endeavor is increased personal involvement by every Knight Templar. In the past, men have died to promote and enhance this beautiful system of religious beliefs. We are only asking for more personal involvement which can be the salvation of our wonderful Fraternity.

EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR!

The Committee on Membership:

Stanley O. Simons, PG.C. (Michigan)
James C. Taylor, P.D.C., (Oklahoma)
Paul A. Brehm, P.G.C. (Wisconsin)



The 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign Is Closed

Guess What?! The Need Never Stops!

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



It has been said that "Yesterday is History, Tomorrow Never Comes, and the Time is Now." This is true with almost everything we do or are involved in to some extent. Yes, the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign has ended, but the NEED has not, nor can it end until no child or adult is denied help in the prevention of blindness. Our Mission is to help every man, woman, or child who meets our qualifications to receive financial medical assistance for the preservation and improvement of sight.

WE (this means YOU and I) still have a responsibility to help, aid, and assist those in need. There are still many deserving individuals in our communities who need our help. Even though a fund-raising campaign has ended, operations and research will continue, and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., will need funds.

Those Sir Knights and friends of Templary are to be commended for their support and gifts during the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign. Those dollars translate into SIGHT for someone. **THANK YOU FOR CARING ENOUGH TO SUPPORT YOUR FOUNDATION!**

I am pleased to report that we now have Permanent Donor Fund No. 5, which is the "Marie Keese LeLash Foundation, Inc. Fund." This Foundation has made several \$10,000.00 donations in previous years but with the recently received donation, this foundation has joined the top five philanthropists in the "Permanent Donor



Fund" program. Who will be next and be designated PDF No. 6?

The result of the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign is as follows:

Fund-Raising Donations Total

\$940,792.92

Orchids to all those Sir Knights and Friends of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. who made this possible. I thank you and more especially those who you helped thank you.

Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary Past Department Commander and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, was the Campaign Chairman of the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign and is 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

Letters from Recipients of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

I am being scheduled for surgery on my left eye now. I am seeing more out of my right eye, and I hope that I will be able to see more out of both eyes after the surgery.

***Daniel A. Howald
Delaware, Ohio***

I am writing to thank you for the help you gave me on my eye surgery. My surgery was a success, I can see much better, and all my thanks and gratitude go out to you!

***Carl Miller
Webster, Kentucky***

I would like to express my gratitude for the great gift you have given me. Without your financial help and the expertise of doctors Armstrong and Crandall, I would have lost my eyesight.

According to my last checkup, Dr. Armstrong found no further bleeding, and he said my eyes are doing really well.

I will never forget what you have done for me.

***Isabel de Atencio
Evanston, Wyoming***

I'd like to thank you for making my surgery possible. You have restored my eyesight! I can't express my feelings. I am overwhelmed with joy; you gave me a new start in life. Thank you again for the kindness and humanitarianism you have shown me. I will not forget you for what you have done for me. My eyesight will always remind me of your kindness.

***Irma Gatzka Pearson
El Paso, Texas***

In Memoriam



Harry Carvell Hackett
Idaho
Grand Commander-1996
Born April 28, 1913
Died April 7, 1999

Paul A. Fitch
Oklahoma
Grand Generalissimo, 1999
Born February 15, 1955
Died April 20, 1999

James Willard Register
Georgia
R.E. Department Commander Southeastern-1976-1979
Grand Commander-1973
Born February 9, 1916
Died April 24, 1999

Easter Revisited

by Sir Knight Richard B Baldwin KEC
Right Eminent Grand Captain General and

General Chairman Committee on the Easter Sunrise Service

Easter once again dawned a beautiful and glorious day! We were certainly fortunate in having great weather!

Activities began with attendance of the Grand Encampment officers and other Sir Knights at the Maundy Thursday dinner and ceremony conducted by the District of Columbia Scottish Rite bodies, and then at the Friday morning breakfast hosted by Saint Simeon Stylites Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine at the University Club.

On Saturday morning, the delegation from Indiana once more hosted a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery to honor their war dead from all the nation's conflicts. Sir Knight Robert J. Frazer, R.E. Grand Commander of Indiana, led the event at which he kindly invited the Grand Master, M.E. James Morris Ward, to participate. Indiana had its own bus load, and there was another provided by the Grand Encampment. Both buses were loaded. Our members really enjoy this moving event.

This event was followed by lunch back at the Hotel Washington, which this year had an overflow crowd. It is just great to see the attendance grow. Sir Knights and their ladies from across the nation were present, warmly greeting one another.

One event of note that was not so great was the changing of the time to Standard, causing what is always a short night on Saturday to be an even shorter one!

At the Service itself on Sunday morning, the parade up the hill was led by our Grand Master, Sir Knight James Morris Ward,

together with the other elected line officers, the Grand Recorder, three Past Grand Masters, and six of the seven Department Commanders. Their wives were present and seated in their special section. The line of march took them past the participating units, up the hill where, at a reviewing point, they reviewed the marching units as they moved to their seats. A total of 568 Sir Knights were counted in the line of march - a significantly larger number by about 150 than had been present last year. What a great feeling it is when a really huge crowd turns out and we can all feel the exhilaration of taking part in a really popular event!

There were also far more of those not in uniform than we have had in the recent past. All told, we estimate that about 1,200 were present. In fact, we had so many that there was a serious question as to whether there were enough seats, not only for the Sir Knights marching but also for all those others attending. If one has to have a problem, this is a great one to have! We have to consider more seating next year to accommodate the crowd.

There were two special innovations this year. At their own request and at the behest of Sir Knight Robert L. Foreman, Northeastern Department Commander, the delegation from Maryland with their black plumes preceded the entire parade and formed a Passion Cross in the benches around which the other Sir Knights were seated. It added a great new tone to the ceremony.

An outstanding sermon was delivered by Sir Knight Arthur C. Pace, Chaplain (LTC),

US Army. His message was entitled "The Day Death Died." His was a moving delivery and very well received by all of us.

"The Lord's Prayer" was sung this year by Sir Knight Raymond Foose of New Jersey, whose wonderful rendition capped the ceremony beautifully.

The Grand Encampment banner, which had been destroyed by vandals on Saturday night last year, has been replaced and looked great. The Grand Commander of Virginia, Sir Knight David Graham Mathews, Jr., deserves the credit for seeing this project through to completion.

(On a somber note, perhaps, we are well aware that there was unnecessary confusion in forming up the parade, which your committee will definitely correct for next year.)

There were twenty-three Grand Commanders present - about half of the forty-nine total - and an outstanding representation! They are listed at the conclusion of this article.

Once again, Ohio was recognized as having far and away the largest contingent present with some ninety Sir Knights in formation. We all greatly appreciate their fine showing over many years and congratulate them for it. We would like, however, to see them honestly challenged for this distinction by other large delegations. Let's give this a serious try next year!

Special thanks go to the Kena and Almas Shrine Bands and their director, Noble John Steele. A special thanks goes to Sir Knight George Gilbreath and his stalwarts, including the DeMolay from Northern Virginia, who do the set-up on Saturday and the take-down after the Service on Sunday as well as the ushering. They do great work year in and year out. Those Sir Knights who handle the parking, the seating of the units, and all the

other details necessary to a pleasant occasion richly deserve our most profound thanks for their fine work year in and year out.

Breakfast back at the Hotel Washington was a really bang-up affair with a large overflow crowd, significantly larger than last year. Something is happening! More and more of our members and their families are attending, and we all think it is great and that it will be even better next year.

There is a great spirit of brotherhood which permeates this special holiday with all its events, and it characterizes all that we so admire within this Christian branch of Masonry. I urge all to come down next year to experience it.

This marks my final roll call with you as your General Chairman. I recall with great clarity and humble pride the phone call from the then rising Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Marvin Edward Fowler, who first asked me to take on responsibility for this event, replacing Sir Knight George Fulmer of the District of Columbia. George had done an incredible job in seeing the ceremony moved by necessity from Arlington National Cemetery in 1982 and successfully set up at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Always a perfectionist in every sense of the word, he had precise drawings of the benches and platform, saw them constructed, and taught everyone how to set it up. I was pleased to serve Sir Knight Fowler's three successors in office: William Henry Thornley, Jr.; Blair Christy Mayford; and now James Morris Ward. Each took great personal interest in this event, did everything I asked, and could not possibly have been more supportive. It has been a humble privilege to serve each of them and count them now as close friends. There is an incredible array of people involved in pulling this thing off whom I have tried

hard to thank each year; they are the ones who make this thing a singular Templar event. Sir Knight Robert V. Hines, R.E. Past Grand Commander of the District of Columbia, has been designated to succeed

to in this position and has graciously accepted. I have pledged him my cooperation and support.

It has been a high honor to serve you all.

DELEGATIONS WITH REPRESENTATION IN THE PARADE (by Jurisdictional Seniority)

Massachusetts/Rhode Island
New York
Virginia
New Hampshire
Ohio
Kentucky
Maine
Pennsylvania

Indiana
Michigan
Illinois
California
Wisconsin
New Jersey
Georgia
Missouri
District of Columbia

Alabama
Iowa
Minnesota
Maryland
West Virginia
Colorado
Florida
Delaware

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDERS ATTENDING (by Jurisdictional Seniority)

Charles T. Bancroft (MA/RI)
Robert J. Cave (NY)
David G. Mathews Jr. (VA)
Herbert H. Hutchinson (NH)
Edward A. Espy (OH)
G. Michael Miller, Sr. (KY)
Errol V. Hawksiey (PA)
Robert J. Frazer (IN)

Richard D. Erspamer (MI)
Richard Salisbury (IL) Willard A.
Young (WI) Robert Hassell (NJ)
Bobby B. Simmons (GA) Joe
D. Lee (AL)
Lyle C. Johnson (IA)

Charles W. Wagner, Jr.
(MD) Donald Hamrick
(WV) Norman Hoff (CO)
David G. Cronk (NC) W.
Ronald Taylor (FL) David
B. Board (DC) Richard A.
Wesner (SC) Mark E. Irwin
(DE)

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



Easter Sunrise Memorial Services-1999

Pictures by Sir Knight Oscar D. Olsson, P.G.C., New Jersey-1997

The 69th Annual Easter Sunrise Service of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America, was held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 4, 1999. The following photos on three pages are at the Easter parade, services, and Saturday luncheon. They were taken by Sir Knight Oscar D. Olsson, PG. C. of New Jersey in 1997 to whom we extend our thanks.



The Most Eminent Grand Master, James M. Robert F. Poyton, Banner Bearer, P.G.C., Ward, follows his banner carried by Sir Knight MA/RI, up Shooters Hill.



M.E. Grand Master Ward (*left*) and R.E. Deputy (*left*), Sovereign Grand Commander of the Grand Master William J. Jones (*right*) salute the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., and Joe R. colors and Sir Knights as they parade up Shooter's Manning, Jr. (*middle right*), Grand Sovereign, Red Hill. Joining in the salute is Robert O. Ralston (*mid-Cross of Constantine*).



Lt Col. Arthur C. Paco, U.S. Army, who delivered the inspiring Easter message, follows his father, Thurman C. Pace, Jr., Past Northeastern Department Commander and P.G.C., NJ, up the hill



Grand Master James M. Ward welcomes the large crowd that has assembled at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial



Gathered at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial are the Sir Knights, ladies, and friends. It's quite a sight for the Grand Master to behold as he brings his greetings!



Our R.E. Grand Prelate Donald H. Smith (left), M.E.P.G.M., and Sir Knight Arthur C. Pace, Jr., P.D.C., P.G.C., NJ. Pace (right), who delivered the Easter message this year, flank Sir Knight Thurman C.



Attending the Saturday luncheon are, from left to right: Robert O. Ralston, James M. Ward, Lt. Col. Arthur C. Pace, and Thurman C. Pace Jr.

Recipients of the Grand Encampment Membership Jewel

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Commandery No. 3, Wilmington, DE. 1-6-99
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TN. 1-7-99
349 - Charles H. Lee, South Carolina Commandery No. 1, Charleston,
SC. 2-23-99
350 - Gilbert L. Martin, South Carolina Commandery No. 1, Charleston,
SC. 2-23-99



351 - Leroy Mattox, South Carolina Commandery No. 1, Charleston, SC. 2-23-99
352 - Roy Jasper Ballard, Greenwood Commandery No. 5, Greenwood, SC. 2-23-99
353 - **Jimmy L. Wiley, Laurel Commandery No. 33, Laurel, MS. 3-3-99.**
354 - **John Gerald Campbell, Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, Decatur IL. 3-17-99**
355 - **Carl R. Young, Kanawha Commandery No. 4, Charleston, WV. 4-20-99**

Masons Establish the Dave Sanders Memorial Scholarship Fund

As part of the nation's oldest and largest fraternal organization, the Colorado Masonic community provides scholarships to numerous Colorado students each year and actively supports quality in public schools.

Colorado Masons have established the Dave Sanders Memorial Scholarship Fund for students at Columbine High School in memory of Columbine teacher Dave Sanders, who heroically sacrificed his life saving the lives of countless Columbine High School students.

All contributions to this fund are tax deductible. The proceeds will be used for scholarships given to one or more graduating seniors of Columbine High School based on need and scholastic promise.

Checks can be made payable to: **Dave Sanders Memorial Scholarship Fund, Account No. 1242346** and sent to: Dave Sanders Memorial Scholarship Fund, Account No. 1242346, C/O Mountain States Bank, 1635 East Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO 80218.

The Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, Kent R. Gould, said: "Dave Sanders inspired his students scholastically and as a coach. He placed himself in harm's way, making the supreme sacrifice for his students. This scholarship will help carry forth his memory to future generations of Columbine students by providing financial assistance to them in achieving their educational dreams and goals. All Colorado Masons join with the Columbine community not only in their sorrow but also in their praise of the students, teachers, and administrators for their brave and courageous actions so much in evidence on April 20, 1999."

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TEMPLARS! Any of you who have anecdotes (either funny or informational) about a Templar, a 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, 1334 Royal Road, Norwood, MO 65717-9466; e-mail: jcbaird@windo.missouri.org

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CHAPTER V

Fifty-eighth Conclave, 1991

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Aides to the Grand Officers were Sir Knights: Robert E. Newman, George G. Field, Herbert A. Fisher, and Banner Bearer, Earl H. Meyer, Jr. for Grand Master Thornley; Marvin E. Painter and Billy J. Boyer for Deputy Grand Master Mayford; Earl D. Barlow for Grand Generalissimo Ward; John Davis Jones for Grand Captain General Jones; Clarence K. Jones for Grand Treasurer Gorman; Henry G. Sass, Jr. and Richard Lee Graft for Grand Recorder Neumann; Gary D. Hermann for Past Grand Master Bell; Robert E. Price for Past Grand Master Avery; William H. Koon II for Past Grand Master Dull; Carl H. Edwards for Past Grand Master Smith; and S. Flory Diehl for Past Grand Master Fowler.

After the open installation, the Grand Encampment Triennial sessions were declared closed for 1991, and it was announced that the 59th Triennial Conclave would be held in Denver, Colorado, in August 1994.

Fifty-ninth Conclave, 1994

At 9:00 A.M. on Monday, August 15, 1994, the Fifty-ninth Triennial Conclave began its Opening Ceremonies in the Radisson Hotel in Denver, Colorado. Sir Knight George C. Field, P.G.C., Colorado, began by introducing the officers of the Grand Commandery of Colorado with the Grand Sentinel first and calling the audience to attention before introducing the last one, "The Right Eminent Grand Commander of Colorado, Gerald A. Ford." Sir Knight Ford welcomed the group and then ordered, "Sir Knights, Ten-hut; Uncover" and asked his Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Glen E. Hamlyn, to invoke the blessings of Deity.

Sir Knight Field introduced the officers of the Grand Encampment, beginning with Sir Knight Sledd, Triennial Parliamentarian, the

Department Commanders, and the elected officers ending with Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr., Most Eminent Grand Master. After acknowledging the introduction, Sir Knight Thornley asked Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder, to introduce the distinguished guests. Sir Knight Neumann introduced the 33 distinguished guests, and was interrupted by comments from the Grand Master directed at five of those guests, the last one being Brother Ben Bell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, for whom the audience was asked to rise and he "was received through an arch of steel."

The Grand Master dismissed the honor guard, asked the audience to rise, and turned to Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir, Right Eminent Grand Prelate, for an Invocation.

The State Flag Ceremony then began with Sir Knight Neumann calling the roll of Grand Commanderies, followed by the Subordinate Commanderies. The Grand Master asked some of those who would not be able to attend the business sessions to speak, and then declared a ten-minute recess until 11:00 A.M. to allow the visitors time to leave.

At 11:00 the first business session was convened. Grand Master Thornley called the Conclave to attention, and in the temporary absence of Grand Prelate Weir, Sir Knight James M. Ward, Grand Generalissimo, gave an Invocation which ended with the "Lord's Prayer" in which all Sir Knights joined. The Grand Master asked for a Roll Call which the Grand Recorder made, then read "a letter from our Senior Past Grand Master, John L. Crafts. He says 'We regret we cannot plan to be with you as, while we have been permitted long lives, we no longer plan to travel.' He also states that it was hard to realize that it was twenty-seven years ago that he stood in Sir Knight Mayford's shoes and waited to be installed as Grand Master." He was also reminded of the fact that the last time the Triennial Conclave was held in Denver, he had presided as Grand Master.

The minutes of the Fifty-eighth Triennial Conclave, which had been printed in the *Proceedings* and distributed, were approved, following a correction on page 100. Sir Knight Neumann then read the changes made in appointments during the triennium: Sam E. Hilburn, P.G.C., Texas, to replace Harold S. Gorman, Grand Treasurer, following his death; Robert E. Price, P.G.C., Indiana, to replace Sam E. Hilburn as Chairman, Committee on Finance; Richard M. Strauss, P.G.C., Michigan, to replace Albert Remington III, Chairman, Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, was asked to assume command as Sir Knight Thornley gave the Grand Master's Allocation. He called attention to the fact that this was the fourth time that the Grand Encampment had held its Triennial Conclave in Denver. He reminded the group of the death of: Past Grand Master George Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Eye Foundation; Sir Knight Harold S. Gorman, Grand Treasurer; Sir Knight Clyde E. White, North Central Department Commander; Sir Knight W. Boyd Sibold, Past East Central Department Commander; Sir Knight Virgil F. Kent, Past East Central Department Commander; Sir Knight The Reverend Norman Vincent Peale, Past Grand Prelate; Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser, Past Grand Recorder; and several other Sir Knights who had been active in the Grand Encampment.

He also explained that a Grand Encampment Membership Jewel had been created to honor all Sir Knights who were "first-line" signers of ten petitions. He stated that the "card program" which had been instituted during the Fifty-seventh Triennium was continuing to be an "excellent source of income" which had made the need for a raise in per capita unnecessary since it began. He interrupted his allocution to introduce Sir Knight William H. Koon II, G.C.G., Ohio, who explained the "Knight Templar Eye Foundation Credit Card" program which had been instituted at the Fifty-eighth Triennial Conclave. Just prior to the conclusion of his Allocation, he proposed that Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball, Past Grand Treasurer and the "only surviving charter member of the Board of Trustees" of the

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, be "proclaimed as Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America." After the Allocation the session closed.

The second business session started at 2:00 P.M., and immediately following a prayer by Grand Generalissimo Ward, the first of two proposed amendments to the Constitution/Statutes was read: an amendment to Section 18^{1/2} of the Constitution. The proposal would have added those who became Associate Patrons (with the donation of \$50.00), or Patrons (with the donation of \$100.00) to the group of Life Sponsors (who had donated \$30.00), the group which could not be assessed \$1.00 a year. It was proposed by Sir Knight Philip White, P.G.C., New Hampshire, who was not present. Sir Knight Charles J. Kennedy, D.G.C., New Hampshire, explained that many Sir Knights who had donated \$50.00 or \$100.00 to become Associate Patrons or Patrons were angry when they discovered that they were still not Life Sponsors. Sir Knight James E. Moseley, P.G.C., Mississippi, urged that the change not be made, for the "program that's worked well for all of these years" should be kept without change. The question was called and the proposal defeated.

Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, P.G.C., Virginia, Chairman of the Committee on Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, stated in his report that the appointment of a Grand Commandery Coordinator for each Grand Commandery east of the Mississippi River had "done a lot of good." He also stated that there had been a slight increase in the number of uniformed Sir Knights at the services: about 400 in 1993 and about 450 in 1994. The Grand Master had recognized the Grand Commandery of Ohio for having the largest contingent of Sir Knights present and the newest Grand Commandery (Delaware) for having the highest percentage of its members present. Expenses for the Services were: 1992 - \$6,647.18, 1993 - \$2,358.53, and 1994 - \$2,327.57; the additional expense in 1992 was caused by a Saturday Reception - \$4,026.25 and a Breakfast Buffet - \$787.50.

June 1999 Report for the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign Of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Grand Commander's Club

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 No. 101,018-Robert I. Boyer (PA)
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 No. 101,021-James Clayton Lovig, Jr. (IL)
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 No. 101,023-Jeffrey Johnson (NM)
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 No. 101,025-Walter J. Hott (TX)
 No. 101,026-Piers A. Vaughan (NY)
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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.

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending May 15, 1999. The total amount contributed to date is \$940,792.92.

Alabama	\$14,921.97
Arizona	12,245.49
Arkansas	7,029.05
California	28,707.11
Colorado	25,419.07
Connecticut	16,839.25
Delaware	4,186.78
District of Columbia	8,948.35
Florida	26,747.66
Georgia	82,992.56
Idaho	3,545.33
Illinois	19,358.83
Indiana	13,971.82
Iowa	31,612.01
Kansas	3,986.00
Kentucky	23,342.35
Louisiana	10,787.54
Maine	4,004.23
Maryland	12,633.76
Mass/RI.	28,998.13
Michigan	11,602.30
Minnesota	4,569.80
Mississippi	8,765.29
Missouri	12,670.36
Montana	6,863.62
Nebraska	15,373.48
Nevada	6,846.65
New Hampshire	8,063.30
New Jersey	40,516.00
New Mexico	4,499.17
New York	19,941.02
North Carolina	8,603.99
North Dakota	355.00
Ohio	25,851.07
Oklahoma	2,962.40
Oregon	16,068.99
Pennsylvania	84,305.65
South Carolina	22,409.41
South Dakota	7,525.00

Tennessee	41,510.21	Honolulu No. 1	2,433.00
Texas	106,828.11	Porto Rico No. 1	650.00
Utah	7,823.67	Anchorage No. 2	3,930.00
Vermont	5,889.00	Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico	100.00
Virginia	22,873.78	Tokyo No. 1	260.00
Washington	9,458.73	Heidelberg No. 2	1205.00
West Virginia	17,963.50	Simon Von Utrecht, U.D	500.00
Wisconsin	22,553.50	Solo di Aruba No. 1	900.00
Wyoming	4,740.45	Canaan No. 1	200.00
Philippines	1,170.00	Miscellaneous	1,734.18

Highlights of the....

TEMPLARY 2000 CRUSADE FEBRUARY 5, 2000

by Sir Knight Bill R. Clutter, P.G.C. (IN) and
Chairman of the Templary 2000 Crusade

As the year 2000 approaches, we know that a new century is about to begin. Another century of Templary is about to be launched, and each of us will be a part of this new chapter in our fraternity's glorious history. How would you like this chapter to be written for our next generation of Knights Templar? How would you like it to begin? You, and only you, can control our destiny, and let me tell you how.

All Knights Templar have a unique opportunity to positively increase the publicity and growth of this great order; in fact, it will be a "once in our lifetime" opportunity to perpetuate our glorious history into the next millennium by asking Masons to become members of a fraternity dedicated to 'the support and defense of the Christian Religion.' Your individual contributions will make a difference!

What is the Templary 2000 Crusade?

It is a nationwide, premier event being planned by the Grand Encampment to launch an entire new year dedicated to publicizing our Christian order. It was announced by Grand Master Ward in the March 1999 issue of this magazine, and it

is a program that asks each Sir Knight in each constituent Commandery to assist in increasing membership through both new Knightings and restorations. The vision is to confer the Order of the Temple on more than 2,000 new Knights Templar on the *same day, **Saturday, February 5, 2000***, across all jurisdictions.

How Is This Program Different?

Think of it! Thousands of new members enlisted in the ranks of Templary on the same day nationwide. This will be a "premier" event and will have special benefits for new members: Commemorative Malta jewels and pins will be struck for this special occasion, and embossed certificates are to be printed for presentation to each Sir Knight. Each will be suitable for framing.

Why Do It?

The answers are endless, but a few obvious ones are: The event will "Turbo-Charge" our membership program by focusing on both new Knightings and restorations; it promotes our Christian order within the Masonic fraternity, and it will also assist in re-positioning the order as progressive. It will enhance York Rite

co-operation, stimulate local Commandery "Team-building," assist in leadership training for junior officers, and it is an opportunity to make it a "family affair" by including them in the celebration. Most importantly, it will help grow and sustain this order.

How Should It Be Done?

Ideally each Commandery should decide what type of program would maximize success. First, circle the date on your calendar now. Engage your Membership Committee, and begin to list your action plans. Communicate the goals and expectations of your Commandery to all of its members. Ask them to begin identifying candidates, and publicize the program selected. Encourage everyone to participate. You've done this before, but perhaps this may be on a larger scale.

Where Should It Be Done?

It's a local decision to make because it's your home Commandery's program.

Individual Knightings in local Commanderies are ideal but so are Battalion/Division Classes, All-Degree and/or All-Order Days. Statewide classes might be the most effective program in some jurisdictions. Before launching review your plans with the Grand Commander or officers he has assigned to this program. Remember it is your choice.

What Should We Do First?

Ideally, the officers of each Commandery should determine the type of program event they wish to host and coordinate it with the other local York Rite leaders so any prerequisite Chapter and Council degrees are conferred in advance. As you know, this program benefits their membership too. It's a "Win-Win" effort.

Do We Have Flexibility With The Date?

Yes. We acknowledge the unpredictability of the winter season in many states, and we

understand there could be another important fraternal function in your jurisdiction that has been planned on the identical date. A uniform target date has been established, but the flexibility exists to establish an alternate date if it helps you accomplish our common goal of membership gain.

How Will Success Be Measured?

Each new member counts, and 2000 Knightings combined with 2000 restorations is the nationwide goal. If each Sir Knight would accept the responsibility to gain one new member, our membership would double. Each Commandery should establish a membership goal for this event, and then measure the results. Each Commandery is encouraged to reward high achievers in both gaining new members and restorations.

No Pain, No Gain!

Well, those are the highlights of the *Templary 2000 Crusade*. It will be successful because of you and only you. Now let's get to work in planning for *February 5, 2000*, and have a lot of fun along the way. Monthly articles on this event are planned.

Department and Grand Commanders: Let's make it happen! The fraternity needs to experience success in each Jurisdiction!

Sir Knight Bill Clutter, Chairman Templary
2000 Crusade

Sir Knight Clutter is a plural member of Noblesville No. 61 and Greenfield No. 39 Commanderies, Past Grand Commander of Indiana, and recipient of the KCT. He is a member of the Grand Encampment Public Relations Committee.



Rex Allen: The Arizona Masonic Cowboy

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 32°



Of the Hollywood "singing cowboys," the older Masons among them have already been discussed. One more, however, can be added to the list, Rex Allen. Nicknamed the Arizona Cowboy," in part because of his first film and in part because of his actual background, Allen arrived on the scene more than a decade after Gene Autry, Tex Ritter, and Roy Rogers. As a result, he made fewer films than the others. Like the others, he had a singing career prior to his motion picture stardom that continued for a long time afterward. While Allen never had as many hits as Gene Autry, he did turn out a long string of successful recordings on the Mercury and Decca labels.

Rex Allen was born in Willcox, Arizona, on December 31, 1920, with the name Elvie Allen. The "Rex" came a little later as Rex Bell, an early thirties cowboy star, became one of his mother's favorites. Besides, as Allen later put it, "Elvie is a lousy name for show business." The Arizona Cowboy spent his early years on a small ranch about forty miles from town. Hard work and tragedy were facts of life for the Allens. Rex's baby sister died from a childhood illness, and his older brother Wayne died from a rattlesnake bite. After that the family moved into Willcox for a time and then to a ranch about four miles from town. Not long after, Rex's mother Faye Clark Allen died from blood poisoning. However, Horace Allen, with the help of his mother-in-law, managed to hold the family together. Later, he remarried and had two additional daughters.

Horace Allen was an old-time fiddler, and he got Rex a guitar so he would provide accompaniment for him at the local dances.

Rex learned to sing the songs he'd heard on recordings by Jimmie Rodgers, Gene Autry, Carson Robison, and the Carter Family. Sometimes, he could earn as much as \$1.50 in tips at the Willcox barber shop on a Saturday. Rex also involved himself in musical activities at church and school but resisted efforts at the latter to convert him into a serious vocalist. Young Allen continued to prefer the country and cowboy songs.

Rex's dad ran into problems with the cattle business about 1934 when drought and Depression about finished him. After that Horace entered the plastering trade. Rex went to Phoenix with him after high school and became a hod carrier. There he met another plasterer who eventually gained fame and wealth named Del Webb. On Saturdays he obtained a little radio show on station KOY, where he became friends with an announcer who later became Governor of Arizona, Jack Williams. Rex also had some ideas about becoming a rodeo cowboy but didn't have much luck.

In 1939 Rex decided to bum around the country for a time hoping to land a regular job in radio. Lynn Davis, an announcer at WHIS in Bluefield, West Virginia, recalls that he worked there for a few days. Finally, he landed a regular spot at WTTM in Trenton, New Jersey. The pay was minimal, and with a war on Allen worked in a rubber mill on the night shift. He moved up north by landing a spot at WCAU Philadelphia with the Sleepy Hollow Gang as a fiddler and harmony singer in their trio. This enabled him to

become a full-time entertainer, but Rex wanted more. Roy Acuff helped him get an audition at the 'Grand Ole Opry,' but they had just hired Eddy Arnold for their vacancy. Lulubelle and Scotty Wiseman did better for him with the "National Barn Dance," and in 1945 Rex moved to Chicago and station WLS. As Rex points out, the Windy City was home to many network radio shows, and when he got on those programs, his income shot upward.

Rex Allen spent four and one half years in Chicago and did very well there. He met his wife, Bonnie Linder, there, and they married in 1946. He also signed a contract with Mercury Records. During his years at WLS, Allen played shows throughout the five-state area blanketed by the station's powerful signal. The traveling was a grueling experience, but Rex was young and enjoying the fruits of musical stardom. He had an operation to correct the crossed vision that had troubled him from childhood, and his eldest son Rex, Jr., was born there on August 23, 1947.

The "National Barn Dance" had earlier provided Gene Autry with a steppingstone to Hollywood stardom, and in 1949 it did the same thing for Rex Allen. Both Gene Autry and Roy Rogers had mentioned this as a possibility; Autry, when he prepared to depart from Republic in 1947, and Rogers when he began to look ahead to departing from that studio. Rex didn't begin to think seriously about a movie career until contacted by Republic head, Herbert Yates. Since Rex had a rather substantial income from network radio, he was able to negotiate a good initial contract arrangement with Yates compared to Gene and Roy, who had come in during the Depression when a \$75.00 weekly salary seemed good.

The Allen family moved to California in the latter part of 1949, and Rex began receiving a star buildup long before his first film, *The Arizona Cowboy*, was even made, let alone released. By the end of 1950, he had a total of four starring pictures

under his belt and made a guest spot in a Rogers' film. By the end of 1950, Monte Hale had made his last movie for Republic, and in 1951 Roy Rogers made his last pictures for Herbert Yates. Only Rocky Lane of the action cowboys and Rex Allen of the singers remained at a studio that once had a half dozen or more series stars in their stable at one time. Rex continued with his series until early 1954 as the star in nineteen singing cowboy pictures.

During the period from 1951 to 1959, Rex was enough of a household word among the youth of America that Dell published a "Rex Allen Comics." After his motion picture series ended, Allen appeared in a few other films in later years, most notably *The Secret of Navajo Cave* in 1976.

Like the other movies in the B Western class, a certain number of recurring figures appeared in the Rex Allen films. By the second picture Rex had obtained a quality horse name Koko, nicknamed "the miracle horse of the movies." After some early fluctuations in sidekicks, the studio used Buddy Ebsen in five and then settled on former rodeo clown Slim Pickens in the last eleven. Mary Ellen Kay was leading





lady in six movies, the only gal to appear more than once. The Republic Rhythm Riders provided musical support in several of the Allen movies.

Rex Allen's Masonic career got under way shortly after his career as a Republic series hero came to a close. His last picture as a star, *The Phantom Stallion*, was copyrighted in February 1954, and that August 6 he took his Entered Apprentice Degree in Hollywood Lodge No. 355. Subsequently passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on April 20, 1955, Rex Elvie Allen was raised a Master Mason on May 26, 1955. Recalling his entry into the fraternity some thirty-four years afterward, the Arizona Cowboy reminisced that fellow Masons; Gene Autry, Tex Ritter, and Roy Rogers; had signed his petition, and that Ritter, a fairly new Mason himself at the time, along with western singer Tex Williams - another member of Hollywood No. 355 - had helped him learn the degree work. Rifler also took part in his raising."

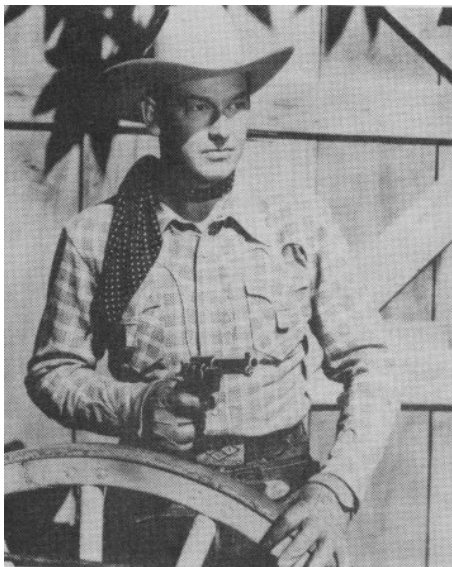
Rex's career as a cowboy movie star may have been in the wane, but his singing career continued unabated. He had switched from Mercury to Decca Records in 1952 and the next year had a major hit with "Crying in the

Chapel." He kept busy with a touring and rodeo appearance schedule and remained a popular attraction. On his tours Rex often used guitarist Speedy Haworth and fiddler Wade Ray (a Mason and Shriner) as support musicians.

In 1958 Allen filmed a syndicated television program titled "Frontier Doctor." Rex played the lead role of Dr. Bill Baxter. The producers filmed 39 half-hour shows, and the series thrived for several years keeping Rex's name before the public.

In 1961, Rex returned to his original record label Mercury and in 1962 scored another major hit with "Don't Go Near the Indians." The song concerned an Indian boy who had been stolen and reared by a white family and subsequently fell in love with his Indian maid sister. Later, he had a second sojourn with Decca. His last appearance on the Billboard charts came in 1968 with his rendition of "Tiny Bubbles." Rex also recorded extensively with Buena Vista, as well as for smaller companies.

During the sixties Allen did a good deal of narration work for Walt Disney in both nature films and for the Disney television programs. By his own estimate, Rex did about 150 TV programs for Disney. He



also did narrations on the films, *The Legend of Lobo* in 1962 and *The Incredible Journey* in 1963. Motion picture historian Leonard Mattin wrote in his book *The Disney Films* (1973): Allen ... became a Disney favorite in the 1960s and with good reason. His friendly easygoing approach to the script brings a great deal of life to any subject; and the musical interpolations are a welcome change of pace."

Back in 1951 when Rex's career as a movie hero was really taking off, folks back in Willcox initiated Rex Allen Days as a community event and rodeo to honor their hometown hero. The event continues to attract numerous fans and is held each year in mid-September. There is also a Rex Allen Museum in Willcox, which contains some Masonic mementos in addition to other Allen items.

Rex continued in Masonry. For a brief period (1964-1965), he held a dual membership in Conejo Valley Lodge No. 807 in Thousand Oaks. In November 1970 he took the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Pasadena and the Shrine, December 5, 1970. John Wayne also took his degrees at the same time. A dozen residents of Sabbar

Shrine Temple in Tucson. Some years later Rex along with Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and Burl Ives were all honored for their efforts on behalf of Masonic and Shrine charities. 01 his Lodge activity Rex wrote in his autobiography that "I think my association as a Mason has made a better man out of me." He concluded, "I'll be one 'til I die."

In the nineties the Arizona Cowboy has pretty much retired. He still makes an occasional appearance at a Western Film Fair and in 1989 published his autobiography. As of 1998, Rex Allen was living near Tucson, Arizona, and forty-three years after his raising he remained on the rolls of Hollywood Lodge No. 355. The last of the Hollywood singing cowboys - like his forbears Gene, Roy, and Tex - has been a distinguished Mason in the world of American entertainment.

Note: The best source of information on Rex Allen is his autobiography The Arizona Cowboy: My Life, Sunrise to Sunset (Scottsdale, Az: RexGarRuss Press, 1989). For Allen's Masonic Record / am indebted to John L. Cooper III and Eileen M. Irby at the Grand Lodge of California and to Joan Sansbury, Librarian at the A.A.S.R., S.J. in Washington. Thanks also to my able student aid and word processor, Miss Abby Gall Goodnite.

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York Rite Freemasonry on the Internet: Over One Million Visitors

by Sir Knight Dan Pushee, KYCH

Two years ago I began an article published in the May 1997 edition of this magazine with two questions. The first one asked: "Are YOU ready to surf the net?" The second one asked "Are you on-line?" At that time the Grand Encampment Web Site had just been "published on the Internet," and the Masonic "home pages or web sites were in the early stages of being published. In fact, there were only thirty-eight York Rite sites on the Internet and less than one hundred sites in the "E-Mason Web Ring."

Since that time, Freemasonry and the York Rite have "exploded" on the Internet. The Grand Encampment Site was joined by official sites for General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council in August of 1997. In addition, a "National" York Rite of Freemasonry was also established in August of 1997. The "URL addresses" of these four sites have been published on page four of this magazine since March of 1998. Since early 1997, these sites and the Masonic Sites" linked from these sites have had over one million "hits or visitors." The Grand Encampment Site has had over 16,000 and over 1,100 comments in its guest book. There are now over 160 York Rites sites on the Internet and the E-Mason Web Ring has gone over 1,200 Masonic sites. The total count on the York Rite sites is now over 250,000.

There are now twenty-two (22) Grand Commanderies listed on the links page of the Grand Encampment site. As of April 1, 1997, there were twenty-four Grand Chapters and twenty Grand Councils in the Internet. Every Grand Lodge in the United States now has a "home page" on the Internet.

The "Masonic Internet Communication System" continues to grow at a rapid pace. Requests for membership in Freemasonry and the associated bodies are received every

day. Through this communication system, or net, these requests can be referred to an individual in each specific jurisdiction for immediate action. My first experience with this was over a year ago when a young man in Massachusetts sent me an e-mail declaring that he was interested in becoming a Mason. He lived very close to my "home Lodge," Wilder in Leominster, MA. I sent e-mails to two of my fellow Brethren, and by the next day he had appeared before a pre-application committee. This young man is now the Chaplain in Wilder Lodge, a Scottish Rite Mason, and in September will be Knighted in Jerusalem Commandery No. 19. Perhaps he was "the first Internet Freemason"? Another young man thought the Knights Templar organization died with Jacques DeMolay. I was pleased to respond to him "in minutes via e-mail" that WE ARE ALIVE!!! He is now a member of a Commandery in South Carolina.

There are now approximately 10,000 Masons on fourteen "list servers" which enable each member to communicate with the whole group almost instantaneously. This spring the Grand Lodge of South Dakota is moving to a new building and had no room for their extensive library of copies of Grand *Proceedings*. They were about to "heave them over in the rubbish" when Sir Knight Perry Anderson, R.E.P.G.C., SD, came to me with a request to make an inquiry on "the nets" to see if there was anyone interested in these books.

In less than an hour, twenty-four (24) responses were received including an offer from a Brother in England offering to come to South Dakota, package the books, and ship them to England at his expense. WOW!! South Dakota Brethren selected the George Washington Masonic Memorial Library, and they will receive 274 cases of annual proceedings for their management.

The Internet also offers discussion groups such as those provided by the Philalethes Society, where our Brethren may learn more about all aspects of Freemasonry from "World Wide noted, resident Masonic scholars."

Sir Knights, FREEMASONRY IS ALIVE and with the help of this new communication medium WE WILL get NEW, YOUNG, ENERGETIC MEN to help continue the great principals of this GREAT FRATERNITY into the next century!! It will also help us to keep in touch with our elderly members and give them a sense of still being able to participate in the Craft even though they may be restricted in their ability to visit a Lodge or Commandery due to

their health or location. To quote a line from a recent baseball movie, "IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME!" SO FAR OVER 1,000,000 HAVE COME!!

HOPE TO SEE YOU "ON-LINE"!

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Dr. Ingrid U. Scott, Florida, Receives KTEF Grant



The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has awarded a grant of \$20,000.00 to Dr. Ingrid U. Scott of the University of Miami Bascom Palmer Eye Institute to continue her research in the treatment and cure of cancerous tumors of the eyes with treatments of chemotherapy. Miami Commandery No. 13 was given the honor and privilege of assisting Sir Knight W. Ronald Taylor, then R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida, in the presentation ceremonies. Many of Dr. Scott's colleagues were present, including Dr. Murray, also world renowned for his expertise in research and treatment of cancerous tumors of the eye using chemotherapy, and Ms. Durante, Director of Development for Bascom Eye Institute. Representing the Grand Encampment were Sir Knights James T. McArthur, Commander of Miami Commandery No. 13; E. Tom Thurmond, Jr., Past District Deputy Grand Commander; Peter Zivanovich, R.E. Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana; George A. Chipouras, R.E. Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Florida; and Sir Knight W. Ronald Taylor, then R.E. Grand Commander, Florida, with his wife and two sons. Dr. Scott thanked the Grand Commander and expressed her gratitude to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for providing the grant which will enable her to continue her research. After the presentation ceremonies the Sir Knights and guests were taken on a tour of the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute facilities. This is the second financial grant that has been awarded to a doctor performing this type research at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (submitted by Sir Knight George A. Chipouras, P.G.C.; Recorder, Miami No. 13)

The Royal Order of Scotland
by Dr. E. K. Edwards, Jr., 32°

Robert the Bruce, king of Scotland, was born in Ayrshire in 1274 and died in 1329. He spent most of his youth in the court of Edward I of England. Between 1292 and 1314, there was a constant struggle between England and Scotland for control of the throne and Scottish autonomy.

The event which ended this struggle was the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314, in which the English were defeated. This battle was responsible for Scotland's independence and separate kingdom, in which would endure for the next three hundred years. It is of Masonic interest to note that the battle of Bannockburn occurred on the Feast of St. John.

To understand this chain of events and put the matter in historical perspective, we must review the suppression of the Templar order. The Templar order was suppressed only in France, where most of the Templars were either executed or incarcerated. Most of Europe was in a chaotic situation at this time. Most of the chivalric orders; that is, the Templars, Hospitalers, and Teutonic Knights; were garrisoned throughout Europe and the Middle East. The Templar order was not suppressed in Spain, Portugal, England, Scotland, nor Germany. The renegade Templars were welcomed into various other crusading orders. In Spain the Templars joined the orders of Santiago and Calatrava, where the reconquest against the Moors was still at its peak. A similar situation existed in Portugal, where the Templars functioned under a new name, The Knights of Christ. Many crusading orders joined the Teutonic Knights, whose focus of attention was northeastern Europe. A group of sixty-three Templars came to the aid of King Robert the Bruce to help him win the decisive Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. As a reward for their chivalry, Robert the Bruce created a new order, that of the Rosy Cross, into which the sixty-three Templars were inducted.

Robert the Bruce had reestablished the Order of Heredom of Kilwinning in Edinburgh, which may have originally been a crusading order established in Judea. These two orders; that is, Heredom of Kilwinning and the Rosy Cross; comprise the Royal Order of Scotland. Robert the Bruce was the first Grand Master of the order, and by constitution through heredity, all kings of Scotland would be successive Grand Masters of the order.

History does not tell us whether Robert the Bruce himself was a Templar, but an anecdotal observation I made of a rubbing from the lid of his sarcophagus (pictured here) shows his full



length effigy with right leg crossed over left in death. This burial position was reserved for Templar Knights only.

The headquarters of the Royal Order of Scotland remain in Edinburgh with provincial lodges located throughout the world. The first provincial lodge of the United States appeared in 1876 with Albert Pike its first Provincial Grand Master. Brother Pike was quoted as saying that the orders of Heredom and the Rosy Cross represent the purest and most accurate forms of St. John's Masonry.

The Royal Order of Scotland still flourishes today with more than eight thousand members worldwide. Lodge headquarters at Kilwinning has the distinction of being the oldest edifice which has been continuously used for Masonic purposes.



Northern California DeMolay

Governor Gray Davis issued a proclamation indicating that March was DeMolay Month in the state of California. The proclamation was presented to the Northern California DeMolay Association officers when they visited the state capitol in Sacramento. On that same visit, the officers also received a proclamation from the State Assembly regarding DeMolay Month. Shown receiving the proclamation from the State Assembly are from left to right: Gardner A. Landon, N.C.D.A. Senior Councilor; Senator Don Perata of the 9th Senatorial District; Brenda

The membership committee gives favorable consideration to those 32° Scottish Rite Masons; who are Trinitarian Christians and have contributed to church, community, and government; as well as those who have made a name for themselves in our ancient craft. The initiation ceremonies are among the most colorful and beautiful in Freemasonry, and it behooves all interested Masons to examine and become acquainted with the many appendant bodies of Freemasonry and to support them as well as their Blue Lodges.

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Herechski, Sweetheart of Northern California DeMolay; Scott E. Peters, N.C.D.A. Master Councilor; Senator Jackie Speier of the 8th Senatorial District; and Peter A. Ackeret, N.C.D.A. Junior Councilor. Below are the winners of the Annual PAC-WEST Ritual Tournament which set several new records. The competition was held in Reno, Nevada, and showed an increase in entries of 62⁰ over the 1998 tournament participation. PAC-WEST is the Regional Ritual Competition for Region Eight with the jurisdictions of Idaho, Alaska, Hawaii, Southern California, Oregon, Washington, and Northern California. This year the competition saw its first entry from outside the region as Salt Lake Chapter from Utah entered the competition (and did very well). New records were set in the number of total entries (115), the number of Chapters involved (22), the number of large team entries (24), the number of total teams (32), and the number of individual entries (83).



A Grand Old Girl Gets a Face Lift!

New Bern, which is the second oldest town in North Carolina, was once the colonial capital and then the state capital. George Washington visited here on his southern tour, attended St. John's Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M., and yes, he actually slept in New Bern!

New Bern is a town that is filled with history, historic sites, and historic buildings. One of these historic buildings is the Masonic Temple located on the corner of Hancock and Johnson streets. This old edifice; which during the Civil War was used as a Confederate arsenal and then as a Union hospital, and still displays the marks from rifle bayonets on its walls; also houses a theater.

The Masonic Theater has been from its very beginning contained within the walls of the Masonic Temple, which is located in New Bern's historic area. When it was completed, the building was described as "the largest and most elaborate building ever built in New Bern up to its time, with the exception of Tryon Palace. It was highly praised by leading architects, who say it ranks as one of the finest structures of the early nineteenth century anywhere in America.

The cornerstone was laid April 15, 1801, with an impressive Masonic ceremony. An interesting story concerning the cornerstone might be related here. In the cornerstone there were placed an engraved silver plate and three coins: a copper half cent dated 1797, a copper cent dated 1789, and a silver dollar dated 1800. These were taken from the cornerstone during the War Between the States by a Union soldier who was stationed here, and it was carried north with him at the conclusion of the war. Subsequently, in 1876 this plate and the three pieces of money were carefully placed in a special new case, which was appropriately inscribed, and these were returned to St. John's Lodge No. 3 in 1878 by St. John's Lodge No. 1 of Providence, Rhode Island. This northern lodge had come into possession of these precious relics through the aid of one of its members.

The original cornerstone, hollow and empty, was found forty-two years after the return of these cornerstone articles, and this stone was placed on an appropriate foundation with suitable inscription in front of the Masonic Temple. The plate and the coins are kept in the lodge archives.

The theater, which dates its beginning to 1804, was once the cultural center of New Bern. Through the years the Masonic Theater has been the scene of countless stage plays, home talent benefits, band concerts, vaudeville acts, political rallies, organization conventions, schools graduation commencements, church services, and community gatherings.

After having served as the town's chief place of dramatic entertainment for years, it became a motion picture theater in 1917 and remained so until 1974. It had been the nation's oldest continually operating theater until it closed its door in December of 1974. It has served the community and the Masonic fraternity well. The many years of use have taken a toll on the theater, and this grand old girl deserves to be restored to her original beauty.

The Masons of the New Bern area have been working to raise funds to refurbish the theater and restoration has now begun. It takes a lot of money to restore a building, to bring it up to modern standards, and to meet building, electrical, and plumbing codes. To help in this endeavor the Masonic Theater Restoration Committee has been accepting contributions. For those who wish to help, your contribution, deductible from your federal tax, may be sent to: The Masonic Theater Restoration, New Bern Scottish Rite Temple, 516 Hancock Street, New Bern, NC 28560.

You-all come down and see us in New Bern. We will show you some eastern Carolina southern hospitality and give you a tour of the Masonic Temple and the theater!

Don Manweiler, fund-raising chairman



Knight Voices

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

The Grand Commandery of New Jersey is sponsoring a 10-day trip to Germany. The highlight of the trip will be a performance of the Passion Play in Oberammergau. Cost of the trip is \$2,800 including air fare, deluxe motorcoach transportation, use of first class hotels, and first class tickets to the Passion Play. Departure dates are September 21 and 28, 2000. For further information or brochure contact *George H. Schluter, 100 Howard Street, Dumont, NJ 07628, (201) 385-1520.*

For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, all ranks, embroidered in gold and silver bullion on velvet with velcro backs: Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate (green); Generalissimo, Captain General, and Prelate Emeritus serving 7 or more years in rank (red): \$40.00 pair plus \$5.00 S & H. Also: Honorary Past Commander with H.C. in Old English, \$45.00; Grand Commandery, \$45.00; extra fancy Grand Commandery, \$50.00; Past Grand Commander (purple), \$50.00 (all plus \$5.00 S & H). Also: chapeaux crosses: Sir Knight, \$35.00; Past Commander, \$40.00; Grand Commandery, \$45.00 - all plus \$5.00 S & H. Part of all monies 90 to Masonic and York **Rite charities**. Checks to and mail to *Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., P.C.; 60 Manor Road; Staten Island; NY 10310-2698.*

For sale: two (2) Knights Templar swords with belts; they are older swords in very good condition - \$125.00 each. *Douglas O. Pels, 55 Avon Drive, Safety Harbor, FL 34695-2002, (727) 669-9633.*

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, S. W.; Pataskala; OH 43062, (740) 927-7073*

Wanted to buy: Knight Templar uniform: coat size, 42R; pant size, 36W/30L; complete with chapeau, size 7.25 sword belt, and Commander shoulder boards. I do not need a sword as I have my grandfather's. Please advise what you have and cost. *H. R. Wooldridge, 919 Los Lovatos, Santa Fe, NM 87501.*

For sale: Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F. & AM., Cochran, Georgia, is 125 years old this year, and as part of its celebration it has minted a polished brass Masonic coin, 1/16 inches in diameter with square and compasses on one side and on the flip side "Cochran Lodge No. 217 F & AM, Cochran, Georgia" and "125 Years 1874-1999." The coins are 2 for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 shipping in the US and \$2.00 outside the US. Send proper amount to *Cochran Masonic Lodge A16, 217, F & AM.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; Georgia 31014.*

For sale: Hassayampa Masonic Lodge, F. & AM., Wickenburg, Arizona, has 70th birthday cloisart/color-magic, gold finish, epoxy dome, lapel pins, limited edition. They are \$6.00 each, including S & H. Checks or money orders to *Ralph Sams, Secretary; P.O. Box 985; Wickenburg; AZ 85358-0985.*

Clarkrange Masonic Lodge No. 605, A.F. & AM., Clarkrange, Tennessee, is having a fundraiser sale. We now have available history books and commemorative coins celebrating our 100th anniversary. The books will sell for \$5.00 each plus \$2.00 postage, and the coins will sell for \$5.00 each plus \$1.00 postage. Please make checks payable to *Clarkrange Lodge No. 605* and mail your requests to *Harvey Peters, 6940 South York Highway, Clarkrange, IN 38553 to Weidner Publishing Group, Dept. K, 490 Cornwall Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410, or credit card order by calling 1 (800) 783-9654. Author's portion of profits donated to KTEF*

Collierville Lodge No. 152, Collierville, Tennessee, has for sale a limited supply of 150th anniversary antique bronze coins (dollar size). The face has "Collierville Lodge No. 152 F. & A.M. 1848-1998, 150 years." The reverse side has a Past Master's emblem and working tools, etc. The price is \$6.00 each or two for \$11.00 including postage, with **10% being donated to the KTEF**. Check or money order to Collierville Lodge No. 152 and mail to Howard D. Christian, 397 Taylors Way, Collierville, IN 38017-2354.

For sale: limited edition 75th anniversary Maine DeMolay pins. Pins have the outline of state of Maine with the DeMolay emblem inside and "state Maine DeMolay 75th Anniversary." Price is \$5.00 each plus \$1.00 S & H. Send check or money order to Jim Bower, P.O. Box 311, Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064.

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24 karat gold vermeil finish. Price per pin is \$10.00 ea. including S & H. New Item available: The Masonic bridge builder pin in sterling silver with antiqued finish. Price per pin is \$10.00 ea. including S & H. Both pins are available only through S. Kenneth Ban), 3747 Westgate Avenue, Cincinnati OH 45208-1122, (513) 731-0737. **10% of proceeds will benefit the KTEF.**

For sale: *The Medal of Honor The Letter G in Valor*, a 268-page digest with the names, congressional citations, and Lodge membership of all Masons who have received our nation's highest military award for bravery. Check or money order for \$21.95 (CT residents, \$23.27) to Weidner Publishing Group, Dept. K, 490 Corn wall Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410, or credit card order by calling 1 (800) 783-9654. Author's portion of profits donated to KTEF.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 26 years, and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585.

Ph.D. researching Medal of Honor recipients who were or later became members of the Masonic Fraternity. Do you have a relative or Lodge Brother, or does your Lodge or appendant body have a famous war hero as a member?: Civil War, S.A. War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam? Drop me a note

with name and Lodge affiliations of your local hero. Add his name to the research work I am doing to commemorate these almost forgotten members of our Craft. I am aware of the publication, *The Medal of Honor The Letter G in Valor*; my project has already gone well beyond the scope of that book. Edsel, P.O. Box 36, Haze/wood, MO 63042; e-mail edsel@worldnet.att.com

Wanted: gold, folding, hinged Masonic watch fobs to buy for distinguished historical fob collection. Marshall Jacobowitz; 159 Madison Avenue, No. 11J; New York; NY 10016; (212) 532-9882.

For sale: gold Scottish Rite ring with Knights Templar emblem and diamond. Asking \$550.00 or best offer. Call (717) 367-1771.

Wanted: Goebel Masonic figurines: No. FR33 depicting two colonial gentlemen looking at a globe and also No. FR34 depicting one colonial gentleman standing next to a pedestal. All are wearing Masonic aprons and jewels. Gene DeFilippo, 5-34 College Place, College Point, NY 11356-1034 or call (718) 762-3159.

For sale: Blue Lodge wristwatch made by Belair with gold and silver band and face with blue dial and gold Masonic emblem - NEW. \$75.00 plus \$5.00 UPS. Roy Fincher, 6 Ursula Drive, Be/en, NM 87002, (505) 861-1914.

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Buying all U.S. and foreign coins, paper money, tokens, medals, silver, proof sets, etc. Buyer has 40 years experience. Randy Mogren, 8 Gould Street, Millbury, MA 01527, (508) 865-4816.

Wanted: Oklahoma Sir Knight is collecting Lionel trains. Please look in your attic or your storage closet, and call or write John Alexander, 7617 E. 66th Street, Tulsa, OK 74133, (918) 252-4981.

Reunion: 97th and 108th Seabees' 51st Annual Reunion, September 15-20,1999, at St. Louis Airport Hilton. Contact Ray B. Dierkes, 4417 Carriage Trace, St. Louis, MO 63128-3150, (314) 487-6212.

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splendor Brings her beautiful
season to us again

Tiny green shoots appear in every
garden Eventually developing into full
grown plants

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the sky Accepting the sun's warm rays as
it shines down

Grass grows birds sing animals awake
that hibernate
Earth once again has borne her colorful
season called spring

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parts A glowing warm, feeling now stirs within
your heart

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