

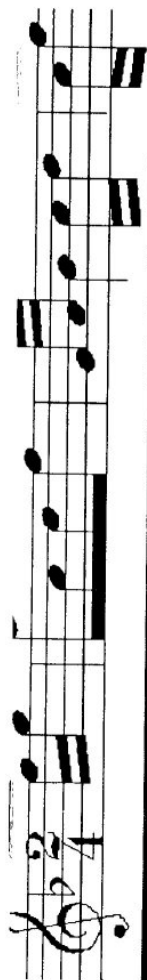


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Hal Kemp and His Musical I.D.: the Alto Sax, the Clarinet, and the Megaphone
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Grand Master's Message

Looking Ahead



61st Triennium

'Moving right along' was one of the favorite expressions of my favorite aunt. She used it in the context of time passing and things getting done. This month, August 1999, we begin the final twelve months of the 61st Triennium, and we are 'moving right along.' Where did the time go? I believe that valuable time was and is spent effectively supporting **"No negativism," "Every Christian Mason Should Be a Knight Templar," "Templary 2000 Crusade"** and "5/50", or some similar membership program, and I thank you for your efforts and achievements. I particularly appreciate the support and contributions of the leadership and our Brethren in other Masonic related organizations, especially the articles for the *Knight Templar* magazine publishers page. 'You clone good' and 'The best is yet to come.'

61st Triennial Stated Conclave

The 61st Triennial stated Conclave of the Grand Encampment will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Nashville, Tennessee, on August 11-16, 2000. Plans and programs are in the final stages of preparation, and you will find an informative article on the general details of the meeting and competitive drills elsewhere in this issue of our magazine. I urge you to take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the information and most importantly, to make plans to attend and be a part in conducting the business of our Christian Order. Sir Knights and ladies, Nashville is a convention city with many entertainment opportunities and attractions. Come on and 'make music in Nashville in 2000.' You'll love it! (By the way, save your money; it 'ain't gonna' be cheap.)

Department Conferences

The Northeastern, North Central, South Central, Northwestern, and Southwestern Grand Commandery Department Conferences will convene between September 1 and November 13, 1999. It is the **constitutional duty and a** responsibility of the office of every Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, and Grand Recorder to attend this conference. It is the responsibility of the Grand Commander, with such assistance as may be necessary, to inform these officers of the details of the conference and insure their attendance. It is the knightly DUTY of every other elected and appointed Grand Commandery officer and every interested Knight Templar to also attend this conference. Generally, the Department Conference is planned to provide information on Grand Commandery programs and achievements; to provide information on Grand Encampment programs, charities, and services; and to offer an opportunity to share a Christian fellowship. The primary objectives of the conference are: 1) to further our education as to who we are and the purposes for which we exist as a Christian Masonic Order, and 2) to devise the best, practical ways and means to reach our goals. As a Grand Commandery officer, your presence and participation at your Department Conference is very important, and I will look forward with pleasure to visiting with you there.

Templary 2000 Crusade

Enthusiastic support for the Templary 2000 Crusade continues to grow, and I am gratified by your commitment to making the CRUSADE an undertaking that will be a proud and worthy part of the events marking the end of the second millennium. I sincerely appreciate the endorsements and assistance from the leaders and members of all organizations within and without Freemasonry. We are all Masons, and we must be supportive of all the organizations that accord us the privilege of membership.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Again, thank you for your outstanding support of our 'Great Humanitarian Charity.' Please keep in mind that the 32nd Annual Voluntary fundraising Campaign will begin on December 1, 1999; **watch for new fundraising ideas!** I'm done pumping. You do make me proud! **Godspeed!**



James Morris Ward, KGC, Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

AUGUST: This month we have details on how to proceed with your part in the Templary 2000 Crusade and a list of the "key men" with phone numbers, etc., in the states. This information starts on page 11. Please, read and let it be your guide. A tentative schedule of the activities surrounding the 61st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, and information pertaining to ads Commanderies and/or individuals will want to run in the program book are available starting on page 8. It looks like much fun is in store for attendees! Also, join Deputy Grand Master Jones and Lady Lois for a tour of the Holy Land the end of November; see page 19. Besides the usual "good news," we have stories you'll love to read!

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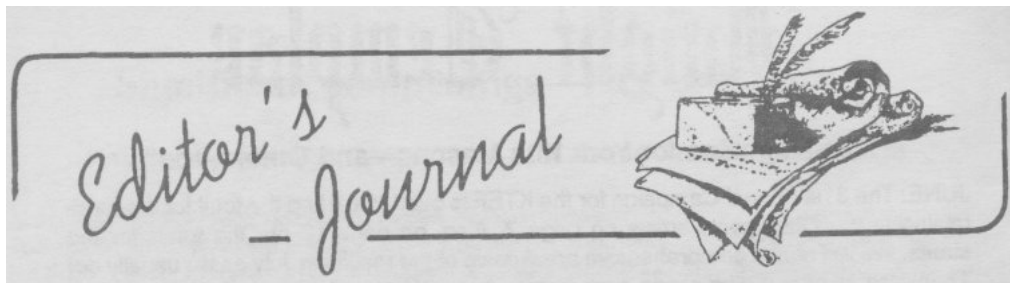
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Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded to the Grand Encampment NO nominations will be accepted it 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 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.**

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

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<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>

Sir Knight Robert M. Abernathey Appointed R.E. Department Commander, Southwestern Department (1999-2000)

Robert M. Abernathey was born November 7, 1924, near Gaylord, Kansas. He graduated from Cedar, Kansas, High School in 1942, served in the U.S. Navy from 1944-46, and received his Master of Science Degree in Chemistry from Fort Hays State University, Kansas, in 1951. He married Esther Rice in Hays, Kansas, on January 20, 1949. They have one daughter and two sons. He is a deacon in the Christian Church of Los Alamos, New Mexico.

He taught high school science before employment as an analytical chemist, a profession in which he served from 1952-1990. He has written thirty-four publications on instrumental methods of chemical analysis, retiring from the University of California, Los Alamos National Laboratory, in 1990.

Sir Knight Abernathey was Raised in Gaylord Lodge No. 183, Gaylord, Kansas, on January 13, 1947. He is a dual member and Past Master of Pajarito Lodge No. 66, Los Alamos, and served the Grand Lodge of New Mexico as District Deputy Grand Master from 1979-81. He was Exalted in Lebanon Chapter No. 67, Smith Center, Kansas, in 1948, and affiliated with Los Alamos Chapter No. 20, Los Alamos, where he served as High Priest. He is a Past Grand High Priest, 1992-93 of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico. He was Greeted in Bannock Council No. 2, Pocatello, Idaho and became a dual member of Jemez Council No. 8, Los Alamos, serving as Illustrious Master of both Cryptic bodies. He is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of New Mexico, 1996-97.

He was Knighted in Idaho Falls Commandery No. 6, Idaho Falls, Idaho, and served as Commander. He served the Grand Commandery of Idaho up to the office of Grand Generalissimo before moving to New Mexico. He is a dual member of Sangre de



Cristo Commandery of No. 16, Los Alamos, and acted as Commander for two terms. He served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Mexico in 1982-1983. He was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple.

Additional Masonic affiliations include: Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Santa Fe; Past President, Order of High Priesthood; Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Order of the Silver Trowel; Past Commanders Association; Past Preceptor, New Mexico Priory, KYCH; Past Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine; Intendant General of New Mexico; Past Preceptor, HRAKTP; New Mexico College, SCRIF. He has served on the advisory boards for Job's Daughters, Order of DeMolay, and Rainbow for Girls.

He was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the Southwestern Department on August 20, 1991, in Washington, D.C., by Grand Master William Henry Thornley, Jr. He was again appointed in June of 1999 by Grand Master James M. Ward to finish out the term of Grover T. Halbrooks.

The Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF

What Part Do You Play in Our Charity?

by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary P.D.C.
Chairman of the 32nd Annual Voluntary
Campaign



William Shakespeare said: "All the world's a stage and each man in his time plays many parts." If this is true, then each of us as a Knight Templar must answer the question posed in the title of this article. We cannot publish all the answers, but here are some questions we should ask ourselves.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is not a play but a real live opportunity for each of us to play a very real part in serving those who need our help. What part are you playing?

Funds are important and many members feel we constantly ask for financial support; we do because it takes funds for any great charity to be of service to mankind. It is not done with promises but with real dollars. Would it not be rare to attend a church service in which no one takes up a collection? The Church, made up of millions of people, is there to perform God's will. Each Sir Knight should ask himself: "Did I give my share of financial support during the last Voluntary Campaign?"

Many of the important players are Chairmen of the Voluntary Campaign or Chairmen in their Commanderies. These are the people who have been recognized as having the ability to be entrusted with this most important responsibility of spreading the good word about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and its needs. As a Chairman, are you doing your part?

It is a fact that individuals in the United States in 1998 gave over 77% of the total charitable contributions. Just think: 77% represented over \$134 billion from individuals. We need to ask ourselves: If each of us would commit to giving just \$1.00 per month or \$12.00 per year, what effect would it have on our foundation? Ask yourself this question: Can and will I commit to this small amount during this Templar year?

Nothing happens without leaders, ideas, and workers that make it happen. Working together for a charitable cause can be enjoyable and satisfying to the individual. This area is where the multitude can find the parts they are to play in this challenge called the New Millennium.



Sir Knights, as we approach the year 2000, will you be ready and willing to play your part for the advancement of our charity by "Helping Others to See"?

There is a need for each Sir Knight to understand the working of the Foundation and how to handle a case when someone knocks at his door for help. Do you feel comfortable with your knowledge of the Foundation? If not, get a copy of "An Introduction to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc." Our ability to help when asked is as important as raising funds. Will you be prepared when someone asks you about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.? It is no sin to say "I don't know but I will get an answer for you." The important thing is to respond promptly.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., mostly has only those supporters who belong to the order and are numbered among the Christian Knights in today's world. We are certainly thankful for those non-members who are "Friends of The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.," and there is no doubt we will acquire many new friends by providing help when needed. We should all remember these words: "Let your Light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Each Sir Knight is asked to join the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. team as we approach the year 2000 by doing whatever is

necessary to raise \$2 million. We can do it if each Sir Knight will do his part. Can we count on you?

Let each of us play his part so that when this Templar year ends we can all stand tall and be proud that we have done our parts on the stage of Christian Knighthood.

Sir Knight Charles A. Games, Honorary Past Department Commander and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, was also 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: cagames@aol.com. For information on the KTEF, send e-mail to ktcf@knightstemplar.org

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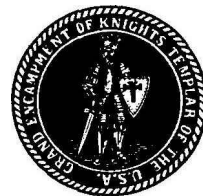
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61st Triennial Conclave - August 11-16,2000
Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A.

Following is the schedule for the 61st Triennial Conclave to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel



We have tried to put together a Triennial that everyone will enjoy, and it is the hope of the Triennial Committee that everyone will do so. Come to Nashville in August of 2000, and experience the fun and excitement of attending the 61st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., at the Home of Country Music – NASHVILLE

Room reservations will be accepted after September 15.

Schedule Of Events - Renaissance Nashville Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee - August 11-16,2000

Time	Event
	FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2000
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Drill team judges' meeting
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Knights Templar Educational Foundation meeting
4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Drill team captains' meeting
	SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2000
7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Drill team competition, inspection, and photographs
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open
9:00 A.M.	Committee on Finance
10:30 A.M.	Committee on Jurisprudence
2:00 P.M.	Committee on Dispensations and Charters
3:00 P.M.	Committee on Ritual Matters
6:00 P.M.	Drill teams pass in review and awards
	SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2000
7:00 A.M.	Texas Breakfast (<i>Admission by ticket only.</i>)
9:00 A.M. to 10:00 AM.	Registration open
10:00 AM.	Divine Service
11:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Knight Templar magazine editors' meeting
6:00 P.M.	The Forty-Fivers' dinner
8:30 P.M.	Grand Master's Reception (<i>Admission by ticket only</i>)
	MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2000
7:00 A.M.	Southern Breakfast (<i>Admission by ticket only</i>)

Time	Event
8:15 A.M.	Grand Encampment and distinguished guests assemble
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open
9:00 A.M. Sharp	Grand Encampment opening ceremonies
11:30 P.M.	Ladies' luncheon (<i>Admission by ticket only</i>)
2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	Grand Encampment business session
	MONDAY EVENING IS OPEN FOR STATE DINNERS
	TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000
7:00 A.M.	Honors Breakfast (<i>Admission by ticket only</i>)
8:30 A.M. to Noon	Registration open
9:00 A.M. to Noon	Grand Encampment business session
1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Grand Encampment business session
6:00 P.M.	Social Hour
6:00 P.M. Sharp	Grand Encampment officers and distinguished guests assemble
7:00 P.M.	Grand Master's Banquet <i>Doors open at 6:30 P.M.</i> (<i>Admission by ticket only</i>)
	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2000
9:00 A.M.	Grand Encampment business session (<i>If required</i>)
10:30 A.M.	Installation of Officers (<i>Open to guests</i>)
12:00 Noon	Knights Templar Eye Foundation meeting
3:00 P.M.	Incoming grand officers' and committee chairmen's meeting

Honors Breakfast-61st Triennial Conclave

A highlight event at the 61st Triennial Conclave will be the Honors Breakfast to be held on Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 A.M. All honor men of the York Rite, Scottish Rite, and other Masonic organizations are urged to attend. Thus you could qualify if you are a member of such groups as Allied Masonic Degrees, Royal Order of Scotland, York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Red Cross of Constantine, Knights Commander of the Court of Honor or ³³⁰, Scottish Rite. Order tickets when you send your registration fee, or if you have sent in your fee, get your tickets in Nashville.

**61st Triennial of the Grand Encampment
Knights Templar of the U.S.A.
Nashville, Tennessee
August 11-16, 2000**

Below is information for all constituent Commanderies and Grand Commanderies to enable them to place ads in the Program for the 61st Triennial Conclave.

Back Page	\$600.00
Inside of Back Page	\$400.00
Full Page in Program	\$95.00
1/2 Page in Program	\$65.00
1/4 Page in Program	\$45.00
1/8 Page in Program	\$35.00

The Sir Knight in charge of the program is Ronald E. Wood, Jr. All ads to be placed in the program should be sent to:

Sir Knight Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
P.O. Box 6456
St. Joseph, MO 64506
Phone: (816) 279-9597

These prices are for ads that are **camera-ready**. A surcharge will apply for any ads that are not submitted as such. All **ads must be submitted no later than May 15, 2000.**

KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2¹/₂-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



Recipe for a Successful Festival

TEMPLARY 2000 CRUSADE - FEBRUARY 5, 2000

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

While visiting the Southeastern Department Conference held in Gulfport, Mississippi, in July; the excitement generated by the Grand Commandery leaders in this Department concerning their plans for the "Templary 2000 Crusade" was outstanding and exhilarating. Each Grand Commander provided in his report a realistic summary of his Commandery's respective plans and the goals that had been established. Each jurisdiction was estimating that approximately 75-100 new members or more would be Knighted through organized festivals and predicting how this effort would assist in celebrating the beginning of a new century of Templary and York Rite Masonry.

There was a suggestion by many of these leaders that perhaps an outline of "How to Organize a York Rite Festival" be published in this magazine to assist local constituent Commandery officers in planning festivals with other York Rite leaders. One Sir Knight likened it to a "good ole' recipe" for a York Rite Festival. Shortly thereafter, I received similar requests from leaders in other jurisdictions to provide a festival "plan outline." The thought is that some Commanderies may not have organized such an activity in recent years or they have new leadership that has not organized a York Rite Festival. Perhaps an outline would assist in improving the effectiveness of their "Templary 2000 Crusade" planning effort.

Remember that any good recipe can be modified to the user's taste with a little more of this ingredient and a little less of another. I consulted with several Past Commanders in Indiana (Andy Jackson, Phil Herthel, and Dale Adams) who have organized successful York Rite Festivals honoring Indiana Grand Masters. I also received valuable input from Department Commanders Bill Koon, Doug Johnson, Earl Barlow, and Lloyd Hebert. As a result, the following Festival Recipe is

submitted for your use in planning for your "*Templary 2000 Crusade*":

The Recipe

1. Establish an "Organizing Team," and assign the following areas of responsibility:
 - General Chairman
 - Secretary/Recorder Site Chairman
 - Director of Work
 - Publicity Chairman
 - Membership Chairman
2. Determine asylum or site for the event:
 - What is the occupancy of the site for both work and dining?
 - Does adequate parking exist?
3. Confirm date and time for the event:
 - Establish a date that minimizes conflicts with other Masonic events.
 - Confirm asylum availability and date with other York Rite leaders.
 - What date will prerequisite degrees /orders be portrayed?
 - What time will each begin and conclude?
 - What time will lunch and/or dinner be served during the schedule?
 - Make an event schedule, and plan to "stay on time."
4. Cost estimation:
 - Traditional or customary monitors, jewels, certificates, etc.
 - Determine meal menu costs. Offer an upscale menu.
 - Estimate printing costs for programs, letters, flyers, etc.
 - Estimate postage costs for mailing invitations, announcements, etc.
 - Cost of any complimentary meals planned.
 - Add up meal cost estimates, subtract complimentary meals, and divide by estimated paying attendees. This is your meal unit cost target if you plan to charge.

5. Establish a unit price for the event.

- Candidate price (meals, York Rite per capita, etc.)
- Member price (generally meals only)
- Add small amount for unforeseen expenses or "coverage."

6. Secretary/Recorder duties:

- Mails announcements to all nearby York Rite bodies/Blue Lodges.
- Sends invitations to officers of the Grand Commandery, Chapter, and Council
- Prepares forms for registration of both candidates and members.
- Prepares Programs for the event.

Orders candidate certificates,
pins, jewels, etc.

Prepares/mails meal reservation forms for
candidates and members.

7. Site Chairman duties:

- Establishes registration desks for the event.
- Organizes paraphernalia for all degrees/orders.
- Verifies asylum is cleaned and prepared.
- Coordinates people responsible for meals.
- Assigns people for last minute" errands.
- Provides optional organist for background music.

8. Director of Work duties:

Assigns one Chairperson responsible for each
degree and order who:

- Selects experienced casts from various York Rite groups.
- Encourages each cast member to bring one candidate.
- Identifies various cast back-ups, as they will be needed.
- Inspections and inventories of paraphernalia required.
- Schedules rehearsals with degree/order Chairmen.
- Identifies "stage crews" for degree/order set-ups.
- Schedules prerequisite Chapter and Council degrees for completion on or *before February 5, 2000.*

9. Publicity Chairman duties:

- Prepares invitation/mailling lists for Secretary.
- Prepares monthly *Knight Templar* magazine supplement articles.

- Completes new candidate packages for members to use in recruiting.
- Prepares event posters/flyers for mailing to all nearby Blue Lodges.
- Creates a "Templary 2000 Crusade" Speakers Bureau for promotion.
- Selects and invites "after-dinner" speaker(s).
- Promotes family attendance at the dinner.

10. Membership Chairman duties:

- Utilizes existing local Commanderies' Membership Committees.
- Organizes and develops specific area Blue Lodges to be contacted.
- Seeks approval as a program speaker at all Lodge stated meetings.
- Prepares and presents a "York Rite Story" including Philanthropies.
- Distributes new candidate packages and asks for signed petition.
- Acquires lists of non-death suspensions from Secretaries/Recorders.
- Assigns restoration target lists for calling/contact by members.
- Establishes reporting procedure for new petitions/restorations.

11. General Chairman duties

- Assures all local Commanderies participate.
- Provides overall supervision of the event.
- Provides updates to the Grand Commander and keeps him informed.
- Keeps Templary 2000 Crusade "Key Man" updated on the event.
- Orders Candidate and "Top-line signer" pins and certificates through Key Man.
- Is final decision-maker on event details.

As you know, the primary ingredient in the "recipe" for a successful membership development program, like a York Rite Festival, is to establish an organizational structure with clearly defined areas of responsibility to ensure program success. This can be an exciting project for both Commandery officers and members. The Templary 2000 Crusade beginning to inspire all officers and members to unite in a common goal with "uncommon" results anticipated. But modify the recipe to your own Commanders taste by using what has worked well for you in the past. Use your best judgment. You have done it before but perhaps on a smaller scale. Plan for a premier event! Now let's get to work and show everyone that we are as good as we say we are!

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Introducing Our Key Men

It is with great pride and pleasure that I introduce to each of you the individual "Key Men" leaders that have been nominated by the Grand Commanders and the Department Commanders for involvement in the *"Templary 2000 Crusade"* in each of their respective jurisdictions. Their job is to assist in the planning and implementation and to monitor and report on the execution of the program selected. In essence, each will complement the organization structure to ensure program success.

They will also be providing spirited encouragement, ideas, and suggestions to complement the efforts of the Membership and Public Relations Committees of each Grand Commandery. They are catalysts for accelerated action to achieve the membership and restoration goals we have established. Sir Knights, assist me in "saluting" these fine men, and support their efforts to make the *"Templary 2000 Crusade"* an outstanding success in your state!

James M. Ward, Grand Master

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"Big" Checks To The Knights Templar Eye Foundation!

**Past Worthy Grand Matron, O.E.S., Florida, Presents a Check
To the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**



At a meeting held at Fort Myers Commandery No. 32, Fort Myers, Florida; Mrs. Margaret Nathurst, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Florida, presented a check for \$1,639.59 representing moneys raised toward support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, during her term as Grand Matron. On hand for the presentation, from left to right, are: Richard Meacham, a frequent visitor

and a Past Grand Commander of Ohio; Charles Goehle, Chairman for the Eye Foundation Campaign in Fort Myers; Mrs. Margaret Nathurst; and Guy Waltman, Past Grand Commander of Florida and current Recorder of Fort Myers Commandery No. 32.

Fort Myers No. 32 has strongly supported the KTEF for several years and has turned in over \$10.00 per member for at least the past seven years. This check from the Order of Eastern Star brings its total to \$15.59 per member for the 1998-1999 Campaign. (submitted by Sir Knight Guy E. Waltman, Recorder of Fort Myers No. 32, who resides at 314 Greenwood Avenue, Lehigh Acres, Florida, 33972-5131)

**Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 43, Fenton, Missouri
Present Check to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**



Bethel No. 43, Fenton, Missouri, presented the Knights Templar Eye Foundation with a check for slightly more than \$1,000.00 at the Bethel meeting the end of May 1999. Honored Queen, Kelly Goode, made the presentation to Grand Commander Lon Goede, her grandfather, and to Grand Sentinel Rich Henderson. Both men are also Past Associate Bethel Guardians for Bethel No. 4.3.

The Bethel girls had raised the money through various fund-raising over the six-month term including a

Nickel Queen contest, bake sale, and collection jug in their Temple.

Kelly is the youngest of Sir Knight Goede's granddaughters; her older sister had served as Honored Queen in 1998 and also gave the Knights Templar Eye Foundation over \$1,000.00.

The girls are following their mother's example. When Donna Goode was Honored Queen in the 1970s, this same Bethel earned \$1,400.00 for the charity. All told the Goedes and Bethel No. 43 have given the KTEF nearly \$4,000.00 in past years. Picking up the check from

the girls was one of Sir Knight Goode's first official acts after being installed as Missouri's Grand Commander. Pictured, left to right, are: Sir Knight Richard Henderson, Grand Sentinel; Honored Queen Kelly Goede; and Grand Commander Lon Goode.

Knights Templar Ascension Sunday Service In Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania



Divisions 7 and 9 of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania hosted the annual Ascension Sunday Service at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Jim Thorpe.

The sermon was delivered by the Reverend Canon Kenneth S. Umbecker, Rector of St. Mark's. Reverend Umbecker is a Past Grand Commander from North Dakota and a Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Assisting in the communion service was Sir Knight William H. Haynes, Samuel S. Yohe Commandery No. 81, Stroudsburg, and a Memorial Service for all deceased Sir Knights who died last year was conducted by Division Commander Donald T. Leidich, Division No. 7, and Division Commander Stephen Higgins, Division No. 9. Also in attendance was Sir Knight Errol V. Hawksley, then Grand Commander of Pennsylvania.

In the picture, from left: front: Donald T. Leidich, D.C. No. 7; William S. Adams, trustee Grand Commandery; Patrick J. Connor, G. Jr. Warden; Rev. Canon Kenneth S. Umbecker, P.G.C. North Dakota; Errol V. Hawksley, then Grand Commander, Pennsylvania; F. Robert Witmyer, G. Captain General; Stephen Higgins, D.C. No. 9; Wilmer P. Quick, Marshal of the Grand Commandery, Pennsylvania. Thirty Sir Knights in all joined in the service.

Baird's Corner - Templar History

Anecdote submitted by: Sir Knight Kurt Legait, Kentucky state Chairman for the 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign, KTEF. Sir Knight James W. Roberts, P.G.C. of Indiana, was the KTEF state Chairman for Indiana for a number of years (1995 and before). He lives in New Albany, directly across from Louisville, Kentucky. He became a dual member of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12 several years ago. I am a member of that Commandery and the KTEF state Chairman for Kentucky. Therefore, the KTEF state Chairman of Indiana and the KTEF state Chairman of Kentucky belonged to the same Commandery."

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CHAPTER V

Fifty-ninth Conclave, 1994
(continued)

Sir Knight L. Lowmiller, National President, National Sojourners, Inc., presented the Grand Master with a "briefcase flag" so that he would "always have an American flag handy."

Sir Knight Gordon H. Stuart, Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, said "The Eye Foundation is a great achievement." "it seems that Knights Templar are always involved with something to do with the eyes because the Grand Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem has a hospital in Jerusalem where they have, for a large number of years, supported and assisted those that have eye problems, and this is supported by the Great Priory of England and Wales." He presented the Grand Master with a "wonderful edition of the 1913 Conclave here in Denver."

Sir Knight Robert McIntyre, Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Great Priory of Scotland, spoke of a longtime dream to visit America come true.

Sir Knight Alan C. Wilson, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the United Great Priory in New Zealand, also claimed it a dream to be able to visit the Grand Encampment in the U.S.A. He also stated "The extent to which you support charities is absolutely magnificent." He presented the Grand Master with an appointment diary for 1995.

At the Fourth Business Session convened at 2:00 P.M., the Final Report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Chairman, Laurence C. Way, P.G.C., Colorado, which showed 370 voting delegates present. Sir Knight James E. Moseley, P.G.C., Georgia, read a letter from Sir Knight James H.

Cockerham, P.G.C., Missouri, nominating Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, R.E. Deputy Grand Master, to become Most Eminent Grand Master. Sir Knight Cockerham had been the one to nominate his close friend, Sir Knight

Mayford, for Captain General, Generalissimo and Deputy Grand Master, but was unable to attend the Fifty-ninth Conclave and made the nomination *in absentia*. With no other nominations, Sir Knight Mayford was elected by acclamation. The Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Ward, was nominated to be Deputy Grand Master by Sir Knight T. Olin Gore, P.G.C., Mississippi, and was elected by acclamation, as was Grand Captain General Jones, nominated to become Grand Generalissimo by Sir Knight Alvin L. Crump, P.G.C., Illinois. For the office of Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, P.G.C., Texas, was nominated by Sir Knight James M. Willson, Jr., P.G.C., Texas; Sir Knight John Liewllyn Winkelman, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, was nominated for that same office by Sir Knight Charles A. Barnes, P.G.C., Pennsylvania; Sir Knight Russell K. Amling, P.G.C., Minnesota, was nominated as a third candidate by Sir Knight Donald L. LaValley, P.G.C., Minnesota.

There was a delay in the casting of ballots, for 370 numbered ballots were distributed but several voting delegates were without ballots. The sequence of ballots from one to 370 was called by the Sir Knights holding them, but there was still a shortage. Finally, those without ballots came to the Grand Recorder's desk and were verified as being duly registered and received a ballot. Sir Knight Sledd, Parliamentarian, then moved that the Credentials Committee report be reconsidered, and amended to show 424 voting delegates; it was approved and the ballots were marked and collected.

While the votes were being tallied, Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, M.E.P.G.M., introduced Sir Knight Jean-Claude Tardivat, Grand Chancellor LeGrand Prieure Des Gaules, and Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, United States of America, near LeGrand Prieure Des Gaules in France. He gave in three pages (pages 186-188 of the *Proceedings*) a very interesting explanation of the differences in the Great Pories of Europe.

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, M.E.P.G.M., was introduced and said "As the Grand Representative of Der Grossprior von Deutschland, I'm ordered to bring you the most sincere Templar greetings of Most Eminent Knight Kunter E. Kerres, Grand Master, and the officers and members of the Great Priory of Germany, and they regret that they could not be here with us today."

Tellers report: 'Sir Knight Henry J. Deheer, P.G.C., Illinois: The report of the Tellers: We had 424 ballots cast, requiring 213 for an election. Votes destroyed, none. Russell K. Amling received 89 votes, John L. Winkelman, 104; Kenneth B. Fischer 231." When the Grand Master asked Sir Knight Fischer if he would accept the office, the answer was in the affirmative.

Sir Knights Sam E. Hilburn and Charles A. Neumann were reelected Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, respectively. Sir Knight Joseph D. Brackin, P.G.C., Alabama, was elected to a nine-year term as Trustee of the Permanent Fund. Sir Knight David B. Turner, Most Eminent Past Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, was elected as Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and Sir Knights Gordon H. Stuart, Robert McIntyre, Donald H. Gunner, Alan C. Wilson, and Jean-Claude Tardivat were elected as honorary members of the Grand Encampment.

Grand Master-Elect Mayford spoke for a few minutes, gave the list of his appointments, and stated that "We've got a very progressive plan for the future:

Membership, membership, membership." He also asked for pressure to insure that update reports were made in a timely fashion; it had cost \$23,000 for returned magazines during the triennium.

Installation of officers took place starting at 10:15 A.M., Wednesday, August 17, 1994. The six elected officers installed were Sir Knights: Blair C. Mayford - Most Eminent Grand Master; James M. Ward - Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; William Jackson Jones - Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Kenneth B. Fischer - Right Eminent Grand Captain General; Sam E. Hilburn - Right Eminent Treasurer; Charles R. Neumann - Right Eminent Grand Recorder.

The Fifty-ninth Triennial Conclave was adjourned at 11:25 A.M., Wednesday, August 17, 1994; the Sixtieth Triennial Conclave was scheduled to convene in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 8, 1997.

Sixtieth Triennium, 1994-1997

On Monday, August 11, 1997, at 9:00 A.M., in the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, the Opening Ceremonies began with Sir Knight Billy J. Boyer, P.G.C. of Missouri and Aide to the Grand Master, stating that he would be proud to present the wives of the officers of the Grand Encampment at a later time. He then introduced the officers of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, which were: Eminent Grand Sentinel, Sir Knight E. Wayne Mund; Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Thomas C. Vunick; Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Benjamin C. Moore; Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Ronald E. Wood, Jr.; Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight R. Vincent Kinkead; Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight Robert L. Hudson; Eminent Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Rocky E. Weaver; Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Lionel J. Goode; and the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Missouri, Sir Knight Harold J. Richardson.

The Pilgrimage of a Lifetime

After a rain-delayed flight that left New York at four in the morning, over forty US pastors finally landed at Israel's Lod Airport.

Lod, by the way, is traditionally the site where St. George slew the dragon in the A.D. 300s, and it is where some of the greatest 1st century Jewish sages lived.

There were no dragons at the airport that day, but several venerable-looking Hasidic gentlemen waited patiently with the rest of us as the baggage carousel made its endless revolutions.

We finally got our bags and went to our hotel in Tel Aviv for a very late dinner.

The next morning and for several days after, we visited various important sites of Judaeo-Christian history: Caesarea, Nazareth, Mount Tabor, Capernaum, Belt Shean, Jericho, and what seemed to be innumerable lesser points of interest until, at last, our bus driver stopped in a back street on the Mount of Olives and our stalwart guide led us all on foot to an observation point where, all of a sudden, the great stone walls of the Temple Mount rose up before us, and the golden Dome of the Rock glittered in the sunlight before our very eyes as we saw the Holy City of Jerusalem spread out in the bright February sunlight.

Ezra, our Orthodox Jewish guide, passed out bread and salt and asked everyone to say the traditional blessing for a safe trip: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the Universe, who has brought us safely to this day.' Several of our tour members immediately burst into tears of joy, seeing at last the place where the acts, which constitute the very heart of our faith, took place.

In the days that followed, we all went to Bethlehem, and we visited the Holy Sepulcher, where archaeologists confirm Jesus was crucified and buried, and the Garden Tomb, which it was pointed out, in the 1880s looked like Calvary and the Tomb before the city of Jerusalem grew up around

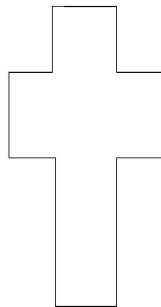
the site. We walked to the Western Wall, the holiest spot for prayer for Jews today. Unfortunately, due to the much lamented death of King Hussein of Jordan, the Temple Mount and its Muslim holy sites were closed in his honor during our visit. However, that just gave everyone a reason to return in the future!

All who went found themselves mysteriously moved and transformed by the trip. They discovered their spiritual lives deepened and their knowledge of the Faith was made more profound. Personally, everyone in my own congregation has seen an improvement in my teaching and preaching (hopefully starting from a high point!) now that I have seen the Holy Land with my own eyes and walked in the footsteps of Christ.

All this was made possible by Commandery No. 6 in my own town of Nevada City, California; by the Grand Lodge; and by the efforts of so many individuals, whose generosity and love for the chivalric principles of Christian Knighthood enabled nearly four dozen pastors to enrich their ministries and through them to affect the lives of countless others. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

The Reverend Christopher Seal
Trinity Episcopal Church
Nevada City, CA

(submitted by Sir Knight Elmer B. Curtis, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Commandery of California, 11530 Torrey Pines Drive, Auburn, CA 95602-8312).



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Sir Knight Robert R. Bartholomew
Pennsylvania Sir Knight and Member of the 1968 Olympic Team

Sir Knight Robert Bartholomew says weightlifting was a passion of his through most of his adult life. He started lifting at the YMCA at the age of fifteen and didn't retire from active competition until he reached thirty-two in 1968. In that time he garnered over one hundred trophies and several major titles.

The highlight of his career was the Olympic games in Mexico City in 1968 where he placed eight in a field of thirty-two competitors from thirty different countries. It was his last competition, but the road to that point was full of rewards for all the hard work.

Sir Knight Robert was the Pennsylvania state champion six times and owns the titles of Mr. Lehigh Valley, Mr. Pennsylvania, and Mr. Philadelphia Open, another prestigious event. He won a lot of open meets across the United States, including the Junior National Championship, the Senior National Championship, and the North American Championship. All these victories came in

the highly competitive 198-pound weight class. At the Olympic trials his qualifying three-lift total was as follows: two hand press 352 lbs., two hand snatch-300 lbs., and two hand dead and jerk - 402 lbs.

Sir Knight Robert says, "I am very proud of what I was able to accomplish and remember fondly all the hard work and sweat that I put into it."

His Masonic Affiliations are in Pennsylvania as follows: Pocono Lodge No. 780, Cresco; Porter Lodge No. 284, Catasauqua; Catasauqua Chapter No. 278, R.A.M.; Allen Council No. 23, R. & S.M., Allentown; Allen Commandery No. 20, Allentown; Rajah Temple, AAONMS, Reading; 32° Scottish Rite, Valley of Allentown.

Sir Knight Bartholomew resides at 504 Race Street, Apt. No. 3; Catasauqua; PA 18032-1100

Celtic Festival in New Mexico

For the past twelve years Albuquerque has been the home to the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games. This year a member of the festival board of directors is a very active member of Albuquerque York Rite Bodies. Sir Knight Jason Chen-lun Chang is not only Warder of Pilgrim Commandery No. 3, but he also holds the honor of serving as aide de camp for the R.E. Grand Commander of New Mexico. At this year's festival, Sir Knight Chang displayed prominent visibility for the order by wearing his uniform during opening ceremonies where he stood to the right of our nation's colors. Shown at right are Sir Knight Chang (left) and the festival's guest of honor, Rebecca Vigil-Giron, Secretary of State of the state of New Mexico.



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

A Revolutionary Civilian

by Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, 33^o, KYCH



This discourse begins not with convention but with a description of the protagonist and a brief recount of the circumstances prevailing in the colony of Rhode Island in the year 1636.

The terrain was rough and rocky; the sea was its constant companion. Its inhabitants were largely native Americans of peaceful pursuit. In this year a gentle man, Roger Williams, was driven from his native England because of conflicts with his religious views, only to meet the same fate in Massachusetts. He entered Rhode Island with a few followers. Here is where he first formed friendly bonds with the Indians and set about forming a Puritan society. Despite opposition even among his friends who held strong ideas regarding the aims of their church, the fervency of Roger Williams in promoting religious freedom for all to worship as they chose was his cornerstone as it was, and so it is for our Masonic Brotherhood.

The atmosphere of tolerance, established first in Rhode Island, was interrupted in 1686 by a royal ban unfolded by the widely feared King James II. This monarch blanketed New England with a vast viceregal government extending from New Jersey, through Maine, and across Pennsylvania and Massachusetts into Rhode Island. The whole of the eastern seaboard was engulfed in the darkness of the evil provincial governor, Sir Edmund Andros, who made the city of Boston his capital.

The general assembly meeting in Newport, Rhode Island, chose not to resist the squelching of religious freedom. Despite the refusal of Governor Walter Clarke to surrender his state's charter, Rhode Island was submerged into a dominion status and the eclipse became total!

Fortunately, a number of citizens, having endured enough suffering at the hands of the British forces, gathered in Newport on May 1, 1689.

Here, they approved a declaration reaffirming the privileges of Rhode Island and resuming the government under preexisting charter. The colony of Rhode Island was now beginning to emerge from the eclipse.

It was into this milieu that Jabez Bowen was born in Providence in 1740. His recorded chronicle begins when he graduated as a youth from Yale College with a degree in law in 1757. His educational record was of such high caliber, that soon after graduation he became the chancellor of the college. He held this position for thirty years.

When the Revolutionary War began, Jabez Bowen became a member of the War Board as a civilian; then he was appointed as a judge on the Supreme Court of Rhode Island and was subsequently elected as lieutenant governor of his state.

His service to his country continued after the close of hostilities.

When Rhode Island accepted the Constitution, he was appointed as commissioner of loans for the state of Rhode Island. His business acumen and his staunch integrity gained for him a position of high influence in American society.

The entrance of Governor Bowen into Masonry is not documented, but existing records indicate that by 1762, he was the Junior Warden of St. John's Lodge in Providence. He held this office again from 1765 until 1769.

St. John's Lodge was granted its charter in 1757, but by 1765 its membership and, indeed, its spirit had so declined that its meetings rarely saw the presence of more than eight Brethren.

This deepening situation led by the end of 1769 to the dissolution of the lodge.

Jabez Bowen in the station of Junior Warden was sorely dismayed, endeavoring "to weave the mystic chain of light with holy links of love."

Because of his persistence, a few of the Brethren of this lodge continued to meet informally to maintain a spark of Masonic life in a world of fraternal dissolution.

His devotion to his Brethren and to his beloved Craft were at last recognized, when in July of 1778 he received a commission from John Rowe, the Provincial Grand Master of Massachusetts, to reopen St. John's Lodge and to assume the office of Worshipful Master. Because the war of Revolution was at its fervor, the lodge was allowed to meet only by permission of the state authorities of Rhode Island in the state council chamber.

Through the genius of Jabez Bowen, Masonry had returned to Providence; his lodge was now open once more and reorganized under its new Master. On St John

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the Evangelist Day in December of 1778, the lodge held a public celebration attended largely by military Brethren. The key address was delivered by General and Brother Varnum, a member of the state militia. This day marked the first Masonic celebration ever held in Providence, witnessed by over seventy members of the fraternity.

Worshipful Brother Bowen continued to preside over his lodge until 1791. In this year the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was formed. Jabez Bowen was elected as Deputy Grand Master. He held this office for three years. In 1794 he was elevated

to the high office of Grand Master, an office he occupied until 1799.

Jabez Bowen, through his outstanding public service before and during the Revolutionary War to his state and to the new nation, became a most revered official. Albeit he was a civilian in a time when military men ruled the day, his salient public service will forever shed rays of luster even as military victories defined so many of his contemporaries. Jabez Bowen's great fraternal devotion reflected proudly upon his noble charter. He witnessed the revival of St. John's Lodge in Providence, guiding its labors for over twenty years, while engaged in public service.

One additional aspect of this man was his sincere devotion to the religious interests of society, which he expressed as a member of the Congregational Church in Providence and as the president of the Bible Society of Rhode Island. Thus it was that history has recorded for all time, the humble efforts of one individual, working as a civilian in a military environment, to spread the principals of a good and productive life, the tenets of Freemasonry.

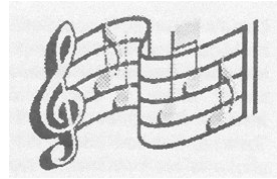
Having lived a life of such grace, Jabez Bowen, at last, laid aside his working tools when, on May 7, 1815, at the age of seventy-five years, he closed his eyes in peace to prepare for his final journey homeward.

"Overhead, Overhead
Rushes life in a race
As the clouds the clouds chase
And we go
And we drop like the fruits of the tree"

"Dirge in the Woods"
George Meredith

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Part I: Hal Kemp: Premier Musical Stylist



by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33⁰, FPS

A truly gifted exponent of stylized popular music in the 1930s never lived through the horrors of World War II nor the demise of the Big Band Era. He would have been appalled at the cacophony which passes for music as America prepares to lurch into the 21st century.

Many of my generation remember with great affection the performances of the Hal Kemp Orchestra, prominent among the avant-garde musical stylists who dominated the opulent hotels and posh clubs of prewar America. In order to be the band of choice in those discriminating venues, an orchestra had to exude musical elegance, pleasing dance arrangements, and reflect a commitment to personal deportment and grooming. Above all, they were required to project a distinctive musical style. Hal Kemp possessed all of the aforementioned attributes. He was a great orchestra leader and an exquisite musician - one with panache.

Hal Kemp died in a Madera, California hospital of injuries resulting from a grinding head-on collision. A winter "tule" fog, indigenous to the San Joaquin Valley, obscured an oncoming vehicle driven by one Casimiro Azparren. The driver illegally crossed into Kemp's traffic lane to pass a truck. Unable to avoid the collision, Hal sustained injuries not deemed life-threatening at first. The accident occurred in the early hours of December 19, 1940. As it turned out, a broken rib had pierced a lung, and pneumonia soon followed. Before the days of antibiotics, it was a fatal complication. Hal Kemp was declared dead by Dr. Ray Dearborn at 6:40 A.M. on December 21, exactly two weeks after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

At the time of his fatal accident, Hal

stood at the pinnacle of a sixteen-year professional career as an orchestra leader; his was one of the most notable success stories of the Big Band Era. As it turned out, he might have experienced a sense of relief at not being around for the egregious events of the fifty-nine years following his demise. The Big Band Era became moribund during WW II, and was officially dead by 1948. I believe that musically it has been all downhill since then.

James Hal Kemp was born in Marion, Alabama, on March 27, 1904; the son of Thomas Dupree Kemp and Lelia Ellyn Rush Kemp. Their youngest and last child was christened James Hal in honor of Thomas' brother, a prominent doctor living in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Hal had three older siblings: Lelia, who died of typhoid fever in 1907; Marie, born in 1895; and Thomas, Jr., referred to as "T. D." by friends and acquaintances. Father Kemp was a civil engineer, native to Mississippi. His wife Lelia was a direct descendent of Benjamin Rush, one of the signers of the *Declaration of Independence*. The Kemps were a family of stature, molded in a tradition of ante-bellum refinement and piety.

In 1903 they settled in Marion, Alabama, a town of 1,800 souls; selected as a proper place for Thomas' young family to live and mature. Thomas constructed an electric power plant in Marion, providing the first such utility service available to the town. Well before young Hal was old enough to begin school, his sister Marie began tutoring him on the piano. She was a musician with professional skills, appearing in local concerts as early as 1912. By the time Hal was age six, in 1910, he had mastered the piano with Marie's expert guidance. Soon

afterward, he began studying the trumpet and clarinet under bandmaster Taverna, the director of music at the Marion Military Institute. After three years of study with Taverna, Hal had added the alto saxophone to his instrumental repertoire. By age thirteen he was a full-fledged member of the Marion Institute band, although not a student at the school. Hal was regarded locally as a musical prodigy.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, Thomas Kemp offered his engineering expertise to the government in Washington, D.C. As an experienced 52-year-old railroad surveyor and planner, he was immediately appointed to supervise maintenance of trackage and bridges between Washington and Atlanta. His headquarters were in Charlotte, North Carolina. In October 1918 the Kemp family moved to Charlotte in time for the flu epidemic, which swept the city in December.

In less than a year, Thomas purchased a new home on Hawthorne Lane in the upscale Elizabeth section of Charlotte, where the family became members of the Methodist church across the street. There Hal met John Scott Trotter, a youthful pianist and a member of the church orchestra. Hal soon organized a small dance orchestra he called "The Merrymakers." The little five-piece band became quite successful in Charlotte, playing at school and neighborhood social functions. Although Thomas Kemp was fond of music, he was adamant in his desire to see both Hal and T. D. become college-educated for a career in the business world.

T. D., some seventeen months senior to Hal, enrolled at the University of Alabama and completed his freshman year. As a promising chemistry student, he obtained a job for the summer of 1919 at the laboratory of the Armstrong Linoleum Company in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. T. D. decided to transfer to Franklin and Marshall College,

located in the town, for his sophomore year.

T. D. was an experienced drummer, having been active musically nearly as long as his brother Hal. During the year he spent in Lancaster, he became a habitu  of the clubs and dance halls employing musical entertainers. T. D. met and became fast friends with the Waring brothers, Fred and Tom. The brothers from Tyrone, Pennsylvania, had a small band called "The Waring Pep Orchestra." Impressed by their success, T. D. joined a campus-based dance band at Franklin and Marshall College.

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That group called themselves the "Pennsylvania Serenaders." They began touring with T. D. serving as the band's booking agent and business manager, as well as their drummer. They were very successful. Intensely interested in the musical entertainment business, T. D. never completed college.

Hal Kemp's musical career was booming in Charlotte during his final year in high school. The Merrymakers won first place in a contest at Charlotte's Academy of Music and were booked constantly when school schedules permitted. In the spring of 1920, Hal was asked to join the Oasis Temple Shrine Band as a saxophonist. He was a 16-year-old DeMolay, far too young to be a Shriner. Hal's father, Thomas Kemp, was a member of Temple Lodge No. 425, in Marion, Alabama. He had demitted in order to affiliate with Excelsior Lodge No. 261 in Charlotte. Thomas heartily approved of

Hal's participation in the Shrine band and agreed that his son could accompany them on a private railroad car to perform at the Shrine National Convention at Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1920.

The fall of 1921 saw the breakup of the Merrymakers. Hal was enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, planning to major in economics. However, music was too much a part of life for Hal to relegate it to secondary status. He soon organized a campus band known as 'The

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Carolina Club Orchestra." They were in constant demand for campus activities and weekend musical gigs in the Chapel Hill area. In the summer of 1922, Hal and the band were signed to play the entire season at the Carolina Hotel, a large resort at Hendersonville, North Carolina. Hal composed a song that summer, dedicated to a young lady he met at the vacation venue. He called it, "How I'll Miss You When Summer Is Gone." It is a lovely melody, and it became the theme song for the Hal Kemp Orchestra throughout his career.

The reputation of the Carolina Club grew constantly, as Hal and the boys gained experience. They intended to work every vacation and hoped to be booked on a cruise ship during the summer of 1924, deeming themselves ready for such a venture. Hal contacted his brother in New York City. T. D. had tired of touring with the Pennsylvania Serenaders and was working in the home offices of Westinghouse, building a promising career in management. Nevertheless, T.D.'s

heart was still loyal to musical entertainment, and he was a born salesman, a fact well-known to brother Hal.

Hal called him from Chapel Hill and asked T. D. to prospect for a summer shipboard booking for the Carolina Club. T. D. spent every lunch hour for weeks in booking offices, seeking a cruise-ship engagement. As it turned out, his best prospect was Paul Specht, a nationally-prominent orchestra leader with a number of satellite bands and a talent-bookings operation. Specht had an exclusive booking contract for the prestigious Cunard Line. T. D. haunted Specht's Consolidated Booking Exchange at 1587 Broadway until he met the celebrated band leader. Finally yielding to T. D.'s persuasive salesmanship, Specht agreed to audition the Carolina Club Orchestra if they came to New York.

A phone call to Chapel Hill received Hal's enthusiastic promise to bring the band to New York. T.D. rented a Broadway rehearsal hall for the audition, and the boys boarded an overnight steamer from Norfolk, Virginia, to New York. They had an obstacle to overcome at the audition. Specht handed Hal several arrangements and asked the band to play them. Only Hal was able to read music, so he gambled on a solution. He asked Paul Specht if he would grant them two hours to rehearse the arrangements, returning to hear them played. It was the lunch hour, so Specht agreed. During his absence, Hal taught each of the musicians his part during an intensive rote session. The boys proved to be quick learners, able to perform the numbers in a very professional manner when Specht returned. They were hired on the spot.

Hal Kemp's Carolina Club Orchestra was booked on the Cunard cruise ship, *Berengaria*, a former German luxury liner christened the *Imperator* and launched in 1912. The band sailed as "Paul Specht's Carolina Club Orchestra." Specht sailed with them.

The personnel of the band in that historic tour were as follows: Red Honeycutt and Monk Buie, trumpets; Buck Weaver, trombone; Ben Williams, Joe Gillespie, and Hal Kemp, saxophones; Skeeter Ames, violin; Slatz Randall, piano; William Waugh, banjo; Billy Wolfe, bass; and Jimmy Brooks, drums. The eleven-man orchestra was a sensation during the crossing to England, and Specht was delighted. He decided to keep the band in London, booking the Carolina Club into the Picadilly Hotel for a month. He sent a substitute band to play on the *Berengeriäs* return voyage. Hal and the band were so well received in London that British Columbia Records arranged for them to cut their first six numbers in August 1924.

The Carolina Club returned on the *Berengeria* in early September, along with the Prince of Wales, traveling incognito as Lord Renfro. The future King Edward VIII failed to fool anyone, so a large press corps trailed him to the United States. Prince Edward was an enthusiastic patron of the Carolina Club's music, and the wire sang with press reports of his praises for their great music. When Kemp arrived in New York in early September, a throng awaited the band at dockside, Paul Specht among them. He had many engagement offers for the boys and urged them to forget the fall term at the University of North Carolina and remain in New York. With permission from the university, the boys decided to remain until the winter term began. They eventually returned to Chapel Hill, where Hal continued his studies for a time. Before long, though, he was back in New York with a reorganized band. That time it was permanent in spite of father Thomas Kemp's strong disapproval.

Hal had some new faces, and more were soon added. John Scott Trotter left the university to play piano for Hal, along with Saxy Dowell. Skinnay Ennis signed on at the



Center: Edward, Prince of Wales, 1930 Courtesy of Library of Congress

beginning of 1926 as the band's drummer, and later, Harold "Porky" Dankers joined the reed section. The nucleus of the immortal Hal Kemp Orchestra was forming. Hal played the alto saxophone and clarinet exclusively by that point in time. He was a truly gifted instrumentalist and a fine arranger with a innovative imagination. It was a surefire combination of talent and brains, but breaking into the New York music scene was difficult. There were some slim weeks for the Hal Kemp crew, and they were grateful for the help of Fred Waring, T. D.'s old friend from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Waring's orchestra was well established by 1925. Fred advanced them some money to pay living expenses. Before long, Waring arranged an engagement for Hal and the band at the Strand Roof, a dine and dance venue above the theater of the same name. From that time forward, their progress was uninterrupted.

The Strand Roof was followed by a three-year engagement at the Manger Hotel in New York, where the band matured dramatically. Hal signed for a series of one-night and theater tours with the blessing of Julius Manger, the hotel owner. They played

the winter season of 1929-1930 at Coral Gables, Florida, just then developing into a national vacation attraction. Returning to New York, they were signed immediately for a second tour to England in the summer of 1930.

T. D. Kemp had been lured from his Westinghouse job by Paul Specht, following the triumphal return of the Carolina Club Orchestra in 1924. At twice his Westinghouse salary, T. D. was thrilled to work in Specht's booking enterprise. It was an association which lasted less than a year. T. D. became well connected in Broadway theatrical and musical circles and soon decided to open his own booking agency. Paul Specht was a difficult man to work with, in spite of his enormous success in the musical world.

T.D.'s new venture was an instant success. In January 1926 he signed a great singer-pianist in the person of Whispering Jack Smith. Smith became a sensation in England and on the continent well before he was nationally-known in America. T. D. expanded his operation to London, concentrating on building Smith's career. In a short time T. D. was a high-profile



international talent agent. He soon had headline singers, Gene Austin and Morton Downey, under contract. It was inevitable that T. D. would arrange to bring Hal and his great young band to London again. In the meantime, T. D. romanced his future wife, a beauty queen he met in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1928. She was Edith Jorgensen, Miss Denmark of 1928. They married on November 18, 1929, at the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City.

When the Hal Kemp band arrived in London in the spring of 1930, they began a triumphal four-month tour on the continent, after a fine engagement at London's Cafe do Paris. The Great Depression hit Europe during Hal's stay, and it forced a cancellation of a four-week engagement in Paris. Hal, an avid golfer, enjoyed his last real vacation; playing golf with British band leader, Bert Ambrose, while he waited for his return voyage to America.

The Hal Kemp Orchestra went back to the Manger Hotel in New York (soon to be re-christened the Taft) to continue their musical success unscathed by the Depression around them. T. D., financially ruined by the stock market crash, was forced to reduce his booking activity temporarily and become a part-time newspaper columnist to supplement his income.

Part II of Hal Kemp's story will be printed In the September 1999 issue.

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DeMolay Success: going out of the way



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In Memoriam



John Baldwin
Pennsylvania
Grand Commander-1982
Born: May 21, 1920
Died: June 11, 1999

Sydney A. Hoveskeland
North Dakota
Grand Commander-1977
Born: January 27, 1917
Died: June 22, 1999

M.S.A. Appeal for Relief - Kansas/Oklahoma

A tornado of an intensity never before recorded in the state of Oklahoma has completely destroyed eleven counties. Also, in Kansas damage was extensive in the Wichita area. Assistance to these two Grand Lodges will be divided equally from undesignated gifts, and designated gifts will be sent in their entirety to the Grand Lodge named. Please forward to the M.S.A. such funds as you feel will be appropriate to help our devastated Brethren in these stricken jurisdictions: checks payable to: the M.S.A. Disaster Relief Fund, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

Attention: Sir Knights and Ladles

In a fund-raising effort for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the committee for Maryland Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, is selling T-shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, totes, and baseball caps for Knights Templar, Masonic, Beauceant and O.E.S. For more information call or write: Geneva B. Delphey, 11919 Green Valley Road, Union Bridge, MD 21791, (410) 775-7432, fax: (410) 775-7851. All **proceeds to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

Northern California DeMolay Officers Meet Imperial Potentate

Every year the Shrine hosts its East-West Shrine Football Classic to raise money for its children's hospitals, and every year the Northern California DeMolay Association is proud to be a part of this exciting time. This year the DeMolay officers were honored to meet "Dad" John C. Nobles, the Imperial Potentate, before the start of the game that was held at Stanford Stadium, Palo Alto. DeMolay members and their guests are also invited to participate in and be introduced in the pre-game parade. Northern California DeMolay was proud to have been a part of the 1999 East-West Shrine Football Classic, and they deeply appreciate all of the support the Shrine gives to the Masonic youth organizations throughout the year!



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My father passed away leaving me his complete Knight Templar paraphernalia: sword, medals, and other items. Charles B. Kefey, 2031 Lankestar Way, Yukon, OK 73099, (405) 324-7049. Phone is protected by an answering service; all calls will receive a response..

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