



Knight Templar

VOLUME XLV

SEPTEMBER 1999

NUMBER 9



Brother Jesse
Hilton Stuart:
Appalachian
Literary Giant—
The story starts
on page 19.

Grand Master's Message

Ritual is important! Our ceremonial rituals teach us of the history, heritage, and the principles and tenets of our Masonic brotherhood. They inform us of our duties and obligations as men and as Masons. To strive to execute the rituals correctly, to cross the "Ts" and dot the "Is" in every case also teaches discipline, the discipline we need in every aspect of our lives to be God-fearing, God-serving men and Masons. No doubt, correctly executed ritual is impressive and absolutely necessary to impart the lessons it is to teach, especially to our candidates for membership. The learning of the rituals of the degrees and orders of our Craft and the perfecting of the conferral of these degrees and orders require study and experience. Sessions and/or meetings to study and practice the rituals afford, in my opinion, an excellent time for the fellowship that strengthens our brotherhood, and it is an excellent time to grow in our understanding and knowledge of who we are as a fraternity, where we came from, and what our purposes are. Also, and of prime importance, the ability to correctly confer ritual rightfully adds to the pride we have as members of our Masonic organizations. The preparations for a monthly meeting to study and practice the ritual of a Commandery Order or any degree or order requires relatively little work. The operative word here is "relatively." Schedule the meeting, arrange for inspectors and instructors, announce it, spread the word (talk it up), arrange for light refreshments, and then, **DO IT, and do it regularly.** Participate. You and your fratres will like it



TEMPLARY 2000 CRUSADE

The goal is at least 2,000 new members and at least 2,000 reinstatements on or about February 5, 2000 (or on some convenient dates before June 1 2000). There is a place for every Mason to make a contribution. I urge you to step forward and be a part of this great undertaking to further the causes for which we exist as the family of Masonry.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

The Knights Templar Cross of Honor was authorized at the 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment and is designed to be awarded for outstanding "**service to Templary.**" No present or past elected grand officer of a Grand Commandery is eligible to receive the award. It is not intended to be given for attainment of high rank in Templar offices but is specifically designed to recognize and honor that Knight Templar who has served Templary "far beyond the call of duty." Each Grand Commandery receives at least one award in any one year with the larger Grand Commanderies receiving one award per each 10,000 members or greater fraction thereof in any one year. Subordinate Commanderies, considered together, are entitled to receive no more than one award in any one year. No posthumous awards are to be made. Sir Knights, this is the highest award for service that can be given within the Grand Encampment for exceptional and meritorious service to Templary, and those who have received this distinction are entitled to our highest respect and appreciation on every occasion. It should, therefore, be obvious that the Knight Templar nominated for this prestigious award is clearly entitled to be recognized and honored for his service to our Christian order. Nominations for this award shall be made by a motion approved by the Commandery of which the nominee is a member and shall be submitted in writing to the Grand Commander; if approved, the nomination shall be submitted to the Grand Encampment and should clearly justify the nomination by detailing the nature of the meritorious service rendered to Templary by the nominee.

I'm done pumping. You do make me proud! **Godspeed!**

EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR!

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

James Morris Ward, Grand Master, KGC

Knight Templar

SEPTEMBER: Fall is upon us again as dark Commanderies awake and all Commanderies gear up for another season and another Annual Campaign for the Eye Foundation. To help you Grand Master Ward has areas for your participation on page 2, Chairman Garnes has useful tips on page 5 pertaining to the Eye Foundation Campaign which starts December 1, and Chairman Clutter, Templary 2000 Crusade, has an article starting on page 7 to help you spruce up your Commandery for the new millennium and the Crusade! Also, join with other Sir Knights, ladies and friends on our very own Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. **See** page 11. The second and last installment of the Hal Kemp story is presented and also the story of another famous Mason, Jesse Stuart.

Contents

Your Participation Is Needed!

Grand Master James M. Ward - 2

The 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF
Education, Communication, Publication, and
Destination!

Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes - 5

Managing the Way Others Perceive Your
Commandery

Sir Knight Bill R. Clutter - 7

Sir Knights' Christian Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 11

The Knights Templar and the Third Kings District
Celebrate De Witt Clinton Day in Brooklyn
Sir Knight Alfonso Serrano - 14

Brother Jesse Hilton Stuart: Appalachian Literary
Giant

Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe - 19

Part II: Hal Kemp: Premier Musical Stylist
Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett - 23

Grand Commanders, Grand Masters Clubs - 6

September Issue - 3

Editors Journal - 4

In Memoriam - 6

Recipients of the Membership Jewel - 10

On the Masonic Newsfront - 12

History of the Grand Encampment, Book II - 16

Knight Voices - 30

September 1999

Volume XLV Number 9

Published monthly as an official
publication of the Grand Encampment
of Knights Templar of the United
States of America.

**JAMES MORRIS
WARD**

Grand Master
and Publisher

**P.O. Drawer No. 685
Water Valley, MS 38965**

CHARLES R. NEUMANN
Grand Recorder
and Editor

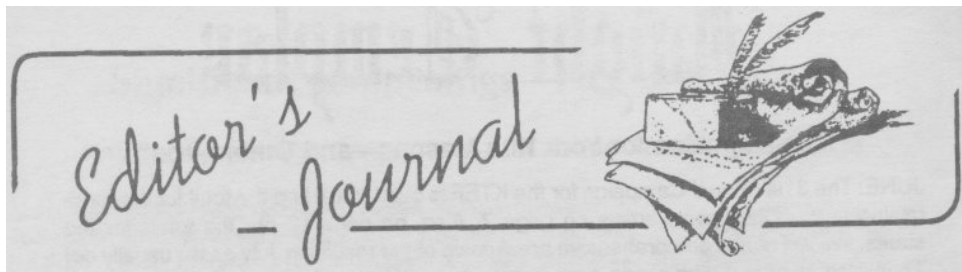
JOAN B. MORTON
Assistant Editor

Grand Recorder
5097 N. Elston, Avenue, Suite 101
Chicago, Illinois 60630-2460
(773) 777-3300
Fax: (773) 777-8836

Mail magazine materials and
correspondence to Editor. 5097 N. Elston
Avenue, Suite 101. Chicago. IL 60630-
2460.

Material for the Grand Commanderies'
two-page supplements is to be directed to
the respective Supplement editors.

Address corrections from members are
to be sent to the local Recorders.



The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Joseph R. Conway, P.G.M., has informed us that an error was made in the April 1999 issue, *Knight Templar*, Volume XLV, on page 22 in the Little Jimmy Dickens article. A reference was made to a 'Past Grand Master Robinson of Kentucky making a presentation of a Kentucky Colonel Certificate to Brother Dickens.' Brother Conway states: "There is no living Past Grand Master in Kentucky named Robinson; nor has there ever been a Grand Master Robinson in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky." We apologize for the error and hope to be enlightened as to the name, etc., of the true presenter; if we receive this information, we will pass it along to our readers.

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.

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

Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A green pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a red Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past Commanders and grand officers). Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right: This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. • *Born In Blood: The exciting book by John J. Robinson* is available at the price of \$16.00, including shipping and handling. • *Dungeon, Fire, and Sword:* This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460

York Rite Freemasonry On The Internet - Official Web Sites

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

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

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

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

The 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF

Education, Communication
Publication and Destination

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



As the summer fades and the fall breezes begin to blow, it is time for all dedicated, and perhaps not so dedicated, Sir Knights to consider what they can or will do for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. during the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign. We look for the 32nd annual voluntary campaign to be the most successful ever as we honor a great sir knight who has served the foundation in an outstanding manner: that Sir Knight is WILLARD MERIDIH AVERY, M.E.P.G.M. I know there are thousands across our ranks that will want to serve in this great tribute, so make your plans now to support the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign. Watch for further information on how you can participate in this privilege of honoring a great Templar.

All of us need to be familiar with the service we are promoting; we are not selling a product but we are providing a service to those in need without expectation of fee or reward. Before we can promote and support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., we need to EDUCATE ourselves in the importance and service that the foundation provides. Every Sir Knight should have a copy of 'An Introduction to The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. What Is Its Purpose and Who does it Serve?' It is strongly suggested that every Recorder of the constituent Commanderies order enough copies from the Chicago office so that every Sir Knight can receive one in his October or November notice. Due to being on the Internet, we are receiving requests directly from nurses and friends who know someone in need of help. Our procedure is that all cases are sponsored by a Commandery and investigated by a Sir Knight. The requests are referred to the Administrative Office so that they can arrange some contact with a Sir Knight or have a Sir Knight contact the person making the inquiry. Remember that emergency cases can be approved on the telephone, but the call must come from a Sir Knight.

COMMUNICATION with each Sir Knight prior and during the campaign is essential for understanding and success in growing our Charity. The more Sir Knights that become involved the greater the communication will be with members as well as nonmembers. REMEMBER - The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is no secret and we need to make all citizens aware that we are willing to extend that helping hand to those in need who meet our requirements. We are links in the chain of communication and are only as strong as the weakest link.

PUBLICATION of our activities that will benefit The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. should be

extensive whether it is a dinner dance, entertainment, flea market or other activity. **The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.** is the best public relations service **that we have in Templary.** Many individuals have read about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. on the Internet and asked how they can become a member of an order that cares about the prevention of blindness. To view our web site: www.knightstemplar.org/ktef at your earliest convenience.

The DESTINATION we hope to reach in the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign is to raise \$2 million and to continue to handle cases and make grants for research in curing diseases of the eye.

The PERMANENT DONOR FUND established March 1, 1999 now has 7 Permanent Donors. If any Sir Knight or friend of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. does not know about the PERMANENT DONOR FUND, check our web page or request a copy from the Administrative Office in Chicago. You can be a Philanthropist and have perpetual recognition in the annual report by making an initial donation of \$10,000. Additions may be made in the amount of \$1000.00 or more at anytime and by anyone.

The DIRECT MAIL PROGRAM will become a reality this fall, and you will be able to make your donations using your credit card. You will find this is almost painless, as it will be included in your monthly credit card invoice. We hope you will make use of this method of giving.

If each Sir Knight represents a link in the chain throughout Templary, then the chain is only as strong as the weakest link and the financial support is directly related to the weak links in our chain for the preservation of sight. All Voluntary Campaign Chairmen are asked to check the links in the chain of their Commandery. Remember the old hymn 'Let the Circle Be Unbroken'; let's apply this to the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign and 'Let the Chain Be Unbroken.'

Sir Knight Charles A. Games, Honorary Past Department Commander and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, is the Campaign Chairman of the 32nd 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 ktef@knightstemplar.org

In Memoriam



Thomas Robert Lewis

Arizona

Grand Commander-1981

Born: January 10, 1927

Died: June 22, 1999



Grand Commander's Club

No. 101,074-James L. Lucas (MS)

Grand Master's Club

No. 3,351-Daniel B. Mason (TX)

No. 3,352-Courtney A Ron, Jr. (SD)

No. 3,353-Jean and Reed Smith (TX)

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

Grand Master's Club And Grand Commanders Club Pins

Since July 1, 1992, all new members of the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's clubs have been issued pins at no charge to the recipients. If you became a member of either club prior to that date and would like a pin for yourself, send a \$10.00 donation to the Eye Foundation in Chicago, and you will receive one.

Life Sponsorship Pins Available

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

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 OCT 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



Managing the Way Others Perceive Your Commandery

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

You know your Commandery inside and out. You know who the members are and what they want. You have served as an officer with dignity, and you love the Christian fellowship. You may also know many non-York Rite Masons and what you think they want. But maybe you need to know something more.

Perhaps your Commandery needs to perform a self-evaluation of its reputation for implementing change" to meet the needs of its membership. How do others perceive your Commandery? What are you doing right? What could you be doing better? What keeps potential members away from local York Rite membership while they may be active in Symbolic Lodges or other Masonic organizations? Is there any way to change their perception of the Commandery?

The answer is "Yes"! Any company or fraternity can research and manage the way it is perceived by its current or future members or any other group that is important to its success. Perceptual issues, if not positive, can have many tangible effects on a local Commandery ranging from revenue impact to morale.

The key is for the leadership of a Commandery to identify and manage the perceptions of those it wishes to reach. This can be accomplished by borrowing from many of the traditional disciplines such as market research, marketing, public relations, customer service, and media advocacy programs.

But these are fancy terms for performing a "situation assessment" of your Commandery. How can we do this quickly, determine if changes are needed, and prepare for our membership development efforts for the **Templary 2000 Crusade**? Don't we want to assure ourselves that we have a good product with defined features and tangible benefits to sell to an emerging audience?

A Quick Situation Analysis - Focus Groups

Simple market research can be accomplished by identifying three (3) separate categories: existing Knights

Templar, former Knights Templar (who either demitted or are inactive in the Commandery), or non-York Rite Masons active in their Symbolic Lodges.

Call a meeting of the Commandery leadership. Agree that the task at hand is to determine what changes in our product offering are needed, if any, to improve the perception of the Commandery by members, former members, and potential members. Develop a list of names of people who you know and respect that fall into one of the three categories. Agree as to who should contact them.

Active Knights Templar (Satisfied Customers) - Ask them what it is about the Commandery that creates the commitment and desire to participate in our order. Is it the meetings, the ritualistic conferral of the Orders, the family activities, programs, drill team, philanthropies, fellowship? Ask them to identify areas that need improvement. Also ask them for any recommendations of changes that, if made, might bring back inactive Sir Knights or assist in attracting new Sir Knights to join our ranks. Make a list of the recommendations.

Inactive Knights Templar (Possibly Dissatisfied Customers) - These are the Sir Knights that are either inactive members or those who have demitted from our ranks. Performing a "product assessment" with this group requires patience and perseverance. But these are also the Sir Knights that may feel the Commandery did not meet their needs or expectations. Perceptions to these Sir Knights are based upon firsthand experiences.

But begin to further explore the reason for their inactivity or separation. Focus the questioning on what changes could or should be made to meet their needs. Listen intently, and avoid being defensive. Acknowledge their observations or recommendations, and make a list of them.

First, tell them how much they are missed.

Potential Knights Templar (New Customers) - These Masons are the primary target of our membership development

effort. These are the future Knights Templar that will not join our ranks unless we have the right product" for them. They may know little about our Christian Masonic heritage, but they may have formed an impression of what it represents based upon perceptions.

Share with them an overview of the York Rite, and emphasize the features and benefits of membership. Ask them to consider joining the York Rite. Invite them to a planned activity. However, does your local Commandery really meet their needs?

Feedback Results

Once you know what motivates your target audience, you can take the appropriate action. Do they need to be reeducated, inspired, trained, won over, or even entertained? Must we "redefine" or change our product to meet their needs? How can we persuade them to join Templary?

Action Plans

We might now have learned that our beloved Commandery is not meeting the needs or expectations of some current, former, or new members. Our product may need to be "reengineered" for the existing and perhaps be "redefined" for the new. We are not referring to changes in our Orders or our Christian teachings and principles, but we are talking about progressive changes in operations that might be considered.

Perhaps we have learned that we may need more programs at stated Conclaves involving diversified topics of current interest, more family involvement, and scheduled activities. We may also need more Masonic education, leadership training, and increased promotion of our good works. Perhaps support in community projects, programs and activities for our youth, and more joint activities with other Masonic organizations are required. Maybe some "team building" is in order.

Discuss the results of your feedback with the Commandery leaders, and decide what changes need to occur. Establish both short and long-term changes that should be implemented. Begin the implementation process with enthusiasm.

Promote Any Progressive Change

Begin to communicate the changes, and include all three groups in the implementation process if possible. You might be surprised at the enthusiasm change can create. You must develop effective programs that best connect with your key perceivers. Finally, follow up. Continually monitor the results of your efforts and make adjustments to achieve the best possible results. Ask for restorations, and seek new members to become a part of the "Crusade."

Once this is accomplished, it's not a once-and-for-all activity. Perceptions, like anything else, can change over time. Changes in our social climate can have an ongoing impact on how your key perceivers get their information and form opinions.

That's why it's important to continually track your efforts over time, making sure that our product offering meets the major needs of current members, rekindles interest in former members, and is attractive to potential members.

So What's the Point?

Perceptual issues can be managed just as you manage finance or growth of any enterprise. Taking this approach helps avoid the effects of "unfavorable opinions" by understanding the "needs" of your target audience and implementing the changes needed to satisfy them.

With the implementation of the **Templary 2000 Crusade**, we have the opportunity to reexamine our product and assure ourselves of the value received. Until you have seen your Commandery through the eyes of others, you haven't seen one of your greatest opportunities for customer satisfaction and growth.

Now let's show everyone that we can be as good as we say we are!

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. Telephone: (317) 581-0070, and E-mail: WRCLUTTER@Prodigy.net

Comments from 1999 Pilgrim Ministers

The stories of scripture that I have read all my life have become so meaningful! Actually seeing the places where Jesus walked and understanding the travels of Jesus and Paul throughout the Holy Land are now forever in my memory. It has already been a blessing to me and to my ministry in countless ways. I am so grateful to the members of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America for helping to fund and coordinate this excellent program. It has been a true blessing to me, and I am deeply grateful for your generosity and kindness.

Ron Retherford, Pastor
Our Lord's United Methodist Church
New Berlin, Wisconsin

There is just no way that words can effectively express my profound appreciation for the wonderful experience of my Holy Land Pilgrimage. Without the opportunity afforded by this wonderful program, my lifelong dream of visiting the Holy Land would never have been realized.

As a Past Commander of Ascension Commandery No. 6, Shreveport, Louisiana, and as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; the Pilgrimage was especially meaningful to me. As Pastor of Yellow Pine Christian Church, the experience has changed me forever and made my humble effort to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ much more meaningful to myself and to my congregation.

Reverend Thomas P. Brown, P.C., KYCH
Yellow Pine Christian Church
Sibley, Louisiana

I wish to thank the Knights Templar for a profoundly moving Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I have only begun to comprehend all that I saw and experienced in the "Promised Land," and I will not be able to exhaust all there is to understand in an entire lifetime. Jerusalem is beautiful. I look forward to the day when Messiah Jesus returns to set up His throne in God's city. What a place!

Reverend James C. Ellis
Grace United Methodist Church
Willard, Ohio

356. Theodore G. Cooper, Tampa-Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8,
Tampa, FL. 5-18-99.
357. Charles B. Fowler, Jr., Washington Commandery No. 1,
East Hartford, CT. 6-11-99.
358. John H. Hendricks, Plantagenet Commandery No. 12,
Milledgeville, GA. 6-11-99.
359. Lyle Edward Letteer, Jr., Griffin Commandery No. 35,
Griffin, GA. 6-11-99.
360. Oswald Woodson Shelnutt, Griffin Commandery No. 35,
Griffin, GA. 6-11-99.
361. William A. Doran, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33,
Kankakee, IL. 6-11-99. (jewel and 2 bronze)
362. Donald K. New, Bedford Commandery No. 42,
Bedford, IN. 6-11-99. (jewel and 3 bronze)
363. Harold Wiler, Denver-Colorado Commandery No. 1,
Denver, CO. 6-24-99.
364. Joel Gunnells, Jr., Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 14,
Athens, GA. 6-24-99.
365. Ronald Jasper Coates, Dickson Commandery No. 41,
Dickson, TN. 6-28-99.
366. James E. Hughes, Apache Commandery No. 16,
Mesa, AZ. 7-1-99.

**Sir Knight And Mrs. Donald D Miller Receive Golden Chalicees
For Support of the K1ef Permanent Donor Fund**



At the annual meeting of New Jersey College, . MSRICF, held in Union, New Jersey, Sir Knight Thurman C. Pace, R.E.P.D.C., KGC, assisted by Sir Knight Robert Cave, R.E.G.C. (New York), KCT, presented Sir Knight Donald D. Pete" Miller, E.P.C., KCT, a golden chalice in recognition of his \$10,000 contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Permanent Donor Fund. A second golden chalice was given to Sir Knight Miller to present to his wife Virginia in recognition for her gift of \$10,000 to the above fund. The Millers were the third and fourth individuals to contribute \$10,000 to the new permanent donor fund.

Pictured from left to right are Sir Knights Cave, Pace, and Miller. It is interesting to note that Sir Knight Cave, IX', is Chief Adept of Long Island College; Sir Knight Miller, IX', is Chief Adept of New Jersey College; and Sir Knight Pace, IX', is Supreme Magus of the High Council of MSRICF for the U.S.A.

The Grand Encampment Of Knights Templar
Sponsors The Knights Templar
Christian Pilgrimage To The Holy Land Of Israel
November 30 - December 10, 1999

Please come and join Sir Knight Bill Jones, our Deputy Grand Master, and his Lady Lois on a wonderful Pilgrimage to Israel.

Package Price Includes

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Round-trip airfare New York/Chicago/Los Angeles to Tel Aviv, including international departure taxes
- All transfers and luggage handling in Israel
- First class hotel accommodations, double occupancy
- Three daily meals
- Hotel taxes and service charge
- Sightseeing in a deluxe motor coach with an English speaking, licensed tour guide
- Entrance fees to sites
- Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee
- St. Peters fish luncheon in Tiberias
- Roman-Toga evening meal and entertainment at the Cardo, Jerusalem
- Bedouin feast celebration including authentic meal and belly dancing show
- Farewell dinner on the last evening
- Not included: Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff

For further information please contact: Mr. Charles Neumann, (773) 777-3300 or AMI Travel, Inc., at address below; or telephone: (773) 777-4900 or (800) 821-8947; fax: (773) 777-4921.

Cost And Payment Schedule

Package price per person, double occupancy:

From New York-JFK - \$2,095 From Chicago-O'Hare - \$2,175 From Los Angeles-LAX - \$2,295

Single room supplement, if needed, add: \$425

Senior discounts (age 60+, spouses age 55+): please deduct \$69 per person

Deposit due with reservation: \$250 per person. Balance due: October 15, 1999

Note: All checks should be made payable to: AMI Travel, Inc. and mailed to: Knights Templar Holy Land Program; C/O AMI Travel, Inc.; 6200 N. Hiawatha Avenue, Suite 625; Chicago; IL 60646

Reservation Form

Knights Templar Pilgrimage to Israel, the Holy Land - Nov. 30-Dec. 10, 1999 *Circle your price per person, based on double occupancy: From New York-JFK: \$2,095*

From Chicago: 2,175 - From Los Angeles: 2,295

NAME (as appears on passport): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Telephone No. _____ Work Telephone No. _____

Name of roommate, if known _____

Date of birth _____ Passport No. _____ Issue date _____ Expire date _____

Name to be used on identification badge: _____

() Please confirm a single room supplement for an additional \$425.

Enclosed is my payment of \$250 per person. Balance due October 15, 1999. Please make checks payable to AMI Travel, Inc., and mail to: Knights Templar, C/O AMI Travel, Inc.; 6200 N. Hiawatha Avenue, Suite 625; Chicago; IL 60646. Senior discounts (age 60+, spouses 55+): **please deduct \$69 per person.**

CONNECTICUT TEMPLAR NEWS 135th Annual Ascension Day Observance

The Clark Commandery Association of New Haven Commandery No. 2 held its 135th Annual Ascension Day Observance in the Memorial Chapel at the Hillside Cemetery, Torrington, Connecticut. Seventy-four Sir Knights and Master Masons participated in this meaningful observance. Included in the group were six Past Grand Commanders, three Past Grand Masters, and Connecticut's Deputy Grand Master.

Knights Templar Educational Foundation Scholarships

During the Grand Assembly session banquet of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Connecticut, Knights Templar Educational Foundation scholarships were presented to six young women by Chairman, Sir Knight William L. Greene. In the picture, left to right, are: Christina Sheppard, Southington No. 27; Sarah Najda, Ansonia No. 8; Sarah Russo, Rockville No. 39; Sir Knight William L. Greene; Rebecca Leslie, Torrington No. 16; Jessica Thomas, Willimantic No. 26; and Bonnie Boychuck, Southington No. 27. (Picture and information provided by Sir Knight William L. Greene.)



SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER VISITS ILLINOIS MASONIC

Illinois Masonic Medical Center was recently honored by a visit from Robert O. Ralston, 33°, left, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He poses with Charles F. Gambill, 33°, chairman, IMMC Board of Trustees, who invited the Masonic leader to attend the trustees' meeting and to tour the medical center.



Rose Parade Float

The "Family of Freemasonry" float for 1999 was awarded the Lathrop K. Leishman Trophy for the "most beautiful entry by a non-commercial sponsor."

The float for the parade on January 1, 2000, will be a 50-foot high Statue of Liberty surrounded by a bed of floral flags. This float concept is compatible with the parade theme: "Celebration 2000 - Visions of the Future," and the float will be entitled "Liberty for All." Because of the nature of the float, there will be no riders. (from "Emessay Notes," July 1999, the Masonic Service Association of North America)

Nassau Commandery Wreath-Laying At Oyster Bay, New York

Shown at the wreath-laying at Theodore Roosevelt's tomb in Oyster Bay, New York, are, left to right: Sir Knight Art Wade; Reverend Juanita Hilsenbeck, pastor of Peoples Church, Long Beach, New York; and Sir Knight Walter Hilsenbeck, Commander of Nassau Commandery No. 73, Hicksville, New York. Sir Knights Art and Walt, both of Nassau Commandery No. 73, were part of the honor guard.



Wisconsin York Rite Festival Honors Grand Master James M. Ward

This spring M.E. Grand Master James M. Ward attended a York Rite Class held in his honor hosted by Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Left below: officers of the James Ward Class (Grand Master Ward is front center, third from right). Right below, left to right: Earl Blassington, G.H.P.; Willard Young, then G.C., Wisconsin; James Ward, M.E.G.M.; Brian Hudy, G.T.I.M.; candidate Paul Hurtz; Norman Christianson; Fred Goehring; and Rodney Paulson. Bottom, left: candidates of the James Ward Class, and bottom, right: Sir Knight Carl Lossie, 50-year member, Wisconsin Commandery No. 1, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who donated \$5,000 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



The Knights Templar and the Third Kings District Celebrate De Witt Clinton Day in Brooklyn

"Whereas, on April 24, 1999, the Third Kings Masonic District and the Empire - De Witt Clinton Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar of the state of New York, will hold a wreath-laying ceremony at Green- Wood Cemetery, in tribute to famed New York personage and statesman De Witt Clinton; and Whereas, on behalf of all Brooklynites, / salute the memory of New York Governor De Witt Clinton for his outstanding contributions to our great city, Now, therefore, I, Howard Golden, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1999 De Witt Clinton Day in Brooklyn."

On Saturday morning, April 24, 1999, as the sun shone brightly and the wind blew briskly, snapping the American flag and the Templar beauseant and banners; a procession of Knights Templar and Masons from the Third Kings District marched into the main gate of the Green-Wood Cemetery. As the procession made its way around the bend of Bayside Avenue toward plot 109 to pay homage to a great American and Mason, there standing in the brilliant rays of the sun was the De Witt Clinton monument.

This year the wreath-laying ceremony was co-sponsored by Empire - De Witt Clinton Commandery No. 14 and the Third Kings Masonic District. After the Invocation and "Pledge of Allegiance," the participants were welcomed and a brief history of De Witt Clinton's political as well as Masonic accomplishments was read. Afterward a proclamation from the Borough President of Brooklyn, the Honorable Howard Golden, was presented along with a letter from the Governor of New York, the Honorable George E. Pataki. The Zone Commander of Zone Two, Sir Knight Michael A. Perez, then detailed the first and second division of Knights Templar to form the lines in front of the Clinton monument. The wreath was carried through an arch of steel by the Grand Secretary and P.G.M., M.W. Gary A. Henningsen, and the R.E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of New York, Sir Knight and Reverend Robert J. Cave.

After the wreath had been set in place, M.W. Gary A. Henningsen gave an eloquent address to the participants and guests present. Among them were Sir Knight Charles Mendell, Grand

Generalissimo, and Sir Knight Albert McConnach, Grand Sentinell Grand Commandery of New York, and Mr. Norman M. Wechsler, Principal of De Witt Clinton High School. Also present were R.W. Joseph A. Quinones, the District Deputy Grand Master, and four presiding Masters of the Third Kings District.

After the ceremony was concluded, everyone present was invited to the Danish Athletic Club where Aurora Grata - Day Star Lodge No. 647 of the Third Kings District presented Mr. Norman M. Wechsler, principal of De Witt Clinton High School, with a De Witt Clinton Masonic Award for Community Service. The Master of Ceremony for the event was Sir Knight Alfonso Serrano, Commander of Empire - De Witt Clinton Commandery No. 14. This award is the highest award given to a non-Mason by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. Mr. Wechsler, who has been the principal of De Witt Clinton High School for the past six years, was recently reviewed by *US News* and *World Report* magazine as well as many New York City periodicals on his efforts in saving De Win Clinton High School from academic failure. The school in 1988 had the worst academic record in New York City because of its high dropout rate and below standard test scores. With the installation of Project Achieve and some dedicated administrators including Mr. Wechsler, De Win Clinton High School has since been ranked by *US News and World Report* magazine as one of the top 96 high schools in the nation.

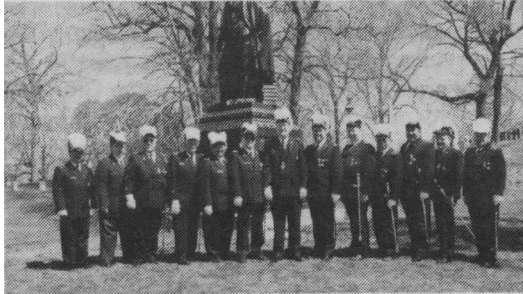
Also Aurora Grata - Day Star Lodge No. 647 presented several donations to some of the charitable organizations in the metropolitan area. Checks of \$1,000.00 each were donated to the following organizations: Mother Hale House, a hospice for children with AIDS; Gods Love We Deliver, a meals on wheels program for victims of AIDS and their children; the Global Relief Fund, which provides medical aid to children in war torn countries; and Mr. Wechsler's favorite charity, Habitat for Humanity, New York Chapter, which helps lower income families to become home owners. *On the following page are pictures of the wreath-laying and celebration.*



left) Sir Knights and Masons of the Third Kings Masonic District of Brooklyn, New York, on the march.

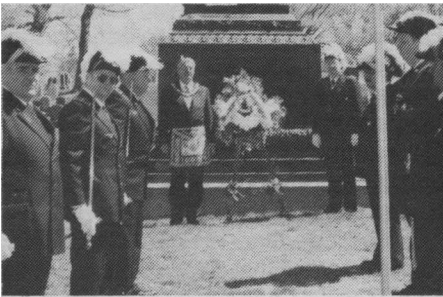


(right) Sir Knights and Masons of the district marching through the main gate of Green-Wood Cemetery, the final resting place of Most Worshipful Brother and Governor, De Will Clinton.

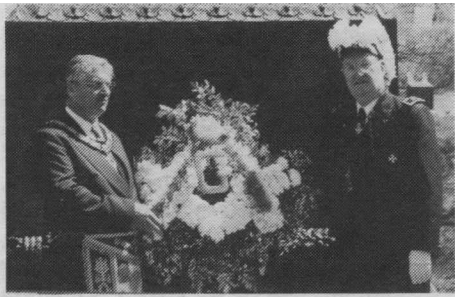


Sir Knight and Reverend Robert J. Cave (center), Grand Commander of New York State, with Sir Knights in front of the De Witt Clinton Monument.

Sir Knight De Will Clinton was the first Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.



(left) Sir Knight and Reverend Robert J. Cave, Grand Commander of New York, and M.W. Gary A. Henningsen, P.G.M. and G. Secretary, place a wreath in honor of Governor De Witt Clinton after



they passed through an arch of steel. (right) Sir Knight Cave and M.W. Henningsen with the wreath in front of the Clinton monument.



M.W. Henningsen presenting a De Witt Clinton Masonic Award for Community Service to Mr. Norman M. Wechsler, principal of De Will Clinton High School. From left: Sir Knight Alfonso Serrano, P.C., author of the essay on the De Will Clinton wreath-laying; Gary A. Henningsen, Mr. Norman Wechsler; and R.W. Joseph A. Quinones, District Deputy Grand Master, Third Kings District

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

CHAPTER V

Sixtieth Triennium, 1994-1997
(Continued)

Sir Knight Richardson said a "Good Morning" to the Sir Knights and ladies, ordered the Sir Knights to "uncover," and called on the Grand Prelate to "lead our devotions." When the prayer was completed by all reciting "The Lord's Prayer" in unison, Sir Knight Richardson gave the order to "re-cover" and then to be seated. He then welcomed the group and stated that if assistance was required by anyone, that person should contact any of the Sir Knights or ladies of Missouri. He then received and welcomed each of the officers of the Grand Encampment: Sir Knights: Herbert D. Sledd, H.P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence; Ernest I. Teter, R.E.D.C., Northwestern Department and R.E. Grand Marshal; W. Bruce Pruitt, R.E.D.C., Southwestern Department and R.E. Grand Sentinel; David Lee Hargett, Jr., R.E.D.C., Southeastern Department and R.E. Grand Warder; John Oscar Bond, R.E.D.C., Northeastern Department and R.E. Grand Sword Bearer; Jerry K. Thomas, R.E.D.C., North Central Department and R.E. Grand Standard Bearer; James Cavaness Taylor, R.E.D.C., South Central Department and R.E. Grand Junior Warden; Russell P. Livermore, R.E.D.C., East Central Department and R.E. Grand Senior Warden; Donald Hinslea Smith, M.E.P.G.M. and R.E. Grand Prelate; Charles Richard Neumann, R.E. Grand Recorder; Edmund Ferdinand Ball, H.P.G.M. and R.E.P.G.T.; Sam E. Hilburn, R.E. Grand Treasurer; Marvin Edward Fowler, M.E.P.G.M.; Ned Eugene Dull, M.E.P.G.M.; Kenneth Bernard Fischer, R.E. Grand Captain General; William

Jackson Jones,, R.E. Grand Generalissimo; and James Morris Ward, R.E. Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Commander Richardson then called the group to attention and introduced "Sir Knight Blair Christy Mayford, the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America." He then stated to the Grand Master, "Most Eminent Sir, I present to you the ladies and the Sir Knights of your 60th Triennial Conclave."

Grand Master Mayford expressed his pleasure and welcomed all present, he thanked Sir Knight Richardson, and stated, Harold, you and your officers are dismissed."

Sir Knight Neumann introduced the guests (see CHAPTER VI, FEATURES OF TRIENNIAL CONCLAVES), then the state flags in the Flag Ceremony. Following remarks by the distinguished guests who were not members, the Grand Master invited the Grand Master of Masons of Missouri to speak, and following his remarks, called the Public Opening concluded and declared a 15-minute recess until 11:15A.M.

Following the recess, the Grand Recorder asked that the *Proceedings* of the 59th Triennial Conclave be approved; there was a second and approval. The Grand Master asked for a preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, to which Sir Knight Joe N. Randall, P.G.C., Kansas, reported a total of 49 Grand Commanderies represented, with 430 voting delegates and 115 nonvoting delegates.

In his Allocation, the Grand Master stated that he considered his MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP program to be a qualified success for the purpose was "to slow down the rate of loss" of membership. He cited statistics to show that

about 5,000 fewer members had been lost during this triennium than in either the 58th Triennium or 59th Triennium. He also cited several Sir Knights who had been active in the Encampment in past years who had passed on to be with the Supreme Architect of the Universe. He complimented the Sir Knights who had been active in the three philanthropic ventures of the organization: the Educational Foundation, the Templar Eye Foundation, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Two of the "highlights" of his term of office he said were the 10th Crusade and his visit to Lima, Peru, where he "Knighted 72 Sir Knights, and issued a U. D. Charter to Lima Commandery, U.D., April 2, 1997." Under, "AUTHORIZATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS" he stated "I authorized that the History of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, updated through the 60th triennium, by Sir Knight Jacob C. Baird, Past Grand Commander, Missouri, and the Committee on Knights Templar History, be printed as soon as Sir Knight Baird and his committee complete the final part of this 60th Triennial Conclave."

In an ADDENDUM to his Allocution which, for obvious reasons, was not presented until the Grand Master's Banquet on Tuesday night, Grand Master Mayford stated:

"Sir Knight B. J. Boyer, I am asking you and your Lady Elizabeth to escort Sir Knight Vern H. Schneider and his Lady Nada Sue; Sir Knight William H. Koon, his Lady Vivian; Sir Knight Robert E. Price, his Lady Nancy to the podium. For services that each of the four of you have rendered to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, I hereby announce and declare each of you elevated to the rank of Honorary Past Department Commander. I present each of you, your jewels of office, and ask your ladies to invest you with these jewels. My heartiest congratulations to each of you. The microphone is yours if any wish to speak.

"Sir Knight Charles, will you approach the podium and receive this addendum?

Chuck, before I present you with this Addendum and with Lady Karla at your side, I thank both of you for all that you have done for Dorella and me this past three years. The two of you have gone out of your way to make our three years a lot easier. For the years of service you have rendered to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America as Grand Recorder and by the authority and power in me invested, I hereby appoint and make you an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Chuck, my heartiest congratulations. Chuck, the microphone is yours."

The report of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters started with "Stability prevails! The durability of the magnificent ritual for the Orders of the Commandery is again demonstrated. During this triennium, your committee has not received any communications in writing suggesting or proposing modifications in the ritual..." The committee also "applauded" the use of Schools of Instruction and Commandery Workshops to improve "ritualistic endeavors." It showed concern about the fact that an insufficient number of members are stepping forward and volunteering to undertake "to commit to memory the more lengthy passages of ritual."

Included in the report: "Although there has been no follow-up in writing to this committee, we note this comment from a Sir Knight to the effect that the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross does not belong with the other two Orders. A detailed reaction is not needed. To tear down that which has stood the test of time and is a part of our Masonic heritage would be tantamount to succumbing to anti-Masonry. On guard, Sir Knights." The fact that a member of the committee, Sir Knight T. Olin Gore, Past Grand Commander of Mississippi, had died during the triennium was also noted. The report was submitted by the Chairman, James H. Cockerham, P.G.C., Missouri, and the remaining member Robert C. Kraus., P.G.C., North Carolina.

William Joseph Ryland, National President
National Sojourners, Inc.-1999-2000

Born on January 30, 1937 in Selma, Alabama, Sir Knight Ryland graduated from the Marion Military Institute high school in Marion, Alabama, in 1955; received a B.S. degree from Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, 1960 and a M.A. degree from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1969, and is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He served in the United States, Germany, had two tours of Vietnam and retired as Lieutenant Colonel. He then worked for the U.S. Treasury Dept. and retired from Civil Service.



He was Raised to Master Mason, 1965, and served in most Blue Lodge offices. He expects to be Master of Rosemead Lodge No. 457, Rosemead, California, in 2001. He is a member of Pasadena Scottish Rite Bodies, Pasadena, California, and is serving as an officer in the Rose Croix. Sir Knight Ryland is currently working as a floor officer in each of the three York Rite bodies. Other Masonic affiliations include: York Rite College; Allied Masonic Degrees; Temple City High Twelve Club, President in 1989; National Masonic Postal Chess Club, treasurer since 1991; Al Mlaikah Shrine Temple, Los Angeles, President of mini-car parade unit; Royal Order of Scotland; Robert the Bruce Association; Temple Forest No. 136, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; and Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 143, San Gabriel, California, Job's Daughters.

Sir Knight Ryland joined National Sojourners in 1970 and is a Past President of Arrowhead Chapter No. 421 and Past Commander of Abraham Swartout Camp, Heroes of '76. He was regional Representative for Kansas and later for Southern California, East; he has served National Sojourners as chairman of the Membership Committee, chairman of the National Education and Training Committee, and was a member of the National Americanism Committee. He was elected to NASOCOCO and to the Committee of 33.

Sir Knight Ryland and his wife Katie have been married for thirty-four years and have one son and one daughter.

Other National Line Officers: June 1999-June 2000: President-elect, Col. Charles E. McNoldy, Manassas, VA; First Vice President, Lt.C. Norman R. Snyder, Mobile, AL; Second Vice President, Lt.C. Elliott B. Samuels, San Antonio, TX; Third Vice President, Lt.C. Timothy A. Horan, Jr., Culver City, CA; Secretary-Treasurer, Maj. Nelson O. Newcombe, Alexandria, VA; Chaplain, 1 Lt. Edward H. Aldridge, Las Vegas, NV; Judge Advocate, B.G. Raymond A. Thomas, Bristol, RI; Historian, Lt.C. Peter W. Pedrotti; Surgeon, Capt. George S. M. Cowan, Memphis, TN; National Commander, L.C.D.R. John A. Linendoll, Oxnard, CA.

Northern California DeMolay Shows Off Its P.R.I.D.E.

Each year Northern California DeMolay sponsors its P.R.I.D.E. Ritual Competition, and this year the location was at the Stockton Masonic Temple. PRIDE stands for "Perfect Ritual Improves DeMolay Everyday," and it has become the standard by which the Chapters judge their ritual performances all during the year. The one-day competition gives them an opportunity to "show off" their skills to their Brothers as well as to a panel of evaluators. They can win very impressive trophies and certificates as well as receive lots of good, constructive comments that will assist them in improving their ritual efforts. It was another great P.R.I.D.E. competition for Northern California DeMolay!

Brother James Hilton Stuart: Appalachian Literary Giant

by Dr. Ivan M Tribe KYCH, 32.

Appalachia is that portion of the - Eastern United States that some folks have characterized "hillbilly country." It extends from southern New York to northeast Mississippi, but its heartland is eastern Kentucky and Tennessee, West Virginia, southwestern Virginia, and western North Carolina. Will Wallace Harney, one of the first to write about the area, referred to it and its inhabitants as "a strange land and a peculiar people." While the stereotypes of Appalachian backwardness created by Hollywood and cartoons are an exaggeration, there have been those who attempted realistic literary interpretations of the Southern Highlands." One of the most astute of these writers, Brother Jesse Hilton Stuart of Greenup County, Kentucky, is the subject of this sketch.

The man who became Appalachia's leading literatus was born near Greenup on August 8, 1906 (or 1907). Like most people of eastern Kentucky, the Stuarts were poor. Jesse's father, Mitchell Stuart, worked occasionally at mining coal but usually as an impoverished tenant farmer. During World War, he got a labor job on the railroad at four dollars a day. This enabled him to save enough to buy fifty acres of land. Jesse and his brother James labored with their dad to help scratch a living from the soil. Although Mitch Stuart was illiterate and his wife Martha had only a second grade education, both parents endeavored to inspire their children with a desire for schooling. Getting even a high school education in that part of Kentucky in those days took some real effort, but Jesse managed to graduate from Greenup High several weeks before his 20th birthday. The most beneficial experience in those days came from the encouragement he received from an English teacher, Mrs. Hatton.

That September Stuart enrolled in Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee. He labored at various jobs in order to pay his way and keep eating. He continued receiving encouragement - this time from English professor H. H. Kroll - to continue developing his writing skills. While there, Jesse met James Still, another aspiring mountain author. Stuart also edited the school paper and began publishing poems in small magazines. He managed to earn a B.A. degree, graduating in 1929.

That fall Stuart began his teaching career. Actually, he had a term back when he was eighteen, in a one room school, and had not finished high school. In that situation he had to whip the school bully in order to gain respect. In his new assignment, Stuart found himself the sole high school teacher in a remote one-room high school that had only fourteen students at a salary of one hundred dollars monthly. The following year he became principal at Greenup High only four years after his own graduation from the same school. Although the school year went quite well, the board decided not to rehire him because he asked for a salary increase to \$1,500 annually. Jesse spent the following year at Vanderbilt where he did graduate study with that group of writers known as the Fugitives, particularly Professor Donald Davidson. Although Stuart never finished his M.A. degree, a manuscript he prepared there was later published as the autobiographical work, *Beyond Dark Hills*.

Back in Greenup County, the local county board of education hired Jesse Stuart as county superintendent. There followed a year of controversy as Stuart's ideas were somewhat ahead of their time. The twenty-six-year-old executive then decided to avoid

another squabble by taking a position as principal at McKell High in South Shore, opposite Portsmouth on the Ohio River.

From 1933 to 1937 Jesse spent four fairly satisfying years at South Shore. The big problems there involved such things as figuring out a way to keep the team's star football player on the field when he had a tendency to bite opposing players. He solved the problem by having the boy wear a catcher's mask during football games.

During those years in South Shore, Jesse Hilton Stuart also took his Masonic work. He received his Entered Apprentice degree in Harrison Fullerton Lodge No. 937 on October 28, 1935; was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on January 13, 1936, and was raised a Master Mason on March 4, 1936. After fifteen years he demitted to Greenup Lodge No. 89, where he retained membership until his death.

In that same period Stuart also began to be taken seriously as a literary figure. In 1934 his short story "Kentucky Hill Dance" first appeared in *The New Republic*. His poems had already appeared in such literary journals as *The Virginia Quarterly Review*, but after the publication of his book of poetry, *Man With a Bull-Tongue Plow*, his reputation as a serious man of verse soared. In 1936 his first book of short stories, *Head O' W-Hollow*, appeared, further enhancing his literary persona and enabling him to spend a year in Scotland on a Guggenheim Fellowship. Perhaps following the lead of American literary critic Mark Van Doren, the Scots often compared his poems to those of literary hero and fellow Mason, Robert Burns.

Back in Greenup County in 1938, Stuart found school politics in more controversy than ever, but finally he stepped out of it by taking a position as a remedial English instructor at Portsmouth High School in Ohio. In 1939 he decided to leave teaching and attempt to earn his living by a combination of sheep farming and his literary endeavors, including touring and public speaking. He also married Naomi Dean Norris that October following a lengthy courtship. Over the next few years he published his autobiographical work, *Beyond Dark Hills*; another short story collection, *Men of the Mountains*; and two novels, *Trees of*



Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stuart, courtesy of the Jesse Stuart Foundation

Heaven in 1940 and his best known work, *Taps for Private Tussie*, in 1943. The latter became his best known book being a Book-of-the-Month Club selection, and eventually it became a popular motion picture as well. It concerns a down-and-out mountain family who squanders the military insurance money of a soldier relative who was presumably killed in the war but who eventually turns up very much alive. Although satirical, the book's tone angered some people because of the way certain characters were portrayed. The success of *Taps for Private Tussie* ended Stuart's monetary concerns that had hitherto plagued his life.

Probably because of wartime shortages, Stuart came back to Greenup High School as superintendent from the fall of 1942 until March of 1944, when he was inducted into the U.S. Navy. The writer spent the remainder of the war in Washington, D.C., writing training manuals. Returning to Kentucky at the end of 1945, Stuart continued his career of writing, turning out a number of short stories, poems, and novels. His most significant work in the immediate postwar years, *The Thread That Runs so True* (1949), recounted his teaching experiences in detail with some name and place changes. The latter were but thinly disguised. For instance, Greenup County becomes Greenwood, McKell High becomes Maxwell, Portsmouth becomes Dartmouth, Ironton becomes Toniron, and Ashland

becomes Auckland. Popular as reading for future teachers as well as its literary quality, the book has remained continuously in print for a half century.

Jesse Stuart spent his remaining years continuing to write and lecture, and on occasion he'd return to teaching. Except for a year (1956-1957) back at McKell High as principal, most of his teaching now consisted of summer terms as a visiting professor at various colleges and universities. A heart attack slowed him down for a year after October 1954. By this time Stuart began to get some recognition as a literary figure. In 1954 he was recognized as Poet Laureate of Kentucky, Governor Lawrence Weatherby declared October 15 to be Jesse Stuart Day, and in 1958 he was honored on the Network TV show "This Is Your Life." He spent 1960-1961 teaching at the American University in Cairo, Egypt.

Back in the Bluegrass State, Stuart spent two years as Author in Residence at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. During the fifties and sixties he turned out eight children's books as well as novels, short stories, and poems. Two novels are unusual in that they had settings outside of Kentucky. *Daughter of the Legend* (1965) dealt with the Melungeons of East Tennessee, and *The Land Beyond the River* (1973) was concerned with food stamp and welfare fraud in Appalachian Ohio.

As Jesse began to age and his health became more precarious, he started to think about his legacy. In 1960 he donated his papers to Murray State University. In 1978 a stroke rendered him an invalid. In 1979 the Jesse Stuart Foundation was formed, and in 1980 it received the right to administer his literary works. That same year he donated his farm to the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a nature preserve. These actions proved fortunate because another stroke in May 1982 left him helpless. On February 17, 1984, the once powerful school teacher, who had to initially win respect with his fists, passed to "the celestial lodge above," nearly forty-eight years after being raised a Master Mason.

As a literary figure, Jesse Stuart has been increasingly considered a major American author. Like all writers, he has been criticized,



*Brother Stuart with his cocker spaniel
Courtesy of the Jesse Stuart Foundation*

a major criticism being his unquestioning acceptance of most traditional values. While a strong advocate of increased expenditures for education, he also wished to emphasize character development. One of his most memorable quotes is: "I'd rather have a C student with an A character than to have an A student with a C character." One suspects that Stuart would not be pleased with the value-free education that prevails in many public schools today. While Jesse Stuart's busy career as a teacher and writer probably prevented him from being particularly active in Masonic Lodge work in his forty-eight years as a Mason, he nonetheless managed to exemplify in his chosen professions what our venerable fraternity is all about: to make good men better ones.

Note: A good critical study of Stuart as man and writer is Harold Richardson's, Jesse: The Biography of an American Writer, Jesse Hilton Stuart (1984). A shorter work of value is by Jerry Herndon & George Brosi, Jesse Stuart, The Man and His Books (1988). The photographs are courtesy of James Gifford, head of the Jesse Stuart Foundation, P.O. Box

391, Ashland, Kentucky. For his Masonic record, I am indebted to the staff of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

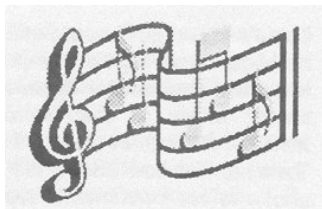
Thanks, also, to Abby Gail Goodnite for preparation of the manuscript.

Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 32°, a professor of history at the University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Ohio, is Eminent Commander of Athens Commandery No. 15, Athens, Ohio. He resides at 111 East High Street, McArthur, OH 45651-1111



Hal Kemp: Premier Musical Stylist - Part II

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



Hal was recording regularly for a number of labels in 1931, most of them long since faded from memory. His band recorded under twenty or more pseudonyms in the early 1930s to avoid contractual complications, a common practice of the day. Brunswick Records became his first major recording company, followed eventually by Victor Records. Some of the extinct labels they recorded with included Okeh, Harmony, Parlophone, Banner, Crown, Conqueror, plus a list too long to complete. Hal launched a recording career, which eventually would exceed 500 discs, including 400-plus retail records, transcriptions, and recorded live broadcasts. Kemp was a recording anomaly as a hotel-styled band.

The year of 1932 marked the emergence of Hal Kemp as the leader of a nationally-acclaimed dance orchestra. In June he signed a long-term contract with Victor Records before opening for a multiyear engagement at Chicago's elegant Blackhawk Restaurant. Forever after, owner Don Roth proclaimed Hal his favorite all-time band leader. Even more important was the national debut of the band's new and innovative styling, a product of Hal's great musical leadership. He had started to rehearse a new style before coming to Chicago. His new musical home, with abundant nationwide broadcast time over station WGN in Chicago, would provide an audience for his revamped sound; plus the time to perfect it.

Hal and John Scott Trotter created an entirely new musical library of arrangements centered around a new reed styling. Complicated saxophone patterns with Hal's alto and low-register clarinet leading the

section became the brilliant, swirling, essence of the style. With the clarinets playing very softly through cheer-leading megaphones, Hal produced a low, mellow reed effect unique to dance arrangements. The results were dramatic, perfected by grueling rehearsals for many months. The mellow reed sound was supplemented by cup-muted trumpets, playing staccato, double-tongued triplets; adding yet another spicy dimension to the music. The great Earl Geiger was Hal's trumpet ace, one of the most articulate brass instrumentalists in the business and a legendary 'slur" stylist. All of those musical accents were enclosed in a musical-arrangement package which offered a lovely disciplined sound to dancing America. The patrons adored it. Kemp was the darling of the college crowd, playing over 400 proms during his sixteen-year orchestral career and ranked as a perennial leader among America's dance bands.

No less popular than the instrumental music were the vocal stylings of Edgar "Skinnay" Ennis. Slender as a willow, he sang in an intimate, breathless style which made him one of America's most popular band vocalists. History has nearly forgotten that he was the band's unobtrusive drummer. In 1933 singer Bob Allen joined the Kemp family, but he was forever under the shadow of the great Skinnay Ennis. With a fine voice and substantial formal training, Allen, nevertheless, became a mainstay of the orchestra. The band's first female singer was a pretty, volatile redhead named Deane Janis. Her charming and disciplined voice is preserved on some of the 1933-34 Kemp classics. My own personal favorites were



Deane Janis, 1935
Courtesy of Thomas D. Kemp III

"Boulevard of Broken Dreams" and "In A Little Second-Hand Store." Those gems also provide memorable examples of the great Earl Geiger trumpet solos.

In 1935 lovely Maxine Grey replaced Deane Janis to become a major contributor to the recording history of the band until late in 1937. She was featured during the most

prolific and successful years that great band performed. Inevitably, personnel changes occurred as time passed. John Scott Trotter, Hal's excellent pianist-arranger, departed on January 1, 1936, to direct singer Bing Crosby's musical activity, with Hal's blessing. Trumpeter Earl Geiger; a fast-living, heavy drinker; bowed out in August 1936 to be replaced by Clayton Cash of the Henry Busse band. Earl's departure was a major loss for Kemp. It was a difficult task for Cash to adapt to Geiger's controlled, intimate style and his meticulous section-work. However, after a few months, Cash mastered the difficult lead trumpet chores. Trotter was replaced at the keyboard by Cecil Van Nordstrand, a skilled pianist who more than fulfilled Kemp's piano requirements. Arranging duties, though, increased for Kemp and several freelance arrangers, one of whom was Claude Thornhill. Trotter left behind fond memories of his own great arrangements; primarily, "Got A Date With An Angel," Hal's biggest hit. John Scott received a \$5,000 bonus for that job.

Hal Kemp's busy professional life permitted little recreation or outside activity. One which drew considerable attention in 1935 was a large public ceremony in New York City. Hal received the Order of DeMolay Legion of Honor on October 29, together with one of his musicians, saxophonist



Bob Allen Maxine Grey, and Hal Kemp, 1937 Courtesy of Thomas D. Kemp III

Horace "Saxy" Dowell; a former DeMolay in Raleigh, North Carolina. Presiding over the impressive ceremony was Illustrious Frank S. Land,³³⁰ the founder of the order.

Hal Kemp's Masonic lodge affiliation is unknown. His brother T. D. recalled sitting in lodge with Hal and affirmed that he was a Freemason, but none of Hal's membership records survived with the Kemp memorabilia. Inquiries to the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, and North Carolina failed to provide the answer, so it remains a mystery. 1. D. was a member of his father's North Carolina lodge, Excelsior No. 261, having been Raised on May 8, 1933. Hal did not hold membership in Excelsior Lodge, but he was a DeMolay in Charlotte during his high school days.

Hal's first marriage in 1932 was to Margaret Elizabeth Slaughter, daughter of a prominent Dallas, Texas family. To that union were born two children, Sally Rush Kemp and Hal, Jr. The marriage ended in divorce in 1938, due to the complications of constant travel and professional demands. Hal married the second time to

Martha Stephenson, a New York socialite. Martha flew to Pittsburgh for the ceremony in January 1939, where Hal's orchestra was playing at the William Penn Hotel. A daughter Helen was born to that marriage. She was only a few months old when Hal died in December 1940.

Kemp was financially independent by 1936, when he decided to buy a permanent home for his little family. He acquired a large estate near Morristown, New Jersey, called Denbrook Lodge. Hal was never able to spend any appreciable time there, actually only five weeks over the four years prior to his death. He was the personification of a southern gentleman, tall and slender, with a delightful drawl. His genial, relaxed speech and elegant appearance were great assets in his role as master of ceremonies for numerous sponsored radio programs. Handsome and urbane, Hal exuded southern charm. His immaculate personal grooming was echoed by the meticulous and accommodating attitude his musicians displayed to the public. He did not use alcohol, a tradition he developed during



Hal Kemp Orchestra, 1936, left to right: standing: Hal Kemp; front: Phil Fent (g), Bob Allen (vo), Harold Dankers (as), Ben Williams (as/bar), Saxy Dowell (ts); second row: C. A. Van Nordstrand (p), Skinnay Ennis (d), Earl Geiger (tpt), Clayton Cash (tpt), Russ Case (tpt), Wendell Mayhew (tb), Eddie Kusby (tb); rear: Jack Shirra (b). Courtesy of T. D. Kemp, Jr.



Skinnay Ennis, 1950
Courtesy of Jack Lomas

his parental training. Hal's mother, Lelia Kemp, was an active prohibitionist all her married life.

Generosity was another of Hal Kemp's fine personal traits. Grateful for his own success and the help he had received from friends, Hal assisted several band leaders to launch their own orchestral careers. Among them were Kay Kyser, Nye Mayhew, Johnny Long, and Saxy Dowell. He negotiated Skinnay Ennis' contract with comedian Bob Hope in 1937, assuring that Skinnay's new band on the "Bob Hope Pepsodent Show" would be guaranteed musical employment the year around. Skinnay carved a long, successful career in radio before he died tragically in 1963. He choked to death while having lunch at Lawry's Restaurant in Hollywood. Another tragedy among the Kemp alumni was that of singer Nan Wynn. She was with the band from May to November 1939, when she departed to join the Raymond Scott Orchestra. Nan died by her own hand in

1941, despondent over a disfiguring facial cancer which ruined her career.

Hal's formidable radio history listed many commercial sponsors. Among his successful programs over the years were those sponsored by Chesterfield Cigarettes, Quaker Oats, Gulf Oil Company, Lady Esther Cosmetics, Griffin Shoe Polish, Lavena Soap, Macy's Department Store in New York City, and the General Shoe Company. In addition to sponsored radio programming, Hal's band was filmed frequently for movie features produced in 1936 through 1939.

In 1939 several longtime side men left the band namely: Clayton Cash, his lead trumpet; Eddie Kusby, veteran lead trombonist; and Saxy Dowell. Pianist-arranger Hal Mooney was hired when Cecil Van Nordstrand retired because of illness, but the arrangement was soon altered. Mooney was relieved of pianist duties in order to devote full time to arranging. Several pianists worked briefly before Lou Busch was hired. Busch later gained renown as Joe "Fingers" Carr. He was a polished instrumentalist and arranger, and Lou stayed with Kemp until the end. The band's most talented newcomer was Randy Brooks, the replacement for Clayton Cash. One of the most gifted trumpeters in music, he provided a superb addition to Hal's arrangements.

Hal's earnings were the highest of his career the last two years of his life, but he had tired of dance-band music. His longtime desire was to play classical music, and he was developing plans to form a semi-classical symphonic orchestra in 1941. Kemp had signed a contract to appear as guest conductor with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in June 1941 to begin the transition. Those plans were never destined to achieve fruition.

Ending an engagement at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles, the band was scheduled to open at the Hotel Mark Hopkins in San Francisco on December

20, 1940. Originally, Hal and his wife Martha planned to drive together from Los Angeles to San Francisco and take baby Helen with them. Helen's slight fever, which seemed to be developing into a cold, altered their plans at the last minute. Martha remained in Los Angeles, planning to fly to San Francisco later. After closing at the Coconut Grove, Hal started the trip with saxophonist, Ken LaBahn, as a passenger. He was driving his new 1940 Lincoln Continental northward through the fog when the accident occurred near Madera. LaBahn was uninjured when the left side of Hal's car absorbed the impact. As previously stated, Hal's injuries were not deemed life-threatening at first.

Hal dictated a telegram to his parents to inform them of the accident before they might hear it on the radio news. Nevertheless, Thomas Kemp boarded a train for Madera, California. He was in Kansas City when he was notified that Hal had expired. The family and the entire country were shocked by the news release. Bob Allen served as temporary leader for the band when they opened on schedule at the Mark Hopkins. Skinnay Ennis and John Scott Trotter arranged to alternate leading the band temporarily, pending permanent arrangements. Hal's manager, Alex Holden, soon entered into negotiations with MCA, the band's booking agent, wrestling with plans to fulfill their contractual engagements.

In the meantime, Hal's remains were returned to Charlotte for the funeral and interment. The Rev. Dr. Loy Thompson officiated at the ceremony, attended by a huge throng of mourners, including a host of entertainment and musical personalities. Hal's favorite hymn, Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," was the musical centerpiece of the memorial service. Included among the host of musical mourners attending Hal's funeral were Rudy Vallee, Fred Waring, Leibert Lombardo, Sonny Werblin, and virtually all of the alumni of the elegant Hal Kemp Orchestra. Burial was in Charlotte's beautiful Forest Lawn Cemetery in the Kemp family section. Hal's simple grave marker displays the legend:



Hal Kemp, 1935
Courtesy of Thomas D. Kemp III

"Hal Kemp, born Marion, Alabama, March 27, 1904 - died December 21, 1940. Under the historical message are the words, 'None knew you but to love you.'"

The personnel remnants of the band were eventually taken over by singer-guitarist, Art Jarrett. He purchased the Kemp musical library in an arrangement with Hal's widow. The attempt to perpetuate the elegant Kemp style survived about a year, and the Art Jarrett Orchestra faded from public view. The Hal Kemp Orchestra was gone forever. Over the years there were many who emulated all or portions of the Kemp style, but none could duplicate his impeccable musical performance. If there is truth in the saying that imitation is the most sincere expression of praise, Hal Kemp's music was universally revered.

T. D. Kemp continued to be a major talent booking agent on the east coast. With headquarters in Charlotte, he represented Keith Theater circuit for years and handled

engagements for scores of major musical entertainers into the 1990s. His newspaper column for the *Charlotte Observer* enjoyed national recognition for many years, too. T. D. never actually retired until his health failed a year or two before his death. Plagued with heart problems late in life, those complications finally caused the demise of a distinguished gentleman and a cherished friend of this author. T. D. passed away in Charlotte on December 30, 1993, a decade after losing his beloved Edith. They had been married fifty-four years.

With the demise of T. D., Jr., the last member of the Thomas Kemp family passed to their reward. They left a legacy of refinement and family morality, as well as some of the very finest popular music of the Big Band Era. Every one of the family made his own contribution to that legacy in some role. They were outstanding American citizens. We, as Freemasons, are proud of their contributions and the honor it reflects on the Fraternity. Above all, we shall not hear the likes of Hal Kemp's music again.

REFERENCE AND SOURCE MATERIAL

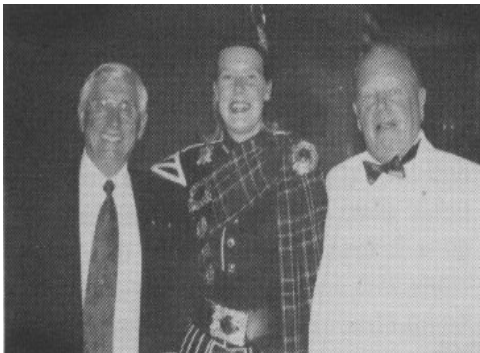
WILLIAM R. DENSLOW: *10,000 Famous Freemasons*, Vol. II, Pub: Missouri Lodge of Research, 1960
 T. D. KEMP, JR.: *People, Places and Perceptions*, Privately published autobiography, Charlotte, N.C., 1993

WILLIAM H. MILLER: *The First Great Ocean Liners*, Pub: Dover Publications, Inc., Mineola, New York, 1984
 GEORGE T. SIMON: *The Big Bands*, Pub: The MacMillan Company, New York, N.Y., 1967
 PAUL SPECHT: *How They Became Big Bands*, Pub: Fine Arts Publications, New York, N.Y., 1941 (private publication)
The Magic of Music, Pub: Monarch Syndicate, New York, N.Y., 1923 and 1931 (private publication)
 LEO WALKER: *The Big Band Almanac*, Pub: Vinewood Enterprises, Inc., Hollywood, California, 1978

MISCELLANEOUS:

Biographical annotator notes from Hindsight Records:
 Dave Dexter, Jr., Sherman Oaks, California
 Brad McCuen, RCA Victor
 Interviews with T. D. Kemp, Jr., 1988, 1989, 1991
 Archives of the Kemp family
 Archives of the Grand Lodge of New York
 Archives of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina
 Archives of the Grand Lodge of Illinois
 Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33°, FPS, and P. D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, is a member of Holy Grail Commandery No. 70, Lakewood, Ohio. For correspondence: P.O. Box 2735, Bandera, TX 78003.

Royal Order Of Scotland In Utah Welcomes Bagpiper



The picture was taken at a recent Royal Order of Scotland meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. On the left is Harry Reich of Salt Lake City, immediate P.G.C. and P.G.M. of Utah. The young lady bagpiper is Lyssa Haldeman of Ogden, Utah; she piped the head table in. On the right is Fred Lange of Pullman, Washington. Lange, KYCH, is presently High Priest and Illustrious Master of Pullman Chapters.

Sir Knight Reich is the Grand Representative to the three York Rite bodies of Washington, and Sir Knight Lange is the Grand Representative to the three York Rite bodies of Utah and a 50-year member of the Utah Scottish Rite.



DeMolay ON THE WEB

How is the internet significant to DeMolay? Not only is it a very important vehicle for information dissemination, it is also a great way for DeMolay members, potential DeMolay members, parents of potential members, the media and the general public to learn more about DeMolay.

DeMolay International's web site has grown tremendously since its inception four years ago. Currently, there are well over a hundred functional and user friendly pages of in-depth information on a host of DeMolay subjects. Among the variety of subjects one

may browse are DeMolay's mission, the history of DeMolay and the DeMolay Hall of Fame; which includes biographical information on Hall of Fame members. Forms to assist with chapter administration are available for downloading as well. One can also find information about the DeMolay International Alumni Association and its activities. The entire DeMolay and More Store catalog is also available online. It offers an array of quality DeMolay items ranging from super T-shirts, luggage, jackets, rings, caps, and all sorts of special gift selections. You can even arrange for engravings and foil stamping for the DeMolay items you order.

Some of the more functional features of the web site include the monthly press releases and the DeMolay Newsletter. DeMolay statistics and information about appendant organizations such as mothers and parents' groups is also available.

There are links to Jurisdictions and Chapters throughout the country. One can even find information and a link for the Masonic Renewal Committee. All things considered, DeMolay's web site allows for a variety of exploration.

What is in store for the future? DeMolay's web site is constantly expanding and evolving, so check back often to see what's going on with the premier youth organization dedicated to teaching young men to be better persons and leaders. If you would like to become part of creating *Tomorrow's Leaders Today!*, please contact:

DeMolay International
111200 N. Executive Hills Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64153-1367 or
call (816) 891-8333 e-mail
DeMolay@DeMolay.org or
check out our web site at:
www.demolay.org





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.

For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, finest quality available: 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; 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 go 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: 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.*

Appomattox Commandery No. 6, Petersburg, Virginia, is growing, and we need swords. Can you help us? We will answer all letters. *Appomattox Commandery No. 6, 115 South Sycamore Street, Pettersburg, VA 23803.*

For sale: Knight Templar chapeau, size 7⁵/₈, with rain cover and case, in excellent condition. *Bill Clyde, RD. 5, Box 325, Franklin, PA 16323, (B 14) 677-6601.*

Wanted: chapeau, size 7/8 or 7³/₄. Send letter with price/condition to *G. W. Robinson, P.O. Box 206, Murrayville, GA 30564, (770) 536-1195 or fax (770) 287-8137.*

For sale: Knight Templar sword, V.G.C.: \$125; Knight Templar ring, size 9, 1,2 at., c.z., in top, L.N.: \$275; Scottish Rite ring, double headed eagle on both sides with 112 at., c.z., in top, L.N. *Sumner M. Koch, 561 Cramer Road, Lucasville, OH 45648, (740) 259-5774.*

For sale: sterling silver Templar tea spoon, 1892 Silver Triennial Conclave of Colorado Grand Commandery. it is truly a handsome keepsake: \$18.00, o.b.o., plus \$2.00 postage. You may send S.A.S.E. for a scanned image. *Jess*

Peters, 710 El Rio, North Pod, FL 34287-2557; e-mail je781e72@aol.com

Wanted for cash: all 10k and 14k, Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Commander jewels, older items preferred, for my personal collection and for needy Companions and Sir Knights. Above gold prices paid. *Ron York, P.C.; 124 Topaz Drive; Franklin Park; NJ 08823-1617; (732) 297-2030, evenings; e-mail budyork@eclipse.net*

Books wanted for Masonic memorial library. Moreno Valley Masonic Lodge No. 804, Moreno Valley, California, has established the Fred W. Scurlock Masonic Memorial Library to serve southern California. If you would like to donate books on Masonry and receive recognition in the form of a bookplate, we can reimburse you for book rate postage plus insurance. If you want to sell your books on Masonry, call first (909) 242-9068, *Librarian Arthur Philamalee* or write *Moreno Valley Masonic Lodge No. 804, Librarian, P.O. Box 444, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-0444.*

Wanted: globes for outside Masonic Temple sign, glass or plastic: Lodge, Chapter, Council, and stars; 4-inch neck, 12-inch size, with flat sides. *A. M. Reider, 1342 Clark Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402, (419) 352-5316.*

Clarkrange Masonic Lodge No. 605, A.F. & AM., Clarkrange, Tennessee, is having a fund-raiser 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, TN 38553.*

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. \$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, TN 38017-2354.*

For sale: Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F. & AM., Cochran, Georgia, is 125 year old this year and as part of its celebration has minted a polished brass Masonic coin, 1⁵/₁₆ inches in diameter with the square and compass on one side and "Cochran Lodge No. 217, F & AM, Cochran, Georgia" and "125 Years 1874-1999" on the flip side. Priced at two for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 shipping in US and \$2.00 outside US. Send proper amount to *Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & A.M.; P.O. Box 732, Cochran; GA 31014.*

Sprig of Acacia lapel pin: 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 Rail, 3747 Westgate Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208; (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 Cornwall 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.*

For Sale: aluminum and solid brass, custom designed Masonic Merchandise: aluminum tins, all shapes and sizes; event tags; key tags; bookmarks; tokens and cast metal coins, Italian marble paperweights; 2-dimensional metal cast letter openers; solid brass and aluminum badges: full color holiday ornaments; lapel pins; rulers; money clips; bolo ties and neckerchief slides and more. All custom made in bit for your Masonic organizations. Celebrate the new millennium by using all of these very popular promotional items to make Masonry more visible in the 21st century. As you know any item printed with the year 2000 on it will become an instant collectors item. 3% goes to KTEF. *Frank Looser, 1-800765-1728* or e-mail for brochures or catalogs, or web page: All replies will be answered.

For sale: Past Master and Blue Lodge rings: signet style with PM or BL logo on top, trowel on one side, 2-ball cane on other. Also, Scottish Rite with double eagle on top, trowel on one side and plumb on the other. All are signet style, durable, yet elegant and of solid cast chrome/nickel alloy. Silver color only-\$110 plus Ohio tax and \$4.00 S&H. Whole sizes only: 7-16. Also, 101< gold for \$395. 10% of profits go to KTEF. Check or Master Card Visa info to *Auratech Designs, P.O. Box 119, St. Clairsville, OH 43950-0119.* Money-back satisfaction guaranteed.

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.*

Wanted: Masonic rebated, stained glass patterns by avid stained glass hobbyist. *Donald B. Morgan, 113 Barnwood Place, Harrisburg, F4 17112, (717) 652-8176.*

I have been appointed to put the libraries in order so the Brothers will use them. Please help by donating books and wins you do not need. Send materials to *Bill Wheless, 809 Battle Bend Blvd., Austin, TX 78745-2349.*

For sale: In Memoriam booklet, 5¹/₂ by 8¹/₂, from Blue Lodge to family of deceased Brother. Card stock cover with 5 parchment-like pages including personal history page. The "Lodge's Memorial" presents Masonic sympathies and convictions in 2¹/₂ pages, and a signature page for Brethren. Quality presentation for family, especially if no Masonic service or Brother lived away. \$3.75 each including postage or ten (10) for \$23.50. Satisfaction or refund. Check to *Monument Lodge, P.O. Box 743, Houlton, ME 04730.*

For sale: Masonic knives with Masonic emblem in handle. ALL money goes to the KTEF. \$28.00 each or 4 for \$100.00 and \$2.50 S&H. Many sizes and styles Send S.A.E. for more information. Genuine pearl, \$65.00 each. I only have 5 of these. *Michael C. Glawson, 3420 Hilltop Drive, Fulton, MO 65251, (573) 642-1105 or (592) 642-1115.*

For sale: complete computer system. Bring your Lodge into the new age. It has: fast Internet-ready Cyrix 333 MHz, 32 MB RAM, 4.3 GB hard drive, 4 M video card, 40X CD ROM drive, Yamaha 16-bit sound card, 60 watt speakers, floppy drive, 56k < V.90 modem, all in mini-low case; includes Win 98 keyboard, P5/2 mouse. 14-inch color monitor. Comes complete with Windows 98 operating system and Microsoft office 97. Very affordable at \$599 plus S&H. Other models available. 3% to the KTEF. Call (800) 765-1728.

Buying all U.S. and foreign coins, paper money, tokens, medals, silver, proof sets, etc. Buyer has 40 years experience. 10% to KTEF. *Randy Mogren, 8 Gould Street, Millbury, MA 01527, (508) 865-4816.*

Looking for: toy electric trains: American Flyer, Lionel, and Marx-all ages and conditions; Aurora model motoring race car sets; US and foreign military items; US stamps, pre-1960s; and Indian stone artifacts. *Timothy W. Rickheim, 14761 Tunnick Road, Petersburg, MI 49270-9716, (734) 854-3021.*

Wanted: any copy of or verses of "Dangerous Dan McGrew" or "Face on Ballroom Floor" (WWII editions). *Jim Edwards, P.O. Box 1601, Hickory, NC 28603, (828) 328-6405; H: (828) 397-9121.*

Wanted: pocket watch, railroad type, lever set, in excellent condition. Also: old gold, Past Master's jewel (not engraved). Please furnish information, price, and photo if available to *Sal Campos, Jr.; P.O. Box 18542; San Antonio; DC 78218.*

RETIRE IN FT MYERS, FLORIDA at Leisure Estates. Amenities include: heated pool, BBQ, enclosed pavilion, low maintenance. Unit is corner lot and has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room/dining room combination, Florida room, hurricane shutters, attached garage with laundry facility. It overlooks grounds in center of estates and pool. Newly painted interior and in move-in condition! Very reasonably priced to close estate. Call *Jim Potter, (773) 777-3300* days or (847) 998-9192 nights. No agents, please!

Pop In

Come, join the warmth of brotherhood
Know again the ancient call
Hands and open hearts extend
to brothers, one and all.

Come, join in the cause that be,
Raise up the lasting light.
Cast aside the daily cares,
know purpose in the night.

Walk again where good men trod
on paths both tried and true.
Claim the inner peace that's yours
with joy and comfort too.

Come, join the gathered that you knew.
Hands and hearts await.
There is the glow you knew before
Ne'er will the flame abate.

Henry Charles Doherty
204 Holly Drive
Natchez, MS 39120-4811