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*Templary 2000 Crusade*  
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**Together...**  
**Let's Make It Happen!**



Above are the Templary 2000 Crusade pins that will be awarded to the candidates of the Crusade and their top line signers. At left is the top line signer pin, shown larger than real size but shown close to the correct colors (white and purple). It also has gold trim and print. At right is the candidate pin; which is red, white, blue, purple, and gold. It, too, is shown at a much larger size to capture detail. These will be Templar collectibles for the new millennium!

## January 2000 Grand Master's Message Happy New Year



WHOOPEE!! ITS HERE!! With bells ringing, trumpets sounding, lights flashing, sirens blasting, fireworks exploding, flags and banners waving, the much publicized last year of the second millenium, the year 2000, is here, and to my knowledge, with none of the dire consequences predicted. January, the first month of the year, was named for Janus, the Roman god of beginnings. This old Roman god is most times depicted as having two faces, one looking backward and one looking forward. "AULD LANG SYNE - The good old days long past. **A very dear** deceased friend, a mentor of mine and a venerable member of this Masonic fraternity, had a favorite expression. It went something like this: To Golden Days and Purple Nights and to Departed Comrades. As we begin yet another new year, let us remember our departed comrades and the special limes and events, our special friends, and our precious families. The beginning of a new year is a time for looking ahead, a challenge to do something, and to do better. **HAPPY NEW YEAR** is a wonderful, joyous, challenging expression, and in the fullest context of its finest meanings, I extend to all my best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous year 2000. My prayer is that GOD through his son and our SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, will give us the wisdom, inspiration, and strength to further HIS kingdom on earth.

### Templary 2000 Crusade

THEY'RE OFF!! AND RUNNING!! This dramatic expression is usually heard at the beginning of a horse race, and it causes the human senses of those who hear it to become more alive, and it causes an increase in the flow of adrenaline that gets us excited and attentive. To paraphrase: The **TEMPLARY 2000 CRUSADE IS OFF!! AND RUNNING!!** and we are excited by the prospects of a truly successful Crusade. You are doing it. You can do it. As Masons working throughout the family of Freemasonry, we are promoting the welfare of our great Craft. There are many of you doing outstanding service in this Crusade and I would, if possible, name all of you here. You deserve it and I commend you for your commitment. I will take a personal privilege and express my admiration and appreciation to Illustrious Brother Paul T. Million, Jr., S.G.I.G., in Oklahoma for his advise, help and friendship. Paul, thank you, and *it don't get no better.*

### Remember And Support

**THE 32ND VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN** on behalf of the **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC.** This CAMPAIGN also honors Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, a Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, a great Mason, and a great American.

**THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley, P.G.C., H.P.D.C., G.R. (Michigan), and Sir Knight A. Frank Williams, P.G.C., H.P.D.C., (Indiana), Co-Chairmen of the Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage, will again lead groups of Christian ministers on a tour to the Holy Land, Israel, to walk where JESUS walked. Sir Knights, I commend you for the commitments that have made this undertaking possible and urge you to continue your generous support of this worthy cause.

### Triennial In Nashville In August 2000

#### Personal

On the 8th of November, I underwent cardiovascular surgery to implant three aortic by-passes in my heart. It was unexpected to say the least, but from the results of a catherization it was timely. I am recovering well, the doctors and I think, for a fat, old man, and I am steadily regaining my strength and stamina, thanks to my loving and caring family. I hope to be fairly active by the first of January 2000, the good LORD willing. I sincerely thank you for your cards, letters, and telephone calls, and I most truly thank you for your friendship and for your prayers. They are a source of great strength and comfort to me. I truly believe that GOD answers prayers and that HE will see us through this valley.

#### No Negativism!

I wish for you, your family, and friends the best of all good things.  
I'm done pumping! You do make me proud. GODSPEED!

**Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar**

James Morris Ward, Grand Master, KGC

# **Knight Templar**

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

JANUARY: The 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign is in full swing. Campaign coverage starts on page 5 and includes the states tally on page 6, so check your states rank at this still early stage. Our January cover features the pins for the Templary 2000 Crusade. The Crusade has already started in many states and will continue through a good part of the year 2000. Good luck with your activities! More information on the Crusade starts on page 8. We also include traditional information on Conferences for Masonic family organizations, page 11, and state Annual Conclaves, page 15. Get ready for an exciting year 2000! The magazine is full of Templar and Masonic family news, and were proud of our two stories about Sir Knight Whip Wilson, page 21, and Brother and Major General James Jackson, page 25. Enjoy, and Happy Year 2000!

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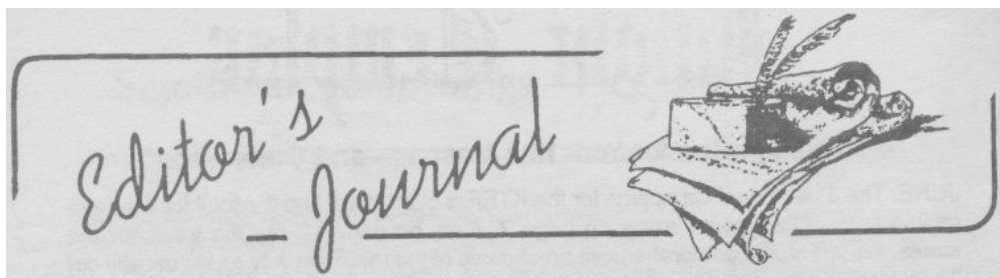
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**Announcement:** Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded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

**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. Pins are \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment. Send to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460

**Now available:** 2-volume set of History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of The United States of America by Francis J. Scully, M.D., and History of the Grand Encampment

Knights Templar of the United States of America - Book II by Lt. Col. Jacob C. Baird, Chairman, the Committee on Knights Templar History. One or both are a great gift for that Sir Knight or anyone else who is fascinated by Templar history. As a set, the two books are \$25.00 plus \$3.50 S. & H. (\$28.50). Separately, each book is \$15.00 plus \$2.50 S. & H. (\$17.50). Make check or M.O. 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 in the large and educational book in his library. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$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

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

General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International  
<http://members.aol.com/GGCOUNCIL/HomePage.html>

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<http://members.aol.com/GGCHAPTER/HomePage.html>

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<http://members.aol.com/YorkRiteFM/HomePage.html>



## All Aboard!



### The Willard M. Avery Train Is Rolling Down the Tracks!

#### Did you get on board?

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

The 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign is on its way, and every Sir Knight will determine if it reaches its destination and carries the funds to make this an outstanding campaign.

If 75% of the Sir Knights in the Grand Encampment who received the **direct mail** appeal have responded, we are well on our way. If you forgot, consider this a pole reminder to respond in a knightly manner. Let your heart guide your hand to your wallet.

No matter how you feel about **charitable giving or the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.**, consider for a moment how you would feel if you were unemployed and had no medical coverage and needed help for eye surgery. Would you be glad that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. exists? We don't know how fortunate we are when everything is going right, but when the chips are down, we are thankful for the help we receive.

I challenge every state to do whatever is necessary to have an organization, foundation, Masonic body, individual, or group of individuals create a **permanent donor fund. Just think if we have 50 permanent donor funds created during this campaign!** This would produce \$500,000! Don't overlook what that total of \$10,000 or more would do for the individual state's participation! Sir Knights, let's go for it



and see what we can do. Have no fear; the Willard M. Avery train is big enough and strong enough to carry as much as you can provide!

Don't forget you can now make your donation by **CREDIT CARD**. The credit card is a way of life today. Why not use it for your support of the Foundation? I remind all Sir Knights that all the "Ways of Giving" on the donor envelope still exist, and you may apply your funds to any category even when you use your credit card.

We are now in the year 2000. Note that the first number is "2". The goal of the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign is \$2 million. Will you help add the zeros to the 2,000 so it will be 2,000,000 when the train arrives on April 30, 2000?

I thank every Sir Knight and organization for their support in the past, and I ask you to just do a little more during this campaign.

# You Can Make It Happen!

## Have a Happy New Year and Make It Happy for Those Who Turn to Us for Help!

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### Lets Ride Into 2000 Like Knights Of Old!

For a donation of \$10.00, you will receive a lapel/tie tack pin depicting 'the Templar Seal' (to right). The pin is polished bronze and is a real eye-catcher that will invite inquiries. It will open the door to discussions of Templary. All net proceeds are given to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Mail your check, payable to: Charles A. Garnes, Trustee; 1700 Jamestown Place; Pittsburgh; PA 15235-4944. Include a note 'For a Templar Seal Pin.' Please provide legible mailing address.

### The Templar Seal

The Seal of the Knights Templar depicted two knights on a single horse. This was a reflection of the impoverished start of the order, when it is said that the fledgling knights were too poor to each own a horse. Later the Knights Templar would grow wealthy, but this seal was to be a reminder of those days. First used by the Grand Master, Bertrand de Blanchfort, in 1168, it has become synonymous with Templarism.



### Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Thirty-second Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending December 10, 1999. The total amount contributed to date is \$32,309.05.

Alabama .....	\$5.00
California .....	330.00
Connecticut.....	60.00
Delaware .....	50.00
District of Columbia.....	10.00
Florida .....	871.00
Illinois .....	2,064.00
Indiana .....	2,042.00
Kansas .....	441.00
Kentucky .....	1,640.00
Louisiana .....	160.00
Maine .....	250.00
Maryland .....	511.00
Mass./R.1 .....	1,180.00
Michigan .....	1,039.00
Minnesota .....	600.00
Mississippi .....	390.00
Missouri .....	790.00
Montana.....	30.00

Nebraska.....	450.77
Nevada.....	120.00
New Jersey .....	217.00
New Mexico.....	105.00
New York.....	680.00
North Carolina .....	755.00
North Dakota .....	160.00
Ohio .....	2,930.00
Oklahoma .....	111.00
Oregon .....	310.00
Pennsylvania .....	1,665.00
South Carolina .....	2,061.00
South Dakota.....	10.00
Tennessee.....	1,045.00
Texas.....	1,500.00
Utah.....	20.00
Vermont .....	270.00
Virginia .....	2,958.96
Washington .....	100.00
West Virginia .....	667.00
Wisconsin .....	785.00
Wyoming .....	100.00
Honolulu No. 1 .....	100.00
Anchorage No. 2.....	200.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	
Miscellaneous .....	1,625.32

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

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

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

### ***Here's What They Say About the Knights Templar Eye Foundation!***

As a person who needed help in getting eye surgery, I would like to thank you for providing the funds for the operation. The surgery was a success. I am able to see better, and it has greatly benefited me. Without your help the surgery would not have been possible. At this time, I have 20/20 vision with my glasses. Thanks again.

### **Tishia Mae Collins Whitesburg, Kentucky**

I don't know what I would have done without your help. I probably would have lost my eyesight. Words are not enough, but the Lord knows how grateful I am for all you do to help others. I had my surgery in September 1999, and up until now, everything seems to be going well. May all the care and kindness you give so freely to others come back to warm your hearts.

Selma Espinoza  
El Paso, Texas



**David Leslie Phelps**  
**Vermont**  
**Grand Commander-1978**  
**Born: May 14, 1933**  
**Died: November 21, 1999**

**Chester E. Lee**  
**Wisconsin**  
**Deputy Grand Commander-1999**  
**Born: May 29, 1918**  
**Died: November 30, 1999**

## **New Membership Retention Is Critical - Securing the Trap Door**

by Sir Knight Stanley O. Simons, KCT, P.G.C. (MI) and  
Chairman of the Committee on Membership for the Grand Encampment

Previously, Sir Knight Bill Clutter, P.G.C., Chairman of the Templary 2000 Crusade, advised us to be wary of the pitfalls of the invisible "trap door" which consumes new members and undermines our retention goals. Sir Knight Clutter's prescription is simple and painless; make good first impressions, professionally and personally.

The Grand Encampment Committee on Membership, in conjunction with the Templary 2000 Crusade, will be assisting in properly introducing the new Sir Knights to Templary. We will provide to the Grand Commanders and "Key Men" of each jurisdiction a package of "*new member*" materials that may be customized and personalized for use as a New Member Packet. This packet of information is intended to familiarize the new Sir Knight with several important aspects of the Knights Templar organization and key data points regarding his new affiliation.

The information provided by the two committees will be communicated in an electronic format in early January. It will be the responsibility of the Key Man to copy and distribute the information to each constituent Commandery in his jurisdiction that is Knighting during this Crusade. This will permit customization by the local Commandery for each new member. Printing and distribution will be the responsibility of the local Commandery. This will be a fine addition to the personalized Certificate and new member pin presented to each new Sir Knight.

To again reference Sir Knight Clutter's last article, we all have a responsibility to create an atmosphere of belonging. It is essential that we eliminate the "trap door" syndrome. Providing professional,

personalized "New Member Packets" is a great addition for a successful Templary 2000 Crusade and beyond. It is our intent to provide tools and techniques that address these issues. They are by no means a panacea for our membership concerns, but we believe that these good first impressions will secure that "trap door" and pave the way to a pleasant and enduring membership experience.

### **Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar**

Sir Knight Stanley O. Simons, KCT, P.G.C. (MI) and the chairman of the Committee on Membership for the Grand Encampment, is a member of Lansing Commandery No. 25, Lansing, Michigan. He resides at 10031 E. San Remo Blvd., Traverse City, MI 49684

### **Templary 2000 Report from the Southwestern Department**

The Templary 2000 Crusade has generated enthusiastic planning and a high level of expectation throughout the Southwestern Department. A total of 222 Knightings are anticipated during the Crusade, from a total membership of about 10,300. Cooperation with the Chapters and Councils has been very gratifying. A very successful Colorado River Fall Festival in late October resulted in sixty-two new Knights in Arizona, California, and Nevada, thus reducing the number of prospects for the Crusade.

Arizona will hold spring festivals in Phoenix and Tucson and a one-day class with a Shrine Ceremonial in Tucson. Fifty-three candidates are expected. Arizona has created forty new Knights in the last quarter of 1999.



California is divided into eight departments (districts) with a Department Commander, usually a Grand Officer, assigned to each. They are working with their respective Commanderies to "increase awareness and promote interest" in the Crusade. They are stressing "Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar" and "If you ask, they will come." There will be spring festivals all over the state. Marshall Parker, Key Man and Grand Generalissimo, forecasts 150 new Knights Templar.

Nevada will host a dinner and confer the Commandery Orders in Winnemucca on February 5, with manpower and candidates from Reno and other Commanderies in the north. The Chapter and Council degrees will have been conferred in 1999. Five candidates are expected. The Grand Commander has called for Zero SNPD in 1999 and personal contacts with all former members suspended in the last five years to encourage their reinstatement.

New Mexico will hold concurrent festival in Albuquerque and Roswell on three consecutive Saturdays; Chapter degrees on January 22, Council degrees on January 29, and Commandery Orders on February 5, 2000. A total of twenty candidates are expected. The presiding grand officers have issued edicts that, for their terms of office, reinstatement will require only the payment of the current year's dues. A resolution for a by-laws change to make this a permanent policy will be introduced at the grand sessions in April.

Utah plans a spring statewide festival probably in the Salt Lake City area with six candidates expected. Plans are being developed to enhance this festival with funding from a Grand York Rite Trust Fund providing fees, dues, and publicity. If this plan is approved, a representative will be appointed in each Lodge to explain and promote it. It is believed that it would increase the size of the class significantly. Also in the works is a joint membership committee of Grand Lodge, York Rite,

Scottish Rite, and Shrine to promote membership in all of Masonry.

Robert M. Abernathy  
Department Commander, Southwestern

### **Templary 2000 Report from the North Central Department**

Planning for Templary 2000 is under way, and the plans are meeting with enthusiasm throughout the North Central Department. All of the Grand Commanders and "Key Men" are working together, doing their best to make this Crusade a success.

The North Central Department is composed of the Grand Commanderies of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. These states have plans to hold a total of fifteen York Rite Days from February 5 to May 6, 2000. In addition, plans are being made to have several more Knightings during their inspection periods, which fall in the Crusade time period.

The York Rite Days which are being planned for February 5 also have alternate days in case of inclement weather in the form of snowstorms. All of the North Central Department is in the "snow-belt," and this has to be taken into consideration.

A large portion of the western states of the Department is composed of ranches and grain fields with a large city on each border and possibly one small city in the center of the state. In the most sparsely populated areas, plans are to take good degree teams out to the smaller towns for the York Rite Days.

Together the Grand Commanderies have a total of 208 Commanderies, and the plan is to Knight at least 311 new members. If they are successful, the Department would exceed the overall goal of one Knighting in each Commandery by 103.

Albert R. Masters  
Department Commander, North Central

# **The Meaning of Grace Comes Home**

## **The Holy Land Pilgrimage**

*Once in a while we find ourselves surprised to receive a gift that is so unexpected, so undeserved, and so generous that our hearts are filled with gratitude. My recent trip to Israel was just such a gift. When I was approached spring 1998 by two men from John Knox about the possibility of my journeying to the Holy Land as part of the Pilgrimage sponsored by the Knights Templar, I was dumbfounded and amazed at the prospect. When I received the all-expenses-paid trip, the meaning of grace came home to me in a fresh and beautiful way. What a gift! It is one that I will always treasure!*

While it was still the winter season in Israel, it hardly felt so. At the Sea of Galilee, the winter rains had clothed the countryside around the lake in the green of what we would take to be springtime. Looking down in the early morning from the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus preached to the crowds at the beautiful blue lake below and in the surrounding fields and heights, I was filled with a deep sense of tranquility. Here I was, sitting on a boulder just below the crest of the hill, where someone two thousand years ago had sat listening to the Master teach. I could imagine myself listening to Him while He stood down the hill a distance and addressed the crowds, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled..."

The shape and slope of the hill makes a natural amphitheater and Jesus would have been easily heard standing off a distance of even more than a hundred yards.

After the reading and a time of silent meditation, we had the opportunity to look around the place some more and wander along the hillside and visit the Church of the Beatitudes built on the site. To my dismay, I discovered in that moment that my camera had reached the end of its roll of film, and for

a split second I was inclined to rush back to our tour bus to get a new roll. But then I stopped and realized that, by the time I got the new roll of film in the camera and made it back, I would be out of breath and would have wasted the time that I had to just "be" in the holiest of places. So I went back to the boulder where I had been sitting and sat down and sad to myself, "I am just going to have to capture all of this on the film of my mind's eye. So I had better look hard and well." It was the right decision because it turned out to be one of the high points of my Pilgrimage - just sitting there and taking in as much as I could.

It struck me then and it strikes me now that what I experienced on the Mount of the Beatitudes is a kind of parable for much of the way we live. So often we are distracted from living, really living, in the moment at hand. We are tempted to rush off "to the bus" to get something that we think will make our lives fuller or more memorable, when all the while what is really beneficial and necessary is simply to "stop," to "attend," to "be."

Such "observance" is not onerous but joyous, and it makes for fullness of heart. So let's find a place to sit and rest and reflect on the Word made flesh. Otherwise, we may miss what God has in store for us.

Dave Gilbert, Pastor  
John Knox Presbyterian Church  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

## *MASONIC CONFERENCES—2000*

### MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 17-19 Washington, D.C. (annually)	The Philalethes Society Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A. Ye Antient Order of Corks The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, HRAKTP
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### GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA, HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

February 18 Washington, D.C. (annually)	Current Grand Preceptor: William H. Thornley, Jr. 3080 S. Race Denver, CO 80210	Contact: Milton D. Dirst Grand Registrar 1501 W. Laurel Springfield, IL 62704
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### CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA

February 20-22 Savannah, GA (annually)	Current Conference Chairman: Donald G. Chaffin P.O. Box 10837 Fairbanks, Alaska 99710	Contact: Albert T. Ames Executive Sec./Treas. 110-R Bacon Street Natick, MA 01760
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### CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES OF NORTH AMERICA

February 20-22 Savannah, GA (annually)	Current President: James D. Ward P.O. Box 446 Waco, TX 76703	Contact: Russell W. McClelland Executive Sec./Treas. Box 250 Wallingford, CT 06492
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### GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

February 21 Savannah, GA (annually)	Current President: Edgar N. Pepler 101 Callahan Drive Alexandria, VA 22301	Contact: George D. Seghers Executive Sec./Treas. 101 Callahan Drive Alexandria, VA 22301
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### THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

February 20 Savannah, GA (annually)	Current Chairman, Exec. Comm.: A. Harold Small 305 Small's Lane Kalispell, MT 59901	Contact: Richard E. Fletcher Executive Sec./Treas. 8120 Fenton Street Silver Spring, MD 20910
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**SUPREME SHRINE, ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM**

May 8-11 Raleigh, NC (annually)	Current Worthy High Priestess: Dottie Sams P.O. Box 2303 Sierra Vista, AZ 85636	Contact: Barbara C. Egan Supreme Worthy Scribe 9731 S. Mansfield Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453
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**GRAND COUNCIL, LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.**

May 13-20 Ft. Lauderdale, FL (annually)	Current High Priestess: Mary Sue Smith 1009 N.E. 28th Drive Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334-3722	Contact: Edna Walraven Grand Recorder 4208 S. Cottage Independence, MO 64055-4505
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**SUPREME FOREST, TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA**

May 31-June 4 Ocean City, MD (annually)	Current Supreme Tall Cedar: Barry R. Stockner 302 Shimer Blvd. Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	Contact: A. Ralph Horlbeck Supreme Scribe 2609 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110
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**UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE**

June 1-4 Indianapolis, IN (annually)	Current Grand Sovereign: James S. DeMOND 5011 Vance Ft. Wayne, IN 46815	Contact: Ned E. Dull Grand Recorder P.O. Box 5716 Springfield, IL 62705
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**SUPREME TEMPLE, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE**

June 11-15 Palm Springs, CA (annually)	Current Supreme Queen: Ginger A. Franklin 1494 Edgewood Ave., S. Jacksonville, FL 32205-7752	Contact: Karen D. Burk, Supreme Princess Recorder 2001 Broadway Helena, MT 59601
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**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.**

June 20-23 Norfolk, VA (annually)	Current National President: LTC. William J. Ryland 5215 Kauffman Avenue Temple City, CA 91780-3948	Contact: Nelson O. Newcombe National Secretary/Treas. 8301 East Boulevard Dr. Alexandria, VA 22308-1399-26
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**HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

June 23-26 Elizabeth, NJ (annually)	Current International President: David Jacobs 20 Rain Lily Road Levittown, PA 19056-2302	Contact: Ike Hoshauer, Jr. International Secretary 3901 Kathleen Avenue Evansville, IN 47714
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**INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DeMOLAY**

June 14-17 Orlando, FL (annually)	Current Grand Master: James C. McGee 10200 N. Executive Hills Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64055	Contact: Bengamin W. Johnson II Executive Director 10200 N. Exec. Hills Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64055
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**SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF THE AMARANTH, INC.**

July 2-5  
Marietta, GA  
(annually)

Current Supreme Royal Matron:  
Betty Raines  
P.O. Box 5145  
Marietta, GA 30061-5145

Contact:  
Nancy Burgin  
Supreme Secretary  
P.O. Box 753  
Olympia, WA 98507-0753

**IMPERIAL COUNCIL, AAONMS**

July 1-6  
Boston, MA  
(annually)

Current Imperial Potentate:  
Ralph W. Semb  
66 French King Highway  
Erving, MA

Contact:  
Charles G. Cumpstone, Jr.  
Executive Vice President  
2900 Rocky Point Drive  
Tampa, FL 33607

**YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA**

July 19-22  
Charlotte, NC  
(annually)

Current Governor General:  
Reese L. Harrison, Jr.  
711 Navarro, Suite 600  
San Antonio, TX 78205

Contact:  
Wayne E. Turton  
Office Manager  
500 Temple Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48201

**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS**

July 23-26, 2000  
Buffalo, NY  
(biennially)

Current Supreme Worthy Advisor:  
Mrs. Mary Muhs  
1001 2nd Ave., S.W.  
Jamestown, ND 58401

Contact:  
Marie A. Renda  
Supreme Recorder  
27 Marilyn Terrace  
Addison, IL 60101

**SUPREME GUARDIAN COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS**

July 26-29  
Boise, ID  
(annually)

Current Supreme Guardian:  
Valerie Cooper  
7200 W. Colt Drive  
Boise, ID 83709

Contact:  
Susan M. Goolsby  
Executive Manager  
233 W. 6th Street  
Papillion, NE 68046

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A.**

August 13-16, 2000  
Nashville, Tennessee  
(triennially)

Current Grand Master:  
James M. Ward  
P.O. Drawer No. 685  
Water Valley, MS 38965

Contact:  
Charles R. Neumann  
Grand Recorder  
5097 N. Elston Avenue  
Suite 101  
Chicago, IL 60630-2460

**CONVENT GENERAL, KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR**

September 21-23  
Reno, NV  
(annually)

Current Grand Master-General:  
Edward M. Block  
P.O. Box 626  
Carson City, NV 89702

Contact:  
Kenneth D. Buckley  
Grand Registrar-General  
P.O. Box 656  
Beggs, OK 74421-0656

**SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., U.S.A.**

September 24-26  
Pittsburgh, PA  
(annually)

Current Sovereign Grand Commander:  
Robert O. Ralston  
P.O. Box 519  
Lexington, MA 02420

Contact:  
Winthrop L. Hall  
Executive Secretary  
P.O. Box 519  
Lexington, MA 02420

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL**

To be announced	Current General Grand High Priest:	Contact:
Atlantic City, NJ	William Schoene, Jr.	John F. Kirby
(triennially)	303 Old Short Hills Road	General Grand Secretary
	Short Hills, NJ 07078	P.O. Box 489
		Danville, KY 40423

**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS, INTERNATIONAL**

Oct. 6-9, 2002	Current General Grand Master:	Contact:
Atlantic City, NJ	Charles E. Van Etten	Ronald E. Fullerlove
(triennially)	9836 Van Etten Road	General Grand Recorder
	Gowanda, NY 14070	P.O. Box 310
		Sherrard, IL 61281-0310

**SUPREME ASSEMBLY, SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT**

Sept. 24-29	Current Supreme Worthy President:	Contact:
Omaha, NE	Mrs. Jay U. Ipsen	Mrs. Joseph F. Chalker
(annually)	1120 Welcome Avenue, N.	Supreme Recorder
	Golden Valley, MN 55422	1009 Valen Road
		Westminster, MD 21157

**SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A. & A.S.R., SOUTHERN JURISDICTION**

Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2001	Sovereign Grand Commander:	Contact:
Charleston, SC	C. Fred Kleinknecht	William G. Sizemore
(biennially)	1733 16th Street, N.W.	Grand Executive Director
	Washington, DC 20009	1733 16th Street, N.W.
		Washington, DC 20009

**ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND**

September 25	Current Provincial Grand Master:	Contact:
Pittsburgh, PA	Edward H. Fowler, Jr.	William M. Kratzenberg
(annually)	P.O. Box 11	Provincial Grand Sec.
	Charleroi, PA 15022-0011	P.O. Box 11
		Charleroi, PA 15022-0011

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

Oct. 27-Nov. 2, 2000	Most Worthy Grand Matron:	Contact:
Detroit, MI	Florence A. Adair	Betty J. Briggs
(triennially)	35979 Castlemeadow Drive	Right Worthy Grand Sec.
	Farmington, MI 48335-3823	1618 New
		Hampshire Ave., N.W.
		Washington, DC 20009

**SUPREME COUNCIL, GROTTOS OF NORTH AMERICA**

June 28-July 1	Presiding Grand Monarch:	Contact:
Columbus, OH	William F. Wears	William F. Wears
(annually)	2626 S. 5th Street	Executive Secretary
	Columbus, OH 43207	same

**SUPREME CALDRON, DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA**

September 20-23	Presiding Chosen One:	Contact:
Moline, IL	Jeanne C. Kay	Sharon K. Carroll, P.C.O.
(annually)	562 33rd Avenue	3305 7th Street
	E. Moline, IL 61244	East Moline, IL 61244-3258

## 2000 ANNUAL CONCLAVES

DATE	GRAND COMMANDERY	LOCATION	CONCLAVE REPRESENTATIVE
February 27-29	Alabama	Birmingham	Kenneth B. Fischer
March 3-5	New Jersey	Cherry Hill	James M. Ward
March 10	Delaware	Wilmington	Robert L. Foreman
March 11-13	Arkansas	Undecided	Lloyd A. Hebert
March 12-14	South Carolina	Myrtle Beach	Richard B. Baldwin
March 19-21	North Carolina	Charlotte	Charles R. Neumann
March 24-25	Mississippi	Meridian	James M. Ward
March 25	District of Columbia	Hotel Washington	William J. Jones
April 5-8	Kansas	Salina	Lloyd A. Hebert
April 7	Oklahoma	Tulsa	Lloyd A. Hebert
April 7-8	Connecticut	Rocky Hill	Robert L. Foreman
April 8	Nebraska	Columbus	Albert R. Masters
April 8	Oregon	Eugene	Charles R. Neumann
April 10-11	Louisiana	Kenner	Richard B. Baldwin
April 14	New Mexico	Gallup	Robert M. Abernathy
April 14-15	North Dakota	Fargo	Albert R. Masters
April 14-17	Texas	Houston	James M. Ward
April 21	Idaho	Pocatello	Douglas L. Johnson
April 28	Indiana	Indianapolis	Richard B. Baldwin
April 28-29	Tennessee	Nashville	James M. Ward
May 1	Maine	Bangor	Charles R. Neumann
May 2	California	Bakersfield	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 5-6	Utah	Salt Lake City	Robert M. Abernathy
May 6-7	Maryland	Ocean City	Richard B. Baldwin
May 9-10	Georgia	Toccoa	William H. Koon II
May 12-13	Virginia	Falls Church	William H. Koon II
May 18	Washington	Everett	Douglas L. Johnson
May 18-20	West Virginia	Barboursville	Earl D. Barlow
May 20	Missouri	Jefferson City	Donald H. Smith
May 21-24	Pennsylvania	DuBois	Richard B. Baldwin
May 24	Florida	Daytona Beach	James M. Ward
June 1-3	Iowa	Cedar Rapids	Kenneth B. Fischer
June 1-3	Michigan	Port Huron	Earl B. Barlow
June 2	Montana	Billings	Douglas L. Johnson
June 12	Nevada	Boulder City	William J. Jones
June 11-12	Vermont	Ludlow	Robert L. Foreman
June 20	Wisconsin	Stevens Point	Kenneth B. Fischer
June 22-24	Minnesota	North Mankato	Blair C. Mayford
July 15	Illinois	Decatur	James M. Ward
August 18	Arizona	Tucson	Department Commander
September 8	Colorado	Pueblo	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 15-17	New York	Binghamton	Department Commander
September 16	Wyoming	Rawlins	James M. Ward
September 17-20	Kentucky	Lexington	William J. Jones
September 23	South Dakota	Deadwood	Grand Captain General
September 28-30	Ohio	Cincinnati	William J. Jones
October 7-8	New Hampshire	Merrimack	Grand Captain General
October 20-22	Mass./R.I.	Westboro, MA	Richard B. Baldwin

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

### **Chapter VI Features Of Triennial Conclaves Forty-sixth-1955 (continued)**

Sunday morning began with the invitational 1955 Missouri Breakfast" at which Missouri ham was "*the piece de resistance!*" Sir Knight George C. Marquis, R.E. Past Grand Commander of Missouri, was the master of ceremonies.

Divine Services were held Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. in New York Cathedral, the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, the world's largest Gothic edifice. Grave and stately lines of Sir Knights were formed through which the Grand Master, Grand Encampment officers, and honored guests marched to their appointed places; Detroit Commandery No. 1, Detroit, Michigan, marched down the center aisle to form their lines. Sir Knight, the Reverend Chester Burge Emerson, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, gave the sermon "Faithful Soldiers of the Cross!"

Recess was called at 12:30 RN. on Monday for the Sir Knights and ladies to watch the Competitive Drills. The Mutuals Dinner was held in the Jansen Suite of the Waldorf-Astoria at 5.30 RN. Later that evening a Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form and the Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery No. 1 gave the rites of the Order of the Temple to a candidate, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, Brother Raymond C. Ellis, a Knight of Malta.

Tuesday morning, the Grand Commanderies of Ohio and Pennsylvania hosted a breakfast for the Grand Master, his official family and guests, and Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment and their ladies. "The locale for this function was the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, the invitation list taxing the facilities of the huge room. Sir Knights and their ladies overflowed into box and balcony areas above and around the main floor, such was the generosity of the sponsors." Tuesday afternoon some ladies attended a tea on the Starlight Roof of the Hotel, while others went sightseeing and shopping.

Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, the Templar Parade began. The Grand Master and others reviewed the parade from a vantage point in Central Park on Fifth Avenue. Nine divisions took part in the parade.

Wednesday evening was the Grand Master's Dinner in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria. Sir Knight Lachlan M. MacDonald, R.E. Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio, Chairman of the Triennial Conclave Committee "presided at this munificent banquet." Following the conclusion of the dinner, Sir Knight Wilbur M. Brucker, Chairman of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, gave a talk, "Knighthood is in Flower"; it was a fervent and eloquent plea "for the expression of citizenship in its most responsible estate."

Many Sir Knights and their ladies took the time while in New York to take a picturesque boat trip up the Hudson River to visit West Point and the U.S. Military Academy.

The culmination of these events showing the unstinting hospitality of the Sir Knights of New York was a precedent-



shattering event, the first public installation of Grand Encampment officers, on Friday at noon, August 26, 1955, in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

### **Forty-seventh-1958**

At the 47th Triennial Conclave, "Templary reached a summit in the Indianapolis Triennial"

"Serious was the fundamental theme of Templary's concourse, yet there was room for a full round of receptions, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, entertainment and a commingling which brought into assembly and fraternal fellowship the Host of Knighthood and its ladies.

'Every agency of government from the municipal level to the highest U.S. echelon extended friendly and helpful offices, and every Rite and auxiliary in the structure of Masonry, stimulated by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, co-operated to make hospitality, friendliness and services meaningful.

"Greetings to the Triennial - spoken or printed - came from many official forces, to-wit: the President of the United States, the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower; the Vice-President of the United States, the Honorable Richard M. Nixon; the Governor of the State of Indiana, the Honorable Harold W. Handley; and the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, the Honorable Phil Bayt.

'Greetings and felicitations were likewise extended by representatives of all of the Rites in Masonry, by distinguished Templars from other lands, and by those appearing for the related Orders, many of these conveyed in person during the period of the Conclave.

"The Most Eminent Grand Master had assured an 'outstanding' Conclave, a 'great outpouring of Sir Knights,' an overall concourse of 'Soldiers of the Cross,' fully in harmony with a Templary moving forward - of which came to pass,

thanks to an efficient dispatch of meticulously complete plans devised by the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana and his corps of committees and functionaries. Hoosier hospitality was warm and inclusive, something always to recall."

The preceding is a portion of the first two pages of the "Foreword" to the *Record of the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at the Forty-Seventh Triennial Conclave*, written by Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

Saturday morning, August 16, was spent in registration, gatherings, and informal receptions in the Masonic Temple, Scottish Rite Cathedral, hotels, etc. At 12:30 P.M. in the James Whitcomb Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was reconvened. It was recessed in plenty of time for all to enjoy the parade at 7:00 P.M. Those participating in the parade were: "Equestrian, 80; Bandsmen, 1,287; Sir Knights (marching), 7,619, Total, 8,968." Twenty-three bands and twenty-five drill teams participated. Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, was Parade Marshal, and Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army in the Cabinet of the President of the United States and Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, was in car A. It was a very stirring sight as the parade passed the reviewing stand where Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master, stood with distinguished visitors and friends.

The reception would long be remembered! It was a gala occasion with a buffet supper, held in the Riley Room of the Claypool at 10:00 P.M. following the Parade.

### **Minnesota Knights Templar Are Honor Guard At Installation Of Supreme President, S.O.O.B.**

At the installation of Mrs. Jay U. (Nancy) Ipsen of Minnesota as Supreme President of the Social Order of the Beauceant in Denver, Colorado, the following Sir Knights, pictured below from left to right, served as the Minnesota Honor Guard: John R. Wentworth, Grand Commander of Minnesota; Jay U. Ipsen, Jr. P.G.C., Minnesota (Mounted No. 23); Ernest F. Wefelmeyer, P.C. No. 23; Hans Engerbretson, Bele No. 19; Dexter C. Pehle, E.C. No. 23; James E. Odland, G. Jr. W. of Minnesota and P.C. No. 23. (picture by Clifford L. Trax, Valley Center, KS; article by Kenneth M. Sulem, P.C., KTCH, Recorder of Minneapolis Mounted No. 23.)



### **Sunrise Commandery Of Michigan To Have "Royal" Year In 2000**

Royal Bertram, P.C., will celebrate more than just an installation as Commander of Sunrise Commandery No. 34, Alpena, Michigan. He will also be celebrating his one hundredth birthday as well. A Past Master of Alpena Lodge No. 199 and Commander of Alpena Commandery (now Sunrise) in 1950, he will assume the leadership for the second time fifty years later. An active ritualist, Sir Knight Royal has done the Commander's duties for inspections in the Order of the Temple until this year. He rarely misses a Lodge or Commandery meeting, and is serving as Treasurer until the installation on Saturday, January 15, 2000. Already the Commandery is working for a 20% membership increase in what they are calling "the Royal Year 2000" or "RY2K." (submitted by Rev. Jan L. Beaderstadt, P.C.)

### **They're All From One Small Royal Arch Chapter In Virginia**



The year 1999 brought three Royal Arch Companions from London Royal Arch Chapter in northern Virginia to the East of three different states. Douglas L. Jordon (left) is the M.E. Grand High Priest of Virginia, James A. White (middle) is M.I. Grand Master of R. & S.M. of New Mexico, and James W. Patton is the M.E. Grand High Priest of the state of Illinois. These three Companions have a total of seventy-seven years in York Rite Masonry. (photo by Nesbit Maluf)

## Mount Vernon No. 73, Hazleton, PA, Holds Annual Inspection

Shown at the annual inspection of Mount Vernon Commandery No. 73, Hazleton, Pennsylvania are attending officers from left to right: Sir Knights Charles Klingaman, P.C., D.D.G.M.; George Fair, D.C.; Ed Vagari, E.C.; Patrick Connor, G.Sr.W.; Donald T. Liedich, D.C.; and Wilmer Quick, P.D.C.



## Who Really Presented The Kentucky Colonel Certificate To Brother Little Jimmy Dickens!



Past Grand Commander of Kentucky, Sir Knight William G. Hinton, writes: in response to your wish to be enlightened as to the name, etc., of the true presenter of the Kentucky Colonel Certificate to Brother Little Jimmy Dickens (page 4 of the September issue, *Knight Templar*), please let it be known that it was State Senator Albert L. Robinson, a Past District Deputy Grand Master of District 36 of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M. Brother Robinson represents the citizens of Jackson, Knox,

Laurel and Rockcastle counties in the Kentucky State Senate. He is a veteran legislator and a strong proponent of Freemasonry. As you can tell from the picture, I know because I was there! Left to right are: Brother Dickens, Brother and State Senator Robinson, Brother Robert B. Schlenk, Jr.; R.W. William G. Hinton, P.G.M. and P.G.C. of Kentucky; and Brother Charlie Walker, Grand Ole Opry member and Past Master of Hendersonville Lodge No. 359 of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. *(The staff of Knight Templar apologizes for not solving this mystery sooner. Sir Knight Hinton's letter and picture arrived at our office approx. September 10, 1999.)*

## Past Grand Commander LaBarr Of PA Celebrates 100th Birthday

Sir Knights gathered for a birth luncheon in honor of Sir Knight Perry L. LaBarr, Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania (1961), are, left to right: row 1: James D. Smith, P.G.H.P.; Perry L. LaBarr, honoree; William D. Geesey, P.D.C., North Eastern Department, Grand Encampment; row 2: Donald C. Wobb, P.C.; William R. Squier, P.C.; Lawrence R. Breletic, P.G.C. and G. Treasurer of PA; Charles A. Games, H.P.D.C., P.G.C. of PA; David M. Clawson, P.C.; row 3: Albert L. Kappeler, Jr., V.E.D.G.C. of PA; Norman H. Flaherty, P.G.H.P.; James H. Richards II, P.G.C. of PA and Kenneth J. Faub, P.C. (submitted by Sir Knight Charles A. Games)



## **Presentation Of 101-Year-Old Ceramic Loving Cup Made For The 27th Triennial To Knights Templar Chapel**

Presentation of a loving cup was made by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, H.P.D.C., P.G.C. of PA, to Sir Knight Robert V. Hines, Chairman of the Knights Templar Chapel, and George Seghers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The 101 -year-old ceramic loving cup was made for the 27th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the US, which was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 10-14, 1898. This urn was specifically made and presented to the Grand Encampment and was misplaced for several years. It was found by Sir Knight Garnes, and he has contributed it to the Chapel. Above left is the loving cup. In the picture at right Sir Knight Charles Garnes (center) congratulates Sir Knight Hines, as Secretary-Treasurer Seghers looks on at left.



## **Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

Milford Commandery No. 11, Milford, Massachusetts, is offering a complete summer uniform and accessories (no pants or shoes) for \$125.00. (G.C. and P.G.C. add \$35.00 for gold on cap visor.) This includes cap and insignia, short sleeve shirt, shoulder rank insignia, collar insignia, metal ribbon bar, name plate, black tie, tie clasp with cross and crown, and shipping and handling. Send cap size, shirt size, rank, Commandery name and number, choice of engraving on the tie clasp (plain/Knight Templar/your state/Commandery name) to the address below. Make checks payable to Milford Commandery No. 11. This is a fund-raising project. All profits go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

This summer uniform has been approved by Sir Knight James M. Ward, Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A. See the May 1999 issue of *Knights Templar* magazine.

For further information write to: Milford Commandery No. 11, C/O Robert P. Winterhaltem, P.O. Box 321, Ashland, MA 01721-0321. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. This is for our charity.

## **Sale Of Beautiful Kneeling Knight To Benefit The Knights Templar Eye Foundation**



This kneeling Knight is hand-cast in ceramic. It is hand-painted in black and silver and has an antique effect. It was produced in Germany, and the size is 15 inches tall by 8 inches wide by 7 inches in diameter. The price of the Knight is \$90.00, including shipping and handling and insurance. The net proceeds will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Once you have ordered, please allow four to six weeks for delivery. If interested, send check or money order to Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052

## **Sir Knight Whip Wilson: A Different Kind of Western Film Hero**

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 32°

In the annals of Masonic movie cowboy stars, Sir Knight Whip Wilson ranks as one of the lesser known figures. While his level of fame and success never reached that of the early-day figures such as Harry Carey, Buck Jones, and Tom Mix; the singers typified by Gene Autry, Tex Ritter, and Roy Rogers; or the big budget stars represented by Glenn Ford, Audio Murphy, and John Wayne, Wilson managed to carve out his niche in film history by being a bit different from all of the above. Like the late and somewhat better remembered Lash LaRue, Brother Wilson achieved his near uniqueness by complementing his six-gun prowess with a wielding of a bullwhip to capture the bad guys!

The man who gained a fleeting fame as Whip Wilson began life with a name neither alliterative nor exotic. Roland Charles Meyers was born in Granite City, Illinois, on June 16, 1911. There were a total of nine children in the Meyers family, and as Roland grew older, he and his father expressed divergent views on a variety of issues. While his parents encouraged his musical interests, the youth preferred piano while his dad wanted him to become a violinist. Since he cared for neither school nor his violin teacher, the independent thinking fourteen-year-old ran away from home and landed a laboring job on a dairy farm. He soon found that milking cows held even less appeal, and he swallowed his pride and returned home. His stern father then gave him a choice between returning to school or getting a job in the local steel mill. Young Meyers opted for the latter.

Roland Meyers held a variety of jobs in locations extending from Missouri to Texas over the next twenty years as he struggled to find his place in life. These included diverse



positions ranging from being a singing waiter to that of working in the border patrol at El Paso.

At seventeen he joined the army, and while he was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, he met and subsequently briefly married a girl named Ann. When his army duty ended and the couple moved to the St. Louis area, Ann became homesick for Texas, and their marriage ended.

Roland Meyers found a job as a singing waiter - he allegedly sang with a strong baritone voice - at the Bismark Cafe in St. Louis. He met an older woman named Madeline who had a background in opera. She decided to provide him with additional voice training. They, too, married, briefly and unsuccessfully.

Roland landed some part-time and temporary work in local operas and stage productions, but it was never enough to sustain him.

In 1937 while still employed as a singing waiter, he met Monica Lane. They

became life partners on July 2, 1938. Later, when Meyers had become famous as Whip Wilson, the diminutive, 4-ft. 10-inch Monica toured with her husband singing such country songs as "I'm Little But I'm Loud," initially made famous by Little (and later Brother) Jimmy Dickens. After marriage our subject's personal life stabilized, but together he and Monica continued their pursuit of the elusive "American Dream" for another decade.

R. Charles Meyers (More and more he went by his middle name.) returned to El Paso, Texas, and joined the Border Patrol, but increasingly he sang on a part-time basis at night clubs in nearby Juarez. The World War II years found the couple operating a combination service station-truck stop-cafe at Davis Mountain Station, a remote west Texas locale.

Shortly after the war ended, an agent called him with the news that he thought he could get Meyers a major part in the musical *Oklahoma* if he would come to Hollywood. The couple then moved to California, but the big role never materialized, and the pair had to make ends meet by operating a boarding house.

For a time Meyers even took a job as a garage mechanic in Huntington Park while awaiting his big break. Finally, he was offered a lead part in the London Company rendition of the hit musical, *Annie Get Your Gun*, but he refused because a new agent thought he could land him major roles in western movies. Monica relates this story: The agent felt sure that a contract was about to come through with Monogram Pictures, and she was determined to get her husband a stylish western suit that he had spotted in a clothing store window. Although she had no money, the store manager let her take the suit home in return for holding her jewelry in his safe until she produced the cash. That very afternoon, the call came to sign the contract with Monogram, and the agent advanced the funds to pay for the suit and retrieve the watch and wedding ring.

Roland Charles Meyers not only wore the suit when he signed the contract but would later wear it to the grave.

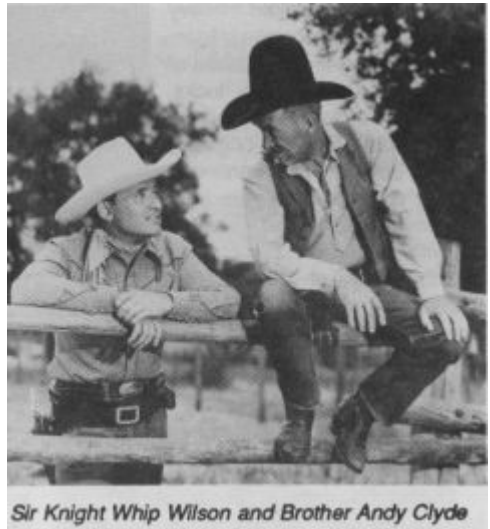
At this time R. C. Meyers received the stage name "Whip Wilson." However, a contract with Monogram hardly ranked as a guarantee to fame and fortune. One of the "poverty-row" film studios, Monogram was one jump behind Republic and only a jump ahead of P. R. C. on the ladder of movie corporations. The company thrived on low-budget comedies such as their Bowery Boys series and such western films that starred Johnny Mack Brown in the action line and Jimmy Wakely in the musical genre.

According to Wakely, Scott Dunlap, a Monogram producer (and a Mason) who had been associated with Buck Jones, hoped that in Roland Meyers he had not only found a second Buck Jones but also a competitor to the bullwhip wielding Lash LaRue, who had been building a following since the inauguration of his film series at P. R. C. in 1947.

In mid-1948 Monogram introduced Wilson to movie audiences by casting him in a Wakely film, *Silver Trails*. Then he received a "star" buildup and for four years from the beginning of 1949 through the end of 1952 had his own series of twenty-two pictures. His first lead role was in *Crashing Thru*. Other titles in the Wilson series included *Arizona Territory* (1950), *Stage to Blue River* (1951), and his final effort, *Wyoming Roundup* (1952). In the first twelve veteran, character actor Andy Clyde (and a member of Cahuenga Lodge No. 513, since 1943) who had been "California Carlson" in the Hopalong Cassidy series had the sidekick role of "Winks." Clyde also ranked as one of the most active Masons in the movie community. According to non-member Rand Brooks, Andy spent three or four nights a week in lodge activity of some type. By all accounts, it was the Scottish-born Andy Clyde who kindled the spark of Masonic interest in Whip Wilson.

Other significant support actors also appeared in Whip's films. After the departure of Andy Clyde; Fuzzy Knight, another veteran sidekick, took his place. Wilson also had some of the most appealing leading ladies in the B-Western genre. The late Reno Browne, an excellent horsewoman, appeared in six of his films. In fact, the pair were sufficiently popular that their pictures appeared four times on the covers of western romance magazines. Phyllis Coates also had the lead female role in six Wilson pictures and is best remembered as the original Lois Lane in the *Superman* TV series. Ms. Coates also was the female lead in one of the last movie *serials*, *Panther Girl of The Congo*. Other Wilson leading ladies included. Lois Hall and Noel Neill (also a TV Lois Lane) in two films each. Others who appeared more than once in Wilson movies included Myron Healy, Iron Eyes Cody, Tommy Farrell, Jim Bannon, Terry Frost, John Merton, and a noted movie villain, who had his own significant Masonic career, the late Pierce Lyden.

Ironically, by the time Whip became a Mason, he and Andy Clyde no longer worked together although Andy apparently helped out in all the degree work. Roland Charles Meyers was elected by ballot to receive his



degrees in North Hollywood Lodge No. 542 on December 6, 1951. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice the following week on December 13, 1951, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on the following March 3; and was Raised a Master Mason on March 27, 1952. Monica thought he took the Scottish Rite, but that is an error. He did take the York Rite degrees, being exalted in what became North Hollywood Chapter No. 151, R.A.M., on March 27, 1954.

At the end of 1952, Monogram Pictures cancelled both the B-Western series of Whip Wilson and their long running, action hero, Johnny Mack Brown. That type of film had been dying slowly because of the competition of television. Rex Allen and Rocky Lane held on for a little longer at Republic, and Gene Autry continued making pictures for Columbia into 1953. Bill Elliott and Wayne Morris made a few more so-called high grade B pictures for the Monogram parent company, Allied Artists. Actually since Monogram only paid their stars a \$250.00 weekly salary, Wilson had derived much of his income from heavy touring between pictures anyway. He and Monica had organized a road show called the Flying



W Roundup and worked a heavy schedule of theater appearance, which included a combination of musical numbers, whip tricks, and horse tricks performed by Whip's horse Rocket (originally named Bullet). They continued this for a couple of years after the movie making had stopped, but with no new pictures coming out, their days on the traveling theater and rodeo circuit would be numbered. In 1955 Wilson performed the whip tricks in a Burt Lancaster film, *The Kentuckian*, which proved to be his Hollywood and show business swan song.

During his days in St. Louis, Charles Meyers had taken some courses in drafting and engineering, and they proved to be useful once Hollywood no longer had use for a whip wielding cowboy. He soon landed a job at North American Aviation and moved to Anaheim. In this period he completed his York Rite work when he was Knighted in Long Beach Commandery No. 40, K.T. on May 21, 1960. He became a Noble of El Bekal Shrine Temple on May 28, 1960. On June 10, 1960, he affiliated with Fullerton Chapter No. 90, A. A. M, but retained his Blue Lodge membership in North Hollywood.

After seven years Whip and Monica purchased some rental property on the shores of Lake Tahoe and hoped to settle down to a quiet semi-retirement. However, it was not to be. Beginning in January 1964 the one-time cowboy star experienced three heart attacks. Late that summer, he and Monica moved to San Rafael, where the altitude was lower and Whip would be able to receive better medical care. Tragedy struck again when a fourth heart attack on October 22, 1964 proved fatal. Monica took Roland Charles Meyers back to Illinois where he was buried in the blue western suit she had obtained for him when he signed his movie contract.

In 1981 Monica Meyers who had returned to the St. Louis area published a booklet entitled, *Crashing Thru: My Life with Whip*



Sir Knight Whip Wilson, Noel Neill, and Rocket

Wilson. In 1998 Brother Bobby Copeland of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, a dedicated western film fan, self-published *The Whip Wilson Story*, a somewhat longer work that contains some additional information gleaned largely from persons who worked in the man's films. Copeland probably wrote the definitive conclusion on the subject: While "Wilson never attained outstanding star status... fans agree that [he] has his place and made his mark, just not as indelibly as some others." Masons can remember that Sir Knight Wilson was - for a time - a distinguished member of the motion picture community in his chosen occupation.

*Note: The aforementioned booklets constitute the best available sources of information on Roland Charles Meyers, a.k.a. Whip Wilson. As for his Masonic record, Brother Richard Duenckel obtained it from the records of North Hollywood Lodge. It was supplemented by additional data from the staff of the Orange County, California York Rite Bodies and El Bekal Shrine Temple in Anaheim. I also appreciate the help of Brother Copeland*

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## Into the Valley of Conflict

by Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33°

Human existence is sometimes replete with events so strange that a precise narration of them appears to be of romance rather than of reality. Many of the accounts relating to the heroes of the American Revolution are filled with such examples.

One name, however, stands alone and above the glowing descriptions etched into the archives of history. One man, who was destined to assume an impressive role in America's fight for independence, first saw the light of day in the very land against which the fledgling country was to engage itself in conflict.

James Jackson was born in Devonshire, England, on September 21, 1757. His father taught his young son the strong values of love for country, love for family, and above all, love for God. These lessons struck a cord in the character of the young boy; he carried them with him to the new world when he left England in his fifteenth year with his family to emigrate westward across a vast sea to America, and on to the remote land and forests of Georgia in 1772. This singular lad fell deeply in love with his adopted land. When its liberty was threatened by the Crown, he left his legal studies in Savannah to shoulder a musket in the defense of his new land.

Of special interest was that prior to the start of the Revolution, the city of Savannah was a military base for the British troops dispatched to the region to hold the patriots in check.

When the potential for controversy between the colonies and England became a reality in 1774, the Royal Grenadiers marched proudly through the streets of Savannah. It was this action, above all, that sparked the citizenry to organize as The



Sons of Liberty in common with patriots in the other colonies. So strong and popular had this group become that by 1776, the Royal Governor of Georgia found his authority at an end.

It was at this time that James Jackson actively assumed a military posture and joined with his fellow patriots in repelling the British forces, who were then threatening Savannah and its environs. Jackson fought so bravely here that he attracted the eyes of his superiors, and at the age of twenty-one he was appointed to the rank of major in the Georgia militia. In this capacity, he saw much active service. He was wounded in a skirmish during which his commanding officer died. The British troops, however, were defeated.

At the end of 1778, the British attacked Savannah and effected its capture. In defense of that city, Major Jackson fought valiantly, but he was ultimately forced to yield with his men to a superior force. The Georgia militia, fearing capture, fled into South Carolina, where they joined a brigade led by General Moultrie. During this episode Georgia and the Carolinas were beset on land and sea by the British and by hostile Indians. Far removed from the main body of the Continental Army, these colonies were left to shift for themselves. Tories were an ever-present threat. During these troubled years, the Freemasons, led by members of King Solomon's Lodge in Savannah, the first Masonic lodge in America, formed a bulwark for freedom in this new land. Masons were among the most zealous patriots in the struggle for liberty!

In 1779 the Georgians attempted to retake Savannah from the British, but they failed in their attempt and were forced to scatter northward. In his flight James Jackson was intercepted by a party of militiamen; because of his tattered clothing and Devonshire accent, they suspected him of being a British spy. He was tried and sentenced to be hanged. It was only through the intercession of his own men, who vouched for him, that his life was spared. Jackson went on to distinguish himself in battles at Blackstock and Cowpens and in the recapture of Augusta.

James Jackson was able to secure volunteers for the militia. He was a fierce horseman who could hit and run as the situation warranted. So well did he serve his adopted country, that when the British troops in 1782 were defeated at Savannah, Jackson was designated by General Anthony Wayne to receive the Keys to the City" as the British departed. Savannah was free due largely to the actions of this great military leader. A grateful Georgia legislature gave him a house in Savannah that had earlier been confiscated from a Tory.

At the close of the Revolutionary War, James Jackson resumed his legal studies, which had been interrupted much earlier. He soon established a large practice.

The fraternal career of James Jackson was no less dramatic than was his military life. He became a Mason in about 1780. His lodge was considered to be the first Masonic lodge in America, King Solomon's Lodge No. 1 in Savannah, Georgia. Existing records indicate that this lodge was organized in or near Savannah about 1733. It was formally constituted in 1735. The lodge received its charter from the modern Grand Lodge of England, established in 1717. There is existing documentation that King Solomon's Lodge was dormant for a few years. In 1785 James Jackson, who had served as Worshipful Master, proposed that the lodge be reorganized under a warrant from the Ancient Grand Lodge of England. This proposal received agreement, and the Brethren formed as a lodge of Ancient York Masons. Soon afterwards an independent Grand Lodge was formed in Georgia; General William Stephens was elected to the office of Grand Master. He appointed James Jackson, who had recently been promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the army, as his deputy.

In 1787 Jackson was elected to the office of Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, an office which he held until 1789. It was under his direction that the Grand Lodge of Georgia made strong efforts to unite all of the grand lodges in America under one general head. Indeed, it was Benjamin Franklin who proposed that General George Washington be elected as the first National Grand Master, a proposal soundly rejected by our first president.

In 1789 James Jackson became a member of the convention that prepared the constitution for the state of Georgia. He was a representative from his state to the first Congress held under the Federal Constitution from 1789 to 1791. He was elected in 1793 as a US Senator, an office he retained until 1795. He then served

from 1798 to 1801, as the Governor of Georgia. In this office he served well, becoming as fearless in politics as he had been in times of war. One outstanding example of this facet in his career was his action with regard to what had become known as the Yazoo Fraud," involving some 20,000 acres of valuable lands extending across the state to the Mississippi River; lands which the Georgia legislature had sold for \$207,000. Jackson was most indignant at what he deemed an outrage against the citizens of his state. He exposed this matter in the Senate and advanced an act to declare the Yazoo transaction null and void. Subsequently, the disputed territory, through his influence, was made over to the United States' government for the sum of \$1,250,000. Jackson was reelected to the US Senate in 1801. Unfortunately for his state, James Jackson died in Washington, D.C., on March 19, 1806, before he was able to complete his term of office. He was laid to rest a few miles away from the Capitol, but later he was re-interred in the Congressional Burial Grounds in the city. His grave was marked with a headstone bearing an inscription written by his friend, John Randolph of Roanoke, Virginia:

*"To the memory of Maj. Gen. James Jackson of Georgia who deserved and enjoyed the confidence of a grateful country. A soldier of the revolution."*



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## ***Comments from Readers on "Buck and the Mormons" And.. .Responses***

I was reading the October 1999 issue of *Knight Templar* when I was surprised to read that Andrew Jackson was elected President in 1824. The author was right that the election went to the House of Representatives, but John Quincy Adams won over Jackson with the help of Brother Henry Clay. Jackson would refer to this event as a corrupt bargain" since Clay then became Secretary of State under John Q. Adams.

Sir Knight Walter F. Cook  
P.C. of Centennial Commandery No. 55, PA

*Sir Knight Cook is correct. My statement was garbled by me on the storage disc. My own endless side-bar notes were in conflict. Please forgive the flub.*

Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett

I am an active member of the LOS faith and hold Joseph Smith as a prophet of God. The remarks in Brother Joseph's article seem to think otherwise... To me this article does not stand for the highest ideals of Christianity."

Sir Knight Ned  
Boise, Idaho

*Sir Knight Bennett said he did not intend that his article make any assessment of the truth of any religious beliefs. He meant only to present a history of origins and of subsequent incidents as time progressed. (Knight Templar magazine)*

Joseph Smith never announced and the assembly of Mormons never believed there was a 'revelation' from God approving plural marriage. Only those who seek to justify their own actions place that meaning on the action of Smith in 1843. But more importantly, there certainly is no record of twelve wives of Joseph Smith.

Jan Shipps in her fine work, *Mormonism*, makes clear that Smith knew the differences between "plural marriage" as part of the ancient "Patriarchal Age" outlined in the Bible and the "...political kingdom of God." Clearly, those seeking to justify their own actions used Smith in their efforts to make Kirtland and Nauvoo citizens think otherwise.

If author Bennett had been honest with his history he would have noted that it was, as Shipps points out, Brigham Young who led the main body of restored Israel westward, and who created his own brand of theology, quite different from that of Joseph Smith and the early Mormons.

Marvin Kleinau  
Murphysboro, Illinois

*My references were well recommended as first-rate Mormon history.*

*The academic books I selected were written by historic scholars, with no religious axe to grind.*

*I have over 300 pages of notes on Buchanan and the Mormons, plus a photo of Joseph Smith with at least four wives and Brigham Young with his 12 tallest spouses.*

Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett



### **DeMolay Leadership A Masonic Tradition**

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**Ross Van Ness Bayer**, Past Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey, was elected Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay International during its 79th International Supreme Council Session, held June 23-26 in Kansas City. Brother Bayer is a retired New Jersey State Police Captain. He is the father of five children and his hobbies are hunting and cooking. Brother Bayer is an active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and a very active Mason.

**Gregory R. Klemm, M.S.A.**, 33rd Degree, Active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and past President of the DeMolay Foundation from 1996 until 1999, was elected Grand Junior Councilor of DeMolay International during its 79th International Supreme Council session, held June 23-26 in Kansas City. Brother Klemm served as Master Councilor of his DeMolay Chapter in 1968, receiving the Chevalier Degree in 1969, the DeMolay Advisor's Cross of Honor in 1976 and the DeMolay Legion of Honor, Active, in 1981. Greg is a member of the Illinois Masonic Youth Foundation, the Valley of Chicago, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and received the Meritorious Service Award in 1991. Brother Klemm received coronation as Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33, in 1995.

**Jason B. Wood**, son of Bruce and Linda Wood of Lincoln, Nebraska was elected 33rd International Master Councilor of DeMolay International during its 32nd International Congress Session, June 23-26 in Kansas City. Wood is currently State Master Councilor of Dr. Frederick Eiche Chapter in Lincoln and is majoring in political science at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. He has earned the following honors: Degree of Chevalier, Meritorious Service Award, Lamp of Knowledge, Founder's Award, Blue Honor Key with two stars, Master Builder's Award, Super Builder's Award and Outstanding Achievement Award.

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