

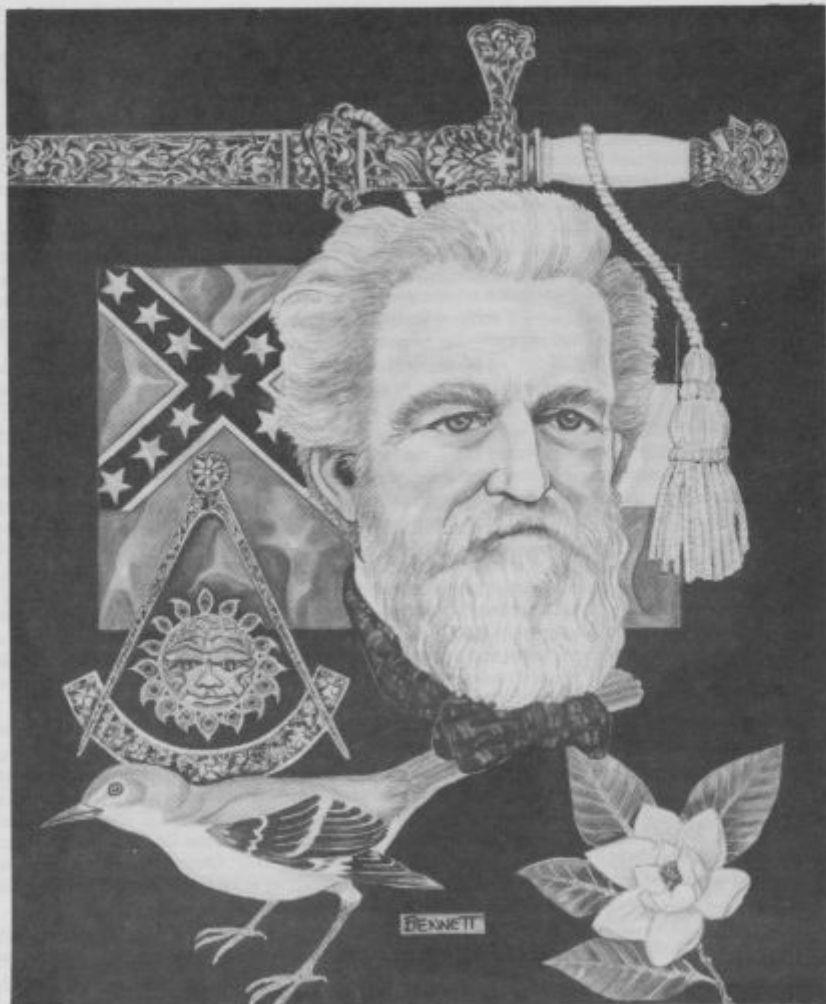


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General John Anthony Quitman had a distinctive Masonic, military, and civic career; all bringing honor to his beloved Mississippi, symbolized here in the modern state flag, the mockingbird, and the magnolia.

February 2000 - Grand Master's Message

I was thumbing through a very old copy of the *World Book Encyclopedia*, volume 6, which was the volume on the letter "F", and the article on "February" kind of jumped off the page at me. I read the entry, and as usual, I learned something. February is the second and shortest month of the year (I already knew this.) according to the Gregorian calendar, and its name comes from the Latin word *Februarius*, meaning "10 purify," it being the month in which the Romans were purified for the upcoming religious festivals. This month was not included in the first Roman calendar but was added later as the twelfth month with thirty days. It was not placed after January until hundreds of years later. Julius Caesar and the Emperor



Augustus each removed one day and added it to the month named in his honor, namely July and August. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, two of this country's greatest men, were born in February, and in many states their birthdays or a designated day is observed as an official holiday. February 14 is the date set aside to celebrate St. Valentine's Day in many Christian countries. Records indicate that this is a very old custom dating from the Middle Ages. On this date, we traditionally exchange greetings with friends and loved ones. Sir Knights, make this Valentine's Day special for your friends and loved ones.

Although February is the shortest month of the year, it is for many members of the Craft one of the busiest times of the year. Many activities, locally and nationally, are scheduled for this month, including Grand Lodges, York and Scottish Rite and Shrine meetings, A.M.D. Week in Washington, D.C., Grand Masters' Conference, and other appendant meetings in Savannah, Georgia, etc. I plan to attend as many as time will permit, and I hope to visit with you there.

TEMPLARY 2000 CRUSADE: The Templary 2000 Crusade is "off and running" because of your cooperative efforts on behalf of our family of Freemasonry. I hear and get written information about the wonderful things that are happening to promote Freemasonry throughout our Fraternity as a result of your support of the CRUSADE. This information encourages me to believe that the Crusade will be a tremendous success. United as a Craft, we will achieve lasting results, and I rest assured that this is an undertaking worthy of our wholehearted support - no negativism! I hope and pray that every member of our Masonic Fraternity will be a part of this as an ongoing program. Many hours and much work has been expended by many dedicated workers in our ranks to plan and implement the Crusade. You are making it happen, and I sincerely commend and thank each of you for your service.

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE: There is printed in each issue of this magazine an article or testimonial from one or more ministers who have visited Israel, the Holy Land, because of your support of the Holy Land Pilgrimage. These testimonials are enthusiastic, exciting and inspiring and in almost every case state that the minister has been blessed and grows spiritually because of the experience. In this month approximately 145 ministers will be afforded an expense paid opportunity to visit the Holy Land, to "walk where Jesus walked" because of your generosity. I commend those Commanderies and other groups and individuals who sponsor these ministers, and I encourage all Commanderies to actively participate in this most worthwhile program. Sir Knights, it is unfortunate when circumstances make cancellations necessary, and hopefully, alternates can be selected to step in to fill in for these cancellations. My highest compliments and admiration are again extended to Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley (Michigan), H.P.D.C., and Sir Knight R. Frank Williams (Indiana), H.P.D.C., and those who ably assist them for the effective and untiring efforts that have made the Holy Land Pilgrimage annually successful for these many years. Thank you, GOD BLESS YOU, and may you long continue.

32ND VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN: The 32nd Voluntary Campaign to raise funds to finance the humanitarian work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., began December 1, 1999, and I am confident it will be one of our most successful fund-raising efforts. New methods and programs have been implemented to keep our membership up to date on what's happening through our Eye Foundation, and to *emphasis the need for every Commandery and Knight Templar to participate and actively support this campaign.* This campaign rightfully honors an outstanding man, Mason, and Templar, M.E. Past Grand Master Willard M. Avery, for his long and distinguished service to Freemasonry and our Christian Order. Again, I commend and thank Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes (Pennsylvania), H.P.D.C., Chairman, and the others who labor long and well on behalf of this major effort to fund our high calling to be of service to those in need.

Membership Programs (5/50) Work

61st Triennial - August 2000 - Nashville, Tennessee

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"

FEBRUARY: 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 state's rank at this stage of the Campaign. Our February cover features original artwork by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, the author of our feature story about Brother John Anthony Quitman, page 18. The Templary 2000 Crusade target date is February 5, 2000, and the Crusade will continue through a good part of the year 2000. More information on the Crusade by our Crusade Chairman Bill Clutter starts on page 9. Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe has written another informative story about a Sir Knight, John W. Bricker. it starts on page 24. And as usual, we offer news galore about the Family of Freemasonry. Enjoy!

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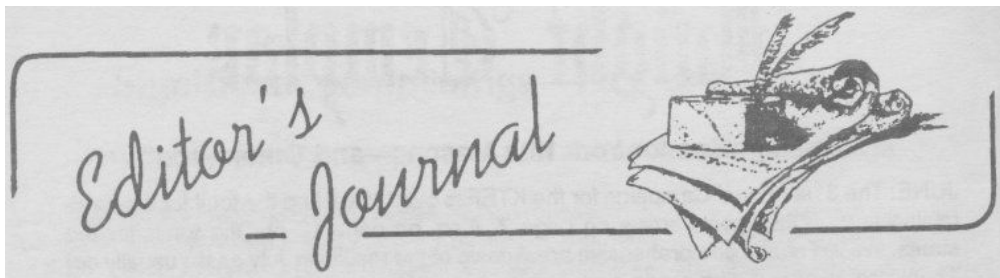
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Corrections: November 1999 and January 2000 Issues: The Annual Conclave for Pennsylvania is scheduled for May 18-21, 2000, In Erie, Pennsylvania. The Annual Conclave for Arkansas is scheduled for March 9-11, 2000, In N. Little Rock, Arkansas. The Annual Conclave for Kentucky is scheduled for September 9-13, 2000, In Louisville, Kentucky. The New Mexico Chairman of the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign is Sir Knight Dewell A. Dempsey, 17 Forest Drive, Roswell, NM 88201-2605, (505) 623-3193. The Royal Order of Scotland meets on September 27, 2000, not on the 25th.

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.

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


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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>

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

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



**All Aboard!
The Willard
M. Avery Train
Needs Your Help!**

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



Who is there among us that doesn't need a little help now and then?

If you are one of those extremely fortunate persons who can honestly say that you never need a little help from others, you are very rare or you are not being honest with yourself, as most of us depend on others every day of our lives.

As the train in the above picture requires the help of many men, so it is with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and more specifically, the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign requires a large percentage of the Sir Knights to give their support for SIGHT.

Rather than be redundant and make the same requests that we have made in other campaigns, I would just like to call your attention to the Ways of Financial Support that are in place for the convenience of those who care enough to help in the prevention of blindness.

1. A letter by direct mail was sent to every Sir Knight for a voluntary contribution. The decision to make a donation was yours. This style of program is used by most of the charitable foundations in the country. I don't think we are asking too much.



2. The December issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine contained the usual contribution envelope, and you were able to choose how your donation was to be applied. Is your envelope still in the copy of your magazine? Was it sent to the KTEF office? Let's hope it has not been discarded as unimportant.
3. The envelope mentioned in no. 2 above covers all the methods of giving, and each of us has a choice.
4. I call your attention to the Permanent Donor Fund approach. If you choose to establish a Permanent Donor Fund, you may direct your estate or a portion thereof to be added to this Donor Fund thus achieving perpetual recognition of support by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. for years to come. It is important to establish the Permanent Donor Fund now with a minimum donation of \$10,000. If you are not familiar with this approach to giving, contact the Administrative Office.

Sir Knights, by the time you receive this edition of the *Knight Templar* magazine, 40% of the time of the campaign will have passed. What percent of your goal have you achieved in your fund raising program?

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

**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. Games, Trustee; 1700 Jamestown Place; Pittsburgh; PA 15235-4944. Include a note "For a Templar Seal Pin." Please provide legible mailing address.

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 Blancfort, in 1168, it has become synonymous with Templarism.



The Templar Seal

The Seal of the Knights Templar Depicted two knights on a single horse. This was a

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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTE Officers and Trustees for the week ending January 14, 2000. The total amount contributed to date is \$329,001.39.

Alabama	\$4,060.00
Arizona	4,310.00
Arkansas.....	780.00
California	14,669.66
Colorado	3,370.50
Connecticut.....	5,214.00
Delaware	695.00
District of Columbia.....	830.00
Florida	9,948.96
Georgia	25,365.00
Idaho	625.00
Illinois	11,577.00
Indiana.....	7,623.00
Iowa.....	3,383.00
Kansas	4,666.00
Kentucky	5,692.23
Louisiana	4,246.00
Maine	2,253.00

Maryland	14,185.91
Mass./R.1	5,852.88
Michigan.....	30,833.00
Minnesota	3,472.00
Mississippi.....	3,453.00
Missouri.....	4,538.50
Montana	2,449.00
Nebraska.....	2,725.77
Nevada.....	2,442.00
New Hampshire.....	1,140.00
New Jersey	13,573.00
New Mexico.....	1,344.00
New York	5,316.49
North Carolina	7,394.92
North Dakota	410.00
Ohio	13,151.00
Oklahoma.....	5,291.30
Oregon.....	5,045.00
Pennsylvania.....	24,705.22
South Carolina	7,009.00
South Dakota	9,436.00
Tennessee	6,879.98
Texas	16,940.00
Utah	2,505.00
Vermont	2,452.00
Virginia.....	8656.83

Washington	2,046.00
West Virginia.....	4,240.50
Wisconsin.....	5,858.70
Wyoming	1,704.00
Honolulu No. 1	100.00
Porto Pico No. 1	150

Anchorage No. 2.....	290.00
Tokyo No. 1	280.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	
Simon von Utrecht No. 6,	
Germany.....	50.00
Miscellaneous	1,107.04

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


How to join the Grand Commander's 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 \$1000, 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.

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.

IN MEMORIAM



<p>Robert James Miller California Grand Commander—1976 Born: September 21, 1921 Died: December 6, 1999</p>	<p>Max D. Bovey West Virginia Grand Commander—1980 Born: September 19, 1912 Died: December 24, 1999</p>
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**Why Support the 32nd Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF?
Here's What They Say About the Knights Templar Eye Foundation!**

I want to thank you for your help! I am a widow, and since my eye has caused me much pain, I haven't had a life outside myself. My husband had lung cancer, which ate up all our savings and more. When I began having eye trouble, I put it off until I could no longer stand the pain. I went blind in my left eye in 1996. Through your help I will be blessed to have the pain relieved by a cornea transplant. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your caring about another's health!

*Annie Lee DeLoach
Silver Creek, Georgia*

I am very grateful to the Knights Templar for helping me in securing needful eye surgery. Everything is going well after the lens implant. I can see quite well out of the left eye now. It is truly a great blessing that the Knights Templar got involved in my plight. Thank you so very much, and God bless your wonderful, humanitarian work.

*Scott O. Graham
Abernathy, Texas*

Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. Thanks so very much to all of you. The gift of eyesight is priceless, and words cannot express my gratitude!

*Darlene Easley
Marshall, Missouri*

We give thanks to God for your help in this time of financial need. The blessing you have been to us is so greatly appreciated. The surgery was a success, and Russell has had his first return visit to the doctor, who has said things look well. The healing should go very quickly, and then we will know what measure of sight he will have in that eye. We have so much to be thankful to God for, but especially for caring people such as you!

*Russell and Gladys Reimnitz
Corsica, South Dakota*

This is to express my grateful appreciation for one of the greatest gifts bestowed by a benevolent organization, my sight. Several years ago, Sir Knight Lynus (Gus) Gustin recommended me for double cataract surgery and lens implants. What a wonderful gift!

*Jay Wright
Ft. Smith, Arkansas*

Thank you very much for the financial support your organization provided to help restore and preserve my vision. The surgeries were successful! Your generosity has helped me take better care of my elderly husband and mother. Again, thank you so very much!

*Josefina Valencia
Chamberino, New Mexico*

Before my surgery the vision was so poor in my eye with the cataract I could barely see the doctor's hand in front of my face. Now, I can read, work, hike, and enjoy life in new ways. I'm only nineteen years old. Thank you for the generous help you have given me. Knights Templar is an outstanding organization for helping people in need!

*Yamir Collinot
San Diego, California*

The Templary 2000 Crusade Is Off To The Races!

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

With the many months of planning, organizing, promoting, forecasting, and scheduling; the **Templary 2000 Crusade** has begun in all of our Grand Commandery jurisdictions. Effective implementation through efficient execution of each of your programs will result over the next several months in the Knighting of thousands of new Knights Templar, who will then have been enlisted to support and carry the banner of Christian Masonry.

It's Never Too Late To Ask A Friend

This "Crusade" may be the largest singular York Rite membership development event in modern times. The excitement of the planned success of this endeavor is being shared by the many Sir Knights who have taken the time to personally ask individual Masons to petition membership and experience the beauty and important lessons of the York Rite degrees and orders. If you have not asked a Masonic friend to be a part of this Crusade, then do it now as it is not too late. Become a part of modern York Rite history ... you can do it!

"Bottoms Up" Forecast... Aggressive or Conservative?

I thought it appropriate to share with you the "Crusade" candidate forecast that has been submitted by each of the Department Commanders derived from the Grand Commanders in each of the jurisdictions:

South Central	1,495
East Central	800
North Eastern	1,055

North Central	321
South Eastern	1,050
South Western	218
Northwest	866

Yes, over 5,800 candidates have been forecast for the Crusade. We recognize that all jurisdictions vary in geography, Masonic demographics, and opportunity, but think what our results would be if each Knight Templar participated and secured one new petition? Many feel our results will be higher than projected.

You Are Doing It! Success Stories Abound!

Wasn't it exciting to read each of the Department Commanders' "Crusade" plans published in this magazine recently? The common thread in all jurisdictions was the leadership and cooperation displayed from all Masons working throughout the family of Freemasonry to promote the welfare of our great fraternity! If you overlooked them, please check out the last three issues of this magazine.

"Key Men" Effort Appreciated

The "Key Men" have been performing an outstanding service to the "Crusade" planning and promotion in all jurisdictions. They have been tracking each of the local Commandery and Festival candidate forecasts and assisting the officers of each Grand Commandery in many ways. In many cases, they have been the inspiration and catalyst for action. Thanks to each of you!

Certificates and Pins Mailed

By now each of the Grand Commanders should have received his candidate pins and certificates and the pins for the top-line signers.

A Positive Candidate Welcoming

Stan Simons, P.G.C. and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership, developed "**New Member Packets**" for your candidates. It was very well done. As promised, the information has been sent electronically to each Key Man for printing and distribution to all Eminent Commanders. Take the time to prepare this information so that your new York Rite members will receive a hearty welcome, a positive first impression, and a sense of belonging. Leaders will welcome and implement this candidate information and support package. It might be the vehicle to spark their continued activity in your York Rite!

This Is Just the Beginning!

This Crusade will be a success because of you. Yes, this is a singular program that will successfully promote our good works during the final year of our second millennium. But in a larger sense, it is the beginning of a new commitment by our Craft to pledge a renewed dedication for membership development for the entire family of Freemasonry. Thank you for being a part of this great endeavor.

**Now let's show everyone
That we are as good as we say we are!**

Sir Knight Clutter is a plural member of Noblesville No. 61 and Greenfield No. 39 Commanderies, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, and a recipient of the KCT. He is a member of the Grand Encampment Public Relations Committee. Telephone: (317) 581-0070, and E-mail: WRCLUITER@Prodigy.net

Unity Prevails in Connecticut! Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, Connecticut, participated in the 175th-year celebration and rededication of Temple Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M., Westport, Connecticut, by presenting the colors. Below left: Hamilton Commandery leads the parade! Below right: The color guard salutes the officers as they follow the American flag into Temple Lodge. Bottom: The color guard is introduced



The Glorious Holy Land Pilgrimage! Comments from Pilgrim Ministers

I am writing to thank you deeply for sending me to the Holy Land! The Holy Land is no longer just a dream. It is a reality to me. The Pilgrimage has brought the Scriptures alive in a new way. Our guide was so knowledgeable and personable, our group was great fun, and seeing Israel was life-changing on many levels: spiritual, educational, historical, and socio-political. The pacing was perfect and the accommodations first-rate. My highlight, among very many, was touching the place under the altar in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem where Jesus' cross may have stood. Words cannot describe the generosity and thoughtfulness of your gift! All I can say is thank you!

Brian Hacklander
Bethel United Methodist Church
Mound, Minnesota

I go over in my mind the many things I saw on our trip. The Bible is much more alive to me. Each week as I bring a message, the land of Israel is so very real.

I'm very thankful for the gift of the trip. It has enriched my life so very much. Was the money well spent by the Knights Templar? Yes, and I ask that you keep the program going!

Gerald Sever

My heart and mind are still overflowing with all the beautiful scenes and meaningful experiences of that spiritual journey. More and more I am realizing the benefits of this extraordinary gift which the Knights Templar have made to my life and ministry. Certainly, there were mountains of information and passionate insight gained from our guide, Ezra Eini. I also deeply appreciated the joy of fellowship with fellow Christian ministers, experiencing the camaraderie and unity of brother/sisterhood in Christ from many different Christian traditions. There was a sweet spirit in that group, but I must also commend Eugene Loose as a Christian servant of the highest order.

The ministry to which the Knights Templar is called and committed is unique, one that is obviously done in the true spirit of service to the Lord and His ministers. I shall be forever grateful to the Knights Templar for graciously including me in their 22nd Holy Land Pilgrimage. I can only pray that your work will prosper and many other fortunate ministers will have their lives blessed and their ministries energized by future Pilgrimages! And may the Lord bless you and reward you with His peace.

Dr. J. Steven Bolton
Oxford Baptist Church
Oxford, North Carolina

This letter is a "thank you" to the members of your organization. Howard Bone was wonderfully gracious and very conscientious. He is a fine representative of your organization, and I am very grateful for his help and generosity. I am similarly grateful for the generosity of the Knights Templar. Among all the positive difference they make in the world, I can now number the positive difference they made for me. I will be sharing that message with all who have the patience to listen to it!

Rev. Dr. James C. Berg
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Waterford, Michigan

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Division Of New York, Knights Templar Educational Foundation Presents Patron Of The Foundation Award To Norwich No. 46

The Division of New York, Knights Templar Educational Foundation, made a presentation of the Patron of the Foundation award to Norwich Commandery No. 46, Oxford, New York, for its annual donation of \$1000 to the KT Educational Foundation. The award was presented at the Commandery's installation of officers, and the award was presented by Sir Knights Ronald J. Bertie (below, left), P.G.C., Grand Recorder of New York, and Cortland Andrew (below, right), KTCH, Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, New York Division. Receiving the award on behalf of Commander Francis Wilcox was Sir Knight James Hemstrought, Jr. (below, center), P.C. of Norwich. Preceding the installation the Sir Knights (shown below right) and their ladies attended an Ascension Day Service at the Zion Episcopal Church, Greene, New York, with Sir Knight and Reverend Allen Lang, Grand Prelate, presiding.



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Of Washington Lays Cornerstone

The Grand Lodge of Washington laid a cornerstone for the 50th anniversary of the Northwest United Protestant Church. Grand Master Bill R. Wood and about fifty Masons from all over the state, as well as from the local Prince Hall Lodge, attended in Masonic attire. Richmond Lodge No. 283 has worked closely with the church over the years and sponsored the cornerstone laying. Pictured are M.W. Bill R. Wood (left) and Dr. James W. Dyson (right), pastor of Northwest, who delivered the message at the service preceding the cornerstone laying. (Photos and story by Sir Knight W. Steven L. Guffy, P.C. of Columbia No. 14)



Illinois Masonic Medical Center Opens New Surgical Care Unit

Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois, has opened a new, expanded surgical intensive care unit, which almost doubles its previous area. The spacious and totally renovated unit represents a consolidation of three intensive care units and will include acutely ill trauma, cardiovascular, general surgical, and ENT patients.

With this forward-looking consolidation, Illinois Masonic adds a state-of-the-art, highly efficient, and comfortable unit for its critically ill patients. It also addresses the sweeping technological and communications changes that have occurred in the last twenty-five years.

New Mexico And Texas Masonic Bodies Participate In "Old Timers' Days"

Each year the ranching community of Magdalena, New Mexico, celebrates "Old Timers' Days," and this year participants included Magdalena Lodge No. 50, Knights Templar from Albuquerque York Rite Bodies, members of Las Vegas Commandery, members of Ballut Abyads Alb-A-Kar patrol, and clowns from El Maida, El Paso, Texas. Following the parade, visiting Brethren assisted in the dedication of the one hundred pound square and compass made from a quarter inch, hand pierced, steel plate, mounted above the door of the Lodge. Below left are Sir Knights Robert Paul Everett, Proficiency chairman of Magdalena Lodge, and W.M. Steve Astorga, Magdalena Lodge, also a member of Las Vegas Commandery. Shown at right below are the Brethren in front of the brick and adobe Lodge. (Photos are by Sir Knight Ronald L Horsley; article is by Sir Knight H. William Hart, Public Relations.)



(Mrs. Jay U.) Nancy L Ipsen Installed Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B.



At the close of the 79th Supreme Session of the Social Order of the Beauceant, (Mrs. Jay U. Ipsen) Nancy L. Ipsen was installed S.W. President. Mrs. Ipsen was born and raised in Minnesota. She was the daughter of a Methodist minister and lived in several towns and cities when growing up. She is a graduate of Hamline University, St. Paul, and has a bachelors degree of science in nursing. Nancy is retired from nursing after more than forty-one years as a R.N., mostly spent working as a post anesthesia care unit nurse at Methodist Hospital in Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ipsen have two grown children, Christopher and Jayne, and two grandchildren, Alexander and Taylor. Jay

and Nancy are members of Church of Peace United Methodist Church. They are Past Matron and Past Patron of Harmony Chapter No. 8, Order of the Eastern Star. Nancy is a Past Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Minnesota and Past President of the Minnesota Grand Representatives Association. Sir Knight Jay is a member of Zion Commandery No. 2 and Minneapolis Commandery No. 23. He was Grand Commander of Minnesota in 1998-1999. Mrs Ipsen is a member of Minneapolis Assembly No. 46, S.O.O.B., and served as Worthy President in 1980, 1988, and 1997. She will serve as Supreme Worthy President in this new century and will preside at the 80th Supreme Assembly in Omaha, Nebraska, Sept. 24-29, 2000.

News From Florida Assemblies Of The Social Order Of The Beauceant

Florida Assemblies of S.O.O.B. held a second statewide class during the York Rite sessions in Daytona Beach. Ten new sisters were initiated from North Carolina, Alabama, and Florida. The class was named in honor of Mrs. Fred Piasecki, Past President of Ocala Assembly No. 249 in Belleview, Florida. In the left picture at the top of the next page, (Mrs. Frederick L.)

Sonja Piasecki, P.P., is shown with Florida S.O.O.B. officers from the four Assemblies in Florida: Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, and Belleview.



In the picture, right above, are the members of Ocala Assembly No. 249, S.O.O.B., Belleview, Florida at their 22nd anniversary. The three sisters in the front center are part of the original charter membership: Mrs. Jesse Powell, Mrs. Jonn McKelvey, and Mrs. Edward Davison.

Rainbow Scholarships Presented In Texas

The Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, presented two scholarships at their grand session held in Corpus Christi. Rebecca OBier received the \$2,500 Victor C. and Martha Marie Whitfield Scholarship, and Jill Nennmann received the \$1,000 Past Grand Officers Scholarship. The selections are based on scholastic record, financial need, and Rainbow service. These two recipients were selected because of their superb qualifications, extraordinary Rainbow service, and well-defined financial need.



The Whitfield scholarship was established to honor the Whitfields for their many years of Rainbow service. Victor Whitfield was a Grand Commander of Texas and a Grand Master of the Grand Council of Texas. Mrs. Whitfield began her Rainbow service as Supreme Deputy of Texas in 1943.

Rebecca O'Bier (right in picture), the Whitfield Scholarship winner, is a member of Elmwood Assembly No. 285, attended Duncanville High School, was active in the National Honor Society, is an active musician, and plans to attend Southern Methodist University. She is shown with Mrs. Marlene Dibrell (left in picture), Supreme Deputy in Texas.

The Past Grand Officers established their scholarship to honor Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Outer Observer. Jill Nennmann, the 1999 scholarship winner, is a past grand officer and a member of the Grand Music Committee and a religious music major at the Texas Christian University. She has a GPA of 4.00 and is active with her church's children and adult music program.

Pennsylvania's 200-Year Anniversary Stein Benefits KTEF



Limited edition (3,000 pieces) stein is 7 inches high, has a white ceramic body, holds 20-oz. liquid, and has a pewter lid with a special insert. It has eight colors and is outlined in 22c gold. Priced at only \$35.00 including shipping and handling for Pennsylvania. Out-of-state orders, please add \$15.00 for additional shipping costs. State that you saw this ad in Knight Templar, and \$1.00 of each stein will be donated to the KTEF. Delivery in about four weeks from time you mail order. Send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz and mail to P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. Phone: (610) 837-9429.

TEMPLARS! Any of you who have anecdotes (either funny or informational) about a Templar, a group of Templars, a Commandery, a Grand Commandery, or the Grand Encampment, which might be of historical interest; please write it (by hand, if you wish), and send it to me. I will see that it is laid UP among the archives" of the Grand Encampment, to be printed in this magazine at an appropriate time and in any history published in the next century: Jacob C. Baird, Chairman of the Committee on Templar History, 1334 Royal Road, Norwood, MO 65717-9466; e-mail: balrd@windo.nissouriorg

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

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



How Will You Pay for Expenses That Medicare Doesn't Cover?

You owe it to yourself to find out about the Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance designed for Sir Knights and their Ladies.

With the high cost of health care today, The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance Program is becoming a necessity for more and more of us. That's why it is good to know that you now have a choice of Medicare Supplement coverage under our plan at very affordable rates.

Under the Knights Templar Medicare

Supplement Plan you have the freedom of choosing your own doctors and hospitals, no health questions or medical exam to qualify, no waiting period for pre-existing conditions if you switch plans or are about to turn age 65, and hassle-free claims processing in about 7 days, are some of the many ways you benefit from the plan.

To make sure you can pay for the expenses that Medicare doesn't cover, call (800) 749-6983 for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan information and enrollment kit.

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Chapter VI

Features Of Triennial Conclaves

Forty-seventh-1958 (continued)

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.

The St. James Conclave of Indianapolis, St. Hilary Conclave of Fort Wayne, and St. Basil Conclave of Lafayette - all of Indiana - hosted a breakfast at 8:30 A.M. on Sunday for members of the Red Cross of Constantine. At 3:00 P.M., the Drill Team of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Detroit, Michigan, performed for an appreciative audience assembled in the grandstand of the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Divine Services were held at 4:00 P.M. in the Coliseum Building, a short distance from the grandstand. Sir Knight Eugene Robert Chable, Right Eminent Grand Prelate, delivered the sermon *The Portrait of a Christian Soldier*, comprised of the elements: Pilgrim, Warrior, and Penitent.

Drill Competition began at 9:30 A.M. on Monday. The ladies were entertained at a luncheon at Golding's Restaurant, Indiana State Fairgrounds, and at 8:30 P.M. were at a special performance of the Starlight Musical "Can Can" at the Theatron, Butler University. The ladies were entertained at luncheons and other functions during the week while the Sir Knights were in their business meetings. Following are some of the "after business" functions which all could enjoy. At 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, an exhibition race was run by six of the best "500" drivers. It was an exciting event with "pit-stops." tire changes. etc. "To top 4 off as

a huge family rally, box lunches consumed *in the stands were the piece de résistance.*" At 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, the Grand Master's Banquet was held in the 'amplitude and elegance' of the banquet hall of the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral. On Thursday evening *I Am the Nation* was performed by the Purdue University of Lafayette, Indiana, Varsity Glee Club in the theater of the Murat Shrine Temple. On Friday morning there was a public installation of officers for the ensuing triennium.

"Within short hours after adjournment of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, *sine die*, Sir Knights and their ladies - and the distinguished guests and their ladies - were en route to their home jurisdictions. Warm was the praise - and reluctant the leave taking - as Sir Knights and their ladies judged the 47th Triennial Conclave one of the most memorable."

Forty-eighth-1961

For the third time the city of Cleveland, Ohio welcomed the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for their Triennial Conclave; this was the Forty-eighth Conclave on August 12 to 17, 1961. The two previous times had been for the Twentieth Conclave, August 28 to 31, 1874, and the Forty-first Conclave, July 13 to 19, 1940. Two other Triennial Conclaves had been held in the state of Ohio, both in Columbus; the Tenth from September 14 to 18, 1847, and the Sixteenth from September 5 to 7, 1865. This time the Sir Knights and their ladies were greeted with "a full program and an exciting agenda," which the Grand Encampment had prepared for them.

Saturday, August 12, 1961, began with reception and registration of the Sir Knights. At noon the Grand Encampment of Knights

Templar of the United States of America reconvened in the Main Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. The Drill Team of Holyrood Commandery No. 32 formed the lines for the reception of Sir Knight Louis Henry Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master, his staff, and distinguished visitors.

After the roll was called, the Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, gave the Welcoming Address" to which the Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, responded. Recess was declared at 4:30 P.M.

The Parade divisions were in line and ready to move at 7 o'clock P.M. 'Ostrich plumes rippled in the stiff breeze and scabbards of swords glinted gold in the slanting rays of sunset as 5,000 Knights Templar paraded,' wrote a news commentator in describing the gala procession, which moved through downtown Cleveland to the Public Stadium... Colorful bands, precision Drill Teams, Templary's ensigns, the Stars and Stripes, and the concourse of Sir Knights ever moving on and forward in pride and step to the strains of 'Onward, Christian Soldiers' exalted the parade as one of the Order's great moments of the 48th Triennial. Almost two hours were required in reaching the reviewing stand."

At a breakfast for the members of the Red Cross of Constantine on Sunday morning in the Cleveland Room of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, the Honorable and Sir Knight Carl A. Weygandt, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, "delivered an address of great weight and moment." Divine Services were held in the Cleveland Public Auditorium at 4 P.M. Sir Knight and Reverend Phil Porter, D.D., Right Eminent Grand Prelate, delivered the sermon; the basic theme was consideration for and civility toward our fellow man. Following the service, at 6:30 P.m., a bountiful dinner under the auspices of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio was given in honor of the Grand Master, his officers, and distinguished guests.

Beginning at 8 o'clock on Monday morning twenty-five drill teams started their

spirited competition in the public auditorium. The Grand Encampment was reconvened at 1:30 P.M. and was at labor until 4:30 P.M. Conference and dinner took up the time of the Mutual Guild members until 7:00 P.M. "High light of Monday included a thrilling exhibition drill by sixteen platoons of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Detroit, Michigan, in the Public Auditorium at 8:00 o'clock. A Triennial without the finished and dynamic Sir Knights of this scintillating Drill Team would not be in the established tradition of Templary. A vaudeville review, the Grand March led by Sir Knight and Mrs. Louis Henry Wieber and dancing followed the exhibition drill, after which light refreshments were served, concluding an active and agreeable day."

Industrial tours were available for the ladies from 10 to noon and 2 to 4 on Tuesday. There was a luncheon for the members of drill teams and bands and for their ladies; the Most Eminent Grand Master presented prizes and awards. At 8:00 p.m. a special concert by the Lake Erie Symphonic Band, with Sir Knight (Dr.) F. Karl Grossman conducting, was indeed a treat - and a compliment to the Most Eminent Grand Master.

On Wednesday there were sight-seeing trips for the ladies. There was also a reception, luncheon, entertainment, and music aboard the S. S. *Aquaramaon* Lake Erie, an occasion designed to compliment Mrs. Louis Henry Wieber, the wife of the Most Eminent Grand Master. At 6:30 P.M. a "resplendent" banquet honoring Sir Knight Louis Henry Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master, was given for him, his officers, and guests, including the ladies. It was held in the main ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. Included among the guests were Mayor and Mrs. Anthony J. Celebrezze of Cleveland. At 8:30 a theater party for visiting Sir Knights and their ladies was sponsored by the Grand Encampment. On Thursday morning following the last item of business, the newly elected/appointed officers were publicly installed and shortly thereafter the Sir Knights and their ladies were homeward bound.

Part I: John Anthony Quitman: The Natchez Hotspur

by Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33^o FPS

About fifty miles southeast of El Paso, Texas, on Interstate 10, one passes a road sign at Fort Hancock bearing directions to the "Fort Quitman ruins." I do not recall a person, with only a layman's grasp of American history, who was familiar with the name. It is another example of how fleeting is fame and how brief one's moment on life's stage. The name sparked some curiosity in my case - about Quitman, the man. It might affect you the same way.

Just to keep the record straight, you should know that the U.S. Army selected that obscure name for a small fort built to protect the east-west immigrant and stage road from San Antonio to El Paso. It was christened on September 28, 1858, about two months after its namesake died, and was permanently abandoned on January 5, 1877. The crumbling adobe ruins fail to do justice to the memory of John A. Quitman.

Quitman was a historic giant in the first half of the 19th century, both in the U.S. Army and in his adopted state of Mississippi. He was their most distinguished Freemason and a national hero with a myriad of accomplishments, both civil and military. Today, only the city of Natchez, Mississippi, cherishes the memory of their favorite Yankee and adopted son. Natchez takes pride in his home, Woodlands, as one of the ante-bellum treasures of the great old southern city and as a reminder that he passed that way.

During the time of Martin Luther, in the early days of the Protestant Reformation, an Italian Catholic with the family name Marcelli fled his native Italy to settle at Iserlohe, Westphalia, in Germany. He adopted "Quitman" as a family name; borrowed from the Saxon, and signifying "free man." Many years later an ancestor settled in Cleves,

and that branch of the family Quitman eventually immigrated to America. The grandfather of John A. Quitman was a man of science and distinction in the service of the Prussian Government. He held the post of inspector of harbors, dikes, and military roads. The family residence was on a small island in the Rhine River near the city of Cleves, which had been swept away by a flood earlier.

John's father was Frederick Henry Quitman, born in the duchy of Cleves. He was a graduate of the University of Halle and a distinguished scholar and dialectician. Frederick dedicated himself to the study of theology. At age nineteen he was employed as a preceptor to the daughters of the Prince of Waldeck, the Count Rantzowe. After a two-year tenure, Frederick entered the ministry at Amsterdam and was ordained at the Lutheran Consistorian of the United Provinces. His first assignment was to a congregation on the Caribbean island of Curacao, in the Dutch West Indies, off the coast of Venezuela at the northern tip of South America.

A year after his arrival at Curacao, Frederick married Anna Elizabeth Huedc, daughter of the island's governor and a most affluent citizen. Anna was a well-educated lady of refinement and an exemplary wife to the Lutheran minister during his twelve-year stay on the island. Reverend Quitman was eminently successful as a pastor, beloved by his entire congregation. His rewarding ministry was interrupted by an insurrection of Jacobin converts among the island natives. Fearing the same fate which befell the elite class during the French Revolution, Reverend Quitman decided to relocate to the fledgling United States. The American Revolution had just ended.

Among the first Americans Reverend Quitman was privileged to meet at the city of Philadelphia was General George Washington. He enjoyed a cordial interview, during which the cleric was much impressed with the legendary general's keen intellect and knowledge of world history. Washington was a gracious host. He was so favorably impressed with the pastor from Curacao that Quitman was invited to the Washington home the following day for tea, hosted by the general and his gracious wife. Rev. Frederick Quitman's first church assignment in the United States was to a Lutheran congregation in Schoharie, New York, just west of Albany. In 1798 Quitman accepted a call to Rhinebeck, a small Dutch city on the north Hudson River. That was to be the family's permanent home.

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Rhinebeck was the birthplace of John Anthony Quitman, the third son of Frederick and Anna. He was born there on September 1, 1798. Tragedy struck the family early, when mother Anna died suddenly in 1804. Two years later, Reverend Quitman married Mary Mayer, widow of a deceased minister. Her two sons, Philip and Frederick, were both Lutheran ministers. Mary was a fine stepmother to Reverend Quitman's seven children.

Young John Quitman was a bold and self-reliant child from his earliest years. A handsome, sturdy boy, he had a tendency toward irascibility and often questioned authority. He was occasionally rebellious toward personal restraint. However, John

was an intelligent youngster and extremely studious. He was driven to stay busy and devised countless ways to occupy himself mentally and physically. Blessed with athletic ability and the love of outdoors, he hunted and fished. John also possessed outstanding manual dexterity. He repaired almost everything about the home and built furniture of good quality. Although not musically accomplished, he constructed excellent violins.

He inherited a Quitman family trait which was conquered by iron will power. John would slip into deep melancholy for days at a time. Another of his siblings, his stepbrother William, was a victim of a similar personality anomaly but was unable to control it. William's tendency to sink into a listless malaise blighted a brilliant future and led to his premature death.

In 1809 Reverend Quitman placed John with the Reverend Augustus Wackerhagen at Schoharie, New York, for religious and academic training. Wackerhagen, a former secretary to Reverend Quitman and a brother-in-law of his second wife, proved an excellent tutor. Under his guidance, John became an outstanding scholar, particularly excelling in Greek, Latin, and grammar. The youngster remained with Wackerhagen for three years before Reverend Quitman brought John home in 1812 to complete his religious tutoring personally. The athletic youngster spent his spare time hunting and trapping. He earned spending money through the sale of small animal pelts he trapped. By 1816 John's academic reputation had grown sufficiently to generate an offer of a teaching position in a Lutheran school where he could continue his preparations for the ministry.

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A better position became available near Philadelphia in 1818, and Quitman took advantage of it. He became an adjunct-professor of English at Mount Airy College in Germantown, Pennsylvania. He agreed to a salary of \$350 at the Catholic school, including room and board. Utilizing every available moment of his spare time, Quitman also learned fluent Spanish from a Venezuelan student. In spite of superior performance reports from the college, John Quitman had made the decision to change direction in his life.

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Quite by accident, Quitman met a member of Congress, Platt Bush, during a trip on a mail coach. Bush was also a prominent lawyer in Chillicothe, Ohio. After pondering life in Ohio and the exciting challenges in the legal profession, Quitman wrote his new friend about the possibility of studying law in Bush's offices. The Congressman agreed to accept him into his firm and to provide room and board for the aspiring youngster, in exchange for having John tutor his young children. With a guarantee of all-expense-paid legal training, Quitman enthusiastically accepted.

The Reverend Quitman, although disappointed to see his son turn from the ministry, supported his desire to become a lawyer. After a month visiting the family at Rhinebeck, John departed with glowing credentials from Mount Airy College. On one long leg of the sixteen-day journey from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, he walked to save money. In Pittsburgh he boarded a keelboat to Portsmouth, Ohio.

During the keelboat trip, a primitive mode of travel, Quitman killed game to provide meat for the boat. He also entertained the thirty-eight passengers by forming a duet with a female who played the flageolet in accompaniment to his flute. They reached Portsmouth, Ohio, on November 19, 1819. Among the passengers on the keelboat were a Natchez lady named Griffith and her daughter. Mrs. Griffith's two sons were lawyers in Natchez, and she recounted the financial opportunities there in glowing terms. She urged Quitman to consider practicing law in Natchez.

Quitman purchased a horse for the journey to Chillicothe, arriving on November 22. After locating Colonel Platt Bush, he launched his law studies and began tutoring his children.

On May 1, 1820, in a letter to one of his brothers, Quitman indicated he contemplated locating in Natchez, Mississippi, after being admitted to the Ohio bar. He was convinced it was an area of financial opportunity for a new lawyer. In the Chillicothe area, there was little money exchanging hands inasmuch as most services were paid for through the bartering process. In addition, Quitman had decided the climate would be healthier in Natchez, a rather odd assumption.

Before Quitman's study period was completed, he was transferred to Delaware, Ohio. Platt Bush had received an appointment to administer the sale of federal land. Delaware was designated as the site of the land office to conduct the sale of government acreage. Quitman's administrative performance had demonstrated that he was able to manage the land office and take care of any legal affairs in Delaware. His legal training had been intensive and varied, and his training at Delaware added to his skills.

Attorney-in-training Quitman also had other interests outside of the legal profession. He was an enthusiastic supporter of

the Ohio Militia. Demonstrating his military proficiency, he earned a commission as 1st Lieutenant in the 2nd Rifle Company, 3rd Regiment, of the 7th Ohio Militia. At the same time, the busy young barrister found time to petition Freemasonry, an activity he embraced with much enthusiasm. He petitioned Hiram Lodge No. 18, in Delaware, Ohio, and was Raised to the Master Mason Degree on November 3, 1820. The next year, he was elected Junior Warden.

On August 1, 1821, Quitman was examined and admitted to the Ohio bar. His license to practice was issued on November 3, the same year. However, in spite of his ties to Ohio, Quitman was determined to relocate to Natchez. Even the offer of a junior partnership in the law firm of Colonel Platt Bush proved insufficient to alter his decision. He departed for Mississippi on November 5, 1821, with Bush's blessing and enthusiastic professional endorsement.

John arrived in Natchez on December 3, 1821 with \$15 in his pocket. He immediately sought out Attorney William B. Griffith, the son of the lady he had met on the keelboat trip from Pittsburgh to Portsmouth, Ohio. The young lawyer welcomed Quitman cordially and volunteered the use of his law office and library, until such time as he became established. Griffith was so impressed with his new Yankee friend that he soon offered Quitman an opportunity to practice in his office for a year. He promised to support Quitman until he could generate enough income to make a permanent decision. John was elated with such an opportunity. A fast friendship had developed between the two young attorneys, one that would only be dissolved by the untimely death of William Griffith some years later.

In the early months of 1822, John affiliated with Harmony Lodge No. 1 in Natchez, immediately assuming an active role. The scope of his growing fraternal involvement will be detailed in depth further along.

Practicing with Griffith was a tremendous windfall for John Quitman. Not only did he become a close friend of the influential parents of his newfound patron, John had red-carpet access to the highest strata of Natchez's affluent and politically-powerful society. Quitman was a dedicated and hardworking lawyer, and his practice grew impressively, almost from the day he joined the Griffith firm. When Griffith was appointed U.S. District Attorney for the district, nearly all the private practice fell to Quitman. By necessity John became a full and equal partner in the firm.

Although a New York native, he quickly demonstrated his own firm dedication to the southern philosophy. His outspoken support of states rights, coupled with his supportive views on slavery, endeared Quitman to the Natchez citizenry. His popularity increased even more when he became active in the state militia. As a figure of influence and one knowledgeable in military affairs, John was appointed a brigade inspector of the 1st Division of the Mississippi State Militia on January 10, 1823. The assignment carried the rank of major.

A charismatic leader of men, Quitman endeared himself to his militia comrades and to every citizen with whom he had contact. His impressive honesty and unwavering loyalty to friend and client alike created a large corps of faithful associates within the space of a few years. On a social visit to Edward Turner's plantation in August, 1822, John became smitten by his 15-year-old niece, Eliza Turner. Although almost a decade older than Eliza, Quitman began courting her. He had ample opportunity for social activity. During the summer of 1823, a deadly outbreak of yellow fever drove Quitman and most of the business community out of Natchez until the first freeze in November. The moratorium on commercial and legal activity gave John an opportunity to make plans for his wedding the following year. However, the next year was destined to bring sorrow as well as joy.

On October 28, 1824, his dear friend and law partner, William B. Griffith, died suddenly as the result of an apoplectic seizure. Not only John's closest friend, Griffith also was married to the sister of his bride-to-be. Of necessity, Quitman took over the law firm. It was essential that he recruit a high-caliber junior partner, and he was John T. McMurrin, a brilliant young lawyer from Ohio, already working in the Griffith-Quitman firm. McMurrin became John's lifelong friend and developed into one of the most prestigious jurists in Mississippi, vindicating Quitman's choice of a new partner. In spite of the sad turn of events, the Quitman nuptials took place as scheduled. On December 24, 1824, John married Eliza Turner. Her father, Henry Turner, was deceased. Eliza was the principle legatee of her father's will, which included a large estate near Natchez, known as Woodlands." The newlyweds lived at Woodlands for two years.

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The years of 1823 and 1824 marked the beginning of John A. Quitman's ascension in the hierarchy of Freemasonry. In 1823 he was elected Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The following year, 1824, he served as Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge No. 1. In 1825 Brother Quitman was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, and in 1826 he was elected and installed Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi. The same year he served as High Priest of Natchez Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons. His responsibilities as High Priest of Natchez Chapter resumed in 1829 and continued

through 1836. Brother Quitman was reelected Grand Master and served from 1826 through 1838. He declined to serve in 1839. Without his knowledge he was elected Grand Master again in 1840, but he declined once more because of pressing commitments. Finally, however, he agreed to serve as Grand Master in 1845 and 1846, discharging his duties with great distinction. Upon his return from service in the Mexican War in 1848, Brother Quitman received the 33° and was immediately elected an Active Member of the Supreme Council, A. & A.S.R., S.J. He was widely known during the 19th century as "The Father of Mississippi Masonry," a distinction he earned through dedicated and exemplary service over many years.

In 1827 Quitman was a candidate for the State Legislature of Mississippi, his first venture into the political arena. He had many attributes to recommend his selection. His charitable activities were well known and so was his reputation as a friend of the common man. He was sensitive to the needs of all people, however disadvantaged; and he exercised all his powers to assist them. The district he campaigned to win consisted of Natchez and Adams counties. He traveled to every hamlet in the district and met hundreds of voters. Quitman was in splendid physical condition, and took part in a variety of sports activities every place he visited; including wrestling, boxing, and weightlifting. He exhibited extraordinary marksmanship in a shooting contest, winning a prize steer, which he presented to the runner-up. Already well known for his honesty and high moral character, he gave his constituents a face-to-face opportunity to find out for themselves. Never a fluent speaker, he overcame his deficiency with persuasive logic and the ability to convince an audience of his sincerity. Above all, he knew and understood the law and the needs of the growing state. Quitman won the election.

Quitman distinguished himself immediately in the Mississippi Legislature as a member of the judicial committee. He was a truly gifted lawyer with a political agenda he yearned to advance at the state level. In 1830 Quitman presented a bill which brought Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian tribal lands into the framework of the state government. Through an agreement with the two Indian nations, their lands were divided into conventional counties. The tribal lands covered roughly two-thirds of the thirty million acres which comprised Mississippi. The two tribes were offered land on the west side of the Mississippi River, in Indian Territory; or the option to remain in the state. Both Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes had already lost a large percentage of their population from smallpox, measles, and other diseases of the white man. Their traditional fur-trapping occupation had virtually played out. The legislation passed in 1826, adding many new counties to the state of Mississippi.

The Quitmans' first child Louisa was born on January 28, 1826. Nine more would be added to the family circle every other year until there were ten siblings, three of whom would die in childhood. John and Eliza lived at Woodlands, the large home her father had left, until Louisa was born. During January 1826, Quitman purchased a beautiful home only a quarter mile from Woodlands. The antebellum estate was called "Monmouth" and was located on a parcel of thirty-one prime acres. It became the lifelong home of the Quitman family.

Between the years 1828 and 1834, Quitman became immensely wealthy. He purchased two large plantations, one in Terrebonne Parish in Louisiana, where he produced sugar and molasses. He called it "Live Oaks." The other, nine miles from Monmouth, fronted on the Mississippi River. On that huge plantation called "Springfield," Quitman raised cotton. In the space of a few years, he added

extensive adjacent acreage to both plantations; incurring substantial debt which he discharged without difficulty.

Quitman's activity in the legislature continued unabated during the same period. One notable accomplishment was the revision and implementation of many improvements to the state legal code. He also drafted a militia code for Mississippi, which was swiftly adopted. In the spring of 1831, John and his family visited Rhinebeck, New York. It was Quitman's first trip to his boyhood home in eleven years, and it was prompted by his father's failing health. Reverend Henry Quitman had ballooned to 330 pounds and had left the pulpit in 1825. In his final active years as a preacher, he had to be carried into the pulpit. In the spring of 1831, his life was ending.

Upon his return to Natchez, John made public his opposition to high federal tariffs on imports. He became more virulent in pressing his states rights crusade, spearheading the formation of one of the first formal states rights' organizations in the south. He willingly endured considerable criticism for his activism. In 1832 he was elected as a delegate to the committee framing a new state constitution. During Quitman's busy legal and legislative activity, he was saddened by the news that his father had died on June 26, 1832, at Rhinebeck, New York.

Elected as state Chancellor, John A. Quitman presided over the Court of Equity for three years. His reputation for honesty and high ethics was enhanced tremendously in that responsible post. He was rapidly rising to the position of the most influential voice in Mississippi, and eventually throughout the south.

Part II of the John Anthony Quitman story will run in the March issue.

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Sir Knight John W. Bricker: Champion of Old Guard Conservatism

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During the middle third of the 20th century, John William Bricker ranked among the more prominent Masonic political figures on the national scene. During his career the onetime Ohio farm boy held the office of state attorney general, governor, U.S. senator, and candidate for vice president. Unlike some politicians who are merely joiners and members, Sir Knight Bricker took his Masonry quite seriously and remained active throughout his adult life, particularly in the Scottish Rite. In this sense he bore a strong resemblance to one of his major philosophical adversaries, Brother Harry S Truman. However, while the "Man from Missouri" carried the banner of liberalism throughout his career, Bricker championed a brand of conservatism that reflected the values of self-reliant Americans and that saw little or no virtue in the type of centralized government and welfare state associated with the New Deal and the Fair Deal.

John Bricker was born on a farm near the village of Mt. Sterling in central Ohio on September 6, 1893. His parents, Lemuel and Laura King Bricker, came from German and Scotch-Irish stock, and the future governor had a twin sister Ella. As a youngster, John learned about the hard work of farming from experience and received an early initiation in politics: his father took him to local Pleasant Township Republican meetings. As he grew to adolescence, John took strong interests in debate and baseball. When he attended Mt. Sterling High School, these activities would dominate his social life. One historian wrote that many of Bricker's friends from the time he was eighteen thought that he would someday be governor.



John Bricker: Governor and Senator

After finishing high school in 1911, young John turned his attention toward Ohio State University and the eventual study of law. First, however, he had to teach in a one-room rural school for a year in order to earn enough money to enter college. While Bricker was a good student, his star shone brightest in forensics and baseball. He became the Buckeyes' regular catcher, and there he earned a varsity letter and acquired a reputation as a good fielder but weak hitter. Showing his interest in politics, he and Paul Herbert (another future Mason who experienced a long career in Ohio government) formed a club to support Brother Frank Willis for governor, and later Charles Evans Hughes for President. After his 1916 graduation, Bricker entered law school.

Shortly after John entered law school, the United States entered World War I, and the young law student tried desperately to enter military service. Rejected by

the army, navy, and marines because of a slow heartbeat, he did YMCA volunteer work at nearby Camp Sherman in Chillicothe. He also sought a special appointment as a minister, which the Central Ohio Christian Church body soon granted him. This enabled the young law student to enter the army as a chaplain.

While awaiting his commission, John Bricker sought membership in Mt. Sterling Lodge No. 269 in his hometown. Initiated on December 20, 1917; passed on January 17, 1918; and raised a Master Mason on March 7, 1918, John would be a member of this lodge for 68 years. Finally, his orders came through and Lieutenant Bricker was sent to Camp Eustis, Virginia, where he spent his military career providing aid and spiritual comfort to those suffering through the great influenza epidemic. The war ended before he could be sent to France, and in mid-December, the young chaplain returned to Ohio.

Back in the Buckeye State, Bricker finished law school; married Harriet "Abbey" Day, a chemistry major from Urbana; and joined a local law firm. Soon he and another young lawyer and Mason, John Vorys, became activist Republicans, an avocation that would eventually carry both men to the halls of Congress. When Charles C. Crabbe won the attorney general's post at the statehouse in November 1922, he appointed John legal counsel for the Public Utilities Commission. A conservative both by nature and inclination, Bricker nonetheless championed the cause of utility regulation and consumer protection. In four years at this job, he won wide praise for his fairness and honesty.

He also continued his Masonic endeavors in this period, completing the Scottish Rite in Scioto Consistory on April 21, 1922, and becoming a Noble of Aladdin Shrine Temple on May 6, 1923. He also became a Companion of Friendship Chapter No. 227, Royal Arch Masons, on May 23, 1927. John also joined a number of other fraternal groups

including the Odd Fellows, Moose, and Eagles, in addition to being a Rotarian for some sixty years, but Masonry was always his "paramount" organizational interest.

Returning to private law practice in 1927, John's first attempt to run for statewide office came in 1928, when he sought the G.O.P. nomination for attorney general. He lost that primary by less than 9,000 votes, but he later accepted an appointment to the Public Utilities Commission, where he again amassed a record as the consumer's friend. In 1932 he won the attorney general position by a narrow 10,008-vote margin in what turned out to be an otherwise dismal year for Republicans. John served a pair of two-year terms as the state's top lawyer, and once more earned an enviable record. Furthermore, as the New Deal was in its heyday, Democrats held most state offices. Bricker ranked as the leading Republican in Ohio. In 1936 he became the G.O.P. standard bearer for governor but lost to incumbent Democrat, Martin L. Davey (a member of Rockton Lodge No. 316 in Kent), by 126,688 votes. However, he ran a half million votes ahead of presidential nominee, Sir Knight Alfred Landon (of St. Bernard Commandery No. 10, Independence, Kansas) in Ohio and retained stature among Republicans.

During the thirties John Bricker continued being active in Masonry. He completed the York Rite degrees in Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1 in Columbus on March 27, 1934, and Columbus Council No. 8 on March 13, 1936. However, the Scottish Rite became his special forte. As Wafer H. Kropp and John A. Eckler noted in his obituary:

"An active ritualist, he was active in the 20° (Grand Master of Virginia) from 1925 to 1941; and the 29° (Sieur De Coucy) from 1927 through 1943. He was memorable as the Commander of the 32° from 1934 through 1970, though he seldom performed after 1962. He was crowned an honorary member of the Supreme

Council [33°] at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 29, 1937, and was the senior ranking member in the Valley of Columbus. On September 24, 1942, he was made an active member of the Supreme Council, N.M.J., a post he held for 34 years. For many years he held the office of Grand Minister of State, the third ranking office in the Supreme Council, and in 1971 he became the 14th recipient of the Gourgas Medal, the highest honor in Scottish Rite Masonry."

In 1938 John Bricker made his second - and this time successful - run for governor. He benefited from an unseemly rivalry between the controversial Governor Davey and his primary opponent Brother Charles Sawyer (of Madisonville Lodge No. 419). The Roosevelt administration contributed to Davey's primary defeat, and the angry lame duck governor refused to endorse Sawyer. Furthermore, the Ohio electorate growing weary of New Deal reforms not only elected

Bricker by some 118,000 votes but also sent Robert A. Taft to the U.S. Senate. John would win his next two terms by margins in excess of 300,000 votes.

John Bricker's three terms as governor of the Buckeye State helped make him a national figure. Except for an unfortunate dispute with Cleveland mayor and fellow Republican, Harold Burton (of Pythagoras Lodge No. 682), late in 1939 over relief funding in that city; the governor managed to avoid major controversy and provided Ohio with six years of conservative but efficient government. Wartime prosperity restored vitality to the state economy, and while Bricker cooperated with the President on defense and war measures, he remained a firm critic of the New Deal. In 1940 he won a second term by defeating Davey by more than 346,000 votes and in 1942 bested John McSweeney by 377,000, making him a presidential hopeful for 1944.

In 1940, when Brother Wendell Wilkie had received the G.O.P. nomination,



Sir Knight Bricker, 1938, as candidate for governor. Courtesy of the Athens County Historical Society



Sir Knight Bricker, 1944, as presidential contender. Courtesy of the Athens County Historical Society



Franklin D. Roosevelt with Governor Bricker on an inspection of Ft. Hayes in 1940. Although of opposite parties, FDR greatly disliked Bricker's opponent, former Governor Dewey. Courtesy of Columbus Dispatch.

Bricker had initially backed Ohio's conservative Senator Bob Taft. In 1944 Taft opted not to run and threw his backing to Bricker. However, because both men represented the conservative- isolationist wing of the party, delegates in the eastern and larger states remained wary of their electability. As my history professor at Ohio University, George Lobdell, phrased it many years ago, "The delegates loved Bricker but married [Thomas] Dewey." The Ohio governor ended up with the vice presidential nomination. In an election in which all major party national candidates were Masons, Roosevelt and Truman defeated Dewey and Bricker by an electoral count of 432 to 99. The 46% of the 1944 vote received by the Republicans, nonetheless, represented the Republicans best showing against the nearly invincible Roosevelt.

John Bricker finished his governorship in January 1945 and returned to his private law practice, but only for slightly more than a year. In 1946 he sought a seat in the U.S. Senate. Senator Harold Burton had been appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Truman, and Bricker decided to seek the seat. He won a full six-year term defeating his Democratic opponent, James Huffman, by 328,000 votes. That fall had been a good one for Republicans as they took control of both houses of Congress for the first time since the days of Herbert

Hoover. Senator Bricker quickly became ranked among the staunchest critics of New Deal-Fair Deal policies. As his biographer, Richard O. Davies, put it, he rapidly found himself "stereotyped as a stalwart leader of the Old Guard."

The new senator had an especially difficult time reconciling his opposition to communism with his equally strong distaste for foreign aid programs designed to lessen the appeal of this radical ideology. Meanwhile, he found a means through a constitutional amendment that could weaken the role of the executive branch in foreign policy, and it came to be known as the Bricker Amendment." In 1952 the Buckeye State lawmaker won a second term to the Senate by defeating former Toledo Mayor Michael DiSalle, and Dwight Eisenhower won the Presidency. Bricker had high hopes for his amendment, but while it won majority support in the Senate, it failed to garner a two-thirds majority. Modified by veteran Georgia Senator, Walter George (of Vienna Lodge No. 324), it still came out one vote short, 60-31 of the two-thirds. Failure of President Eisenhower to support the Bricker Amendment proved crucial in its defeat. Ironically, during the peak period of opposition to the Viet Nam War, much of the so-called New Left" nostalgically looked back to the Bricker Amendment as a lost opportunity.



Cartoon endorsement of Bricker for 3rd term, 1942. Courtesy of Akron Beacon Journal



Governor Bricker with wife Harriet, son Jack, and dog Duke. Courtesy Columbus Dispatch

In 1958 John Bricker contemplated retirement but finally chose to seek a third term. Meanwhile, many Ohio business leaders began favoring a "right-to-work amendment." John began pleading with them in private to abandon the idea or at the very least to postpone it for a year. The veteran lawmaker correctly figured that it would arouse the ire of organized labor to a hitherto unprecedented opposition and quite likely cause the Republican Party to suffer a major defeat. His warnings proved prophetic. Bricker had never been in good standing with the Unions, but the right-to-work issue inflamed A.F.L.-C.I.O. leadership to a fever pitch. Bricker lost the election to the lackluster Democrat, Stephen M. Young, by 155,000 votes. At sixty-five, the "Defender of the Old Guard" had fought his last campaign.

Back in Ohio the retired politician lived on for another twenty-eight years. He continued to head his prestigious law firm and served another decade on the Ohio State University Board of Trustees. He also remained active on behalf of Ohio Republicans. In both 1962 and 1968, this writer had the privilege of

introducing him as main speaker at G.O.P. rallies in his hometown of Albany, Ohio and can testify that the old guardsman could still inspire the faithful with the best of them. In Columbus Bricker attended to the work of his law firm and met with old friends such as real estate tycoon-Pittsburgh Pirate owner, John Galbreath (of University Lodge No. 631), and Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes. He remained active into his mid-eighties. Bricker made his last public appearance with President Reagan on the O.S.U. campus at St. John's Arena in 1984. His wife Harriet died on June 1, 1985, and after that John lost the will to live." On March 22, 1986, a few months before his 93rd birthday, John Bricker died of heart failure.

In death the Cincinnati Enquirer eulogized the former governor and senator accurately and accordingly:

"John Bricker had the good fortune to look precisely like what he was - a conservative Midwesterner who believed fervently in the American Dream, because he was one of its beneficiaries."

In some respects Bricker's brand of conservatism had become a bit dated by the time of his political retirement. Perhaps so, but one can hardly say that his reliance on honesty, self help, and individualism were wrong. Like others in American politics, John Bricker made his share of mistakes, but his reputation for honor and integrity have held up well. A Mason for 68 years and a Knight Templar for 52 years, John W. Bricker at his best exemplified the highest characteristics of the order.

Note: The best Bricker biography is Richard O. Davies Defender of the Old Guard: John W. Bricker and American Politics,

(Columbus: Ohio State University Press, 1993). For his Masonic Record I am indebted to David Dresser, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; Earl Gifford, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio; Richard Palm, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio; and Richard Frasher, Secretary of the Valley of Columbus, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

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Grand Commandery of MA/RI Awards Holy Land Pilgrimage



At a church service in Greenfield, Massachusetts, officers of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts/Rhode Island gathered to congratulate a pleased and excited Reverend Richard Barron, minister of the First Baptist Church, recipient of a Holy Land Pilgrimage. The Grand Commandery had fourteen officers and members there, and the award was given by Sir Knight John C. Sutterley, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. Left to right are Sir Knights: Ronald Wolf, Grand

Generalissimo; Walter Weisgerber, Past Grand Commander; Charles Austion, Deputy Grand Commander; and John C. Sutterley, Grand Commander. (submitted by Michael S. Kaulback of the Samuel Crocker Lawrence Library)

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For sale: Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver and silver bullion thread for embroidered crossed swords on the flap, skull and crossbones on the apron. These are identical to those worn by all Sir Knights in the last century and still worn in some jurisdictions: brand new: \$75.00 plus \$5.00 U.P.S. A percentage to York Rite charities. Sal Caradonna, P.C., D.Z.O.; 23 Gaile Court; Staten Island; NY 10306-2234; (718) 987-4532

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Newly created Sir Knight disabled and on fixed income, lithe disposable funds, seeking items to allow me to assume duties in my Commandery. Need serviceable chapeau, 7¹/₈; sword, 30-inch blade; sword belt, 36-38; and cases for each. Will make arrangements for time-pay, if acceptable. Donated items will be gratefully appreciated. Have exhausted local sources; no loaners available. Bill Frederiksen, 629 B. North West Street, Sikeston, MO 63801-4737, (573) 471-1629. All responses will be answered upon receipt/call.

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Attention, coin collectors: Lone Star Lodge No. 175, Newcomerstown, Ohio, has for sale a supply of 150th anniversary, antique bronze coins (dollar size). The face has "Lone Star Lodge No. 175, F. & AM., Newcomerstown, Ohio, 150 years, October 16, 1849-1999" with a star in the center. The back side has Masonic emblems, working tools, etc. \$6.00 each includes the shipping and handling. Send check or money order made out to Lone Star Lodge No. 175, and mail to Alan D. Hart, Secretary; 516 S. River Street; Newcomerstown; OH 43832-1446

Cochran Lodge No. 217, Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project. We are selling Masonic jewelry boxes, 6 x5 x2.5 inches in size and the shape of the square and compass. They are constructed of exotic woods from Central America and hand-crafted with an interlocking design. All profits from these Masonic jewelry boxes will be going to Masonic charities, a portion directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund. The price is \$20.00 each with \$5.00 shipping in the U.S. and Canada. Check or money order to Cochran Lodge No. 217 and mail to Harry A. Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & A.M.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217bigfoot.com

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

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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, #214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585

Researching for books on WWII Railway Operating battalions and Railroad Masonic Degree teams. Need reminiscences and photos/mementos to copy. Gerald Edgar, 230 W. 5th Street, Garner, IA 50438

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Wanted: Past Master and Sir Knight seeks programs, photos, posters, scrapbooks, letters, and other historical items from the field of professional wrestling, particularly former wrestlers who are/were Masons. S. D. Johnson, 2410 S. Street, #10; Sacramento; CA 95816, (916) 451-8170, e-mail: duff@midtown.net (member CAC).

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For sale: Masonic collectibles, new and old items. I also have Masonic medallions, badges, metal truck banks, all types of afghans from Masonic bodies and other collectible items. If interested, send for a four-page list, and I will get it out in the mail to you upon receipt of your request. I am raising funds for the KTEF. Elizabeth S. Buz, PO. Box 20384, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0384

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February 22—Washington's birthday

