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April 2000 - Grand Master's Message

The Templary 2000 Crusade is without a doubt a success. The preliminary numbers are looking good, and I fully expect that we will exceed the objective of 2000 Knightings. I have limited reports on the number of reinstatements to date but I also expect that this goal will be achieved by your commitment to this important part of the Crusade. I say again: The support of the 2000 Crusade program at all levels of membership has been exemplary and has set a standard of unity that will continue to benefit all branches in our family of Freemasonry. The following have truly earned our gratitude and applause: Sir Knight Bill Clutter, Jr., P.G.C. of Indiana and Chairman of the Templary 2000 Crusade, in particular; the many, many Masons working as members of the York and/or Scottish Rites; Shriners; and those in all of the appendant bodies in the family of Freemasonry who have tirelessly and diligently worked to achieve the purposes of the Crusade.



The annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, the public laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery by members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, and the activities at the Hotel Washington have been and continue to be some of the most inspirational and enjoyable activities in all of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Bob Hines, P.G.C., KCT, Chairman of the Committee on Easter activities; members of this committee; the officers and members of the Grand Commandery of Indiana; and many others have worked hard on the planning and implementing of these activities, and this will surely be a memorable time. The date is April 21-23, 2000. I look forward to visiting with you there.

The 61st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Activities will begin on Friday, August 11, and conclude on Wednesday, August 16, 2000. Registration forms have been mailed to all voting members of the Grand Encampment. Registration forms for non-voting members have been mailed to all Grand Recorders. Registration forms should be mailed with registration fee to: Fred F. Bean, P.O. Box 1030, Meridian, MS 39302-1030 before April 30, 2000 to save a LATE REGISTRATION FEE of \$25.00. Room reservations should be made directly with the Renaissance, Nashville Hotel, 611 Commerce Street, Nashville, TN 37203 or at telephone number, (615) 255-8400. Reservations for sightseeing tour(s) should be made directly with GRAY LINE, Nashville, at telephone number, (615) 883-5555. Come on down and lets make music in Nashville. Don't forget the ads and buck-a-line" for the souvenir program book.

The 31st Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF is dedicated to an outstanding man and Mason and Templar, Past Grand Master Willard M. Avery, and the campaign is ably directed by Sir Knight Charles A. Games, H.P.D.C., Chairman of the Campaign. Started on December 1, 1999, it will run through April 30, 2000. So far the results have been very good, and because of the participation of every member and every Commandery and your individual commitment to support this humanitarian charity, this will be one of our most successful campaigns.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS (5/50) WORK
INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT TO A GROUP EFFORT WORKS
NO NEGATIVISM'

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

EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR

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

James Morris Ward, Grand Master, KGC

Knight Templar

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

APRIL: The Grand Encampment and all the Sir Knights have lost Past Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., and he will be missed. His In Memoriam is on page 8. This, our Easter issue, includes inspirational writings by Grand Prelate Donald H. Smith and Reverend and Sir Knight Donald Kerr. The 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign ends April 30. Campaign coverage starts on page 9 and includes the states' tally on page 10, so check your state's rank. You still have time to make this the most successful Campaign yet) On page 2, Grand Master James Ward sends greetings and information on Grand Encampment projects and activities. The Templary 2000 Crusade is covered on page 12, and on page 13 you will see it is a big success in Texas! The last of the Brother John Anthony Quitman story starts on page 25, and we present the story of Brother Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois on page 21.

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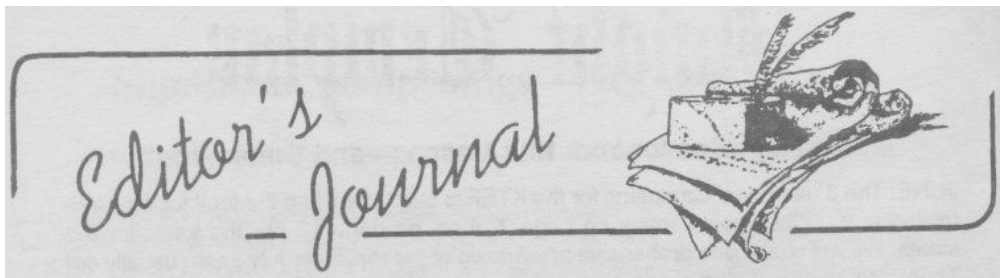
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Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded 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 Ave, 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

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

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

Easter 2000

A Week of Cheers, Fears, and Tears

by Six Knight Donald Hinslea Smith, M.E.P.G.M.
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.



We have gathered here from all over, as we do each year, to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ - He who gave His all for those who believe that He was the Messiah, the Son of God.

This celebration would be difficult to understand if we neglected to mention the events of the days before the Resurrection, the week that brought cheers, fears, and tears - the week that changed the world as we can see almost 2000 years later.

This is a story we Christians have heard many times before, a story that leads to our Salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.

The week began with the arrival of our Lord in Jerusalem with His disciples. There He was mounted on a donkey as He rode into the city. The streets were lined with believers, new and old, who cheered Him and lay their cloaks and palm leaves before Him on the road, and they cheered saying, Hosanna, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

He went into the Temple where he removed the money changers and those who sold doves. This was not a place of business but a Temple to God. He healed many sick and crippled people as he spoke to those assembled. This disturbed the Scribes and the Pharisees, and they set out to punish Him because they were afraid of Him and His teachings.

As the week progresses, we learn of the preparations for the Passover and the assembly of the disciples with Jesus in the Upper Room. As they ate, Jesus told them that one of them would betray Him to those who would punish Him. Judas said, Lord, is it

!" And Jesus answered and said, Thou hast said." And as they ate, Jesus took a piece of bread, and He blessed it and broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body." He took a cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, and said, "Drink all of it for this is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

When the supper was finished, Jesus laid aside His garments, poured water into a basin, and began to wash His disciples' feet and to wipe them with a towel. He told them that if He, their Lord and Master, has washed their feet, then they should wash one another's feet, for the servant is not greater than his Lord. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this all men know that you are my disciples." He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the light, no man comes to the Father except by me."

After that they departed to the Mount of Olives where Jesus told them, All of you will be offended by me tonight; for this is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will meet you in Galilee."

When He came to Gethsemane, with Peter and the sons of Zebedee, he had them wait and he went to pray to His Father, "If it is possible, do not let me go through this, but Thy will be done." And shortly Judas came with a group of armed men. Judas said to Jesus, "Hail Master," and he kissed Him. That was the sign that he had told the multitude would identify Jesus. Hold Him fast."

Then there was the FEAR: The disciples scattered in fear, fear for their lives! Shortly Peter denied Jesus, "I don't know Him!" As Jesus had foretold, before dawn when the rooster crowed, Peter would deny Him three times.

They took Jesus to the High Priest, and as they did, they mocked Him; they hit him. They questioned Him and took Him before the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, saying, "He says he is the King of the Jews." But after hearing the testimony, Pilate said, "I find no fault with this man."

As was the custom, the people could ask that a prisoner be pardoned and released. The people chose Barabas, an insurrectionist and a murderer. Pilate asked, "What about Jesus?" They cried out, "Crucify Him." And so it was. The Roman soldiers took Jesus into a hall and put a purple robe on Him and a crown of thorns upon His head, and bowed saying, "Hail to the King of the Jews." Then they beat Him and removed the robe and led Him off to be crucified. They crucified Him between two thieves on a hill called Golgotha.

They tortured Him with nails in His hands and feet. WHAT PAIN! It was indescribable as He hung on that cross for hours. He cried out to God, "ELOI. ELOI, Lama Sabachthani. My God, my God, Why hast Thou forsaken me?" and He gave out a loud cry and gave up the ghost.

A Roman officer who had watched it all said, "Truly, this man is the Son of God."

Pontius Pilate permitted Joseph of Arimathea to take Jesus' body and place it in his own sepulcher. Joseph had the body of the Lord clothed in linen and placed in the tomb and had a large stone rolled across the entrance.

NOW WE HAVE THE TEARS!:

That was the week that was. Those who had fears had fled and locked themselves in their rooms away from the people. Those who had the tears came to the sepulcher on the bright Sunday morning to prepare the body of their Lord for proper burial.

IT WAS A NEW WEEK:

As the women arrived at the tomb, they found the stone rolled away. The body of Jesus was not there. An angel sat where the Lord had lain and spoke to them: "You seek the crucified Jesus, but he has risen, he is not here. Tell his disciples to go to Galilee and He will meet them there," and suddenly Mary Magdalene heard Jesus say her name.

AND THEN THERE WAS JOY! It was *the new day, the new week, the new Salvation.*

Christ had died to remove the sins of all those who believed in Him - all those sinners then and now.

He took upon himself the horrible pain of your sins and mine as we truly believe in the Son of God. No crucifix, no torture, no pain will be felt for the sins of those who believe for He took them all. He died for our sins. He died for our Salvation. He died to show God's Love for mankind.

He lives for us now, as He has for almost 2000 years, when He told His disciples and us, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to all men, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We cannot celebrate the joy of our Salvation until we understand the cheers, fears, and tears of that week that was. It was our week, almost 80 generations ago, and 100,000 weeks have come and gone, but that was the week that changed the world. It was the week that God showed His great love for us.

AMEN

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith; M. E. P G.M., PG. C. of Kentucky, and R. E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A.; will present Easter 2000 - A Week of Cheers, Fears and Tears at the 70th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, April 23, 2000.



A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master, James M. Ward, to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at this traditional Easter Service. For those who are unable to attend the Easter ceremony in Alexandria or who wish to read the message in addition to being there, here we share it with you. Sir Knight Smith has served as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, 1985-1988, and was the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Kentucky, 1974-1975. He is a member of Richmond Commandery No. 19, Richmond, Kentucky. He resides at 1041 Idylwild Drive, Richmond, KY 40475

Alleluia

by Reverend Donald Craig Kerr, 32°



An amazing story was once told about a young lad on a farm, who was sternly advised by his very religious grandmother not to become attached to any sinful amusements on the Sabbath." When Sunday came, the boy felt sort of lost and lonely. Strolling along the field by the barn fence on a joyful, bright spring Sunday afternoon, the boy saw a mule amble over the field towards the fence rail. The boy waited and in a few minutes the mule was beside him, nuzzling its head into the boy's body. Running his hands along the mule's neck, the boy stroked the sad and weary face of his forlorn friend. "I guess, poor fellow," the boy said in sympathetic love, "you must be a Christian, too."

All of us need to be awakened to the beauty of life and time. That is what Easter does for us. It wakes us up out of our doleful selves. The fresh, eager glow of reborn radiance in the Easter gift washes away the

long, sad faces of unhappy rebirth of life, the hope of tomorrow, the horizon that carries yesterday's worries into an opening vista of new beginnings - all of that belongs to the song of Easter.

To be a part of the whole cosmic cycle is to feel a humble, yet vital part of God's grand design. Important to that grand design is the miracle of Easter, which lifts our spirits beyond the realm of today into the circle of eternal tomorrow. In our Masonic creed we are cast down only to be "raised" to a higher level of light and truth. We are in darkness only to be led into the chamber of an exalted world. So we sing with exaltation, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"

Sir Knight Donald C. Kerr, Th. D., 32°, is a member of Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland. He resides at 830 W. 40th Street, Baltimore, MD 121211

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

Most Eminent Grand Master ... 1967-1970



Past Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., the son of Stuart W. and Frances L. Crofts, was born June 23, 1909, Neenah, Wisconsin, and died February 28, 2000, Nokomis, Florida. Sir Knight Crofts' funeral was March 2, 2000, and he at rest in Venice Memorial Gardens, Florida.

After securing a B.A. in economics from the University of California, Sir Knight Crofts was engaged in public accounting and was later active in production control, product design, sales promotion, financial and general management for Thomas D. Murphy Co. Red Oak, Iowa, acting as Secretary-Treasurer at the time of his retirement.

He married Frances Marian Cochrane in 1933, and they had one son, John, Jr., a former DeMolay with Representative DeMolay and Chevalier awards, who is also a Mason.

As an active Methodist Layman, Sir Knight Crofts served as chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance several terms in the Venice-Nokomis Methodist Church. He was active with many social organizations, including the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club.

Sir Knight Crofts Masonic career began in Red Oak, Iowa, where he was Past Master of Red Oak Lodge No. 162; a member of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Iowa; a member of Montgomery Chapter No. 57; Past Master of Hiram Council No. 30, Red Oak; and Past Commander of Bruce Commandery No. 34, Red Oak.

In recent times he was a member of Venice Lodge No. 301, Venice, Florida; Sarasota Chapter No. 35, Sarasota, Florida; Bradenton Council No. 9, Bradenton, Florida; and an honorary member of Commanderies in Council Bluffs, Iowa; Fort Myers and Sarasota, Florida; and Fort Valley, Georgia, and many Grand Commanderies.

He was a member of Scottish Rite, the Shrine, HRAKTP, R.C.C., Royal Order of Scotland, and was awarded the DeMolay Cross of Honor and Legion of Honor and was an Active Member at large, International Supreme Council of DeMolay.

He was a Past Grand Commander of Iowa; a R.E. Department Commander, North Central (1952-1955), for the Grand Encampment; Chairman of the Committee on Policy and General Purpose (1955-1958); Grand Junior Warden, 1958; Grand Generalissimo, 1961-1964; Deputy Grand Master, 1964-1967; and Grand Master, 1967-1970.





Did you do your best or just enough to get by? 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign

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

All of us could apply the above question to most areas and activities of our lives. It could be in your occupation or maybe some type of voluntary service you do or in serving as a presiding officer of an organization. Was the recognition or compensation you received equal to the effort and service you rendered?

Since we are now in the last month of the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign, let's look at how determined and supportive we were for our charity. I hope every Sir Knight was and remains enthusiastic about doing our job in fundraising. (You have heard it before: "Blindness takes no Holiday.") Giving of our own finances is probably the basis of our fundraising - more so than from donations of those outside of Templary.

During this campaign we tried some new ideas to help The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., grow. If you supported the ideas, you helped promote that growth. The Direct Mail Program was introduced with the option of individuals using a Credit Card for their donations. A Direct Mail Program is common among most charitable organizations, both Masonic and non-Masonic; therefore, some of our members have willingly responded while others chose not to participate in this manner or to use the ways that we have had in place for years. Some members who do not read the *Knight Templar* magazine for one reason or another became aware of our Charity.



We have additional donors to the Permanent Donor Fund and look forward to increasing that number. Don't forget that you can donate stock and not have to pay tax on the Capital Gain. This is good for the donor as well as the foundation. Your broker or attorney will be glad to assist you, BUT BE SURE IT IS MARKED FOR A PERMANENT DONOR FUND. Forms are available from the KTEF Office in Chicago.

The 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign was designated to honor a great Mason and outstanding Templar, none other than Sir Knight Willard Meredith Avery, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Let's do whatever each of us can to make this a memorable campaign.

Look at the title of this article and answer the question. I hope each of us will have done our best and not just enough to get by. Only we as individuals can honestly answer this somewhat difficult question.

It could be a "Yes-Yes" or a "No-Yes." The answer can only come from the individual because he knows the circumstances and limiting factors.

I ask every Sir Knight to check his records and see if he supported the Campaign. If you did, I thank you for your support. If you forgot, there is still time to make that donation by April 30, 2000. To every Sir Knight who has had the privilege to serve as Commander, did you fulfill your goal of \$10.00 per member in your commandery? **Remember:** Someone may have his/her

Let's Ride Through 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.

sight saved because you cared enough to help in the prevention of blindness.

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

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



Charity Golf Tournament In Maryland To Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Calling All Sir Knights and Their Guests! The date is April 26, 2000, so respond soon! The affair will take place at the Glade Valley Golf Course at Walkersville, Maryland, and we will tee off at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will follow the play. The cost is \$60.00 per player, and this includes lunch and all green fees. Would you like to sponsor a hole, green, or cart? Contact: Bill Colburn, P.O. Box 951, Mt. Airy, MD 21771. Phone (301) 829-1277 for additional information. For \$100.00 your business name will be displayed. Let us know soon the number of holes, greens and/or carts (\$100.00 for each) that you want to sponsor! Come and enjoy a morning of golf and help bring those from Darkness to Sight through the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Thirty-second Voluntary Campaign	
Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending March 10, 2000. The total amount contributed to date is \$507,213.51.	
Alabama	\$4,675.00
Arizona	5,450.00
Arkansas	2,220.00
California	21,697.41
Colorado	4,050.50
Connecticut	10,964.00
Delaware	745.00
District of Columbia	4,117.00
Florida	15,735.37
Georgia	31,685.00
Idaho	1,288.00

Illinois	18,60400
Indiana	8,158.00
Iowa	8,307.80
Kansas	7,179.00
Kentucky	8,024.97
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Maine	3,286.00
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Mass./R.1.....	12,615.37
Michigan.....	32,182.00
Minnesota	4,438.00
Mississippi.....	5,180.00
Missouri.....	10,448.90
Montana.....	3,335.00
Nebraska.....	3,652.77
Nevada.....	2,672.00
New Hampshire.....	1,185.00
New Jersey	14,113.70
New Mexico	4,330.37
New York	8,378.90
North Carolina.....	9,834.92
North Dakota.....	520.00
Ohio.....	23,778.00
Oklahoma.....	6,346.30
Oregon.....	6,165.00
Pennsylvania.....	40,545.54
South Carolina	14,859.36
South Dakota	10,484.00
Tennessee.....	15,593.98
Texas.....	47,279.69
Utah.....	4,024.50
Vermont.....	2,557.00
Virginia.....	16,118.06
Washington.....	5,811.00
West Virginia.....	5,315.50
Wisconsin.....	6,992.70
Wyoming.....	2,329.00
Philippines.....	180.00
Honolulu No. 1	100.00
Porto Rico No. 1.....	615.00
Anchorage No. 2	1,190.00
Tokyo No. 1	280.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	900.00
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Germany	50.00
Kalakaua No. 2, Kailua, HI	300.00
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- No. 101,210-Cyril S. Esty, Jr. (CA)
- No. 101,211-James G. Fidler (OH)
- No. 101,212-Craig Raines (CT)
- No. 101,213-John Elliott Ford (CT)
- No. 101,214-Theodore E. Bolla (OH)
- No. 101,215-Joseph A. Jaskiewicz (MD)
- No. 101,216-Charles Ludwig Buck (TX)
- No. 101,217-Jimmy W. Lynn (TX)
- No. 101,218-Chet Allen Roberts (TX)
- No. 101,219-Richard V. Ashley, Jr. (PA)
- No. 101,220-Dennis E. Zerby (PA)
- No. 101,221-John L Logan (OK)
- No. 101,222-Jack D. Garner (WY)
- No. 101,223-Minor G. Rhodes, Jr. (AZ)
- No. 101,224-Millard R Snyder (LA)
- No. 101,225-Thomas W. White (NE)

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

A Templary 2000 Crusade Adrenaline Rush...

The Thrill of "Membership Development" Is Back!

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

The majority of Knights Templar in the jurisdictions within the Grand Encampment are experiencing an "adrenaline rush" associated with the enthusiasm of the *Templary 2000 Crusade*. What a thrill it is to be a part of such a magnanimous order and a participant in the Crusade!

This is Not Your Father's Commandery Anymore: This is because new members are joining of all ages, and new programs are being added to include family activities, guest speakers, and community involvement. New members bring new ideas, and this results in healthy growth for the order. Become a part of this new energy transformation!

Membership Value Is Critically Important: Non-York Rite Masons are busy people, and they need to be convinced that committing time and talent to a new Masonic organization has value. Be sure to sell the total attributes of your Commandery. Be sure to emphasize the new activities and involvement in your Commandery, and promote the positive. Increases in our membership base are critical to sustaining both our future and our glorious heritage. You can do it!

Migrating To A "Dot-Com" Fraternity. We continue to be impressed with the many Knights Templar that are connected to the Internet. Many Commanderies are now getting connected to the "net" and building impressive Web-Sites to promote their Commandery activities such as: festivals, membership programs, and other activities. The Internet improves communication and saves postage costs among other things. Being a "dot.com" fraternity might be a differentiating factor in selling this great fraternity to Non-York Rite Masons.

Green Carrots: Many Commanderies have instituted incentives to reward "Top-line Signers." Membership development is hard work, and those that contribute more than their fair share should be rewarded. Examples of incentives include: *Dues reimbursements, cash, gift certificates, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsorships, and Templar Uniform credits.* These incentive programs have value and are worth testing in all jurisdictions. Give these a try for both restorations and new members. The results may surprise you!

Happier Troops: The Templary 2000 Crusade is both an event and a renewed emphasis on membership development. It is an opportunity for all Sir Knights regardless of rank to become engaged in a program that assures success if each Sir Knight contributes. The excitement of Crusade participation continues to grow. Please get involved. Ask a Masonic friend to join, and do it now!

Promote Your Good Works: Write articles, take pictures, and publish your Templary 2000 Crusade program activities. Promote your activities. No one can purchase a product they are unaware of. Thank you, again, for contributing to this great endeavor for we couldn't do it without you! Keep up the good work!

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: WRCLUTTER@Prodigy.net

Success!-Templary 2000 Crusade In Texas!

San Antonio Commandery No. 7, San Antonio, Texas

San Antonio Commandery No. 7 Knighted thirty-three on February 5, 2000, at the Scottish Rite cathedral in San Antonio, Texas. A highlight was the attendance of Past Commander Howard Newton, who brought his Grand Master's sword presented to him by Grand Master Ward of the Grand Encampment. The sword was used in the ceremony. The degrees of the Capitular and Cryptic rite as well as the Commandery Orders were conferred. Below is the class and distinguished guests, with Sir Knight Howard Newton seated in the center and E.G. A. E. Meyer on his left.



York Rite Millennium Festival In Dallas, Texas

Fifty plus candidates received the Commandery Orders at a York Rite festival held at the Masonic Temple in Dallas, Texas, on January 22, 2000. The festival was a joint effort of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons (M.E. Grand High Priest Paul D. Warren); the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Texas (M.I. Grand Master Farris L. Benham); the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas (Sir Knight Leonard O. Pierce, R.E. Grand Commander); and Lyle L. Gross York Rite College No. 147. The class is shown below.



The Millenium Festival held in conjunction with the Templary 2000 Crusade was in honor of Right Worshipful and Illustrious Sam E. Hilburn (shown right); a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Texas, Grand Treasurer General of the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and R.E. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A.



61ST TRIENNIAL ADVANCE REGISTRATION



The Renaissance Nashville Hotel will serve as the headquarters for the Triennial Conclave in Nashville, Tennessee, which starts on Friday, August 11, and concludes on Wednesday, August 16, 2000. Placing your order for tickets with the committee **before May 1, 2000**, will minimize delays and confusion when you arrive and **will save you a \$25.00 late charge for receipt of registration after April 30, 2000**. Below are official order forms. Complete the correct form (voting delegate or non-voting delegate), and mail it without delay: **Make check payable to: 61st Triennial Conclave** and mail to: Fred F. Bean, P.O. Box 1030, Meridian, MS 39302-1030.

ORDER FORM VOTING DELEGATE

For registration fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Friday, August 11, 2000, at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel and upon my arrival.

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
 Lady (first name): _____
 Arrival Date: _____

Registration packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 61st Triennial Conclave, tickets for you and your lady, if attending, to the Grand Master's reception and to the Grand Master's banquet, a souvenir program book, admission to the awards and pass-in-review, and specially made registration gift. Additional tickets may be purchased as listed below.

Registration Fee \$150.00
 After April 30, 2000 \$175.00

Additional tickets may be purchased for the following:

_____ Grand Master's reception...
 \$15.00 _____
 _____ Ladies' luncheon, Monday...
 \$25.00 _____
 _____ Grand Master's banquet...
 \$45.00 _____
 _____ Honors breakfast...
 \$18.00 _____
Total with check for _____

ORDER FORM NON-VOTING DELEGATE

For registration fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Friday, August 11, 2000, at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel and upon my arrival.

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
 Lady (first name): _____
 Arrival Date: _____

Registration packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 61st Triennial Conclave, tickets for you and your lady, if attending, to the Grand Master's reception, a souvenir program book, admission to the awards and pass-in-review, and specially made registration gift. Additional tickets may be purchased as listed below.

Registration Fee \$70.00
 After April 30, 2000 \$95.00

Additional tickets may be purchased for the following:

_____ Grand Master's reception...
 \$15.00 _____
 _____ Ladies' luncheon, Monday...
 \$25.00 _____
 _____ Grand Master's banquet...
 \$45.00 _____
 _____ Honors breakfast...
 \$18.00 _____
Total with check for _____

**61ST TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE—AUGUST 11–16, 2000
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.**

The Renaissance Nashville Hotel will serve as the headquarters for the Triennial Conclave which starts on Friday, August 11, and concludes on Wednesday, August 16, 2000.

You will need to make your room reservations DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. The phone number for the hotel is (615) 255-8400. The room rate is \$110.00 per room for either a single or double. Suites are subject to availability. ALL RATES EXCLUSIVE OF TAX AND PARKING.

We thank you for your participation in the 61st Triennial Conclave, and we are certain that you will enjoy the city of Nashville and the surrounding area.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—RENAISSANCE NASHVILLE HOTEL, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

TIME	EVENT	8:15 A.M.	Grand Encampment and distinguished guests assemble
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2000			
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open		
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Drill team judges' meeting	9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Knights Templar Educational Foundation meeting	9:00 A.M. sharp	Grand Encampment opening ceremonies
4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Drill team captains' meeting	11:30 A.M.	Ladies' luncheon
		<i>(Admission by ticket only.)</i>	
		2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	Grand Encampment business session
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2000			
7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Drill team competition, inspection, and photographs	MONDAY EVENING IS OPEN FOR STATE DINNERS.	
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open	TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000	
9:00 A.M.	Committee on Finance	7:00 A.M.	Honors Breakfast
10:30 A.M.	Committee on Jurisprudence	<i>(Admission by ticket only.)</i>	
2:00 P.M.	Committee on Dispensations and Charters	8:30 A.M. to NOON	Registration open
3:00 P.M.	Committee on Ritual Matters	9:00 A.M. to NOON	Grand Encampment business session
6:00 P.M.	Drill teams pass in review and awards	1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Grand Encampment business session
		6:00 P.M.	Social hour
		6:15 P.M. sharp	Grand Encampment officers and distinguished guests assemble
		7:00 P.M.	Grand Master's Banquet
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2000			
7:00 A.M.	Texas Breakfast	<i>Doors open at 6:30 P.M.</i>	
	<i>(Admission by ticket only.)</i>	<i>(Admission by ticket only.)</i>	
9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	Registration open	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2000	
10:00 A.M.	Divine Service	9:00 A.M.	Grand Encampment business session
11:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Registration open	<i>(If required)</i>	
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	<i>Knight Templar magazine editors' meeting</i>	10:30 A.M.	Installation of officers
6:00 P.M.	The Forty-Fivers' dinner	<i>(Open to guests)</i>	
8:30 P.M.	Grand Master's Reception	12:00 NOON	Knights Templar Eye Foundation meeting
	<i>(Admission by ticket only.)</i>	3:00 P.M.	Incoming grand officers' and committee chairmen's meeting
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2000			
7:00 A.M.	Southern Breakfast		
	<i>(Admission by ticket only.)</i>		

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Chapter VI

Features Of Triennial Conclaves

Fiftieth-1967 (continued)

Sir Knight Kirby introduced Sir Knight Alfred W. Wilkie, Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1, who welcomed the group and invited them to witness the conferral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross on a class of forty candidates at 2:00 P.M. He ordered the formation of an escort for the reception of the Grand Master, who was then escorted into the asylum under an arch of steel with lines formed by forty-eight Templars of Detroit Commandery No. 1. The Grand Encampment officers and Department Commanders were introduced, followed by the introduction of twenty-three distinguished guests. After the colors had been presented, the Christian flag was, for the first time, displayed in the East and placed in its holder by a recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, Sir Knight George Petrie.

Following the invocation given by the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Howard R. Towne; the Mayor of Detroit, the Honorable Jerome Cavanaugh, was invited into the asylum and escorted to the East. The mayor welcomed the assemblage and told the group that he was glad that "normal" peace and quiet and relative tranquility have returned" following "those fateful days at the end of July" (referring to the riots in Detroit and other cities during that period; see next paragraph). He complimented the great institution which you are a member of that

exemplifies the Christian spirit which is so badly needed at this time in the life of our country. You have stood almost like a rock, symbolizing two great qualities, the Love of God and the love of your Country.' Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Deputy Grand Master, thanked the mayor for his welcoming comments.

Reference for the above paragraph is *The Americana Annual 1968*, beginning on page 163. Of the year 1967; it states, "The year saw the right of dissent become confused with unlawful disobedience focused on a constitutional objective and with riots for the sake of destruction."... "From April through September the cities of the country erupted with racial violence... The greatest violence and the most destruction occurred in July in Detroit and Newark, NJ. For five days and nights Detroit suffered one of the bloodiest and most costly revolts' in modern American history.".....It was estimated that over forty persons were killed, 350 injured, 3,800 arrested, that 5,000 were made homeless due to fire-gutted houses, and that almost 3,000 businesses were sacked and looted."

Grand Master Brucker explained that the governor of Michigan would be present to address the Sir Knights on Monday evening at the exhibition drill. The Grand Master also announced that there would be a luncheon for the ladies at noon on Monday at Cobo Hall and that the speaker would be Mrs. Lenore Romney, wife of the governor.

The Golden Triennial Conclave Parade, in which 5,500 Sir Knights participated with 25,000 to 40,000 onlookers standing shoulder-to-shoulder on the sidewalks, even while it was raining; "moved off" at 7:30 P.M. down Woodward

Avenue, and ended just south of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, a distance of about one and a half miles.

The Sesquicentennial Committee reported that the dinner to honor the 150 years was held in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on June 18, 1966 with 1,600 ladies and Sir Knights in attendance. Reverend Norman Vincent Peale, D.D.,³³⁰ was the speaker of the evening with a "discourse embodying patriotic, philosophical and spiritual overtones." It was a great evening of celebration with a "150th Anniversary cake escorted into the ballroom by a detail of uniformed knights from Bethlehem Commandery No. 53 of Mount Vernon, New York."

The report of the Grand Recorder included the information that Sir Knight John Temple Rice had resigned as Grand Recorder effective December 31, 1966, and was at the time of this Triennial in the Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged and Infirm in Paxton, Illinois. The report of the Grand Treasurer, report of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, and the report on Necrology were given before the session was recessed until Monday at 9:00 A.M. Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, had died on April 8, 1966.

Divine Services were at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday in the Cobo Arena, and the Grand Master's Reception was at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday evening at 7:30 many participated in a "moonlight boat ride" to Bob-Lo island. The Grand Master's Banquet was held at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday with an address from Dr. Harvey C. Hahn, D.D., Dayton, Ohio; there was also stage entertainment.

Installation of officers was held at the conclusion of business on Thursday morning, August 24, 1967.

Fifty-first-1970

The Fifty-first Triennial Conclave was held in Denver on August 22-27, 1970, the third such meeting held in the capital city

of Colorado. The first on August 9-12, 1892, the Silver Triennial (25th), helped to launch the career of the legendary Brown Palace Hotel. The 32nd Triennial Conclave in the Mile High City was held August 12-14, 1913, and the Brown Palace again served as headquarters in 1970. The Templars of Colorado and Iowa served as co-hosts. There was a strong spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation, but there were some problems which were due to the necessity of widely separated housing facilities for a number of the delegations. There were also momentary delays in registration due to unexpectedly large numbers of visitors arriving on the same day.

Some committee members had arrived on the 20th in order to have their reports ready for the first business session on Monday. The first event was the Drill Team Competition which took place on Saturday in the convention center before several thousand boosters and spectators." That evening there was a Western Extravaganza of family entertainment which included an exhibition by Wyoming's Black Horse Troop. It was a great success.

On Sunday there was a drill team luncheon which almost 2,000 attended to hear and cheer the results of Saturday's competition. Following the luncheon there was a "Templar Procession" to Currihan Exhibition Hall in which the drill teams participated and gave the procession the ring of military precision; this was the Templar Parade. Divine Service was held in the hall with the Reverend Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D., Right Eminent Grand Prelate, presenting the sermon. A "chuck wagon" feed was presented at the Convention Center complex immediately following the service. The Grand Master's Reception was held in the ballroom of the Denver-Hilton Hotel later in the evening. It took those in the receiving lines almost three hours to greet the Grand Master and other Grand Encampment officers and their ladies.

On the Masonic Newsfront

In memoriam - Kelth Maria Riegle (1902-2000)

Mrs. Riegle, wife of Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegle, 44th Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (1973-1976), was a longtime resident of Emporia, Kansas. She was a homemaker, Mr. Riegles secretary, an elementary schoolteacher, a legal counselor for the American Legion Girls' State in Lawrence, Kansas, and a volunteer for an Emporia hospital. She was born March 20, 1902 and married Sir Knight Riegle; an Emporia attorney, Kansas legislator and U.S. Army colonel; on June 3, 1923. Sir Knight Riegle died in 1988. Mrs. Riegle was active in Masonic related organizations including: Social Order of the Beauceant, the Order of Eastern Star, and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (Thanks to Sir Knight Gerald R. Butcher, P.G.C. (KS), KCT, for sending information concerning Mrs. Riegle's passing.)

Nashville Commandery And Council Present Scholarships

Nashville Commandery No. 1 and Nashville Council No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee, have presented scholarships to recipients selected by a committee comprised of Dr. Tom Binford, Terry Spray, Bryan Roehrig, Milton Hager, and Alan Linson. The winners are: Christy Lee Gregory, Hermitage, to attend Middle Tennessee State University; James Hunter Grandmaison, Portland, to attend University of Tennessee; Joshua Caine Sublett, Hermitage, to attend Middle

Tennessee State University; and Raychel Raye Greenwood, Springfield, to attend Western Kentucky University. Pictured, left to right, are: Tom Binford, Chairman; Roy L. Stevens, III, Master; Raychel Greenwood; James Grandmaison; and Commander David W. Wantland



Connecticut Masonic Leaders Attend Christmas Observance



The 174th Annual Christmas Observance of New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, Connecticut was attended by an excess of 150 Sir Knights, their family members, and guests. Left to right are Sir Knights: first row: Frank W. McNally, Grand Commander of Connecticut; Roger W. Reed, M.W. Grand Master, CT; Richard V. Travis, P.G.C., Deputy for CT, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.; second row: Ernest J. Smith, P.C., M.P. Grand Master, Grand Council; John H. Goodrich II, F. Commander, New Haven No.

2; Andrew G. Weiman II, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter. Music was provided by organist Sir Knight Willis Copeland and the New Haven Masonic Choir. Grand Master Ward and Department Commander Robert Foreman were toasted during the festivities. A collection was taken for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

**SUPREME WORTHY PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO
COLORADO'S GRAND JUNCTION NO. 88, S.O.O.B.**

Grand Junction Assembly No. 88, S.O.O.B., honored Mrs. Esther Offen, then Supreme Worthy President of the S.O.O.B., on her official visit. Pictured on the right is (Mrs. Edwin) Fern Chase, then Worthy President of Grand Junction No. 88, presenting Mrs. Esther Offen, then Supreme Worthy President, a stained glass picture of the Mount of the Holy Cross, which was artistically handcrafted by Sir Knight Edwin Chase.



A LADIES' DRILL TEAM AT LOS ANGELES ASSEMBLY NO. 42, S.O.O.B.!



The lovely ladies pictured are the ladies of Los Angeles Assembly No. 42, who make up the drill team. They performed at the grand sessions of California held in the City of Industry, California. For the second time they performed a modified "D" drill. Shirts and hats were provided by Los Angeles Commandery No. 9. Pictured are, front line: Guide Mrs. George Ezmirlan and Captain Mrs. Fred Buxton; middle line (left to

right): Mrs. Matt Saari, Mrs. Richard Cooper, Mrs. Carlos Castaneda; back line (left to right): Mrs. Aldo Dipre, Mrs. Robert Wrede, and Mrs. Vincent Bell.

KINGSPORT ASSEMBLY NO. 244, TENNESSEE—25TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



Above are the ladies and Sir Knights who attended the party for the 25th anniversary of Kingsport Assembly No. 244, S.O.O.B., Kingsport, Tennessee.

AURORA COMMANDERY NO. 22, ILLINOIS—SALE OF KNIVES AIDS KTEF

The "Master Mason" is one of the finest quality and affordable, **handmade** knives made in the U.S.A. the 4½-inch Skinner blade is made from high carbon steel (SAE1085) that is hardened and "draw tempered" to a spring hardness (blue tempered) of RC 45. The handle is constructed from deer or elk antler. The pommel and brass guard are made from hard brass that is ground and polished to a high luster. In place of the brass cap, the natural crown (burl) can remain which makes for a "different" concept of cutlery. Accompanying each knife is an 8-oz., latigo laced, leather sheath that is hand-tooled and cut to make a tight fit to the blade. The price of the knife and sheath is \$90.00 (includes shipping and handling). For each knife purchased, **\$10.00 will be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.** Allow six to eight weeks for delivery.



Telephone: (815) 659-3133 or use this order blank

Handle style: Brass Cap _____ Crown Cut _____

Name _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone #: _____ Check Amount: _____

Make checks/money orders payable to: Aurora Commandery No. 22, and send to: Aurora Commandery No. 22, 9220 2425 E. St., Tiskilwa, IL 61368-9380.



SALE OF BLUE LODGE AFGHAN BENEFITS THE KTEF

The Blue Lodge afghan at left measures 48 inches wide and 60 inches long. It is a triple weave tapestry of 100% cotton. It was made in the U.S.A. This afghan contains all the working tools of the Blue Lodge and two Blue Lodge scenes. For each sale of the Blue Lodge afghan through the *Knights Templar* magazine, a donation of \$5.00 will be made to the Eye Foundation. The price of the afghan is \$48.00, including shipping in the U.S. only. Outside the U.S., please add \$15.00 more. If interested, please send check or money order, payable to: Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.

PENNSYLVANIA 200-YEAR ANNIVERSARY STEIN TO BENEFIT KTEF

The stein to right was manufactured in Germany by the fourth cousin of the Mettloch family. It is white ceramic, 8½ inches tall with pewter lid and eight different colors and six blended colors. On one side are two crusader knights from the early 1100s, and in the center is the national symbol, the American bald eagle, and the Pennsylvania keystone. The stein has two American flags from 1797 and 1997, and on the bottom are the nine beautiful battle shields for the nine crusaders who founded the Knights Templar. The price is \$58.00 with a percentage going to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.



Brother Everett M. Dirksen: Orator and Senator from the Heartland

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 32°

One of the pleasures of coming of age politically conservative in the late fifties and early sixties consisted of seeing and hearing Senate Minority leader Everett Dirksen with some frequency on news broadcasts. Known in some circles by such nicknames as "The Wizard of Ooze," the Illinois statesman spoke with a voice that seemed unique in mid-twentieth century politics. One newsman described him as having "tonsils marinated in honey." Whether one agreed or disagreed with his position, opinion remained virtually unanimous that Dirksen was an extraordinary orator. Through sixteen years in the U.S. House and nearly nineteen in the Senate, Brother Dirksen also was acclaimed a major statesman by the mid-sixties and since his death.

The Everett McKinley Dirksen story began with his birth on January 4, 1896 in Pekin, Illinois. His parents, Johann Frederick and Anije Conrady Dirksen, were German immigrants and loyal Republicans as can be illustrated by the names they gave their sons: Benjamin Harrison Dirksen, Thomas Reed Dirksen, and Everett McKinley Dirksen (with the only question being, who was "Everett"?). Johann Dirksen worked as a decorator for a buggy and carriage manufacturer until he suffered a stroke when Everett and twin brother Thomas were five. After that Mrs. Dirksen kept the family together by gardening and raising livestock, selling for cash what the family did not eat themselves. The other brothers became high school dropouts, but Dirksen continued with his education graduating in 1914. Next to his senior yearbook picture, the newly coined term "bigworditis" appeared. A high school friend once said he "must have swallowed a dictionary." In retrospect, both characterizations seemed prophetic.



Brother Dirksen as a young man, ca. 1930

Dirksen spent that summer working long hours in a corn refinery for \$54.00 per month. He spent his few spare moments in an amateur theater group. When his mother suggested that Everett take a short vacation and visit an older half-brother in Minnesota, he did, and while there, the youth decided to attend the University of Minnesota. He worked at a variety of part-time jobs to help pay his way and had little time for extracurricular activity other than debate. In 1916 Dirksen did some work for GOP presidential candidate, Charles Evans Hughes, and a local congressional candidate, Brother Ernest Lundeen (of Minneapolis Lodge No. 19). He also met Brother William Jennings Bryan, a man whose oratory he admired, although not his politics. After the election as the country moved in the direction of entering World War I, Dirksen joined the army on his 21st birthday, January 4, 1917. Sent first to Camp Custer, Michigan; second to Camp Jackson, South Carolina; and then to France; young Everett came home in October 1919 uncertain as to what do with



the remainder of his life. After a few months of indecision, during which time he even temporarily occupied the pulpit in his local Reformed Church; he entered the bakery business with his brothers Ben and Thomas.

When not delivering bread, Everett Dirksen continued his interest in amateur theater and also wrote plays and short stories. He became quite active in the American Legion and became District Commander in 1926. In 1927 Everett married Louella Carver. Their only child, the late Danice Joy Dirksen, born in 1929, grew up to become the wife of Howard Baker, Jr., the one-time Tennessee Senator.

Everett McKinley Dirksen made his initial entry into politics in 1927, when he successfully sought a seat on the Pekin City Commission. As Finance Commissioner, he felt a degree of satisfaction, but he began to set his sights on higher office. In 1930 he challenged incumbent congressman, Brother William E. Hull of Peoria (Temple Lodge No. 46), in the Republican primary. Although initially unsuccessful, he vowed to try again in 1932.

Meanwhile, Dirksen joined Pekin Lodge No. 29, A.F. & A.M. Initiated an Entered

Apprentice on March 3, 1931; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on July 9, 1931; and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 23, 1931; Dirksen gave his occupation as "baker" on his petition. That fall he took part of the Scottish Rite degrees in Peoria and completed them in 1932.

In the 1932 primary Brother Dirksen again challenged Brother Hull, and this time the outcome was different as Everett won the narrow victory. Although Republicans found themselves on the defensive in 1932, Dirksen carried his six-county district by some 23,000 votes, about the same margin that Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt carried it in the presidential sweepstakes. As lawmakers struggled with the problems of the Great Depression and widely debated the merits of the New Deal, Dirksen displayed a degree of independence by supporting some F. D. R. programs while opposing others. With the passing of time, however, he increasingly identified with New Deal critics, concerned with the mounting national debt and the growing concentration of power at the federal level. Still, he

could display considerable independence at times. In foreign policy he began as an isolationist opposing lend-lease in the spring of 1941, but he was gradually moving toward preparedness by that fall. Consistently reelected, Dirksen served eight consecutive terms in the U.S. House.

By the midpoint of World War II, Dirksen had become a national figure within GOP circles. In 1944 he enjoyed an unsuccessful presidential boomlet designed to make him a vice-presidential nominee in case John Bricker would not accept the second spot on the ticket. (Bricker did accept.) With the GOP takeover of Congress in 1946, Dirksen gained a committee chairmanship and increased prestige. However, eye problems in 1947 and 1948 led him to announce his retirement from Congress and that he would not seek another term in 1948. He did campaign extensively for Dewey and Warren that fall, although he became increasingly skeptical - and correctly so - about their chances of victory. Back in Illinois he rested his eyes, devoted himself to gardening (He became known as Mr. Marigold.), and pondered a Senate race in 1950, if his health permitted it.

Illinois Republicans had taken it on the chin badly in 1948 with the election of Democrats Adlai Stevenson and Paul Douglas to respective statehouse and Senate seats. Hope for a GOP comeback centered on efforts to defeat Democrat incumbent, Scott Lucas, from his Senate chair. Brother Dirksen, sufficiently recovered, finally decided to run knowing that he must walk a fine line to gain full support from both the conservative old-guard and the more moderate factions within party ranks. With the help of Louella and Joy - the Three Musketeers as he termed them - Everett jumped into the race in full force. The campaign was a hard fought one, but Brother Dirksen came out the winner. Although he never discussed his Masonic membership in his posthumously published autobiography, *The Education of a Senator* (1998), he did discuss addressing "the Grand Chapter of

the Order of the Eastern Star... in Chicago.. .because I was a member of our local Chapter." He goes on to relate how many of them went on to organize informal groups of volunteers in his campaign. He uses this circumstance to illustrate the power of women in organization. When the votes were tallied, Dirksen won by some 294,000 votes. He won again in 1956, 1962, and 1968 but passed away in the first year of his fourth term.

During his early years in the Senate, Dirksen identified with the Taft segment of the Republican Party, sometimes referred to as the "old guard," many of whom had been pre-World War II isolationists. (Some still were.) This group included many other Masons including Homer Capehart and William Jenner of Indiana, Bourke Hickenlooper of Iowa, Carl Curtis and Roman Hruska of Nebraska, Milton Young of North Dakota, Karl Mundt of South Dakota, and John Bricker of Ohio. Since most identified with the Taft campaign of 1952, they tended to be initially uncomfortable with some of the "modern Republicanism" typified by the new Eisenhower administration. Most, however, managed to accommodate, particularly after the death of Taft in July 1953 and the excesses of Wisconsin Senator, Joe McCarthy. After Taft's demise Brother William Knowland of California (Oak Grove Lodge No. 215) became GOP Senate leader and Dirksen became Republican Whip. Knowland's retirement after 1958 elevated Dirksen to the top Republican in the Senate. He held this position until his death.

Already renowned for his speaking skills, Brother Dirksen took time to serve the Grand Lodge of Illinois as Grand Orator in 1953-1954. On September 29, 1954, he received the 33^o A.A.S.R., N.M.J. The Winter 1965 issue of the *Royal Arch Mason* identified him as a Royal Arch Mason "who always carries his Chapter Penny," but no further details are available on York Rite membership. (Can anyone help?)

The defining moment in Senator Dirksen's elevation to the rank of major

statesman probably occurred when he helped President Lyndon Johnson secure sufficient votes to get the Civil Rights Bill of 1964 through Congress. At almost the same time, he displayed his commitment to conservatism by giving the nominating speech for Senator Barry Goldwater at the Republican National Convention. As a strong - albeit unfanatical - anti-Communist, Dirksen also provided support for Johnson's increasingly controversial Vietnam policy, at a time when some of the more liberal Democrats, typified by Brothers George McGovern and Wayne Morse along with Robert Kennedy, were deserting the course. On most spending issues, Dirksen remained staunchly conservative, concerned about budget deficits and the escalating costs of social programs that a later generation would term entitlements."

By the mid-sixties, "the Wizard of Ooze" had become a folk hero, an able statesman and effective leader of the loyal opposition. Capitol Records signed him to a contract in 1966 and his single release Gallant Men" became a charted hit on both the pop and country listings in 1967. The album was primarily made up of patriotic readings and recitations.

From 1967 advancing age began to slow the Senate Minority Leader down a little, and he suffered such infirmities as a broken hip. He still took delight in helping young senators like Brother John Tower of Texas (Iowa Park Lodge No. 713) and his son-in-law Howard Baker, Jr., learn the tactics of statecraft. Tower says in his autobiography that Dirksen often presided over what he termed a "Twilight Lodge," an informal gathering of Senate comrades who would swap stories and perhaps have a little nip. The Texan recalls that Everett advised him to "learn to be a senator." One did this by "keeping quiet, listening, and observing until one had been there for a while."

Frank H. Mackaman, a Dirksen scholar, thinks that Everett Dirksen's influence actually eroded when Richard Nixon moved into the White House. This derived in part from the fact that the Illinoisan had so perfected the role of opposition leader that he found readjustment difficult. Then too, his health was slipping faster than he thought. Shortly after the congressional recess of

mid-August 1969, he entered the hospital for removal of a malignant tumor on his right lung. Although he came through the operation, later complications led to further decline and he expired on September 7, 1969. An era had ended.

An outpouring of grief from the national leadership followed. Friends and foes alike paid tribute to Brother Dirksen. The tribute paid to him by then President Nixon probably defined his legacy as well as any when he said, "His impact and influence on the nation was greater than that of most Presidents in our history."

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Part III: John Anthony Quitman: The Natchez Hotspur

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Quitman had been promoted to major general on April 14, 1847, and now had the rank to command a division. However, he saw no combat action of consequence until they were camped at Buena Vista on August 11, 1847. Santa Anna had taken personal command of the Mexican army and stood between Scott and Mexico City with an estimated 32,000 men at his disposal. On August 18, Quitman's command was in action at Contreras when a series of battles began. Taylor's army routed the enemy at Contreras in a bloody battle which saw 700 of Santa Anna's finest killed and 813 prisoners taken, including four general officers. The U.S. troops also captured a vast amount of supplies, ammunition, and 700 pack mules. The Americans defeated a force of 19,000 Mexicans at Contreras, and Quitman's division was in the thick of the fighting from the beginning.

The U.S. Army was within three miles of Mexico City when they occupied Contreras, but they were obliged to halt in order that General Taylor might rest his forces. They were exhausted, suffered from a severe lack of supplies, and were further plagued with many soldiers too sick for active duty. Santa Anna had lost one third of his entire army, including those killed in action, those wounded, deserters, and those taken prisoner. Desperate for a respite to recoup and reorganize his demoralized army, Santa Anna sent a peace feeler to General Taylor on the morning of August 21. Taylor appointed Major General Quitman, General Smith, and General Pierce to meet with Mexican authorities and discuss terms.

Quitman was strongly opposed to any arrangement other than complete surrender. Taylor's army, almost to a man, distrusted Santa Anna and regarded any agreement

he might sign as worthless. Nevertheless, an armistice was agreed upon, with both parties empowered to terminate it for any infraction of the terms. It gave the treacherous Santa Anna the time he needed to plan his next military move. On September 6, 1847, the Mexican authorities notified Taylor that the armistice was ended. Taylor would have to take Mexico City by force after all.

The two obstacles before them were the virtually impregnable castle called Chapultepec, and the fortification at Molino del Rey nearby. Shortly after dawn on the morning of September 8th, the U.S. forces attacked Molino del Rey in what proved to be one of the bloodiest encounters of the war. The U.S. infantry charges were insufficient to overwhelm the fortification until a sustained artillery barrage softened their defenses. The battle was over by 7:00 AM., but the cost to Taylor had been high. He had 700 casualties. The Mexicans suffered 2,000 killed and wounded, and gave up 700 prisoners. However formidable, the Castle of Chapultepec was next.

The divisions of generals Quitman, Pillow, and Worth would carry the attack at Chapultepec: Quitman from the south, Pillow from the southwest, and Worth from the extreme west. On September 12, Taylor's artillery pounded the walls of the castle. The attack began about 8:00 AM., and the castle was taken an hour and a half later. The fighting had been fierce, and Quitman was not yet in the city. His division stormed the Belen Gate, and General Worth attacked the San Cosme Gate, the two access points into Mexico City. By noon Quitman had fought his way through the Belen Gate and was battling hand-to-hand in the streets. By 6:00 P.M., Worth's division was in command of the San Cosme Gate and was fighting

inside the walls. As darkness fell on September 13, fighting ceased. Frightened and convinced further defense was useless, Santa Anna fled the city. He maintained his reputation as a liar and coward who would desert his own people in extreme circumstances. Mexico City was defenseless. Before daylight on the morning of September 14, 1847, Quitman's division was readying itself to renew the attack. At dawn, the city surrendered unconditionally, and Quitman raised the American flag in the Grand Plaza at 7:00 A.M. In his opinion, that was the only way to win the war: to dictate terms to a vanquished enemy. Quitman's conduct throughout the campaign had been distinguished by unwavering heroism, personal bravery, and the single-minded goal of vanquishing a detested, dishonorable foe. He savored the moment. General Taylor, holding Quitman's judgment and qualifications in high esteem, appointed the Mississippi general Military Governor of Mexico City.

The final battle of the Mexican War, culminating with the capitulation of the capital city, cost General Zachary Taylor 900 casualties. It brought a virtual end to a brutal contest, won over very intimidating odds; one that was conducted in an atmosphere of treachery and countless broken agreements on the part of the Mexican authorities.

General Winfield Scott and General Zachary Taylor functioned in spite of ceaseless political meddling from Washington, which cost many lives. It is this author's opinion that the incessant and inept interference of civilian authority in wartime has been an albatross this country has endured since the War of 1812, and it continues to be the norm to this day.

The war was over for General Quitman when he was relieved as Military Governor of Mexico City. He arrived in New Orleans on November 24, 1847, yearning to return to his beloved Natchez and pick up the threads of his private life.

Before long Quitman traveled to Washington, D.C. for an audience with President James Polk before he left office.

During the interview, Polk followed a predictable line of conversation by condemning the actions of both generals Taylor and Scott in the conduct of the war. Polk also offered Quitman a commission in the regular army as the Commander of a division. Anticipating such an offer, the general submitted a detailed plan with a budget projection of \$15,000,000 to rebuild Mexico's economy and stabilize the country. It required an occupation force of 28,000 to remain until such time as true stability could be restored to Mexico. Quitman was strongly in favor of annexing the country; and eventually, with immigration, plus a firm democratic government under U.S. officials, developing it into a viable and stable part of the United States. Polk took no action on Quitman's proposal, and Quitman opted cease his military service.

During the post-war period in Natchez, John Quitman was the most powerful political and legal figure in Mississippi. He entered the most productive and high-profile period of his eventful life. On December 2, 1848, he was presented a ceremonial sword by the U.S. Congress in testimony of his heroic action in the battle of Monterey, Mexico. The ceremonies were echoed in Natchez by both the city and state, where the actual presentation took place. Quitman's old commander, General Zachary Taylor, was nominated and elected President of the United States in November 1848, a tenure which would end in a year with his premature death.

Quitman was nominated for Governor of Mississippi in 1849 and won by an impressive 10,000 votes. Many of his friends had hoped that he would obtain a national political office and were somewhat disappointed that he had agreed to be nominated for governor. In his inaugural address on January 10, 1850, he spoke at length on the growth of anti-slave sentiment in the northeastern United States, and urged all Southerners to take timely action to counter it. He restated his loathing of abolitionists at that point. Quitman considered them as nothing more

than out-of-control radicals. When California was admitted to the union during Quitman's term as governor, he broke with President Zachary Taylor and supported its admission as a free state. Practically all southern Democrats sided with Quitman.

During the year of 1850, Quitman became interested in a proposal to support an insurrection by the natives of Cuba, in an effort to obtain independence from Spain. He took no action on the overtures made to him. A politically-inspired inquiry was launched against Quitman by the U.S. Government, and he was arrested by a Federal marshal when he refused to appear. In spite of an uproar of protest throughout the south at the attempt to embarrass Quitman, he elected to resign as governor on February 3, 1851. After his resignation, he appeared at the proceedings to defend against the charge that he was exciting a rebellion and had violated U.S. neutrality laws. Without foundation, the abolitionist-inspired scheme collapsed within a few months.

In the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore in 1852, Quitman refused to attend or to support Franklin Pierce as the candidate for president. Pierce had alienated most of the South with his position against states' rights, Quitman included.

In July, 1853, the Quitmans visited Rhinebeck, New York, his first visit home since 1831. He was received with spectacular military honors and a civic reception. On a Yankee podium again, he took advantage of the opportunity to express his philosophy on states' rights and slavery.

A committee from the Fifth Congressional District of Mississippi met in convention on July 23, 1855. Quitman was nominated as their Democratic candidate. At the election that year, he won handily and began his term in the House of Representatives as the chairman of the Military Affairs Committee. The 1856 Democratic National Convention convened in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Quitman's name was mentioned frequently as a vice-presidential candidate. However, he was not

formally nominated, and Quitman's friend, John C. Breckinridge, was eventually chosen as the candidate. He became the running mate of James Buchanan. They were elected in November of 1856, and Quitman resumed his congressional duties in the House of Representatives.

John Quitman's final days with congressional activity were passed in May 1858. His health had deteriorated steadily after James Buchanan's inauguration in January 1857. During the month of January, Quitman had attended several meetings with Buchanan and his staff at the National Hotel in Washington, D.C. Extremely cold weather had caused the hotel plumbing to freeze, and sewage backed up in the kitchen, contaminating the food. There were also reports that rats, seeking protection from the cold, drowned in the hotel's water supply, contaminating that, too. Many hotel guests contracted dysentery, and Quitman was apparently among them.

The senator had two problems. He began experiencing severe pain in his left leg and could barely walk. He was unable to digest food, and his weight dropped radically. He was haggard and appeared to have aged a great deal in a few months; but in spite of his weakness, he tried to carry on. During a recess in Congress, he made a trip to New Orleans to see the extent of tornado damage to his sugar plantation. His son Henry, who managed Live Oaks, had fallen \$10,000 in debt through his own mismanagement. Quitman had to arrange a loan to discharge the estate debts and repair the storm damage. He was very ill when he arrived back in Washington, D.C., in December 1857.

By the time the congressional session ended in June, Quitman's hair was white, his voice weak, and he was so frail that he could not walk without assistance. He slept during the entire railroad trip to Natchez arriving on June 21. Quitman was confined to his bed at Monmouth, sleeping almost constantly. When aroused, he was rational

and in control of his faculties. He was able to attend the wedding of his daughter Antonia on June 29, the only time he could arise from his sick bed. Very shortly he developed a high fever and respiratory complications, in addition to his coma-like slumber. The official diagnosis of Dr. S. A. Cartwright, regarding his somnolent condition, was "typhoid narcosis"; a state of deep stupor resulting from the ingestion of narcotics or a particular chemical combination. Internal medicine was not an exact science in those times, so one must accept the diagnosis at face value.

Whatever the real cause of Quitman's illness, it was aggravated by dehydration and lack of food, which he could not digest. His severe respiratory failure signaled the end was near on July 17, 1858. John Quitman passed away at 5:00 P.M., a shrunken shell of his former robust and energetic self. John Quitman was fifty-nine years old.

General Quitman was buried at Monmouth with full Masonic and military honors, following a funeral service delivered by Reverend Dr. Perry, D.D., pastor of Trinity Church in Natchez. Dr. Perry's opening line was, "There before us this day lies coffined a man of pro-eminent ability." Quitman's remains were placed beside his two sons and daughter Mary (1845), while the entire population of Natchez joined his widow in mourning the loss of her beloved husband and the state's most distinguished citizen. The Mississippi Legislature and the State Bar joined in the memorial honors. Eliza survived her husband by barely a year, passing away on August 22, 1859. She was interred beside him.

The final memorial gesture was accorded Illustrious Brother Quitman's memory on March 30, 1860. His dear friend, Albert Pike, 33°, presided over a Lodge of Sorrow in the Scottish Rite Cathedral at Washington, D.C. Included among Brother Pike's eloquent remarks was a quotation from the *Sublime Book of Odin*, "It is better to live well than to live long."

John Anthony Quitman is remembered most for his integrity, personal bravery, and the steadfast defense of his own principles. He was not a great orator; in fact he sometimes expressed himself with some difficulty and stammered a little. He was dedicated to charitable activity, particularly to those beneath him in station. Considerate and courteous to everyone, he was loved by all with whom he associated. He loved the din of battle in spite of deep religious conviction, and he proved himself a fine soldier. No stain ever besmirched his sterling character, although his political enemies often assailed him. Quitman loved Masonry and Masons and supported the Fraternity with great enthusiasm throughout his life.

In spite of John Quitman's great contributions to his country and his adopted state of Mississippi, his memory has not survived to this modern day. He is virtually forgotten, along with his accomplishments and role in our country's history. Perhaps it is our common fate, the destiny of both great and small. Our own monitor tells us, "While we think our greatness still ascending, we fall like autumn leaves to enrich our Mother Earth." All memory eventually fades away.

In the event you happen to be motoring east on U.S. Interstate 10 near El Paso, Texas, you might ponder a moment when you pass the sign, "Fort Quitman ruins." Few of us do any more.

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