

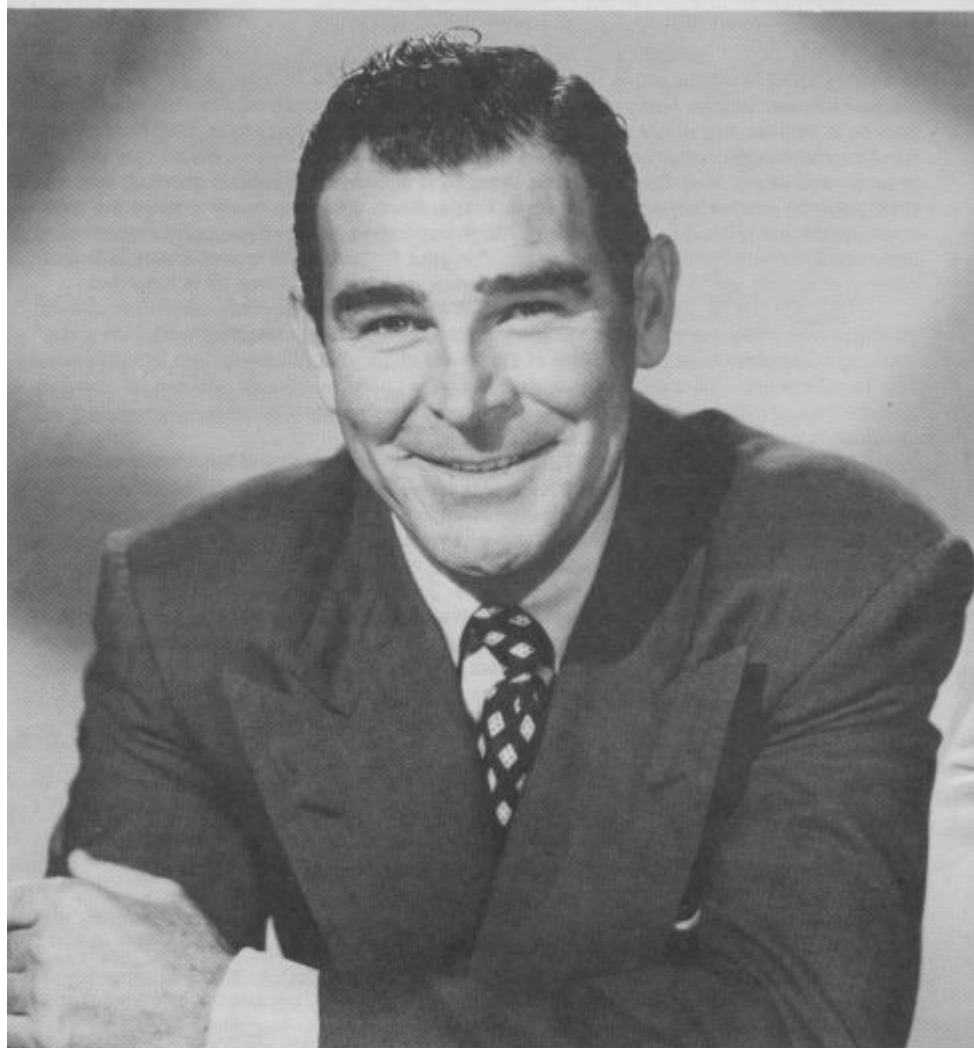


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Brother Rod Cameron—well-known Mason in the entertainment world for nearly two decades. His story starts on page 23.

May 2000 - Grand Master's Message

THE COUNTDOWN TO THE 61ST TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE CONTINUES. Reservation, registration, a schedule of events, and other pertinent data on the Triennial were given on pages 14-15 of the April issue of this magazine. Again, I invite you to come to Nashville and be a part of this Triennial Conclave. Hopefully, you have already made your room reservations and sent in your registration. If you have not, I urge you to do so NOW. Time's a-wasting!

THE NEW MEMBER PACKET developed by the Committee on Membership under the direction of Sir Knight Stan Simons, H.P.D.C., is very good. It is, in my opinion, an excellent work. Copies of this packet have been distributed to all the "key men" coordinating the Templary 2000 Crusade with a request that every new Knight Templar be given a copy of the new member packet. Many times, Sir Knights, we fail to adequately inform our new members as to who we are, where we came from, and what our purposes are. In fact, I have firsthand information that some new members do not know to which Commanderies they belong or when and where their Commanderies meet. This situation is a serious shortfall, and we must take the actions needed to correct it. Preparations are being made to have the new member packet printed and distributed through our headquarters office. In the meantime, I urge you to communicate with the "key man" in your jurisdiction to ensure that a sufficient number of copies are available to give to each new member at the time he is Knighted.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR DIAMOND WATCH by Hamilton was commissioned to mark the new millennium and the Templary 2000 Crusade. It is a beautiful work with a dial showing a Templar Cross and replicas of the jewels of Templar officers shown in high relief. The Templar watch has a proven, reliable ETA Swiss quartz movement and can be personalized with your initials, Commandery number, and exclusive serial number. This unique presentation is worthy of your consideration.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN L CROFTS, SR., Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, died February 28, 2000. He was ninety years of age. Until recent years, he was active and made significant contributions in many professional, civic, religious, and fraternal organizations. It was my privilege to be associated with John Crofts and to know him to be a man of high moral and spiritual standards, a man of integrity who was respected and admired by his many friends and acquaintances. John Crofts was a man of vision, of intellect, and of learning whose many ideas, plans, and programs for the benefit of our Christian order have in their season come to pass. As I reflect on the life and times of John Crofts, I am reminded of the many other staunch Masonic Warriors who have passed to their eternal reward and whose equals we are not likely to see again in our lifetimes. Sir Knights, it is fitting that we keep them in our memories and honor them for their service to our great Fraternity. I join with you in mourning their deaths and in offering my condolences to their families and friends. Let us thank GOD HE allowed them to come our way. It was truly a blessing to have been in their company. May they rest in peace.

* * NASHVILLE 2000! * *
MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS WORK!
5/50 AND TEMPLARY 2000 CRUSADE
NO NEGATIVISM!

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"

MAY: By the time you receive this magazine, the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign will be history. We will print some final figures in June and a comprehensive breakdown of the results in the July issue. Thanks to all Sir Knights, ladies, and friends of the Eye Foundation for their participation in the campaign! Campaign Chairman Games has information on recent progress in the Permanent Donor Fund program, starting on page 7. Don't miss Grand Master Ward's usual message on page 2 and his special alert on page 5, concerning proposals that could affect Knights Templar and the other bodies of the Fraternity. The Templary 2000 Crusade, as such, concludes this month. There is more concerning progress on page 10-11. Several interesting biographies are included in this issue of the magazine and some pertinent information about the York Rite on the Internet on page 25. And there is plenty of good news to be enjoyed!

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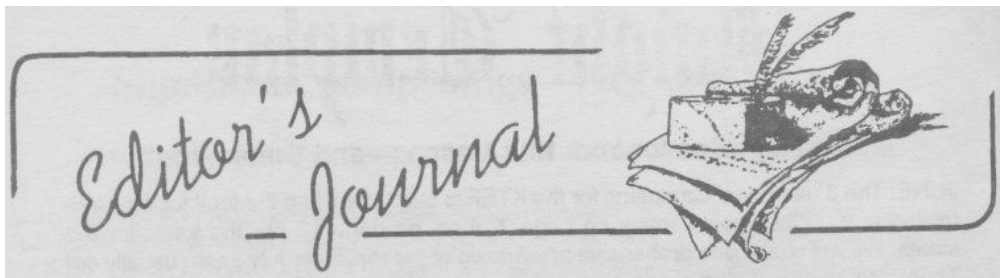
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Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded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

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

Now available: 2-volume set of *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America* by Francis J. Scully, M.D., and *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America - Book II* by Lt. Col. Jacob C. Baird, Chairman, the Committee on Knights Templar History. One or

both are a great gift for that Sir Knight or anyone else who is fascinated by Templar history. As a set, the two books are \$25.00 plus \$3.50 S. & H. (\$28.50). Separately, each book is \$15.00 plus \$2.50 S. & H. (\$17.50). Make check or M.O. payable to the Grand Encampment and send to: the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago, IL 60630-2460.

A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right: This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling.

Born in Blood: The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$16.00, including shipping and handling. • *Dungeon, Fire, and Sword.* This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460

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

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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>

A Message to All Sir Knights from James M. Ward,
The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment
Concerning Proposed Plan for Increasing Shrine Membership

The Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America presented a comprehensive paper on membership to the Grand Masters of Masons at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Savannah, Georgia, on Tuesday, February 22, 2000. I believe these statements and statistics to be correct wherever I mention them in this message.

I am convinced and take every opportunity to state that we are Masons first! We are Masons working in the Symbolic Lodges and in the Scottish and York Rites, and we are Masons working as Shriners. As members of all the organizations in the Family of Freemasonry, we have, do now, and will continue to make incredibly fine contributions toward the betterment of all of humanity. Without a doubt the ways and means to continue these contributions are best achieved when the welfare of all organizations in the Family of Freemasonry is promoted unselfishly. One of the primary purposes of the **Templary 2000 Crusade** was to promote unity between all the members in the Family of Freemasonry and to point out the benefits that can be derived from working together. In my opinion, the Crusade has been eminently successful in achieving the purposes for which it was implemented. The implementation of the plans and programs with philosophies similar to that of the 2000 Crusade and in an up-to-date format will promote unity and result in even greater achievements.

I sincerely and respectfully request that each of us adopt the attitude that we are "Masons first" and that we will take every opportunity to speak to and work for the well-being of ALL the organizations in the Family of Freemasonry.

Included in the paper delivered by the Imperial Potentate to the Grand Masters assembled were accurately detailed, unfavorable membership statistics concerning membership in our Masonic Fraternity and particularly in the Shrine of North America. The paper stated that one possible answer to the Shrine membership problem would be to pursue the following program:

1. Invite men to join the Shrine as "Civic Members" (since changed to "Social Membership"). These men would be charged \$25.00 in addition to their regular Temple dues. These with "Social Memberships" would not be entitled to vote at a Temple meeting or to hold an office in the Temple.
2. The additional \$25.00 would be set aside to assist those with "Social Membership" in becoming members of the Masonic Lodge and the Scottish or York Rites. When they successfully become members of the Lodge and the Scottish and/or York Rites, their Temple dues would revert to the regular amount.
3. The applicants for "Social Membership" would be investigated in a manner similar to that presently done at the Symbolic Lodge level, but by an investigating group of men interested in the entire fraternity. (The provisions to allow this are ready for inclusion in the Shrine laws.)
4. These applicants for "Social Membership" would be voted on in the same manner as is presently done at the Symbolic Lodge level.
5. It would be the duty of the present Shrine membership to teach those with Social Memberships' about Masonry and encourage them to be a part of the complete Masonic Fraternity.

This proposed plan to solve, hopefully, some of the Shrine membership problems would allow an applicant to have a Social Membership," without the present prerequisites, namely membership in a Masonic Lodge and either the Scottish or York Rite. The plan does call for those with "Social Membership" to be encouraged to become a part of the complete Masonic Fraternity, but it does not mandate this as a provision for maintaining their social membership in the Shrine.

As a Shriner and as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, I personally empathize with the leaders of the Shrine of North America and share their concern about the necessity for an innovative and dynamic program to attract new members, to retain our existing members, and to reinstate suspended or demitted members.

The landmarks, tenets, and principles that form the firm foundation upon which the organizations in the Family of Freemasonry are erected remain tried and true, and certainly, none of us is willing or want to change them. The ways and means by which we support these landmarks, tenets, and principles do change, and it is our duty to recognize this need for updating and to determine how to do it in a timely manner. Working together as Masons, Scottish and York Rite Masons and Shrine Masons, we

CAN implement ways and means to solve our membership problems and to promote our mutual welfare.

The Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, Noble Ralph Semb, has called for a "Summit Meeting" of the leaders of the Shrine and of the York and Scottish Rites and Grand Masters from several grand jurisdictions. I commend Imperial Sir Semb for his foresight, leadership, and commitment. This summit meeting will be convened in Tampa, Florida, on April 17, 2000, for the purpose of discussing mutually beneficial ways and means of effectively addressing our membership problems. I believe we can work together, and I believe we can all prosper by it.

Therefore, I request you to contact the officers of the Shrine Temples in your jurisdiction and the representatives from those Shrine Temples to the Imperial Shrine Council and to respectfully assure them of our commitment to work in unity with them in an effort to solve our mutual membership and other problems and to retain an association formed by our founding fathers 127 years ago.

Your support is needed
and appreciated. Thank you.

James M. Ward, Grand Master Grand
Encampment of Knights Templar of the
United States of America

Connecticut High School Students Help The KTEF and Knights Templar Help Connecticut High School Students!

A Check in the amount of \$2,100 was recently sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., by Washington Commandery No. 1 stationed in East Hartford, Connecticut. This amount was the result of the collecting of over 42,000 nickel-deposit bottles and cans during the 1999 calendar year by faculty, staff, and students and families of Wethersfield High School. The project was led by Mrs. Joyce Lido Porter, a member of the faculty of the high school and the daughter of Washington Commandery's Past Commander Emil G. Lido. Similar donations have been made by the same group for the past several years, and this year's contribution brings their cumulative total to over \$7,300. To encourage the continuance of this support, Washington Commandery has pledged to match the school's donations to KTEF with one or more scholarships for deserving students. (Article submitted by Charles B. Fowler, Jr., Recorder, Washington No. 1.)



The 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign: The Campaign has ended, but the need has not!

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

There is a beginning and an end to a Campaign; the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign ended April 30, 2000. Let each of us remember that there are still those in need of our help, and the many letters we receive are proof of what it really means to those who have been helped by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Sir Knights and Commanderies are asked to continue their support outside the campaign as well and during the five-month time period.

This year we added several enhancements to the Campaign, and we hope they have shown and will continue to show a positive approach to our fund-raising. We now have eleven **Permanent Donor Funds**. The additional funds that have been established are:

PDF No. 8	The John L. McKie Fund (Texas)
PDF No. 9	The Ruth E. McKie Fund (Texas)
PDF No. 10	The Betty and Randy Walker Memorial Fund (established by Randolph J. Walker— Maryland)
PDF No. 11	The William S. Elliott Fund (established by Milford Commandery No. 11 (Mass.)
PDF No. 5	The Marie Keash LeLash Fund added \$10,000.00, so this PDF is now \$20,000.00

Who will be Permanent Donor Fund No. 12?
The Campaign was named in honor of
Willard Meredith Avery, Most Eminent Past



Grand Master, and we hope that, when all the donations are counted, we will exceed the goals that have been established.

Just Remember, Sir Knights: If everyone gave Just \$10.00, we would exceed our goal

In closing, I extend orchids to those who have helped the campaign in any way. To those who forgot or chose not to support your charity, would you like an onion? As stated in the first paragraph, the need continues, and you can still extend a helping hand to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, 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: cagarnes@aol.com. For information on the KTEF, send e-mail to ktef@knightstemplar.org

**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.



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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending April 14, 2000. The total amount contributed to date is **\$693,356.03**

Alabama.....	\$12,132.15
Arizona.....	7,222.35
Arkansas.....	2,652.00
California.....	24,289.25
Colorado.....	14,112.55
Connecticut.....	18,954.00
Delaware.....	1,275.00
District of Columbia.....	4,870.00
Florida.....	18,077.98

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 do Blanctort, in 1168, it has become synonymous with Templarism.



**KTEF's First Permanent Donor Fund by
John L. McCain, Sr.**

The first Permanent Donor Fund for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was established by Sir Knight John L. McCain, Sr., and is designated as The Genevieve H. McCain and John L. McCain Fund." Pictured from left to right are Sir Knights: Albert L. Kappeler, Jr., V.E.D.G.C. (PA); John L. McCain, Sr., H.P.G.C. and R.W.P.G.M. (PA), 33^o Active Emeritus for Pennsylvania; and Charles A. Games, P.G.C. (PA), H.P.D.C., making the presentation of the Golden Chalice

Georgia.....	42,483.00
Idaho.....	2,024.72
Illinois.....	20,248.36
Indiana.....	9,778.00
Iowa.....	12,955.80
Kansas.....	7,583.00
Kentucky.....	9,313.97
Louisiana.....	12,081.20
Maine.....	3,386.00
Maryland.....	20,405.26
Mass/RI.....	36,195.37
Michigan.....	32,932.00
Minnesota.....	9,198.00
Mississippi.....	5,900.00
Missouri.....	11,688.90
Montana.....	6,745.00
Nebraska.....	11,854.99

Nevada	2702.00
New Hampshire.....	3156.00
New Jersey	17,811.20
New Mexico	4,745.37
New York	10,480.90
North Carolina	10,829.92
North Dakota.....	520.00
Ohio	28,553.00
Oklahoma.....	7,166.30
Oregon.....	18,372.76
Pennsylvania.....	59,928.24
South Carolina	17,783.72
South Dakota	10,564.00
Tennessee	17,193.98
Texas	50571.69
Utah	4,834.50
Vermont	3692.00
Virginia	25,070.22
Washington	8,189.00
West Virginia.....	14,404.97
Wisconsin.....	8763.70
Wyoming.....	3,064.00
Philippines.....	180.00
Santo Domingo No. 1, D.R.	100.00
Honolulu No. 1	100.00
Porto Rico No. 1	615.00
Anchorage No. 2	1,190.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico.....	230.00
Tokyo No. 1	315.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	900.00
Simon von Utrecht No. 6,	
Germany	50.00
Solo Di Aruba No. 1, Aruba	700.00
Canaan No. 1, Virgin Islands	100.00
Kalakaua No. 2, Kailua, HI	300.00
Miscellaneous	1,819.71

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Templary 2000 Crusade...

Now You Can Add "Membership Development Skills" To Your Resume... Or Can You?

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

Our "hats (or rather chapeaux) are off" to the Templar leaders in the many jurisdictions who contributed to the outstanding February 2000 results: over 1,000 Knightings and 200 restorations. The goal of achieving both 2,000 new Knightings and restorations is now in sight.

Has Your Commandery Contributed?

Many have, but most have not. If not, why not? Exercise your leadership: Plan to invite several non-York Rite Masons to become members of our glorious Christian Order, and participate in the largest membership development program in modern times. Ask a Masonic friend now so that both of you can participate in this premier program.

The Window of Opportunity

May 31 is quickly approaching; it is less than a month away. But it is not too late to invite neighboring York Rite groups to participate in a festival. Invite non-York Rite Masons to join and experience the beauty of our degrees and orders just as you did at one time.

Aren't you glad that someone invited you to become a member of this glorious Fraternity? You should do the same, and do it now!

No Slam-Dunk and No Free Lunches

Achieving membership growth in all Commanderies is everyone's job. Are you doing your part? We need your help.

As you know, membership gains don't just happen. They are accomplished by goals being established, plans being developed and implemented, responsibilities being assigned, and by tracking results.

Recruiting is both fun and hard work, but it takes time. Remember the old adage, "If It Is to be ... It Is up to me!"

Positive Thinking Proves Powerful

We have leadership in many jurisdictions that continue to make membership development a high priority. They have focused on cultivating the philosophy of the "Family of Freemasonry" and are contributing to preserving the great heritage of this order into the next millennium. They are attempting to redefine leadership within this order and having fun doing it. You know who they are. Catch them if you can!

We Signed the Mortgage

Each Grand Commander has made a commitment to the Templary 2000 Crusade goal by forecasting new Knightings and striving for restorations. How do your results compare to your goal thus far? By the way, who is in charge of membership development in your jurisdiction? We all are.

Help us achieve our lofty Crusade goals, and whittle away at the principal of new members and restorations. Make your Crusade commitment become a reality!

You Can Do It!

We hope that our successful Crusade leaders will be able to update each of their résumés with the following attributes: "possesses strong membership development skills, maintains a positive attitude, promotes teamwork, communicates strategies and tactics, attains goals, and keeps commitments."

Today, we live in a competitive world where scores are kept daily on

just about everything. We are keeping score on the Templary 2000 Crusade membership development results, as it is a necessity. We need your assistance, and that's a necessity also.

Let each of us respond to Grand Master Ward's call to do the absolute best that we can to accomplish the Templary 2000 Crusade goal assigned. We **can do It!**

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 in Indiana, a 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. Phone: (317) 581-0070, and E-mail: WRCLUTTER@Prodigy.net

Templary 2000 Crusade In Oklahoma - A Huge Success!

The Templary 2000 Crusade in Oklahoma on February 5, 2000, was a huge success by any measure. Paul T. Million, S.G.I.G., the top leader of the Scottish Rite Masons in Oklahoma, was one of the principal supporters of the program, and he and others were presented by Grand Master James M. Ward with Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Certificates of Appreciation. Under the direction of Sovereign Million, 17,000 letters were sent to all Oklahoma Scottish Rite Masons urging them to take advantage of this opportunity, and he authorized the use of all three Scottish Rite Temples: McAlester, Guthrie, and Tulsa. The York Rite degrees were performed in all three Temples on this day, and the Orders were conferred upon 246 new members in one day!



Shown above at the dinner at Double Tree Hotel, Warren Place, in Tulsa; are leaders, left to right: M.W. Lanny Sander, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma; James M. Ward, M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the USA; Glenn Tuttle, M.I. Master of the Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma; Grand Commander Jon J. Giddings, Grand Commandery of Oklahoma; Jesse H. Burns, M.E. High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma; and Paul T. Million, Jr., Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Scottish Rite Masons of Oklahoma.

In the picture at right: the Grand Commander of Oklahoma, Jon J. Giddings (right), presents an appreciation plaque to Paul T. Million, Jr., Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Scottish Rite Masons of Oklahoma, for his support of the Templary 2000 Crusade membership program and for his display of Masonic Unity.



News From The Masonic Family In Utah!

Most Senior and Junior Grand Masters of Utah: Blame M. Simons (left), Past Grand Commander of Utah and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Utah, and Jeffery A. Chretien (right), Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery and Past Grand Master, were in attendance at a recent meeting of Utah Commandery No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah. It is believed that this is the first ever Commandery meeting in Utah attended by the most senior and most junior past Grand Masters who are also the most senior and junior past Commanders. Also present was Sir Knight Richard H. Simons (center), Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Utah.



Grand Commander Hosts Fundraiser: The Grand Commandery of Utah's annual Grand Commanders Ball raised over \$1.50 per capita for the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Highlights of the evening included the reception of Masonic dignitaries through an arch of steel formed by the Sir Knights. Those received included Sir Knight G. Keith Odendahl, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Utah, and his Lady Mary. Pictured are attendees: Sir Knight and Past Grand Commander Curtis N. Lancaster, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Utah

and Illustrious Grand Almoner of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, and his Lady Janet (to left) and Grand Commander Richard H. Simons and his Lady Jean (to right).

Included in the evening's activities was the first widow's jewel presentation in Utah - to Urith, Hereim, wife of Past Grand Commander Andrew T. Hereim. The Grand Commandery was honored to make another widows pin presentation to Norma Lyon, widow of Past Grand Commander Ernest A. Lyon at Utah's statewide festival for the Templary 2000 Crusade.

Pastor Melanie Jones Presented Holy Land Pilgrimage In Illinois

Early in the year 2000, eleven uniformed Sir Knights and several others from Illinois assembled at St. John United Church of Christ in Freeport, Illinois. Sir Knight Robert E. Martin, Jr., Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, presented Pastor Melanie Jones with her certificate for her trip to the Holy Land.

On February 14 Pastor Jones, Associate Pastor of St. John United Church of Christ in Freeport, and Pastor Staci Fidler of St. John Lutheran Church of Rock Island, Illinois, met with forty-six other pastors from all across the United States at the Newark, New Jersey, airport for a ten-day trip to the Holy Land.

Some of the places of interest on this trip were Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Bethany, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and many other places where Christ was said to have walked.

In the picture, left to right, are: Pastor Donnley Dutcher; Lawrence Catellier, Grand Sentinel of Wisconsin; Milton Som; Leon Clouser; Maynard Schilling; Jeffery Miller; Pastor Melanie Jones; William Olmstead, Sr.; Robert E. Martin, Jr., V.E.D.G.C. of Illinois; William Olmstead, Jr.; Roger Shippee; and Erwin Woelfel. John Reining was present but not in the picture.



S.O.O.B. ASSEMBLY MAKES COSTUMES AND CAPES FOR TEXAS COMMANDERY



Worth Assembly No. 264, S.O.O.B., Fort Worth, Texas, under the leadership of (Mrs. Charles W.) Shirley Modesitt, Worthy President, has cut patterns and fabric and sewed three satin costumes and six black capes for Worth Commandery No. 19 of Fort Worth, Texas. It was their main money-making project for the year 1999. Shown with the gorgeous handiwork are, right to left: Commander C. Steve Wolfe, Worth Commandery No. 19; Shirley Modesitt, then W.P., Worth No. 264; Mrs. J. F. Litchfield, Recorder,

Worth; Mrs. Billy Sellers, member of Worth; and Mrs. Robert Rodriguez, Treasurer, Worth.

S.W.P.'S VISIT TO TAMPA ASSEMBLY NO. 208, S.O.O.B., FLORIDA

Left to right are: Worthy President of Tampa No. 208, Tampa, Florida, Mrs. Tooma; candidate, Mrs. Davis; and then Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B., Mrs. Esther Offen, now P.S.W.P.



FLORIDA YORK RITE AND BEAUCEANT MEMBERS KEEP BUSY!



Left, Tampa No. 208, S.O.O.B., Past Presidents, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Bevin, work on Youth Buttons for Grand Lodge. Right, Tampa No. 208 members; Mrs. Young, Mrs. Tooma, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Bevin, and Mrs. Dean; are ready to serve refreshments for Areme Chapter, O.E.S., at their 75th birthday party.



At the Masonic Home Parade: Left, Florida Beauceant ladies in front of the York Rite float: Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Dale, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Coster, Mrs. Smedile, Mrs. Bevin, Mrs. Earle, and Mrs. Robinson. Right, Florida Grand Chapter officers with R.E. Grand King David Wilkinson.



Above, at the Masonic Home Parade, the Florida Grand Commandery officers with V.E. Deputy Grand Commander, Edwin Moore. Below, the Florida Grand Council officers with M.I. Grand Master, John Carroll, prior to the Masonic Home Parade.



Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sir Knight Visits Taiwan

Active Sir Knight Jason Chen-lin Chang of the Albuquerque York Rite Bodies in New Mexico has spent five and a half weeks participating in the Language Training and Study Tour to the Republic of China. This intense language program is sponsored each year by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission and China Youth Corps, which sends students to this island nation for classes in Mandarin. Sir Knight Chang called the Taipei Masonic Lodge and attended a



Joint installation of the officers of the constituent Lodges of the Grand Lodge of China, F. & A.M., for the year 1999-2000. Of the eight Lodges which meet in the Chinese Masonic building, Han Lodge conducts all work and business in the Chinese language. Chinese members of York Rite also meet here. Left to right are: Sir Knight Jason Chen-lin Chang and a visiting Masonic Brother and businessman (name unknown) from Mexico.

Brother Barry R. Stocker Installed As Supreme Tall Cedar



At a midwinter conference held at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Brother Barry R. Stocker was installed Supreme Tall Cedar of the Supreme Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America by Most Worshipful Edgar N. Peplar, Past Grand Master of the state of New Jersey and President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Brother Stocker is a member of Warren Lodge No. 13, Belvedere, NJ, Raised December 1977, and a member of Warren County Forest No. 14, Tall Cedars, Grand Tall Cedar

in 1991. He is also a member of the Red Hat Association and a life member of the Tall Cedar Foundation. He has served as District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, No. 8, 1992, 1993 and 1994 and was District Deputy of the Year in 1994. He was on the Board of Directors of the Supreme Forest, 1995-1996 and 1997 and is a member of District No. 8 Officers and Past Officers Assn., as well as District No. 10. Also a member of following: Valley of Trenton, NJ, A.A.S.R; Northwest New Jersey Scottish Rite Club, Phillipsburg, NJ, President 1995-96; Rajah Temple, AAONMS, Reading, PA; Forks of the Delaware Hi-Twelve, Easton, PA; and the Bethlehem Cedar Club, Bethlehem, PA. He is also affiliated with BPO Elks; Huntington Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1, president 1971-1973; and various civic organizations.

Married for 45 years, he and wife Jane have a daughter, three sons, and five grandchildren. He is a retired bus driver with Greyhound, NY City, and is currently employed with the State of New Jersey, Department of Corrections. Brother Stocker and Jane are members of St. James Lutheran Church, Pohatcong Township, NJ.

Pictured at right is Brother Stocker with the Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador 2000, Shane R. Burcaw of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, who was born May 28, 1992 and was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy in 1993. Shane is in the second grade's Pegasus Gifted Program. He enjoys computers, video games, and chocolate peanut butter ice cream. He loves to sing, play army, and to drive his wheel chair really fast! Shane is in his church's children's choir. He is, also, the local Muscular Dystrophy Association Ambassador.



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

Chapter VI

Features Of Triennial Conclaves

Fifty-first-1970

(continued)

At 9:00 A.M. on Monday, August 24, 1970, the officers of the Grand Commandery of Colorado formed a line on the left and those of the Grand Commandery of Iowa formed a line on the right of the platform where Sir Knight Richard K. Ayers, General Chairman of the Colorado - Iowa Triennial Conclave Committee, welcomed the assemblage of Sir Knights, and received the Grand Commanders of the two states, Sir Knights Harry W. Pride of Colorado and Jack G. Stafford of Iowa. Each Grand Commander extended a welcome, introduced, and then dismissed his officers. They then received the Grand Encampment officers as Sir Knight Ayers introduced those officers. Sir Knight Pride asked Sir Knight Stafford to retire with an escort, conduct into the asylum, and introduce the Most Eminent Grand Master. The Grand Master expressed his thanks for their official courtesies and asked them to retire and join the other Sir Knights.

During the next four days there were the usual breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, etc., organized by the states and other organizations. On Wednesday evening, August 26, the Currigan Exhibition Hall was the site of the Grand Master's Banquet, which was a gala affair with almost 1,800 in uniform and formal dress in attendance. The speaker for the affair was Sir Knight Bruce C. Clarke, general, U.S. Army, retired, who paid tribute to the late Grand Master Brucker, saying "I would be remiss if I did not pause to pay tribute to the late Wilber Brucker. I was a general officer the eight years Wilber served in the Pentagon. While I did not serve in the Pentagon with him, I felt

his influence in my commands in Korea, the Pacific, 7th Army, Continental Army, and as Commander-in-Chief of the Army in Europe."

Others present at the banquet were Sir Knight and Dr. John L. Crofts, Jr., Army Medical Service in Germany; he represented Hermann von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany, and presented the Grand Master (his father) and the Grand Recorder with certificates of Honorary Membership in the Hermann von Salza Commandery. Dr. Croft's wife was also in attendance. Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker was present at the Conclave, and with the assistance of a grandson, William M. Brucker III, she "sold one hundred autographed copies of her biographical account of Sir Knight Brucker's years as a lawyer, soldier, governor, and Secretary of the Army. Proceeds went to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."

Fifty-second-1973

Past Grand Commander of Illinois, Charles E. Bostick, was President of the 1973 Triennial Corporation. Corporation Treasurer was Sir Knight Carl W. Lutz; committee key chairmen included Sir Knights N. Tracy Walker, Gerald D. Sanderson, Marvin A. Hendrickson, Larry Delp, and Walter K. Vartan. There were many other Sir Knights of Illinois who devoted countless hours to preparation for the Fifty-second Triennial Conclave which was held in the city of Chicago, Illinois, August 9-16, 1973. The Grand Encampment had been convened in Chicago in 1859, 1880, 1910, and 1943, so this was the fifth visit to the "Windy City."

There were various committee meetings on Thursday and Friday, and on Saturday the entire day was used for the Drill Team Competition at the huge McCormick Place. "Grand Master Bell and the Drill Team of Detroit Commandery No. 1 participated in Chicago's Lakefront Festival Parade

Saturday afternoon, and the Detroit Drill Team presented an exhibition drill at McCormick Place Saturday evening at 7:00 and also presented a substantial check to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. There was no Templar Parade.

The Shower of Stars' entertainment on the stage of Arie Crown Theatre, McCormick Place, followed the exhibition. At the conclusion of the entertainment, Chairman John H. Loree introduced to a packed house the Drill Competition judges. Grand Master Bell, with the assistance of the grand officers, then presented the drill competition awards.

The Divine Service on Sunday was given by Dr. Beryl Sales Kinser, Associate Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. He spoke of 'The Knight Templar's uniform,' not only the one of cloth which covers the Knight Templar, but the "spiritual uniform which should be one that would be most becoming to a Knight Templar. Following the service was a Triennial Conclave luncheon in the Con Maxwell Hall, McCormick Place. Grand Master Bell presented membership plaques to Grand and Subordinate Commanderies showing gains during the Triennium. The Grand Commandery of Tennessee took top honors for a gain in membership for each year since 1942.

The opening ceremonies which started at 9:00 A.M. on Monday were open to invited visitors and lasted about two hours. Sir Knight Walter H. Vartan, Illustrious Past Potentate of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, introduced the Honorable Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, who gave a message of welcome to all present. Mrs. Clarence W. Fagerstrom, President of the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, spoke, as did Mrs. Mae Mickelson, General Grand Worthy Matron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. There followed short talks by: Mrs. Agnes McLeod, Supreme Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; Mrs. Doris Bell, Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth; Sir Knight Ian L. MacKean, Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master of the Great Priory of Scotland; Sir Knight W. Stanley Wright, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada; Illustrious George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand

Commander, Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; George M. Klepper, Grand Master, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay; and Most Illustrious, John R. Murphy, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Illinois.

There were the usual activities for the ladies and distinguished guests during the week. As expected, the highlight of the week was the Grand Master's Banquet on Wednesday evening, which honored the Grand Master and Mrs. Bell. Mrs. John R. Mendius was soloist for the occasion.

Fifty-third-1976

Prior to the 52nd Triennial Conclave in Chicago in 1973, the Committee on Time and Place had made arrangements for the 53rd Conclave to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 14-19, 1976, and had received a letter from the mayor extending a hearty welcome; all of the necessary arrangements had been made. A year before the scheduled Conclave the Republican National Committee selected Kansas City as the site for its 1976 National Convention on August 16-20! After a conference call with the Grand Encampment officers, Grand Master Riegler, the Grand Recorder, Chairman Grundy, and several committee members met with Muehlebach officials, the President of the Kansas City Council, and other elected officials at the Convention Bureau headquarters. It was agreed that the Grand Encampment had first claim to reservations on August 16-20, 1976. Following the discussion the Grand Master made the following announcement:

1. Because promotion and support of the democratic processes are the goals of all Templar citizens, we have released the dates of August 14-19 next year, even though cleared for us by city officials, on behalf of the Republican National Convention. As a result of our cooperation, that convention is now scheduled August 16-20, 1976;
- 2 This consideration granted moves the dates of the 53rd Triennial Conclave to a new schedule. The Triennial Conclave will now be scheduled August 28 - September 2, 1976."

Recipients Of The Grand Encampment Membership Jewel



- 384. Daniel W. Hall, Greenfield Commandery No. 39, Greenfield, IN. 2-5--2000.
- 385. Charles W. Merlau, Jr., Greenfield Commandery No. 39, Greenfield, IN. 2-5-2000.
- 386. Stuart R. Schutz, Greenfield Commandery No. 39, Greenfield, IN. 2-5-2000.
- 387. Robert A. Thomsen, Washington Commandery No. 1, Walla Walla, WA. 2-14-2000.
- 388. Robert L. Kinard, Anderson Commandery No. 11, Anderson, SC. 2-22-2000.
- 389. Thomas Earl Akin, Trinity Commandery No. 20, Broken Arrow, OK. 2-25-2000.
- 390. Richard Wayne Armstrong, Trinity Commandery No. 20, Broken Arrow, OK. 2-25-2000.
- 391. Ralph Kenneth Harris, Trinity Commandery No. 20, Broken Arrow, OK. 2-25-2000.
- 392. Charles Frank Moss, Trinity Commandery No. 20, Broken Arrow, OK. 2-25-2000.
- 393. James Earnest Smyri, Trinity Commandery No. 20, Broken Arrow, OK. 2-25-2000.
- 394. Steve Guffy, Columbia Commandery No. 14, Wenatchee, WA. 2-28-2000.
- 395. A. B. Church, Jr., DePayens Commandery No. 11, Franklin, TN. 2-29-2000 (jewel and 2 bronze clusters)
- 396. Charles Robert Luttrell, DePayens Commandery No. 11, Franklin, TN. 2-29-2000.
- 397. Harold Ernest Scott, DePayens Commandery No. 11, Franklin, IN. 2-29-2000.
- 398. Orlan Raymond Harrington, Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, Oklahoma City, OK. 3-10-2000.
- 399. George F Black, Jr., Hampton Commandery No. 17, Newport News, VA. 4-3-2000. (jewel and 1 bronze cluster)
- 400. Fred G. Maluf, McKinney Commandery No. 34, McKinney, TX. 4-5-2000.



Charles C. Adams
 South Carolina
 Grand Commander-1979
 Born February 7, 1917
 Died February 4, 2000

Carl Chester Stump, Jr.
 District of Columbia
 Grand Commander-1989
 Born September 6, 1917
 Died February 14, 2000

The Reverend Olof C. Johnson
 Vermont
 Grand Prelate-1999
 Born February 28, 1909
 Died February 20, 2000

John L. Crofts, Sr. Iowa
 Grand Commander-1951
 Department Commander North Central-
 1952-1955
 Grand Master-1967-1970
 Born June 23, 1909
 Died February 28, 2000

Charles Justice Speake
 Montana
 Grand Commander-1987
 Born June 10, 1921
 Died March 12, 2000

Attention: Heroes of '76, National Sojourners, Inc.

The Heroes of '76 have again been requested by Grand Master James M. Ward to be the official escorts for the Grand Commanders and their respective flags at the opening ceremonies of the Grand Encampment's 61st Triennial Conclave.

This colorful event is scheduled for Monday morning, August 14, 2000, at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee. Members of the Heroes of '76 will begin assembling in their colonial uniforms in the hotel at 7:30 A.M. for final instructions with the opening ceremonies starting promptly at 9:00 A.M.

Please spread the word among all Camps of the Heroes of 76. Your participation is most welcomed and appreciated. For advance planning purposes and as the Coordinator, I ask those Heroes of '76 who are planning to attend and participate to let me know by mail or telephone of your plans and which state or territorial Grand Commander you wish to escort.

Donald L. Shaw, KCT
Past National President, National Sojourners, Inc.
817 Pearman Avenue
Radcliff, KY 40160-1838
Phone: (270) 351-5820

National Sojourner's Convention 2000 To Be Held In Norfolk, Virginia

The Both Annual Convention of National Sojourners, Inc., will be held June 20-24, 2000, in the sparkling downtown area of Norfolk, Virginia, at the newly renovated Sheraton Waterside Hotel.

The membership, which consists of military officers of the uniformed forces and honorary members from 162 Chapters located throughout the United States and overseas, invite all Brother Masons and their ladies to attend all the exciting activities of this gala event.

A dinner cruise with entertainment and dancing will set sail on *The Spirit of Norfolk* at 6:30 P.m. on Tuesday, June 20. Wednesday's committee meetings will set the tone for the organization to move forward into the 21st century. Also, on Wednesday evening there will be a first-time-ever "Colonial Ladies at the Table" dinner. This is an "untiled" evolution of the traditional Table

Lodges" common in England, Scotland, and the U.S. during the 18th and 19th centuries! On Thursday are the opening ceremony, a ladies' luncheon, a Chapter luncheon, a Heroes of '76 Encampment with the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia as a candidate to become a Hero, and the National Commander's Bennington Banquet ending the day. Friday begins with the Americanism breakfast with a guest speaker, and convention business continues. The highlight of the day is the National President's Banquet with M.W. William Lee Holliday, 155th Grand Master of Virginia Masons, as the keynote speaker. There will be an Awards breakfast on Saturday morning. Throughout the week shopping at MacArthur Center, tours, lunches are planned in the Tidewater area.

For information and registration forms, contact: Floyd M. Gilbert, telephone/fax: (757) 467-6435.

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

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 be, be clasp with cross and crown, and shipping and handling. Send cap size, shirt size, rank, Commandery name and number, choice of engraving on the be clasp (plain/Knight Templar/your state/Commandery name) to the address below. Make checks payable to Milford Commandery No. 11. This is a fundraising 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 2¹/₂-inch diameter, embroidered emblem has been produced for use on mantles and blazers of KCT recipients. Emblem is to be centered on the Cross that adorns the left side of the mantle or ceremonial robe or on the left side (on pocket) of a dress blazer. The same use for the GCT emblem which is bordered with a wreath. The cost of the KCT emblem is \$8.50 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling, and the cost of the OCT 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



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ways: You have the freedom of choosing your own doctors and hospitals, there are no health questions or medical exams to qualify, there is no waiting period for preexisting conditions if you switch plans or are about to turn 65, and there is hassle-free claims processing in about 7 days!

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Strong Lineage, Native Tradition, and Masonry

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

This is an account of Pierpont Edwards, the first Grand Master of the state of Connecticut, but it is much more. It is the narration of an early American family with proud and deep historic roots.

Jonathan Edwards, whose son is the protagonist in this piece, was a fiery New England preacher of the mid-eighteenth century. It is said that he would shake his parishioners over hell "till they heard the cinders clink." Jonathan's father Timothy was the pastor of the First Congregational Church of South Winsor, Connecticut. Timothy Edwards was born in Hartford in 1669. His father, Richard Edwards, was a wealthy merchant who was able to provide considerable financial assistance to his son, a brilliant scholar at Harvard College. Timothy subsequently entered the ministry, serving at a small church in Winsor, hard by the Connecticut River. With almost no salary from his church with which to support his new wife, he might well have gone on to starvation, had it not been for his father who provided him with a new house and a farm adjacent to the parish. In this setting, Timothy raised a family of ten daughters and one son. Each of his brood was over six feet in height. He often referred to his girls as "Sixty feet of daughters." He cared for his family for nearly sixty-four years until his death in 1758 at the age of eighty-nine years.

His only son Jonathan became a Calvinist preacher. One of Timothy's daughters married Reverend Aaron Burr. Their son was the infamous Aaron Burr of Colonial history.

In 1757 Jonathan Edwards succeeded Reverend Burr as the president of New Jersey College, later renamed Princeton University. His tenure was brought to an early end when after serving for only one year, he died following an aberrant small pox vaccination.

The youngest child of Jonathan and Sarah Edwards was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, on April 8, 1750. He was named Pierpont, his mother's maiden name. With this introduction our story unfolds. Soon after his birth, Pierpont's father lost his position. Almost destitute, the family moved to Stockbridge where the elder Edwards became a missionary for the local Indian tribe. He kept this employment for six years. During this period, he conducted a school for both Indian and white children. The constant association of young Pierpont with both ethnic groups allowed him to become equally familiar with each language. His elder brother also possessed this linguistic ability. His brother subsequently resided with a group of Indians living in western New York where he became a missionary among them. Pierpont chose a different course, one of education, leading him to the presidency of Union College in Schenectady, New York. When Pierpont was about six years old, his father moved the family to Princeton, New Jersey, where he became a college president until death called him the following year. His mother also died soon afterwards, leaving the young boy an orphan before his eighth year. Through good fortune, Pierpont received kind foster care from a family who carefully attended to his education through Yale University. He became a lawyer practicing in New Haven, Connecticut.

In 1775 Pierpont Edwards marched with the military volunteers from New Haven to answer the call from the stone-works of Lexington. Existing records indicate that he was somehow present at American Union Lodge in Morristown, New Jersey, at the festival of St John the Evangelist, though he was not as yet a member of the Craft. Here he met many of the officers of the Revolution including Washington, Hamilton and Benedict Arnold.

When Pierpont left the army, he became a Mason in Hiram Lodge in New Haven where he was initiated on December 28, 1775, at the age of twenty-five. He advanced in the Craft, becoming the Worshipful Master of this, the oldest lodge in the state of Connecticut, in 1778.

In 1783 a group of Masonic lodges in this state convened in New Haven to establish regulations for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Craft. At this meeting Pierpont Edwards was a delegate from Hiram Lodge and was appointed to serve as secretary. He was also chosen to serve on a committee charged with overseeing Connecticut Freemasonry. At this time all lodges were working under the authority granted by pre-revolutionary Provincial Grand Masters. Because such authority had now terminated, the lodges in Connecticut met once again in Hartford on May 14, 1789, to consider the propriety of forming a Grand Lodge. Pierpont Edwards, again a delegate, became chairman of a committee to formulate plans to be submitted on July 8 in the following year at New Haven. When Pierpont presented his concept for the formation of a Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1790, together with a new constitution, both were adopted by ballot and he was elected as the first Grand Master of his state.

When peace came to the colonies, he turned his interest to politics. He became a member of the Continental Congress and later was the representative of New Haven in the General Assembly, becoming the Speaker of the House in 1789.

During the previous year, he had also served as a member of the Connecticut Convention at which the Constitution of the United States was ratified.

President Jefferson appointed him as a judge of the United States Court for his state, an appointment held until his death.

Pierpont Edwards was a positive and courageous man who was instrumental in the establishment of the Toleration Party in his state, an act which roused the hostility of the Calvinists and deprived him of much support. Opposition to him, however, failed to endure, and whenever important considerations arose in state government, it was generally recognized that Pierpont Edwards' opinions and values were always highly motivated and unselfish.

The citizenry knew that he loved his commonwealth and was most often on the right side of the issues. One example was his rule as the trustee and administrator in settling the estate of Benedict Arnold after he had been found guilty of treason and had

fled the country. Though detracting much from his popularity, he acted in accord with the highest principles of law, bringing this unfortunate matter to a proper end.

He continued to serve his country, his state, and his beloved Craft until he was called to his eternal home on April 14 of 1826 at the age of seventy-six. He was laid to rest at New Haven, Connecticut.

His son, Henry Edwards, followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a Mason in Hiram Lodge on February 2, 1809. He also was a member of Franklin Royal Arch Chapter in New Haven and an early member of Harmony Council of Royal and select Masters in New Haven.

Though not one of the best known figures of the Revolution, Pierpont Edwards was one of many sincere and active patriots who gave valuable support to those who advanced the American cause to the world. He captured the respect of all his Brethren.

His legacy was truly recognized when the Grand Lodge of Connecticut established a medal for Distinguished Masonic Service to perpetuate the memory of this important Brother, the first Grand Master of Connecticut. An impressive monument to his memory was erected over his grave site which eternally says, "Thank you Worshipful Brother Pierpont Edwards."

Sir Knight Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33°, is a Past Commander of Mizpah Commandery No. 53, Oak Lawn, Illinois, and an affiliate Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of the Grand Commandery of Illinois and Chairman of the Grand Commandery Historian Committee of Illinois. He resides at 418 Huron Street, Park Forest, IL 60466



Edwards' monument in New Haven, Mass.

Rod Cameron: Silver Screen Cowboy and Once a Mason

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 32°

Someone once described Rod Cameron as the "poor man's John Wayne." Like the "Duke," Cameron was a rugged, handsome, and able actor who proved ideal for he-man type action films. While Rod became a star, his stature never quite approached that of Wayne. Among the unusual twists that Rod's life took, none quite equaled the fact that he became one of the few men in history that married his mother-in-law. Also, Cameron's Masonic membership did not endure until his death for reasons that are now likely to remain unknown. Nonetheless, he was a well-known Mason in the entertainment world for nearly two decades.

Cameron was born as Roderick Nathan Cox in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on December 7, 1910. His father was a mechanical engineer and moved back east to Toronto two years later where the family lived until 1925 when Robert Cox passed away. The surviving Coxes then moved to New York, and Rod finished high school in White Plains, where he participated in sports and amateur theatrics.

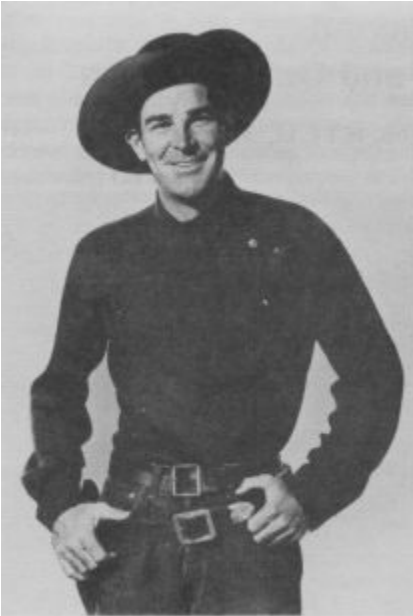
As a teenager, Rod Cox allegedly aspired to become a member of Canada's famed Northwest Mounted Police, but some type of injury kept him from qualifying. At any rate, he went to work chiefly as a construction laborer, an occupation he pursued for roughly a decade. Somewhere in this period he moved to California and began aspiring to break into pictures. After several tries he landed a small part in a Bette Davis film at Warner Brothers called *The Old Maid*. Although Rod "Cameron," as he was now known, received a screen credit, his scenes were actually cut out of the film. Rod then spent three years at Paramount as a contractee, playing mostly bit parts.



In 1943 the Rod Cameron star began to rise when he landed the role of Rex Bennett in a pair of adventure serials at *Republic*, *G-Men vs. The Black Dragon* and *Secret Service in Darkest Africa*. Both proved highly popular, and Cameron began to get better roles and was soon signed to a long-term contract at Universal. At this studio he did the lead role in a series of six B westerns, typified by *Boss of Boomtown* and *Trigger Trail*, while playing support roles in other films.

Finally in 1945, Rod got his big break starring opposite Yvonne DeCarlo in *Salome, Where She Danced*, a big budget Technicolor feature. This film elevated Rod to true, star status and led to two more starring pictures with Miss DeCarlo, *Frontier Gal* and *River Lady*. He also starred in *Pirates of Monterrey* with the late Maria Montez.

Over the next two decades, Rod Cameron's stock in trade became medium budget adventure films - mostly, but not exclusively westerns. This placed him in a



Rod Cameron exudes boyish charm as a silver-screen cowboy hero!



Rod Cameron was a popular figure as trooper Rod Blake in the TV series, *State Trooper*.

category with George Montgomery, Audie Murphy, and Randolph Scott. Discussion of all these films would encompass excessive space and only a few examples will be included: *Stampede* with Gale Storm (1949), *Southwest Passage* with Joanne Dru (1954), *Hell's Outpost* with Joan Leslie (1954), and *Santa Fe Passage* with Faith Domergue (1955). Non-western adventures included *The Sea Hornet* with Adrian Booth (1951) and *The Jungle* with Marie Windsor (1952). In all, Cameron starred in about three dozen of these adventure films.

Rod also starred in three syndicated television series during the fifties. The first in 1953, *City Detective*, saw him in the title role as Bart Grant of the NYPD. Most successful was *State Trooper* from 1957 to 1959; its concern was the Nevada State Police, and it lasted through one hundred and forty half-hour segments. The last, *Coronado 9* in 1959, featured Rod as a private eye. He was also a guest on numerous TV shows over the years.

Rod Cameron's Masonic life began on April 4, 1949, in Metropolitan Lodge No. 646 in Los Angeles. He was passed a Fellowcraft on February 21, 1950 and was Raised a Master Mason on April 18, 1950. He took the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Los Angeles on June 14-16, 1951. He subsequently became a Noble of Al Malaikai Shrine Temple. He remained a member of these bodies for the remainder of the fifties and through most of the next decade. He was suspended NPD from the A.A.S.R. on March 1, 1968 and from Metropolitan Lodge on November 4, 1969. As usual, the record is silent as to why this happened. He apparently never sought reinstatement.

Regarding his personal life, Cameron married one Doris Stanford, a church organist, about 1937. This marriage failed, as did a second one to Angela Alves-Lico in 1950. This union produced a son named Anthony in 1954. Later, in 1960 Rod married Angela's mother, Dorothy Alves-Lico.

This marriage endured until Cameron died some twenty-three years later.

Rod Cameron made his last movie appearance in 1978 in a forgettable film with the unlikely title of *Love and the Midnight Auto Supply*. He later retired and moved to Georgia where his son was a baseball player. The onetime silver screen cowboy and former member of Metropolitan Lodge No. 646 died on December 21, 1983, a few months after a visit to the Charlotte Film fair.

Note: The chapter on Rod Cameron in Buck Rainey's Heroes of the Range (Waynesville, NC: World of Yesterday 1987) contains a brief biography. For his Masonic history I am indebted to John Cooper, David Dresser, Eileen Irby, and Joan Sansbury. Miss Abby Goodnite prepared the manuscript.

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Brother Claude D. Pepper—Southern Senior Icon

by Sir Knight Norman G. Lincoln, KYCH

One of the bitterest campaigns in Florida senatorial history took place in 1950 when the incumbent Senator Claude Pepper sought his fourth term against the challenger, George Smathers. Pepper had been an ardent New Deal supporter of Franklin D. Roosevelt, but he had made the error of backing Henry Wallace. His opposition to the Truman Doctrine had earned him the President's dislike. Liberals favored him, but Ralph Magill of the Atlanta *Constitution* called him a "spellbinding pinko." He got the nickname of "Red" Pepper and "_-lover" when he appeared with Paul Robeson. Pepper lost the Democratic primary, and his career seemed over.

Claude Denson Pepper was born September 8, 1900, at Dudleyville, Alabama. The oldest of four children of Joseph Wheeler and Lena Talbot Pepper, he learned to plow the land and hoe and chop cotton. When he was ten, his family moved to Camp Hill, Alabama, where his father tried operating a general store and was later made a deputy sheriff. After graduating from high school in 1917, Claude taught school for a year at Dothan,

Alabama, and then attended the University of Alabama where he earned an AB cum laude in 1917. He earned his way through college by working at a Birmingham steel mill in the summer and managing a college dining hall. He was also on the track team, on the editorial staff of the *Crimson and White*, and participated in the Student Army Training Corps.

He then went to Harvard Law School where he received a JD degree in 1924. He was an instructor at the University of Arkansas Law School for one year, and one of his students was J. William Fulbright. After passing the Alabama Bar exam in 1924 and the Florida Bar exam in 1925, Pepper began his practice at Perry, Florida. In 1928 he entered politics and was elected to the Florida House of Representatives from Taylor County. He served on the Committee of Labor and Public Welfare. In 1930 he moved to Tallahassee, where he became a member of Tallahassee Lodge No. 1, the Scottish Rite, and the Shrine. He served on the Florida Board of Public Welfare as well as on the Board of Law Examiners. In 1934 he ran for the U.S. Senate but was defeated

Two years later he made it to Washington where he was to remain in public service for twenty-eight years.

Claude Pepper was named to the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate. Other committees he served were: Small Business, Education, Labor, and Foreign Relations, which he eventually chaired. In 1938 he traveled to Nuremberg where he heard Hitler speak. He became opposed to Nazism and supported rearmament. He pushed for the "Destroyer Deal" in 1940 to assist England as well as the Lend-Lease Act of 1941, and arming merchant ships. During World War Two he chaired a subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education. In 1945 he visited the Kremlin and interviewed Stalin.

Meanwhile, Brother Pepper married Irene Mildred Webster on December 29, 1936. She died in 1979. They had no children.

He was a member of many clubs and organizations: In college he belonged to Blue Key and Phi Beta Kappa, and he was also affiliated with Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Alpha Delta, Sigma Upsilon, and Kappa Alpha. He attended the Baptist Church and was an Elk, a Moose, an Optimist, a Kiwanian, and a Woodman.

Senator Pepper rose in the ranks of the Southern Democrats by attending every Democratic National Convention from 1940 to 1980, often as the head of the Florida delegation. In 1948 he was their favorite son for the presidential nomination, but he got no other support, and Truman was reelected. Senator Pepper gave nominal support to the Fair Deal, and he voted for the Fair Employment Practices Commission and for equal pay for women. He was against the Republican Taft-Hartley Bill. He became known as a left-wing liberal, a dangerous label during the McCarthy Era.

Following his defeat for reelection to the Senate, Claude Pepper moved to Miami and began to build a constituency among the Cuban, Black, Jewish, and senior citizens of Dade County. His agenda was successful. The electorate approved of his support of

Medicaid and law enforcement. They returned him to Washington as a member of the House of Representatives in the 88th Congress. He served twelve terms and at his death was the oldest man ever to serve. (This honor has since been taken by Brother Strom Thurmond.)

As a congressman, Pepper voted for the Alliance for Progress, the SST, the Antiballistic Missile, and the Civil Rights Act. He was a leading anti-Castro voice. By 1968 he had become a dove on Viet Nam. He chaired the House Un-American Activities Committee from 1969-1975. He was also a critic of Reaganomics. As he grew older, he did not ease up on activities. Even a pacemaker did not slow the 5-foot, 8-inch toupeed advocate of senior citizens.

In 1965 he introduced the Older Americans Act and chaired the White House Conference on Aging in 1981. He chaired the House Select Committee on Aging from 1977-1983. He also headed the powerful House Rules Committee in 1983. In 1983 he appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine, and he was said to be a folk hero of senior citizens.

Claude Pepper received five honorary college degrees; they were from: McMaster, Toronto, Alabama, Rollins, and Miami. His many awards include the Mary and Albert Lasker Public Service Award, the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award, the Ballington and Maude Booth Volunteers of America Award, the Hubert Humphrey Statesmanship Award, and Man of the Year of the Florida Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce. In 1987 he published an autobiography, *Eyewitness to a Century*. Claude Pepper died May 30, 1989. The U.S. Postal Service will issue a stamp in his honor this year. He well deserved the honors he received!

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The Bridge-Builder

An old man going a long highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and wide and steep,
With waters rolling cold and deep.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim-
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

Old man, said a fellow pilgrim near,
You are wasting your strength with building
here.
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way.

You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide;
Why build you this bridge at eventide?
The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he
said,

'There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must paces this way.
The chasm that was as nought to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;

He, too, must cross in the twilight dim-
Good friend, I am building this bridge for
him."

Will Alen Dromgoole