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In this original artwork by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, Brother and Colonel Roscoe Turner is shown with Gilmore the lion, the Wedell-Williams Model 44, and his customized wings. His story starts on page 23.

June 2000-Grand Master's Message

ON APRIL 17,2000, A SUMMIT CONFERENCE between representatives of some of the organizations in the family of Freemasonry was convened at the headquarters of the Shrine of North America in Tampa, Florida. The representatives assembled at the invitation of Illustrious Sir Ralph W. Semb, Imperial Potentate, AAONMS, for the purpose of discussing ways and means of solving some of the problems, particularly those concerning membership, we must address if our Masonic Fraternity is to continue to provide the great, humanitarian charitable services now in place and be a strong and viable



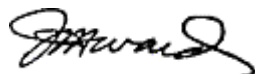
influence for good in our communities. I commend Illustrious Sir Semb for his foresight and leadership in seeing the need for such a conference and for his hosting the meeting. After much discussion, the concepts in a plan formulated and presented by Illustrious Brother Robert O. Ralston, Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., were endorsed by those present. This plan is titled "The Intra-Fraternal Masonic Alliance for the Survival and Success of Freemasonry," and It is printed in Its entirety starting on page 5 of this Issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine. The plan is also prominently shown on many, many internet websites maintained by organizations in the family of Freemasonry. The mission of the Alliance is: "to establish and maintain an Alliance of Masonic organizations, including Grand Lodges and appendant and coordinate Masonic organizations, for the singular and common purpose of developing and implementing strategies for their mutual survival and growth." Membership in the Alliance will be voluntary. I believe that this Alliance affords a means by which we can work together toward common goals that will promote the welfare of all in the family of Freemasonry. As Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, I concur with the concepts contained in the proposed plan and will personally promote and support it.

The 32nd ANNUAL VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN to raise funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. and the TEMPLARY 2000 CRUSADE have been and are, without a doubt, very successful. YOU did it! It just doesn't get any better than the results achieved in these two programs. Your support of these undertakings has been truly magnificent, and I commend and congratulate all of you who worked long and well and contributed generously of your time and resources. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation. Again, I express our admiration and appreciation to Sir Knight Charles Games, Voluntary Campaign Chairman, and Sir Knight "Bill" Clutter, Templary 2000 Crusade Chairman, for their unselfish and untiring leadership in their respective jobs.

The COUNTDOWN FOR THE 61ST TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE in Nashville, Tennessee, on August 12-16, 2000, is, as of the first of June, at 72 days. I urge you to make sure your plans to attend and participate are completed. Registration for the Conclave and room reservations at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel, the headquarters hotel, should be done. I look forward to visiting with you there.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS WORK!
5/50 AND TEMPLARY 2000 CRUSADE WORK
NO NEGATIVISM!
GO, TEMPLARS! CHARGE

** EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR! ** I'm done pumping! You do make me proud! Godspeed!



James Morris Ward, Grand Master, KGC

Knight Templar

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

JUNE: In July a comprehensive breakdown of the final figures for the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign will appear, but this month we have the final total for the Campaign (page 7 and 8) and the totals for the grand and subordinate Commanderies (page 8). On page 5 you will find a detailed plan to unify the Masonic family and proceed to a success for all bodies, a response to the message from Grand Master Ward concerning the Shrine's proposal, page 5, May 2000. You'll find all the good news about the Templary 2000 Crusade and its results in individual states starting on page 10 and continuing to page 22. Now it's time to respond to the obligations of those growing Commanderies, and Sir Knight Clutter has some suggestions in his "Good News - Bad News" article (page 10). Our feature story on a pioneer in aviation history, Roscoe Turner, starts on page 23, and there's much more, so enjoy yourselves!

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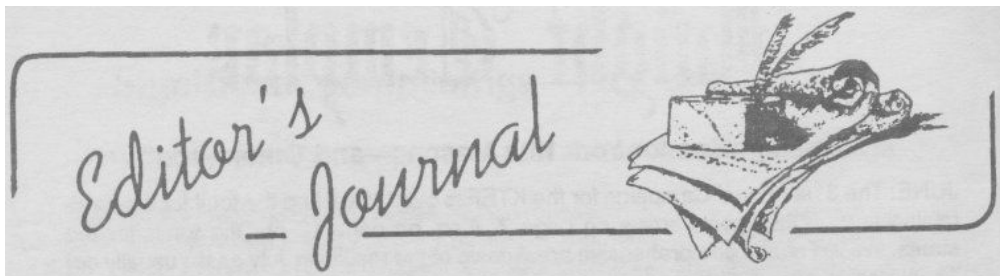
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Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple Award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded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

Attention: all Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 2000; or Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November issue, *Knight Templar* magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders on November 1. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 10, 2000. If your installation will be in late September or October, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots, and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 10, 2000. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.

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/GGCOUNCIL/HomePage.html>

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

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

The Intra-Fraternal Masonic Alliance for the Survival and Success of Freemasonry

Introduction:

Freemasonry in America has experienced forty consecutive years of membership decline. Dramatic membership losses in Blue Lodge membership have, in turn, caused dramatic membership losses in appendant Masonic organizations across the United States and Canada. One of the major problems in developing effective membership growth in the near future is the lack of an international intra-fraternal alliance.

The idea of a Masonic family, working for the good of the entire Fraternity, is a concept that is currently openly embraced by several grand jurisdictions. Limited conversations with Masonic leaders indicate they believe the formation of an Intra-fraternal Masonic Alliance throughout the United States and Canada is important, if not essential, to the preservation of the Masonic family concept.

This may well become the most unique national undertaking in the modern history of Freemasonry.

Purpose of an Intra-Fraternal Masonic Alliance:

The need for all Masonic organizations to join hands in an international effort to restore the relevance and growth of the Fraternity is long overdue. To do it with a refreshing new approach has much more appeal and is much more practical than to incorporate it into any existing organization like the Conference of Grand Masters, the Masonic Renewal Committee, or the Masonic Service Association, etc. The advantage of an Alliance is that it would be voluntary and, therefore, made up only of those Masonic organizations that want to be part of the solution to the problems common to all Alliance members.

Mission Statement:

To establish and maintain an Alliance of Masonic Organizations, including Grand Lodges and appendant and coordinate Masonic Organizations, for the singular and common purpose of developing and implementing strategies for their mutual survival and growth.

Implementation Plan:

The Scottish Rites of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, the Canadian Supreme Council, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of North America met prior to this Summit meeting, to review the concept and advantages of an Intra-Fraternal Masonic Alliance (IFMA). They have unanimously endorsed the principle of the IFMA. In addition, the Grand Masters of Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts have endorsed the concept of the IFMA and have promised the full support of their Grand Lodges in its formation.

Thus, the concept of an intra-fraternal strategic alliance (IFMA) is now in place.

If successful, the Alliance proposal will become the nucleus of future strategic planning for the participating Grand Lodges throughout the United States and Canada, the Shrine, Scottish Rite(s), York Rite(s), in the immediate future.

We invite and hope that all present at this Summit Meeting will accept the Alliance proposal. We will expect to begin the implementation process before the end of May.

The many details of how the Alliance will be constructed and function are yet to be worked out by those who participate in its birth. Some preliminary guidelines on what it might mean and not mean are offered below.

What Alliance means and does not mean:

The following are talking points about what Alliance means:

- 1) Fundamentally, the Alliance is formed for the purpose of membership development, recovery, retention, and fraternal image building.
- 2) The voluntary participants would accept some eligibility requirements as a condition of membership. These might include:
 - a) a signed commitment from all elected line officers that they will endorse the strategies adopted by the Alliance throughout their terms of office. Future line officers will sign on when they are elected.
 - b) acknowledging a willingness to preserve the structure of Freemasonry and the Appendant Orders, as it now exists.
 - c) pledging full support of the financial plan that will develop to underwrite the budgetary needs of the Alliance, now and in the future. These needs may change as staff is hired and when membership and image-building programs are approved. Initially, operating funds will be collected from each participating organization based upon current membership (potentially 20 cents per member). Assessments may be required if approved by the governing organization.
 - d) indicating a willingness to experiment with constructive change.
 - e) supporting other commitments developed by the Alliance to assure implementation and continuity of the Intra-Fraternal Masonic Alliance Strategic Plan.
- 3) The voluntary participants would expect to reap at least the following benefits from membership:
 - a) comprehensive, cooperative, and successful plans for membership growth and retention.

- b) international intra-fraternal image-building programs
- c) economies of scale
 - d) an intra-fraternal strategic (long-range) plan
- 4) Conversely, the formation of Alliance will not mean:
 - a) control over a participant organization (separate yet united).
 - b) a forum for controversy with non-participants

Future Roadmap to Success:

- 1) On April 17, 2000, Commander Ralston (SCNMJ), proposed the formation of the IFMA in which the Shrine, A.A.S.R., York Rite, and Grand Lodges would participate as equal partners with other volunteer Alliance Members.
- 2) The IFMA presentation was discussed at length at the Summit meeting, and all participating Grand Masters in attendance went on record as personally endorsing the concepts, principles, and requirements of the IFMA. They agreed to seek the full support of their Grand Lodges as quickly as possible.

The Imperial Shrine of North America also agreed to fully support the Alliance and will take a proactive position with regard to Masonic unity with its representatives at the upcoming Imperial Session in Boston in July.
- 3) Representatives to the Alliance implementation committee (Steering Committee) will be selected. They will be empowered to act on behalf of the organization in the development of the Alliance guidelines and strategies.

They will report to the current leadership of the participating organizations for ratification of proposed strategies. Representatives will be chosen who have vision and who have demonstrated positive and progressive attitudes and ideas about the survival and perpetual success of

- Freemasonry. Current heads of participating organizations will rarely act as Representatives in deference to their other leadership obligations.
- 4) The nucleus group of voluntary participants will invite other Grand Lodges and any remaining Appendant Orders to join the Alliance.
 - 5) Regular meetings will be held to develop guidelines, requirements, and strategies.
 - 6) A strategic plan will be implemented immediately.
 - 7) Strategic goals and objectives will be accomplished through immediate action plans.



Building for the Future!

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

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

The 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign totals are in, and all State Chairmen and Commandery Chairmen can look with pride on their accomplishments. Or perhaps they may feel that with a little more effort they could have done better. Each is his own judge of his performance and the performance of his Commandery.

Yesterday is the *History* we refer to as the foundation we build on for the *Future*. You cannot change History; it is carved in stone, so don't waste your time and energy worrying about what didn't get done: Set your sails for the tomorrows that face us. Let's accept our responsibilities for shaping the **Future**. It matters not whether it is a building that you are concentrating on or the strengthening of an organization or foundation. These examples all deal with the future, and it's time to look toward another tomorrow, when another opportunity to serve our fellow man will be presented.

The total of the funds received during the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign amounted to \$1,184,415.83. This includes all campaign donations received during the period from December 1 through April 30. The breakdown will be shown in the July issue.

Our Permanent Donor Fund has some new members, and they are listed as follows with their total contributions:

No. 1 The Genevieve H. McCain and John L. McCain Fund—\$10,000



- No. 2 The Valley of Northern New Jersey, A.A.S.R., in honor of Illustrious Thurman Pace, Jr., 33°, Deputy for N.J.—\$10,000
- No. 3 Virginia Rowe Miller Fund—\$10,000
- No. 4 Donald D. "Pete" Miller Fund—\$10,000
- No. 5 Marle Keese LeLash Foundation, Inc. Fund—\$20,000
- No. 6 Brownwood Commandery No. 22 K.T. Fund—\$12,500
- No. 7 Valley of Southern New Jersey, A.A.S.R., ESRB Charity Fund, Inc. in honor of Illustrious Thurman C. Pace, Jr., 22 Fund—\$10,000
- No. 8 The John L. McKie Fund—\$10,000
- No. 9 The Ruth E. McKie Fund—\$10,000
- No. 10 The Betty and Randy Walker Memorial Fund (established by Randolph J. Walker) Maryland—\$10,000
- No. 11 The William S. Elliott Fund (established by Milford Commandery No. 11 (MA)—\$10,000



We hope there are other philanthropists who will want to be a member of this select group. Remember that you can add to it at anytime in amount of \$1,000.00 or more.

As I write this last message of the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign, dedicated to that Valiant Knight, Sir Knight Willard Meredith Avery, M.E.P.G.M., I hope that we have suitably recognized a Sir Knight who

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,

through the years has given support to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., above and beyond the call of duty.

At this time I would like to thank all those who have supported my efforts as the Voluntary Campaign Chairman this year as well as for the past 5 years. As the new Voluntary Campaign Chairman is appointed, I ask that you double your efforts in the Crusade to "Help Others to See."

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

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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending May 15, 2000- The total amount contributed for the Campaign is **\$1,184,415.83**

Alabama	\$12,752.43
Arizona	11,298.35
Arkansas.....	3,888.00
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Connecticut.....	24,894.00
Delaware	3,614.58
District of Columbia.....	6853.00
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Georgia	71,313.00
Idaho	3344.72
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North Dakota.....	530.00
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Oklahoma	8,021.30
Oregon.....	19,556.97
Pennsylvania	87,516.08
South Carolina.....	22,382.55
South Dakota	11,852.45
Tennessee.....	49,708.57
Texas	144,983.69
Utah.....	5,559.40
Vermont	6,152.00
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Wisconsin	11,788.70
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Templary 2000 Crusade...

The Good News is Your Commandery Is Growing! The Bad News is Your Commandery Is Growing!

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

Congratulations! Your Commandery has just Knighted and restored a meaningful number of Sir Knights as part of *the Templary 2000 Crusade*. You and others have worked hard on membership development, achieved the goal that was established, and welcomed new Sir Knights and their families to become a part of Templary and to share in our glorious Christian heritage.

What excitement these new Sir Knights must have experienced as they participated in our Orders! What joy each must have experienced during the elegant ceremonies of the Order of the Temple! Each received a special candidate pin and a beautiful certificate commemorating the occasion, along with endless memories of becoming a Knight Templar qualified to carry our banner in defense of the Christian religion.

The challenge has been met. We have finished the job... or have we?

The Good News:

The growth of any Commandery, however slight, represents a lot of hard work by its members. It also represents the implementation and execution of the highest priority of a Commandery: its membership development plan.

The obvious benefit is a replenishment of our ranks... new Sir Knights who can learn the beauty of our ceremonies and history and perhaps in time become junior officers and future leaders of your Commandery.

But have any of these new Sir Knights been asked to return to the asylum?

The Bad News:

How would you feel joining one of the most prestigious organizations anywhere only to

hear nothing from its leaders or members after initiation?

It should come as no surprise that personal involvement by a new member in any organization begins with an invitation - a personal one.

If you have not taken the time to invite the new Knights Templar back to the asylum, then do it, **and do it now**. You will lose them soon if you don't.

The Benefits of Personal Contact:

First, your new Sir Knights and families will appreciate the follow-up invitation and be favorably impressed with your invitation. It also says that the entire organization cares about them, appreciates their membership, and hopes for them to become involved. Sir Knights whose membership was restored will particularly appreciate the invitation.

Second, it's a chance to learn even more about each new member. What are his skills and talents, and what did he enjoy most about the entire experience?

It's also a chance for you to highlight the contents of the new member packet; particularly the planned activities of the local Commandery, an officer list with telephone numbers and addresses, the stated meeting schedule, and other important events. This is particularly important to the new Sir Knight who may have been created in a class at a different location from his home Commandery.

Post Sale Follow-up Needed:

The **Templary 2000 Crusade** was designed to stimulate membership growth through both Knightings and restorations. Membership growth can be either good news or

bad news to a kcal Commandery. Getting them to join or be restored is one challenge, but inspiring them to become actively involved represents another.

These new Sir Knights need to be personally invited to participate in the activities of your Commandery. Do it, and do it now.

So What's the Point?:

You never get a second chance to make a good first impression. It takes a little extra effort, but you will be glad that you did it. Active, new members will result.

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

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Templary 2000 Crusade-A Success Across The Nation!

NEBRASKA - Masonic Membership for the new millennium!: As part of the Templary 2000 Crusade, Nebraska has been holding York Rite festivals throughout the state. In the photo is a class consisting of 20 happy new members who had just been Knighted by Mount Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska. According to Past Grand Commander James N. Karnegis, M.D., Ph.D., our correspondent, "There is every indication Nebraska will meet or exceed its projection for new membership during the Crusade."



CALIFORNIA: In a class honoring Sir Knight Elmer B. Curtis, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of California, 27 new members were Knighted. In the photo with the new Sir Knights are, front seated: Sir Knight Fred Smith (left), Deputy Grand Commander of California, and Sir Knight Curtis (right), G.Sr. Warden, California.



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Here's Nashville!

Site of the 61st Triennial Conclave

Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America

Since Nashville, Tennessee, is the site of the 61st Triennial Conclave; Grand Master James M. Ward, who will preside at the proceedings, wishes to take this opportunity to sell to you the wonders of this city

History and statistics: Nashville was settled in 1779 and became the state capital from 1812-1815, and then permanently in 1843. Its elevation is 550 feet (168 m.) at the lowest point and 1,100 feet (336 m.) at the highest point, which is the rim around the Nashville basin. Its area is 533 square miles. Its time is central standard from November through March and central daylight from April through October. The MSA or metropolitan statistical area includes eight counties: Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson. Nashville/Davidson County has a metropolitan government, and the city limits extend to county line. The population of Nashville, Davidson County is 532,838, MSA is 1,102,079.

Climate: Nashville has a yearly average temperature of 59.2° with an average high of 69.8° and average low of 48.5°. In spring (March - May) the average temperature is 58.9° with an average high of 70.0° and an average low of 47.7°. In summer (June - August) the average temperature is 78.0° with 88.7° as the average high and 67.3° as the average low. In the fall (September - November) the average temperature is 60.3° with 71.5° as the average high and 49.1° as the average low, and in winter (December - February) the average temperature is 39.4° with 49.1° as the average high and 29.7° as the average low.

Spring is very pleasant in the rolling hills of middle Tennessee. March tends to be cool at its beginning, warming to the mid-to-upper 60s by the end of the month. Evenings may still be a bit brisk. Summer is warm and humid. Light, easy clothing makes

sightseeing more comfortable. For fair skin, sun-screen is advisable for a day outdoors. Fall is a celebrated time throughout Tennessee. Visitors come from all over to see the annual changing of the leaves in mid-October. Days are warm and pleasant. Evenings require a sweater or light jacket. Since weather is changeable, layered clothing is a good idea to accommodate sunny days and cooler nights. Winter is a great time to visit the city's many attractions decked out in their holiday finery. Nashville really shines throughout the winter. Although the climate is mild, temperatures do range from cool to cold. If snowfall occurs, it is usually in January or February, and it seldom is heavy.

Nicknames for Nashville are Music City USA, Athens of the South, Third Coast, and City of Parks.

Business climate: Industries include tourism, printing and publishing, music production, higher education, finance, insurance, automobile production, and health care services. The industry breakdown is: services, 27.4%; trade, 24%; manufacturing, 23%; government, 13.7%; other, 11.9%. These are some major Nashville headquarters and facilities: Willis Corroon plc (HO), Shoney's (HO), Cracker Barrel (Ha), Bankers Trust - BTS, Tennessee (Div. HO), MagneTek (HO), Dollar General (HO), Gaylord Enter-tainment Company (HO), Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation (HO), Aladdin Industries (HO), Caterpillar Financial (HO), Nissan Motor Manufacturing USA, Genesco, Service Merchandise Company, Primus Automotive Financial Services. Nashville was named one of the 15 best U.S. cities for work and family by

Fortune magazine. *Forbes* magazine named Nashville one of the 25 cities that are likely to have the country's highest job growth over the coming five years.

Hospitality industry: 43,370 jobs are directly related to hospitality. Nashville hosted more than 9 million visitors in 1995 resulting in over \$2 billion in revenues for the city. Nashville has more than 125 hotels and motels with 24,000+ rooms in the city and another 3,000 under construction. Opryland Hotel has undergone a major expansion, which added 979 rooms for a total room number of 2,870. It is now the largest non-gaming hotel property in the United States.

Transportation: There are 16 airlines serving 100 markets: American, American Eagle, Air Canada, Comair, Continental, Delta, Delta Express, Midway Connection, Northwest, Skyway, Southwest, Trans States, Trans World (TWA), United, USAir, and USAir Express. There are more than 300 daily arrivals and departures. At Nashville there is a convergence of three interstate highways; 1-40, 1-24, and 1-65, and 1-440, an inner beltway, is complete, as is the first portion on 1-840, an outer beltway between 1-40 and 1-24. Nashville Trolley Company services the downtown/Music Row area and the Music Valley Drive/Opryland Hotel area. River taxis run daily between Opryland and downtown's Riverfront. Schedules vary according to the season.

Cost of living: Nashville consistently ranks among the lowest for cost of living of comparable cities across the nation. The overall cost of living is only 94.1% of the national average (100%). All components (groceries, housing, utilities, etc.) of cost of living are below the national average.

The arts: In 1992 Nashville was named the site of the Leonard Bernstein Center for Education Through the Arts. The Bernstein Center is a national educational training center. Nashville also boasts of the TPAC, Tennessee Performing Arts Center; Nashville Symphony; Nashville Ballet; Nashville Opera Company; Tennessee Dance Theatre; and Tennessee Repertory Theatre. Twelve performing arts facilities are: Andrew Jackson Hall (TPAC), James K. Polk Theater (TPAC), Andrew Johnson

Theater (TPAC); Nashville Arena; Starwood Amphitheater; War Memorial Auditorium; Municipal Auditorium; Grand Ole Opry House, Roy Acuff Theater, plus three theaters at Opryland. Nashville On Stage is a major addition to Music City's entertainment scene. This exciting attraction at Opryland features major artists like Tanya Tucker, the Oak Ridge Boys, Marty Stuart, Patty Loveless, Billy Ray Cyrus, and many others.

Major galleries: Aaron Douglas Gallery features a large portion of Fisk University's African art collection including: masks, musical instruments, games, figures, and ceremonial objects plus more than 200 drawings by Cyrus Baldrige. Cheekwood, Nashville's Home of Art & Gardens, is a 55-acre botanical garden and center for the arts which houses American works of the 19th and 20th centuries, with a special emphasis on the work of the region's leading artists. The Parthenon, Centennial Park, houses the Cowan Collection featuring 63 works which include oil paintings by American artists, traveling exhibits, and exquisite statuary including Athena, the 42-foot statue of the goddess of wisdom. Sankofa-African Heritage Museum, Winston-Derek Center, dedicates almost 6,000 square feet of space to displaying and presenting sculpture, carvings and artifacts from all parts of Africa. Tennessee State Museum, Tennessee Performing Arts Center, has more than 60,000 square feet of exhibit space tracing the history of Tennessee and the nation from prehistoric Indians through the early 1900s. Van Vechten Gallery, Fisk University, houses the Stieglitz collection, donated by Georgia O'Keeffe. The collection has more than 100 works of 20th century artists such as O'Keeffe, Cézanne, Picasso, Renoir, Stieglitz, and others. The Van Vechten also showcases outstanding exhibits by young artists. Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery, Vanderbilt University, presents five exhibitions each year, most consisting of thematic selections from the Vanderbilt Art Collection, which contains work from more than 40 cultures and countries.

Sports: Nashville Sports Council oversees the development of professional and amateur sporting events. For information

contact: the Sports Council, 401 Church Street, 27th Floor, Nashville, TN 37219, (615) 880-1021. A 20,000-seat multipurpose arena opened in the winter of 1996. The inaugural concert was "Amy Grant's Tennessee Christmas." The 1997 State Farm US Figure Skating Championships were held there, and the Nashville Kats, an arena football team, began playing there. Also, word has it that Nashville is on the short list for one of two National Hockey League expansion teams the league has committed to award. In professional football, the Houston Oilers are coming to Nashville. A stadium for the team on the banks of the Cumberland River, just across from downtown Nashville, begins construction, and in baseball, Nashville has the Nashville Sounds, AAA farm team for the Chicago White Sox. The Centennial Sportsplex houses an indoor aquatic center with a Olympic-size 50-meter pool and a recreational pool, a tennis tournament complex with 16 lighted outdoor courts, plus a 2,600-seat stadium and an ice skating rink. In collegiate football/basketball, there are Vanderbilt University (Southeastern Conference), Tennessee State University (Ohio Valley Conference), and Middle Tennessee State University (Ohio Valley Conference). In golf there are three resort golf courses featuring 72 holes of championship play and ii public courses. In ice hockey there is the Nashville Night Hawks, Central Hockey League, at the Municipal Auditorium. Outdoor sports include fishing, boating, water sports, and camping. And there is car racing: Nashville Speedway USA (Tennessee State Fairgrounds), Music City Raceway (Goodlettsville), and Highland Rim Speedway (Greenbriar).

Historic sites include: Belle Meade Plantation, Belmont Mansion, Carnton Plantation, Carter House, Ft. Nashborough, the Hermitage: Home of President Andrew Jackson, historic Manskor's Station Frontier Life Center, home of James K. Polk, Lotz House, Oaklands Historic House Museum, Tennessee State Capitol, and Travellers Rest Historic House and Grounds.

Musical Heritage attractions include: Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Country Music Wax Museum and Mall, Crook and Chase Show, Crook and Chase Showplace, Ernest Tubb Midnight Jamboree, Grand Ole Opry, Grand Ole Opry Museum, Hank Williams, Jr., Museum and Gift Shop, Hard RockCafe, Hatch Show Print, Kitty Wells/Johnny Wright Family Country Junction, LeGarde Twins Country Music Theatre, Lucy's Record Shop, Minnie Pearl's Museum, Music Valley Wax Museum, Nashville On Stage, Opryland, Prime Time Country (television taping), Roy Acuff's Museum, Robert's Western World, Ryman Auditorium and Museum, Shotgun Red's Collections, Stardust Theatre, Studio B., Texas Troubadour Theatre, TNN: the Nashville network, Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, Wildhorse Saloon, Willie Nelson and Friends Showcase Museum, and You're the Star Recording Studio, Inc.

Information Centers: Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau, 161 Fourth Avenue, North (37219), (615) 259-4730 and tourism hotline, (615) 259-4700; Tourist Information Center, Tower of Nashville Arena, 501 Broadway; Nashville International Airport Welcome Center, One Terminal Drive, Suite 501, (615) 275-1674 or 275-1675; State Information, Tennessee Tourism Development, (615) 741-2158.

Southern Breakfast At Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave

From the Southern Breakfast Committee: We have made arrangements with the Renaissance Nashville Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, for the breakfast to be held on Monday, August 14, 2000, beginning at 7:00 a.m. sharp. We will have our traditional breakfast topped off with plenty of Southern hospitality. The arrangements are the same as last Triennial Conclave per state: \$300.00 - full membership, 19 tickets; \$150.00 - associate membership, 9 tickets. Extra tickets may be obtained at the cost of \$16.25 per person. Yes, our ladies are invited. As final arrangements must be made with the hotel, your prompt reply is most appreciated.

Your tickets will be mailed to you upon receipt of your check, made payable to: Southern Breakfast, and mailed to: Edward A. Foreman, Jr., 40 Lyndale Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21236-4322. If you have questions, call me at: (410) 661-0139.

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Scottish Rite Announces Dedication Ceremony:

The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite will hold a cornerstone-laying ceremony on July 29 for its newly renovated headquarters in Lexington, Massachusetts. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Brother Fred K. Bauer, will perform the ceremony. A representative from each of the 15 Grand Lodges will assist the Grand Master. The Supreme Council and support staff, the Information Systems Department, the Northern Light magazine editorial office, and administrative personnel of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children will all be housed under the same roof for the first time. A new 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children will also be on the site. For information, call: Supreme Council, (781) 862-4410 or check the Web site: www.supremecouncil.com



Earl Cline
Kentucky
Grand Commander-1966 Born
September 6, 1917
Died March 29, 2000

John M. Allen
Wyoming
Grand Commander-1975
Born December 31, 1916
Died March 29, 2000

Rufus C. Johnson, Jr.
Georgia
Grand Commander-1972
Born October 15, 1923
Died April 7, 2000

William E. Fuller, Jr.
South Carolina
Grand Commander-1986
Born November 28, 1918
Died May 1, 2000

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Chapter VI Features Of Triennial Conclaves Fifty-third-1976 (continued)

It now became necessary to reschedule all activities to fit the newly assigned dates and to see that news releases and items published in the *Knight Templar* magazine starting with the October 1975 issue were changed to reflect the new dates, and hopefully, that the word would get to all concerned.

This Conclave was a Joint effort similar to the 51st Triennial Conclave in Denver with both Colorado and Iowa acting as hosts; in this one, Kansas and Missouri were the hosts. Sir Knight Merlin R. Grundy of Kansas was Chairman of the joint Kansas-Missouri Committee. When the Grand Master and members of several of the committees arrived in Kansas City on the 27th and 28th for meetings prior to the convening of the Conclave, everything was in order. Saturday the 28th began with a day-long Drill Team Competition at the Municipal Auditorium Arena. Again, there was no Templar Parade. There was also an exhibition drill by the famed Detroit Commandery No. 1 Drill Team, and a stirring vocal concert was presented by the Apollo Chorus of Minneapolis, Minnesota, under the direction of Raymond Cutting.

The Divine Service on Sunday was conducted by the Grand Prelate, the Reverend Basil L. Johnson, and his committee: the Reverend and Sir Knight James William Robbins, Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of Kansas; the Reverend and Sir Knight Marvin Fortel, Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of Missouri; the Reverend and Sir Knight Forrest D. Haggard, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International, with the Apollo

Chorus thrilling the large audience with sacred music. The sermon was on "One Nation Under God"; The Grand Master gave a "Declaration of Templar Purpose."

Following the service at 2 o'clock, fifty supplement editors and other interested Sir Knights assembled for an explanation of procedures used in publishing the *Knight Templar* magazine by editorial assistant, Joan E. Behrens. A Mutual Guild meeting and dinner followed. At 8:00 P.M. all were present at the reception for Grand Master and Mrs. Riegle and the Grand Encampment officers and their wives.

"The reception, lavishly embellished with iced sculpture and a bounteous supply of foods and beverages, extended until past 10 o'clock, while thousands assembled to express appreciation to Sir Knight and Mrs. Riegle for the service given to the Grand Encampment and Templary during the Triennium which was closing."

The New Jersey "Continental," "whose mode of dress was modeled after that worn by the Continentals in the Army of General George Washington," were under the direction of Past Department Commander Ted E. Voelter, and were featured throughout the Conclave.

On Wednesday evening an "overflowing Muehlbach International Ballroom greeted Grand Master and Mrs. Riegle" when they arrived for the Grand Master's Banquet. "The distinguished Master of Ceremonies was an outstanding barrister and close friend of Grand Master Riegle, Sir Knight Arthur C. Hodgson, Lyons, Kansas. Speaker of the evening was Sir Knight Riegle, who gave an overview of the 1973-1976 Triennium in a humorous and challenging manner.

Fifty-fourth-1979

The 54th Triennial Conclave started on Thursday, August 9, 1979, in Indianapolis, Indiana, with Most Eminent Grand Master

Meredith Willard Avery presiding for the last time as President at a meeting with the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Seven days later it was Most Eminent Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson, who met with the Trustees as the new President of the corporation. On the following day the Knights Templar Educational Loan Foundation, Inc., met with Chairman Donald H. Smith presiding. A meeting of the drill team judges, followed by a meeting of the drill team captains, was held with the Chairman of the Committee on Drill Regulations, Sir Knight Herbert A. Newman, Past Grand Commander of Indiana.

On Saturday the day was devoted to drill team competition at the Indianapolis Convention Center and scheduled committee meetings (Jurisprudence, Dispensations and Charters, Finance, etc.). Saturday night was a night for entertainment and the presentation of awards to the drill teams. There was no Templar Parade. Sunday's events began a succession of breakfasts, luncheons, and dinners, which would last through the Conclave. The Divine Service of the Grand Encampment was held on Sunday morning and was conducted by the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Reverend H. Dwight McAlister, assisted by Reverend Marvin L. Isley. A meeting of the supplement editors of the *Knight Templar* magazine followed the service, which was in turn followed by a dinner for members of the Mutual Guild. At 8 P.M. a formal reception was held in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom for Grand Master Avery and his wife Margaret. In attendance were the grand officers, past grand officers, and Department Commanders with their ladies. The ballroom was filled with receiving lines of well-wishers, who enjoyed the festive occasion.

At 9:00 A.M. on Monday, August 13, 1979, Sir Knight Robert E. Price, Past Grand Commander of Indiana, Chairman of the Committee on Triennial Conclave, opened the preliminary proceedings of the 54th Triennial by introducing all of the officers of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, ending with the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Ernest G. Cunningham. Sir Knight Cunningham welcomed all assembled, then deferred to Sir Knight Price, who introduced the officers of the Grand Encampment, the

last of which was the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Willard Meredith Avery. Sir Knight Avery called upon the officers of the Grand Commandery of Indiana to relinquish their stations to the officers of the Grand Encampment. He thanked them and particularly the drill team escort from Knightstown (his Commandery). He then asked the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, the Reverend H. Dwight McAlister, to "invoke the blessings of our Heavenly Father." The Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauer, introduced the many distinguished guests of which there were almost forty. In the order of precedence, each of the flags of the grand jurisdictions along with each of the Grand Commanders was presented, followed by the flag of the United States of America. The assembly sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Mrs. Arthur G. Coats, Supreme Worthy President, Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, was the first guest to speak. The Honorable and Sir Knight, William Hudnut III, Mayor of Indianapolis, gave a "welcoming" address, which was several times interrupted by laughter and applause; it was a very thought provoking and uplifting address. Other guests who spoke were: Mrs. Agnes McLeod, Supreme Worthy Advisor, Supreme Assembly, International Order of Rainbow Girls; Mrs. Haroldine Walker, Supreme Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters; and Miss Kim Fulcher, Past Honored Queen from Bethel No. 9, Order of Job's Daughters of the District of Columbia. Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Rasor, Past Grand Master of Masons of Ohio, gave the "keynote" address. His address was unquestionably a success, for it was well punctuated with the applause and laughter of the audience. The Grand Master thanked the ladies for being present and called for their departure from the hall.

The highlight of the week was the Grand Master's Banquet held at the Murat Shrine Club with Robert E. Price as Master of Ceremonies. The guest speaker for this event was the Reverend Joseph G. Wick, Pastor of the First Christian Church, Lafayette, Indiana.

The end of the 54th Triennial Conclave followed the installation of officers on Thursday, August 16.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage-2000! Let's Start Working for 2001! Here's What This Year's Pilgrim Ministers Have to Say!

I have never had a more rewarding or spiritually uplifting encounter. Every detail was filled with inspirational moments; whether it was climbing Masada, swimming in the Dead Sea, or walking the cobbled streets of the old city of Jerusalem. I walked where our Savior walked, stood in the dungeon in which he was held, visited the room of his final supper, and even preached on the grassy hillside where he preached the Sermon on the Mount.

I cannot thank the Knights Templar enough for having afforded me this opportunity. It has literally changed my life. In my profession I find it necessary to minister to many people in many situations in life. The Knights Templar were in ministry to me when they sent me to Israel. My commitment to Christ was reaffirmed, my ministry has been refreshed, and my spiritual journey has been brightened.

*Reverend Gerald S. Hunter
Hartland United Methodist Church
Hartland, Michigan*

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Land Pilgrimage. It was an unforgettable experience. It fulfilled all of my expectations and more about putting bits and pieces of seminary and self-study book learning into a spatial and time framed whole. I was also deeply moved at the relevance of this pilgrimage in edifying my understanding of the modern day political, social, and religious realities, dating back to the Patriarchs. I believe we shall see the fulfillment of biblical prophecy in our lifetimes as peace is now in place with Egypt and Jordan: He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Isaiah 2: 4)

*Reverend Thomas A. Zuhike
St. John United Church of Christ
Hebron, North Dakota*

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you for the wonderful pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Every step we took, every place we visited was a great adventure as the pages of the Scriptures came alive right before our eyes. My preaching and teaching now have a greater depth and vitality as I share my experience with our congregation and community. It was especially meaningful to take this tour with pastors representing a variety of denominations from all across the country. The fellowship was great! As I look through all the photos I took, I am filled with gratitude to have had this opportunity to experience all the sights and sounds of Israel. I feel blest to have been selected to participate.

*Reverend Joseph A. Miller
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
Concord, North Carolina*

I would *like* to *express* my appreciation to the Knights Templar, who offer a wonderful program to countless faith communities spread across this nation. The trip lifts vision and reinvigorates people for the ministry. It reminds us of our faith heritage and refreshes our ministry. It allows clergy to see faith come alive in a fresh way. I extend my deepest appreciation to the Knights Templar for this wonderful opportunity. Just as the Knights Templar are helping to restore forests in Israel, so they are helping to bring alive the faith which has been delivered to our predecessors.

*Reverend David S. Oyler
First Presbyterian Church
North East, Pennsylvania*

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Sir Knight J. Randolph Walker, Maryland, Receives Golden Chalice

Sir Knight J. Randolph Walker of St. Bernard Commandery No. 9, Hagerstown, Maryland, was presented with a Golden Chalice March 23 at the Masonic Temple in Hagerstown. The presentation was made by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Chairman of the 32nd Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The Golden Chalice was presented that others may see" in the name of J. Randolph and Bette Walker in recognition of Walker's donation of \$10,000. Many Commanders and dignitaries of the Maryland Knights Templar, along with other Freemasons and friends, were there for the presentation.

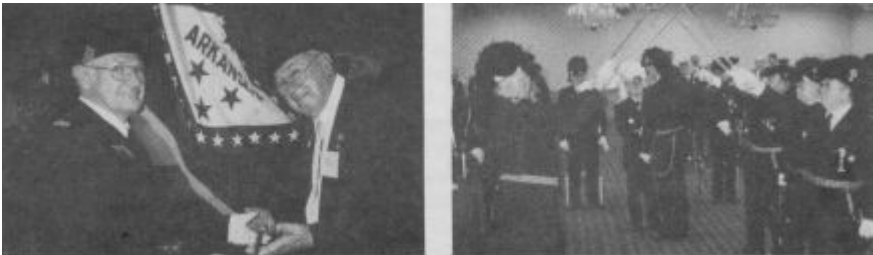
Since its inception, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has spent more than \$58 million to help provide medical treatment to more than 59,000 people. (submitted by Sir Knight Ed Miller, Prelate of St. Bernard Commandery No. 9)

Templar Masonry Showcased In St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dallas, Texas



On Sunday, March 12, 2000, Tancred Commandery No. 82 and Oak Cliff Beauceant No. 145 of Dallas, Texas, participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade for the fourth year. This year eight other Texas Commanderies; Dallas No. 6, McKinney No. 34, Garrett No. 103, Worth No. 19, Southside No. 83, Hillsboro No. 39, Arlington No. 107, and Waco No. 10; plus three other Beauceant Assemblies; Dallas No. 63, Waco No. 199, and McKinney No. 263; joined the Dallas bunch. One of the largest of the parade, the entry included a float, two vehicles, 37 Sir Knights and 12 ladies. Tancred was honored to have its picture on the cover of this year's parade brochure. This is the second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in America and is covered by several news stations in the Dallas area. (submitted by Sir Knight John E. Gibson, P.G.C., P.C.)

Arkansas Templars Install Grand Commander Spaulding



Above: Arkansas new Grand Commander Then Grand Commander Cliff Duncan receives Robert Spaulding (left) receives sword from South Central Department Commander, Lloyd A. installing officer, M.W. Paul C. Bush. Above, right: Hebert, at the Arkansas Annual Conclave

Sir Knight Is Grand Representative To Utah For Washington York Rite

In the picture Sir Knight Fred C. Lange (center), KYCH, a member of Colfax Commandery No. 15, Putman, Washington, is presented with a certificate appointing him as the Grand Representative to the Grand Commandery of Utah. Presenting are Sir Knights Lewis D. Peck (left), Deputy Grand Commander of Washington, and Glenn A. Siron (right), Past Grand Commander of Washington. With this appointment Sir Knight Lange became the Grand Representative to Utah for all three York Rite bodies of Washington.



Florida DeMolay Hall Of Fame Investiture

More than 125 attended the Florida DeMolay Hall of Fame Investiture in late March 2000 at the York Rite Masonic Temple, Clearwater, Florida. Dignitaries arrived from all areas of the state to witness the Investiture. Honorees were Sir Knight W. E. Gene Muir, III. James H. Kirby, and Major Elmer O. McBride, who was honored posthumously. Zeb E. Blanton, Legion of Honor and chairman of Youth Activities for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Florida, was the presiding officer. Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard, P.G.C. and 50-year member DeMolay, directed the flag presentation with the assistance of Springtime Commandery No. 40, Clearwater. Earlier inductees include a former governor of the state, several state senators, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Commanders, a Past Grand Master of DeMolay, and prominent professional and business leaders. The new inductees were presented by Brothers Fred Huetting and G. Gordon Goodman, P.G.H.P. and P.G.I.M. of Michigan. A standing ovation was extended to Sir Knight Muir, who has served DeMolay for more than 75 years. The keynote address was delivered by Sir Knight and III. Jack H. Jones, H.L.O.H., diplomat, and Imperial Recorder of the International Shrine, followed by remarks of Brother William Mati, State Executive Officer. Others attending included: Corey A. Alihouse, State Master Councilor; several past state Master Councilors; State Honored Queen of Job's Daughters; G. Lawrence Hunt, Past Grand Master of DeMolay; Walter H. Winchester, P.G.G.H.P.; Jerome M. Meguiar, L.O.H.; and Sir Knight R. Jody Meguiar, Chev., acting Marshal. (submitted by Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard, P.G.C.)

Florida S.O.O.B. 2nd Annual All-State Class



At left are: candidates Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Vale, Mrs. Kinsely, Mrs. Sender, Mrs. Pritt, Mrs. S. Tish, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. E. Tish, Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Phillips, and Mrs. Pritt with Class Honoree, Mrs. Fred Piasecki, who was respon-



sible for 4 of the 10 petitions. At right: Officers for the All-State Class included 2 PSWPs, the current Supreme Outer Guard, and ladies from all four of Florida's Assemblies.

News From Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois

Illinois Masonic Medical Center has held "Friend- Raisers" for its neighbors in the Lakeview community. Pictured to right: Host David Wilhelm (left) greets Bernie Hansen, 44th Ward alderman; Robert Rylowicz, IMMC Foundation chairman and trustee; and Wally Buya, IMMC trustee. More than 100 people attended this event, including community residents, IMMC physicians, and administrators.



Masons of Decalogue Lodge No. 160 and Loyal Lodge (shown left) visited children spending holidays in the Pediatrics unit of IMMC. Armed with beanie babies, the Masons visited nine area hospitals and distributed more than 600 toys. Pictured, left to right, are: George Rowe, Sr., Loyal Lodge; John Valenza, Loyal Lodge; Gary Coplon, Master, Decalogue Lodge No. 160; and Manny Roth, Decalogue No. 160.



National Health Study Shows Heart Attack Patients May Be at Risk for Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD). The National Institutes of Health study was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and Richard F. Kehoe, M.D., a cardiologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of heart rhythm disorders at Illinois Masonic Medical Center and Director of the Cardiac Electrophysiology Program, participated in the study that underscores the importance of early use of implantable cardioverter-defibrillators for reducing SCD. The study included patients from 85 medical centers in the U.S. and Canada and more than 2,300 patients. According to the study, when an electro-physiologist uses special heart rhythm testing in high risk heart attack patients and implants a defibrillator, there is a 74 percent reduction in sudden cardiac death compared with those patients who receive heart rhythm medications only.

Northern California DeMolay

Nor-Cal DeMolay shows impressive growth: Two new Chapters opened in 1999; Pacific Crest Chapter was organized and meets at the Redding Masonic Center, while El Dorado Chapter meets in Placerville. In early 2000 Motherlode Chapter was established in Mariposa, and a new Chapter meets in Chico. They look forward to new Chapters in Vacaville, San Mateo, Visalia, and in the Grass Valley/Nevada City areas. Northern California had initiated more new members than any other jurisdiction in all of DeMolay during 1999.

Northern California DeMolay Officers meet Imperial Potentate: This year when the Shrine hosted its East-West Shrine Football Classic to raise funds for its children's hospitals, DeMolay officers were honored to meet "Dad" Ralph W. Semb, the Shrine's Imperial Potentate, before the start of the game that was held at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto. DeMolay members and their guests were also invited to participate in and be introduced in the pre-game parade.

Northern California DeMolay shows off its P.R.I.D.E.: Each year Northern California DeMolay sponsors its P.R.I.D.E. ritual competition. This year it was in May 2000. P.R.I.D.E. stands for "Perfect Ritual Improves DeMolay Everyway." The two-day competition gives them the opportunity to "show off" their skills; they can win impressive trophies and certificates for their efforts, as well as receive constructive comments.

Northern California DeMolay celebrated DeMolay Month in March 2001

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WEST VIRGINIA: On a Saturday in February, a one-day York Rite/Shrine festival was held in Parkersburg, West Virginia, sponsored by 5 Royal Arch Chapters, 5 Knights Templar Commanderies, and Nemesis Shrine Temple. The Chapter degrees and the Templar Orders were conferred, and after a great banquet the Shrine Ceremonial was presented. 43 new Companions and Sir Knights were added, and the Shrine gained 63 new members. The participants are shown in the picture below. (Don Hamrick, P.G.C.)



OKLAHOMA: We're sorry you can't see the faces, but you *can* see the numbers, and that gladdens our hearts. Shown in order are the participants and new Sir Knights of the Joseph S. Lewis York Rite Festival, Guthrie, Oklahoma; the Paul Fitch Festival, McAlester, Oklahoma; and the Ben F. Mandelbaum Festival, Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Part I: Life at Full Throttle - Brother Roscoe Turner

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett KYCH,
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When Austrian Ernst Mach propounded his formula for computing the speed of sound, it is highly improbable he entertained the concept that it would become the routine method of measuring the velocity of aircraft moving through the air. Today, we accept as commonplace the fact that spacecraft fly at many multiples of Mach 1, which is roughly 660 mph. at 36,000 feet. A great deal of hair-raising experimentation went into the process of increasing the speeds which aircraft could achieve.

Some of the most hazardous speed flights occurred during the decade of the 1930s, in advance of World War II. One of those who dedicated his life to raising the speed threshold in the world of aviation was the one and only Roscoe Turner - the greatest showman who ever buckled a seat belt. Beyond that, Turner was also a man devoid of fear; one who repeatedly declared, "I could never see any other reason for an airplane than to go fast." Simple, direct, and uncomplicated; Roscoe Turner lived on the frontier of aviation.

When Roscoe was born on a dirt farm nine miles west of Corinth, in Alcorn County, Mississippi, on September 29, 1895, the Wright brothers were several years away from making their 1903 flight in a powered aircraft. Roscoe was one of eight siblings born to Robert Lee and Mary Aquilla Derryberry Turner. Two of the Turner children, Roy and Roy Lee, died as infants, but six survived with Roscoe the eldest. Today, many of the Turner clan rest in a place called the Lebanon County Cemetery. Roscoe does not. He lies far from the dirt farm roots which failed to hold him.

Work on the farm began early for Roscoe. By the time he was six, he was

busy feeding hogs, milking cows, and hoeing corn. When he was eight, he was old enough to handle a mule-drawn walking plow. Roscoe and the family attended the Christian Church and were subject to strict discipline required by Robert Lee Turner. He was a road commissioner and part-time deputy sheriff in addition to farming his 50-acre parcel.

Roscoe preferred working with tools and machinery when he had an opportunity. If it was possible to make it run faster, he would push it to the limit. Speed was an obsession from his earliest days. Turner attended the one-room Clover School at West Corinth, a three-mile walk from the family homestead. He completed ten grades between 1903 and 1910 but never finished high school. The teacher decided when a student should be advanced to the next grade, and Roscoe was a bright youngster.

Father Turner wanted Roscoe to enroll in a business course and qualify for a banking position. He enrolled in the Corinth Commercial College and completed a six-month course for which he paid \$65. By the time he was finished, young Turner had learned to drive an automobile. He was helping the owner of a Corinth repair garage while attending business school. Roscoe earned a licking from his father when he showed up driving an old EMF auto he had repaired. His attention switched to aircraft in 1910, when Professor A. M. Nassar of Toledo, Ohio, flew a dirigible to Corinth for the Fourth of July celebration. It would be 1913 before he saw his first airplane in flight, one piloted to Memphis by pioneer aviatrix, Katherine Stinson.

Convinced by 1911 that Roscoe had no interest in a clerical job, his father

arranged a \$30-a-month position in Bramlett's Hardware Store in Corinth. He bought his mother a Majestic cooking stove with his first two months pay. However, the differences between Roscoe and his father continued. They could not agree on Roscoe's choice of occupation, so when he reached age 18, it was off to Memphis to work and live.

Jobs were not easy to obtain in Memphis in 1911. Roscoe worked for a wholesale grocer until he finally landed a job as a delivery truck driver. By 1916 he was working as a mechanic's helper and automobile salesman for a Memphis Cadillac dealer. In 1917 at the beginning of World War I, Roscoe was a full-fledged mechanic working for the Jerome P. Parker-Harris Company, a Packard dealer. It was a short step into racing secondhand cars in dirt-track competition. Roscoe soon learned that racing drivers and college grads were applying to the U.S. Army Signal Corps for pilot training. When the U.S. declared war on Germany on Good Friday, April 6, 1917, Roscoe applied for flight training. He was turned down because of his lack of educational requirements.

In May 1917 Roscoe enlisted in the army as an ambulance driver, with the assurance he would be sent overseas immediately. Instead, he was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, for driver training and then to Camp Dodge, Iowa. Disappointed but determined to make the most of his situation, Roscoe applied himself and was a sergeant soon after arrival at Camp Dodge. Two months later he was a sergeant first-class in the Medical Department, preparing to ship overseas with an ambulance company. Never discouraged, Roscoe applied for flight training once more in November 1917 with some success. On January 3, 1918, Sgt. Turner was accepted as a flying cadet and ordered to a ten-week balloon pilot course at Fort Omaha, Nebraska. Upon graduation he would be commissioned a second lieutenant.

Roscoe decided to make his first parachute jump on his initial day of balloon

flight. It was a requirement that a cadet must parachute once during the course, since that was the only defense for a balloon pilot against an airplane attack. The jump was made from a balloon tethered at 2,000 feet. Roscoe completed his course and was graduated a free-balloon pilot on February 22, 1918. He was shipped directly to Morrison, Virginia, to await embarkation to France. Turner shipped out in September 1918 and never saw action. He elected to remain with the Army of Occupation at Dieblich, Germany.

During his period with the Army of Occupation, Roscoe served as an aerial observer. Taking advantage of the opportunity, he persuaded several of his pilots to give him some dual instruction. He proved to have outstanding natural pilot ability, but his time could not be logged, inasmuch as it was unauthorized. Back in Memphis after discharge in 1919, penniless and unemployed, Roscoe was looking for a job in aviation. He met F. E. Young, an air-show booking agent, seeking exhibition aviators. Roscoe leaped at the chance to perform parachute jumps over Memphis. Before long Young put Turner in touch with Lieutenant Harry J. Runser, a recently discharged army pilot. In September 1919 Roscoe paired up with Runser at Jonesville, Virginia. They formed an air-stunt act and began barnstorming throughout the south in a JN4 "Jenny," christened *the Cloud/and Express*.

By April 1920 they acquired a British Avro biplane and expanded their barnstorming stunts, which included every known aerial acrobatic move, wing-walking, and parachute jumping; plus Runser's specialty of flying into a building and demolishing it. During that year Roscoe Turner made the decision to become a Freemason when he petitioned Corinth Lodge No. 116 in Corinth, Mississippi. He received his E.A. Degree on March 24, 1920; his F.C. Degree on May 25, 1921; and was Raised a Master Mason on October 24, 1921. He became a member

of the Scottish Rite in Corinth and of Hamasa Temple of the Shrine in Meridian, Mississippi. Some years later, Roscoe became an honorary member of the Shrine Temples at Cleveland, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Indiana; as well as the O.E.S. in Corinth. He remained a faithful member of the Fraternity until his death.

The team of Runser and Turner encountered difficulty with the law in 1922. They purchased a U.S. Navy Jenny," represented as a surplus aircraft, from John

hundred flying hours in his logbook, Turner returned to Corinth to open an automobile repair business; even though his heart belonged to aviation. He soon managed to acquire a damaged WWI Jenny and refurbished it with surplus parts. He was back in the passenger-hauling business again, and looking for a partner.

During the fall of 1924, Roscoe teamed up with Arthur H. Starnes, a parachutist and stunt man. They formed the Roscoe Turner Flying Circus at Corinth, with some

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L. McCoy, a U.S. Marine. He flew the plane from Parris Island, North Carolina, to Savannah, Georgia, where he delivered it to the barnstormers. It turned out to be a stolen aircraft, and the FBI intervened. They apprehended McCoy and arrested Turner and Runser as accomplices. McCoy was sentenced to five years in a naval prison. Turner and Runser both received sentences of one year and a day at a Federal penitentiary, plus a \$50 fine. The sentences were handed down on February 24, 1922.

Turner was paroled on July 27, 1922, and paid his \$50 fine. On December 27 the same year, he was formally discharged from custody. Roscoe maintained his innocence of all charges but refused to discuss his case publicly. Finally, a full review by the Justice Department vindicated the flier of the charges, and President Calvin Coolidge signed "a full and unconditional pardon" on August 29, 1924. With several

financial help from a former local clothing manufacturer, S. H. Curlee. By 1924 Curlee's company was located in St. Louis, but Roscoe convinced him that he could provide the firm plenty of publicity in return for his investment. Roscoe was a great salesman with a flashing smile and a pleasing personality. His engaging southern drawl and firm handshake invariably produced the most salutary response from a prospect. Turner was a strapping 200-pound six-footer, and he made a striking image. Handsome, blue-eyed, and invariably groomed in a flamboyant pseudo-military uniform; he was everybody's version of a picture-book aviator. By the late 1920s Roscoe cultivated an immaculately trimmed black mustache with the ends pointed and waxed. When he expounded on advertising, he was talking about a subject in which he was well versed. The Curlee firm would have their name publicized beyond expectations.

Turner's new aviation firm consisted of three aircraft for use in air show stunts, for charter, and passenger rides. He established airfield offices at Corinth and at Sheffield and Ford City, Alabama. Local advertising sponsors were vigorously solicited when an air show was scheduled in their vicinity. The show's most popular and attention-grabbing stunt was "the swing of death." Starnes would swing free under the plane from a rope or hang by his chin with one hand on a wing tip. With a safety harness concealed under his flying suit, he gave the illusion of being without any safety device, as he wore no parachute. It was a dangerous and breath-taking series of stunts. In order to supplement his income, Roscoe continued to maintain his auto repair shop in Corinth. As a model citizen, he faithfully attended church and was a familiar and popular figure in his home town of Corinth.

Roscoe took a bride on September 29, 1924, an event he made into a spectacular occasion. His bride was Canine Hunter Stovall of Kenton, Tennessee. She was the accomplished organist at the Methodist Church in Corinth and a music teacher. The nuptials were performed at 6:00 A.M. with Roscoe and Carlina standing in separate cockpits in his old Jenny, and Rev. E. R. Smoot perched on a lower wing near the fuselage. Of course, the plane was motionless, but the minister had some trouble maintaining his footing, even under those circumstances. The wedding site was a pasture on the Suratt farm near Corinth, where Roscoe had leveled off a couple of runways to store his planes and use as an airport.

In 1925 Roscoe established a flying school at Corinth and acquired a fourth aircraft for his operation. Always optimistic, he planned to add a cross-country charter service. His stunt man, Arthur Starnes, left Roscoe on August 7, 1925, to be replaced by J. W. "Bugs" Fisher. He was well named because he constantly proposed stunts which Roscoe knew would almost certainly

prove fatal. Turner had already been involved in a fatality at one of his air shows. A local stunt man at Sheffield, Alabama, badgered Roscoe to allow him to drop from an airplane into a local lake. At best it was very dangerous, but Roscoe finally agreed. The daredevil, Edward S. Etheridge, released the rope prematurely and before the plane was at water level as agreed. He was killed instantly. Turner's new stunt man exhibited some of the same tendencies. Roscoe gave up barnstorming.

Attendance began to decline at all local air shows by the mid-1920s, and it was obvious that other sources of income would be essential to remain in business. In December 1925 Roscoe organized Turner Airways Corporation at Birmingham, Alabama, with support from a number of local investors. Turner submitted a bid to deliver air mail between Birmingham and Chicago, as one of the new firm's activities. The bid was denied because the U.S. Postmaster General, Harry S. New, ruled Roscoe did not have sufficient financial resources. There never seemed to be enough money.

One of the new firm's acquisitions was a 12-passenger airplane. Roscoe contracted with designer Igor Sikorsky, a Russian-born engineer, to sell him a prototype design he had constructed. The price was \$10,000. Roscoe paid \$1,000 down and promised to pay the balance in monthly installments. He landed his new twin-engine S-29 Sikorsky at Candler Field in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 23, 1926. He intended to make Atlanta his new airline headquarters. Roscoe's was one of the pioneer airline service proposals, and it generated a great deal of publicity. He was also a magnificent pilot with a growing national reputation. Before the airline was able to get into scheduled service, they had a number of mechanical problems which led to minor crackups, none of which were due to pilot error. The accidents kept Roscoe's airline plans in the news.

Although Roscoe's airline plans never matured as he hoped, the publicity - and

his reputation - generated a high-profile assignment. He was selected to act as copilot for the renowned WWI flying ace, René Fonck, on an attempted flight from New York City to London. Fonck was preparing to make the flight with a Sikorsky tri-motor plane, in an attempt to win the \$25,000 prize offered in 1919 for the venture by hotel owner and philanthropist, Raymond Orteig. It was a 3,600-mile flight.

After inspecting the plane and learning that Fonck intended to carry 24,200 pounds of fuel and crew, Roscoe balked. He was certain that the weight was excessive, and he was convinced that Fonck had inadequate experience with multi-engine aircraft. Roscoe declined the offer. Fonck signed U.S. Navy Lieutenant Lawrence Curtin as copilot and moved ahead with his plans. He began his takeoff run at Floyd Bennett Field in New York on September 21, 1926 with 2,500 gallons of fuel aboard. Halfway through his takeoff run that fateful morning, Fonck had not yet been able to lift the tail off the ground. Rather than abort the takeoff, he continued until he ran the big plane off the runway and into a ditch. It exploded in flames. Although Fonck and Curtin got out of the burning tri-motor, two crewmen perished. The blame for the tragedy rested squarely on Fonck's shoulders.

Turner's airline venture was history before it began. On January 20, 1927, he moved his operation to Richmond, Virginia, to make another start. Roscoe leveled two runways on a pasture and named it the "Richmond Air Junction." Roscoe was the owner, operator, and caretaker of the property. By February 17 he had established a flight school, passenger service, and aerial photography business. The peripatetic entrepreneur also became the local distributor for Waco aircraft, a high-quality, sport biplane of the period. Although he was in a high-profile business, Roscoe Turner was always in financial trouble. It was a chronic and lifelong problem.

During the balance of 1927, the Richmond Air Junction failed to generate the financial

return that Roscoe envisioned, in spite of frequent visits from celebrities like Will Rogers and Amelia Earhart. An aborted attempt to establish an airline route between New York and the West Indies, utilizing Roscoe's new Sikorsky S-29, added to the disappointment. Finally, a \$10,000 contract to advertise United Cigar Stores pulled the Turner venture back from the financial brink. Charles Lindbergh's sensational feat of crossing the Atlantic Ocean on May 20-21, 1927, brought aviation to the public's attention as never before. It may have had some effect on Howard Hughes' decision to film his aviation epic, *Hell's Angels*. The movie did, however, provide a moneymaking opportunity for Corinth's favorite aviator, Roscoe Turner.

Howard Robard Hughes, Jr., was no piker. He was the fabulously wealthy owner of the Hughes Tool Company, and he had decided to make a reputation as a film maker. The World War I epic, *Hells Angels*, would never be a box office success, but it would set some kind of a record for production cost. Hughes' plans included purchasing a total of eighty-seven different aircraft of WWI vintage at a cost of \$562,000. One of Hughes' requirements was a WWI Gotha bomber. It was not available, but Turner's S-29 Sikorsky was. It could be camouflaged to resemble the Gotha, and Hughes offered Roscoe \$10,000 to lease the plane and his services as the pilot. Roscoe was elated. Hollywood was just the type of backdrop he needed to enlarge his public image and advance aviation in the process.

**Don't miss Part II
"Life at Full Throttle - Brother
Roscoe Turner," in the July 2000
issue!**

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Needlepoint Kits Available

Several years ago the Grand Encampment began offering needlepoint kits for sale. These kits include a printed canvas with the Knight Templar emblem in red, white, yellow, and black on a white background. Kits are still available and include the printed canvas, needle and yarn (finished size is 10 by 10 inches). The cost of a single kit is \$11.50 postpaid, or \$10.50 each in quantities of three or more. Orders may be sent to: Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460.

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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. Winterhatter, P.O. Box 321, Ashland, MA 01721-0321. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. This is for our charity.

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If you missed the opportunity to own a York Rite or Masonic belt, the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire has a supply on hand and will be happy to send you any number you want! Each is still \$12.00, postpaid, and delivered as soon as order is received. They are made of a military style web material with either York Rite or Masonic emblems woven on a ribbon sewed to the face: black for York Rite and navy blue for the Masonic. Standard length is 54 inches, and 62 inches is available in small quantities. Check or MO in US funds to: Frederick H. Huess, P.G.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue; Rochester; NH 03867-2034



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Collierville Lodge No. 152, Collierville, Tennessee, has for sale a limited supply of 150th anniversary, antique bronze coins (dollar size). The face has Collierville Lodge No. 152 F. & A.M. 1848-1998, 150 years." The reverse side has a Past Master's emblem and working tools, etc. \$6.00 each or two for \$11.00 including postage with 10% donated to the KTEF. Check or money order to Collierville Lodge No. 152,

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

For sale: The Medal of Honor The Letter G in Valor, a 268-page digest with the names, congressional citations, and Lodge membership of all Masons who have received our nation's highest military award for bravery. Check or money order for \$21.95 (CT residents, \$23.27) to Weidner Publishing Group, Dept. K., 490 Cornwall Avenue, Cheshire, CT06410, or credit card order by calling 1 (800) 783-9654. Author's portion of profits donated to KTEF.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 27 years and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585

Wanted: P.M. and Sir Knight seeks programs, photos, posters, scrapbooks, letters, and other historical items from the field of professional wrestling, particularly former wrestlers who are/were Masons. S. D. Johnson; 2410 S. Street; No. 10; Sacramento; CA 95816; (916) 451-8170; e-mail duff@midtown.net (member CAC).

FOR SALE: cast coins, medallions, lapel pins, wooden nickels, round tuits, pens, pencils, markers, yardsticks, mugs, caps, key tags, knives, bumper slickers, calendars, business cards, awards, plaques, magnetic items, license plates, and ornaments. Use one or all of these popular promotional items in your Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, Council, and Commandery. All items produced to your specifications using your camera-ready art, or we can create the art from your sketch. Masonic organizations have an automatic \$2,500 line of credit. 3% of profit goes to KTEF. Frank Looser, 1-800 765-1728 or e-mail, cnfi@home.com or web page, www.crthnteractive.com. Leave a message; all calls returned. Satisfaction guaranteed.

For sale: a sterling silver ring with the square and compass on top. The asking price is \$150.00 or best offer. Bruce R. Kegerize, 568 E. Willow Street; Elizabethtown, PA 17022, (717) 367-1771.

For sale: 40 acres with mineral rights and large timber over 50 years old, valued at over \$50,000.00. It joins 5,000 acres of Big Oak Hunting Club: lots of deer, great turkey hunting, and other game. It is approximately 60 miles east of Birmingham in Clay County, Alabama: price \$75,000.00 Owner will finance part of the purchase price. Also still available, 2 acres near Kissame, Florida. Call (205) 884-0606. Donation to KTEF.

Buying all U.S. and foreign coins, paper money, tokens, medals, silver, proof sets. Also selling \$20.00, \$10.00, and \$5.00 gold coins. Call for quotes. Buyer has forty years experience. A Percentage of profits to KTEF. Randy Mogren, 8 Gould Street, Millbury, MA 01527, (508) 865-4816

For sale' 4 grave plots in Masonic section of the Memorial Park Cemetery of Lime, Ohio. Can be converted into plots in non-Masonic sections 01 cemetery. \$1,250 or best offer. Randy Clark, 395 Woodside Drive, Batavia, OH 45103, (513) 732-0052 or e-mail randyclark@prodigy.net

For sale: prime lots at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Detroit/Livonia, Michigan, in Garden of the Psalms, next to Masonic burial area: 2 lots - \$1,300; 4 lots - \$2,500. Call (517) 349-0836

For sale: two cemetery lots in Masonic Gardens, Rose Hills, Whittier, California. Lots 1 and 2 worth about \$2,400.00. Make offer. J. R. Brennan, (520) 754-3049

For sale: 4 lots in Mountain View Memorial Park, Boulder, Colorado. Call (701) 642-4601.

Donate or sell your unneeded cemetery lots through us at (813) 891-6275. Donation value must be over \$2,000. Charity of your choice.

93rd Sea Bees of WWII, 51st reunion: at Williamsburg, Virginia, on October 17-19, 2000. Contact 'Gismo Frank Gismondi, 221 Fulton Street; Westbury, NY 11590, (516) 333-6216 or Jim Smith, 289 Overlook Drive. Lusby, MD 20657, (410) 326-2376

FS 8611 ASA will meet for their reunion in the fall. Contact Joe Klock, (805) 386-5591 or R. E. Flowers. (803) 796-7154

Now hear this: to all seafaring men, Marines, and soldiers who ever sailed in the tamed WACKY MAC (APA4). Join the U.S.S. McCawley survivors Assn. in the 571h anniversary reunion of her actual sinking, June 30, 1943. (Tokyo Rose reported her as having been previously sunk) Reunion to be held at the Quality Inn Lake Wright, Norfolk, Virginia, June 28-30. Jesse Cannon, Chairman, (504) 748-4131 or Frenchy Maurais, diil4' yeoman, (847)358-7158. Make reservation directly to Quality Inn, toll free (800) 228-5157



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