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Brother David L. "Tex" Hill in 1942 with symbols of his military career: the P40, both insignia of the Army Air Corps in WWII, the national Chinese symbol, and the wings of a U.S. Army aviator over the Texas State flag. His story starts on page 25.

September 2000 - Grand Master's Message

What an Exciting Time To Be a Mason!

We are beginning a new century and a new millennium. Every facet of the Masonic family is working to improve its public image. A new Masonic Alliance is in its infancy. Our vision and willingness to work will release the potential for the future of our order. What an exciting time to be a Mason!



The Templary 2000 Crusade has been a tremendous success. The number of new Knights Templar far exceeded the goal. Many Commanderies have more candidates waiting to participate in the York Rite. At their request, I am extending the Crusade to the end of this year. We will have to order more pins and certificates. We want all new members and top-line signers to receive proper recognition.

If you could not be present at the 61st Triennial Conclave in Nashville, Tennessee, you missed a great opportunity for good food, fellowship, and fun. There will never be another like this one!

As they used to say on the radio: Tune in next month, "same time, same station."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jackson Jones". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

William Jackson Jones Grand Master, KCT, GCT

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

SEPTEMBER: Congratulations to the officers of the Grand Encampment for the triennium 2000-2003; they are listed on page 5. Grand Master William Jackson Jones presents his first message as the head of Templary on page 2. It's time to gear up for the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; see a number of letters from grateful Eye Foundation recipients starting on page 6 for the inspiration to begin. States should be busy preparing for the next Holy Land Pilgrimage, and the essay of a past Pilgrimage minister on page 8 is surely an incentive. There are recent recipients of the Membership Jewel listed on page 9. And you still have time to join in the Knights Templar pilgrimage to the Holy Land in December, but you should do so now: See page 10 for details. Biographies of interesting Brothers start on page 19 and page 25, and an article on the influence of St. John on Masonry starts on page 23

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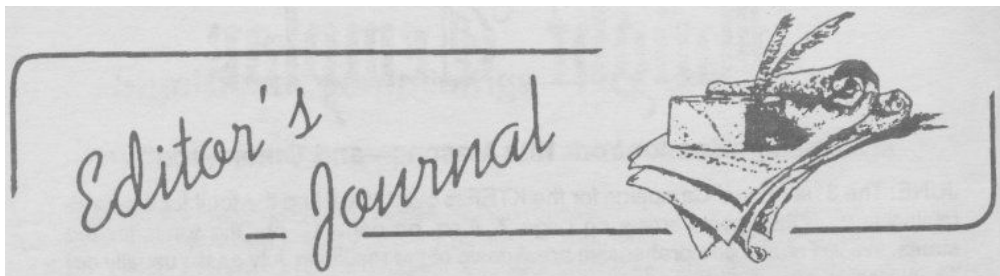
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Needlepoint Kits Available: Several years ago the Grand Encampment began offering needlepoint kits for sale. These kits include a printed canvas with the Knight Templar emblem in red, white, yellow, and black on a white background. Kits are still available 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

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

Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A green pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander,

and a red Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past Commanders and grand officers). Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Pins are \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment. Send to the Grand Recorder Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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

Complimentary for Widows: Widows of Knights Templar are eligible to continue receiving our magazine as long as they desire. To retain or reinstate the mailing, simply instruct your local Recorder or the Grand Encampment of your wishes.

YORK RITE FREEMASONRY ON THE INTERNET - Official Web Sites

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<http://www.knightstemplar.org>

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<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>

News | **Bulletin** !

Congratulations to the Newly Installed Officers of the Grand Encampment 2000—2003

William Jackson Jones	Most Eminent Grand Master
Kenneth Bernard Fischer	Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master
Richard Burditt Baldwin	Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo
William H. Koon II	Right Eminent Grand Captain General
Sam E. Hilburn	Right Eminent Grand Treasurer
Charles Richard Neumann	Right Eminent Grand Recorder
John D. Jones	Right Eminent Grand Prelate
Thomas M. Jones	Right Eminent Grand Prelate

Right Eminent Department Commanders

David D. Goodwin of New York	Northeastern Department
D. Samuel Tennyson of South Carolina	Southeastern Department
Donald M. Estes of Kentucky	East Central Department
Henry J. DeHeer of Illinois	North Central Department
Billy J. Boyer of Missouri	South Central Department
Gerald A. Ford of Colorado	Northwestern Department
Paul A. Monroe, Jr., of Arizona	Southwestern Department

*Next Month,
in the October issue,
Knight Templar magazine
begins biographies of the new
Grand Encampment Officers!*

Letters of Appreciation to the Eye Foundation!

Thanks to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, I was able to have very important surgery I could not afford. Without it my vision could have been affected for life! I am still in recovery, but I thought I would write to you and tell you how grateful I am for what your Foundation has done for me. I cannot begin to tell you how much this means to me.

George Landy
Atlanta, Georgia

I would like to thank the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for its generous donation toward my eye surgery. I have been struggling with limited vision for the past several years. Since my job requires me to work on the computer for long periods of time, my work had begun to suffer. I was also beginning to have trouble driving. Because I could not afford the surgery, I allowed my eyesight to deteriorate. I had gotten to the point where I desperately needed this cataract surgery.

Your generous support helped me get my eyesight back. I have now had both eyes operated on, and both surgeries were successful. Although I still need to use glasses, my eyesight has greatly improved. I am able to see things clearly and can see things that I didn't know were there!

Our sight is one of the most important gifts God has given us. I would like to thank you for helping restore that precious gift. God bless all of you for the wonderful work you do for people in need. I am truly grateful.

Sarwat Rizwani
Ft. Collins, Colorado

A big thank you to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and also a big thank you goes to Mr. Jack Choate of Sweetwater, Texas, who worked so hard, and to my wonderful surgeon, Dr. Russell E. Swann of Waco. I was legally blind in my right eye, and now I am 20/20 without glasses.

Freddia L. Wilson
Valley Mills, Texas

I would like to thank you for helping me when without your help I would still not be able to see across the street. Now I see just fine. You are doing a wonderful job of helping people who can't afford to pay and would have to go through life blind. My thank you comes from the heart!

Ray Hirmen
Wilmington, Ohio

Thank you very much for paying for my eye surgery. Vision in my right eye now is 20/25, and before my surgery I could barely see. Thank you, and may God bless each one of you!

Sandra Fields
Castlewood, Virginia

I don't know how to thank you enough for helping me retain my eyesight. My cataract surgery went great, but two days later I woke up with a blurry eye. The doctor said it was inflamed, so I had to go back every day for five days for a checkup and had to put drops in every hour. It has gotten progressively better: I'm down to two drops a day, and the best part is that my glaucoma is gone! I now have 20/20 vision, long distance in that eye. Thank you so much for caring and giving me my sight back!

Laura Douglas
Daytona Beach, Florida

I can't thank your organization enough for the funding for my eye surgery performed by Dr. Howard Gilbert at the Phillips Eye Institute in Minneapolis. The vitrectomy went well, and the operation was a complete success—no more floaters. Donald Gilbertson of Chippawa Falls, your representative, was a great help to me, and I shall always be grateful to him. Thanks again to the Knights for all you were able to do.

Suzanne Lee
Boyceville, Wisconsin

Over the last year I slowly lost the vision in my right eye. I prayed for God to heal it, and God lead me to you. Because of you I now have sight in both eyes. Now I pray that God will bless you—bless you for giving me the gift of sight. Thank God for you.

Betty Sanchez
Santa Fe, New Mexico

I want to take this time to say thank you for all you did to make It possible for me to be able to have my eyesight renewed. My job is so much easier, and life seems so much better. It is a blessing for me to be able to have a new lease on life: Every day seems wonderful to me for I am able to see my grandchild and her family, I am able to work, and I can enjoy the little things we as people take for granted. Bless your Foundation for my precious gift of sight!

Joan Dudek
Cortland, New York

**Correction on Grand Commander's Club, August issue:
No. 101,291-Alvie Jewel Mark (IL)**

**How To Join The Grand
Commander's/Grand Master's Clubs**

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

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

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

Life Sponsorship Pins Available

This very attractive pin in the shape of a shield is available for a donation of \$7.00 each or \$5.00 each in lots of twenty. Show your Commandery members that you are a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by ordering yours today. Pins are available to any Knight Templar who already has purchased a Life Sponsorship or who intends to do so. Contact Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (773) 205-3838.

It Was Good to Be Welcomed Home!

by Reverend Karen Knight

Tel Aviv: "Welcome home," came the greeting from one I had never met before. Welcome home after 24 hours of travel, delays, time changes, little food and less rest.

At that moment seated on a tourist bus at the Ben Gurion Airport outside of Tel Aviv, I became vividly aware that Israel would be more to me than a place of memorable visitation.

The land of stories and people that are holy would hold for me a sense of spiritual homeland. *It was good to be welcomed home.* The first gathering of our group of 45 clergy from all over the United States took us to the Mount of Beatitudes.

The place is where Jesus stood before a multitude of followers, overlooking the Sea of Galilee and the lush foliage below. He preached one of His most eloquent sermons about faith. There we heard the words once more, and then we sat in a powerful silence soaking in the past, embracing the present, and looking to the future.

As I continued my pilgrimage in this spiritual homeland, I understood my journey to be one of remembering, celebrating, and hoping - past, present, and future.

Israel is passionate about her past. I can hardly comprehend the ancient history of buildings constructed years before the birth of Christ. The story of Israel is the story of a place and a people conquered over and over again, and then giving birth to a new hope and a spirit as invincible as the olive tree. There is a gracious and strong pride that commands respect and admiration.

One of the most powerful and difficult places on the journey was the Holocaust Museum or Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. The place tells the story that should have never been written. Through photographs, sculptures, and even silent darkness; the museum visitor is thrown into the ongoing grief of a great loss to humanity.

The most poignant vision of that loss was the memorial to the 1.5 million children and babies who were killed during the Holocaust. One walks into a darkened passage with

only four candles illuminating and reflecting the myriad of mirrors.

The result is more than a million points of light, senselessly extinguished. Yet the museum does not leave one feeling only the sense of loss, for there is also a declaration of hope for the future.

I had long anticipated my visit to the place traditionally held as the birthplace of Jesus, in the town of Bethlehem. Surrounded by three worshipping bodies in one church, the small area marked by a star on the ground attracts millions of visitors each year. It wasn't the place or the embellishment of the church that moved me. I was standing face-to-face with my theology. My God came to be with His people in the form of a man. He came out of love, and I know Him. I worshiped and I remembered. I celebrated. And then I had hope.

High atop Mt. Zion of Jerusalem, we came to the Wailing Wall or Western Wall. What a mystery it is that a wall could capture the attention of so many for so long. And yet people from all over the world were gathered - not just to look but to be in worship. Gathered along that wall of stone were thousands of people of all races, nations, and faiths. There was a magnificence to this remaining 59-foot wall, all that remains of the second temple.

A host of languages were spoken, as men on their side and women on their portion of the wall vied for a place to come close and touch as near to the holiest of holies as anyone can. This place, hallowed by the Jewish tradition, touched me with sacred expectancy. I left a prayer nudged into one of the crevices of those huge stones. Truly God is a God of all, and He answers the prayers of His children.

The memories are many: I played in the "healthy" mud at the Dead Sea and floated in its salty water, I stood before the Lions Gate going in to the city of Jerusalem with tender excitement, I knelt in the cold water of the Jordan River, and I embraced Israel.

It was good to have gone home to the birthplace of my faith. I shall continue to remember the past and learn from it, to celebrate the gifts of the presence, and to hope for peace for our future.

Reverend Karen Knight
First United Methodist Church
Pigeon, Michigan

**Let's All Support
The Holy Land Pilgrimage - 2001**

Recipients Of The Grand Encampment Membership Jewel

401. Terry Lewis Plemons, Lookout Commandery No. 14, Chattanooga, TN. 4-27-2000.
402. Lee Anderson Mathis, Dickson Commandery No. 41, Dickson, TN. 4-27-2000. (jewel and 3 bronze clusters)
403. Joseph Patrick Westf all, Jr., Appomattox Commandery No. 6, Petersburg, VA. 4-27-2000. (jewel and one bronze cluster)
404. Joseph A. Radcliff, DeMolay Commandery No. 11, Grafton, WV. 4-27-2000.
405. Earl W. Knight, Patton Commandery No. 69, Mt. Vernon, IL. 5-15-2000.
406. Steve W. Schlenker, DeMolay Commandery No. 6, Sheridan, WY. 5-22-2000.
407. Charles M. Mills, Patton Commandery No. 69, Mt. Vernon, IL. 6-13-2000.
408. William Kauten, Ascalon Commandery No. 25, Waterloo, IA. 6-13-2000.
409. Donald Radloff, Ascalon Commandery No. 25, Waterloo, IA. 6-13-2000.
410. Richard Zummak, Ascalon Commandery No. 25, Waterloo, IA. 6-13-2000.
411. R. Wayne Wright, Columbia Commandery No. 2, Columbia, SC. 6-13-2000.
412. Michael C. Lett, Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 9, Knoxville, TN. 6-13-2000.
413. Raymond C. Fouts, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, Durango, CO. 6-15-2000.
414. William B. Berk, Malta Commandery No. 3, Las Vegas, NV. 7-24-2000.

KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2¹/₂-inch diameter, embroidered emblem has been produced for use on mantles and blazers of KCT recipients. The 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 is required for the GCT emblem which is bordered with a wreath. The cost of the KCT emblem is \$8.50 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling, and the cost of the GCT emblem is \$10.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Contact: Jon Patrick Sweet, 7474 Benton Street, Westminster, CO 80003-7001, or phone (303) 430-8483.



Jack David Ayres
Montana
Grand Commander-1990
Born January 19, 1929
Died June 14, 2000

Frank Wells
New York
Grand Commander-1986
Born April 8, 1916
Died June 22, 2000

James Clay Gillum
Kentucky
Grand Commander-1984
Born November 9, 1919
Died July 11, 2000

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
Sponsors the Knights Templar
CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND OF ISRAEL
December 9–December 18, 2000

Our next Grand Master, Sir Knight Bill Jones, and his Lady Lois are planning to lead the Pilgrimage. *Please come and join them!*

PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Round-trip airfare New York/Chicago to Tel Aviv, including international departure taxes
- All transfers and luggage handling in Israel
- First class hotel accommodations, double occupancy
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily
- Hotel taxes and service charge
- Sightseeing in a deluxe motorcoach with an English speaking, licensed tour guide
- Entrance fees to sites, per itinerary
- Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee
- St. Peter's fish luncheon in Tiberias
- Special Roman theme lunch in Jerusalem
- Farewell dinner on the last evening in Israel
- **Not included:** Gratuities to guide, bus driver, and hotel staff (app.: \$65 per person)

For further information please contact: Mr. Charles Neumann, (773) 777-3300 or AMI Travel, Inc., at address below; or telephone: (773) 777-4900 or (800) 821-8947; fax: (773) 777-4921.

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Package price per person, double occupancy:

From Newark Airport, NJ (NYC)—\$2,095 From Chicago-O'Hare—\$2,175

Single room supplement, if needed, please add: \$425

Senior discounts (age 60+, spouses age 55+): please deduct \$65 per person

Deposit due with reservation: \$250 per person. Balance due: October 20, 2000

Note: All checks should be made payable to: AMI Travel, Inc. and mailed to: Knights Templar Holy Land Program; C/O AMI Travel, Inc.; 6200 N. Hiawatha Avenue, Suite 625; Chicago; IL 60646. The program is based on a minimum of 25 participants. Schedule and sequence of events are subject to change.

RESERVATION FORM

Knights Templar Pilgrimage to Israel, the Holy Land—Dec. 9–18, 2000

Price per person, based on double occupancy—Please circle your departure city.

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From Chicago-O'Hare: \$2,175

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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Name preference for name badge: _____

() Please confirm a single room supplement for an additional \$425.

Senior discounts (age 60+, spouses 55+): please deduct \$65 per person.

Enclosed is my payment of \$250 per person. Balance due October 20, 2000. Please make checks payable to AMI Travel, Inc., and mail to: Knights Templar Holy Land Program, C/O AMI Travel, Inc.; 6200 N. Hiawatha Avenue, Suite 625; Chicago; IL 60646.

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Florida Commandery and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Support KTEF

The members of Fort Myers Commandery No. 32, Fort Myers, Florida, hold a spaghetti dinner every year, and all proceeds benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., has a "funds-matching" program for charitable organizations. The picture shows co-manager Paul McConnell (left) presenting to the Commandery a check for \$690.00 payable to the KTEF. Receiving the check, in uniform from left to right, are Sir Knights: Andrew Stanforth, D.D.G.C. for District No. 2, Florida; Robert Gilliland, E.P.C.; Frank Wilke, Commander; and Guy Waltman, Recorder and P.G.C. of Florida. Ft. Meyers has averaged over \$10.00 per member donation to KTEF for the past 4 years, thanks to the spaghetti dinner and hard work by the state chairman of the Eye Foundation. The Commandery with over 200 members also has achieved 100% Life Sponsors. (submitted by Recorder Guy E. Waltman)



Maryland Sir Knight Entered Posthumously Into Hall Of Fame

Sir Knight Richard G. Hawken (1918-1969); St. Bernard Commandery No. 9, Hagerstown, and Mediary Masonic Lodge No. 140, Williamsport, Maryland; was entered "posthumously" by the Maryland Municipal League into its Hall of Fame. This award was for serving over 20 years as mayor of Williamsport, Maryland. Sir Knight Hawken had received many other service awards from his community during his lifetime. His wife, Lady Ruth, still lives in Williamsport.

Richard G. Hawken came from an old renowned family of Washington County gunsmiths. Those who are interested in the famous long rifles called "buffalo" or "plains" rifles can find much information on the Hawken family. Volumes have been written on the gunsmiths of Washington County, Maryland, and St. Louis, Missouri, and are available in libraries. (submitted by Sir Knight Edward K. Miller, Prelate, St. Bernard Commandery No. 9)

Texas Commandery And Lodge Participate In Senior Olympics



The Senior Olympics are held each year at Floyd Gwin Park with participants coming from all the nursing homes around the area. There are about 300 people in attendance. Odessa Commandery No. 110, Odessa, Texas, presented the colors, led in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flags of the country and state, and also led in the singing of the national anthem. Many Masons from Fellowship Lodge No. 1385 assisted in pushing the wheelchairs from the buses into

the auditorium and assisted in feeding lunch to the Olympians. Games were: bowling, softball throw, walking race, and volleyball. Left to right are Sir Knights: Bill Langston, Mark Wright, John Willis, and Neel Wright, Commander.

Grand Commandery Of Florida Publishes Book On Its History

Titusville, Florida, July 13, 2000: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida has published the only book ever written that covers nearly 150 years of Templary in the *Sunshine State*. *Knights Templar of Florida Grand Commanders* is a concise 360+ page, softbound book featuring a photographic record and biographical review of all Past Grand Commanders from 1851-2000 - over 100 photos in all

It provides insights into the lives of those Sir Knights who served the Grand Commandery of Florida from the 19th to the 21st century and features some of the most interesting reports, addresses, resolutions, and communications of its activities. Read the communications between Grand Commander Frank Stoneman and President Woodrow Wilson in 1917, learn how Templars came to the aid of South Florida hurricane victims in 1928, and discover two Florida Commanderies that had been "completely lost."

You can order this first edition for only \$18.45 (includes postage and handling). Send your name and address with a check made payable to the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Florida to: York Rite, 400-C Julia Street, Titusville, FL 32796.

Brother Charles E. McNoldy Installed as National President, National Sojourners, Inc.



Brother Charles E. McNoldy, 32°, Valley of Alexandria, Virginia, was installed as the National President of National Sojourners, Incorporated, on June 23, 2000, during the 80th Annual Convention of National Sojourners, Inc., held in Norfolk, Virginia. Brother McNoldy joined National Sojourners in 1958. He is Past President of Harrisburg Chapter No. 76 and Past Commander of Samuel Nicholas Camp, Heroes of '76. He was National Sojourner Federal Area Representative from 1986-1995. From 1983-1986 he was the Regional Representative for Virginia (North), Maryland (North), and

Delaware. He has served National Sojourners as a member of various committees and had been elected to the Committee of 33. Brother McNoldy served in the National Heroes of '76 line as National Commander of the Guard (1995-1996) and as National Sentinel (1994-1995) before being elected to the National Sojourner line.

His Masonic career has been extensive and continues since his Raising as a Master Mason in April 1954. In the Blue Lodge Brother McNoldy has served in most offices. He expects to be Master of John A. LeJeune Lodge No. 350, Quantico, Virginia, in 2001. He presently serves as an officer in the Council of Kadosh and as a member of the 30th degree team of the Alexandria, Virginia, Scottish Rite Bodies. He is also a member of the York Rite bodies. He is a member of the Legion of Honor of Kena Shrine, Fairfax, Virginia; a member of the Royal Order of Scotland; and is serving as Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar of Temple Forest No. 136, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Alexandria, Virginia.

Brother McNoldy was elected to the Board of Directors of the Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism (CLMA) in 1985, served as Secretary from 1986-1988, and was elected Vice-President in the year 2000. CLMA houses the headquarters of National Sojourners.

Brother McNoldy has been employed as director of the Office of Mapping and Information Resources, Prince William County, VA; he is a licensed professional engineer and land surveyor; he has held numerous prestigious positions in mapping and surveying.

Brother McNoldy enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1949 and retired as a colonel in 1980. He is married to former Joan Elin Langford, and they reside in Manassas, Virginia. They have 2 married daughters and 2 granddaughters. **(continued)**

The other line officers of National Sojourners, Inc, are: President-elect, Ltc. Norman R. Snyder of Mobile, Alabama; First Vice President, Ltc. Elliott B. Samuels of San Antonio, Texas; Second Vice President, Ltc. Timothy A. Horan, Jr., of Culver City, California; Third Vice President, Ltc. Andrew O. Drenkhahn of Fayetteville, North Carolina; and Secretary/Treasurer, Maj. Nelson O. Newcombe of Alexandria, Virginia.

New Mexico State University Receives Gift From Brother and His Wife

Brother Herbert Zuhl, a member of Jornada Lodge No. 70, A.F. & AM., Mesilla, New Mexico, and a member of the Las Cruces Scottish Rite Bodies, and wife Joan presented New Mexico State University with the largest gift ever received. The gift includes his extensive collection of petrified wood, polished to perfection; mineral specimens; dinosaur bones and eggs; meteorites and fossils of creatures that lived millions of years ago. The estimated value of the collection is in excess of \$400,000. Brother Herb and his wife Joan have also provided a \$25,000. gift to the university to pay for relocating and displaying the collection. The Zuhis have also given a similar gift to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston, Texas, and many pieces to the Smithsonian Institute,



Washington, D.C. Most of the collection will be displayed in the NMSU library. The Zuhls have also donated funds for maintenance and operation of the library and the collection in perpetuity; the ultimate gift could be expected to exceed \$6,000,000.

While Herb was in business in New York City selling petrified wood, he retained many of the finest specimens for his collection. The remainder were sold for wall hangings and interior design.

As a result of their gift, the library at NMSU building will soon be named the Zuhl Library in honor of Herb and Joan. (submitted by Brother Leroy P. Lozier)

NEWS FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DeMOLAY



Each year Northern California DeMolay holds a weekend retreat for all of the new jurisdictional and divisional officers. Pictured left are a lot of happy and well-trained officers at the 2000 retreat.

The Annual PAC-WEST Ritual Tournament set several new records as the competition was held in Reno, Nevada, with 116 entries. This was an increase over the 1999 tournament participation. PAC-WEST is the Regional Ritual Competition for Region Eight,

which is comprised of Idaho, Alaska, Hawaii, Southern California, Oregon, Washington, and Northern California. This year the competition included competitors from Colorado. New records were set in the total number of entries (116), the number of Chapters involved (25), and the number of jurisdictions (6). Pictured at right are the winners of the first place trophies at the 2000 PAC-WEST Ritual Tournament held in Reno, Nevada.



**ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO YORK RITE BODIES PARTICIPATE AT
13TH ANNUAL RIO GRAND VALLEY CELTIC FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES**

Members of the Albuquerque York Rite Bodies participated at the Festival and Games by providing a "Child Identification Station." Sir Knights wearing traditional Scottish attire fingerprinted children in identification booklets provided by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico all during the day-long festival. Sir Knights helping a smiling face get her fingers printed are (from left): Dr. C. Fritz Froelich, Thomas H. Goodgame, Jr., and Scott W. Hudson. (submitted by Sir Knight H. William Hart, Public Relations)



**CONNECTICUT DIVISION, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO CONNECTICUT RAINBOW GIRLS**



The Connecticut Division of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation granted 8 scholarships to young women of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. The scholarships were presented at the state's Grand Assembly Sessions for Rainbow on Saturday, April 1, 2000. Left to right are: Miss Sarah Wilkinson, Miss Katherine Bruch; Miss Amy Dingus; Miss Sarah Najda; Sir Knight William L. Greene,

Chairman for the division; Miss Christina Sheppard; Miss Jessica Thomas; and Miss Tricia McKusick. Not available for the photo was Miss Sarah Russo. (Sir Knight Robert D. Sherrick)

INSTALLATION OF CARNEGIE ASSEMBLY NO. 80, PENNSYLVANIA



Held at the Masonic Hall, Carnegie, Pennsylvania, the installation staff came from Steubenville Assembly No. 57, Steubenville, Ohio, and the organist from Columbus Assembly No. 79, Columbus, Ohio. The ceremony was opened with Chartiers Commandery No. 78 posting the colors. Left to right

are: back row: Mrs. John (Shirley) Wallace, Mrs. Robert (Eileen) Alloggia, Mrs. Randall (Lou Anne) Craven, Mrs. Jerry (JoAnn) Williams, Mrs. Edwin (Sandy) Jackson, Mrs. Gerald (Betty) Hasley, and Mrs. John (Delores) Monroe; second row: Mrs. Howard (Clara) McClure, P.W.S.P.; Mrs. Herbert (Isabelle) Sheriff, Chaplain; Mrs. Eugene (Carol) Ballinger, Daughter of the Household; Mrs. William (Dorothy) Siebert, Assistant Marshal; Mrs. William (Anna Marie) Leacock, Inner Guard; and Mrs. Joseph (Ernestine) Schotsch, Recorder; front row: Mrs. John (Helen) Bume, Second Vice President; Mrs. Alice Mills, Color Bearer; Mrs. Walter (Ruth) Kent, Oracle; Mrs. Howard (Kay) Davis, Worthy President; Mrs. Robert (Audrey) Rodewald, First Vice President; Mrs. James (Sally) Chesney, Outer Guard; and Mrs. Ray (Joanne) Huddle, Mistress of the Wardrobe.

Supreme Officers Visit Paradise Assembly No. 250, S.O.O.B., California

Mrs. Jay Ipsen, Supreme Worthy President, and Mrs. Fred Buxton, Supreme Second Vice President, of the Social Order of the Beauceant, visited Paradise Assembly No. 250, Paradise, California, on March 28, 2000. As this was the official visit of the Supreme Worthy President to the Assembly, she was witness to the initiation of 3 new members. Paradise is the only Assembly north of the Los Angeles area, so many members travel 80 to 100 miles to attend stated and special meetings. Left below, from left: Mrs. Jay Ipsen, S.W.P.; Mrs. Earl Myrtue, W.P. of Paradise; Mrs. Charles Waterman, Mrs. Layton Akers, and Mrs. Joseph Castro - initiates; and Mrs. Fred Buxton, S. S.V.P. Right below: officers of Paradise who participated in the initiation ceremony. Middle below: members of Paradise Assembly No. 250, S.O.O.B., Paradise California. (Sir Knight Harland Forell)



SALE OF NOAH'S ARK TOTE BAG TO BENEFIT THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

The Noah's Ark tote bag measures 15 inches deep by 18 inches long; it is made of upholstery material that is 240 threads per inch. It is double sewn at all open areas and double stitched at the handles. Made in the U.S. with a design on both sides, it is machine washable. Only 500 made! **\$2.00 of each sale will go to the Eye Foundation.** The price is \$25.00 each, including shipping in the U.S. only. Please add \$15.00 more for additional shipping costs outside the U.S. If interested, please send check or M.O. to: Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.



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

Chapter VI Features Of Triennial Conclaves Fifty-Seventh-1988 (continued)

At 7:00 P.M. the teams went on parade and review in front of a standing-room-only audience in the Lexington Convention Center. Approximately six hundred Sir Knights passed in review before the Grand Master and officers of the Grand Encampment, returning to the drill floor to form a Cross of Salem. An award and recognition program followed. Each competition drill team was awarded a plaque showing its participation, and each Sir Knight received a drill bar for his uniform.

The Divine Service was held on Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. in the Patterson Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The service was well attended by Sir Knights and their ladies, with Grand Prelate Walter M. McCracken delivering an inspiring sermon. Brother George McWhorter's voice was heard in the offertory, and a collection was taken for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The Grand Master's Reception was held that evening at 7:00 P.M. in Heritage Hall, with 1,600 people gathering in a reception line to greet Grand Master Smith and his wife Kay, and the grand officers of the Grand Encampment, the Past Grand Masters and their wives.

Monday morning the Grand Encampment held its public opening for the Triennial Conclave sessions at 9:00 A.M. in the Patterson Ballroom. Grand Commander James L. Grigsby welcomed the assembly, then introduced the officers of the Grand Encampment. All were

received under an arch of steel. Grand Recorder Neumann then introduced the procession of distinguished guests of the 57th Triennial Conclave. The procession of flags followed, representing all of the different jurisdictions in which the Knights Templar meet; each Grand Commander was preceded by a member of the National Sojourners dressed in Revolutionary War costume and carrying the state flag. The Stars and Stripes were saluted by the singing of the "National Anthem."

After recognizing various Masonic dignitaries and affiliated women's groups, Brother William Petry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, gave a very gracious welcoming address. Grand Master Smith then closed the meeting, and when the ladies had left, the business session was opened. During the next two days the various committees of the Grand Encampment reported on their activities during the 1985-1988 Triennium. Various amendments to the Constitution and By-laws - previously printed in the July 1988 issue of the *Knights Templar* magazine - were proposed for deliberation at the Triennial Conclave.

The office of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was presented to Most Eminent Knight Donald A. King, then Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and to Sir Knight Herbert D. Sledd, P.G.C. (Kentucky), Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, who had served in that capacity for the past twenty-one years. Honorary memberships in the Grand Encampment were presented to Most Eminent Knight Gary M. Kollo, Grand Master of the Great Priory of Germany, and Most Eminent Knight Edward S. P. Carson, Supreme Grand Master, and Right Eminent James W. Gerrard, Grand Chancellor of the Great Priory of Canada.

Monday evening was reserved for state dinners, and the Grand Master's Banquet was held on Tuesday evening, with over 1,300 guests filling Heritage Hall. Sir Knight Herbert D. Sledd served as emcee for the evening. After the introduction of distinguished guests and Grand Encampment officers, Grand Master Smith welcomed the attendees and presented the National Award of the Grand Encampment to Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball, Past Grand Commander of Indiana and Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment. He also honored Past Grand Master Wilbur G. Bell for his distinguished service as Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

In the election on "Tuesday all grand officers were advanced one station, leaving the chair of Grand Captain General empty. Two candidates ran for the office; Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, North Central Department Commander, and Sir Knight James Morris Ward, Past Southeastern Department Commander and Chairman of the Committee on International York Rite Cooperation. Following the vote, Sir Knight Ward was declared the winner. The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer were reelected.

"Wednesday morning was reserved for the conclusion of the business sessions and the open installation. Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler was sworn in as the new Grand Master, along with the other grand officers. The Reverend Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir was appointed Grand Prelate. New Department Commanders were appointed as follows: Gordon J. Brenner, Northeastern; Joseph D. Brackin, Southeastern; H. Courtney Jones, East Central; Morton P. Steyer, North Central; Earl R. Little, South Central; Howard A. Caldwell, Northwestern; and David B. Slayton, Southwestern.

"After the open installation, the Grand Encampment Triennial sessions were declared closed for 1988, and it was announced that the 58th Triennial

Conclave would be held in Washington, D.C., on August 17-21, 1991."

Fifty-eighth-1991

"The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America held its 58th Triennial Conclave in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. from August 16-21, 1991.

"With its beautiful facilities and abundant amenities, the ultramodern Sheraton Washington served as headquarters hotel to grace the proceedings of this 58th Triennial Conclave, and served as a springboard for those who ventured out to discover the beauty, the sights, the cultural activities, and innumerable paths of exploration offered to delight visitors to our nation's capital. As Americans, we are proud of our history and our accomplishments, and ample visible evidence exists in this sparkling city to justify our national pride and reinforce belief in our national destiny."

Activities began at the early hour of 7:00 A.M. on the morning of Saturday, August 17, with the drill competition, which was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Washington. Sir Knight Herbert A. Newman, Past Grand Commander of Indiana, Chairman of the Committee on Drill Regulations, was the coordinator of the drill competition along with committee members Charles G. Browder, Jr., P.G.C., Texas, and W. Jack Dover, P.G.C., Michigan. A staff of fourteen judges took their places for a full day of drill team competition and awards presentations. Four Class A teams and thirteen Class B teams participated in the competition. Families and friends of the marchers enjoyed a day of fine precision marching by those who had practiced through many sessions to proudly appear on this floor, and the observers responded by loudly cheering for their Sir Knights.



Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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

This summer uniform has been approved by Sir Knight James M. Ward, Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A. See the May 1999 issue of *Knight Templar* magazine. For further information write to: Milford Commandery No. 11, c/o Robert P. Winterhalter, P.O. Box 321, Ashland, MA 01721. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. This is for our charity.

Sale Of Knights Templar Tapestry Wall Hanging To Benefit KTEF

Beautiful Knights Templar tapestry wall hanging is a limited edition of 1,000 pieces only. It is made in the U.S. and is in full color containing 360 threads per square inch. It is made of 100% preshrunk cotton and has a solid upholstery backing. The wall hanging has a 1760 flag on one side and the present flag for our country on the other side, and text states: "Pride in our past, faith in our future." It has the nation's bald eagle, and it contains the nine battle shields of the Crusaders who founded Knights Templary. It has a poem "A Knight Templar" in the center. It has beautiful illustrations of Knights Templar past and present, and it also has the Masonic arch and the York Rite working tools. It comes with a black lacquer wooden pole and a brass chain for hanging. The size is 26 inches by 32 inches.



A donation of \$5.00 will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for each wall hanging sold. A color photograph can be mailed to you upon request. The price is \$43.00 each, which includes shipping. For outside the U.S., please add \$15.00. Please send check or money order payable to: Stanley C. Buz. Send to him at: P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052

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

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

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

Under the Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Plan, you will benefit in many

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 pre-existing conditions if you switch plans or are about to turn 65, and there is hassle-free claims processing in about 7 days!

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

Brother Burton Mossman: Arizona Ranger and Western Cattle Baron

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 32°

Thanks to motion pictures, television, and action-paced novels; Americans have developed a mythology of the American West. This myth includes images of hard-riding, quick-on-the-draw, tough-as-nails cowboys; law officers; and outlaws who played out their real life roles in the closing years of the frontier. While many of these portraits are either fictional or greatly exaggerated, some, however, do have a considerable basis of fact behind them. One such frontier cowboy and lawman is the subject of this sketch. Burt Mossman went to New Mexico as a youth, worked his way from cowhand to ranch boss, organized and led the Arizona Rangers, and finally became a big time "cattle king." Moreover, for sixty-four of his eighty-nine years, Mossman was a Mason.

Burton Charles Mossman was born near Aurora, Illinois, the son of a Marietta, Ohio born Union Army veteran. When Burton reached the age of six, his father moved the family to Lake City, Minnesota. In 1882 the Mossmans moved again to New Mexico Territory.

At seventeen young Burton went to work as a ranch hand. In those days he had a reputation of being somewhat quarrelsome and prone to getting into fights. As he matured, he learned to better control his "hair-trigger" temper. At twenty the young cowhand went to work for a cattleman named Warren Carpenter, who owned the Bar-A-Bar Ranch. At that time the western cattle traders were trying to recover from the drought of 1886 and the hard winter that followed it. In spite of a reduction in the beef supply, prices remained low. Then in August 1888 Warren Carpenter died from being struck by lightning in a thunderstorm. The



deceased's brother, Andy Carpenter, made Burton foreman of the ranch. At twenty-one he had the responsibility of looking after 8,000 head. As drought conditions continued for three years, the young foreman had his hands full just keeping the herds alive.

In 1891 Burton Mossman decided to become a Mason. He petitioned Western Star Lodge No. 14 in Chloride, New Mexico. (This Lodge no longer exists, and Chloride no longer has a post office.) He received his Entered Apprentice degree on December 19, 1891; was passed a Fellow craft on April 28, 1892; and was Raised a Master Mason on July 15, 1892. The following year Burt took a new job as manager of another ranch in the Bloody

Basin country along the Verde River in Arizona. Accordingly, on April 21, 1894, he demitted from Western Star Lodge and later affiliated with Winslow Lodge No. 13 (June 12, 1900) in Winslow, Arizona.

The company that Mossman worked for in the Bloody Basin, Thatcher Brothers and Bloom, wanted to liquidate their herds and recover as much of their losses as possible. It took the manager some time, but he eventually succeeded in selling most of the livestock and coming out not only with losses paid but actually turning a profit for them. After this experience the thirty-year-old ranch foreman relaxed in Phoenix for only two or three weeks; then he received another, even more challenging job offer. The President of the Aztec Land and Cattle company (known as the "Hash Knife") had purchased more than a million acres of railroad land-grant property in northern Arizona, south of the Santa Fe tracks for eighty miles south and west of Holbrook. Since the alternate sections belonging to the U.S. government were under the company's indirect control, the business controlled ranch land larger than either the state of Delaware or Rhode Island. In fourteen years the corporation had never paid any dividends to their stockholders. The ranch had the reputation of having employees and cowhands that helped themselves to the parent company's herds. As Burton's biographer, Frazier Hunt, stated: managing the "Hash Knife" brand constituted the "toughest, biggest, deadliest and the most thrilling ranch job in America" and Mossman "took it."

The Aztec Company owned around 50,000 head of cattle and 2,000 horses, but Burt knew that to succeed he would not only have to stop the cattle rustling but get the culprits convicted. Mossman obtained a deputy sheriff's commission, and Navajo County Sheriff Frank Wattson supplied him with another deputy, and within a few weeks eleven rustlers were in jail awaiting trial. When a jury eventually brought in convictions, conditions began to look up for the Hash Knife outfit.

In spite of the improvements Mossman's management brought to the Aztec Land and Cattle company, the board of directors decided in 1900 to liquidate the Hash Knife assets. Most other corporate ranch efforts had already ended. Burt felt disappointed but again he had held up his end, and his reputation as a ranch boss remained quite good. He went to Phoenix and talked with copper tycoon, Bill Green, who considered purchasing Colonel Henry Hooker's Sierra Bonita Ranch in Graham County and hiring Mossman as manager. But the deal never materialized, and Burt went into partnership in a butchering business in the booming copper camp of Bisbee. Soon, however, the former ranch manager answered a request from territorial governor, Nathan O. Murphy.

Murphy wanted to create a state police force to combat lawlessness throughout Arizona. The group would be patterned after the Texas Rangers. The legislature passed the bill on March 21, 1901, creating the Arizona Rangers. The group would consist of fourteen men - one captain, one sergeant, and a dozen privates. The governor wanted Burton Mossman to head this agency. The latter reluctantly agreed to take the position for a year providing that he could pick his men and name his successor. "Cap" Mossman began his duties on August 30, had his subordinates chosen by mid-October, and set up headquarters in Bisbee. Meanwhile, he demitted from Winslow Lodge on July 9, 1901, and on February 6, 1902, he affiliated with Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 12 in Bisbee.

Tragedy soon struck the Rangers when privates Carlos Tafolla and Bill Maxwell were killed in a shoot-out with rustlers. All through the year that "Cap" Mossman led the rangers, the war on rustlers continued. Arizona's most wanted outlaw, Augustin Chacon, who was part Apache but mostly Mexican, managed to avoid capture. Operating from a sanctuary in Sonora, Chacon continued to commit crimes in Arizona. Burt determined to bring the



Augustin Chacon, after capture.

noted outlaw to justice and arranged amnesty for a pair of shady characters - Burt Alvord and Billy Stiles - who would lure Chacon to a spot near the border where the ranger leader would capture him. Alvord indeed accompanied the wanted man to a spring sixteen miles into Sonora where Mossman and Stiles (temporarily a ranger) met them. On September 4 they arrested the culprit and

brought him back to Arizona. Technically, the capture had been made four days after Mossman's commission expired and in a place where he had no authority, but Chacon was tried in Solomonville, Graham County, and hanged on a gallows that had been built for him in 1897. When the noose tightened on the outlaw's neck on November 22, 1902, the man who brought him in was vacationing in New York City. Thomas Rynning, a former Rough Rider, replaced him as Ranger captain. Under the latter and his successor, Harry Wheeler, the force was expanded to twenty-six men until the legislature abolished the Arizona Rangers in 1909.

After his New York vacation Cap Mossman (this nickname from his ranger days would remain with him) returned to ranching. In partnership with Colonel Green and B. A. Packard, who became a banker in Douglas, Arizona; they went into business, holding leases in the Pecos River country in New Mexico and in South Dakota. Burt kept busy for many years in this business but took time out in 1905 to marry Grace Colburn, the daughter of a fellow rancher. The couple had two children, Burton, Jr. (nicknamed Billy), and a daughter Mary. Unfortunately, Grace died when Mary was only nine days old. Cap determined to rear his "little family" by himself and did so.

Eventually, Mossman organized his ranch holdings into a corporation, the Diamond A, and went into the sheep business in addition to his longtime infatuation with cattle. In 1925 he married a second time to Ruth Shrader, who was twenty-five years his junior. Although holding on to his Dakota leases into the mid-thirties, Cap settled permanently in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1918. He had demitted from Perfect Ashlar Lodge on November 7, 1912, but once his residence became fixed, he affiliated with Roswell Lodge No. 18 in 1921 and remained a faithful member until his death thirty-five years later. He also joined either the York Rite or Scottish Rite bodies and became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine as well (no dates or location available, however).



Left, above: Rory Calhoun as Captain Mossman of the Arizona Rangers brings Michael Pate, as Chacun [sic], the most sadistic killer in the Arizona Territory, to justice in the true, *Death Valley Days* drama, "Measure of a Man," 1963. Right, above: Burton Mossman in later years.

Both honors and tragedy stalked Cap Mossman in his later years. In 1941 he was inducted into the Cattleman's Hall of Fame at the Saddle and Sirloin Club in Chicago. Two years later his pilot son, Major Billy Mossman, died in Europe when his plane was shot down. Finally in 1944 at seventy-seven, he disposed of his Diamond A Ranch and retired to a comfortable home in Roswell. Crippled with arthritis in his last years, the old pioneer died September 5, 1956.

Somehow the movie and television producers have missed out on turning Brother Mossman's exciting life into a major motion picture or western series. Yet they have not totally neglected him: In 1954 while Burt still lived, the TV program *Stories of the Century* had an episode titled "Augustin Chacon"; in which the hero, a railroad detective named Clark (played by Jim Davis), captured the notorious border outlaw. More important, in October 1963 *Death Valley Days* had a segment entitled "Measure of a Man"; wherein Cap Mossman, played by Rory Calhoun, captures the murderous bandit Chacun [sic], played by screen villain Michael Pate, and he is brought to justice.

In his long life Brother Burton Mossman made two major contributions

to the history of the West. As organizer and first captain of the Arizona Rangers, he set that territory on the path of law and order that paved the way for statehood. Second, in his long career in the ranch business, he advanced from lowly cowhand to cattle king. Burt is summed up by his biographer, Frazier Hunt, who stated: "Quite unconsciously, he had become the leader and spokesman of the range men of the West. His wits, his incisive mind, and his fearlessness made him the true voice of cowmen everywhere."

Note: Although the Burton Mossman life story appears in many books about Western legends, the most useful sources are the anecdotal biography by Frazier Hunt, Cap Mossman: Last of the Great Cowmen (Hastings House, 1951), and the definitive history by Bill O'Neal, The Arizona Rangers (Eakin Press, 1987). For his Masonic records, I am indebted to the staff of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico and Robert Henderson, former Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arizona. Thanks also to Shasta Amos for preparing the manuscript.

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The First of the First of St. John

by Brother C. Bruce Hunter

It is a well-known fact that Masonic Lodges are dedicated to the two Saints John, so it isn't surprising to see "St. John" mentioned in Masonic literature. However, there is curious passage in one of the oldest documents that may shed light on why the early Lodge paid so much attention to the name.

The Whole Institutions of Free-Masons Opened is a broadsheet published anonymously in Dublin, Ireland, in 1725. A single copy survives in the library of the Grand Lodge of England, and Masons can easily see its relevance to the Fraternity.

It contains an account of Masonic signs and words, along with explanations and commentary. Most of the material is fairly standard for Masonic exposures of the period, but this one ends with a strange comment. After a brief discussion of what it calls "the primitive Word," it concludes with the statement, "for proof read the first of the first of St. John."

Of course, Masonic documents tend to be cryptic, and those from the eighteenth century are especially hard to interpret. The Fraternity has changed so much over the years that anything from nearly three centuries ago sounds as if it were written in a different language. Besides, we aren't even sure that some of these old documents were accurate in the first place.

But *The Whole Institutions* has a decidedly Masonic ring to it. Compared with other material, it seems fairly reliable and presumably shows what the ritual was like in Ireland at the time, so we can reasonably assume that the "primitive" word really was part of the ritual and also that it had a special meaning for the early Craft.

We need to understand, though, why it was special. It isn't that ritual words are hard to find in the old documents. Indeed, *The Whole Institutions* contains more than

one. In those days, Masonic ceremonies were not yet standardized. The Craft had several words and signs, which apparently varied from Lodge to Lodge. And while all of them are of interest to Masonic historians, most have since disappeared and are merely footnotes in the history of the ritual.

What makes this particular word different is that curious statement at the end of the document. The phrase "the first of the first of St. John" is as unusual as it is puzzling. It doesn't appear in other sources from the period, but it was apparently important, since the text says that it involves "proof" of some sort.

On closer examination, we begin to see what may have been afoot. The phrase "the first of the first of St. John" looks like a reference to a Bible verse. If so, it draws our attention to the first verse of the first chapter of the *Gospel of John*: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

It is not unusual to see such a verse in the oldest Masonic material. As the Craft emerged from the Middle Ages, it was a Christian organization. In time it expanded and became more general. But since the Lodges of the early 1700s were still strongly Christian, it was quite reasonable for them to look to the Gospels. In fact, some of the early documents make frequent references to the New Testament, taking for granted that most members were of that faith.

But since this passage has to do with Masonic words, it is clearly connected with the Craft's symbolism and philosophy, suggesting that there is more to it than appears on the surface. And since the word in question is described as primitive, it must have been part of a very old ritual - something that came from the medieval craft and something that even the Masons of the 1700s considered very basic.

Connecting this word with the Word mentioned in the *Gospel of John*, along with the Lodge's dedication to St. John, just might show the thrust of the original Masons' word. It was linked to a tradition the Lodges valued most highly.

The Word mentioned in *John* represents the rational principle that created and sustains the world. For the early church, this principle appeared in the person of Jesus, a notion that formed the foundation of the early church's doctrine and was all the "proof" they needed for their beliefs.

Unlike the other Gospels, which give a synopsis of Jesus' ministry, *John* was written to introduce the new faith to Gentiles to whom the church was reaching out during its first few centuries. It used ideas drawn from Greek culture and philosophy, which were very popular at the time, to carry the message to people unfamiliar with the Jewish culture from which Christianity sprang.

The early Masonic Lodge must have identified strongly with what the writer of this Gospel was trying to accomplish. The Craft, too, was dealing with profound ideas and communicating them to a new audience. As it evolved during its early centuries, the Lodge - like the early Church - used many

symbols from Greek culture and philosophy to promote its lessons. And it drew heavily on the history of Christian Europe for its traditions.

A few centuries earlier, the Knights Templar fought to reestablish the gospel in the Holy Land. Then the stone masons who built the gothic cathedrals created magnificent structures to illustrate the same gospel for the people of Europe and Britain.

Both the Templars and the stone masons contributed to Masonic lore, but they were only the messengers, not the message. The message is also conveyed by the "word" that lies at the heart of the ritual.

It is not surprising, then, that in the early part of the eighteenth century we see Masons giving a special place to the *Gospel of John*. It may well be that in the message communicated by the early Lodges, the words of the ritual were tied very closely to those John communicated so many years before. Perhaps that is one reason the Craft venerates St. John to this day.

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Templary 2000—Masonic Unity Day In Kentucky



On June 17, 2000, the York Rite, Scottish Rite and Kosair Temple Nobles of the state of Kentucky pooled their efforts to Knight 147 Templars. It was the largest class the York Rite has enjoyed in Kentucky history. These unified efforts of the Masonically-related bodies also created 120 new Nobles for Kosair Temple. While brochures enclosing petitions were mailed to over one third of Kentucky, "the real success came from the personal invitations issued by many enthusiastic members," according to Sir Knight J. B. Hill II; Past Commander of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Louisville, and Masonic 2000 Unity Day coordinator; and he adds, "It was a long day but certainly worth the effort!"

Part I—Brother Tex Hill:

Flying Tiger Ace

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett
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For most of us, World War II began at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. For the Chinese people and a few missionaries - plus a handful of U.S. nationals - it began in 1937. The Japanese army forced a crossing of the Marco Polo Bridge, outside of Nanking, on July 7. In December the U.S. gunboat *Panay* was bombed and sunk in the Yangtze River near Nanking, China, along with several oil-carrying vessels. In response to a vigorous U.S. protest, the Japanese government apologized for the "accidental" destruction of American property. They made no apology to the Chinese, whom they bombed at will. The formal invasion of China was underway.

Among the Americans who resisted that invasion was a retired U.S. Army captain, Claire Chennault. He was an aviation consultant for the Chinese, in the employ of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. Chennault volunteered to help. As time passed, he mounted a prodigious defense against Japanese aggression in the air. The Flying Tigers' tremendous accomplishments in the grim early days of America's participation in World War II represented the only bright spot in the Pacific conflict.

In the beginning Chennault was a flying colonel in the Chinese Air Force, where he learned Japanese tactics and formulated a plan to defend against them successfully. Chennault was a disciple of the aerial combat tactics of Oswald Boelcke, the famous German ace of World War I. Boelcke's methods became the nucleus of Chennault's aerial combat philosophy for the Flying Tigers, with his own particular genius added to the mix.

On April 15, 1941, Chennault received covert authority from President Franklin D.

Roosevelt to organize an American Volunteer Group (AVG), recruited primarily from the active-duty officer ranks of the U.S. armed services. Two of the first young officers recruited from the U.S. Navy, ensigns David L. Hill and Edward F. Rector, became Colonel Chennault's trusted assistants. Both were pioneer Flying Tiger aces of the AVG, and during the air war in China, all drank of the same cup, living every adventure with their leader and mentor. In this profile we focus on the life and career of David Lee Tex" Hill, the son of an illustrious and historic Virginia family. His military career is forever linked to that of the legendary Chennault, under whose inspired leadership Tex carved an eternal niche in the pantheon of American flying heroes. David Hill's story is that of every Flying Tiger.

David was the youngest of four siblings born to the Reverend Pierre Bernard Hill, a native of Richmond, Virginia. Born and reared in a prosperous home of five siblings, Pierre chose the clergy for his life's work. After highly diverse early Christian service as a pastor, Pierre married Virginia-born Ella Thraves on June 1, 1905. She eventually presented him with three sons and a daughter. The youngest was David Lee Hill.

Caught up in a swell of missionary fervor in 1912, Reverend Hill volunteered for a post in Korea. It was a formidable undertaking for the family. His eldest child Sam was six years old, John was four, and daughter Martha was born just before the Hills sailed for the Orient on a Japanese liner, the *Shinyou Maru*. They docked in Yokohama, Japan, and embarked for their Korean missionary destination on a dilapidated coastal steamer. They arrived at Mokpo, a 12-year-old mission, just before Thanksgiving in 1912.

After two years of service at Mokpo, Pierre and the family moved into the mountains, in charge of the mission at Kwangju, a town of 5,000. There on July 13, 1915, David Lee was born, the last of the Hill children. A sooner-than-anticipated return to the United States was essential when both Pierre and Ella contracted a devastating oral toxemia, highly destructive to the teeth. The traumatic side-effects made it mandatory to return to the States for medical treatment. Fortunately, their four children were not victims of the disease. The Hill family arrived in Vancouver, Washington, in September 1916. Pierre was then thirty-nine years of age.

Following a brief stint of farming and preaching simultaneously, Pierre sold his 600-acres at Chula, Virginia and devoted full attention to clerical duties. In 1919 he accepted a call to the First Presbyterian

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Church of Louisville, Kentucky, a moribund, albeit large, urban congregation. Reverend Hill gained wide renown for revitalizing the church. His reputation preceded him to a general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church held at St. Louis in 1921, to which he was a delegate. During that St. Louis appearance, he answered a call to perform his particular brand of congregational rejuvenation at the First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas. David was then six years old and ready to begin public schooling.

A tall, active youngster; David attended San Antonio Academy, graduating in 1928. His next academic institution was the McCallie School in Chattanooga,

Tennessee, where he graduated in 1934. In the fall of 1934, David enrolled at Texas A and M University and completed two years of work before transferring to Austin College to complete his higher education. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1938. By then he had decided he wanted to pursue a military career in aviation.

David applied for aviation cadet training at the U.S. Army Air Corps' Randolph Field at San Antonio in the fall of 1938. He formed the impression that the recruiting officer was indifferent to his application. For reasons never explained, David was not accepted for Army Air Corps pilot training. Not discouraged, he immediately turned to the U.S. Navy recruiting office in San Antonio. Their physical examination found him a perfect physical specimen, and he signed on as a naval aviation cadet.

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In November 1939 Tex graduated from naval flight training as a qualified naval aviator with the rank of ensign. He was posted to the carrier *Saratoga* at San Diego, California, and was assigned to a torpedo bomber unit, flying the Douglas TBD *Devastator*. After a year on the *Saratoga*, Tex was transferred to the carrier *Ranger* as a dive-bomber pilot. During those months

as a navy pilot, Tex logged 500 hours over the Atlantic Ocean scouting for German submarines. In the spring of 1941, his career took a new and dramatic direction.

His ship was docked at Norfolk when he was summoned to the operations' building. He learned that the president had signed an unpublished executive order on April 15, 1941, authorizing Claire Chennault to recruit flying officers from the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine Corps for service in the American Volunteer Group (AVG). Retired naval commander, Rutledge Irvine, represented Chennault at the briefing. Pilots and aviation ground service personnel were authorized to resign from their branch of the service, without prejudice, and revert to civilian status.

Officers would be permitted to resign with the option to return to service. They would serve with Chennault in China as civilians at a salary of \$600 to \$750 per month, depending on their flight responsibilities. A pilot would receive a \$500 bonus for each plane shot down. Officers would be permitted to return to active duty at their previous rank whenever service with the AVG was terminated. It sounded good to both Tex Hill and his fellow pilot, ensign Edward F. Rector, who were interviewed together. Tex had long cherished a hope to return to the Orient, possibly Korea, the scene of his childhood memories. Both pilots signed immediately and soon departed for San Francisco to board a ship bound for the Orient. They were joined in San Francisco by pilot Allen Bert Christman, a fellow ensign from the *U.S.S. Ranger*. He had been an assistant to artist Milton Caniff in civilian life, helping create continuity artwork for the famous comic strip, *Terry and the Pirates*. In a short time Christman's artistic talent would generate a logo for the Panda Squadron of the AVG.

A total of twenty-six pilots boarded a Dutch freighter in August 1941; its destination over a devious route was Rangoon, a port city in Burma. A month earlier on July 11, a group of 150 pilots and crewmen had sailed for Rangoon. When the

entire complement of AVG personnel were assembled in Rangoon, they totaled 110 pilots; half were from the U.S. Navy, six from the Marine Corps, and the balance from the Army Air Corps. They were all about to learn new and different rules for air combat - from the master, Colonel Claire Chennault.

Tactical school began at 6:00 A.M. every morning, with Chennault lecturing on his personal experience with the Japanese Air Force.

They learned that the 100 new P4013s, delivered from the Curtiss-Wright factory for AVG service, had several superior characteristics over the Japanese Mitsubishi A6M Zero. The plane could dive faster and had a higher top speed than the Zero. The P40 also had more firepower and offered more pilot protection than the Zero. Chennault conceived a two-plane team which dived on a Japanese formation, hopefully scoring a kill on the first pass. Dog-fighting was potentially lethal for the P40, as the Zero was more maneuverable. Chennault emphasized the great advantage of superior altitude in every attack, if possible, and warned that Japanese pilots were very skilled with long combat experience.

His cardinal rule was that the AVG must fight only in two-plane teams, with the leader attacking while the wing man guarded his tail. That general concept worked wonders for Oswald Boelcke and Baron Manfred von Richthofen in World War I. With Chennault's embellishments added to the tactics, the Flying Tigers proved to be virtually invincible.

Chennault taught with knowledge gained from firsthand experience. He had fought long and successfully in China before the AVG existed. His victories over the enemy (always a controversial number) were achieved in an early version of the P-40. The first XP40 Hawk developed by Curtiss-Wright had been test-flown on October 14, 1938. Chennault had flown most of his combat missions in a Hawk 75, one of the family of P40 Hawk designs. When the new

lend-lease P40Bs were delivered to the AVG in 1941, they were already considered obsolete. Chennault's tactics made the plane superior to the Japanese Zero in combat. The pilot made the difference.

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credited with 12 and one fourth official victories. He may have claimed several more but did not insist if there was a question over confirmation. The world-renowned Flying Tiger logo was conceived by Charlie Bond and Erik Shilling. They painted a gaping shark's mouth, displaying two rows of fearsome teeth, on the engine cowling of their P40s. Chennault immediately adopted the striking and colorful insignia as the official designation for the Flying Tigers.

The supply and logistical problems suffered by the Flying Tigers during their few months of operation were agonizing. Ingenuity and deception were as indispensable to survival as their vaunted flying skills. Chennault moved his small fleet of P40s from one location to another constantly, utilizing native Chinese labor to carve out usable landing strips. The practice was essential for their safety and confusing to the enemy. In actuality Chennault never had more than forty-nine serviceable P40s available at any given time. Repair parts and replacement aircraft were always in critical supply. Notwithstanding, the Flying Tigers destroyed 299 aircraft between December

20, 1941, and July 4, 1942, with an estimated 300 additional unconfirmed. They suffered the loss of eight pilots.

One of the Flying Tigers' most memorable periods began during a Japanese offensive launched on December 23, 1941, near Rangoon. A total of seventeen P40s met a sustained air offensive which continued until December 25. The third Flying Tiger squadron was engaged. After the battles were over, thirty downed Japanese aircraft were counted near the city. On January 23, 1942, the offensive was renewed with the third Flying Tiger squadron joining the fray. In the first two days the AVG destroyed thirty-five Japanese aircraft, assisted by British-piloted Brewster Buffaloes, accounting for an additional eight kills.

During the campaign a total of three pilots, including Allen Bert Christman, were lost. Christman was machine-gunned in his parachute after bailing out of his damaged P40. The cost in aircraft was severe, however; at the end of the offensive, only six P40s from the two squadrons were airworthy and five pilots physically fit for duty. It was a glorious victory for the Flying Tigers, and the entire world rejoiced in their magnificent feat.

The Flying Tigers had no time to savor the fruits of their air victories over Rangoon. Singapore fell to the Japanese on February 15, 1942, releasing a vast number of troops and aircraft to concentrate on the conquest of all Burma. The defenders at Rangoon were overwhelmed by the increasing military resources thrown against them. The Burma Road, the overland lifeline between Kunming in China and Burma, the only route through the Himalayas, was finally severed. Lashio, the Burma terminus, was captured on April 29, 1942. No other overland route existed by which supplies could be trucked into mainland China. An air supply route over the famous "hump" in the Himalayas was the only alternative. Chennault ordered the AVG out of Rangoon on February 19. They had just destroyed forty Japanese planes without a

loss in the two final days, but the city was no longer defensible.

In February 1942 Lieutenant General Joseph W. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell arrived at Karachi, India, to assume overall command of the China-Burma-India theater of operations. He led a Chinese army into Burma, where he was soundly defeated by the Japanese. Forced to retreat, Stilwell arrived safely at Indaw (on the Irrawaddy River, approximately 200 miles north of Mandalay) after a long march from Toungoo. The general's arrival in the CBI theater marked the beginning of constant dissension between the AVG, Chiang Kai Shek, and Stilwell. Chennault had always been regarded by the top brass as a military rebel, dating back to his earliest days of army service. A brilliant pilot and a relentless advocate of his own philosophy of aerial combat, he became a thorn in the side of traditionalists in the Air Corps. He and Stilwell detested each other, and Chiang's dislike of the infantry commander equaled Chennault's. Stilwell's hostility translated into a low priority to supply the beleaguered AVG. With the 10th Air Force headquarters in New Delhi, India, the Flying Tigers were a distant annoyance. In addition, Stilwell's air commander, Colonel Clayton L. Bissell, a pompous martinet, radiated his leader's dislike of the AVG. Before long Bissell's name was anathema to every Flying Tiger in China. The end of the AVG was already at hand.

On July 4, 1942, it became official. The AVG was dissolved and made part of the 10th Air Force, commanded by Clayton Bissell now a brigadier general. The former AVG was re-designated the China Air Task Force (CATF), organized into the 23rd Fighter Group. Chennault was restored to active duty as a colonel and promoted to brigadier general a few months later. Flying Tiger pilots became civilians or were offered a commission in the Army Air Corps.

Following a transition period (July 4-July 18), only five pilots elected to stay with the newly-designated CATF. Tex Hill and Ed

Rector were two of the five who remained. The number of remaining ground crewmen totaled 27. The major reason for the exodus of former Flying Tigers was their hostility toward General Bissell. Although every pilot and crewman revered General Chennault like a father, most could not abide the thought of flying under Bissell. Tex Hill could not ignore the specific request to stay with his beloved leader, nor could Ed Rector and the three other pilots.

The AVG closed the book on their brief seven-month history of combat with an unparalleled record. The Flying Tigers had officially shot down 297 Japanese aircraft. As a result of their combat activity, at least 1,500 Japanese airmen had been killed. Unconfirmed, albeit probable victories totaled a possible 600 planes destroyed. They kept the port of Rangoon open for two months against overwhelming odds, blunting a Japanese drive at the Salween River Gorge, which, if successful, could have forced China to capitulate. The Flying Tigers had prevented the bombing of many eastern Chinese cities and virtually stopped the Japanese Air Force in its tracks. Those accomplishments cost the lives of twenty-one AVG pilots.

It was a record which would stand forever, one achieved by men who did not wear any uniform except the A-1 flight jacket of a military aviator with the unforgettable "blood chit" on the back. The "blood chit" carried an explanation in Chinese that the wearer was a defender of their people and should be assisted if in peril. It was also a death warrant if the wearer was captured by the Japanese.

Don't Miss "Part II Brother Tex Hill: Flying Tiger Ace" in the October issue!

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