



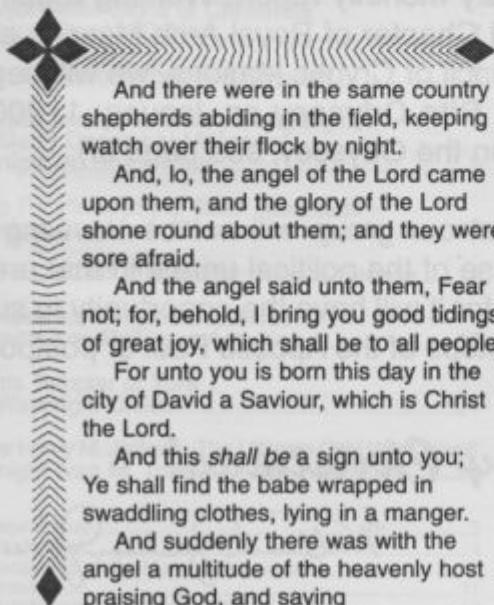
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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

St. Luke 2, 8-14 (KJV)



***Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!***

I wish each one of you a happy and joyous Christmas Season! This is the time for all Knights Templar to enjoy their families and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Attend your own church services. Participate in the Christmas Observance at your Commandery Conclave during December.



The Templary 2000 Crusade will be ending at the end of this month. If you have any candidates to complete, confer their Order of the Temple and be sure your Recorder gets them on his December or January monthly report. Working together with the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, we will begin the **21st Century York Rite Odyssey** on January 1, 2001. (For more information on the Odyssey, see page 8.)

I am sorry to report that our group will not be traveling to Israel this month because of the political unrest in that area. All who have signed up for it will have the opportunity to substitute a tour in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul or postpone until a better time.

Merry Christmas!

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

Dr. William Jackson Jones
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

Knight Templar

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

DECEMBER: From Grand Master Jones on page 2 to the staff of the Grand Encampment on page 29, your magazine in full of Christmas greetings and wishes for a wonderful new year. The recipients of Templary's highest award, the KTCH, are listed on page 5-6. Congratulations to these accomplished Sir Knights! The Grand Encampment Prelates offer inspirational Christmas thoughts on page 7. There's a new membership program starting in the new year; read all about it on page 8! December starts the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, so Chairman Pruitt's message on page 9 is crucial! Don't be left behind in the Campaign. And with the holidays ahead and the need to make our resolutions for the Templar new year, you'll want to read the article about Religious Activities on page 19. And there's much more for your information and entertainment!

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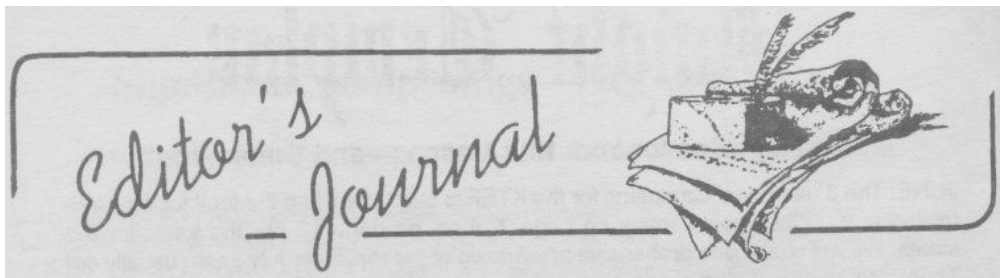
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Contacts for all Masonic organizations listed in our January 2000 issue should have the form for our next listing in January 2001. Please respond immediately as the magazine goes to the printer about December 15, 2000. If your organization has a new contact, please inform him/her of this. We would rather not leave any organization out!

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 Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

61st Triennial Conclave mementos available: 61st Triennial Conclave plates, \$15.00 each plus \$5.00 S & H (limited supply); 61st Triennial badges, \$5.00 each, gold or silver, plus \$2.00 S & H (while supply lasts); 61st Triennial program books, \$3.00 each plus \$2.00 S & H (limited supply).

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.

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<http://www.knightstemplar.org>

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

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

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www.YorkRite.com

Our Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for the year 2000. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected forty-eight Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

Alabama

Howard Enoch Hayes, Woodlawn No. 31

Arizona

Ned Owen Krill, Scottsdale No. 12

Arkansas

Bobby Clay Gower, Olivet No. 20

California

Charles E. Williams, St. Omer No. 30

Colorado

Calvin O. Lapuyade
Jefferson-Highlands No. 30

Connecticut

William LeRoy Greene, St. Johns No. 11

Florida

Frank B. Buell, Trinity No. 16

Georgia

Roy Rogie Jackson, Sr.
Coastal Plain No. 42

Illinois

Richard Barnes Barnett
Emmanuel No. 81

Indiana

Norbert O. Parrot, Fort Wayne No. 4

Iowa

William F. Bostwick, St. Johns No. 21

Kansas

Morton Wayne Rush, Winfield No. 15

Kentucky

Dean Kay Esterly, Frankfort No. 4

Louisiana

James G. Moore, Monroe No. 7

Maine

Nicholas Spirounias, St. Alban No. 8

Maryland

Donald Albert Adams, Crusade No. 5

Massachusetts/Rhode Island

Donald Archie Bickel, Quincy No. 47

Michigan

Charles Bernard Finley, Romeo No. 6

Minnesota

Roger Lowell Lammers, Ivanhoe No. 31

Mississippi

Wilbur Allen Hartle, DeMolay No. 8

Missouri

Emory J. Hampel, Ascalon No. 16

Montana

Charles David Burgess, St. Johns No. 12

Nebraska

Robert R. Cole, Mt. Zion No. 5

Nevada

Richard P. Zimpfer, Malta No. 3

New Hampshire

Robert Lawson Sutherland, Sr.
DeWitt Clinton No. 2

New Jersey

John Erwin McDowell, Crusade No. 23

New Mexico

Wade Robert Russey, Jr., Shiprock No. 15

New York

Edward Joseph Oyer, DeMolay No. 22

North Carolina

David Ronald Grissom, Oxford No. 39

North Dakota

Ross Dodge Mushik, Tancred No. 1

Ohio

Floyd E. Wymer, St. Luke's No. 34
Robert F. Creekmore, Trinity No. 44
Thomas H. Kearns, Cincinnati No. 3

Oklahoma

James Earnest Smyrl, Trinity No. 20

Oregon

Roland Eugene Wright, Sr., Temple No. 3

Pennsylvania

Norman Leo Funk, Jr., Continental No. 56

South Carolina

William Wilson Rainey, Easley No. 21

South Dakota

Charles Kendall Gerlach, Schrader No. 9

Tennessee

Jay Ell Jewell, St. Elmo No. 4

Texas

Clarence McFarlane Brown, Ruthven No. 2
Ishmael Caton Rhodes, Sr.
Park Place No. 106

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Washington

James J. Simon, St. Helen's No. 12

West Virginia

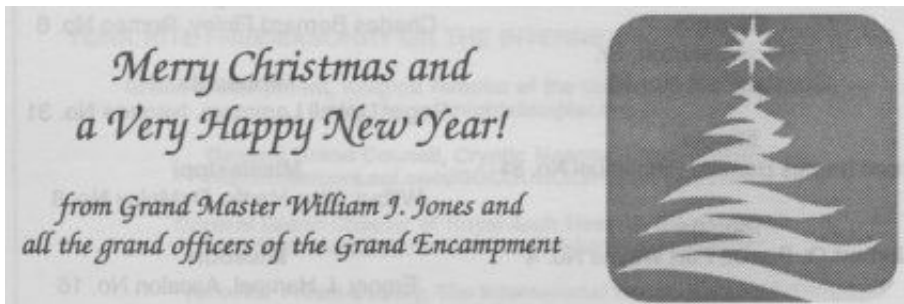
Thomas Herbert Underwood
Kanawha No. 4

Wisconsin

Wesley Merritt Denny, LaCrosse No. 9

Italy

Giuseppe Wrzy, Trinacria No. 5



Christmas Is More Than One Day a Year

by the Grand Prelates of the Grand Encampment

The countdown has begun. The retailers want you to focus on the one day to give gifts, the day we call Christmas. Christmas is good, and giving is good. A visitor from a culture without Christmas might think all this frantic frenzy of financial fuss is for the super bowl of sacrifice, that there is only one day to give so one has to do all of his/her giving on that one day.

Christmas certainly center around giving. Christmas celebrates the giving of life. A new baby is a new beginning. Every aspect of life is a first for an infant.

Usually it is when we come close to losing loved ones or come close to losing our own lives that we realize what a precious gift life is.

Also, the scenes we associate with Christmas celebrate the giving of love. A mother gives the baby every function of life until the baby is born. Then the mother must let the baby begin to breathe by itself. The mother now has a choice to keep the baby close to her for warmth and nourishment or to let it lie in solitude. The loving mother who gave life now gives loving service to sustain it.

The scenes we associate with Christmas celebrate the giving of leadership. The three kings were led by the star, the shepherds were led by the song, and the scholars were led by the scriptures that foretold this event.

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Behold, a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.'" (Matthew 1: 22-23 KJV)

The Wonderful Signs of Christmas

by Reverend Donald C. Kerr

Kwashiorkor is a word we do not often use nor is it a word we have often heard. What it means is a of someone suffering from a nutritional disease caused by a lack of protein in the normal diet. Hunger is not a good sign; neither is poverty, fear,

As Knights Templar, we can celebrate Christmas more than one day a year. We can, indeed, celebrate Christmas 365 days a year; for example, we can celebrate by giving to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation that restores sight. While we have helped infants to see, many adults also have experienced the new life of improved sight as a precious gift.

As Knights Templar, we can celebrate by giving to our Knights Templar Educational Foundation. Our investment in education geometrically expands as the recipients graduate and provide leadership through the professions that are the result of their educations.

As Knights Templar, we can celebrate by giving to our Holy Land Pilgrimage. Each minister we send has a congregation who now hears a first-hand account of the travels that retrace the paths our Savior was led to follow.

As Knights Templar, we can celebrate by giving gifts to our Templar homes. Just as the mother at the nativity had to provide warmth, cleanliness, and nourishment to sustain the life of her newborn, even so the nurses and workers in our homes provide for the needs of the residents. At our nativity and in our infirmity we have the same basic needs that are best met with loving service.

The scenes we associate with Christmas remind us of long ago gifts of life, of love, and of leadership. As Knights Templar we celebrate these same gifts of life, of love, and of leadership through the programs of this great fraternity. We can celebrate them every day. Each day we can say, "Emmanuel.. .God be with us."

John Davis Jones, Grand Prelate
Thomas Martin Jones, Grand Prelate

or insecurity, but these are some of the signs of our modern world.

However, there are other signs we recognize that point us in the right direction. Christmas is one of them. Hanukkah is another, and so is the Masonic emblem.

These are signs that require special occasions to celebrate. Christmas speaks of joy and hope and expectation. Hanukkah tells of light and

deliverance and merriment. Masons use many signs to signify their degrees and worthiness and honor and fidelity.

We associate this season of the year with music, pageantry, and of course, with gifts. These are the signs that help us to remember God's love for us and his care over us. It would be a more dismal world without the lights, the melodies, and the angel's song.

The poet Browning once expressed his belief by saying: "God's in His heaven; all's right with the world." Some do not see it that way and maybe they can't, but if we can, we point to a sign that lifts us up to a higher level of promise.

Signs are very important. They tell us where we are and how to find what we want to know.

The Grand Master Announces...

The 21st Century York Rite Odyssey

Grand Master William Jackson Jones announces the formulation of a new York Rite membership development program to begin on January 1, 2001. It will be called "*The 21st Century York Rite Odyssey*."

"As you know, January 1, 2001, truly begins our 21st century. It seemed appropriate and logical to capture this in the name for our new membership campaign. We hope that all Sir Knights will embrace this new membership campaign with the increased momentum established by the Templary 2000 Crusade, which will conclude on December 31," said the Grand Master.

The Templary 2000 Crusade was launched this year to increase membership by promoting the "family" of Masonry among all Masonic organizations. The program has been an outstanding success with total Knightings approaching 4,500 and restorations of about 600.

"I am extremely pleased that the *Odyssey* has been totally supported by the leadership of both the General Grand Council and Grand Chapter making this truly a combined York Rite organizational effort. In fact, the national leadership of each organization jointly determined the name for this new membership development program at the Northwestern Department Conference held in Boise, Idaho. It is a pleasure to be a part of a nationwide program in which all Companions and Sir Knights in this Fraternity will be working together for a common purpose," Jones added.

The Gospel story begins with Christmas by saying "This will be a sign unto you: you will find a baby lying in a manger." This is the message of God for the encouragement of all mankind. How does it affect you and the people you know? Do you see frowns or smiles? Do they look cheerful or sour? The difference this season can make is for us to carry on our faces signs that show kindness, goodness, generosity, and goodwill.

Peace be unto us!

Sir Knight Donald C. Kerr, Th.D., 32°, is a member of Beauceant Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland. He resides at 830 W. 40th Street, No. 409, Baltimore, MD 21211

"It is our intent to continue with what we have learned has worked successfully with the Templary 2000 Crusade. We plan to design new York Rite candidate pins and professional certificates suitable for framing. The Top-Line Signer pin will be enhanced with new artwork, also, to recognize the hard work and personal touch required by all Companions and Sir Knights in their membership development efforts. We also encourage all Grand Commandery jurisdictions and Subordinate Commanderies to create local supplemental recognition programs," Jones continued.

More details will follow in subsequent articles in *Knight Templar* magazine and as information on the Website (www.knightstemplar.org), and details will be distributed through both the Committee on Membership and the Public Relations Committee. In addition, this new membership development program announcement will be published in the next issues of the General Grand Council and Chapter magazines.

"Each of us has a responsibility for membership development and for preserving our Masonic Christian heritage," said Stan Simons, H.P.D.C. and Chairman of the Committee on Membership. "If each York Rite Mason will assist in this endeavor, we should exceed the results that were realized with the Templary 2000 Crusade. We hope that all Companions and Sir Knights will remember the motto: It is to be, it is up to me," Simons added.



The 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign: A Merry December Message!

by Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, P.D.C. and P.G.C. (California)
Chairman of the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign



Greetings, Sir Knights and Ladies (because I know that this fine magazine is enjoyed by many of our ladies). This is the December issue, which means it coincides with the beginning of the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign. As you will remember from our last message, this campaign is dedicated to our Brethren of the Scottish Rite who have attained the significant position of Thirty-Third Degree Honorary. I sincerely hope that we can take this campaign over the top with a total contribution of \$2,500,000.00!

Since writing the previous messages, I have had the opportunity of attending two Department Conferences and talking with the senior officers of several of our Grand Commanderies. During those meetings it has been really satisfying to see the enthusiasm and interest displayed on behalf of our Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Many of the attendees indicated that they had either (a) recommended a patient to be treated under the Foundation support, or (b) delivered a research grant check to an active research physician. Both experiences are very rewarding and give one a real appreciation of the outstanding support that our Eye Foundation gives to those in need.

I would encourage all of you to be conscious of the opportunity to make recommendations to the Eye Foundation. At one of the conferences, one Sir Knight asked a very pertinent question, namely: "How do we go about finding people who need operations on the eyes?" Three good recommendations came out of the discussion. First, we should simply keep alert for people, especially children, who have obvious eye problems. If you see a child with a problem, there is nothing wrong with speaking to a mother, and saying: "Pardon me, Madame, but I am involved in an organization that supports operations on the eyes for those who need them. Can I



give you some information about it?" No one can take offense at such an approach, and you could be of great benefit to a grieving family. Another idea was to contact doctors (especially ophthalmologists), hospitals, and clinics, so that they are aware of whom to contact in case they are working with a potential KTEF patient. In addition, there is nothing better than general publicity. Any article in your local newspaper about what is being done by the Eye Foundation will quite possibly reach a potential recipient.

At the two conferences attended to date, we were able to report on the PERFORMANCE of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in those Departments. For example, in the Northwestern Department the Foundation has expended \$131,928, year to date, in case expenses, and \$4,783,517 since the inception of the Foundation. The North Central Department has seen \$86,674 so far this year in case expenditures, and \$2,207,782 throughout the KTEF's history. It is also interesting to note that over \$700,000 in research grants has been awarded in the North Central Department since the beginning of that program, over half of it in the state of Illinois. In the Northwestern Department, over \$440,000 in grants support has been received. With these kinds of dollars, just within two departments, it is easy to see that our states receive far more benefit from the Eye Foundation than we contribute in donations.

Yours truly had the privilege of joining the Grand Commander of California and a few other Sir Knights in presenting a \$30,000 check at the University of California, San Francisco. The long title of the research is

"Improved Genetic Testing in Retinoblastoma." What that means in words that I can understand is that the research team is developing a very rapid method of diagnosing a particular kind of cancer that grows on the rear of the eyeball. Up until now, it has taken a long time to diagnose the cancer, which is a shame since it can easily be removed by an operation. One of the most interesting parts of this experience was the greeting we received as Knights Templar. This was perhaps the fourth or fifth time that a grant from our Foundation has been delivered at this facility. They are beginning to be familiar with the uniform and chapeaux, and really have a wonderfully high opinion of our organization.

Finally, Sir Knights, let me remind you that you will be receiving an envelope this month from the Eye Foundation. This mailing will be

your opportunity to make an extra, significant contribution. It's that time of the year, and I know that you will get a lot of these kinds of requests. However, please remember the special relationship you have with the Eye Foundation. This is your major charity as a Knight Templar. Please be generous. And don't forget, a special contribution of \$33.00 is eligible to honor a 33rd Scottish Rite friend. And it will be credited to your Commandery.

Merry Christmas to you all from my lovely Lady Shirley and me.

Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt; Chairman of the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign, Past Department Commander, Southwestern, and Past Grand Commander of California; is a member of Palo Alto Commandery No. 47, Palo Alto, California. He resides at 14101 Manuella Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. His personal e-mail address: is wbruiift@aol.com. For information on the KTEF, send e-mail to ktef@knightstemplar.org or call (773) 205-3838

**Use the Form below for the Thirty-third Degree Club! Send to:
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Number _____ Signature _____

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!*

*from the staff of the
Knights Templar Eye Foundation*



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- 416. Ronald E. Nicholson, Columbus Commandery No. 69, Columbus, OH. 9-1-2000.
- 417. Harvie B. Bailey, South Carolina Commandery No. 1, Charleston, SC. 9-1-2000.
- 418. Lloyd F. Christopher, South Carolina Commandery No. 1, Charleston, SC. 9-1-2000.
- 419. George L. Seyle, South Carolina Commandery No. 1, Charleston, SC. 9-1-2000. (jewel and 1 bronze)
- 420. Robert W. Fellows, Cape Cod Commandery No. 54, Centersville, MA. 9-19-2000.
- 421. Robert J. Seiler, Holy Cross Commandery No. 10, Clinton, IA. 9-19-2000.
- 422. Ronald J. York, Trinity Commandery No. 17, Plainfield, NJ. 10-14-2000. (jewel and 1 bronze)
- 423. Charles Wesley Irvine, Melrose Commandery No. 109, Houston, TX. 10-14-2000.

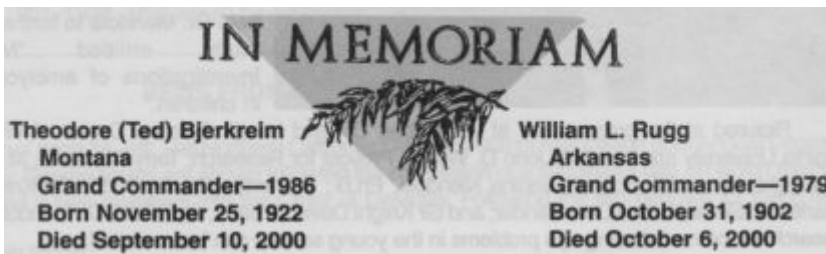


Knight Templar Author, Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, Receives 33° At Pittsburgh

Sir Knight and Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, 111 East High Street, McArthur, Ohio, recently received the 33° from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, at the ceremony in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 26, 2000. Sir Knight Tribe, a former teacher in Vinton and Meigs counties, Ohio, has been on the faculty at the University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Ohio, since 1976. He has been a member of Albany Lodge No. 723 in Albany, Ohio, where he served as Master, 1966-1967, and is currently serving as Lodge Education officer. He has also been a member of all of the York Rite Masonic bodies in Athens, Ohio, and served as presiding officer in each one, becoming a Knight of the York Cross of Honour in 1992. He has also been a member of Albany Chapter No. 558, Order of Eastern Star, where he was Worthy Patron in 1964. In the Scottish Rite Sir Knight Tribe is a member of the Valley of Cambridge. He currently holds a plural membership in Philodorian Lodge No. 157, Nelsonville, where he holds the office of Junior Warden. He is also a member of Aladdin Shrine Temple and the Taberah Shrine Club in Vinton County.

As a historian Sir Knight Tribe has written numerous books and many articles; however, to *Knight Templar* readers he is best known for his long and continuing series of articles that have appeared in this magazine on famous Freemasons of the 20th century. This series has included biographies of individuals ranging from musical figures such as Roy Acuff and Roy Clark to Hollywood actors such as John Wayne and Roy Rogers. Other pieces have dealt with political figures ranging from Robert Byrd to Barry Goldwater. Other subjects range from farmer-businessman Bob Evans to Arizona ranger Burton Mossman.

Congratulations, Sir Knight Tribe, and thank you for all you have contributed to *Knight Templar*. We really appreciate all the hard work you have done for us!



On the Masonic Newsfront...

Grand Commander Of Michigan Presents KTEF Research Grant To Dr. Ji-Jing, Eye Research Institute

Late summer 2000, the Grand Commander of Michigan, James C. Costello, and a number of Grand Commandery officers and Sir Knights met with Dr. Janet Blanks and Dr. Ji-Jing Pang of the Eye Research Institute of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, and presented a check for \$30,000 from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to Dr. Ji-Jing Pang for research.

Pictured at the presentation were, in the first row, left to right: George N. Loesch, Grand Prelate; Dr. Janet Blanks, Director of the Eye Research Institute; Ji-Jing Pang, M.D., Ph.D., recipient of the grant; James C. Costello, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan; and John E. Nelson, E.C. of Pontiac Commandery No. 2. Assembled left to right behind the first row were: James E. Hawn, G.C.G.; John D. Millichamp, P.C., Redford Commandery No. 55; Richard E. Hansen, D.G.C.; Vernon T. Barnhart, G. Jr. W.; Richard C. Tuck, G. St. B.; and Roy M. Geer, KTCH, P.C., Chairman of the Eye Foundation Committee for the Grand Commandery of Michigan. (submitted by Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliott, P.C., Chairman, P.R. for Grand Commandery of Michigan)



Grand Commander Of West Virginia Presents KTEF Research Grant To Dr. Mendola, WV School Of Medicine



Sir Knight Charles W. Sinsel, the Grand Commander of West Virginia, has presented a Knights Templar Eye Foundation grant of \$30,000 to Dr. Mendola of the West Virginia School of Medicine. The research grant for Pediatric Ophthalmology will help Dr. Mendola to further a study entitled "MRI Investigations of amblyopia in children."

Pictured at the presentation at the Robert C. Byrd Health Science Center of West Virginia University are from left: John D. Weete, Provost for Research; Terry

Schwartz, M.D.; Sir Knight James W. Bolyard; Janine Mendola, Ph.D.; J. Vernon Odom, Ph.D.; Sir Knight Charles W. Sinsel, Grand Commander; and Sir Knight David W. Jaco, Jr., KTCH. Dr. Mendola's research concerns detecting eye problems in the young so they can be corrected early.



**Message From (Mrs. Homer) Janice Hendrickson
Supreme Worthy President Of The S. W. Assembly, S.O.O.B.**

My Dear Kansas Sisters and Grand Commandery Officers:

Computers are beautiful machines in the right hands: Supreme week was not that time. Due to a glitch with my new laptop, I did not print one page of my speech; as a result, my sisters in Kansas were not recognized nor were the distinguished guests. For this I offer my humble apology and ask your forgiveness.

**Sir Knight Wayne A. Gallion Receives Texas'
Grand Royal Purple Service Award**



Sir Knight Wayne A. Gallion, to left in picture, was surprised at a recent York Rite award ceremony of the York Rite Bodies of Seguin, Texas, when he was presented with the Grand Royal Purple Service Award, one of the only two that are given each year in the state of Texas. Sir Knight John Elkinton (right), Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, made the presentation.

**Mary Harris, Auburn Assembly, S.O.O.B., Maine Elected
to Office of Supreme Assembly**

September 20, 2000, at the Supreme Assembly meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, (Mrs. Charles) Mary E. Hams (in picture to right) of Auburn Assembly No. 262, Auburn, Maine, was elected to the office of Supreme Worthy Preceptress. This is the first time a member of a Maine Assembly has been elected to a Supreme office. She will be elected as Supreme Worthy President in 2003. This is a great honor for this small Assembly of Maine! (submitted by Maine *Knight Templar* editor, Sir Knight Fred Lombard)



More information concerning Sir Knight Burton Mossman, September issue, 2000: Robert Henderson, Grand Secretary Emeritus, of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, says that Burton Mossman belonged to Landmark Chapter No. 6, Bisbee, Arizona, ca. 1901-1934. That would have been his Chapter when he became a Knight Templar.

News From Northern California DeMolay

Top of page 14, left: The Northern California DeMolay Alumni Association at its Annual Degrees Day. Degree teams are shown following the completion of a successful day, on which they initiated 8 new members into the Order of DeMolay. Following the two degrees for the 8 new members, the Majority Service was also presented to 4 Senior DeMolays who had



reached the age of 21. Above right: The 1999-2000 Northern California DeMolay Association officers are shown greeting the newly installed Grand Master of DeMolay, Ross Van Ness Bayer, at the Annual Session of DeMolay International held in Orlando, Florida. Below: Each year N.C. DeMolay sponsors its PRIDE. ritual competition. Once again, new records were set. P.R.I.D.E. stands for "perfect Ritual Improves DeMolay every way." It has become the standard by which Northern California DeMolay Chapters judge their ritual performances throughout the year. In the photo are members of the team and individual competition winners.



Knights Templar Eye Foundation Research Grant To Dr. Zac Pujic, Massachusetts Eye And Ear Infirmary

Early fall 2000, Sir Knights John C. Sutterley (left) of Bridgewater, then R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of MA/RI, and Ronald E. Wolf (right) of Cumington, then E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts, awarded a \$30,000 grant from the KTEF to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary to help advance eye research.

The recipient of the grant was Zac Pujic (middle), Ph.D., of Somerville, Massachusetts, who is currently researching the relationship between genetics and the development of eye disease.



The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as we all know, was founded in 1956 to assist those needing surgical treatment but with nowhere to turn. It also has given millions of dollars for research into eye conditions and diseases.

Founded in 1824, the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harvard Medical School, is an international center for treatment and research plus a principal teaching hospital in its specialties.

Sale Of Knights Templar Afghan To Benefit The KTEF

A limited edition Knights Templar afghan has been produced with old designs from the early Knights Templar period and with a poem, "A Knight Templar," defining what a Knight Templar is and what he stands for. The afghan is of tapestry weave and measures 54 by 68 inches. It has eight warp colors. It is 100% cotton that is preshrunk and color-fast. The afghan weighs 5 pounds, 2 ounces and has a multi-color fringe border. The price is \$47.00, including shipping and handling within the U.S. If you are ordering out of the U.S., please add \$20.00 for shipping. For every afghan sold, there will be a donation of \$5.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. To order please send check or money order to Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.



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.

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.

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

Chapter VI

Features Of Triennial Conclaves

Fifty-ninth-1994 (continued)

Most Worshipful Brother Tinsley spoke "for approximately 160,000 Texas Masons, praising the work being done by the Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimages. Brother Edward H. Fowler, Jr., Past Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, reminded Grand Master Thornley that he (Thornley) had come from that state, originally. He created the Grand Master an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and presented him with the Benjamin Franklin Medal. When Sir Knight Robert Ilian, Jr., was escorted to the East, the Grand Master read the citation which stated that he "has been elected to the honor and dignity of Knight Commander of the Temple in our order." Brother George H. Hohenschildt, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was invited to the East and spoke on "leadership" and "membership." Grand Master Thornley announced that Sir Knight Howard A. Caldwell, Chairman, Committee on Triennial Conclave, "has been nominated to receive the honor and dignity of Knight Grand Cross of the Temple of our order," to which the Sir Knight responded with an expression of gratitude.

Brother Ben Bell, Grand Master of Colorado Masons, was presented at the East and gave greetings from "the 22,000 Masons of the state of Colorado." He explained the "Pilot Lodge Program," which his Grand Lodge was trying out, the idea being that those "Pilot Lodges" would try out programs before they would be brought up in Grand Lodge to be voted up

or down; with some experience the Brethren would have a better feel for what should be done in any given and tried circumstance. When his remarks were finished, a recess was declared before the start of the first business session.

Monday evening was reserved for state dinners. On Tuesday evening the Grand Ballroom was filled for the Grand Master's Banquet. The distinguished guests and Grand Encampment officers were introduced as they went to their assigned seats. After Grand Master Thornley welcomed those in attendance, they all enjoyed the delicious dinner prepared for them. Following the meal, Sir Knight Harold D. Elliott II was introduced as speaker of the evening. His humorous talk was enjoyed by all.

The dais (elected) officers were advanced and installed, and Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, P.G.C. of Texas, was installed as Grand Captain General. The Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Grand Prelate were re-installed in their offices. Department Commanders appointed were:

John O. Bond, Sr., P.G.C., Maine,
Northeastern Department;
David L. Hargett, Jr., P.G.C., North Carolina,
Southeastern Department;
Russell P. Livermore, Jr., P.G.C., Michigan,
East Central Department;
Jerry K. Thomas, P.G.C., South Dakota,
North Central Department;
James C. Taylor, P.G.C., Oklahoma, South
Central Department;
Ernest I. Teter, P.G.C., Idaho, Northwestern
Department;
W. Bruce Pruitt, P.G.C., California,
Southwestern Department.

Following the Open Installation Ceremony on Wednesday morning, the Fifty-ninth Triennial Conclave was closed: the Sixtieth Triennial Conclave was due to open in August 1997 in

St. Louis, Missouri. The last one to be held there was the Twenty-third in 1886. Grand Master Mayford had been saying "Meet me in St. Louis, Louie."

The above concludes for Knight Templar, the material from the new history of the Grand Encampment by Jacob C. Baird, Committee on Knights Templar History. There is much more of interest to history enthusiasts, and you can read it all by purchasing the book. See the "Editor's Journal" section, page 4 of each magazine, for the information you'll need to own your own copy!

Public Relations in the 62nd Triennium!

by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, H.P.D.C. and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania

What do we have in place at this time?: We have our web site, the Knight Templar magazine, and the Public Relation Guidelines (available from the Grand Recorder). Also, we can show our concerns for others through: the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. Another key to the Public Relations Program includes: developing a personnel resource file of members of your Grand Commandery and the constituent Commanderies in your jurisdiction.

The Grand Encampment web site, www.knightstemplar.org, is one of our best public relations tools. Call in for numerous items and subjects including: the officers of the Grand Encampment; Grand Commanders and Recorders of Grand Commanderies; Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commanderies; activities/projects; news releases; information on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; frequently asked questions; and numerous links to other web pages.

The web site also provides: current, up-to-date information (as we are informed of changes), guest book for comments, including worldwide comments, and the ability to find information on the web site's most frequently asked question (at least 3 to 5 requests per week and climbing): How can I become a Knight Templar?

Don't miss the opportunity: Wanted is a Sir Knight who is online in each state and who is willing to respond to requests for membership'

And what about the Knight Templar magazine? Tell us what creates interest. We are always in need of interesting articles with good and sharp pictures. Supplement editors need to provide information for upcoming events in their states.

THE WISH LIST: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK WE NEED! How about a VCR tape of Templar activities for general use and a new brochure for general use. (Wanted: clear pictures!) Send your suggestions to the Chairman. We need new ideas.

Things to consider for growth in the 62nd triennium: activities open to the public, inviting prospective members as guests, participation in community as much as possible, and doing write-ups for local papers. And for your own members, consider: make sure you receive the petitions, confer the Orders (Now what?), think about why new members return (why not?), have a dinner before the next meeting and invite new Sir Knights and their ladies as guests, introduce new members and ladies, if dinner with the ladies before the Conclave is not practical, make arrangements to have a fellowship dinner at a restaurant for new Sir Knights, prospects and friends, and be sure that all new members are seated with someone who shares their interests.

e-mail me at cagarnes@aol.com. Write: Charles A. Garnes, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944. **TELL ME WHAT YOU ARE THINKING!**

Research Grant From KTEF Awarded To Dr. Ying Wang Department Of Ophthalmology, Northwestern University, Illinois

Dr. Ying Wang, Department of Ophthalmology, Northwestern University Medical School, was recently awarded \$25,000 from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., for her research project: "Role of Cytokine in the development of retina." The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Charles A. Neumann, H.P.G.M., was in attendance at the award ceremony to present the check to Dr. Wang. Below are participants in the ceremony. They are, left to right: Barbara Siegel, Executive Director, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects; Dr. Ying Wang; Grand Recorder Neumann; Dr. Lee M. Jampol, Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Ophthalmology, N.U.; and Pamela Webb, Director, ORSP, Medical School campus. In bottom picture, left, are: Dr. Wang and Grand Recorder Neumann; and at bottom right, left to right, are: Vijay Sarthy, Ph.D. and head of Dr. Wang's research section; Dr. Wang; and Grand Recorder Charles A. Neumann.



CORRECTION – CORRECTION - CORRECTION!

71st Easter Sunrise Service

There is an error on page 19 of the November 2000 issue of *Knight Templar* in the article on the 71st Easter Sunrise Memorial Service and events surrounding that Service. Under "GRAND COMMANDERS AND THEIR LADIES" it is stated that the Saturday luncheon and the Sunday breakfast will be "courtesy of the Grand Encampment" for the Grand Commanders and their ladies. In fact, **it is only the Saturday luncheon that is courtesy of the Grand Encampment. Please identify yourselves when dealing with the hotel. We apologize for the confusion.**

The Need for Religious Activities

from the Committee on Religious Activities

It has been said that one of the best kept secrets in the world is that Knights Templar are Christian Masons. I would warrant to say that many of our own members do not understand our connection with Christianity, even though they may have worked in the Orders of a Commandery. It is possible that had our mission in Templary been generally known, Symbolic Masonry would never have been accused of being anti-Christian by some of our detractors.

The most important reasons to actively participate in religious activities are to educate our own members of this organization's relationship to Christianity and to inform the general public of this same fact. The latter reason is best executed by public appearances in uniform at religious gatherings. Most people, both Knights Templar and the uninitiated, do not understand that our main mission is "The Support and Defense of the Christian Religion." They do not know because we have not told them.

To solve this problem of ignorance of our mission, we must break this mission into two parts. The first part is "How can we support the Christian Religion?". I would say that the most important means of support is for Knights Templar to act as true Christians. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven."

Secondly, we should be active in our local churches, and by one means or another, we must inform our fellow parishioners that we are Knights Templar and explain to them our mission. Many ministers have a poor opinion of Masonry in general only because we have not informed them of our true mission. I think that if we were to tell those ministers of our Christian connection, they would be much more likely to welcome us and understand our role of support to the church.

I will admit that some Knights do not go to church, which creates jealousy because of our participation in Templary and not in the church.

The next way that we can support Christianity is with public appearances in uniform. In addition to the regular appearances expected of us such as going to church in a body at Easter and Ascension Day, Commanderies can serve as Honor Guards at funerals or escorts for Grand Lodge officers at cornerstone laying and dedications. You can also invite the general public to a Christmas Observance in your asylum.

One of the most impressive gatherings of Knights Templar is the Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. This annual memorial service near Washington, D.C., usually consists of hundreds of Knights Templar coming from all over the United States to pay tribute to our blessed Savior on the day memorializing His resurrection.

All of these activities should be accompanied by a story and pictures printed in a local newspaper or on radio or TV, describing the function and defining our mission. The story should be carried in every news media in the cities of the Knights Templar who attended. We must advertise our commitment to Christianity. The wearing of the Templar uniform in public is bound to create questions from people about who we are. Strange as it may seem, a Commandery drill team once participated in a Shrine parade, and many of the Shriners present asked the question, "Who are those guys?" We have done a poor job of telling people who we are and what our mission entails.

These public appearances in uniform also have other excellent qualities beyond public relations. They are an essential element in developing Esprit de Corps, creating opportunities for our members to participate in Commandery functions even

though they are not officers or ritualists, and they also present the opportunity for us to display that uniform which declares that we are soldiers of the Cross, **supporters of the Christian religion.**

Another way to support religious activities is to raise funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation or to send a minister on the Holy Land Pilgrimage. When the minister returns, he can then present a program describing his travels and his reactions to the trip. This would be an excellent time to invite the general public and advertise Templary.

The next question is, 'How do we defend the Christian Religion?', the second part of our mission. We do not now use our swords as they are only symbolic of the endeavors of the ancient Templars, who did have to use them as weapons to defend the pilgrims wishing to worship our Blessed Savior in the land that He had walked. Instead, our best weapon with which to defend the Christian religion is education.

We need to educate our own members as to our mission and the necessity for our existence. We need to educate Symbolic Masons about who we are and about the opportunity for them to expand their Masonic knowledge by taking the York Rite degrees and orders. We need to educate the general public, not only to inform them of our mission but to enlist them in our fight to instill and maintain Christian principles in our everyday living, for there is no doubt of the current need for this in the world today.

As any student of Masonry would tell you, there are Christian principles and quotes in almost every degree of Ancient Craft Masonry; from the Entered Apprentice Degree through the Order of the Red Cross, even though those portions

of ritual are not quoted in the principal scriptures belonging to those degrees. It is said that Ancient Craft Masonry is rather like the Old Testament of the Bible, which has references to a Messiah but does not record His actions. I am certain that Masonry's detractors would not delete the Old Testament from the Bible because it was not specifically Christian, just as we would not eliminate Ancient Craft Masonry because it is a forerunner of the Christian Orders. The best way, then, that we can execute the second portion of our mission is, first of all, to educate ourselves in the principles of Christianity involved in Masonry in general and Knights Templar in particular so that we can refute the message of any detractors of Christianity and convince all other people of our dedication to our mission of "The Support and Defense of the Christian Religion."

Religious Activities are involved in everything that we as Knights Templar do. They are our visibility to explain our mission and our existence. Keep in mind that everything that our Commanderies accomplish in the way of Religious Activities explains our mission. Religious Activities are concerned with membership acquisition and retention, public relations, patriotic and civic activities, and our philanthropies. Let us all be active and promote and support Religious Activities.

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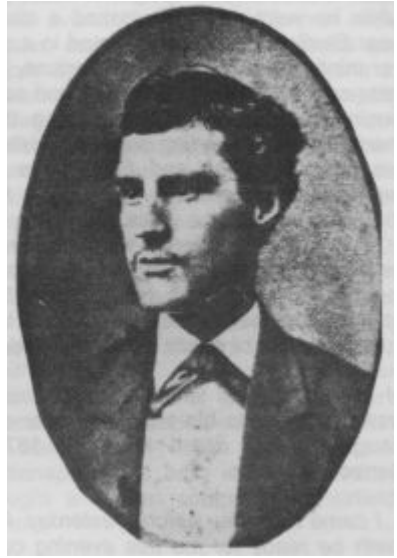
Knights Templar of Yore

Narrative by Ann Waybright Childs
with notes from Sir Knight David
Wallace Springer

David Wallace Springer (1844-1885); Civil War veteran, telegrapher, adventurer, cattle man, investor and traveler; wrote letters and kept a diary until he died at the age of forty-five. He was a Knight Templar, and there are many references to his Masonic activities in his writings. In addition, his Knight Templar sword and gold watch fob were kept. David Springer had one daughter, and it was she who saved this wonderful collection of letters and diaries which date as early as 1864.

David Springer was the son of an Indianapolis carpenter and brother of three sisters and a younger brother; his first letter in this collection was written to his family in February 1862 from New Port News, Virginia. He had been with the Indiana 20th Volunteers seven months. His letters and diaries cover a life-time of adventure and of sorrow in the child-birth death of his young wife. Unfortunately he did not live to see his daughter finish college and graduate school, nor could he have known of her marriage to her college friend.

It was following the end of the Civil War that he left home to find his fortune in the West. As with many brave souls, St. Louis marked the start of the journey. He wrote home of his trip to Omaha, up the Missouri River. The boat was often delayed by shallow waters, snags, or human error. On his arrival at Omaha, it was not long until he discovered the land he hoped to buy had been bought by the Union Pacific Railroad and that work for an inexperienced war veteran was not readily available. Disappointed but determined, he returned to Indianapolis to take a course in telegraphy at the Bryant, Stratton & Co. Business College there. Armed with this skill, he returned to Omaha and was soon hired by the Union Pacific R.R. as a telegrapher at Kearney Station, Nebraska Territory.



Later he was transferred to Granite Canon, Cheyenne Territory, a most dismal stop just west of Cheyenne; it was little more than a pile of coal for the engines as they pushed westward. To relieve the monotony, he dabbled in silver mining and took a claim near Sterling, Colorado. In 1870 he married his Indiana sweetheart and brought her to this bleak station. When they were expecting the birth of their child, David Springer wrote home asking his older sister Myra to come help at the birth. Fortunate it was that the sister was there, for the young mother died a few days following the birth.

Within a year, seeking an escape from sad memories, Springer, Myra and baby May left Wyoming for Julesburg, Colorado. There he was appointed Post Master. In a short time it became evident that the infant would have a less hazardous life back home in Indiana, away from roving Indian tribes and other problems of this newly settled area. David decided Myra and baby May should return to Indianapolis to live.

During the next eleven years, David Springer tried the life of a cowboy; riding with a friend hundreds of miles to the Southwest, buying cattle, herding them

back north and arranging for their care while he went east. He staked a claim near Sterling, Colorado, invested in a silver mine. Always seeking his fortune, he later sold his cattle and bought and sold businesses dealing with outfitting the many pioneers heading west. He visited his little daughter and his sisters in Indianapolis occasionally, providing for their care through the years.

There is no mention of when or where he joined the Knights Templar. The following are excerpts from his writings. No attempt has been made to correct his spelling or use of words (editor has added punctuation for clarity). The first mention of his association with the organization was in a letter to his sister and year-old daughter May, dated May 30, 1874, Denver, Colorado:

I came here day before yesterday. My teeth be ready for me this evening cost \$35.00, eleven of them 4 lower and 7 upper. Am taking Electrical baths for a week and board with the Doctor. Went to the theater last night and to Lodge tonight.

In a letter to his sister dated April 29, 1877: *Sent you tax receipt and receipt for Masonic dues paid up to January.*

Diary: Aug. 15, 1880 - Parsons, Kansas: to Chicago to attend Triannual [triennial - editor's note] Conclave of Knight Templars - stay at Palmer House.

Aug. 16, 1880: *We arrived here after very pleasant trip, this PM. Oh such a jam; such a crowd Chicago will have her hands full to take care of us. Our party, in fact all of the Kansas Knights Templars, are stopping at the Palmer House where we are thick as hops. Our reception, instead of being met by a band and welcomed in formal manner, was "Come in as you can" or "as you please" style.*

Aug. 17, 1880, Tuesday: *Today is the day of the Grand Review in which I participated much to my discomfort; however, it was a big thing and we survived through it.*

Aug. 18, 1880: *Today is the competitive drill. We had the pleasure of witnessing some very fine movement on the parts of the different commanderies. The "Rapier" of Indianapolis, however, were the successful ones carrying off as the 1st prize a beautiful and magnificent sword. The fireworks were the interesting features of this evening. After attending the theatre we took a steamer and went out into the Lake where we had a good view of them.*

Aug. 19: *We took a ride on the lake today on the "Crib"..., source of Chicago water supply. Many of the KT are leaving today and I go tonight.*

Letter: Sept. 4, 1881, Parsons, Kansas: *I sent Ed a paper that gave an account of my being hurt ... It was at a meeting of the Knight Templars. Part of our work was use our swords. One of the Knights accidentally thrust the point of his sword into my Knee Cap which caused me considerable pain and prevented my working for several days. It is all right now, however.*

Diary: Sept. 15, 1881: *... sell business \$25-30,000. Topeka Kan. delegate of K. Temp. The State Fair, the Soldiers reunion and convention of delegates of Knights Templar (I being a delegate of our commandery) has proven sufficient inducement to bring me here having never before visited the capitol.*

Diary: May 17, 1882, Savannah, GA: *Arrived this AM at about 7. Were met by a detachment of Palestine Commandery No 7 and band and escorted to our hotel 'The Pulaski.'*

The different commanderies forming in line for parade at about 10 AM escorting the Grand Commandery through the different principle streets of the city to the Masonic Hall where we broke ranks and few of us attended the Council of Grand Commanderies.

The largest portion of the PM was devoted to Drilling by our boys preparatory to participating in the prize drill to be held at 6 P.M.

After drilling until we were all pretty well tired out, we returned to hotel and directly marched to the drill grounds. There was a prescribed rule to be followed by the... of each commandery as evinced by the movements selected by each commander. The Judges (3) . . . after mature & deliberate thought awarded the prize, a large "epergne" to our commander very much to the delight & gratification of the boys though when we entered did not think we would be able to cope with the Palestine boys. We were justly and fairly cheered and congratulated upon our success which was justly and fairly earned.

After drill we all marched to the first Presbyterian Church where we listened to a splendid address and participated in the exercises being very highly entertained by the Organ and a quartet of as fine singers as it has ever been my fortune to listen to in a church. T'was simply grand.

From church all marched to the "Pulaski House" where a banquet awaited us and such a feast. It is seldom that we are allowed to enjoy such an array of good things in this or any country gotten up in magnificent style without regard to cost or labor. / may well say we enjoyed it and that too for several hours.

May 18, Thursday, Savannah: *This AM was consumed as each individual inclined... four of us rode out to "Bona venture Cemetery" and other points of interest. At 12 N all hands went aboard the steamer "St Nicholas" for a ride down the River as far as*

the ocean. Accompanied by a band of music which ever and anon pealed forth in sweet strains, beautiful ladies whose grace and happy faces made all seem as serene as the smooth & tranquil waters we so rapidly glided over. A banquet which continued while we were aboard and like the widow's barrel of meal seemed never to grow less. Was a scene and time not soon to be forgotten by any who so fortunate as to be a member of this happy & contented party. On Friday a visit around the city... another boat ride on the river (sail boat) and a good time generally occupied the day until evening when we boarded the cars for Atlanta...

The last notation of David Springer's Masonic participation was a part of a letter dated May 7, 1884 to his sister in Indianapolis. He had, in the meantime, bought a lumber company in Fairfield, Illinois.

.I wish you would send me by Adams Express my Knights Templar Regalia and sword. I believe every thing except the sword is in the valise. I want to use it on the 22nd. The Olney Commandery are to hold services on Ascension Day the 22nd at Fairfield. There will probably be quite a number of the Knights here to participate.

David Wallace Springer died at the home of his sisters, October 20, 1885, in Indianapolis after a long illness. He was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in lot 90, section 31.



It was after the death of my husband that I discovered a box which had been long forgotten. It was clearly labeled in the very legible hand writing of my mother-in-law, May Springer Childs. Her father was David Wallace Springer, and it was his sister Myra who raised May Springer and had kept so carefully all the letters and diaries. David Wallace Springer successfully provided for his daughter May and her education, three sisters, and his aged father.

May Springer went to school in Indianapolis, graduated from Franklin

College, Franklin, Indiana; after teaching one year, May took a degree in Library Science at Melville Dewey's New York State Library School in Albany, New York, graduating in 1900. She married her Franklin College classmate, A. G. W. Childs, M.D., in 1902. Dr. A. G. W. Childs was a pioneer in the use of x-ray; their son, Wallace E. Childs, MD, FACR, practiced radiology in Madison until he retired in 1973. He died in 1986.

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The Four Chaplains

During World War II, four chaplains of different faiths gave their life jackets to soldiers from the torpedoed troop ship, S.S. Dorchester, and in doing so, knowingly sacrificed their own lives. The four chaplains were: Lt. George Lansing Fox, Protestant; Lt. Alexander David Goode, Jewish; Lt. Clark V. Polings, Protestant; and Lt. John P. Washington, Catholic.

At 12:55 A.M. on Wednesday, February 3, 1943, the S.S. Dorchester was hit by a torpedo from a U-456 German submarine. The Dorchester took on water rapidly and began listing to starboard. Because no distress flares were sent up into the night sky, the escort vessels pushed on into the darkness, unaware the Dorchester was sinking. Overcrowded lifeboats capsized, and rafts drifted away before they could be reached. The testimony of survivors tells us that the sole order in that ferment of struggling men, some in just their underwear, came from the four chaplains. Calmly, they guided men into their boat stations.

When all the life jackets were handed out, one of the survivors recalled the four chaplains took theirs off and gave them away. Looking back, as he swam away from the ship, Second Engineer Grady Clark saw the chaplains standing, their arms linked, braced against the slanting deck. They were praying. Other men grew close. There were no more out-cries, no panic, just words of prayer, in Latin, Hebrew, and English, addressed to the same God. The stem then came high out of the water and the Dorchester slid down beneath the sea.

Of the 904 men aboard the Dorchester, 605 were lost. Those who are alive today

will never forget the chaplains' heroism.

In 1951 the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, an interfaith shrine, was dedicated in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with President and Brother Harry S Truman in attendance, and by vote of Congress on January 18, 1961, a special medal of heroism was posthumously awarded to the four chaplains. The 3rd of February became Four Chaplains Observance Day.

The legend of the four chaplains speaks to something deep in our hearts. Father Washington did not call for a Catholic when he handed over his life jacket, nor did Rabbi Goode call for a Jew or Reverends Fox and Polings for Protestants. They gave them to the next soldier in line and then stood shoulder to shoulder in mutually supporting faith.

This is the ideal of Brotherhood. This is what we all want in America. This is what the four chaplains gave us.

One of the four chaplains belonged to the Masonic Fraternity. He was Brother George Lansing Fox. He was initiated on August 2, 1939; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on September 6, 1939; and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 4, 1939. He was a member of Moose River Lodge No. 82, F. & A.M., Concord, Vermont. He was born on March 15, 1900, and died on February 3, 1943. He was almost 43 years of age.

One of these four immortal chaplains, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, was a 1934 graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Brother Henry M. Jackson: The Ultimate Cold War Liberal!

by Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

In the post-World War II generation, a high degree of inter-party cooperation developed between Democrats and Republicans in the field of what became known as "Bipartisan Foreign Policy."

The latter largely grew out of the cooperation between liberal President, Brother Harry S Truman, and a conservative Senate leader, Brother Arthur Vandenberg, in their support of the Marshall Plan. This foreign assistance program was successfully designed to restructure a war-torn Western Europe and simultaneously serve as a bulwark against a potentially expansionist Soviet Union.

Politicians who supported liberal domestic programs while equally backing a strong anti-Communist foreign policy agenda became known as "cold War liberals." One of the strongest among this group was Brother Henry M. Jackson of Washington State, who toiled for thirty years in the US Senate as a "staunch cold warrior." One of the tragedies of Jackson's life was that he did not live to see the downfall of the old Soviet Union.

Henry Martin Jackson was born in the lumber mill town of Everett, Washington, on May 31, 1912. He came from a Norwegian ethnic background, and Henry's father had Anglicized the family name from Gresseth.

The elder Jackson worked his way up the economic ladder from laborer to independent contractor and secretary of a local of the Plasterers and Cement Masons Union.

As a youngster a sister gave Henry the nickname "Scoop," which he retained through life. He sold newspapers and later worked summers in a local sawmill. Young Henry also belonged to DeMolay.



*Senator Henry M. Jackson
Courtesy of Senator Mike DeWine and
the US Senate Historical Office*

After graduation from high school in 1930, young Jackson went to Stanford University for a short time but then returned to his home state and the University of Washington. He obtained a BA in 1934 and a law degree in 1935. He briefly worked for the F.E.R.A. until passing his bar exams when he joined a local law firm. In 1938 Jackson ran for Snohomish County prosecuting attorney. He defeated the Democratic incumbent in the spring primary and won an easy victory in the fall. Scoop soon earned something of a Puritanical reputation with a crusade against bawdy houses, speakeasies, and bordellos.

In 1940 he decided to run for Congress when the House member from his district

opted to run for a Senate seat. Jackson ran first in a Primary field of five and won the seat in November on the coattails of FDR's third term victory.

Meanwhile Henry Martin Jackson began his Masonic journey by petitioning Everett Lodge No. 137 on March 13, 1939. Scoop took the Entered Apprentice degree on April 17, 1939; was passed on July 24, 1939, and Raised a Master Mason on October 16, 1939. The following year, he completed the Scottish Rite degrees on December 18, 1940.

As a member of Congress, Henry Jackson served the Second District of Washington for twelve years. He spent much of 1943 and the early part of 1944 in the US Army but retained his House seat. In 1944 President Roosevelt recalled "uniformed members of Congress" to Washington and "Scoop" received his military discharge.

During his years in Congress, Jackson earned high marks in his district for promoting defense industries, championing public power projects, and supporting organized labor. His popularity can best be illustrated by the fact that he was virtually the only Democrat in the Pacific Northwest to survive the GOP landslide of 1946, an election that saw him defeat a perpetual opponent named Payson Peterson. Through most of his career in Washington, Jackson styled himself a Truman Democrat.

In 1952 Jackson gave up his relatively safe House seat to challenge incumbent GOP Senator, Harry P. Cain, described by one historian as an "archconservative." Trends favored Republicans that year as the party of the elephant was riding on a tidal wave of the popularity of their Presidential nominee, General Dwight D. Eisenhower. However, Scoop Jackson bucked the odds and became one of only two Democrats to defeat a sitting Republican senator. Jackson bested Cain by a vote of 595,675 to 460,884. Ironically, both candidates accused the other of being soft on Communism.

Early in his Senate career, Henry Jackson first gained national attention by his increasing dissatisfaction with the methods of Wisconsin's anti-Communist zealot, Joe McCarthy, and he played a significant role in the process that eventually led to McCarthy's censure. A grateful party leadership rewarded Scoop with the kind of committee assignments most beneficial to a Pacific Northwest Senator: Interior and Insular Affairs, Armed Services, and Atomic Energy.

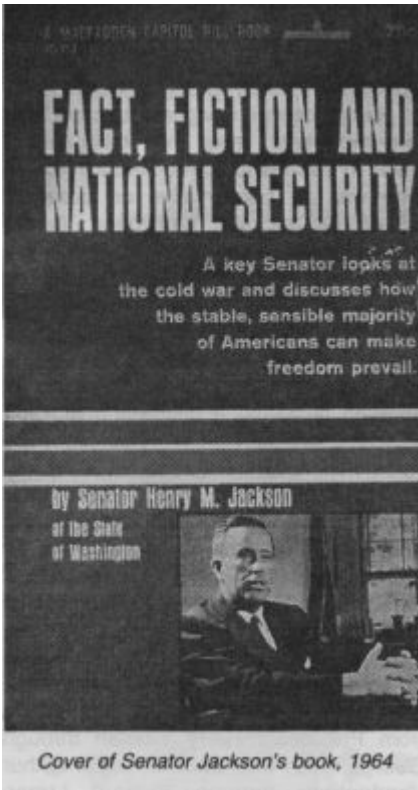
As the fifties came to an end, Jackson expressed increasing concern that the Eisenhower Administration's fiscal concern with balancing the budget was creating a "missile gap."

As a supporter of Senator John F. Kennedy in the 1960 Presidential race, Henry Jackson became chairman of the Democratic National Committee and campaigned hard for the Kennedy - Johnson ticket.

Helping to secure a narrow victory for his team further enhanced Scoop's prestige within party ranks although he seems to have become increasingly disenchanted with the Kennedys. He opposed creation of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in 1961 and supported the 1963 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty with considerable reluctance. However, he continued to support opposition to North Vietnamese aggression in Southeast Asia.

As cracks began to appear in the armor of bipartisan foreign policy in the latter half of the sixties, Henry Jackson remained firmly in the camp of the staunch opponents of Communism.

While increasingly at odds with the "dove" faction in his own party on foreign policy issues, Scoop Jackson remained firmly in the liberal camp on civil rights issues although he ultimately opposed forced busing to bring about school integration. He also gained a reputation as a strong supporter of the rights of American Indians, particularly as Chair of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. A supporter of most New Frontier and Great Society programs.



Cover of Senator Jackson's book, 1964

grams, Jackson also distinguished himself as a strong supporter of Israel from 1948 until his death. In 1974 the Jewish Heritage Society named the Washington Senator as their Man of the Year. Throughout the seventies Jackson expressed concerns for the plights of Soviet Jews.

Although Jackson remained a strong Democrat, Richard Nixon, when he became President, offered him the post of Secretary of Defense, but the senator declined out of fears that he might become a scapegoat for the failure of others.

The position ultimately went to House Member, Brother Melvin Laird of Wisconsin.

Nonetheless, he continued as a leader of Democratic "Hawks" and supported the bombing of North Vietnam and the mining of Haiphong harbor.

In 1972 Henry Jackson decided to seek the Democratic Presidential nomination becoming especially critical of "Dove" leader, Brother George McGovern of South Dakota. However, he found himself running behind flamboyant Southerner, Brother George C. Wallace of Alabama, in efforts to court conservative Democrats. He dropped out of the race after his best showing was a third place finish of 13.5% in the Florida primary.

McGovern's drastic defeat in November led the Democrats in search of a more centrist candidate in 1976, and Jackson appeared poised to give the nomination his best shot. Jackson looked impressive in Massachusetts and Georgia. Once again, however, Scoop lost out to a Southern moderate, the "Georgia Peanut Man," Jimmy Carter. Jackson, the team player, in June 1976 endorsed Carter, who had defeated him in the Pennsylvania primary.

In spite of his apparent lack of charisma in pursuit of the Presidency, Jackson continued to retain favor with the citizenry in his home state. Seeking a fourth term in 1970, antiwar liberals mounted a strong effort to defeat Jackson in the primary. Scoop, however, buried his leftist opponent



Senator Henry Jackson, 1964

by winning 84% of the Democratic vote. In November he also took 84% of the total vote. In 1976 the veteran solon easily won a fifth term, racking up a 71% victory.

Conservation constituted another policy area where Henry Jackson distinguished himself. In 1969 he became the first elected official to win the Sierra Club's John Muir Award. The following year he was the National Wildlife Federation's Legislator of the Year. Insisting on balance between economics and environmental issues, he supported such programs as the Supersonic Transport plane (SST), the Alaska Oil Pipeline, and offshore oil drilling.

The late seventies proved to be frustrating times for the Everett Washington statesman. His increasing unhappiness with the Carter Administration became increasingly obvious with the passing of time. National Security issues lay at the heart of Jackson's dissent. Back in 1972 he had supported the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (S.A.L.T.) I, only after securing an amendment guaranteeing US parity in future dealings with the USSR. The S.A.L.T. II Treaty negotiated in 1979 and initially signed by Carter and Brezhnev was totally unacceptable to Jackson, who denounced it as appeasement in its purest form. Scoop also quarreled with the administration over their energy policies.

Henry Jackson did achieve some Masonic honors during the 1970s. On October 18, 1971, he was awarded the KCCH. Seven years later on November 12, 1977, he received the 33^o degree from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction.

In 1980 Henry Jackson distanced himself from the Carter Administration. As a result, President-elect Ronald Reagan appointed him to chair his transition team. Republicans took over the Senate and with the new Chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Texas Brother John Tower (of Iowa Park Lodge No. 713), and former Chair, Brother John Stennis of Mississippi, Jackson set about to rebuild America's defenses.

They had already achieved much of their goal when Jackson, who had been reelected to a sixth term in 1982, died from a heart attack on September 1, 1983.

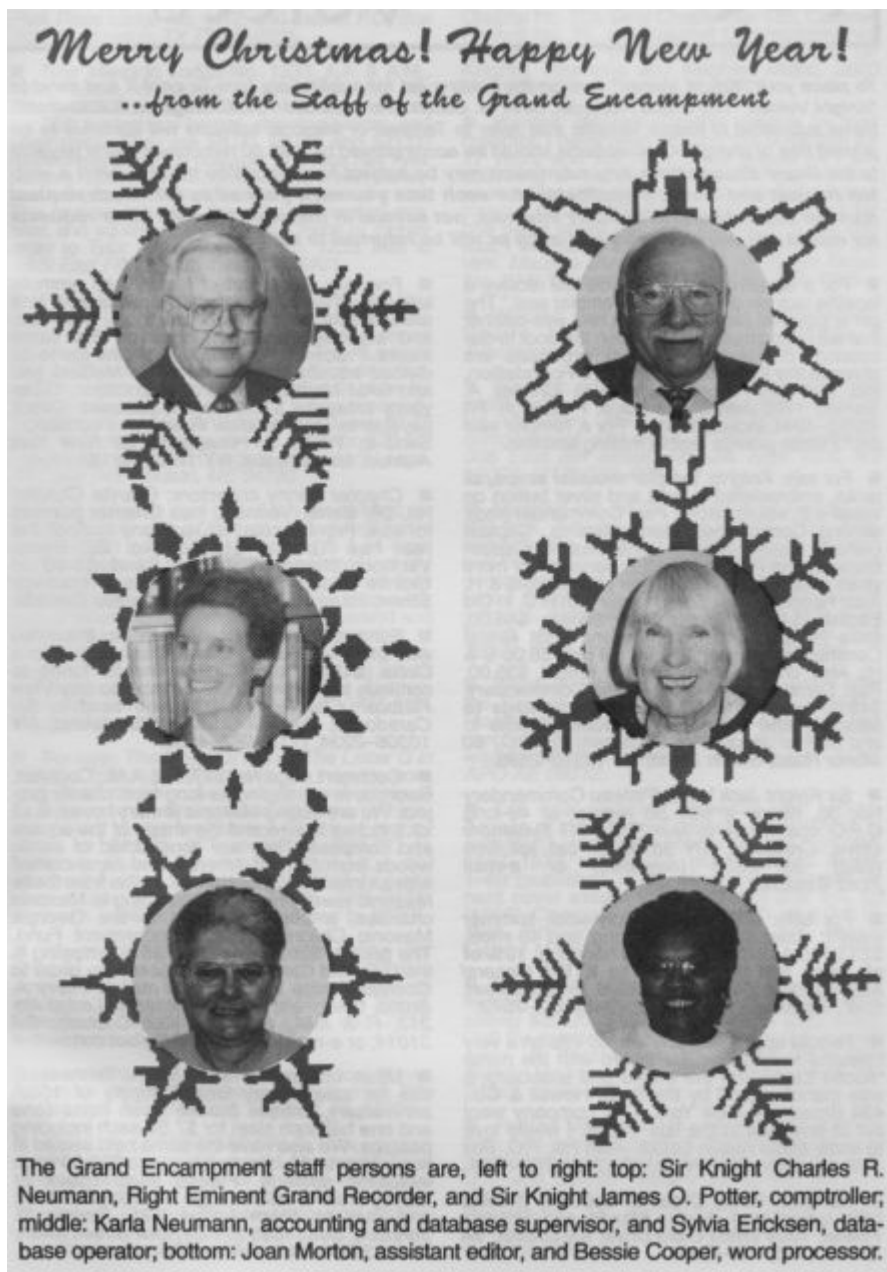
He had been in Congress for more than forty-two years, more than thirty-one of them in the Senate. As Senator Tower, who was as conservative on domestic issues as Jackson had been liberal, recalled in his memoirs; "Scoop's untimely death... cost me a good friend..., based on mutual and strongly held convictions... By the time of Scoop's death his legacy was priceless: strength and peace."

On the personal side, Brother Henry Jackson remained a bachelor until 1961 when the forty-nine-year-old Senator married Helen Hardin. They subsequently had two children, Anna and Peter. The Jacksons were Presbyterians and lived a fairly quiet life at their two houses (in Everett and in the Spring Valley section of Washington, DC). Their children attended public schools in the District of Columbia.

There were many men who made notable contributions to American statecraft during the Cold War Era. They range from Presidents Harry Truman through George Bush and from Senators Arthur Vandenberg through Richard Lugar. Certainly one of the figures who played a significant role through much of this period and who never wavered in his commitment to the concept of "peace through strength" was Brother Henry Martin Jackson of Everett, Washington.

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May the sights and sounds of Christmas
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