



Knight Templar

VOLUME XLVII

FEBRUARY 2001

NUMBER 2



Sir Knight Burl Ives: Actor and Folk Singer
His story starts on page 21.

Grand Master's Thoughts for February

Those who chose to take the "Footsteps of Paul Tour" in December had a wonderful and inspiring time! We visited the museum that was known as the greatest church in Christendom from 543 A.D. to 1453 A.D. Everyone sailed on the *Bosphorous* and crossed the Dardanelle Strait on a ferryboat. A Communion service was held at the Basilica of St. John. It was led by one of the group and was near the burial site of Saint John the Evangelist. I will try to get an article about the trip in next month's magazine to give you more details.



As I write this, we are still hoping that our ministers will be able to visit the Holy Land during February and March. One hundred and thirty-five are registered in three groups. We will use the best information available to make the go or no go decision. I have spoken on the telephone this week with two experienced guides in Israel as well as with leaders here in the U.S.

I don't want to get in the habit of just talking about the past, but I must tell you that the Newby-Avery Banquet in Indiana was a joy to attend. It is held each year in honor of two Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, who belonged to the same Commandery. Of course, Sir Knight Willard Meredith Avery was in his usual good form and was the final speaker of the evening. All of those present felt the great pride expressed for Templary in Indiana in the past and in the present, and all felt confidence in the future.

Before we meet again, I will have visited the laboratory of Dr. Edwin M. Stone at the University of Iowa and attended the annual sessions of the Allied Masonic Degrees in Washington, D.C., and the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Phoenix. I wish each of you could be with me to experience the exciting things that are happening in our fraternity and with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Don't forget that the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign is going strong!: Honor a 33^o Mason!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jackson Jones". The signature is written in dark 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"

FEBRUARY: We have extensive coverage of the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign, including the recent contributors to the 33° Club (page 6). General Chairman Pruitt has words of inspiration on page 5. You can continue watching the progress of your state; see page 8, and the new Grand Master's Club and Grand Commander's Club members are listed on page 7. Grand Master Jones updates his activities on page 2. You'll enjoy an article on "Infamous or Strange Masons" by Sir Knight Julius on page 18, and be enthralled by the article on Sir Knight Burl Ives on page 21 and the continuation of the story of Brother Oglethorpe on page 25. And there is news galore from all across the nation! Enjoy your celebration of Brother George Washington's birthday on February 22, and remember your loved ones on Valentine's Day.

Contents

Grand Master's Thoughts for February
Grand Master William J Jones - 2

The 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign: Progress to Date
Is Very Good!
Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt - 5

33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign
Sir Knight Ted H. Hendon - 9

George Washington as a Freemason - 10

History of the Social Order of the Beauceant - Part II
Mary Frances Mihal - 11

Infamous or Strange Masons
Sir Knight C. Clark Julius - 18

Sir Knight Burl Ives: Actor and Folk Singer
Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe - 21

Part II: The King's Man in Georgia: James Edward
Oglethorpe
Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett - 25

Grand Commander's, Grand Master's Clubs – 7
Contributors to the 33° Club – 6
33rd KTEF Voluntary Campaign Tally - 8

February Issue – 3
Editors Journal – 4
In Memoriam – 9
Public Relations - 16
On the Masonic Newsfront – 12
Knight Voices - 30

February 2001

Volume XLVII Number 2

Published monthly as an official
publication of the Grand
Encampment of Knights Templar of
the United States of America.

William Jackson Jones

Grand Master
and Publisher

1 South Main St
PO Box 46

Villa Grove, IL 61956-0048

CHARLES R. NEUMANN

Grand Recorder
and Editor

JOAN B. MORTON

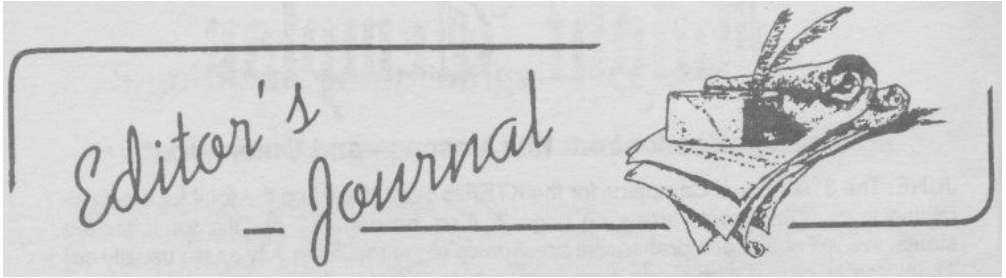
Assistant Editor

Grand Recorder
5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101
Chicago, Illinois 60630-2460
(773) 777-3300
Fax: (773) 777-8836

Mail magazine materials and
correspondence to Editor, 5097 N.
Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago,
IL 60630-2460.

Material for the Grand
Commanderies' two-page
supplement is to be directed to the
respective Supplement editors.

Address corrections from
members are to be sent to the local
Recorders



Corrections on Annual Conclaves, January 2001 issue: D. Samuel Tennyson, Department Commander, will be the Representative at the Tennessee Conclave, April 28. The following are other changes on the Representatives of state Conclaves: Arkansas, Richard B. Baldwin; Delaware, David D. Goodwin; and New York, Richard B. Baldwin.

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),

payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to: Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

Now available: 2-volume set of *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America* by Francis J. Scully, M.D., and *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America - Book II* by Lt. Col. Jacob C. Baird, Chairman, the Committee on Knights Templar History. One or both are a great gift for that Sir Knight or anyone else who is fascinated by Templar history. As a set, the two books are \$25.00 plus \$3.50 S. & H. (\$28.50). Separately, each book is \$15.00 plus \$2.50 S. & H. (\$17.50). Make check or M.O. payable to the Grand Encampment and send to: the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago, IL 60630-2460.

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

Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America
<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>

York Rite Freemasonry . The International Information Site
www.YorkRite.com



The 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign: Progress to Date Is Very Good!



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. I am happy to report that, as of this writing, the Thirty-third campaign is ahead of the two previous years. The records received to date are as of December 22 and three weeks into the campaign. Total contributions received amount to just under \$94,000.00. This compares with a little under \$70,000.00 last year and about \$82,000.00 the previous year. Let's all hope that this beginning is an indication that the total campaign will be a big success.

We don't want to forget that one of our objectives this year is to honor our friends in Scottish Rite who have attained the rank of Inspectors General Honorary 33°. I'm not sure what the status is at this time in the Northern Jurisdiction, but I do know that a big event is planned by the Southern Jurisdiction for September - October in Charleston, South Carolina. At that time they will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Scottish Rite, which took place in Charleston in 1801. Designees for the 33° and the Knights Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) were announced in the November 2000 issue of *The Scottish Rite Journal*. Many of the designees will be coroneted in Charleston during the anniversary celebration. They deserve sincere congratulations. It must be noted that those Brothers are also eligible to be specifically honored and become members of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Thirty-third Degree Club. Even though they may not have been coroneted yet, they can still be recognized since their selection is planned and definite.

I want to also remind you of the opportunity to join the Grand Commander's

only requires a \$100.00 contribution and the latter a \$1,000.00 contribution. The good news is that you can join the Grand Commander's Club and then make Club and the Grand Master's Club. The former subsequent \$100.00 gifts to build up to the Grand Master's Club. Why don't you plan that as a birthday gift to yourself? When your birthday comes around, reward yourself by sending \$100.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, to celebrate one more year of "excellent accomplishments." Or you can tell your family that you don't need any more ties or polo shirts, and ask them to make the contribution instead of giving you presents. You all will feel really good about it!

I'll close with a quotation from the journal of Dag Hammarskjöld: "Your prayer has been answered, as you know. God has a use for you, even though what He asks doesn't happen to suit you at the moment."

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: wbrpuitt@aol.com. For information on the KTEF, send e-mail to idef@knightaternplar.org or call (773) 205-3838

Contributors to the 33° Club—33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign

(through January 12, 2001)

- Mike Jager (IA), 33°, in honor of
Carl E. A. Hallberg, 33°
A. Beach Becker (CA), 33°
Charles F. Kramsvogel (MI), 33°
Charles O. Greer (KY)
Danny E. Cockroft (TX), 33°
David L. Fetty (WV), 33°
Frank B. Stein (IL), 33°, in honor of
Burt A. Polk, 33°
George A. Dysinger (OK), 33°
Henry J. V. Baxter (CA), 33°
James S. Schermerhorn (TX), 33°
Jay E. Jewel (TN), 33°
Leo L. Bowers (WV), 33°
Lewis "Red" Kittell (NV), 33°
Robert D. Steel (NH), 33°
Stephen Kaloyanides (MA/RI), 33°
Tony P. Wordlow (CA), 33°
Warren S. Simpson (ME), 33°
William A. Bailey (PA), 33°
William B. Campbell (OH), 33°
Louis Davis Hudgings (TN), 33°
Robert H. Maxson (OH), 33°
A. Norman Johnson (CT), 33°
Bruce D. Hudson (IL), 33°, in honor of
Edward D. Hudson, 33°
George R. Carr (IA), 33°
Gerald D. Fitz-Gerald (TN), 33°
J. Robert McDaniel (CA), 33°
James R. Housel (CA), 33°
Jerald Kirsten (CA) in honor of
Fred Heagarty, 33°
John A. Gallimore, Jr. (NC), 33°
Lawrence E. Pace (PA), 33°
Lee Burchfield (TN), 33°
Melvin L. Covey (NH) in honor of
Thomas E. Larson, 33°
Ralph C. Smith (PA), 33°
Ronald L. Nelson (MN), 33°
Wallace M. Gage (NJ), 33°
Goldsboro York Rite (NC) in honor of
W. Fred Scott, 33°
Goldsboro York Rite (NC) in honor of
Ralph N. Weaver, 33°
Frederick E. Schlosser (NJ), 33°
Roy A. Harrell, Jr. (TX), 33°
Charles R. Neumann (IL), 33°, in honor of
Richard R. Salsbury, 33°
Forrest D. McKerley (NH), 33°, Private
Foundation, in honor of
Winslow E. Melvin, 33°
George C. Gensamer (PA), 33°, in honor
of James H. Richards, 33°
Leonard W. Snyder (OH), 33°, in honor of
Harold W. Vandersall, 33°
Paul E. Gorham (OR), 33°
Reverend W. A. Soboleff, (AK), 33°
Terry D. Bentzel (PA), 33°
Virgil W. Carmichael (ND), 33°
Aldine J. Tillotson (NH), 33°
George A. Stohrer, Jr. (NH), 33°
George D. Van Dyke (NH), 33°
George R. Hooker (NH), 33°
John B. Fletcher, Jr. (FL), 33°
John B. Hall (IL), 33°, in honor of
Klaus-Volker Aden, 33°
John C. Marden (NH), 33°
Richard J. Carr (FL), 33°
Robert G. Hatfield (NH), 33°, in honor of
Winslow E. Melvin
Roger W. Gaskill (NH), 33°
Russell H. Coleman (NH), 33°, in honor of
Richard E. Melvin
William B. Bunnell (NH), 33°, in honor of
Winslow E. Melvin, 33°
William E. Bryant (NH), 33°
William R. Pearson (NH), 33°, in honor of
Floyd Smith, 33°
Sumner Brashears (AR), 33°
Benson G. Henderson (PA), 33°
John L. Logan (OK), 33°
Reverend Dr. Don C. Markham (NY), 33°
W. J. Goff (MS), 33°
W. J. Goff (MS), 33°, in honor of
Roy C. Sinclair, 33°
William D. Chisholm (OH), 33°
Edward W. Furbee (WV), 33°
Frederick A. Stahl (NY), 33°
Myron L. Dox (NY), 33°
Stephen R. Whittaker (NY), 33°
William W. Lewis (IL), 33°
David P. Thurber (NH), 33°

Use the Form below for the Thirty-third Degree Club! Send to:
The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60630-2460.

Thirty-third Degree Club Contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Donor _____ Personal, 33°:
Address _____ In Honor Of:

Donor's Commandery (for Campaign credit) _____
Honoree _____ Enclosed: \$33.00
Scottish Rite Valley _____ Other: \$ _____
Address _____
Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____
expiration date: _____
Number _____ Signature _____

Grand Master's Club

No. 3,580—Richard W. Young (IL)
No. 3,581—Melvin Hancock (IL)
No. 3,582—John M. Haley (TX)
No. 3,583—Dwain F. Fuller (TX)
No. 3,584—Jean and Reed Smith (PA)
No. 3,585—Garland M. De Loach (TX)
No. 3,586—Edith K. Brinkman (MI)
No. 3,587—Calvin Lapuyade (CO)
No. 3,588—James F. Hollingsworth (TX)
No. 3,589—Walter D. Hanisch (CA)
No. 3,590—Walter D. Hanisch (CA)
No. 3,591—Ray E. Bullard (TX)
No. 3,592—Preston L. Doerflinger (OK)
No. 3,593—Edmond H. Davis, Jr. (AL)
No. 3,594—David D. Goodwin (NY)
No. 3,595—Robert C. Freested (WA)
No. 3,596—George B. Senft (SC)
No. 3,597—Charles E. Crow (TX)
No. 3,598—Don C. Hawley (FL)
No. 3,599—Mrs. Johan Reynolds (VA)
No. 3,600—Calvin W. Parker (MD)
No. 3,601—Wayne A. Syverson (IA)
No. 3,602—Dr. Wallace D. Mays (GA)
No. 3,603—Dr. Wallace D. Mays (GA)
No. 3,604—Jefferson C. McElheney (GA)
No. 3,605—James Grover Sauls (GA)
No. 3,606—Charles Gary Fincher (GA)
No. 3,607—James E. Williams (GA)
No. 3,608—Lyle E. Letteer, Jr. (GA)
No. 3,609—Gordon C. Pharr (AL)

Grand Commander's Club

No. 101,371—William A. Towner (AR)
No. 101,372—Charles I. Bukin (TX)
No. 101,373—James R. Anderson (GA)
No. 101,374—Albert G. Wendt (AZ)
No. 101,375—Jerry A. Klemme (IA)
No. 101,376—Robert V. Wylie, Sr. (GA)
No. 101,377—Leslie G. Millichamp (MI)
No. 101,378—William L. Keefe (SC)
No. 101,379—Henry E. La Hurreau (IN)
No. 101,380—Wilburn Hembree (SC)
No. 101,381—Earl J. Vincent (KY)
No. 101,382—Rudolph F. W. Mechelke (DC)
No. 101,383—Robert R. Clemons (TX)
No. 101,384—Billy W. Canupp, Jr. (NC)
No. 101,385—David G. Smith (ID)
No. 101,386—Ernest Autry (NC)
No. 101,387—Harold Stewart Holman (MN)



How To Join The KTEF Grand Commander's And 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

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. 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

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.

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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending January 12, 2001. The total amount contributed to date is \$187,729.90.

Alabama	\$5,305.00
Arizona	325.00
Arkansas	1,333.00
California	10,421.07
Colorado	2,349.00
Connecticut	500.00
Delaware	120.00
District of Columbia	1,300.00
Florida	5,982.49
Georgia	23,140.00
Idaho	130.00
Illinois	7,382.39
Indiana	2,606.00
Iowa	4,011.00
Kansas	1,940.00
Kentucky	1,926.00
Louisiana	1,775.00
Maine	201.00
Maryland	3,490.00
Mass./R.I.	3,106.00
Michigan	2,128.00
Minnesota	1,155.17
Mississippi	359.00

Missouri	2,803.50
Montana	260.00
Nebraska	1,489.23
Nevada	223.00
New Hampshire	3,632.00
New Jersey	826.00
New Mexico	2,707.50
New York	5,304.00
North Carolina	6,741.66
North Dakota	188.00
Ohio	10,102.00
Oklahoma	2,184.50
Oregon	2,323.00
Pennsylvania	12,709.00
South Carolina	7,840.93
South Dakota	23,488.50
Tennessee	3,816.00
Texas	9,526.46
Utah	130.00
Vermont	370.00
Virginia	2,270.00
Washington	2,348.00
West Virginia	869.00
Wisconsin	3,247.00
Wyoming	510.00
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii	30.00
Alaska No. 1	
Fairbanks	321.00
Tokyo No. 1	
Japan	250.00
Miscellaneous	234.00

Thirty-Third Annual Voluntary Campaign

by Sir Knight Ted H. Hendon, Editor, Georgia Supplement

One dark, rainy night a few months ago, I awoke during the wee hours of the morning, and as I often do at such times, I looked across the room at a digital clock for the time. But this time I saw nothing. I then realized that the night light that usually burns in the adjoining room was also invisible, and an outside lamp was not providing the usual glow in my bedroom window; in fact, I saw nothing! I correctly suspected that the electricity was off, but I had no flashlight, matches, or anything else that produced light. The thought occurred to me that this is the way the world appears to a blind person. I was sure that in due time the electricity would be restored or at least the sun would rise in a few hours, but for the moment I felt helpless.

Think about this!: There are thousands, maybe millions, who wake up knowing that, for them, the lights will not be coming back on. And, Sir Knights, your donation, no matter what size, could be the difference for someone somewhere. You'll probably never know that person, but what if it were you? Or a loved one?

Sir Knight Ted H. Hendon
487 Paul Aiken Road
Dallas, GA 30132




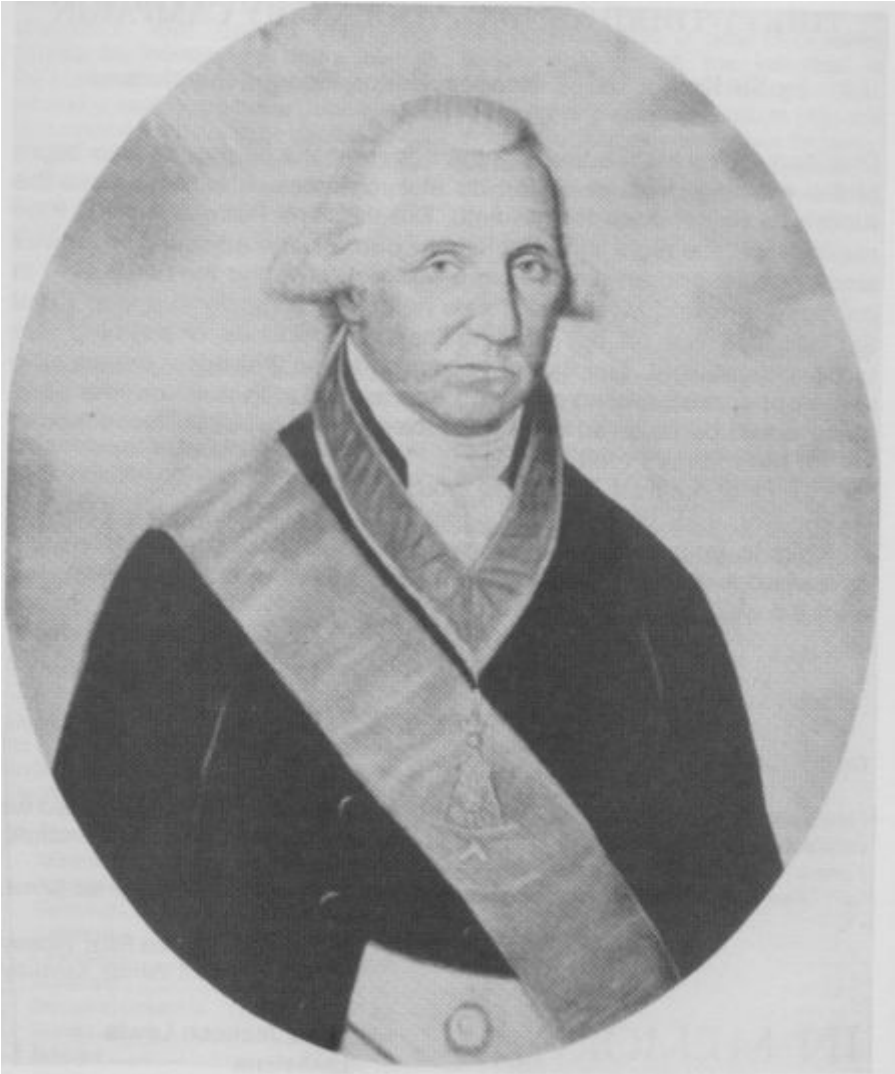
Dear *Knights Templar*:

I want you to know that I appreciate what you have done for me for! surely needed the cataract surgery. All could see out of the eye that was operated on was dark and light. I see a lot better now, thanks to you.

I sent Mr. Kenneth Irvin a thank you card also for I appreciate all that he did for me.

Bertha Ellen Niceley
Mount Vernon, Kentucky

IN MEMORIAM 	Ambers Jackson Lewis Louisiana Grand Commander—1975 Born: December 14, 1917 Died: December 9, 2000
Andreas E. Moynelo District of Columbia Grand Commander—1965 Born: July 25, 1917 Died: November 18, 2000	Lonnie M. Barrow District of Columbia Grand Commander—1969 Born: September 12, 1912 Died: December 23, 2000



GEORGE WASHINGTON AS A FREEMASON

From the painting by Williams (1794), said to be the most lifelike of any of the Washington portraits. (Courtesy Alexandria-Washington Lodge, Alexandria, Virginia)

from the book, *Freemasonry and The Presidency, U.S.A.*, by Ray V. Denslow, 1952

History of the Social Order of the Beauceant - Part II

(continued from January 2001)

by Mary Frances (Mrs. Paul) Mihal, P.S.W.P.

On September 27, 1957, Mrs. Walter P. Remele, the Supreme Worthy President, appointed a Supreme Eye Foundation Committee on the request of Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, to share in their project which was to be known as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Incorporated.

The 42 years of contributions from the S.O.O.B. have amounted to \$1,618,183.52. Additionally, Mrs. Frank Brabetz Williams bequeathed \$30,000 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the interest is donated each year, so this fund now totals \$66,346.23. Several of the members are in their estate planning and will bequeath funds to the Eye Foundation or Supreme Assembly.

As is the case of many of the orders in the Masonic Family, membership and the number of Assemblies has declined in recent years, but the members maintain a "don't give up" attitude for the future of the order. This is demonstrated by the many ways they compensate for the declining membership.

Acquiring membership has not changed, however; members are petitioning for dual membership in area Assemblies to give support to those Assemblies in need. At the Supreme Assembly held in Omaha, Nebraska, it was reported that 156 sisters are dual members. Members are attending Supreme Assembly each year and support was given by the attendance of 15 Past

Supreme Worthy Presidents. The then Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Jay U. Ipsen, presented 80 fifty-year membership cards and pins, and this is indicative of the loyal support by the longtime members.

An example of such support can be found in Mrs. Rollo Adair from Pasadena Assembly No. 44, who is 97 years of age. She has been a member for 56 years, has served as a Supreme officer for three Supreme Worthy Presidents, attends Supreme Assembly annually, and is currently serving as President of her Assembly for the sixth time. There are many such loyal members, and they are greatly admired and appreciated.

With the enthusiasm of the newer members and the experience and knowledge of the longtime members, Beauceant continues to grow and prosper. Thirteen new members were initiated by the Supreme officers at Supreme Assembly and a new Assembly was constituted at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, on August 19, 2000, with 40 charter members.

Those interested in organizing a new Assembly may contact: Mrs. Charles H. Lee, 8 Lincoln Avenue, Batavia, NY 14020-2013, or Mrs. Dean Porter, 3907 County Road, No. 1187, Midland, Texas 79701.

We encourage all eligible ladies who desire to petition an existing Assembly to contact the Assembly in their area and join with the ladies of the Beauceant as they continue to serve others with Faith, Loyalty, and Love.

The End

Mrs. Mihal, P.S.W.P., resides at 1821 Hillside Drive, Glendale, CA 91208-2512

Brother George Washington's birthday is February 22!

To St. John's Lodge, Newbern, NC, he wrote (1791): "My best ambition having ever aimed at the unbiased approbation of my fellow citizens, it is peculiarly pleasing to find my conduct so affectionately approved by a fraternity whose association is founded in justice and benevolence."

Connecticut Commandery Holds 175th Christmas Observance

New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, Connecticut, held its 175th Annual Christmas Observance under adverse conditions. Early November the heating system at the Masonic building failed, and the Commandery had to move its next two Conclaves to another Masonic hall at a nearby town. Even after repairs, another section of the boiler sprang a leak, delaying the return of the Commandery to its home meeting place.

Then, Commander Komgiebel made arrangements with a third Masonic building with a large hall for the New Haven Christmas Observance. Since this hall was approximately 20 miles north of New Haven, all the props, fixtures, etc., had to be transported; nevertheless, the Observance was a success with about 100 Sir Knights, their families, and friends gathering, some of which had never seen the Christmas Observance as they live a great distance from New Haven. Carols were wonderful under the direction of Sir Knight Willis Copeland, organist!

Among honored guests bringing Christmas messages were: Sir Knight Leonard F. D'Amico, P.G.C. and Grand Master of Masons of Connecticut; Sir Knight Matthew F. Griffin, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut; Sir Knight Paul L. Chello, Most Puissant Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Connecticut; Sir Knight Wayne N. Saunders, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Connecticut; Sir Knight Richard V. Travis, P.G.C. and Deputy of the Scottish Rite of Connecticut; and Sir Knight Frederick H. Lorenson, P.C. and Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, R.C.C. of the U.S.

Special Class Initiated at Omaha, Nebraska, Supreme Assembly, S.O.O.B.

The largest class ever was assembled for initiation by the then Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Jay Ipsen, at the Annual Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant, which was held September 28, 2000, in Omaha, Nebraska. Thirteen women were especially selected to be received into Omaha Assembly No. 91, S.O.O.B. This Nebraska Assembly has experienced a noteworthy growth spurt over the last two years, having initiated 28 new and enthusiastic members.



First row, seated, left to right: Mrs. V. Kaye Ramsey, Mrs. Craig Crawford, Mrs. Lyle Johnson, Mrs. Ralph Livermore, Mrs. James Clark, Mrs. William Martin, and Mrs. Michael Donham. Second row, left to right: Mrs. Norman Sorensen (Asst. Marshal), Mrs. James Karnegis (Oracle), Mrs. Jerry Bepalac, Mrs. Richard Brasel, Mrs. Duane Heim, Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. James Gansemer, Mrs. David Livermore, Mrs. David Kipling (Recorder), and Mrs. Elo Limas (President). (submitted by Jeanne (Mrs. James) Karnegis, W. Oracle, Omaha Assembly No. 91)

Brothers Spruce Up The Final Resting Place Of Brother John P. Duval, First Grand Master Of Florida Grand Lodge

Brother Jim Armitage, Tampa Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 (pictured to right at the gravesite before cleanup) brought to the attention of Brother Daniel W. Hall, Jr., the poor condition of Brother John P. Duval's final resting place in Old City Cemetery, Tallahassee, Florida. Brother Duval was the first Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida, F. & A.M. The project to "spruce up" the stone and area was given to Senior DeMolay, Brother Jody Meguiar.

Brother Jody Meguiar informed his DeMolay advisor, Dad Ed Walker, chairman of the Florida DeMolay Board of Administration, about the gravesite. Brother Walker, got his son, Jay Karl Walker; who operates a business of pressure washing, chimney sweeps, etc.; and together they conquered the job

Brothers Ed Walker and son Jay, who are also Senior DeMolays (Dad Walker from Paul Revere Chapter), have both committed their lives to our Masonic Fraternity.



Brothers Jay and Ed Walker



Brother and Mrs. Ed Walker

Connecticut Receives Trophy For Crusade Knightings In Northeastern Department

The Grand Commander of Connecticut, Wayne N. Saunders, and his Lady Isabel were recently received under an arch of steel (below, left) by Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, Connecticut, and were welcomed (below, right) by Hamilton's Commander, Sir Knight John Mellor (right). The occasion was Connecticut's receiving of a trophy signifying that Connecticut had Knighted the most Brothers in its category in the Northeastern Department for the Templary 2000 Crusade. (submitted by Sir Knight Bob Sherrick, editor of Connecticut Supplement)



Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B., Janice Hendrickson Visits LaCrosse Assembly, Wisconsin

Fall 2000 (Mrs. Homer) Janice Hendrickson, Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, made an Official Visit to LaCrosse Assembly No. 215, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. (Mrs. Martin) Mary Calloway, Worthy President of LaCrosse, presided. (Mrs. Jay) Nancy Ipsen, P.S.W.P. and S.M. Worthy Oracle, and (Mrs. Bud) Mary Ann Potter, S. Assistant Marshal, were also present.

Pictured left to right with the Supreme Worthy President are Sir Knights Jay U. Ipsen, P.G.C. of Minnesota; Paul Hersh, P.G.C. of Wisconsin; Ray Amador,

P.M.I.G.M. of Wisconsin; Richard Reilley, D.G.C. of Wisconsin; and Richard Gray, Commander of LaCrosse Commandery No. 9. Beauceant members, left to right, are: Mrs. Calloway, Mrs. Ipsen, Mrs. Hendrickson, and Mrs. Potter. News and picture are from Mrs. Calloway; edited by (Mrs. Charles) Vivian Hobby, P.S.W.P

According to Mrs. Hobby, *Knight Templar* S.O.O.B. contact, Supreme Worthy President Hendrickson has completed official visits from the West coast to the East coast. Her Sir Knight Homer is traveling with her to Assemblies as scheduled, and Mrs. Hendrickson is grateful for the hospitality and friendships of the Beauceant sisters.



Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Milford Commandery No. 11, Milford, Massachusetts, is offering a complete summer uniform and accessories (no pants or shoes) for \$125.00. (G.C. and P.G.C. add \$35.00 for gold on cap visor.) This includes cap and insignia, short sleeve shirt, shoulder rank insignia, collar insignia, metal ribbon bar; name plate, black be, be clasp with cross and crown, and shipping and handling. Send cap size, shirt size, rank, Commandery name and number; choice of engraving on the tie 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 was approved by Sir Knight James M. Ward, Past 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, PO Box 321, Ashland, MA 01721-0321. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. This is for our charity.



KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2¹/₂ inch diameter, embroidered emblem has been produced for use on mantles and blazers of KCT recipients. 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.

You Won't Want To Miss These Events In North Carolina!

York Rite Masons from all around the country make a special trip to attend the Great Smokies Summer Assembly of York Rite Masons, which will be held as usual in Maggie Valley, North Carolina, on July 7-10, 2001.

The Masonic Unity Challenge 2001 is a special 2-day joint conferral of York Rite and Scottish Rite degrees. It will take place on October 26 and 27 at the Scottish Rite Temple, Charlotte, North Carolina. Degrees conferred by the Orient of North Carolina, Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Valleys, and the North Carolina York Rite bodies.

Masonic Courtesy Is A Commitment

by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, H.P.D.C., P.G.C. (Pennsylvania)

Gone With The Wind is a great story because it brings to memory a way of life that has disappeared and we might say is "gone with the wind." This novel refers to the traditions and customs of the Old South. Today we could ask ourselves, "Is some of Freemasonry 'Gone With The Wind'?"

Masonic Courtesy is just one area where we have allowed lack of consideration and lack of courtesy to detract from the basic customs in our Fraternity.

When we signed a petition for Freemasonry we made a commitment to practice Masonic Courtesy if the prayer of our petition was granted. Every Masonic organization requires courtesy by its members if the lessons and obligations taken are to have any real meaning in what we call the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God; otherwise, we are just repeating words. Lack of Masonic Courtesy is a serious condition that has developed and ultimately is causing all of the branches of the Fraternity to deteriorate slowly. It even affects the opinion that nonmembers have of Freemasonry and ultimately affects membership.

Perhaps our entrances were not well guarded, and we have allowed some to enter who did not really qualify, and we have overlooked their shortcomings. We are now paying

for being lax in our examinations of those who knocked at our doors.

There are times when we not only hear but see differences between Brethren which should not exist in any Masonic body. Yes, we have a right to disagree if we so desire; after all we do encourage free thinking, but this should be done in a spirit of Brotherhood and Masonic Courtesy. If we do not confront our Brother with our opinions but complain to others when he is not present, we have forgotten our Masonic Courtesy. This will only serve to weaken the bonds of Freemasonry.

In today's world there appears to be a shortage of time or is it a lack of desire to keep a commitment? We fail to render the courtesy of communicating with the presiding officer and making it known that we cannot attend a meeting when we have accepted a commitment; there goes Masonic Courtesy just as if it were "gone with the wind." This may seem small, but does it not cause us to ask a question such as "Is he (the one who didn't bother to communicate) really interested?" The courtesy of a phone call can help to keep the bonds of this Fraternity together and cement the personal friendships. If we fail to perform the requirements of a position we accepted and fail to communicate with anyone about our inability to be present, we lack Masonic Courtesy.

As Masons, we are obligated to respond to all Masonic communications that request an answer. It should not be necessary to make a second request.

Speaking a kind word to our Brethren at Masonic meetings or extending a friendly greeting when passing them on the street in our daily activities will help bind the fellowship that is part of our commitment. It has been said that "Action speaks louder than words," and we can profess all the great principles of the Fraternity, but if we do not extend a hand to a Brother, support the presiding officer as a team, or do that small favor that can mean so much to another member, our title of "Masonic Brother" means very little, and *this* may be noticed by the profane. It is when we act and show Masonic Courtesy that we create favorable impressions of members of the Craft!

Masonic Courtesies are numerous, and many Brethren extend these courtesies without even giving them a thought. A more obvious act may be lending a hand to a Brother in need or offering transportation to him or his family. You might call this "help to a Brother."

There are many stories told and written about Brothers who have demonstrated Masonic Courtesy, such as during the Civil War. The Friend to Friend monument at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, is a celebration of this, and this is only one example of "help to a Brother" in the battlefield; no doubt there are hundreds of other examples of Masonic Courtesy during the wars.

Examples today are rare, but we do read of Brethren helping someone who has had an accident or who has had his home destroyed; the local Masons have extended the hand of brotherhood, and that hand may be coming from far across the nation with financial help.

Masonic Courtesy is a **commitment** that we cannot neglect. Every courtesy we extend to a Brother is part of our obligation, and we should be watchful of that commitment we made when we asked to become Freemasons.

Masonic Courtesy should extend from the presiding grand officer to all the members, and those members owe the same courtesy to the grand officers who they have chosen as leaders. Brethren, Courtesy is a two-way street. Never forget to extend courtesy to those who are not members today because they might become your Brothers tomorrow.

Let us not let our Masonic Courtesy and Commitment to Freemasonry be "**gone with the wind**"; let them not be only words in the history books for coming generations. Let these be qualities that will live in the hearts and minds of our members and those who may someday become members because of our display of Masonic Courtesy and Commitment. **Remember to treat a Brother like a Brother.**

Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes; H.P.D.C., P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, and Campaign Chairman of past Annual Voluntary Campaigns for the KTEF, is a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. write: Charles A. Garnes, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944 or e-mail: cagarnes@aol.com

Infamous or Strange Masons

by Sir Knight C. Clark Julius, KYCH

This time, we have something just a little bit different in the way of Masonic education. I know some of you loathe those two words. As soon as you hear them, I can see the hair on the backs of your necks stand up, and I can hear you saying, "Oh, no! Not that again! I hope he keeps it short. My goodness, who wants to hear the same old stuff, time after time." Well, good news, Brethren! It's not the same old stuff. It's new old stuff. We're going to talk *about strange or infamous* men (women) who were, or may have been, Masons.

We begin with a Frenchman.

The Chevalier Charles D'Eon of France was born on October 5, 1728, and was given the name Charles Genevieve Louise Auguste Andre Timothee D'Eon de Beaumont. He was obviously born of a noble family. He became a Freemason in 1766 in the Lodge of Immortality No. 376, which met at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, in the Strand, London, England. He served as Junior Warden in 1769 and 1770. He had many talents; for example, he was an expert fencer and soldier and an able diplomat who successfully negotiated the Treaty of 1763, ending the Seven Years War in which Austria, France, Sweden, and Saxony were united against Frederick the Great of Prussia (who was joined by England).

So what, you say? Nothing strange about him so far. Well, look a bit further.

He unfortunately had an effeminate appearance and occasionally masqueraded as a woman. His enemies in France accused him of being a woman masquerading as a man. Masons wondered whether a woman had been initiated into the Craft. The controversy about his sex caused considerable gambling, and speculation got out of hand. Finally an insurance company filed a petition to have the matter

adjudicated. Witnesses testified that he was a woman. About this time he accepted an offer of Louis XVI to receive a generous pension, on condition that he return to France and resume the garb of a woman. From this time on with rare exceptions, he wore women's clothes. When he died on May 21, 1810, a competent physician performed an autopsy and clearly proved that D'Eon was a man after all.

Let's now return to England and to an English Reverend sir.

The Reverend William Dodd was an English Freemason, who was born in 1729 and died in 1777. He was the first Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, in the year 1775. He delivered the oration at the dedication of Freemasons' Hall in London in 1776. He was also the author of many books and literary papers including "Beauties of Shakespeare." Weakness of character in money matters caused him to be tried for the crime of forgery. He had the effrontery to sign the name of the Earl of Chesterfield, in the matter of 4,200 pounds sterling. He was convicted of forgery and executed. The affair created great public commotion, and attempts were made both by the city of London and by 30,000 people who signed petitions to the king to commute the sentence. But (to show how severe English criminal law was at the time) the sentence was carried out. It was the last public hanging in England. Not a good ending for a man of God and a Mason.

Now from an Englishman to a Scottish American.

Matthew McBlain Thompson was born in Scotland and was a member of two Scottish Lodges and a Past Master of one of them. He also affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 22 in Montpelier, Idaho, when he settled there in 1881. He later demitted from this Lodge. He returned to Scotland, but in 1898 he came back to the United States, where he created the American Masonic Federation. He promoted the sale of all sorts of "Masonic" degrees by mail, and paid solicitors or

salesmen were sent out to organize Lodges and grant degrees throughout the United States. (By the way, reduced rates were given for large groups, and many joined his special Craft.) In 1915 one of his salesmen was arrested in St. Louis, Missouri, and the postal inspector there decided that it was time to break up the gang. He assigned inspector M.C. Price to the case, and Price spent two years gathering evidence in the United States and also far off in foreign lands. Judge Wade of the United States District court for Iowa, a non-Mason, presided, and none of the jurors were Masons. Matthew McBlain Thompson and two others were found guilty of using the U.S. mails to defraud the public and were sentenced to serve penitentiary terms of two years and to pay a fine of \$5,000.00 each. In those days this was a lot of money!

Now, let us look at another American.

In 1847 an American visiting England introduced himself as a Major General George Cooke, LL.D., Chancellor of the University of Ripley. He joined Prince of Wales Lodge No. 259. He became a devoted supporter of the Masonic charities and actually became vice president of the Girls' School, a life governor of the Boys' School, and a member of the Benevolent Institution.

The Grand Master conferred on him the rank of Past Grand Warden and appointed Cooke his personal representative to the Grand Lodge of New York. A fund was started to place his bust in Freemasons' Hall.

Yes, he certainly seems to be the type of man who would become the ultimate Mason - generous, devoted, benevolent, humane, and philanthropic - an indisputable humanitarian. He was undeniably the type of man the Craft needs.

But after he had returned to the United States, it was discovered that Cooke was a medical quack. He was immediately stripped of all his Masonic honors, and all the money that he had contributed to Masonic charities was returned to him.

Now let me tell you about a mad Englishman.

Joshua Norton was born in England on February 4, 1819. He engaged in a number of business enterprises in Africa and emigrated to San Francisco in 1849. He immediately entered the real estate business and accumulated considerable wealth. When he tried to corner the rice market, he lost everything. In order to cheer him up, his friends started to call him "Emperor." On September 15, 1859, he proclaimed himself Emperor of the United States. He donned a blue uniform with brass buttons, epaulets, and a military cap.

"Mrs. Bell, the landlady of the house, broke open the door with a poker, by which means she got into an adjacent room, made two holes through the wall, and by that stratagem discovered the secrets of Masonry. She is known to be the first woman to be made a Mason in the world."

Instead of sending him off to have his head examined, everyone humored him because of his pleasant and cheerful disposition. He rode the streetcars free, attended theaters without charge, and was supplied with the necessities of life by those around him. When he ran short of cash, he simply drew drafts on his Imperial Treasury. He issued Royal Proclamations that were designed to better the human race. On Sunday he always attended a church. He played no favorites but visited them all. Merchants and financiers consulted him on business matters, and apparently he gave them sound advice on these matters.

So what does this have to do with Masonry? Well, he was a member of Occidental Lodge of San Francisco, and for a time he lived in the Masonic Temple; in fact, some of his proclamations emanated from it. When he passed away on January 8, 1880, he was given a Masonic

funeral. Fifty-four years later his grave was moved, and a monument was erected over his new grave.

Now to a Scottish Canadian. This is one of my favorite short but true stories. It is the story of a man who loved his Lodge and who (I think) also loved his pocketbook.

Miles McGuigan was a member of the 81st Regiment of Loyal Lincoln Volunteers and a member of Merrickville Lodge No. 55 in St. Laurence District in Ontario. When he died, it was his last wish that his body be dissected and then placed in the Merrickville Lodge for future work in the Third Degree. His wishes were carried out, and his bones remained in the Merrickville Lodge until the Lodge room and building were gutted by fire in 1959.

Also, very curious is the story of a Mrs. Bell!

On Monday, January 6, 1770, being the Lodge or monthly meeting night of the Free and Accepted Masons of the 22nd Regiment held at the Crown near Newgate, England; Mrs. Bell, the landlady of the house, broke open the door with a poker, by which means she got into an adjacent room, made two holes through the wall, and by that stratagem discovered the secrets of Masonry. She is known to be the first woman to be made a Mason in the world.

Knowing that she had heard and obtained the secrets, the Lodge is reported to have taken her into the Lodge hail and conferred the degree upon her and then suspended her.

There is also a very interesting happening that took place in Virginia City, Montana - population 146, the smallest city in the world to support the York Rite. The Lodges were supported by the following states: Montana,

Idaho, Washington, Wyoming, the Dakotas, and Colorado. The hardy prospectors in search of gold made the first great discovery of Grasshopper Creek after Lewis and Clark in September 1862. Near the site the roaring mining town of Virginia City sprang up.

Then came the lawless outcasts; thieves, robbers, and murderers. There was very little law. An even larger gold discovery was made in Alder Gulch in May of 1863; this was next to Virginia City.

Shortly after that an organized group of criminals known as Henry Plummer's Road Agents Band took over. They were so strong that Henry was elected as sheriff. Several organized vigilante groups were formed, and on January 1864 at the Virginia City Lodge No. 1, all the members present formed a vigilante group, closed the Lodge, strapped guns on their sides, put masks on their faces, and went through the city, arresting all the outlaws and hanging the leaders.

Now, Brethren, I hope that you have been amused and entertained by these short episodes in the lives of some of our Masonic Brethren. They were not your ordinary, run-of-the-mill Masons, that's for sure - not all ideal role models but interesting! Believe it or not, this is Masonic education!

Sources

"The Making of a Woman a Mason" by Brother Jerry Marsengill

"Montana Lodge Masons" by the Postmaster of Virginia City Post office.

Sir Knight C. Clark Julius is a Past Commander of York-Gethsemane Commandery No. 21, York, Pennsylvania. He is a recipient of the KTCH and the KYCH. He resides at Country Meadows: 1900 Trolley Road, Apt. 329; York; PA 17404

Additional information on Brother and Senator Henry M. Jackson (December 2000 - Knight Templar): Sir Knight Scott Bill Hirst of Ashaway, Rhode island, is a member of Narragansett Commandery No. 27, Westerly, RI, and is the Grand Historian, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode island. He writes: "Senator Jackson had the distinct honor of being the only person to have a Trident class submarine named for him. The Trident class, otherwise, were named in honor of states." Sir Knight Hirst was employed at Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut, at the time that the Trident class submarines were produced there.

Sir Knight Burl Ives: Actor and Folk Singer

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

Sir Knight Burl Ives: Actor and Folk Singer

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

Through the middle half of the 20th century, Burl Ives constituted one of the most versatile figures in the world of American entertainment. Starting his professional career as a folk singer, the burly, bearded Ives went on to win acclaim as an actor on both the stage and screen, and he has recorded hits in both the popular and country fields, all without abandoning his original vocation. Like another well known Hollywood personality, John Wayne, Burl came to Masonry later in life, but also like the Duke, his presence in the fraternity came at a time when the order began experiencing decline. Therefore, his membership and honors proved not only rewarding to himself but added considerable prestige to the various organizations.

Born with the lengthy sobriquet of Burl Icle Ivanhoe Ives in Jasper County, Illinois, on June 14, 1909; the future star spent his first years in a tenant farm family. His parents, Frank and Cordella White Ives, came from pioneer stock, and singing played a major role in their social life. As time passed, Frank Ives studied engineering and bought into a small construction business in Newton, Illinois, where the family improved their economic standing. Burl attended high school in Newton, where he graduated in 1927 having been fullback on the football team.

That fall Burl Ives entered Eastern Illinois State Teachers College in Charleston intending to major in physical education and coach football. On December 5, 1927, he also (like John Wayne) became a member of the International Order of DeMolay. In school he continued to display strong interest in athletics and music, but he demonstrated moderate indifference toward the more



academic aspects of college. In 1930 Ives dropped out, and trying to cure a case of depression "wanderlust" bummed around the U. S. and Canada. He supported this vagabond lifestyle by earning a few dollars singing, playing, and doing occasional odd jobs. Along the way he added many traditional songs to the vast repertoire of folk numbers he first began amassing from his grandmother in childhood.

Burl stopped at Indiana State in Terre Haute long enough to finish college. While there he earned some extra dollars as a radio singer and a drugstore clerk. Advised by Clara Lyon, a singing teacher, to continue his training in New York City, Ives went to the Metropolis where he settled in at the International House and continued to sustain his existence through odd jobs, some of them musical in nature. In 1937 he enrolled in courses at New York University, studying theater and music although folk songs continued to be his principal interest. Booking agents continued to tell him that they had no interest in "hillbilly acts."

In the summer of 1938, Ives obtained some paying work as a character actor at the Rockridge Theater in Carmel, New York, appearing in such plays as *Ah Wilderness!*, *Flight*, and *Pocahontas Preferred*. On Broadway he starred in a short-lived comedy, *The Boys from Syracuse*. He also landed a four-month engagement at the Village Vanguard night club. In 1939 he had a role in the touring company of a Rodgers and Hart musical, *I Married an Angel*, and on Broadway in *Heavenly Express*. He also appeared on

network radio and eventually landed a regular CBS program of folk songs, "The Wayfaring Stranger," giving him a nickname he would retain throughout his singing career. About this time, Burl also began recording for the Columbia label.

Just as Ives had begun to achieve success in his fields, World War II intervened. Drafted into the army in April 1942, he still managed to remain mostly in theater and radio. He had a role in Irving Berlin's "This Is the Army" and a radio program, "G. I. Jive" for Armed Forces Radio. Discharged in October 1943, he continued entertaining soldiers and introduced Broadway songwriter Frank Loesser's ballad tribute to the common infantry man, "Rodger Young," to a national audience.

In more civilian related endeavors, Burl played a long, night club engagement at Cafe Society Uptown and in a new Broadway folk song musical, *Sing Out Sweet Land*. The latter won him the Donaldson Award as the best supporting actor on Broadway for 1944-45. In Hollywood that same year, he debuted in a new adaptation of the Will James novel, *Smoky*, about a horse, and the Disney picture, *So Dear To My Heart* (1948), among others. In the writing and publishing field, his autobiography, *Wayfaring Stranger* (McGraw-Hill), appeared in 1948. He followed it up with four books that were essentially folk song and ballad collections over the next seven years.

Back on Broadway in 1954, Ives played the role of Captain Andy in a revival of the Jerome Kern classic, *Show Boat*. The following March he first appeared as Big Daddy, the crusty plantation owner diagnosed with terminal cancer (called a "spastic colon"), in the classic, Tennessee Williams' drama, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. Burl so made the role his own that he repeated it in the 1958 MGM film version that also



Above: Sir Knight Burl Ives and Elizabeth Taylor in a scene from *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, 1958. Burl is at his best as "Big Daddy." Below: In a scene from *The Big Country*, 1958, are, left to right: unknown (possibly Charlton Heston), Burl Ives, Jean Simmons, and Gregory Peck. Movie still pictures from Jerry Ohlinger's Movie Store Material, Inc., New York, New York.



starred Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman. The next year his portrayal of the feuding cattle king in *The Big Country* won him an Oscar as the best actor in a supporting role. In a sense this latter role seemed to be a replay of Big Daddy in a western setting rather than in the plantation South. His Oscar to the contrary notwithstanding, the Big Daddy part will go down as the most remembered Ives' film role among his 32 screen credits.



Two of Sir Knight Burl Ives' album covers

Burl Ives also remained a recording artist of considerable renown. His folk *song albums*, *The Wayfaring Stranger* and *Return of the Wayfaring Stranger*, remained in the Columbia catalog for years. During the sixties he recorded several albums for Decca, many of them new songs aimed at the Billboard charts in both the country and pop fields. His greatest success came in 1963 with "A Little Bitty Tear," which made number two in country and number nine in pop. Other good songs for Burl included "(It's My) Funny Way of Laughin'," "Call Me Mr. In Between," and "Mary Ann Regrets." In all Ives turned out several albums for Decca in this period and landed on the country charts nine times and in the "pop top forty" ten times.

Ironically, Burl Ives did not experience as much success in television. In 1957 he appeared as a panelist on a show, "High-Low," and in 1965 starred in a short-lived sitcom, "O. K. Crackerby." His best effort came as attorney Walter Nichols in "Lawyers" from 1969 to 1972. He also had some good roles in dramas shown on "Playhouse 90" and as a guest on "Daniel Boone" and "Alias Smith and Jones."

On the personal side, Ives married twice. He wed his first wife, Helen Ehrlich,

in 1945 and they subsequently had a son Alexander. In 1971 Burl married Dorothy Koster, who survived him.

Burl Ives had cut down on his entertainment activity by the time he became serious about Masonry. As told by Brother Julian Endsley in an article in *The Scottish Rite Journal*, Burl began thinking seriously about becoming a Mason when he studied the script of a movie version of *1776* and considered the role of Benjamin Franklin. Gaining an awareness of Franklin's strong Masonic ties reminded him of the Masonic and Eastern Star membership that most of his family held back in Illinois and of his own DeMolay background. When he moved to Santa Barbara in 1975, he petitioned Magnolia Lodge No. 242 in August and received the Entered Apprentice degree on September 5, 1975. Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft several weeks later, Brother Endsley had the honor of raising Ives to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the night of February 10, 1976. Endsley recalls that during the refreshment period following the meeting Burl simply became "one of the boys" and even helped the assisting DeMolay youth by pouring the coffee and giving each the DeMolay handshake.



Brothers Ingalls (left), Ives, and Endsley on the night of February 10, 1976, when Burl was raised in Magnolia Lodge No. 272 in Santa Barbara, California. Photo courtesy of Brother Julian Endsley.

Not much time elapsed before Burl Ives sought additional light in Masonry. He completed the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Santa Barbara on May 21, 1977 and became a Noble of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple in Los Angeles on November 5, 1977. He took the York Rite the following spring. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter No. 51 on April 8, 1978; was greeted in Ventura Council No. 15, Cryptic Masons, on April 14, 1978; and was Knighted in St. Omer Commandery No. 30 on April 15, 1978. When he moved to Anacortes, Washington, sometime later he took a dual membership in the Valley of Bellingham. Receiving additional honors from the A.A.S.R., he was invested a KCCH on October 21, 1985, and coroneted a 33° on October 21, 1987. He received the Grand Cross in 1993.

Brother Ives had not totally retired from his profession when he became a Mason. Some of his later pictures included *Just You and Me, Kid* (1979) with old-timer George Burns and teen star, Brooke Shields, and *Earthbound* (1981), a science fiction film.

By the time of his removal to Washington State, Brother Ives had pretty much retired

from entertainment. He and his second wife Dorothy lived quietly until his passing on April 14, 1995, two months prior to what would have been his 86th birthday. His widow subsequently donated much of his memorabilia to the Scottish Rite, and it is housed today in a special Burl Ives Room. Above all else this collection demonstrates the pride that Sir Knight Ives manifested in his Masonic membership. By the same token, Masons the world over can take pride in knowing that the famed "Wayfaring Stranger" became one of their own.

Note: Brief sketches of Burl Ives' life can be found in his entry in *Current Biography* for 1946 and 1960. For his Masonic record see Julian E. Endsley, "The Masonic Progress of Burl Ives, 33°, Grand Cross," *The Scottish Rite Journal* 105: 10, October, 1977, pp 18-22. Thanks to Shasta Amos for manuscript preparation.

Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°, a professor of history at the University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Ohio, is Past Commander of Athens Commandery No. 15, Athens, Ohio. He resides at 111 East High Street, McArthur, OH 45651

Part II: The King's Man in Georgia James Edward Oglethorpe

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett. KYCH, 33^o, PPS

From the inception of the Georgia colony, James applied the rule of English law in colony government. He also prohibited slavery in any form or the sale of alcoholic beverages. James moved rapidly to require licenses to trade in the colony, thwarting rum traffic among the Indians. During Oglethorpe's years in Georgia, free Negroes were not permitted to settle. The trustees intended strict limitations upon James' authority as their administrative representative. He ignored any authority parameters and simply based his actions on his own best judgment. He signed drafts for unauthorized purchases as the need arose, creating constant criticism from the trustees back in London, who argued that he was exceeding his authority and not keeping the board informed. It became a chronic state of affairs for James, and he gave it little heed. His concern was the need at hand.

In the decade Oglethorpe functioned as surrogate governor of Georgia, he encouraged the arrival of settlers with highly diverse national and cultural backgrounds. Contingents of Scottish, Jewish, and exiled Lutherans were prominent among them. The Lutheran settlers were particularly welcome in the colony. They were part of 10,000 Lutherans expelled from Salzburg, Austria, by Archbishop Leopold Anton. Most of them settled in Prussia, Sweden, and Holland, but a few came to England. A first group of 47 Lutherans were warmly accepted as new citizens to Georgia when they arrived on March 12, 1734. Pious and industrious, they immediately requested permission to establish their own settlement near Savannah. Inasmuch as the Lutherans had paid their own expenses, there was no objection. They named their settlement Ebenezer.

Soon after the arrival of the Salzburg Lutherans, James was ready to make his first trip back to England to seek more funds and military assistance for Georgia. Spain was becoming an increasing danger in his opinion. The Board of Trustees were anxious to meet with Oglethorpe, too. They were eager to air their complaints against him personally. On May 7, 1734, Oglethorpe and a party of nine Yamacraw Indians, including Chief Tomochichi, departed for England on the man-of-war, *Aldborough*. They arrived a month later, after a near-record crossing.

The first order of business for Oglethorpe was to face the trustees. His friend and supporter, Sir John Percival, was still the president; but one of the most powerful trustees, James Vernon, would be the factor to reckon with. Vernon disliked James personally, probably because of the old Jacobite stigma. He was no match for Oglethorpe face-to-face. James' usual personal charm, logic, and persuasive arguments prevailed. The board meeting concluded with a resolution of commendation for Oglethorpe, saluting his grand achievements in Georgia. Suddenly, James' erratic correspondence and unauthorized expenditures became secondary concerns. The trustees calmed, Oglethorpe's attention was focused on the court of King George II and a scheduled audience. His Indian companions were a sensation in court and throughout London. The royal court and London had seen Indians before, in goodly number, but they had never enjoyed any as much as the Yamacraws. Their brilliant costumes were eclipsed by Tomochichi's eloquence and poise during the audience. His 15-year-old adopted grandson spoke



King George II of England
Original artwork by Sir Knight Joseph Bennett

English fluently and dazzled the king and queen with many Bible verses committed to memory. Assuming that the Yamacraws had been converted to Christianity, the royal couple were delighted. They did not realize that Oglethorpe had anticipated the positive effect the boy's recitations would produce. James failed to mention that the Yamacraws had not embraced Christianity. He was using every tool in his arsenal to win the king's support for the requests he would present to Parliament.

Oglethorpe spoke eloquently about the danger presented by Spain with their territorial designs on the Georgia and Carolina. He asked for substantially increased financial commitment and a military force to strengthen his defenses. James also pressed for a well-defined code of laws for the Georgia colony. The need was particularly pressing at the moment.

In March 1734 just prior to Oglethorpe's departure from Georgia, a killing took place near the Savannah settlement. A settler, William Wise, had been murdered by two Irish employees in his home. James had delegated

the colony storekeeper, Thomas Causton, to supervise the trial against the accused, Ann Riley and Richard White. The ensuing proceedings produced a verdict of guilty, and the couple were sentenced to hang. The executions were delayed for a time in order that the pregnant Ann Riley could deliver her baby. Both condemned killers went to the gallows on January 19, 1735. There was considerable concern over the legality of the trial, inasmuch as no legal authority actually existed in Georgia. The act of hanging a woman was a grave matter.

As Oglethorpe made preliminary plans to return to Georgia in the spring of 1735, several of his requests had been approved. The grant from Parliament was 26,000 pounds, and some military assistance was promised. James was authorized to recruit 250 Scots to strengthen his military defenses. He devoted the better part of the year recruiting and making final selection of the settlers he would take on the voyage. They finally departed on December 10, 1735, with a company of 123 passengers aboard the *Symond*. Included with the company were Scots, Moravian settlers, and two young Oxford clerics - John Wesley and his brother Charles.

After a stormy voyage, the colonists arrived at Savannah on February 6, 1736. The Wesley brothers badgered Oglethorpe throughout the entire crossing to join the Church of England. Although a proclaimed believer in the role of the Church, James had never become a member of any religious sect. John Wesley was determined to change that. Perhaps James' compassionate care of the sick and distressed passengers on the perilous winter voyage fueled Wesley's determination to get their leader into the fold.

Oglethorpe found the Georgia colony in good condition with many new buildings constructed in his absence. There were also disputes awaiting his arbitration, but James had little time to listen to minor squabbles. He was anxious to strengthen the colony's southern defenses. He arrived at St. Simon's Island in the Summer

of 1736, prepared to begin. Oglethorpe settled his Scottish highlanders on the island. An additional 150 Scots had arrived a short time earlier. They would swell his military force in the colony and build a fort on the island. They built a town they called New Inverness (today, it's Darien). Oglethorpe sometimes wore a tartan to demonstrate his affection for the highland fighters.

The island was at the mouth of the Altamaha River at the authorized southern boundary. A settlement named Frederica was located a few miles south of Darien.

"Meanwhile, 33-year-old minister, John Wesley, was creating a hotbed of trouble for himself back in Savannah. His over-zealous preaching and relentless castigation of the congregation had alienated the young Oxford theologian from his flock. He added to their acute displeasure by becoming involved with an 18-year-old girl of the congregation, one Sophy Hopkey."

Oglethorpe had a new colonial boundary in mind, much further south. He proposed to claim all the territory south to the St. John's River, placing the Georgia border near the Spanish settlement of St. Augustine, situated less than 100 miles south of St. Simon's Island. It was a controversial goal, inasmuch as the Spanish ambassador in England was howling already that Oglethorpe was threatening their territory. The English prime minister, Sir Robert Walpole, was intent on avoiding conflict with Spain or France. That view immediately placed him in opposition to Oglethorpe's plan. It was not surprising that the 1736 financial grant from Parliament was reduced to 10,000 pounds.

While Oglethorpe was preparing his military plans for Georgia, the Reverend John Wesley was launching his ministry in the Anglican Church at Savannah. His brother Charles was acting as Oglethorpe's

secretary in Frederica, an assignment he thoroughly despised. Charles envisioned himself converting a large number of Indians to Christianity and regarded time devoted to writing letters and keeping accounts nothing but drudgery. He complained incessantly about every detail of James' conduct as the leader of the colony; questioning financial practices and instigating rumors that his leader was involved in a salacious affair with his half-blood interpreter, Mary Cosgrove. All Charles Wesley's gripes and gossip were relayed to England, where they reached the Board of Trustees and Prime Minister Sir Robert Walpole.

Meanwhile, 33-year-old minister, John Wesley, was creating a hotbed of trouble for himself back in Savannah. His overzealous preaching and relentless castigation of the congregation had alienated the young Oxford theologian from his flock. He added to their acute displeasure by becoming involved with an 18-year-old girl of the congregation, one Sophy Hopkey. The young lady had gained Wesley's attention with her flirtatious manner, and before long he was spending a great deal of time tutoring her in the French language. When Miss Hopkey announced her impending marriage to William Williamson, Reverend Wesley barred her from the communion rite. They married in another church. Sophy's new husband proclaimed loudly that Wesley's act of barring Sophy from the sacraments was in retribution for her rejection of his amorous advances. The gossip and uproar drove Wesley back to England. He sailed on December 22, 1737.

Charles Wesley had returned to England earlier on August 11, 1736, after leaving his assignment as amanuensis to Oglethorpe. The negative reports from the Wesley brothers to eager listeners back in London added to the long list of complaints the trustees and Prime Minister Walpole were waiting to present to Oglethorpe in person.

An envoy of the Spanish government visited Oglethorpe at Frederica during the summer of 1736. He demanded that James withdraw north as far as Port Royal, South Carolina. Oglethorpe refused but agreed to evacuate a fortification he had erected at the mouth of the St. John's River. He also signed an agreement to allow their respective governments to arbitrate all differences. The document was rejected immediately by both governments.

When James made the announcement that he claimed the land reaching to the St. John's River as part of Georgia, relations between England and Spain reached a boiling point. Walpole was highly indignant over the provocative announcement made by Oglethorpe. James maintained that the territory had been ceded to Georgia by the Yamacraw chief, Tomochichi. The chief claimed it was Yamacraw tribal land. James also stated that Sir Francis Drake had claimed the same land for England a century before. Even though a preposterous position, James vowed he would defend it with his life. All the territorial controversy and financial confusion made it mandatory that Oglethorpe return to England. James landed in Wales on January 2, 1737.

On January 6, James met with Queen Caroline, seeking her help in obtaining an audience with King George II. He promised to deliver a full report of the colony's affairs and his own decisions. James then met with Sir Robert Walpole in an attempt to clarify the situation and convince him that Georgia must be saved from the Spanish and French at any cost. After James had presented his most persuasive pleas to the royal couple and the prime minister, he presented himself before the Georgia trustees on January 12, 1737. As he had so many times before, Oglethorpe was able to satisfy even Trustee James Vernon, his old nemesis. Following a lengthy dialogue, the board could find no fault with James' administration in Georgia, nor with any of his decisions. He was congratulated on his outstanding service to England.

In a second stormy session with Prime Minister Walpole, Oglethorpe repeated his request for 30,000 pounds and an adequate military force to repel a Spanish incursion against Georgia's southern border. He also refused Walpole's request that he resign his long-time seat in the House of Commons. The confrontation ended in a compromise. James was granted 20,000 pounds, which he accepted reluctantly. A little later, Walpole offered the formal governorship of Georgia, which Oglethorpe refused. He did agree to command the joint military forces of Carolina and Georgia, on condition that his commission would be as an officer in the English army and that his command be no less than 700 men. The colonial regiment was to consist of the single privates from the 42nd Regiment of Foot plus volunteers.

The Board of Trustees voted to appoint an administrator over non-military affairs in Georgia, selecting a Colonel William Stephens for the post. James' authority was confined entirely to military matters. His commission as a colonel in the English army was confirmed personally by King George II. After a great deal of wrangling and last-minute delays, Oglethorpe and his new command set sail for Georgia on the *Blandfordon* July 25, 1738, along with two escort vessels. He arrived at Frederica on September 20 to embark on his most perilous period in the colony of Georgia.

In spite of glowing promises of support from Parliament, Georgia received a mere 8,000 pounds to support operations in 1738. The shortage of funds created massive problems for James' military operations. He learned that most of the soldiers provided from the 42nd Regiment of Foot were malcontents the army was happy to release.

Failure to pay the troops generated a small mutiny involving several of the regulars at Fort St. Andrew on Cumberland Island, some fifty miles south of St. Simon Island. One shot at Oglethorpe, grazing

his cheek. That soldier was shot dead. Another rushed James with a bayonet, which he parried with his sword. Quelling the mutiny, James promised to pay the troops out of his own pocket.

Completely out of patience with London and determined to follow his own convictions, James planned to attack the Spanish coastal stronghold of St. Augustine and capture the disputed territory without further negotiation. Before beginning his offensive, Oglethorpe negotiated a treaty with several Indian tribes in the Florida-Georgia area; namely the Creeks, Cherokees, Choctaws, and Chickasaws. The Yamacraws were already firm allies. On September 9, 1739, James signed an agreement with the Cherokees in which the Indians agreed to provide 600 warriors for the St. Augustine attack. A few weeks later, on October 19, England declared war on Spain. Public opinion had prompted the declaration of "King George's War" and the resignation of the pacifist prime minister, Sir Robert Walpole.

Oglethorpe marched on St. Augustine with far fewer troops than he had planned. He attacked the town in May 1740 with 400 soldiers and 200 Indian warriors. James failed to take the heavily-fortified town and resorted to a state of siege. It was ineffective, since Spanish shipping was able to enter the port in spite of a British sea blockade. After a three-week siege, Oglethorpe withdrew and retreated

north. By July 1740, James was confined to his bed with fever at his cottage on St. Simon's Island. Much of Georgia's population had fled north in fear of a Spanish invasion. Savannah had dwindled from 5,000 to 500 citizens, Frederica to 250, and at Darien less than 100 remained. Oglethorpe convalesced in seclusion for two months. The future was bleak for Georgia and Carolina.

James had incurred personal indebtedness of 15,000 pounds by August 1740. Fortunately, the Spaniards had not followed up Oglethorpe's retreat. During the spring and summer of 1741, James donated another 7,000 pounds to subsidize his military campaign. In October intelligence came to Oglethorpe warning of a Spanish attack in October 1741. The English fleet had suffered a humiliating naval defeat at Santiago, Cuba, during the summer, and the colonists were without help from the sea. The rumored attack failed to materialize until the following summer.

Don't miss "Part III: The King's Man in Georgia: James Edward Oglethorpe" in the March issue.

Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33°, FPS, and P.D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, is a member of Holy Grail Commandery No. 70, Lakewood, Ohio. For correspondence: P.O. Box 2735, Bandera, TX 78003

Actual size
1 1/2 inches

Celebrate 150 Years of Service With Us
with this beautiful
Commemorative Coin



Apollo Commandery No. 1, the oldest Commandery in Illinois, Celebrates its 150 year anniversary with this bronze coin in antique gold featuring the Apollo crest. This beautiful keepsake is just \$8.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling.
Send Check to:
Richard Graff, 3N520 Mulberry Dr.,
West Chicago, IL 60185



To place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to "Knight Voices," The Grand Recorder, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460. Items submitted to Knight Templar that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free of charge. All other items should be accompanied by a \$5.00 remittance made payable to the Grand Encampment. Any submission may be subject to editing. You must submit a written request and check, if applicable, for each time you want your ad to run. Each request must be separate and at monthly intervals, not several at the same time. All other requests for repeat ads will either run just once or will be returned to sender

For a donation of \$10.00, you will receive a lapel/tie tack pin depicting "the Templar seal." The pin is polished bronze and is a real eye-catcher that will invite inquiries. It will open the door to discussions of Templary. All net proceeds are given to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Mail your check, payable to Charles A. Games, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944. Include a note: "For a Templar seal pin." Please provide legible mailing address.

For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, at ranks, embroidered in gold and silver bullion on velvet with Velcro backs: Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate (green); Generalissimo, Captain General, and Prelate Emeritus serving 7 or more years in rank (red): \$35.00 pair plus \$5.00 S & H. Also: Honorary Past Commander with H.C. in Old English, \$40.00; Grand Commandery, \$45.00; extra fancy Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commander (purple): \$50.00 (all plus \$5.00 S & H). Also: chapeaux crosses: Sir Knight, \$35.00; Past Commander, \$40.00; Grand Commandery, \$45.00 - all plus \$5.00 S & H. Percentage to Masonic and York Rite charities. Checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., PC.; 60 Manor Road; Staten Island; NY 10310-2698

For sale: Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver and silver bullion thread, embroidered crossed swords on flap and skull, and crossbones on the apron. These are identical to those worn by all Sir Knights in the last century and still worn in some jurisdictions: brand new: \$75.00 plus \$5.00 U.P.S. A percentage to York Rite charities. Sal Caradonna, PC., 23 Gail Court, Staten Island, NY 10306-2234, (718) 987-4532

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes: 44 short, 44X long, and 46 short. \$23.00 includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad Street, S. W.; Pataskala; OH 43062, (740) 927-7073

For sale: Past Commander's jewel, 10K, no engraving, \$475.00. E. N. Armstrong, PO Box 372, Jacksonville, IL 62651, (217) 243-2353

For sale: 2 Templar swords, one nickel and one nickel and gold - \$200.00 each. Roy Fincher, 22 Casa Colina, Sandia Park, NM 87047, (505)286-2607

For sale: Royal Order of Scotland jewelry, both ladies' and men's. Marvin and Roberta Fowler, 1904 White Oaks Drive, Alexandria, VA 22306, (703) 768-6404

Trying to locate family members or relatives who are interested in obtaining Masonic swords: one has name, "W. A. Meeks," on blade; one has name, "Pat Poffenroth" on blade; third has name, "Tom C. Thomsen," on blade and initials on marble/stone handle. Julian P Anderson; 21709 14 1st Avenue, SW; Vashon; WA 98070-6331; fax/phone (206) 463-2368

Wanted to buy: Knight Templar sword with no name designated on blade. It must be in good shape and at a fair price. Louis A. Cavagnaro, 20479 N. 105th Avenue, Poooria, AZ 85382-9778, (623) 566-2925, Fax (623) 566-0837

I have 3 swords and would appreciate all information about each sword: Fred Riccomi; William S. Stoddard, Red Bluff, CA; Samuel Blackford, Welsh, LA. Malcolm Sears, 23918 Jensen Drive, Canoga Park, CA 91304; (818) 340-6781; or e-mail malcolmsears@juno.com

Wanted: Knight Templar coat (CPO), size 46/48 long (reg. O.K.). Call collect (813) 264-5717. Jim Armitage, 5705 Knee/and Lane, Tampa, FL 33625-3289

Jefferson Lodge No. 15, A. F. & AM., Lewes, Delaware, has bronze coins, limited edition, to celebrate its 150th anniversary in Masonry. They are \$8.00 each including S & H. Checks or money orders to Charles E. Goepel, Sec.; M50 White House Beach; Long Neck; DE 19966-8524

Square and Compass Lodge No. 3, Kunitachi City, Tokyo, Japan, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. They have minted silver-dollar-sized coins to commemorate this special occasion. The cost is \$7.00 each, including S & H. Also available: No. 3's unique lapel pin, which incorporates Mt Fuji and a torii at the same cost. Checks or M.O. to John C. Fisher III, PD. Box 2488, Woodland Park, CO 80865-2488

Cochran Lodge No. 217, F. & AM., Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project. We are selling Masonic jewelry boxes, 6 x5 x2.5 inches in size and the shape of the square and compass. They are constructed of exotic woods from Central America and hand-crafted with an interlocking design. All profits from these

Masonic jewelry boxes will be going to Masonic charities, a portion directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund. The price is \$20.00 each with \$5.00 shipping in the U.S. and Canada. Check or money order to Cochran Lodge No. 217 and mail to Harry A. Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217bigfoot.com

Tyler Masonic Lodge No. 1233, A.F. & A.M., Tyler, Texas, is having fund-raiser for our Diamond Jubilee Celebration. We have for sale our 75th anniversary bronze and shinning bronze coin. They are \$6.00 and \$9.00 respectively including postage. Face has "Tyler Masonic Lodge #1233, A.F. & AM." with letter "G", and square and compass on the face of a star. Reverse side has the columns, seeing eye, altar, and square and compass. Check or M.O. to Tyler Masonic Lodge No. 1233 and mail to 1329 East Fifth Street, Tyler, TX 75701

For sale: Royal Arch collector coffee cups. Original 2-color design shows Triple Tau emblems in red and working tools and emblems of the 4 Capitular degrees in black. A must for Masonic cup collectors. Fundraiser for Union Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., Little Rock, AR. Send \$10.00 per cup, postage paid. \$1.00 per cup will be donated to RARA. Make check or money order payable to Union Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., and send to Steve Gregory, 3 Arcadia, Bryant, AR 72022, or call (501) 847-2251

Attention: coin collectors: Lone Star Lodge No. 175, Newcomerstown, Ohio, has for sale a supply of 150th anniversary, antique bronze coins (dollar size). Face has "Lone Star Lodge No. 175, F. & AM., Newcomerstown, Ohio, 150 years, October 16, 1849-1999" with a star in the center. Back side has Masonic emblems, working tools, etc. The price is \$6.00 each including S & H. Check or MO. to Lone Star Lodge No. 175, and mail to Alan D. Hart, Sec.; 516 S. River Street; Newcomerstown; OH 43832-1446

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of Star Lodge No. 187 with the purchase of a commemorative coin. These beautiful coins cast in bronze are 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Front has symbols of Masonry and back contains a star with "Star Lodge" and anniversary dates. Send \$6.00 for each, check or MO., payable to Star Lodge No. 187, and mail to Tim A. Gottschalk, 2629 Northampton Road, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24 karat gold vermeil finish. Price per pin is \$10.00 ea. including S & H. New item available: the four immortal chaplains lapel pin, a pin honoring the chaplains who sacrificed their lives by giving up their lifejackets in order to save the lives of others. One of the chaplains, Reverend and Brother George Lansing Fox, was a member of Moose River Lode No. 82, F & AM., in Concord, Vermont Price per pin is \$8.00 ea. including S & H. S. Kenneth Banl, 3747 Westgate Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208-1122, (513) 731-0737 10% of proceeds will benefit the KTEF.

For sale: The Medal of Honor The Letter G in Valor; a 268-page digest with the names, congressional citations, and Lodge membership of all Masons who have received our nation's highest military award for bravery. Check or money order for \$21.95 (CT residents, \$23.27) to Weidner Publishing Group, Dept. K., 490 Cornwall Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410, or credit card order by calling 1(800) 783-9654. Author's portion of profits donated to KTEF.

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

FOR SALE: custom Masonic merchandise: cast medal coins, medallions, lapel pins, wooden nickels, round tuits, pens, pencils, markers, yardsticks, mugs, caps, key tags, knives, belt buckles, bumper stickers, calendars, business cards, awards, plaques, magnetic items, license plates, and ornaments. We custom manufacture just about anything for promotional use. Show pride in your Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, Council, Commandery or Shrine. All items produced in minimum quantity of 100 or more to your specifications using your camera-ready art, or we can create the art from your sketch. 3% of profit goes to KTEF. Frank Looser; 1-800 765-1728 or e-mail cnfi@home.com

Masonic clip art for Windows computers on CD disk. Artwork includes Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Shrine, and several others. Over 200 images available for your correspondence and trestle-board publications. Some are in color. The price is \$12.95 including postage. Percentage will benefit KTEF. John Yates, P.O. Box 3496, Wichita Falls, TX 76301-0496, internet e-mail jjyates@wf.net

Wanted: 2 Masonic stamps from Guinee minted in 1988 of Buzz Aldrin and Mozart. I have many hard-to-find Masonic stamps for trade, or I will buy these two. Also, I am always wanting to buy antique Masonic items. Steve Kapp, 704 West 5th Street, Grove, OK 74344, (918) 786-5759, kalbosjk@bigfoot.com

Discount for the professional traveling Mason: attaché cases w/dual combination locks, full length document pockets, calculator/cell phone pocket, card pockets, pen holders, and much more! Priced from \$39.95-\$139.95. Write for greater detail: ESP Enterprise Intl.; 250 W. Main Street, Suite 233; Kerrville; TX 78028

Wanted: violins, cellos for students by violinist and violin teacher. H. Harry Kazarian, 91 Beaufort Street, Providence, RI 02908-4434

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

Retired Mason wants to buy, any condition: train sets - American Flyer, Lionel, and Marx, all gauges; Aurora "model motoring" race car sets; U.S. and German military items; and old U.S. stamps. Tim Rickheim, 14761 Tunnick Road, Petersburg, MI 49270-9716, collect: (734) 854-3021, e-mail: heim@access Toledo.com All inquiries answered.

Wanted: bass or baritone saxophone, any condition if complete. I will repair. William H. Moore, 19345 Romar Street, Northridge, CA 91324, (818) 349-0035

Brother George Washington wrote in a letter of August 22, 1790, to King David's Lodge, Newport, Rhode Island:

"Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother."

Brother Washington's Birthday Is February 22!