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Brother and Colonel Dean Hess with Mrs. On Soon Whang and an orphan from the Cheju Island orphanage. The story starts on page 21.

Exciting News from the KTEF and Up-and-coming Events of the Grand Encampment

This month I want to tell you about some of the exciting projects we have underway at the KTEF. As you know, we are co-sponsoring the EyeCare America National Eye Care Project (NECP) with the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. This project is designed to ensure that every elderly American receives the medical eye care that he/she needs. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation was mentioned along with this program on page 17 of the January 21, 2001 *Parade Magazine*. (See "Free Eye Care for Seniors," page 9)



With the Grand Commandery of Iowa and the University of Iowa Department of Ophthalmology, the KTEF is supporting a Low Vision Initiative to provide help for Iowa residents whose sight does not permit reading by normal means. This is a pilot program, and we hope it will lead to better recognition of these patients by insurance companies and other agencies.

March 31 the KTEF Scientific Advisory Committee will meet in Chicago to award our research grants for this year. They are usually given to beginning researchers in the field of **pediatric eye care**. The genetic area of study seems to be very much in the forefront at this time.

This month I will be attending the East Central Department Conference in Lansing, Michigan, on March 10. From there Lois and I will go to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and on to New Bern, North Carolina, for their Grand Commandery Conclaves. Come and see us at one of these events or at Easter in Washington, D.C.

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

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

MARCH: We have extensive coverage of the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign, including the recent contributors to the 33° Club (page 6). On page 5 General Chairman Pruitt compares the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign to the Super Bowl to encourage our Commanderies to join KTEF defenses and to inspire us to a grand success in the Campaign, and you can continue watching the progress of your state; see page 8. Grand Master Jones tells of exciting KTEF projects And updates his activities on page 2. The Grand Encampment committees on Religious Activities and Membership have ideas and wisdom to share with you starting on pages 11 and 13! Articles celebrate the lives of Brother John W. Geary and Brother Dean E. Hess. Both were Masons who had significant impact on the world in which they lived! James Oglethorpe's story is concluded this month. Read and enjoy!

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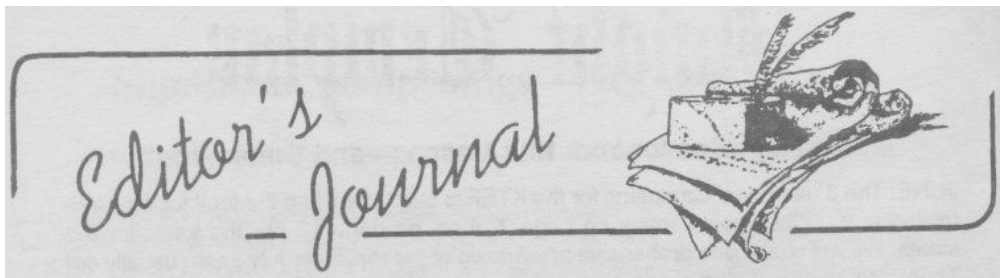
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Correction on Annual Conclave, January 2001 issue: The New York Conclave has been moved from Ronkonkoma to the Holiday Inn at Suffern, New York. Dates the same: Sept. 14-16.

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.

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

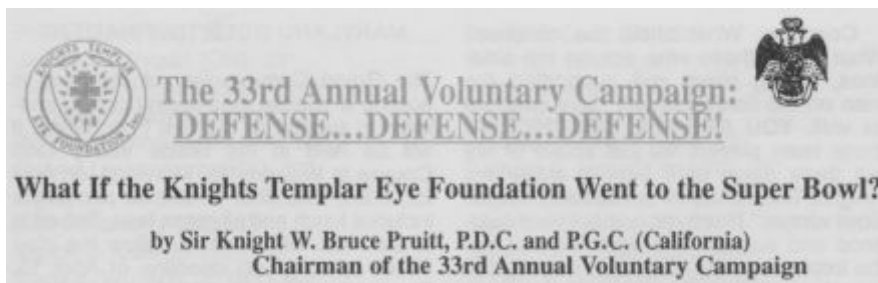
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Super Bowl XXXV, which was played on January 28, 2001, will be old news by the time you read this message; however, I am writing it just a short while after watching the game on television. If you will remember, the Baltimore Ravens showed both defense and offense, in their 34 to 7 rout of the New York Giants. (I am sorry if I am bringing back sad memories to all you friends in the New York area.) It was such a one-sided affair that I heard some folks in our group say, "The commercials were the best part of the show." However that may be, as I watched that event, I was reminded in a very strong way how important all aspects of the game are. It became abundantly clear that a team needs many elements including defense, offense, and strong, special teams in order to be triumphant.

It occurred to me during the Super Bowl that our Knights **Templar Eye Foundation** is very much like a football team. We need several, strong components as well, before we can successfully conquer the numerous opposing forces we address:

Defense: Our defensive team is composed of the many surgeons and their staffs, who perform operations to counter the incursion of eye problems. They are dedicated to curing the ills that plague children and adults alike. They stop many advancing anomalies leading to blindness, and they greatly improve the sight of a large number of individuals who have poor vision.

Offense: The numerous research scientists who from year to year send in proposals and receive financial grants could be considered our offensive team. They



are truly "taking the offense." They are working on the many diseases and disorders that affect the eyes, and they are searching for both causes and cures to those problems. From time to time, you see reports on these pages of the financial assistance that your Eye Foundation provides to them to aid in this endeavor. The scientists could be viewed as the offensive backfield, and their supporting staff of technicians are the offensive line. Both groups are working hard to "move the ball down the field" and to be successful in attacking all sorts of eye problems.

Special Teams: I suppose we could say that we have a special team as well. Do you remember the two most exciting parts of Super Bowl XXXV? Early in the 3rd quarter, the Giants' kick-off receiver ran the ball 100 yards for a touchdown. Then, on the very next kick-off, the Ravens' receiver did the same thing! Special teams are important, too. Our special team is made up of those ophthalmologists who participate in the Eye Care project and who check out seniors to ensure that their eyes are in reasonable condition.

Coaches: What about the coaches? What about those who are on the sidelines, calling plays and supporting the men on the field? Yes, we have coaches as well. **YOU ARE THE COACHES.** All those team players we just spoke of are out there doing their best to make the Knights Templar Eye Foundation a "Super Bowl winner." However, without your guidance and support, the team will not win the trophy. You call the plays. You provide the wherewithal to keep the players motivated. How many times have you seen a football game in which one team lost handily, only to be accused of being 'out coached'? It happens, doesn't it? So I am encouraging you, "**coaches,**" not to neglect your part of the game. If you haven't already made a special contribution to the Eye Foundation during this Thirty-third campaign, please do so right now. Every dollar is needed to ensure that our Eye Foundation will be a "Super Bowl winner" this year. **DO YOUR PART.**

Maryland Golf Tournament

The Grand Commandery of Maryland is holding a special fund-raising golf tournament in support of the Eye Foundation. It will be held at the Glade Valley Golf Course in Walkersville,

Maryland, on April 25, 2001. The cost of \$60.00 per player includes lunch and all green fees. Tee-off is at 9:00 A.M. with lunch to follow the play. There is a sign-up deadline of April 15. Send all registrations (name, address, phone, and number of players) to Sir Knight William B. Colburn, P.O. Box 951, Mt. Airy, MD 21771. Checks to: **Grand Commandery of Maryland**

We on the campaign committee greatly appreciate the initiative taken to bolster the campaign in this way. We hope everyone who is able will support this program. THANK YOU, GRAND COMMANDERY OF MARYLAND.

Best wishes to you all - Bruce

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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies
for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week
ending February 9, 2001. The total amount
contributed to date is \$302,230.19.

Alabama	\$6,782.00
Arizona	731.00
Arkansas	2,388.00
California	13,949.30
Colorado	3,078.00
Connecticut	961.00
Delaware	478.00
District of Columbia	1,545.00
Florida	9,793.49
Georgia	26,792.00
Idaho	398.00
Illinois	9,968.39
Indiana	5,535.00
Iowa	5,648.00
Kansas	3,101.20
Kentucky	4,039.39
Louisiana	3,936.00
Maine	714.00
Maryland	5,871.00
Mass./R.I.	5,158.00
Michigan	6,908.00
Minnesota	2,462.17
Mississippi	1,739.00

Missouri	6,175.50
Montana	763.00
Nebraska	1,954.23
Nevada	651.00
New Hampshire	4,170.00
New Jersey	2,161.00
New Mexico	3,269.50
New York	6,818.00
North Carolina	8,628.66
North Dakota	333.00
Ohio	18,164.75
Oklahoma	3,045.50
Oregon	4,213.00
Pennsylvania	26,468.00
South Carolina	9,932.70
South Dakota	23,962.50
Tennessee	6,518.00
Texas	23,962.06
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Washington	2,776.00
West Virginia	3,361.50
Wisconsin	4,877.65
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Philippines	400.00
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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

Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (773) 205-3838

Grand Master's Club And Grand Commander's Club Pin

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

Life Sponsorship Pins Available

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

Free Eye Care for Seniors

January was National Eye Care Month, but the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology wants to protect your eyes year-round. Along with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., it is offering free eye care to U.S. citizens 65 or older who haven't had an exam in three years. Across America, 7,400 ophthalmologists will give free exams and a year of treatment to Medicare co-pays, insurance co-pays, and the uninsured. For information or the nearest participating ophthalmologist, call 1 800 222-3937.

from: *Parade Magazine*, January 21, 2001

Letters to the Knights Templar Foundation

I am writing on behalf of Saimun Alam, a young girl whose eye surgery you graciously funded. I have been working with Saimun's family in their earnest efforts to assure her the best education possible, despite the challenges which her impaired vision present.

I feel sure that you will enjoy receiving the enclosed letter from Saimun. She is truly grateful for your financial support, and I assure you that there is no child more deserving of your assistance than Saimun. Her attitude and determination are an inspiration to everyone who works with her.

Deborah Dickason Falk
Upper Darby School District
Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania

Dear Knights Templar:

Thank you for paying for my eye operations. The operations have helped me see better, and I can do my school work better. My family doesn't have enough money to pay for this. Thank you a thousand times!

Saimun Alam

Brother Raymond J. Vogel Installed Supreme Tall Cedar

At a Midwinter Conference held at Split Rock Lodge, Lake Harmony in the Poconos of Pennsylvania, on January 12-14, 2001, Past Supreme Tall Cedar Jacob A. Corwell installed Brother Raymond J. Vogel as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. The keynote speaker for the evening was R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Brother Jack Frazier.

Brother Vogel was raised as a Master Mason in November 1965 and joined Baltimore Forest No. 45 in December of 1965. Ray's father, grandfather, uncle, wife, mother, and mother-in-law have all been active in the history of Baltimore Forest and the Cedarettes of Baltimore. He is married to

Brenda and has two children, Andrea and John. Brother Ray is retired from Sears Roebuck & Company, where he worked as a manager for thirty years in various stores. He is now employed by the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Maryland. Brother Ray and his family are members of Fallston United Methodist Church.

Brother Ray is a Past Master Counselor of Baltimore Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in 1959; Drum Major of Baltimore Junior Drum Corps, 1961-1965; served as a member of the Stewards of Baltimore Forest, 1965-1982; served as Chief Steward, 1982-1987; is a life member of the Tall Cedar Foundation since 1985; served as Vice-President of Baltimore No. 45 Association, 1987-1992, and President, 1993-1995. Brother Ray served as Grand Tall Cedar of Baltimore Forest in 1989 and also President of the Officers and Past Officers Association of District No. 14, 1994-1995.

Brother Ray served as Chairman on many other committees of Baltimore Forest and has organized many affairs for his Forest. He is very proud to be a Master Mason and a Tall Cedar and promotes both organizations wherever he travels.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 18,000 members in 102 chapters, called Forests, throughout the United States and Canada.

Since 1952, the Tall Cedars have had the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and have contributed over \$14 million to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.



Sale Of Afghan-Throw To Benefit The Knights Templar Eye Foundation



Available now, this afghan is a tapestry throw that is made of 100% cotton. This new afghan has a lot of advantages over the old triple-weave afghan. It is 360 picks per square inch, enhancing the color immensely. There are new items to this design, including the three steps to Freemasonry. It has a black and white checkered floor leading up to the center column, and the compass and square are larger and enhanced with a cluster of leaves symbolizing Acacia of Freemasonry. The afghan measures 48 inches by 60 inches, and it is lightweight but weaved very tight to give it definition.

There are only 1,000 of these afghans made, and each one comes with a beautiful degree certificate so that you may write your important dates of Freemasonry on it. For every afghan ordered a certificate will be included. The price is \$48.00 each, including shipping in the U.S. A donation of \$5.00 for each afghan sold will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Send check or money order to: Sandra Knotts, PO Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087

Dear Eminent Commander...

Is Your Commandery Prepared For Easter?

from the Committee on Religious Activities of the Grand Encampment

The Easter season is a time of the year when constituent Commanderies can best exhibit their devotion and support to Christianity. They can do this in various ways in their individual asylums to better train and educate the individual Sir Knights on the mission of love, sacrifice, and forgiveness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The lessons of Christianity contained in the Orders of Malta and the Order of the Temple emphasize the most important elements of Jesus' life, but many other lessons are needed to teach all Sir Knights of how Jesus' life and mission could and should affect their lives and the world around them. This can be accomplished by further explaining the meaning of each parable and action of our Savior in more detail. The more education a Knight Templar receives, the better and more devoted a Sir Knight becomes. He also will be much more anxious to search out prospective members so that they too can receive the blessings he has enjoyed.

Many grand jurisdictions have inspections in the first months of the year just preceding Easter. It is good that local members hold those activities at that time because they usually create maximum participation. We do not, however, take the time to explain to our membership the connection between our Templar organization and the Easter season that arrives every spring. We are usually too involved in teaching or learning tactics and ritual to think of anything else. We do not give our members the "Reason for the Season."

Our mission as Knights Templar is "The Support and Defense of the Christian Religion," but our dedication to exhibiting

that mission to our own members and to the public at large has been sadly lacking in many instances. After properly training the individual knights in the tactics and ritual of the Commandery and instilling them with our mission, our reason for being, how do we demonstrate our mission to the general public?

The best way is by attending church in a group on recognized Christian observances. This can be either in uniform (less sword) or in dress clothes. The uniformed group makes a better impression upon the other church attendees but only if the uniform properly fits the Sir Knight and is clean and well pressed. If your uniform does not fit the general criteria, then wear dress clothes, but do attend with the group.

The following Christian holidays should be celebrated: Palm Sunday, the day Christ entered the decisive week of His life and mission; Maundy Thursday, the service commemorating Jesus' cleansing the feet at the Last Supper; Easter, when He arose from the dead; Ascension Day, forty days after Easter when Jesus gave the disciples the great commission and then ascended bodily into heaven, and finally, Pentecost Sunday on the eighth Sunday after Easter, when the Holy Spirit descended on the followers of Christ.

These holidays are excellent times for every Commandery to attend church as a body. An explanation to the other parishioners of who we are and what constitutes our mission would be appropriate at these services. A written story with photographs printed in all available news media is most desirable on these occasions. No one will

know our connection with Christianity unless we tell them.

Sir Knights, the Apostle Paul states in Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have the peace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ." This explains that through our faith in Jesus we are Christians and subject to error, but we also know that Jesus will forgive our sins if we but ask. The public will not understand our Christian connection unless we demonstrate our Christian beliefs publicly as Knights Templar.

In the book of James, however, it is stated in 2:14, "What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works?" This happens too often when a Knight Templar takes his vows, is confident of his Christianity, but fails to tell the world of his commitment to support and defend the Christian religion so that others may be inspired to join this great cause.

James also stated in 2:17, "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." This, Sir Knights, appears to be what is happening to our organization, but I am confident that we can reverse this decline if we show the world that we are Christians defending Christianity.

May each of us renew our commitment to participate in one, if not all, of the Christian observances occurring this season. Form a group with other Knights Templar and their ladies. Show the world that we are proud of our connection with Him and wish to honor our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins.

Eminent Commanders, make this happen in your Commandery. You will be glad you did

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ERRATA

I thank Most Eminent Past Supreme Grand Master Gordon H. Stuart, the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, for pointing out that the following corrections should be made in the *Knight Templar* magazine (general magazine only).

August 2000 issue, page 17, guests from the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada: "James W. Gerrard, Past Supreme Grand Master and Grand Chancellor," delete "Past Supreme Grand Master."

November 2000 issue, page 17, guests from the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada: "David B. Turner, Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master" should read "David B. Turner, Most Eminent Past Supreme Grand Master." Also, "Gordon H. Stuart, Most Eminent Supreme Past Grand Master" should read "Gordon H. Stuart, Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master." Also, the titles of all shown as "Most Eminent Supreme Past Grand Master" should read "Most Eminent Past Supreme Grand Master."

For those who have a copy of the *History, Book II*, the same corrections should be made: The first paragraph of correction listed above should be made on page 86, line 23. The second paragraph of corrections should be made on page 92, beginning on line 31.

Information on *errata* will be published as other errors are found.

Sir Knight Jacob C. Baird
Chairman, Committee on Templar History

"From Whence Come You?"

by Sir Knight Douglas L. Johnson, KCT, PDC, Committee on Membership

Any specific goal or mission must have a proper foundation on which to expand, and this also is true with the joint National York Rite Membership Program, ***The 21st Century York Rite Odyssey***. Just the name itself has a distinct ring to it that implies a continuing journey rather than a destination. Sir Knights, let us begin building a more solid foundation on which to expand our beloved York Rite and return it to its intended and elevated place among the Masonic Family.

The Grand Encampment under very capable leadership did in the past triennium devise and implement the cookbook for successful York Rite membership development and retention. The things that worked very well for us in the last triennium will continue to be of value if implemented. Friends, let us expand a little and talk about our commitment to and involvement in our Symbolic Lodges.

Now I know very well that many of us are very dedicated to the Blue Lodge. It is also true that many of our members have not been active. I think it is reasonable to assume that if our Blue Lodges are suffering, then other Masonic bodies in that location are suffering as well. I do not know of a Grand Master of Masons anywhere that will not freely admit "If it's not happening in your Blue Lodge, it's not happening anywhere." Well, Sir Knights, I think we can all agree with the assessment, so let us begin building the foundation that will propel ***the 21st Century York Rite Odyssey*** on a continued successful journey by our renewed commitment to the Symbolic Lodge.

Each and every one of us knows someone and probably several more who are most definitely "Masonic Timber" in our communities. These folks have the same

moral fiber and values that we have, but for whatever the reason, they have never been properly introduced to Freemasonry. Many of us have sons and grandsons that know very little about us and what we do as a fraternity. Sir Knights, this is truly stifling our growth. This is something we can change. This problem has a simple solution: Invite these folks and their families to a Masonic Friendship Dinner and have a program that is well thought out and that explains our fraternity. Make these prospective candidates understand they are already Masons in their thoughts and actions and that we would like the opportunity to put an Apron on them. This would be a proper introduction into our fraternity, and our guests and prospective candidates will gain a favorable opinion of our fraternity. Sir Knights, we have sat idly by for too long and waited for new members to come and knock on our door. Stop and think about this for a minute: Many have never heard of us, and those that have know almost nothing about us, so why on earth would we continue to think they are going to seek us out? In this modern fast lane we live in, we have simply and honestly got to get out there and sell our product!

Let's talk about several performance-tested steps that will influence the result positively. Constituent Chapter, Council, and Commandery officers and members must have the attitude that membership recruitment and retention is the responsibility of us all and is as equally important as our other duties. We, of course, get our membership primarily from Symbolic Lodges, so it would seem that we should support that body with equal enthusiasm. We must do this by serving on degree teams, being

"coaches" for Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craftsmen, serving on membership committees, and by speaking to our guests that are in attendance during Masonic Friendship evenings, just to name a few opportunities. The list could go on and on, and I am certain you already know how to do these things. You know, Sir Knight, you are already a prospective candidate's friend, so if you are there to help recruit him and are there to help see him through his degree work, doesn't it seem likely that you are in a position of influence? You see he trusts your counsel, so when he is ready, hand him a petition that is entitled *'The 21st Century York Rite Odyssey'*; his educational process continues, and you must again be his supportive friend.

Sir Knights, I believe as we begin to strengthen our Blue Lodges and as we continue to set the example by being role models for these new Master Masons, our beloved York Rite will begin to gain in strength as a result. This strategy must be a continuing process year after year. It is also essential that our new Master Masons be included in this process. Guess what?: These folks know "Masonic Timber" whom we do not know. Our new Master Masons will be very effective membership team members because they are excited and they

are going to talk to their friends. The business world calls this strategy "The Circle of Influence" or "Expanded Market Base."

believe with every fiber of my being, if we will do these things, we can build the foundation for the **21st Century York Rite Odyssey**, and **that** will propel this bold new joint venture on the journey of success. Sir Knights, let us have no illusions; it is going to take all of us, rather than the faithful few, to bring this about.



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Christmas Observance In The Rio Grande



To celebrate our Savior's birth, the asylum of Pilgrim Commandery No. 3, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was decorated with poinsettias on props from the York Rite degrees. Sir Knight Walt Wyche, P.M., read the invocation, and Reverend and Sir Knight Gerard Kaye said the prayer and later in the program provided the Christmas message. All the Sir Knights participated in the Toasting ceremony, which was followed by hymns observing our Lord's birth. (submitted by Sir Knight H. William Hart, Public Relations)

A man is a Mason when he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things and yet have faith, hope and courage. When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man.



When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins - knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to be friends with himself, when he loves flowers, can hunt birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy, when he hears the laugh of a little child; when he can be happy and high minded amid the drudgeries of life. When star crowned trees and the glint of sunlight and glowing waters subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps man to lay hold of higher things and to see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of the faith may be. When he can look into the wayside puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself and his fellow man and with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart, a bit of song - glad to live, but not afraid to die. In such a man, whether he be rich or poor, scholarly or unlearned, famous or obscure, Masonry has wrought her sweet ministry.

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Message From The Chairman Of The Committee On Public Relations

submitted by Chairman and Sir Knight
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Freemasonry

The following is a brief response to questions often asked about Freemasonry: what is Freemasonry, what is its origin, when and where did it start, who started it, and what is its purpose?

Freemasonry is the oldest and the largest fraternal order in the world. It is a universal brotherhood of men dedicated to serving God, family, fellow man, and country.

The heritage of modern Freemasonry is derived from the organized guilds or unions of stone masons who constructed the beautiful cathedrals and other stately structures throughout Europe during the Middle Ages. The skills and architectural genius of these craftsmen and their commitment to the highest standards of moral and ethical values were universally applauded, and unlike other classes of people, they were allowed to travel *freely* from country to country. Thus, during this period, the word "Free" was prefixed to the word mason, and these craftsmen and the generations of masons who followed were referred to as Freemasons.

Until about the sixteenth century, masons were strictly an operative craft - stone masons and architects building those magnificent cathedrals and palaces, many of which still adorn the landscape of the European countryside. Early in the seventeenth century,

membership in these unions or operating lodges of stone masons began to decline, and probably to compensate for their loss in members, they began to admit certain men of prominence in society who were not craftsmen or stone masons. This class of members were initially considered patrons of the Fraternity and over the years became known as "accepted masons." At the conclusion of the seventeenth century, a radical transformation had evolved; these accepted masons had become predominant, and the older lodges of Freemasons began to emphasize and teach moral philosophy rather than the technical and operative art of earlier centuries. Tools of the stone masons are still used in the Fraternity today but only to symbolize moral virtue, not to build cathedrals.

Although the moral philosophy of Freemasonry is founded upon religious principles, it is not a religion nor is it a substitute for religion. Candidates for membership (adult males) are, however, expected to profess a belief in God and be of good moral character.

J. P. Riddell Courtesy
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The Masonic Temple

from the writings of Brother S.B. Summer of Scranton PA

In ancient times, when Israel's King that famous fabric reared,
In which his glory and his might so manifest appeared,
He, in his wisdom, first gave heed to Heaven's great law to man,
And Order, beauteous and sublime, through all the process ran.

No sound of axe or metal tool through all the time was heard;
No Craftsman broke the harmony by one discordant word;
For so the work was portioned by Solomon, the wise,
From Corner-stone to capital, no discord could arise.

Eleven hundred men, trice told, as Master Masons wrought,
And eighty thousand Fellow-Crafts the quarried marble sought;
While Entered as Apprentices were seventy thousand more,
Who, through the progress of the work, the heavy burdens bore.

A vast Fraternity they were; a labor vast to share -
Who always on the level met, and parted on the square;
And three Grand Masters gave the rules by which the work was done -
The King of Israel, King of Tyre, and he the Widow's Son.

The columns and pilasters were of Parian marble wrought,
The timbers from the famous groves of Lebanon were brought,
Of cedar, fir and olivewood the stately walls were made,
And all within, and all without, with gold was overlaid.

Thus two great structures had a birth, the one of wood and stone,
The other framed and fashioned of fraternal love alone;
The one was joined in all its parts by cunning work of art,
The other by the ligaments that fasten heart to heart.

The one stood out in bold relief against a vaulted sky,
The other raised no towering front to meet the vulgar eye;
The one was all resplendent with its ornaments of gold,
The other's beauty lay concealed beneath its mystic fold.

Age after age has rolled away with Time's unceasing tide,
And generations have been born, have flourished and have died,
Since wrought our ancient Brethren on that Temple's massive walls,
And thronged its lofty colonnades, and walked its spacious halls.

The Temple with its wondrous strength hath yielded unto Time;
The Brotherhood that flourished then, still lives and lasts, sublime;
The one a mere material thing, hath long since passed away,
The other holds its vigorous life untouched by Time's decay.

Long may it live, through coming years its excellence to prove,
And Masons ever find delight in offices of love;
Til summoned hence, the glory of that upper Lodge to see,
When the Grand Master shall confer on each his last degree.

(by courtesy of Worshipful Brother William A. Schafer, P.M. Lion Heart Lodge)

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A Street Named "Geary"

by Sir Knight

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Have you ever wondered why certain names are given to places or streets? Most of these names are given lit-tie thought as people hurry along with their daily lives. Names are simply used by modern people to locate themselves or to find their way around a given location.

Such is the case in San Francisco, California. Names are now lost to history, such as: "Laguna," which originally led to "Old Washerwoman's Lagoon" or "Devisadero," which once marked the divide between the city limits and the outside lands.

The first street in San Francisco was named for Jasper O'Farrell, a civil engineer who laid out the early streets of the city. Other streets were named for early citizens: Howard, Leavenworth, Brannan, Sutter, Vallejo, and Geary.

Most of these names are familiar to those knowing of California history, but who was Geary?

During some recent research of the Civil War, particularly that of the Battle of Gettysburg, I kept coming across a General Geary and the important role he played during the second day's battle.

It was also mentioned that he had been the mayor of San Francisco. Upon further research, it was found that General Geary had been a member of the Craft and had a very colorful history.

Now, the name of this very well traveled San Francisco street began to take on a new meaning. As a tribute to this member of the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, let us review his contribution, not only to San Francisco but to all of us.

John White Geary was born December 30, 1819, near Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania. He attended Jefferson College in Pennsylvania but was forced to leave due to the death of his father. He had studied civil engineering and was instrumental in developing the famous "Horseshoe Curve" of the Allegheny Portage Railroad.



He received his three degrees of Masonry "at sight" on January 4, 1847, in St. Johns Lodge No. 219, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while en route to Mexico with his troops during the Mexican war. He never became a member of this lodge, but on June 11, 1855, he was admitted a member of Philanthropy Lodge No. 225, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Geary had commanded a regiment in the Mexican War and had served as the first commander of Mexico City.

With the event of gold being discovered in California, the Gold Rush was on, and John Geary, like so many others, found himself en route to California.

His route took him to Panama, where because of the long wait for a vessel outbound to San Francisco, he had ample time to become a charter member of Panama City Lodge. Since the Grand Lodge of Panama was not founded until 1916, it may be that this was a "Traveling Lodge" of Americans, and it may have become the core of a present day lodge in Panama.

The steam vessel *Oregon* arrived in San Francisco on April 1, 1849, bringing two very important items to California: John White Geary, the newly appointed postmaster, and over 5,000 pieces of mail.

Prior to this time there was no formal federal mail system in California. Each writer was left to his own resources to see that his mail was delivered, either to the "Gold Fields" or back to "Frisco." As over 2/3 of the citizens of California lived in the San Francisco area or in the area of the mines, this proved to be a monumental task.

Geary was given a space in C.L. Ross's New York Store, which was only 8 feet by 10 feet. In this space Geary drew chalk lines on the floor and began to sort out the mail.

During this time he became a charter member of California Lodge No. 1 (now No. 13) of San Francisco and its first secretary.

On May 1, 1850, Geary was elected the first mayor of San Francisco though he only held this office for one year, refusing to run again due to the lack of funds to support this new city. However, during his time in San Francisco, he made lasting contributions.

Like many towns that sprang up in those early days before fire codes or organized fire protection, San Francisco would fall victim to this ravaging element, fire.

On Friday, June 14, 1850, a third major fire struck with a loss of 5 million dollars and over 300 structures. Mayor Geary signed an ordinance for the organization of a fire department on July 1, 1850, along with the first building codes which encouraged brick construction and forbid "immediately" combustible materials such as canvas which was used for temporary buildings.

He also continued his Masonic career during this time in California by becoming a charter member and first secretary of California Lodge No. 1, now Occidental, California No. 1 of San Francisco.

After leaving California he moved to Kansas where he was elected governor in 1856 and served throughout those trying times known as "Bleeding Kansas."

On returning to Pennsylvania in 1851, he severed his connection with the California Lodge. It is believed that he affiliated with Concordia Lodge No. 67 of Philadelphia on his return. He is listed on the membership rolls of 1860. He had received the Chapter Degrees in Zerubbabel Chapter No. 162, R.A.M., of Pittsburgh on July 14, 1848, as a Sojourner, and the Commandery Orders in Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 on Oct. 2, 1848, but he resigned two days later!

After his return to his native state of Pennsylvania, he was appointed colonel of the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he was wounded at Harpers Ferry in 1861, and he was captured briefly at Leesburg, Virginia, in March of 1862. He was promoted to brigadier general and was again wounded at Cedar Mountain in August 1862, thus missing the battle at Sharpsburg, Maryland.

He returned in time to lead the 2nd Division XII Corps at both Chancellorsville and at Gettysburg.

Geary was a natural leader and a large man of over 6 feet tall weighing 200 pounds, and he was fearless. In Panama on his way to California, he single-handedly attacked and routed 13 soldier/policemen who had stolen some of the Geary family's food.

At Gettysburg he found himself holding a critical position on the Union right on Culp's Hill on the second day of battle. Somehow, either through a confusion in orders or in the misidentification of roads, Geary with two of his divisions marched away from the battle. By 8:00 P.M. a large void had developed in the Union line. However, neither General Lee nor General Ewell seemed aware of this opportunity and did not pursue an attack on this weakened line.

After Gettysburg Geary commanded the largest movement of men and material up to that time. It consisted of over 20,000 men, arms, and support equipment that was moved over 1,000 miles in just seven days!

Seeing action at Wauhatchie, where he lost a son, and at Chattanooga; he later led the 20th Corps on "Sherman's March to the Sea."

On December 21, 1864, after eleven days of siege, Savannah, Georgia, fell to the Union forces. General Geary's 20th Corps constituted the advance of the main Union army. Being informed of the chaotic conditions occurring within the city from plunderers, bummers, and local citizens who were looting their own city; Geary placed a strong guard force in the city to protect life and property from wanton destruction. Also a detachment was sent to the Masonic Temple, the home of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, A.F.M. (Ancient Free Masons).

Because of this act, the mobs were dispersed and the city was spared undue damage, including the Masonic Temple, which suffered no loss. For his action in protecting Savannah, Solomon's Lodge passed a resolution thanking General Geary. This resolution was sent to him in the spring of 1866 while he was serving as governor of Pennsylvania.

In reply Governor Geary wrote to Solomon's Lodge No. 1 on July 13, 1866:

"I feel again justified in referring to our beloved institution, by saying that to Freemasonry the people of the country are indebted for many mitigations of sufferings caused by direful passions of war."

Brother Geary served Pennsylvania as governor and was elected for a second term. His untimely death came 18 days into his second term on February 8, 1873, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He was just 53 years of age. He is buried in the Harrisburg cemetery.

Brother John White Geary certainly left his mark on history. From his early days in California to his time in the war ravaged South and finally to his participation in the State House of Pennsylvania; he practiced those lessons learned so long ago in the fraternity of Freemasons.

Perhaps, the next time we hear of San Francisco, we might remember Geary Street and the man for whom it was named.

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Maryland Grand Commandery Officers At Installation Of Westminster Assembly No. 245, S.O.O.B.



Maryland's Grand Commander, Sir Knight Calvin W. Parker, and several of his grand line officers attended the installation of the Officers of Westminster Assembly No. 245, S.O.O.B., of Westminster, Maryland. On January 6, 2001, Mrs. Patrick Racioppa was installed Worthy President, and members of the Grand Commandery of Maryland served as an honor guard. Left to right, are: Dons Wisner, Effie Grimes, Elizabeth Robbins, Betty Brendle, Florence Albrecht, Margaret Roe, Sonja Alcon, Shen Woolman, Mane Dodson, Margaret Grosa, Coetta Chalker, Grace Baldwin, Connie Racioppa (W.P.), Patricia Morgan, and in center, Grand Commander Calvin W. Parker.

Brother Dean Elmer Hess: War Hero, Humanitarian and Fifty-year Mason

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

In retrospect, looking back at the incidents which won Brother Dean Hess a degree of fame, one would almost have to conclude that it could happen only to an American. That a man trained to be a minister becomes a minister, has a popular motion picture made recounting his life story, and then retires from the Air Force to become a high school teacher sounds almost like fiction, yet for Col. Hess, it has seemed like an almost natural progression and simple career. To top it all, Dean Hess has been a Mason for more than fifty years.

Dean Elmer Hess was born on December 6, 1917, in Marietta, Ohio. His father Lemuel Hess worked as an electrician and belonged to Harnar Lodge No. 390, serving that body as Master in 1947, and he also was an Eminent Commander of Marietta Commandery No. 50. An older brother, George Hess, who is recently deceased, served as Master of American Union Lodge No. 1 the same year his father was Master of Harnar Lodge, and he held membership in the Marietta York Rite Bodies. The Hess Family also had another brother Tom and a sister Ethel.

When Dean was almost ten, Brother Charles Lindbergh piloted the *Spirit of St. Louis* from New York to Paris and sparked the youngster with a lifetime interest in aviation.

The Hess Family all belonged to the Christian Church although only the children attended services regularly. Young Dean developed a strong interest in religion and was especially influenced by an affable young minister named Robert Updegraff. Dean began to take charge of the youth services in his own church and also began to serve as a guest youth minister in other area churches.



When Dean finished high school, he worked at a service station to earn money, so he could attend Marietta College. Dean also met Mary Lorentz from the neighboring village of Lowell.

Although he managed to save only \$86 for education that summer, Hess entered Marietta College anyway. Continuing to work at the gas pumps to remain in school, Dean admits that he often fell asleep in class from exhaustion. Nonetheless, he managed to graduate in June 1941. Ordained as a minister in the Christian Church, Hess took a job at Republic Steel in Cleveland to pay off his college debts and support his preaching habit at three small rural churches. He was still doing this when the bombs fell at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Dean Hess had taken some pilot training courses at an airfield near Parkersburg, West Virginia, during his college days at Marietta, and although he had earlier applied for a chaplain's commission, Hess made the decision soon after Pearl Harbor that he would enter the Army Air Force and train to become a combat pilot. He attended training schools

at Maxwell Field and at Napier Field, both in Alabama. When he graduated from flight school in September 1942, his parents came down for the ceremony, and on the same day he married Mary Lorentz.

Dean Hess remained at Napier Field in Dothan, Alabama, through 1943. He took his Entered Apprentice Degree on February 12, 1943, in Harmar Lodge No. 390 in Marietta (presumably on a visit back home). On October 22, 1943, Mary gave birth to the first of what would eventually be three Hess children.

Finally in 1944, Hess got his orders to go to Europe. Between October 1944 and May 1945, the young pilot flew 62 missions and rose to the rank of major. Although he expected to be transferred to the Pacific, the use of the atomic bombs brought the war to a quick end. Back in Marietta, Hess took his Fellowcraft Degree on December 3, 1945, and was Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 7, 1946. A month later the 28-year-old pilot received his military discharge.

Like many other World War II veterans, Dean Elmer Hess decided that he needed additional education and entered graduate school at Ohio University in Athens to study history. Although somewhat embarrassed by the publicity he received in the *Ohio Alumnus* magazine as the "flying fighting parson," Brother Hess labored diligently on his graduate program finishing his M.A. thesis on labor reform in Great Britain. His work was under the direction of the late Doctor Carl Gustayson (also a former professor of this writer). Enrolling at Ohio State University, Hess hoped to earn a doctorate in history and ultimately teach in a seminary. However, with the "Cold War" in full swing, he was recalled to active duty in the Air Force, being initially assigned to officer procurement.

In April 1950 Dean Hess received orders to go to Japan as an information officer. Two months later the Korean War broke out, and again his life was changed. Transferred to Taegu Air Base, his first duty was to train South Korean pilots. Later, however, he flew

some 250 combat missions. On September 27, 1950, Hess arrived at Yongdungpo Airfield near Seoul. There he began the other phase of his career and the one that provided him with his greatest humanitarian achievement.

Like all wars, the Korean conflict created thousands of orphans and displaced children. Hess and others began to spend their spare moments, when not on duty, attempting to find food and shelter for these hapless waifs. When the North Korean-Chinese "volunteer" counteroffensive threatened the security of Seoul, Lieutenant Colonel Hess prevailed upon General Earle Partridge, commanding officer of the 5th Air Force, and he furnished some fifteen C-54 airplanes. Organizing an airlift known as Operation Kiddy Car, they evacuated hundreds of children from the metropolitan area of Seoul to Cheju Island where the South Korean government provided an abandoned agricultural school to house the orphans.

Some believe that Brother Hess' humanitarian instincts had been shaped by his accidental bombing of an elementary school in Germany during World War II. Perhaps this is the case, but one cannot help but think that he had strong convictions in this area anyway. After all, not only did he possess strong Christian values, but he had additional teachings in the area of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth!"

Operation Kiddy Car turned out to be only the beginning of Brother Hess' efforts on behalf of the Cheju Island orphans. While the island may have offered a degree of security from the ravages of war, the children still suffered from illness, wounds, injuries, and above all else starvation. Hess continued to expend all of his spare moments on behalf of the children; donating much of his own pay, soliciting funds from his fellow soldiers, encouraging contributions from the U.S.A., and prevailing upon the military establishment, the CARE program and the South Korean government to do more. Finally, with the help of Madame Syngman Rhee, wife of

the South Korean President; one of her old friends, a Buddhist lady by the name of Mrs. On Soon Whang, took charge of the orphanage.

Mrs. Whang (pictured with Col. Hess on our March cover) had been trained in modern social work in England, and her own son had apparently been killed by the Communists in her absence. She was in her early fifties and "threw herself into the work with whole-souled intensity." According to Hess, she "reflected.. strong, patient character, and great warmth."

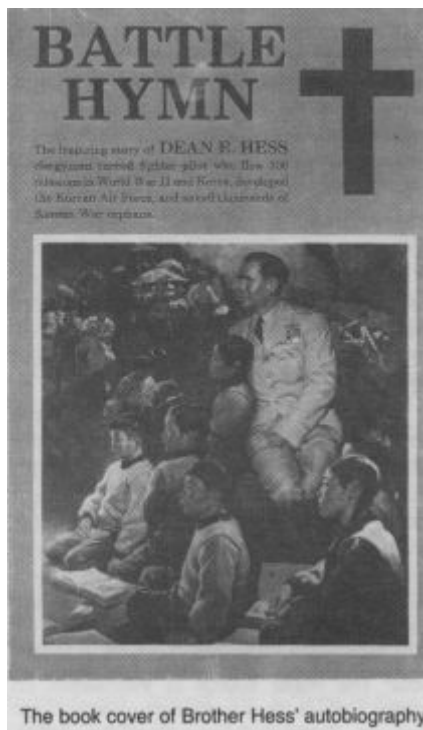
Mrs. Whang had her work cut out for her. Two hundred of the children died in the first three months from inadequate food and medicine. Those who survived generally had little to eat, but "rice soup" (rice and hot water). Water had to be carried from a mile away. Whooping cough proved fatal to many. Slowly but surely, conditions began to improve. Mary Hess, back in Marietta, began to collect funds, toys, clothing, and other supplies. So did the wives of other state side soldiers. When Hess returned to the U.S.A., he continued efforts on behalf of the Cheju Island orphanage. In his first year, the Colonel raised \$10,000 through speaking engagements and other appearances. He also organized a nonprofit corporation, Hope, Incorporated, to assist war orphans. Most significant, Brother Hess wrote his autobiography, *Battle Hymn*, (McGraw-Hill, 1956), which called attention to the problem. Universal-International bought the movie rights, and war correspondent, Quentin Reynolds, authored a widely read article: "The Battle Hymn of Dean Hess" in the February 1957 issue of *Reader's Digest*.

The Reynolds' article and the motion picture version of *Battle Hymn* probably did more than anything else to publicize the efforts of Colonel Hess and the needs of the Cheju Island orphanage. Rock Hudson, then at the zenith of his popularity as a leading man, portrayed Hess with Martha Hyer as the dedicated wife. Anna Kashfi as Mrs. Whang



Left to right: South Korean President, Syngman Rhee; Col. Hess; and Madame Syngman Rhee.

was much younger than the real person she portrayed, and contrary to the movie did not die in an air raid. The film was well received and for a time made the name of Dean Hess a household word.



Colonel Hess remained in the Air Force. After retirement in 1969, he taught high school for five years. In 1975 he returned to Cheju Island and also visited the Korean Air Force Academy, which he had helped found. Now in his 83rd year, Brother Hess and his wife Mary live quietly in the Dayton suburb of Huber Heights, Ohio, near the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the . Air Force Museum.

On October 27, 1995, Hess received his fifty-year pin from Harmar Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Sir Knight Richard Dennis, a former Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Earl S Gifford, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, both members of Harmar Lodge, have fond memories of Brother Hess and his family in Marietta. Sir Knight Gifford recalls that Mary Hess' ill health kept Brother Hess away from Marietta at the time of the presentation. Sir Knight Andrew Young, a younger member of Harmar Lodge, fondly recalls the honors paid to the hometown hero when *Battle Hymn* premiered.

Marietta has a historic past, and in the 20th century had produced its share of local heroes, including two Masonic Ohio governors (George White and C. William O'Neill, both of American Union Lodge). Yet none have stood taller in achievement than Brother Dean Elmer Hess, Cot. USAF retired, minister, humanitarian, and fifty-year Mason.

While duty on faraway fronts may have prevented his regular participation in the affairs of Harmar Lodge, his actions in both war and peacetime exemplified the highest ideals of the fraternity. In his autobiography, Brother Hess did not discuss his Masonic connections except that he closed it with the familiar phrase with which this essay will also close, "So mote it be."

*Note: The major source of information on Brother Hess is his autobiography, *Battle Hymn Rev.*, ed. (Buckeye Aviation Book Co., 1987); supplemented by the 1957 entry in *Current Biography* and an April 1947 article in *The Ohio Alumnus*. For his Masonic Record, I am indebted to Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, David Dresser, and to Harmar Lodge members; Richard Dennis, Earl Gifford, H. Lee Hadley, and Andrew Young; and indirectly to Brother George Hess. For the use of*

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- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Air Medal with 19 Oak Leaf Clusters
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- Korean Order of Military Merit (presented by President Syngman Rhee)
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- Thai Order of the White Elephant (presented by King Phumiphol Adulet)
- Third Order of the Sacred Treasure (Japan)
- European Campaign Medal with 3 bronze stars
- Korean Campaign Medal with 5 bronze stars

the photographs, I owe a debt of thanks to Clark St. John of the Buckeye Aviation Book Company, Box 974, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. Those who wish to obtain a copy of *Battle Hymn* may do so by writing Mr. St. John at the above address.

"I do have regrets for the necessity of war, remorse that I, representing mankind, do not have an alternative and compassion for all who suffer the onslaught of war - including the enemy. What would happen to our Christian principles in the hands of an aggressor that has no sensitivity toward the sanctity of life? Perhaps there will be a better day; until then we will not have the absolute choice of right or wrong. We can only pray for the wisdom to distinguish and choose the lesser of two evils."

Dean E. Hess
from the *Journal American Aviation Historical Society*

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

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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.

When the long-awaited attack was at hand, Oglethorpe ventured out to meet the Spanish offensive with a command of less than 1,000 men, including Indians. Governor Manuel de Montiano of Florida personally headed the Spanish invasion force, with a fleet of ships and 3,000 seasoned troops. Montiano landed at St. Simon's Island on the evening of July 5, 1742. Oglethorpe fell back to Frederica without making a stand.

At 10 A.M., July 7, the scouts notified James that the Spanish army was within a mile of Frederica. James and a party of 60 men met the advance guard and drove them back to the main Spanish force. 5 miles west of Frederica, Oglethorpe laid an ambush along the heavily-wooded trail, a narrow path threading through a marsh. Taking care to leave an abundance of tracks on the trail, James' men took position on both sides - completely hidden in the dense underbrush. The colonial force opened a murderous fire on the Spaniards, who almost immediately broke and fled in panic, abandoning their dead and wounded. Governor Montiano had virtually decided to abandon the entire campaign when Oglethorpe delivered another master stroke. He released a Spanish prisoner with a fake letter, which notified Oglethorpe of a large relief force en route to relieve the colonists. When Montiano spied two sails on the horizon, he ordered an immediate evacuation back to St. Augustine. The famous "Battle of Bloody

Marsh" was over.

On February 17, 1743, King George II promoted Oglethorpe to the rank of brigadier general in gratitude for his victory. It was a minor one, but it marked a turning point in Spanish territorial activity. Meanwhile, Lieutenant Colonel William Cook, James' second in command, during the St. Augustine campaign, became hostile to his commander. Obtaining an extended sick leave, he sailed to England and lodged 19 formal charges against General Oglethorpe. It was a scurrilous laundry list of allegations.

The charges, regardless of merit, required a court of inquiry, inasmuch as James was an officer of general rank. Oglethorpe's relationship with the Carolina colony, traditionally cordial, had cooled during the time he was their joint military head. They failed to provide mandated military support and complained bitterly over trade restrictions in Georgia. Those allegations and never-ending carping of malcontents in the Georgia colony had finally triggered a lapse into despondency for James Oglethorpe. He made preparations to return to England and face his detractors. His ship sailed on July 22, 1743, and he realized that he would never again return to Georgia.

After a stormy voyage, Oglethorpe arrived in England on September 28, 1743. He had shaken his depression during the long crossing and disembarked ready to defend himself against all his accusers. His first stop was the residence of the Carolina governor, James Glen, who lived in England. James demanded a retraction for the unfounded remarks and complaints he had aired. When Glen refused to do so, Oglethorpe administered a severe caning to the governor and stormed out, bound for a face-to-face encounter with his next accuser.

Parliament side-tracked the issue of James' financial practices for several months, while they debated whether to reimburse him for spending his own funds. Finally, on March 21, 1744, Parliament voted a complete reimbursement for all personal funds expended during the recent hostilities with Spain. They also voted a sum of 19,168 pounds for military support in Georgia for 1744, a total vindication of James' conduct of King George's War in the colonies.

In June 1744 Oglethorpe was directed to appear at the War Office to face a board of inquiry investigating Lt. Colonel Cook's charges. The results were swift and specific; that the charges were frivolous, malicious, and totally without merit. The board also recommended that Cook be dismissed from the service as an unfit officer. James received total absolution from all charges of misconduct and maladministration in Georgia. His trials and tribulations as the founder and father of the colony were ended, after a stormy but fruitful decade. At age 48 James now faced the final segment of his life in England.

He was still a member of the House of Commons and a life-long bachelor. He remedied the latter situation by courting and wedding Elizabeth, the daughter of Sir Nathan Wright, an English baronet. Elizabeth Wright, in line to inherit her family estate in County Essex, had a personal income of 1,500 pounds a year. The couple were married on Friday, September 14, 1744, in the King Henry VII Chapel at Westminster Abbey. They took up residence at their London house in Whitehall. Elizabeth's income was a windfall to the financially embarrassed general.

Early in 1745, General Oglethorpe was ordered to Yorkshire to recruit the gentry to defend against an invasion led by Prince Charles Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie). James was promoted to the rank of major general on March 30, 1745. The invasion was the final attempt to restore the House of Stuart to the English throne, and the military adventure was always referred to as "The Forty-Five." The overall British commander

was the Duke of Cumberland, third son of King George II. He disliked General Oglethorpe for his Jacobite sympathies in years past. When James and his force of Yorkshire recruits failed to foil the retreat of Prince Charles, Lord Cumberland relieved him of command. James returned to London to an uncertain future.

Lord Cumberland crushed the invasion of Prince Charles and his French troops at the battle of Culloden in April 1746, where he earned the sobriquet of "Butcher" Cumberland for his indiscriminate slaughter of wounded Jacobites on the field. Back in London Oglethorpe was suffering negative publicity over his former Jacobite sympathies. Lord Cumberland had lodged formal charges against him, alleging disobedience and neglect of orders.

A general court martial convened on September 29, 1746, following a delay in gathering witnesses. The trial ended on October 11 with a favorable finding. James was "most honorably acquitted" of all charges. Following the court martial, Oglethorpe lapsed into obscurity for a time, even though King George II promoted him to lieutenant general in September 1747, prior to his court martial. James' sovereign proved to be one of his most faithful supporters through all his tribulations over the years. However, in spite of his vindication, General Oglethorpe was ostracized in both military and social circles. He still retained his seat in the House of Commons, by virtue of his reelection on June 27, 1747. Oglethorpe elected not to disappear - he was a survivor.

With more time available James accelerated his activity in Parliament. For many years he had been an absentee representative, but now he became involved in the day-to-day routine of the House of Commons. By 1749 the criticism and hostility had dissipated, and James was free to pursue additional social interests in the arts and sciences. During the elections in the spring of 1754, James was defeated as a candidate for the borough of Haselmer in a spirited campaign. After 32 years in the House, his political

career ended. His sister Anne died on September 5, 1756, at her English home in Brentford, leaving James as the lone surviving member of his immediate family.

Although James Oglethorpe had fallen from the public eye by 1760, King George III renewed his commission as lieutenant general, once again demonstrating loyalty from the House of Hanover to their faithful soldier-adventurer. When the Duke of Cumberland was dying in 1765, James was promoted to the rank of general and became the senior general officer of the British Army. Fate took an ironic twist when Oglethorpe's most exalted military honor came precisely at the time Cumberland, his former accuser, died.

During the years of the Revolutionary War in America, General Oglethorpe worked diligently to persuade the British government to negotiate a peace with the colonies, without a military victory. In 1778 he finally gave up in disgust over the official British attitude toward the colonies. During the mid-1770s, James also renewed his former efforts to gain more reform in the impressments of British seamen with only moderate success. The old general, still straight as a ramrod and full of vigor, had few close friends. He struck up long-lasting friendships with a few prominent literary figures; namely Samuel Johnson, Edmund Burke, Oliver Goldsmith, and a young James Boswell. With his personal fortune long since rejuvenated, General Oglethorpe was able to pursue his numerous philanthropic activities.

His fund-raising efforts made possible the foundation of the British Museum in London. Another favorite charity was London's Foundling Hospital, coupled with the education of abandoned children. He continued to support the promotion of social improvement for military personnel, even after his days in the House of Commons ended. During Oglethorpe's golden years, he became a favorite of London society. His quick wit and social graces endeared him to everyone he met. He remained well-groomed and articulate until the end of his

life, in full control of his faculties. Author Edmund Burke called James, "The most extraordinary man I have ever met."

One of Oglethorpe's final public acts occurred in 1785. On June 1, 1785, King George III received John Adams, the first ambassador to England from the new United States. Three days later, an 88-year-old Oglethorpe presented himself at Adams' official residence to convey his personal, cordial welcome to England. The two men enjoyed a long friendly discussion at that historical meeting. Ambassador Adams was conversing with the only colonial founder who lived to see the colonies gain independence.

Three weeks after the landmark visit with John Adams, James Oglethorpe fell ill. His final illness was consistent with his age and he failed rapidly, expiring on June 30, 1785, at 88 years of age. Other events at the time of James' demise were receiving newspaper attention, so his demise occurred almost without notice. Only the *Public Advertiser* mentioned the passing of the last of the colonial founders. Their brief comment, "not only an instance of



John Adams, the first U.S. Ambassador to England. Artwork by Sir Knight Joseph Bennett

longevity, but of every civil and military virtue," was the most significant public notice. Oglethorpe did not rate more than that meager line from the hack who wrote the account. The news medias of the day were not alone in failing to make the most modest gesture of recognition for Oglethorpe's contributions to England.

A sad example of the fleeting nature of public esteem and the erratic path it often takes lies with the honors accorded to the memory of an obscure, subsequent governor of the Georgia colony. Former Governor James Wright was knighted for his contribution to England and entombed in Westminster Abbey. James was buried in an obscure grave at Cranham Hall on his wife's estate in Essex. After a generation or two the final resting place of England's distinguished senior general was completely forgotten for a century. In 1923 the grave site was rediscovered, totally obscured by underbrush, by Thornwell Jacobs, president of Oglethorpe University in Atlanta.

Elizabeth Oglethorpe, James' wife, demised on October 26, 1787. Leaving neither chick nor child, the founder of Georgia was the last living member of the family of Theophilus Oglethorpe.

History has not been generous to James Edward Oglethorpe. It barely takes note of his accomplishments. He was, nevertheless, a giant in his own time. The general was an individual with a complex personality, as already mentioned. His compassion for all men, rich and humble, was in bold contrast to his adventurous and sometimes explosive character. One writer called him a man with an alter ego. James often micro-managed his affairs and failed to delegate authority. He was stubborn and tunnel-visioned when fixed on a goal but pliable and obliging when the circumstances fitted his purpose. Fierce and fearless on the battlefield, he was a formidable enemy. His love for England was boundless.

During his long, eventful life, Oglethorpe endured more criticism and scheming against his person than most. However, we

must never lose sight of the fact that he was regarded as a veritable father-figure by a huge majority of those with whom he labored. The Oglethorpe image still burns brightly in Georgia's Masonic community, particularly with the Brethren of Solomon Lodge No. 1, the custodian of the Oglethorpe Bible.

Above all, the founder of Georgia passes the litmus test of what comprises a worthy Mason. He was the House of Hanover's most faithful Jacobite subject and one of America's paramount Freemasons.

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