



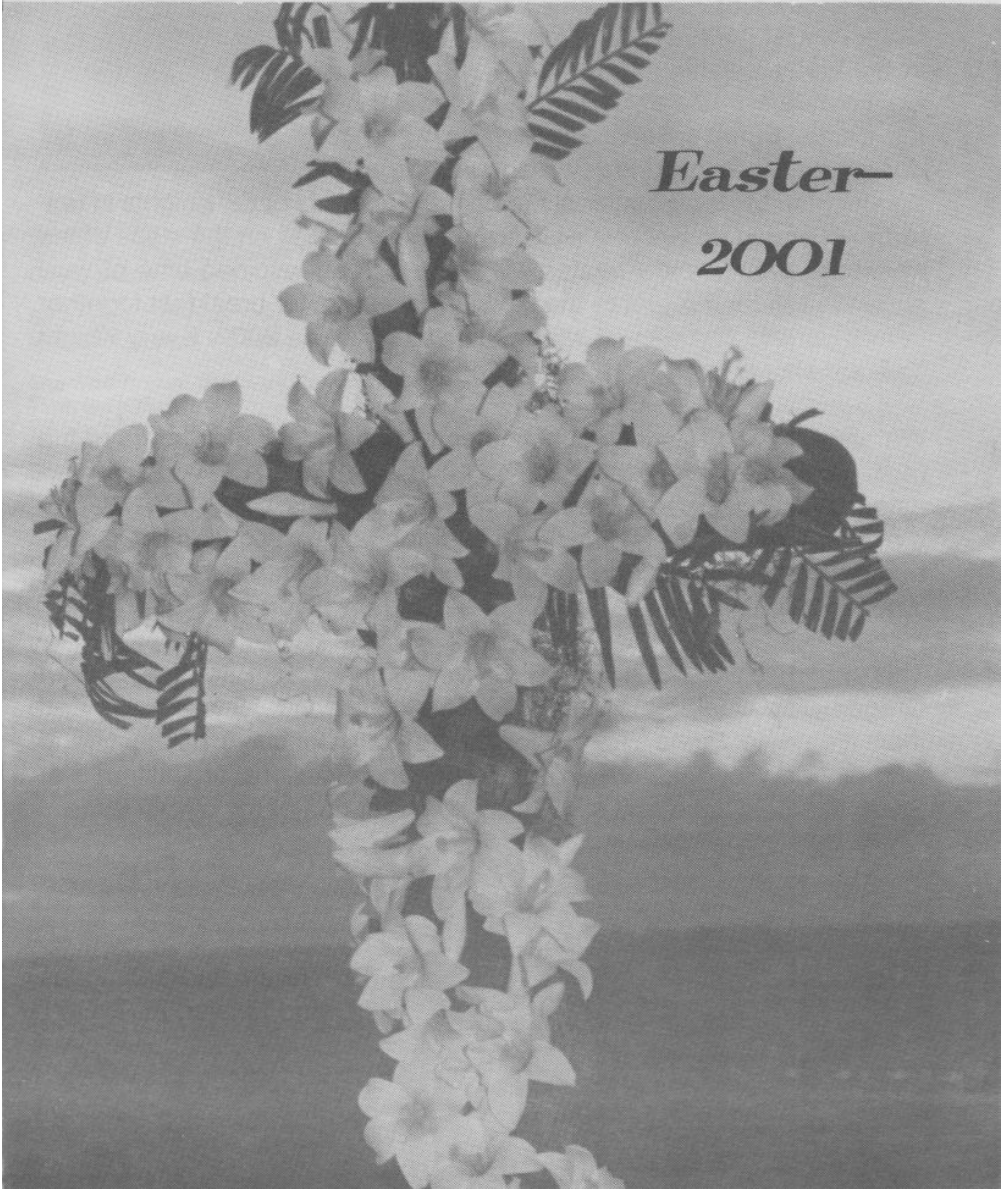
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Grand Master's Message for April 2001 Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service and More!

The highlight of this month of April will be our Easter Sunrise Service. It will be held in the historic area of our nation's capital. Saturday morning, along with the Grand Commandery of Indiana, a wreath will be presented at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. At noon a luncheon will be served in the Hotel Washington honoring all Grand Commanders present. On Sunday morning, the Easter Sunrise Service will be held outdoors on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Hundreds of Sir Knights in uniform will march up Shooter's Hill to join their families on the steps of the memorial. Our Grand Prelates will lead us in an inspiring time of worship. We will then return to the Hotel Washington for breakfast together before parting. If you can't attend this year, plan on 2002. Every Knight Templar should participate at least once!



We are planning a tour of Scotland and England including some of the most historic Templar sites. It will be August 2-15, 2001. If you are interested in joining, contact Donna at Travel Bound, Inc., 800 874-7898 or e-mail at: donna.travel@erols.com for information. It sounds like a really great trip. There will be more detail in next month's magazine, but time for planning is short, so call or e-mail now if you can.

This month I will be in Forest Grove for the York Rite Sessions of Oregon. The week after Easter, I will visit Carlsbad, New Mexico, and then it's on to Plano, Texas, for the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas. Next are the Grand Sessions of California at Santa Clarita. Come and say "Hello" to me at one of my official visits.

Dr. William Jackson Jones
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

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

APRIL: Coverage of the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign continues, including the recent contributors to the 33° Club (page 7). On page 6 General Chairman Pruitt has more encouraging words about the Campaign, and you can continue watching the progress of your state; see page 8. There is more information about the NECP program for seniors on page 5, and you can further and support it! Grand Master Jones speaks of the wonderful Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service on page 2, and Grand Prelate John Jones' inspiring message from the service is presented, starting on page 10. We have some interesting articles for your enjoyment: Read about Sir Knights Albert G. Mackey (page 19) and John Philip Sousa (page 25), and sit back and enjoy a comprehensive biography of your new Cabinet member, Brother Tommy G. Thompson, formerly governor of Wisconsin, page 21

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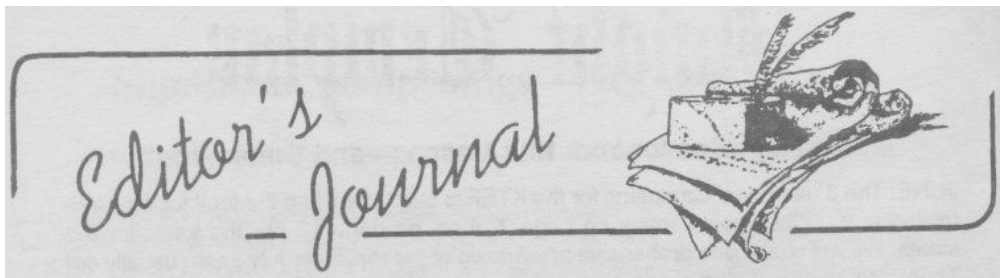
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General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, international
<http://members.aol.com/GGCOUNCIL/HomePage.html>

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

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www.YorkRite.com

Sir Knights Can Help Spread the Word About Medical Eye Care For Seniors at No Out-of-pocket Expense!

The EyeCare Americasm National Eye Care Project® (NECP) and its co-sponsors the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (KTEF) and the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology invite each Sir Knight to identify and refer senior citizens in need of medical eye care to the NECP. Eligibility rules are simple, and referrals can be done through the NECP toll-free referral line, 800 222-EYES (3937).

Every Sir knight can get involved by telling friends and family who are 65 years and older to call the NECP toll-free number, 24 hours, seven days a week: 1 800 222-EYES (3937).

The NECP was established by the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology to prevent and to cure blindness among seniors by helping to ensure that each elderly American is aware of the importance of regular medical eye care and that they have access to treatment. The project is designed for, but not limited to, those without access to an ophthalmologist or the means to pay. The NECP has helped over 560,000 older Americans since it was implemented nationwide in 1986. Through the NECP the following conditions have been treated: 59,965 cataract cases, 5,960 glaucoma cases,

and 2,519 diabetic retinopathy cases, and 100,727 additional conditions have been detected.

More than 7,400 ophthalmologists volunteer for the NECP, providing comprehensive medical eye examinations and treatment for eye conditions detected, for up to one year at no out-of-pocket expense to the qualifying senior. Medicare and/or private insurance will be accepted as payment in full. For those who are uninsured, there is no charge. More than 200,000 people have been referred for examinations and medical eye care, but many more can be served with the help of the Knights Templar.

On January 21 the NECP was featured in the nationally recognized magazine, *Parade*. This generated more than 13,500 calls. If each Sir knight would refer just one patient over the next 12 months, we could double the number of people referred by NECP since its inception!

To qualify for a NECP referral to an ophthalmologist, callers must: be 65 years or older, be US citizens or legal residents, not have seen an ophthalmologist in at least 3 years, and not belong to an HMO or have veterans' eye care benefits.



The 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign: Time Is Getting Short!

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

Sir Knights, as the heading of this message states, time is indeed getting short to get on the bandwagon for the 33rd Annual Voluntary Campaign. This message will be in the April issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine, and the campaign ends on the last day of that month. However, even though time is short, it is not too late. In fact, I still have two appointments to make presentations at Knights Templar dinners this month. Both of those Commanderies will no doubt make healthy contributions before the end of April.

At this point in time, what can be said except to urge those who have not made a contribution to do so right away? You may be a Life Sponsor member; you may even be a member of the Grand Master's Club. You can still add your support to this wonderful charity with a special gift at this time. We need you!

The encouraging news is that at the time of this writing we are about \$3,000 ahead of last year; however, we still have a long way to go to our goal. I must say that I am quite surprised at the small dollar amounts and the small per capita amounts from some Grand Commanderies. Some records show average contributions from Grand Commanderies to be **less than \$1.00 per member**. Sir Knights, we have got to do better than that! On the other hand, the beautiful Northwest is really on board. South Dakota stands at per capita of \$19.08, while Wyoming stands at an even \$10.00 per member. That's what I call real



dedication! As far as total contributions are concerned, Texas, Pennsylvania, Georgia, South Dakota, Ohio, and California all have contributed over \$20,000.00. I know that those records did not just happen. There are some Sir Knights out there really promoting the Eye Foundation. I sincerely thank you.

It has been extremely encouraging to see the response to the 33rd Degree Club for the Scottish Rite. If you have been reading these messages, you have seen the impressive list of names of those who have either joined the club or made contributions in honor of their friends. Isn't that a great display of Masonic Unity? With so many 33° Brethren supporting the Eye Foundation in this way, **it is doubly important** for the rest of us to take the campaign "over the top" in their honor.

Last month I compared the Eye Foundation to a football team, and I said that all of you are the coaches. Football season is over now, and the players are taking a rest. The coaches are still

working, however: recruiting and planning for next season. So how about it, COACH? Are you still on duty? Send in that contribution right away, so that it will be in the bank by the end of the month. Thank you very, very much.

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

Use the Form below for the Thirty-third Degree Club! Send to:
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Donor's Commandery (for Campaign credit) _____
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Scottish Rite Valley _____ Other: \$ _____
Address _____

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____
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Number _____ Signature _____

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(through February 15, 2001)

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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 March 9, 2001. The total amount contributed to date is \$491,167.12.

Alabama.....	\$8,658.00
Arizona.....	2,022.00
Arkansas.....	3,556.00
California.....	23,616.02
Colorado.....	5,979.00
Connecticut.....	4,095.00
Delaware.....	1,803.00
District of Columbia.....	2,063.00

Florida	13,105.49
Georgia.....	43,465.72
Idaho	1,327.00
Illinois	17,722.64
Indiana	7,660.00
Iowa.....	9,597.00
Kansas	4,903.20
Kentucky	7,126.49
Louisiana	7,482.00
Maine	19,560.00
Maryland	10,104.00
Mass/RI.	10,105.00
Michigan	11,957.00
Minnesota.....	4,254.17
Mississippi.....	4,148.00
Missouri.....	7,643.50
Montana	2,583.00
Nebraska.....	2,402.23
Nevada.....	2,123.75
New Hampshire	5,190.00
New Jersey.....	3,355.00
New Mexico.....	5,819.50
New York.....	11,408.00
North Carolina	11,660.66

North Dakota	550.00
Ohio	24,378.75
Oklahoma.....	5,315.50
Oregon	6,118.68
Pennsylvania.....	34,958.70
South Carolina	13,627.20
South Dakota.....	24,541.50
Tennessee	10,582.00
Texas	41,432.17
Utah	8,406.50
Vermont.....	1,317.00
Virginia	7,825.00
Washington	4,983.00
West Virginia	6,981.50
Wisconsin.....	6,958.65
Wyoming	13,007.50
Philippines.....	400.00
Panama Canal No. 1	30.00
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii	230.00
Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks.....	584.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan	283.00
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Golden Chalice Presented To Sir Knight Harry W. Lister



Sir Knight Harry W. Lister (left) of Orange County Commandery No. 36, Anaheim, California receives the 14th Golden Chalice for a \$10,000 contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. On the right, presenting the Chalice, is the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California, Sir Knight Fred L. Smith. (photo by Sir Knight Laurance A. Collister, Sec/Recorder)

Bless This Kind

by C. Glen McCoy for his wife Marian McCoy, Eye Foundation recipient

I'd been living quite a life,
 Many years a happy wife.
 Children grown, grandchildren there,
 Everything was sweet and fair.

Then my sight began to dim;
 Driving then became a sin.
 Reading then began to pass,
 Even with a looking glass.

Doctors said they'd make it right,
 But the cost was out of sight!
 Then this group of noble men
 Thought such living was a sin.

Now my life is bright and clear,
 Nothing left to dodge and fear.
 Bless the souls so sweet and fine;
 Thank the Lord for such a kind.

submitted by R. Lowman Oglesby, interview coordinator, KTEF/NECP, Riverdale, Georgia

Easter Message-2001: Open Grave, Open Eyes, Open Hearts

by Sir Knight John D. Jones, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.

Sir Knight John D. Jones, KYCH, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A., will present "Easter Message-2001: Open Grave, Open Eyes, Open Hearts," at the 71st Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 15, 2001.

A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master, Dr. William J. Jones, to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at this traditional Easter Service. For those who are unable to attend the Easter ceremony in Alexandria or who wish to read the message in addition to being there, here we share it with you. Sir Knight John D. Jones has served as a teacher and school administrator in several central Illinois communities and has been employed as a mental health counselor in Paxton, Illinois. Currently he is teaching at Oakland, Illinois. He has served as Eminent Commander of Melita Commandery No. 37, Tuscola, Illinois, and Godfrey De Bouillon Commandery No. 44, Mattoon, Illinois. He was Aide-de-Camp to Sir Knight William J. Jones for nine years. He resides at 710 Front Street, Villa Grove, IL 61956-1318

Most Eminent Grand Master, distinguished guests, Sir Knights, and Fratres all:

"Christ has risen, Christ has risen, Christ has risen!" This is the traditional greeting of Christians all over the world! Millions of pilgrims from all over the world have visited the grave of our Lord and Savior. One of those pilgrims was our Grand Master, and he is here to report that the grave is open, the tomb is empty because Christ has risen!

Two thousand years ago the events of the burial of the carpenter's son began to unfold. A rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, asked for the body of Jesus. In fulfillment of Isaiah 53:9, Jesus, who died among thieves, would be buried by a rich man in a rich man's grave. Joseph was helped by another rich man, Nicodemus.

They would pull the nails from the hands that had healed many, they would remove the crown of thorns from the head that was offered a crown of gold, they would wrench the wretched spikes that impaled the feet that had walked on water. They would wrap that beloved body in yard after yard of linen along with spices. They could not finish the final preparations because the Sabbath began at evening, and no one could touch the body on the Sabbath. They would put the body in a grave that was a cave that had been carved in the rock, not too far from the place of the crucifixion. The law prevented the burial of a criminal in the tomb of his father, and now no member of Joseph's family could be buried in this tomb. The opening would have been only about waist high, and it would have been closed by rolling a stone down a groove to in

make it difficult for any would-be grave robbers to open it, and of course, it would be humanly impossible for anyone to move the stone up the groove from inside the grave. They did not know that the authorities from the temple would send a group of guards to prevent any unauthorized entrance to the tomb.

Max Lucado describes the next events in his book, *He Still Moves Stones*, as follows:

"It was a dark Sunday morning. It had been dark since Friday.

"Dark with Peter's denial,
"Dark with the disciples' betrayal,
"Dark with Pilot's cowardice,
"Dark with Christ's anguish,
"Dark with Satan's glee."

There were two Marys, one the mother of James and Joseph, and the other was Mary Magdalene. They were the last to leave Calvary and the first to arrive at the grave.

"Remember, Mary and Mary don't know this is the first Easter. They are not hoping the tomb will be vacant.. and it isn't hope that leads the women up the mountain to the tomb. It is duty. Naked devotion. They expect nothing in return. What could Jesus give? What could a dead man offer? The two women are not climbing the mountain to receive; they are going to the tomb to give. Period.

"There is no motivation more noble.

"There are times when we, too, are called to love, expecting nothing in return. Times when we are called to give money to people who will never say thanks, to forgive those who won't forgive us, to come early and stay late when no one else notices."

Perhaps, they felt like giving up before they got to the tomb; they did not know how they could move the stone without help. If they knew of the guards, they did not know if they would be given permission to enter. They did not know that their spices would be wasted. They did not know that the grave was empty and Christ was risen. If they gave up before they got to the tomb, if they could not have moved the stone themselves, if they were not given permission to enter the tomb; they would never have known, so God sent an earthquake and an angel to scare the guards and to move the stone.

Max Lucado says: "The stone was moved - not for Jesus - but for the women; not so Jesus could come out, but so the women could see in!... God does that for the faithful. Just when the womb gets too old for babies, Sarah gets pregnant; just when the failure is too great for Grace, David is pardoned; and just when the road is too dark for Mary and Mary, the angel glows and the Savior shows and the two women will never be the same."

And the world will never be the same! "God still moves stones." The grave is open.

Each of us and all of us can go to the grave. (Wouldn't that be a sight in the Holy Sepulcher, if everyone here today went to the Holy Land with our Grand Master?) Each of us could go to the grave, but it wouldn't matter to any of us if our eyes were not open. The angel's admonition would have no effect on the women if their eyes were not open. The angel's admonition would have no effect on anyone if his/her eyes were not open. Jesus saw blind men and healed them so that their eyes were open and they could see the world. Jesus saw blind men and healed them so that their eyes were open and they could see Jesus.

As Knights Templar, we need to open our eyes to see the world. As Knights Templar, we need to open our eyes to see Jesus. We need to see the blind eyes of our brothers and sisters. We need to see the babies with their blurred vision. As one of our distinguished Past Grand Masters from Illinois recently said: "We need to be a part of our society and apart from our society at the same time."

We need to go out into our communities to learn the unique aspects of our communities and the unique needs of our communities. Perhaps, your community needs a project done to beautify the public park. Perhaps, your community needs assistance in a community festival like the Agriculture Days of our small

town of Villa Grove, Illinois. Perhaps, your community needs participants in a parade like the Honey Bee Festival parade of Paris, Illinois. Perhaps, your community needs a sponsor for a Little League team or a Boy Scout troop. Perhaps, your community needs help in transporting people to senior citizen meals. Perhaps, your community needs contributions to the local food bank. Perhaps, your community needs blood. Perhaps, your community needs...

As Knights Templar, we need to see the needs of our aged and infirm. We need to see those who need assistance to walk, who need assistance to eat, who need assistance to bathe, who need assistance to roll over in bed.

As Knights Templar, we need to open our eyes to see the needs of young men and women who are attending our colleges and universities to receive training to serve in occupations that will eventually help those who cannot see and who cannot walk.

As Knights Templar, we need to open our eyes to see that our ministers get to the Holy Land so that they can see the open grave and return with new enthusiasm from their eyewitness accounts that the grave is open, the tomb is empty, and Christ has risen.

Once we know that the grave is open, once we see with eyes open; then we need to open our hearts. Jesus taught in parables. He used earthly stories with heavenly meanings. Jesus also commented that there were those who had open eyes but they could not see because their hearts were hardened. They were the kind of people who say: "My mind is already made up; don't confuse me with the facts."

As Knights Templar, we need to open our hearts. I am here to say to all this present assembly and to all the world that the Knights Templar have opened their hearts. I mentioned helping the blind. We have the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to help people directly in the preservation of their sight and to help in the restoration of sight. It also helps people *to open their eyes*. Our Knights Templar Eye Foundation provides money for research to provide new cures for age-old problems and to provide prevention of worldwide problems.

I mentioned helping the aged and infirm. In Illinois we help them in our own Knights Templar Home.

I mentioned the needs of those who are going to school. We have our Knights Templar Educational Foundation. We also

provide scholarships.

I mentioned sending ministers to the Holy Land so that they can return as eye witnesses to the empty grave. Our Fraternity gives ministers this opportunity through the Holy Land Pilgrimage program.

There are many, many other ways in which the Knights Templar of the United States of America have given millions of dollars, and it is because our hearts are open.

Jesus answered the question about learning to love with an open heart by presenting the following commandment: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus told of a certain man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed leaving him half dead. Now, by chance a certain priest came down that road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion, so he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine, and he set him on his animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The thieves saw the man and said, "What's yours is mine, so I'll take it." The priest and the Levite saw the man and each said, "What's mine is mine, and I'll keep it." The Samaritan saw the man with open eyes and an open heart. The Samaritan said, "What's mine is yours, and I'll share it." Jesus

said, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 11:30-37) As Knights Templar, we should be part of the community so that we may see with open eyes the needs of those in our community and so we may give with open hearts that the cry of the widow and the orphan may never come to us in vain.

As Knights Templar, we need to be apart from the community so that the community may see Jesus in us. As Knights Templar, we must always be identified with Christ, we must serve under His banner, we must be soldiers of the cross. And when our allotted time on earth is over, we may receive from our Lord the Crown of Victory, while we cry, "Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name give glory."

However dark the predictions, however dreary the prophecy, however dire the pronouncements; I am persuaded that the message of the open grave, seen with open eyes and served with open hearts, is that we will be victorious because Christ is risen.

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:37-39)

Amen and amen

Easter - Passover

by Reverend Donald C. Kerr

Two important religious events occur this month within a week of each other. The first day of Passover is April 7, and Easter is April 15. Passover begins Saturday, and Easter begins Sunday. In Bible days these ceremonies were linked closely together. Out of the one came the other.

What message do they bring?

They tell us of hope and love and freedom. In each of these sacred times is the feeling of rebirth. Light is emerging out of darkness; despair and death are giving way to confidence and life. The power of God, in whatever way it is shown, is reaching out to touch frightened and hungry lives with a sense of rededication and resurrection.

God's love is so supreme and overwhelming.

It bursts upon a bound people and opens the door to a new adventure. It enters the mind of a man from Nazareth and turns a cross into a transforming energy.

Who knows how to measure love? Once, while sailing in the South Pacific, 16,000 feet of ocean lay beneath our ship. Over the earth we flew 40,000 miles high in the sky. Is love as deep or as high as that?

It is boundless and endless and sends our fragmentary lives into an evolving circle that never stops until it touches eternity!

May the remembrance of this hallowed time bring Joy and happiness and hope to your lives!

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On the Masonic Newsfront...

Florida Lodge, Chapter, Council And Commandery Enter Float In Christmas Parades



In December 2000 the float pictured above was entered in four Florida parades: Meigs County, December 3; Athens, December 4; Sweetwater, December 5; and Etowah, December 7. This was a joint effort by Meridian Sun Lodge No. 50, McMinn Chapter No. 74, Athens Council No. 118, and Athens Commandery No. 34. They were awarded \$100.00 in prize money in Sweetwater. (submitted by Dewey J. Purkey, Secretary)

Past President Of Maryland's Westminster No. 245, S.O.O.B. With Her Three Very Masonic Sons!



Pictured is Mrs. Terry E. Robbins, Past President of Westminster Assembly No. 245, Maryland, Social Order of the Beauceant, with her three sons. Left to right are: David G. Robbins, Past Master; Mrs. Terry E. Robbins, PP., Westminster No. 245; Sir Knight Robert E. Robbins, Past Master; and Sir Knight J. Michael Robbins, present Master of Door-to-Virtue Lodge No. 46, Westminster. The sons have followed each other in the office at Door-to-Virtue Lodge, and Mrs. Robbins has had a son who is Master for three years in a row. The two sons who are Sir Knights (Carroll Commandery No. 17) are working on the third! (submitted by [Mrs. Joseph F.] Coetta Chalker, S. Recorder of S.O.O.B. and *Knigh*t Templar correspondent)

Florida York Rite Museum

In 1995 Harry "Bob" Davis, M.E. Grand High Priest, convinced M.I.G.M. Addison "Pete" Bennett and then R.E.G.C. Paul Hockett it was time Florida established a museum committee. The purpose of the committee would be to preserve as much old, unwanted Masonic artifacts and memorabilia as became available. Looking ahead, these leaders felt it was more appropriate to preserve these items than to have them wind up in flea markets, pawn shops, or antique shops.

The Clearwater York Rite Bodies offered rooms in their temple where the museum could be housed and displayed, and the grand bodies graciously accepted the offer. Articles appeared in several different Masonic publications informing the Craft of the establishment of the museum and the needs of the museum.

The Craft responded. Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies and individual members donated, and some items were purchased. As the museum grew, so did the interest among the Craft. Items displayed are from the York Rite, Scottish Rite, O.E.S., Shrine, Grotto, Amaranth, the youth organizations, and others. Close to a

thousand items are now on display, and they range from the many types and styles of aprons to glassware, uniforms, swords, belts, chapeaux, gloves, jewels, medals, coins, triennial souvenirs from 1895 to the present, pictures, documents, programs, plaques, and even two male upright mannequins. These mannequins are dressed for the most part in full Templar regalia and stand guard over the museum day and night. In the picture Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard, P.G.C. of Florida, is shown with one of the mannequins.



The museum is located at 407 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater, Florida, and is open the first and third Wednesday evenings and the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month. It is also open most Thursday evenings, if a special appointment is necessary, please call Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard, P.G.C., at (727) 726-7827, or call Dr. Walter H. Winchester, P.G.G.H.P., at (727) 733-6216.

Detroit Commandery No. 1 Hospitalers Committee Donates Funds For Equipment To Paul Robeson Academy



On Wednesday, January 17, 2001, several Past Commanders and officers of Detroit Commandery No. 1, representing the Hospitalers Committee, visited the Paul Robeson Academy in Detroit, Michigan. There they received a Harambee - a ceremony of thanksgiving - and presented the Hospitalers Committee donation of funds for nearly \$4,000 in equipment for the charter middle school's science laboratory. This was the second donation of the Detroit

Commandery No. 1 Hospitalers Committee to the academy. The committee had previously given several classroom computers to the school.

Pictured above are the Sir Knights with the school principal, eighth grade class instructor, and several students at the presentation.

Standing, left to right, are: Robeson Academy principal Ray C. Johnson; Thomas K. Tabor, Warder; Don J. Williams, P.C.; Emmett W. Mills, Jr., then Commander, now P.C., Detroit No. 1; Charles R. Williams, P.C.; A. Ray Swartz, Third Guard; Gilbert A. Rice, P.G.C. and President of the Hospitalers Committee; and Derek Sales, eighth grade science teacher at the academy. Seated in the front are Paul Robeson Academy students: Kyra Odom, Cierra Strauther, and Ashley Ramson.

We are fortunate to be in a position to assist a school like Paul Robeson Academy in upgrading their teaching equipment. Through the generous donations of our Masonic Brothers, we were able to establish a foundation to provide grants for this kind of activity," said Sir Knight Gilbert A. Rice, P.G.C. and President of the Hospitalers Committee. He added, "Detroit Commandery No. 1 has a long history of assisting community organizations, and the Hospitalers Committee is honored to be able to continue that tradition of community service."

The Hospitaler Committee manages a private 501 © (3) foundation that makes contributions to qualified organizations in support of charitable, educational, and religious activities throughout southeast Michigan.

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, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.

New Hampshire Sale Of York Rite And Masonic Belts To Aid KTEF

York Rite and Freemason belts from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire are still available, and there is a good supply on hand, so I will be glad to ship you one or more upon receipt of your order. Belts are made of a finely woven black or blue ribbon, sewn onto a web belt of matching color. With a brass buckle to round out the package, they look just great! The York Rite belt has the names of the three bodies and "York Rite," and the three emblems are repeated several times around the length,



which is standard 51 inches long and can be cut to fit. The Freemason belt is blue with several working tools and the word "Freemason" repeated several times. Both have a brass buckle. The colors of the design are a pleasing gold, silver, red, and brown. These are still \$12.00 each, postpaid, U.S. funds, and I can ship quantities and extra long if needed. My thanks to all who have bought these fine belts. You have assisted me in contributing over \$9,000 to our KTEF, as well as to RARA and CMMRF. MSA has just been sent a contribution from the Masonic belt sales. Send order and check to: Frederick H. Heuss, P.G.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue; Rochester, NH 03867-2034

Masonic Facts and Oddities

submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations of the Grand Encampment Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, H.P.D.C., P.G.C. (PA)

Oldest Lodge: Formerly known as Kilwinning No. 1, it is now known as St. Mary's Chapel; it will be 402 years old this year on July 2001. The jewel issued in 1999 to commemorate the 400th anniversary has the words SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT" and under that is The Lodge of St Mary's Chapel Edinburgh No. 1." It is generally accepted as the oldest Lodge, constituted in 1599, but the Grand Lodge of Scotland gives two more which claim to date back to 1598: Lodge 0 Mother Kilwinning (Kilwinning, Ayrshire) founded before 1598 and Lodge No. 12, the Lodge at Melrose St. John (Roxburgh), also 1598.

Oldest Lodges in the U.S.: St. John's of Boston and Philadelphia both claim to be the oldest. Neither can furnish clear proof. Solomon's Lodge No. 2 in Savannah, Georgia, is the 3rd oldest.

Oldest Temple in the U.S.: The oldest temple was built in 1789 in Richmond, Virginia, and has been in continuous use ever since.

First and Only Grand Master in America: In 1771 the Grand Master of England commissioned Colonel Joseph Montfort of Halifax as "Provincial Grand Master of and for America." The monument erected to Montfort in 1911 has this inscription: 'The First, the Last, and the only Grand Master of America.'

First Grand Lodge in U.S.: Massachusetts was organized on July 30, 1733. Henry Price was the first Grand Master.

Antiquity Lodge No. 2, London, has no Charter: Antiquity Lodge No. 2 has no warrant or charter. It derives its authority from inherent right, being one of the 4 that met in 1717 to constitute the Mother Lodge of England.

Largest Lodge in the World: In 1957 Albert Pike Lodge No. 303 of Wichita, Kansas, had 5,715 members.

Smallest Lodge in Texas: Chalk Mountain Lodge No. 894 at one time had only 14 members from a community of 30. The Lodge had a quaint operating budget not in dollars and cents but "1 gal. of coal oil and 1 rick of wood," etc. The room was 20 x 30 with a pot bellied stove.

Warren G. Harding: Initiated 1901, but he was Raised 1920 (19 years later!).

Stephen J. Thorn: Initiated and Passed in Warren Lodge No. 32 of Shultzville, New York, and Raised 46¹/₂ years later!

Rudyard Kipling: He was born in India. He was "Entered" by a Hindu, "Passed" by a Mohammedan, and "Raised" by an Englishman in Hope and Perseverance Lodge at Lahore, India, 1886.

Moonlight Degrees: Mt. Hood Lodge No. 157 of Portland, Oregon, annually held a joint meeting on the slopes of Mt. Hood at the 6,500-foot level with a full moon and full costume exemplifying the M.M. Degree.

Tallest Mason: Robert P. Wadlow of Alton, Illinois, was 8-ft., 10-in, tall and weighed 500 pounds.

Largest Mason: The largest of all Masons and certainly one of the largest men known to medical history was Mills Darden of Life, Tennessee, who weighed slightly over 1,000 pounds, was 7-ft., 6-in, tall, and measured 6-ft., 4-in, around the waist. (His wife weighed only 99 pounds! You can see who ate all the food in the house!)

Old Members: James McGregor was a

Master Mason in Samaritan Lodge No. 16 at Salisbury, New Hampshire. He lived to the ripe old age of 108¹/₂ and was a Master Mason for 82 years, 10 months and 16 days.

Smallest Mason: In March 1943 nearly 300 members representing 32 Lodges witnessed the Raising of Vance Swift, a midget standing 26-in, tall and weighing only 34 pounds, at Pythagoras Lodge No. 355, New Albany, Indiana. (How did he meet on the 5 points of fellowship?) (Tom Thumb was 34 inches tall.)

Masonic Funeral: California's first Masonic funeral service was given in 1849 over the body of an unknown Brother found drowned in the San Francisco Bay. A silver mark of a Mark Master was found on the body. Tattooed on his left arm were all the emblems of an E.A. On his right arm were all the emblems of a EC. On the left breast were the lights of Masonry, and over the heart was a pot of incense. On other parts of his body were the bee-hive, the sword and heart, the all-seeing eye, the hour glass, sun, moon, stars, the 3 steps, weeping virgin, and father time with his scythe.

Midnight Lodge: Jewel Lodge No. 374, San Francisco, is the only Lodge in the world that met at midnight. It held a special meeting each year during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Its membership included musicians, theatrical persons, and newspapermen, to whom midnight was a convenient hour. (This lodge apparently closed or merged as no record appears of it today in the list of Lodges.)

Priests' Lodge: After the Grand Lodge of Ireland was set up in 1725, thousands of Roman Catholics joined the Craft, and among these were so many priests that they organized a "Priests' Lodge."

A Brother at Labor: One of the best known Masons in the last century, Brother Harold V. B. Vorhis, has presided in no less than 27 Masonic bodies in the U.S., but Brother Arthur Dentith, an English Mason, presided in 46 bodies, namely: 9 Blue

Lodges, 10 Mark Lodges, 4 Ark Mariners Lodges, 5 Royal Arch Chapters, 4 Councils of R. & SM., 3 Councils of Allied Masonic Degrees, 1 Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, 5 Commanderies, and 4 Chapters of Rose Croix.

Regular Attendance: William Kratz, P.M., McKinley Lodge No 318 of Pittsburgh attended all regular and special meetings for 49 years. Charles Alfred Burke, P.M., Fort Pitt Lodge No. 634, F. & A.M., at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, served as Secretary for 45 years.

Conferred First and Thirty-third Degrees: Probably only one Masonic officer has ever had the privilege of conferring BOTH the 1st and 33rd degrees on one man. That distinction is held by W. Brother Frederick Stevens, 33°, of Manila. He conferred the E.A. on General Douglas McArthur and then in December 1947 conferred the Honorary 33° on the general in Tokyo representing the Sovereign Grand Commander. Arthur McArthur, father of Douglas, served as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. in 1913.

Raised in a Balloon: In 1879 Lodge No. 239 of France held a meeting in a balloon over Paris at which time a Brother was brought to light.

The above Facts and Oddities are offered for the information and amusement of the readers. If you can substantiate that something is incorrect, please communicate it to the writer. Also, anyone wishing to add to this list may do so by communicating with the writer.

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- 424. Larry B. Ledbetter, Ascension Commandery No. 6, Shreveport, LA. 12-8-2000.
- 425. Ernest W. Smallidge, Blanquefort Commandery No. 13, Ellsworth, ME. 12-21-2000.
- 426. Glenn D. Baker, Cambridge Commandery No. 47, Cambridge, OH. 12-21-2000.
- 427. Elwood M. Isaacs, Calvary Commandery No. 26, Bartlesville, OK. 12-21-2000.
- 428. Douglas Collins, Dallas Commandery No. 6, Dallas, TX. 12-21-2000.
- 429. Charles L. Mize, DeMolay Commandery No. 20, Greenville, TX. 12-28-2000.
- 430. Johnnie T. Morris, Columbia Commandery No. 2, Columbia, SC. 1-3-2001. (jewel and 3 bronze)
- 431. Elam L. Swilley, Tampa-Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, Tampa, FL. 2-13-2001. (jewel and 1 bronze)
- 432. Earl R. Hanscom, Blanquefort Commandery No. 13, Ellsworth, ME. 2-13-2001.
- 433. Donald P. Coates, St. Amand Commandery No. 20, West Kennebunk, ME. 2-13-2001. (jewel and 1 bronze)
- 434. Albert Eugene Folds, Lebanon Commandery No. 33, Lebanon, MO. 2-13-2001.
- 435. Robert D. Collier, Arlington Commandery No. 107, Arlington, TX. 2-13-2001.
- 436. Earl R. Williams, Arlington Commandery No. 107, Arlington, TX. 2-13-2001. (jewel and 1 bronze)

→ RECEPTION FOR SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM H. KOON II
 → Right Eminent Grand Captain General
 → of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A.

When:	June 23, 2001	
Where:	Cherry Valley Lodge	Newark, Ohio
Time:	Social gathering	6:00 P.M.
	Dinner	6:30 P.M.

**Further information will be forthcoming in the
 May *Knight Templar* magazine.**

The Doctor in Charleston Who Saved the Supreme Council, 33°

by Sir Knight James A. Marples, 32°

Most Masons are familiar with the name of Albert G. Mackey, M.D., because of his monumental work, *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*. This valuable text has been used as a reference guide among Masons across North America and around the world. Even our Illustrious Brother and Sir Knight Harry S Truman, 33°, while in the White House, kept this encyclopedia within easy reach in a bookcase in the Oval Office and utilized it regularly.

Today in our internet age, we often take for granted the importance of encyclopedias and dictionaries in our everyday lives. Consider for a moment how difficult it was for Mackey to compile from scratch his *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*. . . considering that he was a pioneer breaking new ground that no one had previously dealt with!

Mackey's written definitions and in-depth explanations gave the worldwide Masonic Fraternity a measure of uniformity. Essentially, he was "calling the Craft to work and giving them proper (written) instructions."

Sir Knight Albert G. Mackey was born March 12, 1807 in Charleston, South Carolina (the same quaint city where the Supreme Council, 33¹, of the Southern Jurisdiction was founded only six years earlier in 1801). Mackey became a medical doctor in 1834 and practiced for two more decades before giving up medicine completely in order to write on Masonic subjects full time.

Brother Mackey quickly rose to preside over the local York Rite bodies in Charleston, and his career accelerated most rapidly in Royal Arch Masonry.

He presided over his state *and over the entire nation* when he was General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, International, in 1859-1868.



It was at a Royal Arch Masonry meeting that he met another R.A.M. member, M.E. Companion Albert Pike of Arkansas. Mackey's responsibilities in overseeing Capitular Masonry (R.A.M. International) were so great that he called upon Pike to assist him.

Mackey was equally devoted to the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. This Council was founded in his hometown of Charleston, and from it sprang all other recognized Councils in jurisdictions around the globe. In 1859 while Mackey tended to his post in R.A.M. International, he longed for someone capable enough to serve at the helm of the then 17 state jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite.

At that moment in time, Royal Arch Masonry was flourishing while Scottish

Rite Masonry was floundering. "Mackey's Prescription" was a strong-willed, ambitious, and well-educated Mason to head the Scottish Rite.

Mackey filled his RX with one Albert Pike.

Sir Knight Pike was Mackey's pupil. Pike was a past presiding officer of the Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery. And it was Mackey himself who **communicated** the Scottish Rite degrees from the 4th through the 32nd (inclusive) to Pike in March of 1853 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Many people initially and mistakenly think that Albert Pike was the most prolific Masonic writer because of the thick book, *Morals and Dogma*, and other lengthy writings; however, Mackey wrote more books which were actual reference guides. Mackey set the standard that Pike built upon.

For many years, Mackey served as Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33^o In many cities across the United States are old parchment charter documents which bear his name. He literally **SAVED** the Supreme Council by providing it with adequate leadership for years after his death.

After Mackey's death on June 20, 1881, Pike lost a valuable man in the quarries of

Freemasonry. In a way, Mackey knew where the silver was, but it was Pike who mined it. Pike sometimes grumbled about Mackey's poor organization and lax record-keeping; however, Pike became more reclusive and cranky after Mackey's death. As is often the case, a departed Brother is more genuinely missed after he is gone.


Mackey was a stabilizing force in Masonry. Like the Supreme Council itself, he had his roots in Charleston and his final reward in Washington, DC.

Now in 2001, as we observe the bicentennial of the establishment of the Scottish Rite's Southern Jurisdiction, let us take a moment to thank the doctor in Charleston who made everything possible.

Sir Knight Mackey was named an honorary past grand officer of the Grand Encampment. How nice it would be, I think, in this bicentennial to name him posthumously an honorary past grand master of the Grand Encampment.

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IN MEMORIAM



*And God shall wipe away
all tears from their eyes;
And there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow nor crying;
Neither shall there be any more pain;
for the former things are passed away.
(Revelation 22:5)*

John Earl Davis Wisconsin Grand Commander—1974 Born: June 22, 1922 Died: January 25, 2001	Jimmy Lafiosca New Hampshire Grand Commander—1981 Born: February 2, 1927 Died: February 5, 2001
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Brother Tommy G. Thompson: Wisconsin's Welfare Reform Governor and New Cabinet Member

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

In American politics Wisconsin has gained a reputation as a reform oriented locale. This tradition dates back a century when Brother and Sir Knight Robert A. LaFollette became a political power in the Badger State. The LaFollette reforms evolved into what is known as the "Progressive Movement" in American history.

Like "Fighting Bob" LaFollette of a century ago, Wisconsin's recent governor, Tommy G. Thompson, has earned a reputation for reform.

Current observers vary in attitude from those who view Brother Thompson as following in the LaFollette tradition to others who see him as reversing the progressive leader's reform policy.

To Thompson's way of thinking, his manner combines old-fashioned virtue and compassion in what has been termed "tough love."

Whatever the long-range verdict may be, his reforms have been popular in the short run. If he had completed his fourth term, he would have been only the fourth governor in American history to have served sixteen years as chief executive of a state and only the second to have served them consecutively.

However, in late December 2000, President-elect George W. Bush selected him to join his cabinet as Secretary of Health and Human Services. Thus continues a tradition - probably a coincidence - that every Presidential Cabinet has had at least one Mason in it. (The Clinton Cabinet had

Clinton's first Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and later Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman).



Governor Thompson, official portrait

Thomas George Thompson was born in Elroy, Wisconsin, on November 19, 1941. His father, Allan Thompson, was a school teacher turned grocery store owner-operator. His maternal grandfather had been a LaFollette socialist. (LaFollette himself was a maverick Republican most of the time, with occasional

drift into the Progressive Party and did gain Socialist Party support in his 1924 Presidential run.)

Above all else, the Thompson family practiced the virtues of hard work. According to an oft-repeated story, when little Tommy was four he wanted a tricycle and his father gave him an opportunity to work at twenty-five cents an hour to earn the money. Speaking of his father in later years, the Governor said, "I had to pay for everything myself, but he always gave me the opportunity to work for what I needed."

Tommy Thompson finished high school at Elroy in 1959 and entered the University of Wisconsin. While he had considered himself a Democrat when he entered college, the strong (perhaps excessively so) liberalism he encountered in Madison began to turn him toward conservatism and the Republican Party. Campus conformity has turned many impressionable youth into flaming liberals, but it also works in reverse on some persons. Thompson ranks among the latter (as does this writer) and retained the values with which he grew up, supplemented by Brother and Senator Barry Goldwater's book *The Conscience of a Conservative*.

Following his 1963 graduation with a Political Science major, Tommy entered law school and earned his J. D. Degree in June 1966.

Several weeks after graduating from the University of Wisconsin Law School, Tommy G. Thompson initiated his political career by challenging a seven-term, incumbent Democrat for his seat in the lower house of the state legislature. Young Thompson, however, ran a vigorous people-oriented campaign and came out the winner. According to one story, Thompson's opponent took him so lightly that he took a vacation in the midst of the vote garnering season while the ambitious youngster attended virtually every public event where he could be heard and/or seen. Tommy's 1966 victory proved to be the first of many, and he went on to serve ten terms in the Wisconsin House and spend the last five of

those twenty years as the GOP Minority Leader.

As a legislator Thompson earned a reputation as both a staunch fiscal and social conservative. His frequent opposition to new and what he considered excessive spending bills, led critics to dub him "Dr. No."

By 1986 he had accumulated sufficient legislative experience to seek the governor's office. Despite the fact that incumbent Democrat, Anthony Earl, looked like an easy favorite to win a second term, Thompson did not let this deter his quest.

Tommy Thompson not only conducted a vigorous campaign but also took advantage of Democrat strategic blunders. For instance, the opposition attempted to portray Thompson in "dark Nixonian image," as one who had voted against numerous liberal programs. However, their tactics backfired against Tommy's upbeat brand of conservatism that emphasized economic growth, private sector job creation, personal responsibility, and the curtailing and also reforming of the ever expanding welfare system.

His message struck a responsive note with voters, and the man from Elroy ended up with somewhat more than 800,000 votes to just over 701,000 for Earl; hardly a landslide but with a convincing 53% of the votes cast. In fact, in the next three contests for governor, none of Thompson's opponents would chalk up as large a percentage as Anthony Earl.

Governor Thompson's welfare reform idea have generally developed in a series of steps beginning with a six percent reduction in benefits designed in part to discourage persons from adjacent states from moving to Wisconsin in order to obtain larger entitlements. Another early reform bore the title "Learnfare" and withheld AFDC payments to parents whose children were habitually truant from school. "Workfare" required recipients to either work or be enrolled in vocational education courses. As a result, somewhat more than half had signed up for job training programs by 1991.

In the Spring of 1990, Wisconsin's chief executive became a member of Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143 in Sun Prairie. (There is no lodge in Elroy.) He received all his degrees on June 9, 1990. In becoming a Mason, Thompson has joined a select group of statesmen from the Badger State, ranging from Henry Dodge and Philatus Sawyer, John Spooner and Robert La Follette, to such more nearly contemporary figures as Alexander Wiley and Melvin Laird.

That November Governor Thompson's welfare reform programs proved sufficiently popular for him to win a second term by a relatively easy margin. He defeated Democrat Thomas Lofton by a vote of 802,219 to 576,292. These numbers gave the governor a comfortable 58% majority.

Phase two of the Thompson reforms began with the Parental and Family Responsibility Initiative in February 1991. Since under previous Wisconsin Law single parent families received more AFDC assistance than two parent ones, Thompson contended that the system provided a disincentive to marriage. He proposed bringing up the per-capita amount for two parent families to an equal amount but eliminating payments for single mothers who have more than one child. Critics termed this proposal "bride-fare" and argued that Thompson wanted to enforce his religious views upon others. (He, his wife, and three children are practicing Roman Catholics.) The governor denied the charge and replied to the scoffers, "I... certainly don't want to force anyone to get married but don't think that the welfare system should act as an impediment [to marriage]."

In 1993 Governor Thompson introduced his plan that not only required welfare recipients to work but limited payment to a maximum of two years (three years for food stamps and child care). Democrats toughened the bill thinking the governor would veto it, but to their surprise he signed the plan in December 1993. Critics also argued initially that the negative aspects of

these programs would not take place until the governor had left office. Ironically, he was still in office, and many of the critics were retired by the Wisconsin electorate. Thompson remained in the state house, and even now many of his reforms are still in place as well.

In 1994 the governor won a third term and in a banner year for the GOP nationally, he shone as one of their brightest stars. Tommy Thompson defeated opponent Chuck Chvola by more than two to one. He amassed 1,052,776 votes to 480,343 for the opposition, an amazing 68% of the total for one of the biggest victories in Wisconsin history.

Such success soon spurred rumors that Thompson might enter the Presidential race in 1996. In fact, the governor did make a few trips to New Hampshire and Iowa in 1995, but ultimately he opted not to enter the crowded field in either 1996 or 2000.

He did continue his efforts in the field of welfare reform and also education reform. His work in the latter area found him in cooperation with what at first glance seemed like unlikely allies in black Democratic legislator, Polly Williams, and Milwaukee Democrat, Mayor John Norquist. Their program - limited experimentation in the "voucher plan."

It is a little early to tell how this and some of the other Thompson reforms will work out in the long run. Some have been challenged in the courts; others will likely face challenges. Some may be overturned. Others may survive. However, the electorate continued to support the governor and many of his programs. In 1998 he won an unprecedented fourth term easily defeating Democrat Ed Garvey by nearly 370,000 votes and getting almost as many as he received in 1994.

After fourteen years as Governor, Tommy Thompson looked forward to a job change in January 2001, as President-elect George W. Bush selected him to replace Donna Shalala as Secretary of Health and Human Services. The nomination

generally drew praise from conservatives and some skepticism from liberals. The *New Republic* in an article took the position that Thompson's rhetoric was much more conservative than the reality of his reforms. However, the more conservative *Washington Times* in a reflective editorial wrote:

"Repeatedly, Mr. Thompson has succeeded in first developing and then implementing Wisconsin-based, innovative, conservative solutions to some of the nation's most difficult social problems. Whether the issue has been welfare reform, the education of impoverished inner-city children, the provision of health insurance for poor children and their parents or the long-term care of the elderly, Mr. Thompson has been in the political forefront offering new approaches, including school vouchers for poor children and work-based welfare reform to some of the most intractable problems. . . Notwithstanding predictions to the contrary from liberal critics, the national poverty rate actually declined in 2000 to its lowest rate in 20 years. Under Mr. Thompson Wisconsin has reduced its child poverty rate by half to one of the lowest rates in the country. The plunging Wisconsin welfare caseload and poverty rate have permitted the state to increase its assistance to the truly needy in the form of child care, transportation and health insurance."

To turn back the tide of "big government" and reduce continued growth of the welfare state has become a monumental task. Many applauded Governor Thompson's actions and have emulated him in other state reform programs. Still others have been highly critical. Only time will tell whether "tough love," "compassionate conservatism," and the values learned in the smaller towns and cities (such as Elroy, Wisconsin; Albany, Ohio; etc.) will provide a ray of hope for Americans in the 21st century and help solve the nation's growing social problems. If



Governor Thompson, official portrait

they do, then Brother Tommy Thompson will rank with his long ago predecessor, Brother "Fighting Bob" LaFollette. If they do not, then the U. S. A. will likely face even greater crises in the future. Both men placed their states in the forefront of movements for change. For better or worse, both LaFollette and Thompson have been innovators in efforts to improve society as they knew it.

Note: The best source of data on Tommy G. Thompson is the 1995 entry in *Current Biography* supplemented by articles in contemporary news journals. For his Masonic Record I am indebted to the staff at the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. The governor's office supplied the photographs.

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"The Thunderer" - A Knight Templar Masterpiece

by Sir Knight Peter H. Johnson, Jr., Grand Commander of Arizona

John Philip Sousa (1854-1932), the "March King," is perhaps one of America's best-known Masons. Sousa did his entire Masonic work in Washington, DC, while serving as the young conductor of the U.S. Marine Band. He was Raised a Master Mason on November 10, 1881, in Hiram Lodge. On December 3, 1886, he was Exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 8, R.A.M., and was Created a Knight Templar on December 10, 1886, in Columbia Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. President James A. Garfield, who had been assassinated in 1881, had also belonged to this Commandery.

In 1886 Sousa composed his 29th march and first hit, "The Gladiator." A string of great marches soon followed including "Semper Fidelis," "The Washington Post," and "The Thunderer." The latter composition composed in 1889 was dedicated to Sousa's Commandery, Columbia No. 2. Coincidentally, the 24th Triennial Conclave was held in Washington, DC, that year, and the march is said to have been a favorite at this auspicious event. Sousa sold all rights to "The Thunderer," "Semper Fidelis," and "The Washington Post" to the Harry Coleman Co. for the amazing sum of \$35.00 each. The publisher reaped enough profits from these three pieces to build two musical instrument factories! Sousa's business acumen improved greatly when he formed his own civilian band in 1892 and began publishing his works with the John Church Co.

"The Thunderer" is considered to be one of the greatest street marches of all time. The Knight Templar connotation of the piece, however, is largely forgotten. The Carl Fischer edition of the march, which is still frequently played, makes no mention of the dedication. Musically, "The Thunderer" begins with a solid introduction that has been



As conductor of the U.S. Marine Band from 1880 to 1892, Sousa served under presidents Hayes, Garfield, Cleveland, Arthur, and Harrison.

copied in many high school fight songs. A spiritedly first strain follows with a different low brass counter melody on each repeat. The bugle-like second strain is based on Sousa's tune, "Here's Your Health, Sir!" published in his 1886 collection, *The Trumpet and Drum*. The repeat of this section again adds a more elaborate low brass counter melody plus a pointed woodwind obbligato. A sixteen bar repeated trio sections follows. The melody sings like an opera aria as the bass line beautifully intertwines below. For concert use, the comets frequently drop out during this first statement of the trio. Next is a chilling interlude or "dog fight." Many directors place cymbal crashes in the blanks for great effect: "Yah tah tah tah turn turn, crash!" Could this be the "thunder" as mentioned in the title? The trio

again follows at moderate volume. Sometimes a regimental style trumpet part is added. Again, back to the "dog fight" and the final run through of the trio with all the stops pulled out.

Sousa was quite fond of "The Thunderer" despite the fact that it brought him so little financially. It is also reported to have been his wife's favorite march. During World War I, when Sousa enlisted in the Navy for a dollar a month, the famous march was used with his Battalion or "Jackie" Band of over 300 naval musicians at Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago. The band marched in numerous parades raising money for the Red Cross. Old printed band programs also indicate that Sousa played the march with his civilian concert band throughout the 1920s. Perhaps the most spectacular use of this venerable march occurred sometime after Sousa crossed the "burning sands" and became a Shriner in 1922. In 1923 "The March King" composed his "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine." The march was played by a massed band of some 6,200 Shriners including Sousa's own band and Brother

Henry Fillmore's Syrian Temple Shrine Band with Sousa conducting at the National Shrine Convention held at Griffith Stadium in Washington, DC, in June of 1923. The massed band also performed Sousa's old Commandery march, "The Thunderer," to the delight of the audience.

Although Sousa held recorded music in low regard, his ensembles made recordings for about forty years. The recording sessions were almost always delegated to an assistant or former band member. Sousa's former trombone virtuoso, Arthur Pryor, and cornet soloist, Herbert L. Clark, frequently performed this task. "The Thunderer" was recorded many, many times. A Columbia wax cylinder, now believed to be lost, was recorded when the march was brand new by Sousa's Marine Band sometime prior to October 1, 1890. The civilian band also recorded a Berliner Gramophone Disc of the march in August of 1897 in New York. Numerous 78 rpm discs were recorded of "The Thunderer" for the Victor Talking Machine Co. in Camden, New Jersey, in 1902, 1903, 1906, 1908, 1911, 1912, and 1923.



The Sousa Band traveled over a million miles and was the best-known musical organization in the world before the advent of radio. At Hamburg, Germany, in 1900 the band sported a new instrument called the sousaphone (back row, left of center), which the bandsmen dubbed "raincatcher."

An Edison cylinder recording of the march was recorded in New York on August 7, 1909 with Sousa's "The Gladiator" as the first selection. It is believed that Herbert L. Clark probably conducted this recording. It is ironic that the only known recording of "The Thunderer" with Sousa himself conducting was not recorded with his own band. On September 4, 1926, Sousa guest conducted the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. Band in an early two-sided Victor electrical recording. Sousa was a good friend of Philadelphia Transit executive, Thomas E. Mitten. Mitten's trolley line brought numerous patrons to Sousa's concerts at Willow Grove Park in Philadelphia. The second side of the recording is a march by Sousa dedicated to Mitten and his enterprise, "The March of the Mitten Men." The last strain of the trio of this march contains Mitten's favorite hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Due to low sales, the publisher soon changed the title of the piece, renaming it "Power and Glory - A Fraternal March." Curiously, "Onward Christian Soldiers" has been associated with the Knights Templar for years, making this work at least a quasi-Commandery march by virtue of its second title and thematic material.

There are presently many excellent recordings of "The Thunderer" available on CD by such bands as The New Sousa Band, The U.S. Marine Band, The Allentown Band, Her Majesty's Royal Marine Band, and The University of Michigan Band. A particularly well done rendition of the march is that of Sir Knight Leonard Smith, 33°, conducting the

Detroit Concert Band. This band has also recorded 115 other Sousa marches, and all are available in a boxed set.

Like most Sousa marches, "The Thunderer" appeals to the musical and unmusical alike. It has lifted spirits and feet for over a century and sounds as fresh as when the young Marine Band director sold it for \$35.00 so long ago.

"The Thunderer" notes: Much of the general information came from Brother Paul Bierley's books, *John Philip Sousa - American Phenomenon and The Works of John Philip Sousa*, as well as Sousa's autobiography, *Marching Along*. Other details came from Norman E. Smith's *March Music Notes and March Music Melodies*. Recording information on Sousa's band was found in *The Sousa Band - A Discography* by James R. Smart and recordings in the author's private collection.

Editor's note: The pictures and captions are from John Philip Sousa - American Phenomenon by Paul E. Bierley, 1973, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.

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Addition To Burl Ives' Story, February 2001 Issue

Many Sir Knights wrote or called to offer information as to the identity of the "mystery" actor pictured to the left of Sir Knight Burl Ives in the lower picture on page 22. The most comprehensive explanation came from Sir Knight Harry K. Berkheiser, Jr., of Melita Commandery No. 13, Butler, New Jersey, who wrote: 'The unidentified actor is Chuck Connors of the television series, *The Rifleman*. Connors is playing Ives' misfit son who has just lied to his father in regards to the affections of Miss Jean Simmons. Burl carries a wood case containing dueling pistols, and he is hell bent on demonstrating to his contemptible son how a 'real gentleman' settles a dispute. Connors and Peck square off, and alas Connors' true coward colors speak as he rushes the ten count.'

Thanks to all the Sir Knights who responded on this one!

Who'll Take The Son?

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you and your love for art."

The young man held out his package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture.

"Oh no, sir; I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later, and there was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collections. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel.

"We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?" There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted. "Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?" Another voice shouted angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!"

But still the auctioneer continued, "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

"We have \$10; who will bid \$20?" "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters."

"\$10 is the bid; won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel.

"Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over."

"What about the paintings?"

"I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the other paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: "The son, the son, who'll take the son?" Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

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Submitted by Sir Knight Robert D. Sherrick, editor for the Connecticut Supplement to *Knight Templar* magazine.

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, tie clasp with cross and crown, and shipping and handling. Send cap size, shirt size, rank, Commandery name and number, choice of engraving on the be clasp (plain/Knight Templar/your state/Commandery name) to the address below. Make checks payable to Milford Commandery No. 11. This is a fund-raising project. All profits go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

This summer uniform 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.



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At Easter

Help us find a cross somewhere,
Since it is Easter Day,
Where we may nail the foolish fear
That we should throw away.

Teach us, dear God, that bright green rain
Will always come with Spring -
There will be sunlight on old fields,
Keep us remembering.

May we forget the petty trials -
Dreams gone, brief hurt, deep loss;
And turn where lilies climb the air
To hide a bleeding cross.

For hope is born when lilacs bloom,
Rain-sweet in early Spring,
And faith that found an empty tomb
Can conquer anything!

Helen Weishimer