

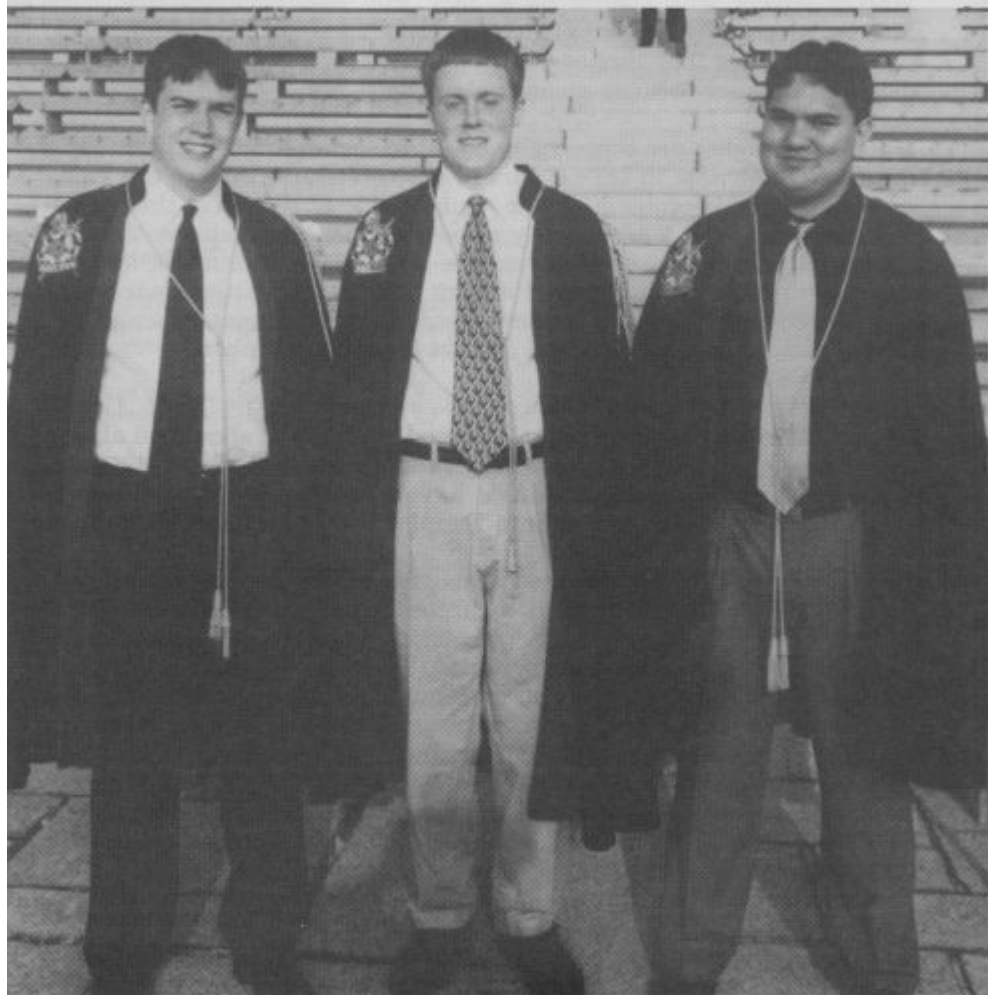


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Each year young men from northern Virginia DeMolay help at the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. They do the set-up and the take-down and are responsible for seating, ushering and passing out the programs. We thank them for the great work they do! Above are some hard-working DeMolays at the Service for Easter 2001. You'll find more pictures of the Easter events on page 18.

September 2001—Grand Master's Message

This is the beginning of fall activities in most Commanderies. After a hot summer with vacations, it is time for Inspections, York Rite days, receptions, and Schools of Instruction. I hope that all of you are looking for non-Masonic friends and relatives to conduct to the door of a Lodge. Certainly you know a Master Mason who should be a York Rite Mason. How many times have you heard, "I wish I had done this twenty years ago" or "I didn't join sooner because no one asked me"?



Many Sir Knights are concerned about the cost of a new uniform for a member who wants to take a part in our ceremonies. There are many ways to solve this problem. In the "Knight Voices" section at the back of this magazine, there are usually several ads for used regalia. The cap and mantle were approved during the 1982-1985 Triennium, and the summer uniform was approved during the 61st Triennial Conclave. I have purchased a summer uniform from Milford Commandery and will have a picture here as soon as I can get to a photographer.

These alternate uniforms need to be adopted by your Grand Commandery and by your own Commandery, but you should be able to get a dispensation to wear them until the next annual Conclave. Also, several companies and individuals have a source for Naval uniform coats, which can be converted into Templar coats at a nominal cost.

Well, here goes the September schedule! Labor Day is September 3, and I hope YOU are going to be in a parade or participate in some other activity as a Masonic group. September 7 and 8 is the Northeastern York Rite Conference in Auburn, Maine. The South Central Conference will be in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on September 14 and 15. September 22-25, I will be at the Supreme Council, 33^o. A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, in Indianapolis, Indiana. From there, I am planning to visit the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant in Ontario, California, followed by the Grand Commandery of Ohio Session in Toledo. Then, I will go on to Charleston, South Carolina, for the Bicentennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33^o. A. & A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction. No weekends at home this month!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jackson Jones".

Dr. William Jackson Jones
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

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

SEPTEMBER: New members of the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's clubs and more 33° Club contributors are listed starting on page 6. Read Chairman Pruitt's article on page 5, and gear up for the 34th Annual Voluntary Campaign! On page 8 Pilgrimage ministers enthusiastically report on their trip to the Holy Land, and it's time to plan for the 2002 Holy Land Pilgrimage. James C. Taylor, Chairman of the Religious Committee, reports on the philosophy of the York Rite, starting on page 10, and on page 18 enjoy more pictures by Sir Knight Oscar Olsson of the Easter Sunrise Service. There's still time to join Grand Master Jones and his Lady Lois on the classical tour of Greece in December. Information is on page 24-25.

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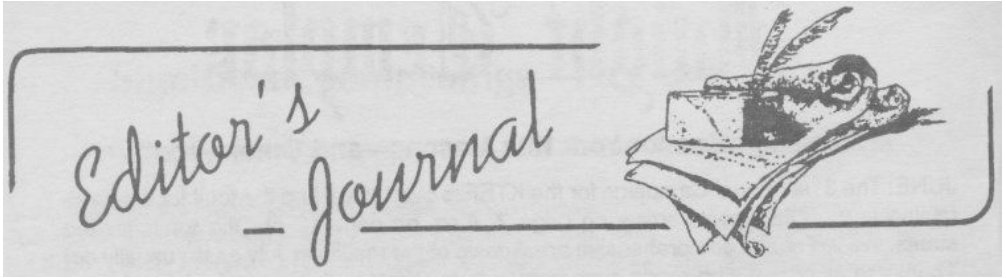
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Addition: On page 27 of the July issue of *Knight Templar*, then Grand Commander of Vermont, Guy Oldenburgh, was omitted from the list of Grand Commanders attending the Easter Sunrise Service.

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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<http://members.aol.com/GGCHAPTER/HomePage.html>

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

 Message from the General Chairman of the
Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign
by Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, P.D.C. and P.G.C. (California)
Chairman of the Annual Voluntary Campaign

Greetings, Sir Knights and Ladies:

It has been a little while since I have written to you, in order to complete the recognition of our special Thirty-third Degree Club members. I sincerely hope all of them have enjoyed and felt a sense of pride in participating in that worthwhile program. This message will be in the September issue of the magazine - a time when we are all aware of the end of summer and the return to many regular activities. Some of our Masonic bodies will be meeting again after a summer break. Most of all we will see our young people returning to their studies. As we see those fresh faces walking to school or waiting for a bus, we should be very conscious of the fact that many of them still have eye problems that must be corrected. We must never lose sight of the opportunity we have, through our Eye Foundation, to relieve major difficulties in the sight of many young people.

I had an opportunity just a few days ago to be strongly reminded of this situation. About a week ago, my family went to a park after church to have a little picnic and celebrate the birthday of one of my grandsons. A mother and three children were also at the park. As often happens, our kids began to play with her kids, and they ended up being invited to join our party and share the "goodies." Lo and behold, one of the other children, a little girl about three years old, had very badly crossed eyes. In talking to



the mother about the situation, I learned that she had just moved into the area, and did not know what doctor she should go to. She knew the little girl needed help but said that previous doctors had just tried to give her special glasses.

What an opportunity that presented! I am now in the process of getting the mother in touch with an ophthalmologist surgeon. From discussions, I deduced that she probably does not have much in the way of insurance coverage, so there is a real possibility that our Eye Foundation may be the last resort for their need. We will see how this situation develops. Sir Knights, this is the kind of opportunity we should never let go by.

We are in a kind of quiet period with respect to our fund-raising activities as well. This is a good time, however, to begin thinking of the 34th Annual Voluntary Campaign that will begin in just three months. Now is the time to make plans for how your Commandery and Grand Commandery are going to support that

campaign. Let's go into the season determined that we will each make a significant improvement over last year. I look forward to seeing many Grand Commandery officers at Department conferences and hearing their plans for a successful 34th Campaign.



Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt; Chairman of the 33rd and 34th Annual Voluntary Campaigns, 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 wbrpuitt@aol.com. For information on the KTEF, send e-mail to ktef@knightstemplar.org or 773-205-3838

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Why Do We Support the KTEF?:
Report from the KTEF chairman of
Santa Fe, New Mexico:

During the past year (2000), I have spent 241 days at an average of 3½ hours each morning in order to be available to those people needing assistance from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. In that time I processed 39 applications of which 37 were approved in the total amount of \$88,805.00. The total was for cataract and/or laser treatments, involving a total of 5 doctors as follows: Dr. Gary V. Puro at

Espanola, 18; Dr. Arthur J. Weinstein in Santa Fe, 14; Dr. Kim Knowles in Santa Fe, 1; Dr. William Cox in Santa Fe, 2; and Dr. Bell in Las Vegas, 2.

We have had expressions of grateful appreciation from all of the people we have helped, many of whom were able to return to work after this restoration to their eyesight.

This information is being used to assist in obtaining donations for the KTEF in the 33rd Annual Campaign.

Glen W. Burttram, P.G.C.
 Santa Fe Chairman

IN MEMORIAM



James M. Doyle
 Maine
Grand Commander—1971
Born: January 17, 1909
Died: March 1, 2001

Richard G. Dennis
 Ohio
Grand Commander—1992
Born: January 26, 1921
Died: April 19, 2001

In Memoriam: Past Supreme Worthy Presidents of the Social Order of the Beauceant: (Mrs. Warren M.) Mary E. Brown, 1970–1971, died January 27, 2001; (Mrs. Harry R.) Nancy Osborn, 1976–1977, died July 6, 2001; and (Mrs. Charles J.) Dorothy Meek, 1966–1967, died July 7, 2001.

Comments from 2001 Holy Land Pilgrimage Ministers...

Having just returned from my Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I am moved by your generosity and that of the Brother Knights. I am humbled by this honor. Please accept my deepest thanks, and extend to all the Knights of the constituent Commanderies my sincere gratitude.

Thank you for your prayers for my safe journey. I am still attempting to grasp all that I have seen and experienced. But most certainly the Pilgrimage was a life-altering experience. I pray that God will use this Pilgrimage to enrich my ministry.

Reverend Douglas P. Jones
Rockville, Maryland

It is with gratitude and great appreciation that I was chosen to participate in a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and I am deeply thankful to all of you who made this trip possible. It was so much more than I had imagined. Many times I felt the hand of God touch my heart, and I was filled with that special feeling of being close to God. There were several places where God spoke directly to me, and I will cherish those memories forever.

The learning experience was priceless, and I want to share with others the wonderful things I saw and heard. Reading the Bible has taken on a new meaning because I can visualize the places where the stories took place.

Ezra, our guide, is a master in his field. He made the Bible come alive with his superb skills. Amnon, our driver, provided safe and humorous transportation on his new and comfortable bus. The accommodations were excellent and so was the food. Fred, our gentle guide from Battle Creek, was always there to share some extra encouragement when feet got tired or we were soaked by the rain.

I cannot say it enough that I will be forever grateful to you who made the experience possible to walk where Jesus walked, to be overwhelmed with emotions when I saw Jerusalem and Ezra said, "Welcome home."

I hope and pray you will continue to give pastors the opportunity to experience love. Thank you for the blessings.

Emilie Forward, Minister
Breckenridge United Methodist Church
Breckenridge, Michigan

Thanks does not even begin to say enough for the Pilgrimage that I was given so that I could experience the Holy Land in February of 2001. The journey truly changed the way that I will look at the Bible from now on.

The experiences of actually being in the places where Jesus, Paul, Peter, and so many others actually lived and walked was absolutely awesome. Being able to visualize places like the Mount of Beatitudes, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Sea of Galilee, and many others will hopefully revolutionize the way I am able to teach others about the things that went on and were said from these places.

While I realize the baptismal place was probably not even near the place where Jesus was actually baptized, even so it was special to be able to renew my commitment to the Lord at such a place on the very same river where Jesus was baptized.

The most important thing that I will take from this trip was in the words of our guide at the Garden Tomb: "The place is not important; the person is." As awesome and revolutionary as this trip was and will continue to be to my ministry, the greater gift is that God made it possible for me to have a relationship with Him through what happened in this very special place through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to the Knights Templar for making available the opportunity to be reminded of this gift in such an extraordinary way. It will never be forgotten.

Reverend Ken Bennett, Assoc. Pastor
Walker Baptist Church
Monroe, Georgia

It was an excellent trip - powerful experience! Thank you to all of you for a very meaning Pilgrimage. Blessings on your good work.

Douglas E. Goodwin, Pastor
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Sheridan, Wyoming

You have given me ten days I will never forget! You have given me a deeper and clearer understanding of Scripture, and it will last for a lifetime. You have given me forty new friends throughout the United States. You have introduced me to the people of Israel. And you have already provided new enthusiasm and fire for teaching and preaching the Christian faith.

How did you do this?: You sent me on the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage in March!

To say "Thank you" seems so inadequate, but I do express to you my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to hear Scripture as I have never heard it before. I thank you for walks on the Mount of Transfiguration, on the Mount of the Beatitudes, beside the Sea of Galilee, to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, and through the streets of Jerusalem to the foot of the cross. I thank you for a moving worship service at the Garden Tomb. I thank you for the opportunity to "walk where Jesus walked." And I thank you for the personal growth of my faith that occurred in those settings and with the group.

The Sunday before I left on the trip, I gave my congregation copies of my itinerary with appropriate biblical passages for the sites I would see. In addition, I gave them copies of a map of the Holy Land in biblical times on which I had highlighted our route. When I returned, many members of the congregation told me they had followed my route each day and had read the biblical stories as well. The benefits of this trip to my congregation started before I ever returned home! Now, I begin to tell the story of being there, and I can hardly wait!

Loren Odland, Minister
Trinity Lutheran Church
Arlington, South Dakota

The Philosophy of the York Rite

by James C. Taylor, P.D.C., P.G.C.
(OK), Chairman of the Committee
on Religious Activities

In my estimation, the York Rite is a system of degrees and orders designed to lead one's life to the epitome of the positive human emotions - serenity. Serenity is that tranquil state in our lives when we are at peace with our fellow man, at peace with ourselves, and at peace with God. As individuals, we are all looking to arrive at a place in our lives (or should be) when we reach that enviable plateau.

We have been taught the basic lessons of life by our parents, and then at maturity, we strike out on our own to make the decisions which will forge our life's direction. In addition to the development of our economic careers, which should be based upon the best use of the talents which God gave us, we strive for the development of those facets of our being which will give our lives purpose. As we believe in God, we look for avenues in which we can repay God for our very being and serve Him to the best of our ability.

The first avenue that is available to us is the Church, which is present in most towns and cities in an abundance of different denominations practicing many varied forms of government and types of worship. It is necessary that we partake of church life if for no other reason than to show that we are believers in the One True and Living God. This is basic in our search for a good life. Even though glorifying God through church participation is basic in one's search for happiness, sometimes it is difficult to develop personal relationships in a church that has many different age groups, many who might have much different reasons for belonging and being active than you do. Because of this, you might search

elsewhere for additional close friendships and moral guidance.

You find in the lodge, sometimes, those ingredients of life which fulfill your needs. The first scripture in the Entered Apprentice Degree from Psalms 133 talks of the beauties of fraternity when it states: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." You may find a special fellowship with people from all denominations that believe in one God. You also find in the E. A. Degree some language which, to me, is the essence of all Masonry; For instance, it states: "My brother, however men may differ in creed or theology, all good men are agreed that within the covers of the Holy Bible are found those principles of morality which lay the foundation upon which to build a righteous life. Masonry, therefore, opens this book upon its altar with a command to each of its votaries that he diligently study therein to learn the way to eternal life."

There are two very important aspects of this language. First, Masonry urges a continual study in search of Masonic Light, and second, we are in (or should be in) a constant study to assure ourselves of the existence of eternal life and thus obtain serenity and the lack of worry about the hereafter. These critical facts about the essence of Masonry are contained in the first degree. We then practice most all the other degrees of Masonry, both Scottish and York Rites and the degrees of appendant bodies, to further explain and give credence to these statements.

In the second degree, we are placed in the position of a Fellowcraft, a worker building a temple to God. In addition to being taught the tools and theorems necessary to build that temple, we are taught the difference between operative and speculative masonry, speculative masonry being 'so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under obligation to pay that rational homage to Deity which at once constitutes our duty and our happiness."

Once again Masonry points us toward God and happiness, the road to serenity.

The Master Mason Degree, after setting out more stringent moral and operative rules in its obligation, is a study of eternity. As the symbolism of this degree states in its first sentence, "This degree symbolizes the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul." The degree puts us in the character of one of the principal builders of King Solomon's Temple, who thought it better to risk death rather than violate a promise made. This brings out the point that there are worse fears than death.

These three degrees are basic to both the York and Scottish Rites, for upon them the other degrees and orders are based in principle. The main theme, which is mentioned in all three degrees, is that there is a heaven, but all scriptures and references are taken from the Old Testament. As far as I have been able to discern, there are no scriptures in the Old Testament which prove that there is a heaven or a life after this life. There is also a question left in the candidate's mind of whether the real word was ever found and what it was. Thus the way is opened for additional degrees and orders of the York Rite to provide answers to these and other questions in our pursuit of Masonic Light.

We must be aware that through the process of time, there have been many degrees which had as their base theme the elements contained in the Symbolic degrees and were considered for inclusion in the York Rite, but those degrees have been sifted through and the most important ones have been incorporated in the Chapter, Council and Commandery rituals. For instance, at one time, the Royal Arch Degree and the Past Master Degree of the Chapter were part of the degrees of Symbolic Masonry, and the Commandery Orders ended with the Order of Malta, the Order of the Temple being a later addition to the ritual. The Council degrees were not originally a requirement for receiving the Commandery Orders. The

Super Excellent Master Degree of the Council is an extra permissible degree but not in the adopted Oklahoma ritual.

The Chapter degrees commence with the Mark Master; in which the candidate is once again in the character of a Fellowcraft, a worker in the construction of the Temple. He learns the principal lessons of never claiming as your own the work of another or attempting to receive that which you did not earn. He learns also that he should honor his agreements. In this degree for the first time we find scripture from the New Testament referring to Jesus.

The Past Master Degree focuses on the elements of leadership in Masonry and the importance of the Bible in the life of the lodge and in our own lives. The language given earlier from the E. A. degree where it exhorts us to "diligently study therein to learn the way to eternal life" is the Charge of this degree.

The Most Excellent Master Degree demonstrates the completion and dedication of the Temple and the seating of the Ark of the Covenant within the Sanctum Sanctorum. This is largely an historical degree to complete the story started in the Master Mason Degree, for without it we would not have discovered the importance of this event to the Jewish Nation and to Masonry. The Jewish people had been in charge of the Ark for approximately 480 years since it was built and had planned to build a permanent home for it. This was important to them because God made His presence known to the people between the Cherubim on the Ark, and it was essential that He was with them always. This degree emphasizes that each of us should be building a temple to God within our own hearts as a constant guide to our moral lives.

Historically, the Royal Arch Degree skips 470 years in time from the completion of King Solomon's Temple to the building of the second temple or tabernacle. The first temple had been destroyed, and the people of Judah had been released from captivity by the Persian

king Darius after seventy years in Babylon. There were two very important events portrayed in this degree. The first event was the recovery of the Ark of Imitation, which contained a copy of the Book of the Law. This Law, established by God through Moses in the wilderness, was the basis of the government of the Jewish nation and the representation of God's covenant with them to be His people as an example to all nations. The second event was the recovery of the Master's Word, which had been lost to the Jewish nation and to the craft of builders since the death of Hiram Abif. This Word was a symbol of God's presence among them as well as to us today.

The Council degrees are three, the first being the Royal Master which historically precedes the Master Mason degree. It contains a wonderful soliloquy explaining that if we are doing God's will with our lives, we should not fear death. This degree also extends a promise that the Master's Word will be preserved.

The Select Master explains how the Master's Word was preserved and once again demonstrates the wisdom of Solomon and the blessing of God.

The Super Excellent Master Degree depicts the fall of Jerusalem when the people led by King Zedekiah lost faith and ignored the words of the prophet of God, Jeremiah. The principal lesson in this degree is fidelity to your word, which was exhibited so positively by Hiram Abif.

The first Order of the Commandery is the Red Cross. This Order depicts the period in history immediately after the Royal Arch degree and deals with the problems encountered by the re-builders of the temple and the re-establishment of the Jewish nation as an instrument of God. The principal lesson involved in this Order is the "Almighty Force and Importance of Truth." The significance of this is that if we have lived our life as God would have us do, there is never any need to lie about it. But if we do err, as we will as humans, we must own up to the error;

we will never have to worry about lies told to cover error, for Jesus will forgive us.

To this point in York Rite Masonry, the main theme has been that portion of the history of the Jewish nation that relates the story of the building of the Temple of Solomon for the worship of God. All of the main scriptures used in the degrees have been taken from the Old Testament, but remember the admonition to us in the Entered Apprentice Degree to study the Bible to learn the way to eternal life. I must remind you that the Bible contains both the Old and New Testaments, all of which should be studied.

The morality of the Jewish nation had its periods of devotion to God and periods of abandonment of the Mosaic law, the basis for their morality. I think that God saw that His people were living for the law instead of by it. They had forgotten what problems the law was meant to correct. It is rather like the situation our legal system appears to lead us into today - the belief that as long as we can get around the law, it is not wrong. The moral right or wrong of a question doesn't matter. So God determined that a new system must be instituted for the salvation of the souls of the people. For this, He gave His Son to the world, and the prophet Isaiah foretold His coming over 700 years before Jesus' birth.

The philosophy of Jesus' life and works that He gave to us through His teachings and parables was meant to fulfill the law and explain its meaning instead of doing away with it.

The principal change was that Jesus talks to us as individuals, and His teachings were to be to all the world, not just to the Jews. The people of the Jewish nation were more or less hiding in the anonymity of the group and not taking individual responsibility for their actions in obeying the law. Jesus gives us today, as individuals, freedom from the law if what we do glorifies God, freedom from sin in that He died for ours, and freedom from death when He proved that there

was a heaven. We must remember, though, that He also gave us the responsibility for our own actions.

As the Bible changes from the history of the Jewish nation with all its Mosaic laws to the New Testament and the teachings of Jesus, so York Rite Masonry switches to the lessons of Christianity in the Order of Malta. This Order starts by giving instances in the life of St. Paul, the principal exponent of Christianity in its founding years. The Order evolves into a résumé of the early history of the Templars, who kept the way open for pilgrims to worship at the place where Jesus walked and preached. It concludes by giving us a badge representing the Beatitudes and admonishing us to be zealous and vigilant for the honor of knighthood. We all took an oath at this time to "fight against all opposers of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The Order of the Temple once again emphasizes the fraternal aspects of Masonry as it depicts the struggles of one (the candidate) who desires to join that group of Knights whose mission is the "Support and Defense of the Christian Religion." The Order leads the candidate through trials which teach him the attributes he must obtain before being a worthy member of that order. He learns study, courage, and piety, all designed to prepare him for his service, which will not be easy.

To me, the York Rite is an abbreviated study of the Bible. It contains the principal elements of what is found in the Bible and presents them in such a way that they are significant in developing our relationship with God and guiding us to serenity. The Bible has much more information than the York Rite, of course, but we sometimes forget what one portion of the Bible says before we get to the next portion if we attempt to read it from cover to cover. I think that the York Rite is also designed to convert one to Christianity. Symbolic Masonry is open to

anyone who believes in one God no matter what He is called. The first three degrees leave unanswered questions, and if one is a student, he will want to find answers. If he studies the degrees of the York Rite, he is drawn to the fact that the Old Testament is not complete without the lessons of love and service to God which are taught by His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

Although Symbolic Masonry is said to be non-Christian, yet there are Christian elements in those degrees in the Oklahoma work. The two patron saints, St. John the Baptist who pointed Jesus out as the Son of God and St. John the Evangelist who did more to explain the philosophy of Jesus' teachings than any other Gospel author, are both certainly Christian. The lessons that these two taught could certainly be accepted as truth by people who were not Christian, however. The Baptist taught that repentance was necessary to have a right relationship with God. This relates to us that we should also forgive our enemies if we would have that same relationship with God which we swore we would do in the Order of the Temple. The text in scripture, 'Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, etc.' from the E. A. degree is found in Matthew 7:7. The soliloquy on death in the Master Mason degree is taken almost verbatim from 1st Corinthians 15:51-55 of the New Testament. The first three degrees of Symbolic Masonry all mention a hereafter, a life after this life, but the existence of heaven is not proven until Jesus speaks of it in the 14th chapter of the Gospel of John when He said, 'In my Father's house there are many mansions. Were it not so, I would have told you.' Then He proved it when He rose bodily at Bethany before the disciples.

In the Mark Master Degree we find the scripture: "The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner"; it is printed in Psalms 118:22.

This verse was repeated by Jesus in Matthew 21:42, and it was later quoted by Peter in Acts 4:11 and refers to Jesus. There are other New Testament quotes throughout Ancient Craft Masonry. These quotes tend to lead the contemplative Mason to regard Christianity as essential to his religious experience.

How better, then, do we prepare ourselves for attaining serenity than engaging the York Rite and making it central in our lives. How better do we complete our search for Masonic light and answer the most pervasive worry that we have about life which is death. In the process of letting our light shine before men, we should place all our faith in Jesus when He said: "I am the resurrection and the

life, saith the Lord. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he that liveth and believeth in me shall never die." With this belief you may attain that most important of the positive human emotions, serenity, and have no worries when "your trembling soul stands naked and alone before the great white throne." You will not worry because the words you hear will be "Well done good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

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On the Masonic Newsfront...

Brother Norman B. Snyder Installed as National President, National Sojourners, Inc.

Brother Norman R. Snyder, 32°, KCCH-elect, Valley of Mobile, Alabama, was installed as the National President of National Sojourners, Inc., on June 15, 2001, during the 81st Annual Convention of National Sojourners held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Brother Snyder joined National Sojourners in Hawaiian Chapter No. 9, 1962; served as President of Saigon Chapter No. 409, Viet Nam, 1971-1972; served as Commander of Captain John Parker Camp, Heroes of '76, 1972-1973; and was President of Albert J. Yount Chapter No. 511, Mobile, Alabama, 1989-1991, and Secretary; 1991-2000.

Nationally, Brother Snyder has served as a member of the Membership, Chapter Chartering, and the Bridge of Light committees. He was appointed Deputy Area Representative for the Southeastern area in 1994 and served in this capacity until 1997, when he was elected to the National Sojourners line.

He is a majority member, Belevede Chapter, Baltimore, Maryland, Order of DeMolay. His Masonic career began in February 1952 when he was initiated as and EA in Baltimore Lodge No. 210 and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in March 1952. He is a life member of Honolulu Chapter, Council No. 1, York Rite, Honolulu,; ABBA Shrine, Mobile, Alabama; Aiea Shrine Club, Aiea, Hawaii; Harmony Chapter No. 4, Honolulu, Order of Eastern Star; Hickam Square and Compass Club, Honolulu; and Toulmin Lodge No. 875, Mobile, AL, where he currently serves as Senior Warden. He is a member of the Philaethes Society Temple Forest No. 136, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and a charter member of the Gulf Coast Chapter of Philaethes. In 2000 he became the director of Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism

Brother Snyder entered the US Army in October of 1941 as a private and retired as a lieutenant colonel in the US Air Force. He is married to the former Emma E. Gray of Baltimore, Maryland, and they have four married daughters, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson.



Thomas Smith Webb Monument

by Sir Knight Scott Bill Hirst

Thomas Smith Webb was an active Mason. He was a leader with multiple distinctions: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Rhode Island, and founder of the Saint John's Encampment of Knights Templar, Providence RI, in 1802 and Commander until 1812. He also was Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of MA/RI from 1805 until his death and was Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment of the US from 1816 until his death. All of this information is noted on the Thomas Smith Webb Monument.

Webb ritual was used as the form of ritual in many jurisdictions, reminding one of his important impact on ritual in Freemasonry.

In fact he had such an impact that a Masonic lodge and other Masonic organizations were named in his honor in Rhode Island.

In the 1800s the Fraternity erected a monument in the North Burial Ground in Providence: Notables of Rhode Island history are buried here including some Rhode Island governors.

There is also a Thomas Smith Webb Monument and a Grand Lodge Committee for that monument including: Joseph B. Brearley, chairman, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Lodge, RI, and a Past Commander of Narragansett Commandery No. 27, Westerly.

Four of the five committee members along with Robert J. Allen Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, assisted in a cleaning of the monument on June 30, 2001. All five of the committee members are Knights Templar, and four of the five are Past Commanders: Duncan Watson, Raymond E. Hassell Robert J. Allen (Calvary No. 1, East Providence), and Brearley (Narragansett No. 27).

Sir Knight Duncan Watson is also Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of MA/RI, and Robert J. Allen is a Past Grand Commander, MA/RI. Sir Knight Raymond E. Hassell is Grand Master of Grand Council, R. & S.M., RI. Allen, Hassell, and Brearley are KYCH.

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Left: Raymond E. Hassell works on cleaning the Thomas Smith Webb Monument. Right: Duncan Watson and Robert J. Allen on scaffolding; lower: Raymond E. Hassell, partially hidden, and Joseph B. Brearley.

The Crusades - Preparation

by Francine Renee Hall

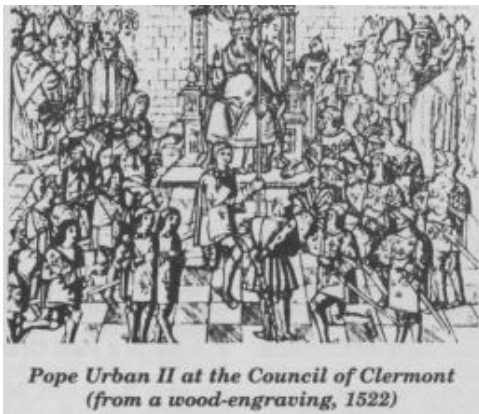
(*Knight Templar*, page 28, Jan. 1981)

After the 4th century A.D., the Byzantine Empire was a mixture of Roman politics, Greek culture, and Christian beliefs - the latter due to the influence of Constantine. When a Byzantine soldier died at the hands of "the infidel," he was not martyred, nor was his death in battle made glorious. War, to the Byzantine-Christian mind, was a last resort. The Byzantines also understood tolerance. After all, their powerful neighbors, the Arabs, like the Byzantines themselves, were an offshoot of Graeco Roman culture. In fact, the complicated political diplomacies of the Byzantine court were actually a method to avoid bloodshed.

In the early 11th century, the Moslem and Byzantine powers reached a safe balance. The Moslems who ruled Jerusalem profited from the many pilgrimages made to the Holy Land, and the route to the Holy City was thus made open and secure. The success of the pilgrimages depended on a peaceful Moslem government and on Byzantine prosperity. However, the stability between these two powers was disrupted by the introduction of the Seidjuk Turks, a fierce warrior tribe from Central Asia. In 1071, the Byzantines were massacred at the Battle of Manzikert, in their attempt to recapture Lesser Armenia.

The Battle of Manzikert was the turning point - most of Asia Minor was lost and the Christian pilgrims were harassed. Emperor Michael Dukas appealed to Pope Gregory VII and the West in a desperate attempt to save Byzantium.

The Western church eagerly took up the Byzantine plea for help. This was not difficult



for the Western Papacy to do. Unlike the Eastern church, the concept of a "holy war" was easily integrated into the Western European way of life. Feudalism, the military social structure that was a response to the barbarian invasions, was largely responsible for this. And the chivalric codes, the natural offshoot of feudalism, idealized the military hero and frowned on the pacifist as cowardly. The Western church directed these beliefs to its own advantage.

Pope Gregory VII was already waging a holy war in Spain against the Moors. As a reward, Christian knights were granted spiritual indulgences and the more earthly reward of recaptured land. However, Pope Gregory wanted two things above all else. First, he sought supremacy over the warring lords of Europe, especially by means of his decree abolishing lay investiture, viz., the Pope demanded sole authority to dispense key offices. Second, he desired Roman supremacy over the

Byzantine Church. This was attempted symbolically by excommunicating the usurper, Nicephorus Boteniates, when the Byzantine Emperor Michael Dukas was deposed. When Alexius Comnenus replaced him in 1081, the excommunication was extended to him also.

Pope Gregory's formal appeal to Western Christendom to respond to the Turkish threat in Byzantium was thus doomed to failure. He was too exacting a pope. The feudal lords and kings in the West were wary of a pope who sought to establish supremacy over them. The German usurper Henry IV, for example, was excommunicated for disobeying Gregory's reforms on lay investiture and had himself crowned Roman emperor by the antipope Guibert, whom he elected, in 1084. And Gregory's weapon of excommunication on the Byzantines obviously hindered relations between East and West.

It took a more tolerant statesman like Pope Urban II to give a direct and successful impetus to the crusading movement. He lifted the ban of excommunication on Alexius, and when the Emperor appealed to him for aid against the Turks in 1095, Pope Urban knew that a unified movement by Western Christendom to regain the Holy Sepulcher would appease the warring nobles at home. He also knew that by answering the Byzantine appeal, East-West political relations could be smoothed over and secured. Finally, a strong spiritual link between the Eastern and Western churches could be more easily achieved by a unified crusading effort.

The time was ripe. Faith in Christianity was firm and unquestioning. Population was increasing in Europe. Men were restless and eager for new adventure and acquisition of land. Pope Urban seized his opportunity. In November 1095 at the Council of Clermont

in France, he presented one of the most effective speeches in history. Wise in men's ways, he appealed to their spiritual thirst, their imagination, and their cupidity. He promised them spiritual indulgences and emphasized a Jerusalem flowing with "milk and honey." "Undertake this journey.. .for the remission of your sins, with the assurance of 'glory which cannot fade' in the kingdom of heaven," he entreated. The response was enormous. "God wills it!" was the general shout. Red cloth was cut, made into the shape of the cross, and worn on the breasts of those who vowed to fulfill God's command to "take up the cross."

Little did Pope Urban II realize how successful his appeal to Western Christendom to take up arms against the Saracens would be. Men from as far as Spain, Denmark, and Scotland eagerly obeyed his summons. Even those who were devoted to the German usurper Henry IV hastened to join the holy war. As one contemporary chronicler wrote, with obvious exaggeration but true to the spirit of the times: "The Welshman left his hunting, the Scot his fellowship with vermin, the Dane his drinking party, the Norwegian his raw fish. Lands were deserted of their husband-men, houses of their inhabitants; even whole cities migrated."

Pope Urban placed Adhemar of Monteil, Bishop of Le Puy, as Papal Legate of the Crusade, and French nobles took military charge. Urban set the official date of the expedition to Constantinople as August 15, 1096. Thus, the Crusade was proclaimed and a new era for Western Europe begun.

Next - "The Popular Crusade"



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Highlights from the Easter Sunrise Service Alexandria, Virginia

Photos by Sir Knight Oscar D. Olsson, P.G.C. (NJ)

Grand Commanderies March In The Parade



Brother Charles Sawyer: President Truman's "Conservative Democrat"

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33^o

While the Masonic connections of Brother and Sir Knight Harry S Truman are well-known to many, if not most, of the readers of this magazine; those of many of his key subordinates have often been overlooked. For instance, several cabinet members in the Truman era also wore the square and compass including State Department heads James Byrnes and George Marshall; Treasury Secretaries, Fred Vinson and John Snyder; Attorney General Tom Clark; and Agriculture Secretary Clinton Anderson. Another Mason is the subject of this sketch: self-styled "conservative Democrat," Brother Charles Sawyer, who held the office of Secretary of Commerce.

Charles A. Sawyer was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 10, 1887. His parents were both New England born teachers; his father, Edward Sawyer, was from Maine and his mother from Connecticut. The family, according to Charles, were thrifty folk with a strong "belief in the old-fashioned virtues." The Sawyers eventually settled in the suburb of Madisonville, but each summer the family would return to Maine for a long vacation spent mostly in the small community of Ingall's Station. Charles recalled that, although not poor, the Sawyers spent virtually no money except for necessities and the annual trip to Maine. Charles had to do odd jobs to earn spending money.

After finishing high school in 1905, Sawyer matriculated to Oberlin, where he completed a bachelor's degree in three years. In the Spring of 1908, Charles delivered the nominating speech at Oberlin's mock Republican Convention for the future GOP nominee, William Howard Taft, a fellow Cincinnati man who would also soon become a member of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356 in the Queen City. Initially Sawyer and a friend had planned to purchase a small newspaper in South Dakota, but their aspirations collapsed when the old owner of the publication found a cash purchaser.

With no job prospects in mind, Charles Sawyer decided to accept a scholarship at the University of Cincinnati Law School. Ironically, until then he had not thought of law as a profession and had received the scholarship because he happened to be the only Oberlin senior from Cincinnati; however, the young college graduate took to legal studies like the proverbial "duck takes to water." He had to support himself by sales jobs in the summer and teaching night school classes for twelve dollars a week.

Shortly after returning to the Cincinnati area, young Charles Sawyer became a Mason. He took his Entered Apprentice degree in Madisonville Lodge No. 419 on August 29, 1908; was passed a Fellowcraft on September 30, 1908; and was raised to the sublime degree

of Master Mason on November 5, 1908. Brother Sawyer remained a faithful (if not particularly active) member of Madisonville Lodge for more than seventy years.

Even before finishing law school, Sawyer also plunged into local politics by trying to keep Madisonville from being annexed by Cincinnati. While losing on this issue, he had better luck when he ran for city council in the fall of 1911 as a Democrat in a Republican city. Reformer Henry T. Hunt was in the process of finishing off the remnants of the Cox machine in the Queen City, and Sawyer became what was then the youngest councilman in the city's history. Two years later he won a second term without benefit of Hunt's coattails for Hunt suffered defeat.



Brother Charles Sawyer, 1911, as a 24-year-old Cincinnati councilman.

In 1912 Sawyer attended his first of many Democratic National conventions. In 1915 the two-term councilman was asked by leaders of his party to run for mayor. However, Sawyer was soundly defeated by a vote of 57,414 for Republican George

Pushton to his own 35,144. The loser did manage to take some consolation in the fact that he ran 4,000 votes ahead of his party's ticket.

For the next several years, Sawyer became less active in politics and more active in building his law practice.

In 1917-1918 he, along with some 3,000,000 other Americans, joined the army for service in World War I. During this period in 1918, he married Margaret Johnson, and the couple eventually became the parents of five children.

As his law firm became increasingly influential, he gained such clients as William Proctor of the Proctor and Gamble Company and Powell Crosley of manufacturing and WLW fame. In fact, sometime later Sawyer became a major stockholder in the Cincinnati Reds with Brother Crosley as club president and Brother Lee McPhail as General Manager. The new management eventually brought National League championships to Crosley Field in 1939 and 1940 though the club had been in bankruptcy when they took control. In fact, Sawyer had invested in many other enterprises during the twenties, but luckily he managed to sell off many before the crash of 1929. One of the few interests he retained was that of the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*, a southeast Ohio newspaper of some renown.

Except for some casual political work, Charles Sawyer had been largely inactive in politics during the twenties, but in 1930 local Democrats persuaded him to run for Congress. The Depression had given new life to the Democrats by 1930, but the

lawyer lost a close race to Brother William Hess by only 586 votes. He had much greater success in 1932 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor on a state ticket headed by incumbent Governor, Brother George White (of American Union Lodge No. 1), by more than 89,000 votes.

By this time Brother Sawyer had by his own admission abandoned his one-time progressive stance and become a conservative. Nonetheless, he would remain loyal to both the New Deal and the Fair Deal.

Under the Ohio constitution, lieutenant governors have few duties other than replacing the chief executive and presiding over the state senate. Since that body was equally divided between Democrats and Republicans, this proved more interesting than usual. Most issues, however, did not follow strict party line votes.

In 1934, Brother Sawyer threw his hat in the ring to succeed outgoing governor White but lost a close primary battle to former congressman, Brother Martin L. Davey (of Rockton Lodge No. 316), who won the November election. Davey soon proved to be an unpredictable party maverick who quarreled with virtually everyone in the Roosevelt administration especially Harry Hopkins.

However, with Mrs. Sawyer fighting what proved to be a fatal battle with cancer, Charles stayed out of the 1936 race. Davey narrowly won a second term over GOP hopeful, Brother John Bricker (of Mt. Sterling Lodge No. 269).

In 1938 when Davey sought a third term, Sawyer was ready. In his own words, he "had thrown down the gauntlet." A bitter primary contest followed

in which Sawyer won by about 30,000; however, the resulting party split paved the way for Republican resurgence in which Brother Bricker won. This proved to be Sawyer's last quest for elective office (but not Davey's). Sawyer did take some satisfaction in helping restore some dignity to Buckeye State politics. For that matter, his career in public service was still in its early stages.

As Ohio's Democratic National Committeeman, Charles Sawyer helped Brother Franklin Roosevelt carry Ohio for the third time in 1940.

In 1942 he married a second time to Elizabeth de Veyrac, a lady whom Sawyer had known as a child. She had also lived in Belgium for several years, a factor that became highly significant when President Roosevelt persuaded him to accept an appointment as Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg in the late summer of 1944.



Charles Sawyer and Mrs. Sawyer (Elizabeth de Veyrac) when he was Ambassador to Belgium, 1945.

The fourteen months Sawyer spent in this position probably ranked as the most crucial time in the history of Belgian-American relations. With World War II coming to a close and the future of western Europe in doubt, Sawyer's success in that sensitive position brought him diplomatic acclaim as the best Ambassador to that county since Brand Whitlock.

In 1946 Charles Sawyer returned to Cincinnati, but two years later in April 1948, President Truman appointed him Secretary of Commerce succeeding Averill Harriman. He served in this position until Truman left office in January 1953.



Brother Charles Sawyer as Secretary of Commerce, official portrait, 1948.

This job proved to be the zenith of Brother Sawyer's frequently interrupted career in public service. Several issues dominated the department in those years including internal security, the 1950 census, complex issues

concerning the Dollar Steamship Lines, and the controversial Steel Strike issue of 1952. Perhaps the most significant long-range contribution was Brother Sawyer's efforts supporting the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

When Brother Truman left office, Charles Sawyer returned to Cincinnati and private life. His last regular contribution to public life came with service on the Hoover Commission. Sawyer's efforts here concerned foreign aid and the waste and misuse of these funds; however, like other efforts to reduce government power and inefficiency, little resulted from the commission's recommendations.

After a failed move to assist Vice President Barkley in 1952, he stopped active participation in politics attending his last Democratic National Convention as a guest in 1956.

As a volunteer, he led Community Chest drives in the Queen City for some years and in 1956 became a senior partner in the prestigious law firm of Taft, Stettinius, and Hollister.

In 1958 he received his fifty-year pin from the Grand Lodge of Ohio and in 1968 his sixty-year pin.

That same year his autobiography, *Concerns of a Conservative Democrat*, came out from the Southern Illinois University Press.

He lived on for another decade passing away on April 7, 1979, at the age of ninety-two. In his long life Brother Sawyer rose from modest beginnings to enjoy a career of business, legal, and civic achievement. In his era he ranked among the most prominent Masons in public life, and he deserves to be remembered as such.

Note: The major source of information on Charles Sawyer is his own *Concerns of a Conservative Democrat* (Carbondale, IL, 1968) supplemented by a 1948 entry in *Current Biography*. For his Masonic record, I am indebted to David Dresser, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Thanks also to Shasta D. Amos for manuscript preparation.

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Masonic Unity Challenge-2001 October 26-27

Scottish Rite Temple, Charlotte, North Carolina

The Masonic Unity Challenge 2001 will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the Valley of Charlotte Scottish Rite Temple, 4740 Randolph Road, October 26-27, 2001. The host hotel is the Sheraton Airport Hotel, 3315 S. 1-85 at Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28208.

The Masonic Unity Challenge 2001 is an opportunity for Master Masons to obtain further light in Masonry by receiving the beautiful degrees and orders of the York Rite and Scottish Rite. This will be a special two-day event with the best degree teams from around the state participating.

The Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious Brother William B. Brunk, 33⁰; M.E. Burmah K. Carpenter; M.I. Hugh K. Terrell; and Grand Commander Phil Presley have offered as a special incentive reduced costs for the degrees and orders. They have been lowered to \$130.00 for each. That's a total of \$260.00 for both the York and Scottish Rites. Illustrious Brother Donald B. Street, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, is serving as the General Chairman.

This is a one-time event and they would love to have you be a part of this history making event. To receive a petition, contact any member of your local York and Scottish Rite (North Carolina only). If you do not know anyone in your lodge that is a member, call James Reddish, (704) 764-2160 or M. Gene Lewellyn, Membership Chairman, (336) 548-6197, and we will be glad to send you a petition.

We will be more than happy to do courtesy work for out-of-state candidates provided proper waivers have been obtained and all fees have been paid to their respective Scottish Rite Valleys and York Rite Bodies of their states. The special fees apply only to NC candidates. Contact Jim Reddish, (704) 764-2160, or M. Gene Lewellyn, (336) 548-6197, for additional information.

There will be special activities for the ladies and a banquet on Friday night.

Trinity Commandery No. 16, Florida - Easter Sunrise Service

Every year Trinity No. 16, Sarasota, Florida, participates in the Easter Sunrise Service held by Faith Lutheran Church, Parrish, Florida, on the banks of the Manatee River in the pavilion at Colony Cove Mobile Home Park, Ellenton, Florida. The service is open to the public and always well attended. Pictured, left to right, are: officers of the Commandery: Derryl Edward, E.C.; Jesse Johnson, P.E.C., P.D.D.G.C.; Frank Buell, P.E.C., P.D.D.G.C., KTCH; Woody Williams, Generalissimo; and B. John Ross, P.E.C. (submitted by Sir Knight Frank Buell)



The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Christian Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Israel Itinerary For December 5-14,2001

*It will be led by our Grand Master, Sir Knight William J. Jones, and his Lady Lois
(More information and a reservation form are printed on page 19)*

December 5, Day 1 - Depart USA on your way to Tel-Aviv, Israel.

December 6, Day 2 - Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport where your representative greets you and gives you an introduction about our forthcoming tour. Proceed to our hotel in the Galilee for the overnight stay.

December 7, Day 3 - Today we tour the Sea of Galilee; visit Capernaum and Simon Peter's house; the Mount of the Beatitudes and Tabgha, the site of the feeding of the multitudes; take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee; and enjoy a St. Peter's fish lunch in Tiberias. Then, it's back to our hotel for the overnight stay.

December 8, Day 4 - This morning we drive to visit Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle; on to Nazareth to visit the magnificent Church of the Annunciation, built on top of the Virgin Mary's house; continue along the coast to Caesarea, where St. Paul was imprisoned and Cornelius baptized; visit the Roman Theatre, Aqueduct, and the Crusader ruins; and ascend to Jerusalem for the overnight stay.

December 9, Day 5 - Walk into the Old City of Jerusalem; experience the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Armenian quarters of the Old City; see the Temple ruins and the Temple Mount; on to our procession of the Fourteen Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa to the sacred Church of the Holy Sepulchre; stroll through the many bazaars of the Old City; visit King Solomon's quarry located next to the Damascus gate;

on to Mt. Zion to see David's tomb, the room of the Last Supper, and Dormition Abbey. Overnight stay is in Jerusalem.

December 10, Day 6 - In Jerusalem we visit the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb, and the Church of Peter in Gallicantu, built over the palace of the high priest Caiaphas. We drive to Bethlehem to visit the ancient Church of Nativity, Manger Square, and view the beautiful Shepherds' Fields. And it's back to Jerusalem for the overnight stay.

December 11, Day 7 - This is a day of leisure. Your guide directs you to places you may visit at your own pace with an overnight stay in Jerusalem.

December 12, Day 8 - Today we drive to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea area. Then, we tour Masada, site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans, and we drive to Ein Gedi to experience the salty water of the Dead Sea and continue our journey to the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Our overnight stay is in Jerusalem.

December 13, Day 9 - Today we visit the Israel Museum; the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed; and Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Later we drive to Jaffa to visit St. Peter's Church and the house of Simon the Tanner. We enjoy our farewell dinner and transfer to the airport for our flight home.

December 14, Day 10 - We arrive back in the USA.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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- St. Peter's fish luncheon in Tiberias
- Special Roman theme lunch in Jerusalem
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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 PG.C. add \$35.00 for gold on cap visor) This includes cap and insignia, short sleeve shirt, shoulder rank insignia, collar insignia, metal ribbon bar, name plate, black tie, tie clasp with cross and crown, and shipping and handling. Send cap size, shirt size, rank, Commandery name and number, choice of engraving on the tie clasp (plain/Knight Templar/your state/Commandery name) to the address below. Make checks payable to Milford Commandery No. 11. This is a fund-raising project All profits go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

This summer uniform was approved by Sir Knight James M. Ward, Past Grand Master of Knights Templar, U-SA See the May 1999 issue of *Knight Templar* magazine. For further information write to: Milford Commandery No. 11, c/o Robert P. Winterhalter, P.O. Box 321, Ashland, MA 01721-0321. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. This is for our charity.



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

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

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

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

Fund-Raiser Extraordinary

The York Rite Bodies of Florida would like to express their sincere appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Edna Bennett, lady of Sir Knight Daniel Bennett, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida, 2000-2001, for the outstanding job she and her ladies did in raising almost \$6,000.00 for the York Rite charities. This is the largest amount of money that has ever been raised in one year in the state. The members of the York Rite know Edna is very busy and has been working diligently to raise the funds; additionally, she has traveled extensively with her husband accompanying him on all his visits within the state of Florida plus on all out-of-state visits except two, and missing two because her doctor forbade her from traveling while sick! Florida, especially the Pensacola York Rite Bodies, wants to congratulate Dan and Edna for the wonderful job they have done! (submitted by Sir Knight Leonard E. Whitehead, P.G.C. Florida, KCT)

Part II - A Walk in the Sun: The Story of Brother Elden LeRoy Auker

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33°, FPS



In 1938 Elden struggled mightily to salvage a winning personal season with 11 wins against 10 losses, while the Detroit team barely managed to finish in the first division. Durable and with a reputation for dependability, Auker caught the attention of Boston Red Sox owner, Tom Yawkey. He was a millionaire sportsman obsessed with bringing a pennant to Boston by purchasing the player talent to make it happen. Yawkey obtained Auker's contract in the winter of 1938, ending the submariner's six-year stay with the Detroit club.

During the winter of 1938, Elden took a position with the Midwest Abrasive Company in Detroit. It was work he enjoyed, and he planned to stay with the company during his off-season time in the foreseeable future. Unknown to Auker in 1938, his role was to assume great importance when the war in Europe erupted. The Midwest Abrasive Company was to become involved in the manufacture of artillery components when the U.S. military launched preparations for possible involvement in the war.

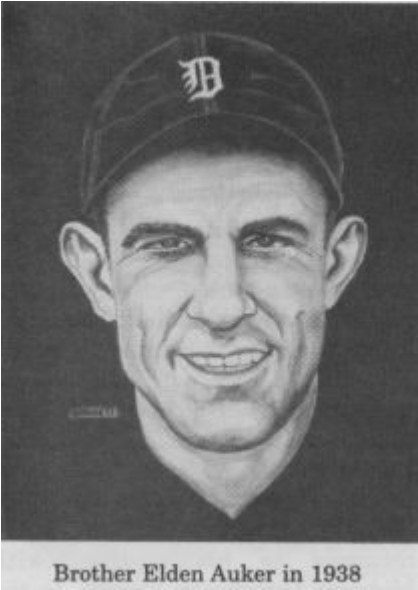
The 1939 playing season at Boston was not a pleasant one for Tom Yawkey. He had fond hopes that his Red Sox would win the American League pennant that year with the talent in which he had invested so much capital. However, the Red Sox finished a distant second, 17 games behind New York. The chemistry was

simply not present to field a pennant winner. Auker had pitched often and effectively, but the record he was able to compile was a losing one, 9 wins against 10 losses. The offense had not been able to score the necessary runs for Elden or the club to be pennant winners. During the winter season, Auker was traded to the St. Louis Browns.

As in the winter of 1938, Elden returned to his position with Midwest Abrasive in Detroit. In the spring of 1939, he reported for spring training with the lowliest club in the American League. The Browns were headed nowhere, but they tried hard, and Auker added quality pitching to their squad. With a dismal team behind him in 1940 - one that would finish the season 64¹/₂ games out of first place - the steady submariner won 16 times in 38 outings, while losing a sparse 11 games. At 29 years of age, Auker still had a world of power in his smoking, underhand fast ball.

Over the next two years, it became more and more apparent that the United States would become actively involved in the war in Europe. The military draft began to decimate the rosters of every major league baseball team by 1941.

Auker had worked mightily with the lowly Browns, pitching in a total of 88 games during 1941 and 1942. His record over those two final years was evenly divided between 28 wins



and 28 defeats, an amazing performance considering the draft-riddled - and mediocre - St. Louis Browns' roster.

At the end of the 1942 season, Elden returned to his position at Midwest Abrasives. He was deferred in the draft because he was married and had an infant son James. In spite of his immunity from military service, Auker decided to retire from baseball to work at his war job with Midwest Abrasives. It meant that he was frozen in that position for the duration. The United States had been at war since December 7, 1941, when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. In spite of several years remaining as a viable baseball star, Elden abandoned his sports career and turned to the war industry.

He left a career record of 130 winning games, with 101 losing ones, in a total of

356 mound appearances over a span of ten years. He had entered the major leagues rather late, at age 23. By leaving before his physical ability eroded, he sacrificed any opportunity - to accumulate a record which would qualify him for baseball's highest recognition, the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

His rise was rapid with Midwest Abrasives. During WWII Auker worked with 27 government arsenals in a management capacity. By the end of hostilities, he was a vice president of the company. In a corporate move up the ladder, Auker joined the Bay State Abrasive Company in 1947 as the head of their regional office in Detroit, Michigan. In 1953 he was promoted to general sales manager for the corporation and later was elevated to the office of Vice President of Marketing. In Elden's final nine years with Bay State Abrasive, he served as corporate president until they were acquired by Dresser Industries of Dallas, Texas.

In the new corporation, he was promoted to vice president and assistant to the president of the tool division of the huge corporation with offices in Washington, D.C. In 1975 Elden reached mandatory retirement age at 65. After his 23-year tenure with heavy industry, he retired from the firm, which, in its field, grew to be the second largest in the world. Elden made a significant contribution to that success. They retained him in a consulting capacity for an additional year after retirement, an eloquent testimony to his expertise.

Today, Elden Auker lives in active retirement in the home he and Mildred bought in Vero Beach, Florida. They remain involved in

civic and community activities and are avid baseball fans. Their son James lives in Birmingham, Michigan, and has fathered a son Saarin, the delight of his grandparents' life. Saarin is a new member of Hillsboro Lodge No. 25 in Tampa, Florida, keeping the family fraternal tradition alive.

In recognition of Elden's great contribution to sports, he was elected to the State of Kansas Hall of Fame in January 1969. In 1990 he was named to the Kansas State University Hall of Fame, and last - but not least - he was inducted into the St. Louis Browns' Hall of Fame in 1995. All of the honors listed have been earned by determined effort and dedication.

If our story about the life of Elden LeRoy Auker were a western movie, he would be the guy wearing the white hat and riding into the sunset with Mildred beside him. Carl Mays, the man who threw the lethal submarine pitch which struck down Ray Chapman, would be wearing the black hat, even though he was no villain. Elden's life has truly been a walk in the sun, and we salute him for exemplifying the highest precepts of our Fraternity from Norcatour to Vero Beach.

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Knight Templar dress ties: cross and crown on square and compass (\$25.00 each); fund-raiser for celebration of 150 years of Templary in Texas. The Grand Commandery of Texas was formed in 1855 in San Antonio, and the sesquicentennial will be commemorated in San Antonio in April 2005. Both ties are navy blue with emblem. One large emblem tie (56 inches long) has one emblem of gold crown, red cross, blue square and compass outlined in gold on the body; small emblem tie (60 inches long) has recurring pattern of emblem with crown, square and compass in gold with red cross diagonally across body. View these ties at www.texasorkrite.org/ties.htm. Make check payable to San Antonio Commandery No. 7 and mail to James N. Higdon, 10122 N. Manton, San Antonio, TX 78213. Ties will be sent same day of receipt. H: (210) 344-4309; O: 349-9933; e-mail higdon@stic.net

For sale by Park Place Commandery No. 106, Houston, Texas: Knight Templar caps, black with cross and crown logo. Available are baseball and golf (mesh) styles. Proceeds of cap sale go to KTEF. Price is \$15.00 per cap plus \$2.00 S & H. Send check or MO and specify style to Recorder, P.O. Box 263430, Houston, TX 77207-3430

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Wanted to buy: 1 chapeau, size 7 and 3/8, in very good condition. It may be somewhat smaller or larger size if in best condition. William Sorn, 6841 Knollwood Road, Fayetteville, NY 13066, e-mail wsorn@i2eyenet.com

I have possession of a Commandery sword with the name "James Taylor White" on the blade. I believe it came from Fort Valley, Georgia. Would like to hear from interested parties. Frederick Winter, 142 West Ct., Melbourne, FL 32904

For sale: Past Commander's sword with cloth cover and leather carrying case and sheath and also Past Commander's chapeau, size 7 and 11/4. George Dresher, 10 Circle Drive, The Plains, OH 45780-1055, (740) 797-4377

Handsome lapel pins are being offered to help support RAM Medical Research Foundation. The cost of each is \$10.00, postpaid. Check payable to RAM Medical Research Foundation and send to Walter J. Hilsenbeck, Chairman Royal Arch Charities; 32 New York Avenue; Massapequa; NY 11758-4818

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to Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217 and mail to Harry A Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; PO Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigfoot.com

Tyler Masonic Lodge No. 1233, A.F. & AM., Tyler, Texas, is having a fundraiser for our Diamond Jubilee Celebration. We have for sale our 75th anniversary bronze and shinning bronze coin. They are \$6.00 and \$9.00 respectively including postage. Face has "Tyler Masonic Lodge #1233, A.F. & AM." with letter "G", and square and compass on the face of a star. Reverse side has the columns, seeing eye, altar, and square and compass. Check or M.O. to 73ler Masonic Lodge No. 1233 and mail to 1329 East Fifth Street, Dylor, TX 75701

Watchmaker is putting together a collection of wristwatches, pocket watches, clocks, watch fobs, pictures, articles, books, etc. that show a relationship between Masonry and Time. They will become a traveling exhibit as a historical expo. and teaching tool. Any donations/contributions would be greatly appreciated; recognition of donor and history, if submitted, will accompany each piece. Hans "Kris" Johnson, 8 Link (La Luz), NW.; Albuquerque; NM 87120-1805; (800) 687-3927 or (505) 897-0915 or e-mail onefone@flash.net

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24 karat gold vermeil finish. Price per pin is \$10.00 ea. including S & H. New item available: the four immortal chaplains lapel pin, a pin honoring the chaplains who sacrificed their lives by giving up their lifejackets in order to save the lives of others. One of the chaplains, Reverend and Brother George Lansing Fox, was a member of Moose River Lodge No. 82, F. & AM., in Concord, Vermont. Price per pin is \$8.00 ea. including S & H. S. Kenneth Bard, 6922 Royal Green Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244, (513) 232-6989. 10% of proceeds will benefit the KTEF.

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Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 28 years and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Thcson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585.

It has been over 21 years since I was burglarized. Amongst other items was taken my father's Masonic foldout FOB showing all degrees of both York and Scottish Rites. It was engraved "Homer H. Harris." Perhaps ample time has elapsed to allow this item to surface on the market and work its way back to its rightful

owner. This fob has or had 1 diamond on its front. Have you seen it? Eric W. Harris, P.O. Box 13268, Alexandria, LA 71315, (318) 442-3303.

Wanted: adv. embossed or engraved brass or copper paper (bill, invoice, receipt) clips. They were spring action, back portion had a hole for hanging, size was approx. 2 1/2 or 3 x 2 1/2 inches, and they hung on nails or screws to the side or behind desks and above items were hung from them. I have 2 Masonic ones and want to buy more. I will buy or donate to your Masonic or other charity. C. W. Hall, P.O. Box 917, Welch, WV 24801

Wanted: round Masonic watch fob that opens and has tools and symbols inside. Wayne Catalina, 2825 Huntleigh Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73120-2807

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Wanted to buy: Masonic first day covers and cachets. Also buying cover collections. G. B Adkins, Rt. 1, Box 152A, Keyser, WV 26726, (304) 788-3783, gadkins@pennswoods.net

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I will donate \$2.00 to the KTEF for your old, expired, vehicle license plate for state, Canada, or whatever. Starting a collection for display. Marion K Schroeder, 482 8th Street, Syracuse, NE 68446, (402) 269-2440

I buy old fountain pens. David F Memory, 702 Davie Avenue, Statesville, NC 28677-5309, (704) 873-3078

Buying all US and foreign coins, paper money, tokens, medals, silver, proof sets. Also selling \$20.00, \$10.00, and \$5.00 gold coins. Call for quotes. Buyer has 40 years experience. A percentage of profits to KTEF. Randy Mogren, 8 Gould Street, Millbury, MA 01527, (508) 865-4816

For sale: 2 cemetery lots at Lane Memorial Gardens, Garden of Everlasting Life, lot B, spaces 3-4, valued at \$1,295.00 each. Joseph Feghali, 4126 Chesapeake Drive, No. 2B; Aurora; IL 60504; (630) 851-6009, am.; (630) 906-0292, p.m. and evenings.

Wanted to buy: vintage radios and transmitters of all kinds. Robert H. McMannway, 195 Ruth Avenue, Logan, OH 43138, (740) 385-2860.

Past Master and Sir Knight seeks old professional, wrestling documents and memorabilia of all kinds, especially from knowledgeable Masons. S. D. Johnson; 2410 S. Street, No. 10; Sacramento, CA 95816; (916) 451-8170; duff@midtown.net

