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Grand Master William Jackson Jones (right) attended the Imperial Shrine session in Las Vegas, Nevada, in July of 2001. He is shown with the new Imperial Potentate, Kenneth W. Smith, a member of Gizeh Temple, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

A New Year and an Exciting Time for Knights Templar!

Can you believe it is 2002 already! What an exciting time to be an active York Rite Mason! We have many great activities planned for this year. In this issue is a schedule of the Grand Commandery Conclaves and also a listing of the annual meetings of many Masonic organizations. Don't forget our Easter Service and surrounding activities in Virginia and the District of Columbia. Come and see which Grand Prelate gives the message!



As you know, the 34th Annual Voluntary Campaign is underway. Our Knights Templar Eye Foundation awarded nearly \$600,000 in grants for research in Pediatric Eye Care and \$125,000 for the National Eye Care Project for people over the age of 65 during 2001. In addition, we paid \$5,250,000 for cases involving eye surgery for patients who otherwise could not afford to have treatment. You can see that the participation of all of us in this fund-raising Campaign is important!

All of the Grand Encampment officers and the Jones family hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are off to a good start in this new year!

A black and white image of a handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Jackson Jones".

Dr. William Jackson Jones
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

Please note: Because of the unrest in Israel, Grand Master William J. Jones has made the decision to cancel the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage for 2002, only.

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

JANUARY: The 34th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is in full swing! Chairman W. Bruce Pruitt has valuable information for participants (hopefully every single member) starting on page 5, so read his article and dive right into the fund-raising! It can be a lot of fun, and it is always very rewarding to support this great cause! This is our yearly issue that Masonic organizations file for the whole year. On pages 8-11 you'll find the dates and locations for the meetings of major members of the Masonic family. Also listed are the current presiding officer and the contact for each group. On page 12 is the information concerning state Conclaves. The Ransom Olds story is concluded, and a story of W. C. Fields is presented. Of course, there is news from across the nation!

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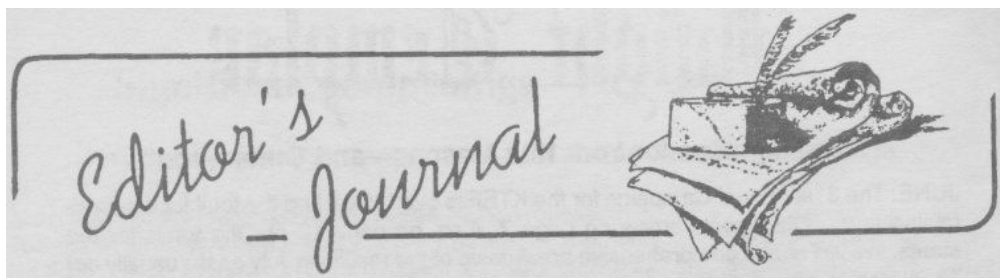
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<http://members.aol.com/GGCHAPTER/HomePage.html>

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



Message from the General Chairman The 34th Annual Voluntary Campaign

by Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, P.D.C. and P.G.C.
Chairman of the Annual Voluntary Campaign

Dear Sir Knights And Ladies,

Happy New Year To You All And The Best Of 2002

My message this month is going to center around the direct mail campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. If it has not happened already, you will very soon receive a letter signed by our Grand Master, Dr. William Jackson Jones, providing you the opportunity to make a direct contribution to the Eye Foundation. This is a very important request, and I urge you to give it the most generous response that you can. The question has been asked: "With so many other ways to contribute to the Eye Foundation, why do we need a direct mail campaign?" The answer to that question is just what I want to discuss.

It is true that we have the Life Sponsorship program and the \$1.00 assessment for those Sir Knights who are not Life Sponsors. We also have the Grand Commander's Club and the Grand Master's Club. Those are worthwhile avenues for support, and I urge you to take advantage of them. However, for the most part, those programs involve a one-time contribution. Those funds aid in the building up of the endowment fund and to a lesser degree the operations. In addition to the endowment fund, however, there is a continual need to support the annual activities of the Eye Foundation. We must have significant, annual contributions to help pay for operations for the needy, for the important research grants, and to support the National Eye Care Project.

During the several Department Conferences that were held recently for



Grand Commandery officers, it was pointed out to them that the Eye Foundation came up with a significant shortfall last year. The cutback in our national economy and the decline in investment values combined to lessen the amount of money available from the endowment fund. Consequently, the expenditures for services was quite a bit more than the combined income from investments and the Annual Campaign. It is very likely that this year we will see a similar situation. We really need two million dollars from the Annual Campaign to balance our operations. For this reason, your strong support of the direct mail solicitation is critical.

Please do not "rest on your laurels" and think that because you are a lifetime member your job is done. Your annual support is greatly needed. As we have stated before, the objective this year is to show a major increase over the Annual Campaign receipts of last year. The awards to your Commandery and to your Grand Commander will be based on that increase.

I am aware that each of you have the same experiences I have when you open your mail. There seems to be no

end to the number of charities that are pleading for our money. Furthermore, most of them seem to be worthwhile. (Whether they are or not I have no way of knowing.) However, you DO KNOW that your EYE FOUNDATION is, indeed, very worthwhile. So, when you receive that envelope, don't relegate it to the "round file" as you do all those other appeals. I urge you to give it your prayerful attention, and give even a little bit more than you did last year.

Remember our motto, and repeat it often in your Commandery meetings:

**"I'm upping my contribution;
how about you?"**

Fraternally,
Bruce

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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and *Trustees* for the week ending December 14, 2001. The total amount contributed to date is \$60,734.09.

Alabama.....	\$50.00	Louisiana.....	1,350.00
Arizona.....	850.00	Marvland.....	200.00
Arkansas.....	325.00	Mass./R. I.....	30.00
California.....	1,760.56	Michigan.....	150.00
Colorado.....	100.00	Minnesota.....	125.00
Connecticut.....	110.00	Mississippi.....	133.00
Florida.....	2,535.00	Missouri.....	114.00
Georgia.....	4,980.00	Nebraska.....	978.00
Idaho.....	110.00	New Jersey.....	155.00
Illinois.....	1,360.00	New Mexico.....	200.00
Indiana.....	193.00	New York.....	663.00
Iowa.....	1,645.00	North Carolina.....	1,104.00
Kansas.....	180.00	North Dakota.....	20.00
Kentucky.....	250.00	Ohio.....	133.10

Oklahoma	30.00
Oregon	210.00
Pennsylvania	6,550.00
South Carolina	3,004.43
South Dakota	20,000.00
Tennessee	2,906.00
Texas	1,903.00

Virginia	1,610.00
Washington	4,400.00
West Virginia	130.00
Wisconsin	230.00
Wyoming	60.00
Miscellaneous	30.00

GRAND COMMANDER OF CALIFORNIA PRESENTS KTEF GRANTS



At presentation to the University of California, Irvine, left to right: Mrs. Donald J. Spencer, Los Angeles Assembly No. 42, Supreme Committee Chairman, KTEF, S.O.O.B.; Donald J. Spencer, CA Chairman, KTEF; Mrs. Marshall F. Parker, member of San Bernardino Assembly No. 200, S.O.O.B.; Marshall F. Parker, Grand Commander, CA; Dr. Jennifer L. Simson, M.D., grant recipient; Robert C. Coe, Deputy Grand Commander, CA; Mrs. Robert Coe, Worthy President, Pasadena Assembly No. 44, S.O.O.B.; and Paul E. McElwain, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Commandery of California.



At presentation to the University of Southern California Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, left to right: Donald J. Spencer, CA State Chairman, KTEF; Robert C. Coe, Deputy Grand Commander, CA; Mrs. Robert C. Coe, Worthy President, Pasadena Assembly No. 44, S.O.O.B.; Dr. Johnathan C. Song, M.D., grant recipient; Marshall F. Parker, Grand Commander of California; Mrs. Marshall F. Parker, member of San Bernardino Assembly No. 200, S.O.O.B.; and Paul E. McElwain, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of California.

Trustees Of The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Meet In Chicago, Illinois - August 2001



Shown are, left to right, seated: Don H. Smith, M.E.P.G.M., R.E.P.G.P.; Sam E. Hilburn, R.E.G.T., H.P.G.M.; William H. Koon II, R.E.G.C.G.; Kenneth B. Fischer, R.E.D.G.M.; Dr. William J. Jones, M.E.G.M.; Richard B. Baldwin, R.E.G.G.; Charles R. Neumann, R.E.G.R., H.P.G.M.; William H. Thornley, Jr., M.E.P.G.M. Standing: Thurman C. Pace, Jr., P.D.C., P.G.C. (NJ); James M. Ward, M.E.P.G.M.; Herbert D. Sledd, H.P.G.M., General Counsel; James N. Kamegis, R.G.C. (NE); Billy J. Boyer, R.E.D.C., P.G.C. (MO); Douglas L. Johnson, R.E.P.D.C., P.G.C. (WY); and Charles A. Games, H.P.D.C., P.G.C. (PA).

MASONIC CONFERENCES—2002

MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 14–16 Washington, DC (annually)	The Philaethes Sodety Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A. Ye Antient Order of Corks The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, HRAKTP
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GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA, HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

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CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA

February 17–19 Milwaukee, WI (annually)	Current Conference Chairman: Clifford Parker 723 Roslyn Road Newport News, VA 23601-1624	Contact: Albert T. Ames Executive Sec./Treas. 110-R Bacon Street Natick, MA 01760
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CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES OF NORTH AMERICA

February 18–19 Milwaukee, WI (annually)	Current President: Robert Kalb P.O. Box 4147 Springfield, IL 62708	Contact: John C. Marden Executive Sec./Treas. 813 Beech Street Manchester, NH 03104-3136
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SUPREME SHRINE, ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM

May 6-9 Evansville, IN (annually)	Current Worthy High Priestess: Pat Burns 330 South Church Street Morgantown, IN 46160	Contact: Barbara C. Eagan Supreme Worthy Scribe 9731 S. Mansfield Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453
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GRAND COUNCIL, LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.

May 26-June 1 Burlington, VT (annually)	Current High Priestess: Cathy Palumbo 50 Pleasant Street Rutland, VT 05701-5008	Contact: Marsha Maxwell Grand Recorder 3710 Balboa Place Louisville, KY 40229-3049
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SUPREME FOREST, TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA

May 7-12 Harrisburg, PA (annually)	Current Supreme Tall Cedar: Raymond J. Vogel 79 Crystal Court Bel Air, MD 21014	Contact: Janis Stanton Officer Manager 2609 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110
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UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

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SUPREME TEMPLE, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

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June 23–27
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(annually)

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July 25–27
Mobile, AL
(annually)

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July 21–24
Orlando, FL
(biennially)

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August 7–10
Queensland, Australia
(annually)

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August 18–20, 2003
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(triennially)

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Aug. 22–24
Columbus, OH
(annually)

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September 1–3
Boston, MA
(annually)

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October 12-17
Atlantic City, NJ
(triennially)

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(triennially)

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Oct. 5-7, 2003
Washington, DC
(biennially)

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September 4
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(annually)

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Oct./Nov., 2003
Portland, OR
(triennially)

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SUPREME COUNCIL, GROTTOS OF NORTH AMERICA

June 5-9
Springfield, MO
(annually)

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SUPREME CALDRON, DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA

September 18-21
Gerard, OH
(annually)

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2002 ANNUAL CONCLAVES

DATE	GRAND COMMANDERY	LOCATION	CONCLAVE REPRESENTATIVE
February 24-26	Alabama	Birmingham	William H. Koon II
March 1-3	New Jersey	Somerset	David D. Goodwin
March 8	Delaware	Wilmington	Kenneth B. Fischer
March 10-12	South Carolina	Columbia	William H. Koon II
March 14-16	Arkansas	Fort Smith	Blair C. Mayford
March 15	District of Columbia	Hotel Washington	William H. Koon II
March 21-23	North Carolina	Ashville	D. Samuel Tennyson
March 22-23	Mississippi	Meridian	Charles R. Neumann
March 23	North Dakota	Bismarck	Henry J. DeHeer
April 5	Oregon	Eugene	Kenneth B. Fischer
April 6	Connecticut	Rocky Hill	David D. Goodwin
April 6	Kansas	Salina	Richard B. Baldwin
April 6	Nebraska	Columbus	Billy J. Boyer
April 8-9	Louisiana	Alexandria	Blair C. Mayford
April 12-15	Texas	Corpus Christi	William J. Jones
April 19	New Mexico	Las Cruces	Kenneth B. Fischer
April 19-20	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Richard B. Baldwin
April 26	Indiana	Indianapolis	William J. Jones
April 27	Idaho	Burley	Richard B. Baldwin
April 27	Tennessee	Nashville	William H. Koon II
April 29	California	San Ramon	William J. Jones
April 30	Florida	Melbourne Beach	D. Samuel Tennyson
May 3-5	Italy	Rome	William J. Jones
May 6	Maine	Bay Harbor	Richard B. Baldwin
May 9	Utah	Salt Lake City	Paul A. Monroe, Jr.
May 9-11	Virginia	Charlottesville	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 10-12	Maryland	Westminster	David D. Goodwin
May 14	Georgia	Valdosta	D. Samuel Tennyson
May 17-18	West Virginia	Wheeling	Donald M. Estes
May 18	Missouri	Jefferson City	William J. Jones
May 19-20	Washington	Olympia	William J. Jones
May 19-22	Pennsylvania	Willow Valley	Richard B. Baldwin
June 2-3	Vermont	Fairlee	Charles R. Neumann
June 6-8	Iowa	Waterloo	Henry J. DeHeer
June 6-8	Michigan	Battle Creek	William H. Koon II
June 8	Montana	Helena	Gerald A. Ford
June 11	Nevada	Reno	Charles R. Neumann
June 21	Wisconsin	Green Bay	Richard B. Baldwin
June 27-29	Minnesota	Duluth	Henry J. DeHeer
July 20	Illinois	Peoria	William J. Jones
August 14-18	Arizona	Mesa	Richard B. Baldwin
September 7	Colorado	Denver	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 13	Wyoming	Casper	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 15-16	Kentucky	Louisville	William J. Jones
September 20-21	New York	Amherst	David D. Goodwin
September 20-21	South Dakota	Sioux Falls	Henry J. DeHeer
October 3-5	Ohio	Columbus	Kenneth B. Fischer
October 18-20	Mass./R.I.	West Springfield, MA	David D. Goodwin
November 9	New Hampshire	Nashua	David D. Goodwin

Remarks from 2001 Pilgrim Ministers...

Terri Mimms - I suggest that you allow me to go again! Everything was perfect, better than I had hoped it would be. Yes, I experienced joy! I have been touched again by God's Holy Spirit, urging me to keep on keeping on, trusting, obeying. Now, I can be a better teacher to the congregation because I now know things I didn't know before; thanks to Ezra. I came home renewed, refreshed, and more knowledgeable of details not mentioned in the Bible.

Bruce Mowery - I am better enabled to visualize certain scriptures and I better understand the Bible. It has re-energized me, helping me to grow deeper in my faith. It was a joy just being in the Holy Land - a dream come true! Thanks for allowing me to go on this Pilgrimage. I will never forget it!

Gary Roberts - I was wonderful to sit and ponder that just maybe my steps fell into the very steps that Jesus took. Someone said being in the Holy Land is experiencing the *fifth* gospel. This has to be true. Being in the Holy Land did make the scriptures come alive with the help of our guide. Walking the Stations of the Cross and hearing the story at each station was awe-inspiring! To worship at the Garden Tomb was a joy filled moment. I could almost feel the wonder the disciples felt when they realized the story was true. Seeing places where Jesus may have spent his last night helped me understand why the disciples ran and denied Him. My preaching will never be the same. *I will never be the same.* How does one say "thank you" for a life changing experience? How do we say thank you for the gift that transforms?

From R. Frank Williams, H.P.D.C., Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage: We praise the Lord for His watch care, His protection, and His guidance for this ministry. Sir Knights, please consider a gift to the Holy Land Pilgrimage to help send pastors to the Holy Land for the next Pilgrimage. We are always planning and fund-raising for a future Holy Land Pilgrimage, so anytime is a good time to contribute!

New Mexico Candidates Receive Degrees And Orders



Late fall 2001, the New Mexico York Rite Masons had a big day when 39 candidates received the degrees and orders of the Chapter, Council, and Commandery at the Masonic Temple in Roswell. Candidates came from both New Mexico and old Mexico, and the work was conferred by teams from throughout New Mexico. This was the second one-day festival in recent years in New Mexico, the previous being in 1999 in Santa Fe with 17 candidates. (news item submitted by Robert Keene, New Mexico Supplement editor.)

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 cress 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, USA 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.

Robert L Diuge, Jr., R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, has a great love for model train collecting, so it is only fitting that he would have created a Pennsylvania Masonic train. The train, manufactured by Weaver Models of Northumberland, PA, is an "O" gauge, three-rail set consisting of an Atlantic C-1 engine with a tender, five cars, and a caboose. Each piece is marked with Masonic symbols representing a majority of the organizations that comprise the Family of Freemasonry. Masonic charities including the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will benefit from profits generated by the sale of these sets.

The engine and cars are available for \$375.00 from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520. A special limited run Pennsylvania M-1 engine may be available. There is also an option for track and a transformer. Telephone 1 800 462-0430, or contact: www.pagrandlodge.org, for more information. I intend to get one, and I hope you will, too!

Grand Master William J. Jones



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

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

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

With the high cost of health care today, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance Program is becoming a necessity for more and more of us. That's why it is good to know that you now have a choice of Medicare Supplement coverages under our plan at very affordable rates.

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Supplement Plan, you will benefit in many ways: You have the freedom of choosing your own doctors and hospitals, there are no health questions or medical exams to qualify there is no waiting period for pre-existing conditions if you switch plans or are about to turn 65, and there is hassle-free claims processing in about 7 days!

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

DeMolay Finds a Home on the World Wide Web www.demolay.org



How is the internet significant to **DeMolay**? Not only is it a very important vehicle for information dissemination, it is also a great way for **DeMolay** members, potential **DeMolay** members, parents of potential members, the media and the general public to learn more about **DeMolay**.

DeMolay International's web site has grown tremendously since its inception six years ago. Currently, there are well over a hundred functional and user friendly pages of in-depth information on a host of **DeMolay** subjects. Among the variety of subjects one may browse are **DeMolay's** mission, the history of **DeMolay** and the **DeMolay** Hall of Fame, which includes biographical information on Hall of Fame members. Forms to assist with a chapter administration are available for downloading as well. One can also find information on the **DeMolay** International Alumni Association and activities of local Alumni groups. The entire **DeMolay** and More Store Catalog is also available online. It offers an array of quality **DeMolay** items ranging from sweatshirts, T-shirts, luggage, outerwear, rings, caps, and all sorts of special gift selections. You can even arrange for engravings and foil stamping for the **DeMolay** items you order.

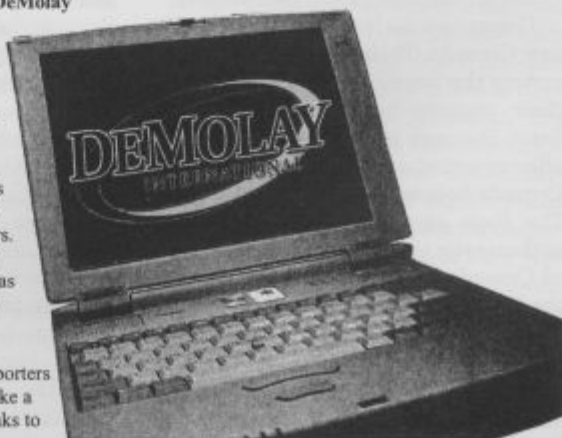
Some of the more functional features of the website include the **DeMolay** Forum, press releases and newsletters. **DeMolay** statistics and information about appendant organizations such as mothers' and parents' groups is also available.

The giving section provides our supporters and friends with secure access to make a gift to assist **DeMolay**. There are links to

Jurisdictional and Chapters throughout the country. One can even find information and a link for the Masonic Renewal Committee. All things considered, **DeMolay's** website allows for a variety of exploration.

What is in store for the future? **DeMolay's** web site is constantly expanding and evolving, so check back often to see what's going on with the *premier youth organization dedicated to teaching young men to be better persons and leaders*. If you would like to become part of creating *Tomorrow's Leaders Today!*, please contact:

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www.demolay.org



Crosses, give us Crosses!"...

The Second Crusade

by Francine Renee Hall

(Knight Templar, page 28-29, May 1981)

The Papacy in 1145 did not have the political consolidation of Pope Urban's government 50 years earlier. Rome was presently under a revolutionary commune which left Pope Eugenius III exiled. Fortunately, the Pope established friendly ties with King Conrad of Germany and King Louis VU of France. Pope Eugenius desired Conrad's help in Italy so he could be restored to Rome. But it was King Louis of France that the Pope counted on most. After all, the First Crusade had been largely a French expedition, and King Louis would therefore be an obvious choice.

King Louis eagerly responded, and he sent for his friend and advisor, Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, to stir up popular enthusiasm for the expedition. By official sanction of the Pope, the Assembly at Vezelay met on March 31, 1146. Like Pope Urban, Saint Bernard's eloquence fired the imagination of the French, and shouts of "Crosses, give us Crosses!" could be heard everywhere.

Germans were less inclined to join the new Crusade. Their interests lay in converting the pagan Slavs scattered along their eastern borders. Nevertheless, Saint Bernard persuaded King Conrad after repeated appeals, and by 1147 the Crusade became an international affair. The Pope gave this news a less than enthusiastic response. Wouldn't a divided Crusading movement destroy itself as the First Crusade had done?

In June 1147 the German faction passed through Hungary. Unfortunately, the cliché, "history repeats itself," was never more apropos than for the Germans. Once in Byzantine territory, pillaging and slaughtering took place, and a riot occurred when a local juggler was labeled a sorcerer by the

Germans. Perhaps the heavens took vengeance: As the Germans camped at Cheravas, in the lowlands, a storm-flood drowned most of the army.

On June 29, 1147, King Louis arrived at Ratisbon where he made a formal declaration of friendliness toward Byzantium. The diplomatic gesture was fruitless. As his army traveled through the Balkans which the Germans had so recently pillaged, food was in short supply. Furthermore, the Byzantine natives were hostile towards the French, remembering all too well the wantonness of the German Crusaders. In addition, a French faction, impatient with their slow progress, hurried forward to join the Germans, but the latter were unwilling to give the French much-needed food supplies. Thus, even Before King Louis reached Constantinople, German-French relations were strained and both Crusading forces were hostile towards Byzantium.

Meanwhile, the Byzantine Emperor Manuel interrupted his attack on the Seldjuk Sultan of Konya, Mas'ud, when he heard news of the new Crusade. When Mas'ud offered Emperor Manuel a truce, the Emperor readily accepted. Though this alliance gave him the name of traitor by the French and Germans, Manuel was not about to endanger his Empire with both Turks and hostile Crusaders threatening Byzantium.

Upon their arrival in Constantinople on September 10, the Germans pillaged a palace in its suburbs. When Manuel asked Conrad for reparation, Conrad angrily threatened to attack Constantinople itself. Although an outward show of peace was restored, Conrad refused to follow Manuel's advice to stay within imperial-controlled territory where the Germans would

receive assistance from Byzantium. Instead, Conrad and his army foolishly headed deep into Turkish territory. Lacking water, they camped by the river Bathys near Dorylaeum on October 25 when they were taken by surprise by a large Turkish army. The Germans were massacred, and Conrad lost nine-tenths of his men and all his supplies.

The French reached Constantinople on October 4. From there they headed towards Nicaea where Conrad and Louis met. After consulting with each other, the two kings marched towards Ephesus, where Conrad's health broke down. Conrad returned to Constantinople, and King Louis was left to brave the mountainous terrain to Attalia. Unprepared for the January storms and harassed by the Turks, the French army arrived at the Byzantine town of Attalia physically and spiritually ravaged. To add further insult to injury, King Louis decided to travel the rest of the journey by sea to Saint Symeon, near Antioch. The reasons were obvious to King Louis: the small town of Attalia was ill-prepared to supply vast quantities of food and winter provisions were low. But to the majority of the Crusaders such reasons were not so apparent. There were few ships to be had, and Louis could fill them only with his choice cavalymen. The rest of the foot soldiers were left deserted by their leaders. Lack of discipline and leadership contributed to the army's low morale as they made their way to Cilicia. Less than half of the French and German infantry reached Antioch in late spring.

Upon his arrival at Antioch, Louis was urged by Raymond of Antioch to attack Aleppo, the heart of Nur ed-Din's power. However, Louis ignored Raymond's suggestion and hastened towards Palestine. King Conrad had already been in Jerusalem a month when King Louis entered the Holy City in May 1148. An assembly was held and it was decided to focus all its attention on Damascus.

The decision was foolhardy. The Crusade lost an important ally, Raymond

of Antioch, who, furious with the decision, refused his help. If Damascus was attacked, Antioch would be threatened by Nur ed-Din's rising power. Emperor Manuel understood the diplomatic necessity of playing one Moslem foe against another, as his truce with Masud had shown. The Franks were not so farsighted. Of all the Moslem states, Damascus was anxious to remain allies with the Franks against the greater Moslem foe, Nur ed-Din. Attacking Damascus would be a sure-fire way to force its emir, Unur, to ask for Nur ed-Din's help.

On July 24, 1148, Conrad, Louis, and King Baldwin of Jerusalem camped in the orchards outside the walls of Damascus. Moslem guerrilla reinforcements forced the Crusaders to move eastward where the enemy could not hide undercover. The decision was rash as the new site lacked water and looked onto the most impregnable part of the wall. It was also whispered that the Latin nobility, who suggested that the Kings make the move, were bribed by Unur.

With rumors of treachery and the news that Nur ed-Din's reinforcements were expected in a few days, the Crusaders abandoned the field. On July 28 five days after their arrival at Damascus, the Second Crusade was over. Turcoman light horsemen poured arrows into the retreating army, diminishing their numbers. But the arrows of humiliation pierced deeper. The Frankish knights damaged their reputation and Moslem spirit was renewed. Saint Bernard vented his anger on Byzantium, but even his angry eloquence would not change the fact that the Second Crusade was a fiasco.

next—The Third Crusade

The above information was submitted by Sir Knight Charles A. Games; H.P.D.C.. P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, and the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations. He is a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. Write: Charles A. Games, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944 or e-mail: cagames@aol.com

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Grand Commander Pulvirenti At Meeting Of O.E.S. Of Italy

Fall 2001 in Palermo (Sicily), Sir Knight Vincenzo Pulvirenti, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Italy, participated in the national convention organized by Chapter Trinacria No. 8, the Order of Eastern Star of Italy, and brought greetings from Italy's Knights Thmplar, stressing the good relationship between the two institutions. Pictured left to right: Mrs.



Maria Valentini; Mrs. Paola Sarasso; Mrs. Rosaria Maniaci; Sir Knight Pulvirenti; Mrs. Caterina Sorgi, Worthy Matron of Chapter Trinacria of Palermo; Mrs. Enza Mandatari; Mrs. Francesca Caravella, Past Matron of the Chapter Sirio of Rome; Mrs. Ida Colombo Rossi, Past Matron of Chapter Selene of Genova; Mrs. Anna Maria Augugliaro, Worthy Matron of Chapter Sirio; Brother Biagio Tortorici, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron; and Companion Giorgio Losano, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Italy.

Florida Sir Knights Serve As Honor Escort For Divan



Fall 2001 fourteen uniformed Sir Knights of Commanderies in Tampa, Clearwater, and St. Petersburg, Florida, escorted the Divan of Egypt Shrine in Tampa, Florida, into the meeting hall. The event was planned and coordinated by Jim Mason, R.E.D.D.G.C., shown here with the Ill. Sir William D. Brown and the honor escort. (submitted by Jim Rocha, P.C.)

Rylowicz Honored By Advocate Charitable Foundation With Contribution To Masonic Charity Care Fund

The Advocate Charitable Foundation recently honored Robert A. Rylowicz, 33°, for his 14 years of service to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center and the former Illinois Masonic Medical Center Foundation. A \$2,500 contribution to the Masonic Charity Care Fund was made in his name and announced at the fall luncheon honoring all directors of the former IMMC Foundation.

Brother Rylowicz, a member of St. Cecilia Lodge No. 865 and past trustee of IMMC, chaired the Illinois Masonic Medical Center Foundation through its 11-year history. He steps away from the post as a new Development Council representing Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Advocate Ravenswood Medical Center, and Advocate Warren Barr Pavilion is formed.

"I felt it appropriate that I excuse myself at the end of the year," Brother Rylowicz explained, "but I will continue to serve on the Major Gifts, Governance, and Masonic Relations committees, as well as with the Masonic Family Health Foundation. I remain as firm in my commitment to Illinois Masonic as I was 14 years ago when Chuck Gambill approached me about joining the Board of Trustees."

He continued, "On a personal note, I have to say I was a fortunate chairman. I had the tremendous support of a dynamic and creative group of Foundation directors and volunteers. If I started to name them individually, I know I'd leave somebody out and I won't do that. Suffice it to say we had several dozen gracious people work with us. Most were Master Masons and all exemplified the true spirit of Masonry in their collective commitment to serving humankind." (submitted by Jim Mueller)

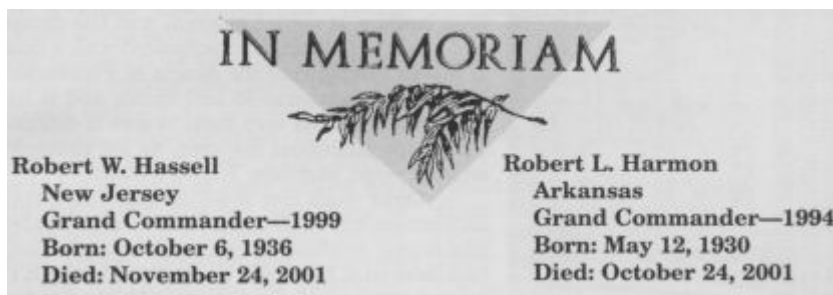


Veteran's Day Celebration In New Mexico



Members of the Young Republicans organization on the campus of the University of New Mexico wanted to show their appreciation for America and those who served by organizing a Veteran's Day celebration. Mechanized units of the New Mexico National Guard were asked to attend along with Congress member Heather Wilson (R, NM), the Ballut Abyad Shrine Pipe and Drum Band, and other concerned citizens. Standing from left to right are: Sir Knight H. William Hart, National Tartan Day

Coordinator for NM; Congress member Heather Wilson; and Brother Ralph L. Stevenson, Jr., 32°, designer of the state of New Mexico tartan. (photo by Ryan Rice, No. 31, football player for the U. of NM Lobos; article by Sir Knight H. William Hart)



We are saddened to hear of the passing of Most Eminent Past Grand Master, Marvin Edward Fowler, 1988-1991, on December 11, 2001. Past Grand Master Fowler will be memorialized both on the cover and on pages inside the February issue of *Knight Templar* magazine.

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 we have a good supply on hand. We'll be glad to ship you one or more upon receipt of your order. They 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";



the three emblems are mixed in and are repeated several times around the length, which is a standard 51-inches long and can be cut to length to fit. The Freemason belt is blue with several working tools and the name "Freemason" repeated several times; it has a brass buckle, also. The colors of the designs are a pleasing gold, silver, red, and brown. The price is still \$12.00, postpaid, US funds. 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. The 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.



Sale Of Blue Lodge Tapestry Throw To Benefit The KTEF

Made of 100% cotton and with 360 picks per square inch, this new afghan tapestry throw has advantages like enhanced color. There are new items to this design, which is the three steps of Freemasonry. There is a black and white checked floor leading to center column, and the compass and square are larger and enhanced with a cluster of leaves symbolizing the Acacia of Freemasonry. The afghan measures 48 x60 inches and is lightweight but weaved very tight to give it definition. There are additional features, as for example, a written verse, Matthew 7:7, on 3 steps.

Order yours now at \$48.00 including shipping for there are only 1,000 made. Each comes with a beautiful degree certificate so you may write your important dates on it. \$5.00 will be donated to the KTEF for each afghan sold. Send check or MO to: Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexierstown, PA 18087.

W. C. Fields: An American Comedy Original and Once a Mason

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

Although more than half a century has passed since his death, W. C. Fields remains a familiar figure among show business personalities. New biographies appear with regularity, and his films continue to be shown on television. Known for his bulbous red nose, irreverent, cynical ad-libbed one-liners; Fields ranks among the most original and distinct figures in the annals of the entertainment world. While often identified as a Mason, little detail has hitherto been provided beyond identification of his lodge.

The man who became world famous as W. C. Fields was born William Claude Dukenfield in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 29, 1880. (Some books say it was February 10 or April 9, 1879). His father, James Dukenfield, had come to Philadelphia from England several years earlier and married a local girl named Kate Felton. They settled in the Germantown area where James earned a marginal livelihood selling fruit and vegetables from a horse-drawn wagon. William was the eldest of five children who also included two other boys and two girls.

Since W. C. Fields as an adult told a wide variety of stories about his youth, separating truth from tall tales can be difficult. The Dukenfields had a tough time making ends meet, and the father was a stern disciplinarian. Young William seems to have acquired a fourth grade education (or less), but at the age of nine, he became fascinated by a juggler and soon set out to master the art of juggling. Unfortunately, his father viewed such action unfavorably, particularly his wasting of good lemons and other fruits that the boy was prone to use for props and learning tools. At the age of eleven, the pair had a serious fight and Bill Dukenfield ran away from home. He claimed to have lived



by his wits from then onward, eating what he could buy, beg, borrow, or even steal and sleeping wherever he could. However, more recent Fields scholars discount this tale as an exaggeration. He contended that eight years elapsed before he contacted his family, but the current view is that he more or less remained at home until he was about eighteen.

As he developed his juggling skills, W. C. Dukenfield slowly made his way into the world of show business, shortening his name somewhere along the way. He got it legally changed in 1908. By the end of the nineteenth century, he was earning \$125 weekly in vaudeville and had left the hardscrabble days of his youth behind. Wearing the clothing of a hobo, he became known as the "tramp juggler," and increasingly he worked a degree of comedy into his act.

Fields also took a bride. On April 8, 1900, he married a New York showgirl named Harriet Hughes. Shortly afterward, he took Harriet to Philadelphia and became reacquainted with his parents and younger siblings. Bill and Harriet had a son, William Claude Fields, Jr. in 1904; however, the marriage unraveled, and the couple separated in 1905 but never divorced, perhaps because of Harriet's strong Catholicism. Mrs. Fields took the

young boy back to New York where he eventually was graduated from Columbia and became a lawyer.

During the years between his marriage and World War I, W. C. Fields kept quite active on the vaudeville circuits and his popularity increased steadily. In addition to hitting the first class houses in the USA (including both Keith-Albee and Orpheum), he toured the British Isles, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. Playing for the crowned heads of Europe, he became a particular favorite of King Edward VII of England.

In that same period, Fields also became a Mason. He petitioned E. Coppee Mitchell Lodge No. 605 in Philadelphia. Because of his heavy touring schedule, a special dispensation was granted to confer all three degrees on the same day. He received all the Blue Lodge degrees on May 20, 1907, in the then relatively new, Philadelphia Masonic Temple. According to Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Secretary, Thomas Jackson, Fields visited his home lodge only once thereafter, but Jackson opines that Fields may have visited other lodges during his frequent tours. His interest in the fraternity apparently waned after a few years. He continued as a member of E. Coppee Mitchell Lodge until 1924 when he was suspended, N. P. D., and never sought reinstatement.

By 1914 Fields had reached a level of popularity that commanded a \$500 weekly salary as "the tramp juggler" or "the eccentric juggler." While touring Australia that year, he received a cablegram in Melbourne from a New York producer, Charles Dillingham, offering him a part in the play, *Watch Your Step*. Taking some six weeks to get back to New York, Fields found that he had gone halfway around the world for a one-night stand. Fortunately, an old friend named Gene Buck landed him a contract in the *Ziegfeld Follies* of 1915. In the meantime, he

temporarily returned to vaudeville working for several weeks on the Orpheum circuit through April 1915, and then he left for New York to prepare for the June 1 opening.

W C. Fields appeared in every edition of the *Ziegfeld Follies* from 1915 through 1921. Several other prominent Masonic show business figures also appeared in the show through that period including Eddie Cantor, Leon Erroll, Will Rogers, Bert Williams, and Ed Wynn. Ironically, Fields did not get along particularly well with Brother Florenz Ziegfeld - of Accordia Lodge No. 277 in Chicago - who apparently had little use for comedians. After his career with the *Follies* ended, the Philadelphia-born juggler turned comedian spent a year in George *White's Scandals*.

Fields now longed for success in a starring dramatic production and found it in *Poppy*. He portrayed the character, Eustace McGargle, described by Fields biographer, R. L. Lewis, as "a preposterous fraud, whose livelihood was gained by milking the citizenry at small country fairs." The part fit the Fields' *persona* so well that many critics believed that his later stage and screen characterizations were simply variations of Eustace McGargle. It also started Fields on a career of creating odd



pseudonyms for himself such as Otis Cribblecoblis, Ambrose Wolfinger, and the dentist, Dr. O. Hugh Hurt.

Poppy ran on Broadway for 346 performances and established Fields as a top comedian. He then went on to play the part in a silent film version, *renamed Sally of the Sawdust* (1925). He made several more silent films including *So's Your Old Man* (1926) and *Tillie's Punctured Romance* (1928). He then returned to the stage for a season with Earl Carroll's *Vanities*. Finally in 1931, having lost a considerable sum in the stock market (but not nearly all of his money), he again went to Hollywood where sound films had taken over. In spite of a distinct voice that seemed made for sound, he experienced some initial difficulty getting back into films. He made several "shorts" for Mack Sennett including *The Dentist* (1932) and the now classic *The Fatal Glass of Beer* (1933), a satire on melodramas. He also made longer pictures beginning with *Million Dollar Legs* (1932). This farce has Fields portraying the president of the mythical country of Klopstokia. He also did another longer film, *If I Had a Million*.

Of the several Fields' motion pictures from the mid-thirties, his role as Mr. Wilkins Micawber in the M-G-M adaptation of Dickens' novel, *David Copperfield* (1935), is probably the most memorable. A sound remake of *Poppy* (1936) costarring a young Rochelle Hudson, *Mississippi* (1935) with Bing Crosby, and *Man on the Flying Thapeze* (1935) also rank high on the list of favorites. During the making of *Poppy*, Fields became so ill that a double had to be used in many of his scenes.

A heavy drinker ever since his Ziegfeld days, Fields had become notoriously so, although he bragged in all seriousness that he had never missed or been late for a performance. The comic suffered from several illnesses, but he preferred having his fans think he was drunk rather than sick. After completing the film, Fields spent several months recuperating at a private sanitarium.

Then he made a comeback of sorts conquering the new medium of network radio as a regular on *The Chase and Sanborn Hour* beginning in May 1937 with ventriloquist Edgar Bergen and his dummy, Charlie McCarthy. The insults that Fields and McCarthy traded still rank as radio comedy classics. Although Fields was a regular on the program for only a year, he continued as an occasional guest until well into the forties. From October 1938, he became a regular on *Your Hit Parade*, doing a quarter hour of comedy each week. With a \$6,500 weekly salary from Chase and Sanborn and \$7,000 on the *Hit Parade*, Fields found a medium, in which he had little interest prior to his illness, to be quite lucrative.

Nor were his days as a motion picture star over yet. He did one last film for *Paramount*, *The Big Broadcast* of 1938, a variety show style movie. Then Fields moved to Universal where he starred in a series of four pictures with much of the scripts either written by himself or ad-libbed as he went along. While many film critics do not rank these pictures as among his best, they do tend to be those most familiar to contemporary audiences since they have frequently been shown on television.

The series began with *You Can't Cheat an Honest Man* (1939) and has W. C. Fields playing another con-artist character named Larson E. Whipsnade. Another film legend, Mae West, costars with him in *My Little Chickadee* (1940), the title from a favorite Fields' euphemism for attractive young ladies. Most critics believe that the third film, *The Bank Dick* (1940), ranks as the best of his Universal offerings. In it the comedian created another of his legendary characters, Egbert Souse. *Never Give a Sucker an Even Break* (1941) costarred Melds with young songstress Gloria Jean, who plays his niece, Margaret Dumont, and his Masonic pal from the Ziegfeld days, Leon Erroll. It closed out his stint with Universal.



W. C. Fields and Mae West in a scene from *My Little Chickadee*, 1940.

Other than occasional guest spots on network radio and in a few films, the career of W. C. Fields had begun to fade. His health declined more rapidly as the years of heavy drinking began to take their toll. He went back to the sanitarium and died there on Christmas Day, 1946. Although often characterized as an atheist or as an agnostic, biographer Robert L. Taylor contends that Fields "had a sort of religion of his own, but that it was dissociated with the church." Caught reading the Bible at one point in his later years, he replied with his characteristic brand of cynical humor that he was "looking for loopholes." Recent biographer Simon Louvish thinks that some of his negative attitude toward formal religion may date from his wife's strong - and perhaps to his way of thinking fanatical - embrace of Catholicism after their separation. He notes that this attitude "had not been so apparent before." In his will Fields left \$10,000 each to his estranged wife and son with whom he had reconciled in later years. He also made allowances for other relatives and friends. However, the remainder of his estate - \$771,000 - was to found and endow an orphanage. Harriett and W. C. Fields, Jr., hired lawyers and broke the will. In 1954 the court awarded them most of the estate. In 1980 the Postal Service honored Fields memory with a stamp.

In the final analysis, one suspects that in spite of the laughter he provided for millions, W. C. Fields was not a happy person. His grandson termed him "perhaps the most complex, confusing and contradictory man who ever lived." However, as a figure in humorous entertainment, he has had few equals. As one film historian concluded, his genius lay in his ability to unite the verbal and visual aspects of comedy. Like some other Masons of fame - ranging from Rod Cameron to Mark Twain - Fields' connection with the square and compass did not endure for his lifetime. But like them the words and visual images he created remain with us.

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Part III - The Lansing Years: Sir Knight Ransom Eli Olds

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After Richard Scott took over active management at REO in 1910, Olds made no secret that he was receptive to selling his stock in the firm. His price tag of \$7,000,000 was too steep for interested prospects, so he retained his financial stake in REO ventures.

Changes began to occur in the top echelon of stockholders soon afterward. Reuben Shettler sold his stock to Ray Owens, the company's contract sales head. Shettler's action was a direct result of giving Scott increased authority. REO continued in a profitable mode, so Scott gained substantial support from the board after Shettler departed. In fact, they backed Scott in terminating Ray Owens' sales contract in 1914. Ransom Olds supported Scott's appointment as general manager at a board meeting in December 1915. From that point on, Olds' role at REO was basically an honorary one.

In the years immediately after World War I, Olds registered a number of patents unrelated to automobiles. One was related to power lawn mowers. He also had an interest in diesel engines and tractors. Ransom acquired a firm he renamed the Ideal Power Lawn Mower Company. It turned out to be a very profitable venture. In 1923 he invested in the Eastern Fairbanks Company, a diesel

engine firm. With Harry Hill as a partner, Ransom reorganized the distressed enterprise into the Hill Diesel Company in 1929. It, too, became a successful operation. Nevertheless, Olds was unsuccessful in introducing the diesel engine into REO production.

One of his favorite investment activities was the real estate field. He acquired a tract of Florida real estate on the Gulf Coast (in the Tampa vicinity), where he hoped to establish a town for modest-income inhabitants. Olds planned to attract enough businesses to the town he named "Oldsmar" to provide jobs for its citizens. At first, the town flourished in the early 1920s, but when the Florida land-boom collapsed in 1926, it dried up. Olds eventually liquidated his holdings at a loss of \$3,000,000. He exchanged his unsold lots at Oldsmar and "a large amount of cash" for the Hotel Bellerive in Kansas City. A tractor manufacturing company Olds started near the town was sold to Walter P. Chrysler for \$100,000 in 1926. During the 1920-1930 period, Ransom invested in a number of hotel ventures in Florida and in Lansing.

During the years between 1929-1930, Olds acquired the partially-completed Blackstone Theater at the corner of Capital and Allegan in Lansing, adjacent to the Hotel Olds which he had previously constructed. He razed the incomplete theater building and constructed a 26-story office building named the Olds Tower. The carillon in the tower played Ransom's favorite song, "In My Merry Oldsmobile," for many years. The Olds Tower changed the skyline of

Lansing and was a landmark for decades because of its height.

In March 1933 the Capital National Bank was closed during the national "bank holiday." It never reopened, and the resulting depositor losses included one in the amount of \$1,000,000 on deposit by REQ. A decade earlier in 1923, Olds had sold off 50,000 shares of REO stock and retained only a few token shares. He did, however, retain his seat on the REO board of directors.

REO failed to prosper under the management of Richard Scott after his first couple of years at the helm. In an effort to recoup some of REQ's market share in 1927, Scott approved a new model which the firm christened the "Flying Cloud" after the legendary clipper ship of earlier days. It premiered at the National Automobile Show at New York in January 1927 and enjoyed rave reviews in the newspapers and trade publications. It was offered in four body styles. The Flying Cloud was still a rather high-priced REO, and sales did not promise to improve enough to live up to the company's high hopes. Scott was ready with an alternative solution.

In the spring of 1927, REO presented a "low-priced model" they called the "Wolverine." Simultaneously, the firm marketed a small delivery truck built on the Wolverine chassis. By late 1927 sales had improved dramatically, particularly in the REO truck sector. The company ended the year with a total car and truck figure of 40,000 units, a dramatic increase of 6,000 more than 1926. The board of REO was elated.

The Flying Cloud enjoyed a position of high esteem in public opinion, although its price tag was too steep for many new car buyers. The Wolverine, an excellent product selling for \$1,195, failed to receive public support. It had the stigma of being an "assembled car." REO had gone outside their own facility to acquire the chassis elements for the single Wolverine model, a four-door brougham. The engine was an L-head 6-cylinder from Continental, a fine power plant rated at 50 horsepower. Borg-Warner supplied the transmission and Salisbury the drive axle. REO simply did not have the facilities to manufacture the Wolverine components in addition to their other commitments.

The elegant Flying Cloud was equipped with REO-built chassis components and enjoyed the traditional reputation of reliability that Ransom Olds' patents and designs made possible. Although the Flying Cloud did not out-perform the Wolverine noticeably at most speeds, it was the car with public approval. Wolverine's total production in 1927 and part of 1928 was 7,000 units. Wolverine passed into automotive history as one of the short-lived quality cars of the era. Many others shared a similar fate before and after the Great Depression of 1929. At REO the truck operation continued to keep the firm afloat.

During 1929 sales at REO plummeted \$12,000,000 under that of 1928. Net profit was the lowest since 1921, and the board of directors blamed Richard Scott, particularly after massive price-cutting failed to

stem the red ink flow. He was replaced by William Robert Wilson in 1930, but REO was still in great trouble. Everyone was amazed when Wilson opted to introduce a new luxury REO as well as two new truck models. A wider selection had not been the firm's problem, and the luxury REO, an 8-cylinder offered in several body styles, was not the solution. It was a prestigious and well-built car, but it was totally beyond the price range of virtually the entire buying public. The REO Royale made its debut on October 9, 1930, with a price tag of \$2,485. It became one of REO's monumental financial mistakes. The Royale was directly responsible for a \$6,000,000 loss over the life of the car, with the 1930 share amounting to \$2,000,000. Wilson was fired on June 30, 1931.

Surprisingly, Richard Scott was reinstated as general manager, and immediately he approved the installation of an automatic transmission as an option for REO models. Sales continued to decline, and the costly automatic transmission added to the financial woes when it did not receive significant acceptance.

Olds resigned his board chair in disgust on December 15, 1933, with the statement that he was "not in sympathy with the policies of the present management." The board members successfully prevailed upon Olds to reconsider. At a special meeting on December 18, 1933, Scott was relieved of all management responsibility, and an Executive Committee was formed to handle REO's day-to-day decisions. They hired Ray A. DeVlieg, formerly with Chrysler Corporation, as general manager -

under a tight rein. Unfortunately for REO, the story of their internal struggle broke in the newspaper, and public confidence was shaken. A proxy fight loomed at the annual meeting scheduled for April 5, 1934, between Richard Scott and Ransom Olds. Scott sought to place all the blame for REO's woes on Olds. The venerable founder struck back in a fury. By the time the annual meeting occurred, Scott had capitulated and threw his support to Olds and the Executive Committee. The result was predictable, and Scott resigned his position with the firm.

With his adrenaline pumping at a high level, Olds agreed to take over the helm of REO's Executive Committee in an attempt to jump-start the company. He was suddenly brimming with suggestions. He recommended a 4-cylinder economy car be added to the lineup and that they consider using his Hill Diesel engine in some of the REO products. He thought he could produce a small car that would sell for \$400. To Olds' surprise, the Executive Committee vetoed every one of his suggestions. Instead, they voted to proceed on an expensive revamping of the existing REO body. Ransom Olds was surprised and resentful. His letter to the committee stated in part, that their decision, "in my opinion, showed very poor judgment." Olds retired from any active role at REO on December 17, 1934, amid personal concern about his health. He was still chairman of the board, nothing but an honorary post.

As early as 1934, merger talks were held between Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg, Graham-Paige, and Pierce-Arrow, searching for a combination

to cure the ills plaguing independent manufacturers in their competition with Ford and General Motors. Beside sharing the REO body design with Graham-Paige one year, nothing came of the meetings.

The inevitable decision was made on September 3, 1936, to halt all automobile production at REO. From that point on they would be a truck builder exclusively. REO was only one of a long list of fine independent manufacturers who succumbed to the massive strength of Ford Motor Company, General Motors, and Chrysler. REO truck continued in production, with satisfactory sales performance, through the years of World War II. The REO name lived on in several mutations until the name was retired forever on May 30, 1975, when Diamond-REO Truck Corporation, the last of the breed, declared bankruptcy.

After severing his ties with REO in 1934, Olds still was active, in good health, and mentally alert at 70 years of age. He turned to one of his longtime activities in earnest - power boating. Over the years he owned a number of very large boats, including a yacht or two. Many of them carried the name "Reomar" with an ascending Roman numeral to indicate its place in line. Olds' Reomar IV was taken over by the U.S. Navy for patrol duty in WWII. After that, Ransom turned to smaller craft. He accelerated his philanthropic activities after 1934, although he never received as much public acclaim for his gifts as Henry Ford, W. K. Kellogg, or S. S. Kresge, all Michigan philanthropists.

Two of his educational philanthropies were Michigan State University and

Kalamazoo College. Olds received honorary doctorates from both institutions. When the engineering section classrooms and shops at Michigan State University were destroyed by fire, Ransom sent a \$100,000 check to make rebuilding possible. In 1923 he donated \$130,000 to Kalamazoo College to construct the R.E. Olds Science Hall. His financial support of the First Baptist Church in Lansing became traditional and very liberal. Philanthropy was one area in which Ransom Olds did not seek nor desire publicity.

In 1938 Oldsmobile Division of General Motors made a determined effort to regain Olds' good will. His namesake automobile had become an essential part of the GM picture over the years, but Ransom ignored the Lansing company. He relented in 1938, perhaps becoming a little mellow over the years. After all, the name of Fred and Samuel Smith were so far in the past that nobody at Oldsmobile remembered them. News photos survive today of Ransom and C. L. McCuen, Oldsmobile's general manager, previewing the 1938 car at the National Auto Show while they exchanged pleasantries. Ransom's good name was once again a part of Oldsmobile's golden past when he was publicized as the "creator of the original Oldsmobile in 1897" in corporate ads.

Olds contracted pneumonia in 1947, which slowed him physically. He was never the same and began to age rapidly. In June 1950 Ransom was at "Oldswoode," his northern vacation home at Charlevoix, Michigan, when he fell ill. He was immediately driven to Lansing and

admitted to a hospital. The diagnosis was that he was "suffering from the complications of old age." By August 20 Ransom was critical and weakening steadily. He lapsed into a coma on August 25 and died on August 26, 1950, at age 86.

Three days later memorial services were held at the Estes Leadley Funeral Home in Lansing with Rev. Julius Fishbach delivering the address. He opened the ceremony with the observation that Ransom Olds was "one forever faced forward." The obsequies triggered a tremendous outpouring of grief, both from official Lansing and its ordinary citizenry. A legion of the rich and famous from the automotive community swelled the throng of mourners. Metta Olds, Ransom's beloved wife of 62 years, survived her husband by one week. She attended the funeral in a wheelchair, due to failing health. Immediately afterward, she suffered a broken hip in an accidental fall and sank rapidly until her death on September 2, 1950. Metta was a mere three days younger than Ransom. She and Ransom were entombed in the family mausoleum at Lansing's Mount Hope Cemetery, joining Pliny and Sarah Olds in eternal rest.

The years have not been just to the memory of Ransom Olds. He was one of a very select and few pioneers of the automobile industry who truly opened the gate to the future. In a few areas Olds was in advance of the legendary Henry Ford, in both engineering design and the rush to begin manufacturing the horseless carriage. History views him as a bit less forceful than the sometimes acerbic Ford, but he

was not. Ransom Olds was an extroverted personality, always reluctant to injure another with harsh or spontaneous remarks. He practiced his Baptist-taught "Golden Rule" and was scrupulously honest. An enthusiastic Mason throughout his long life, his monumental civic and business achievements were recognized with the highest honor in the power of Scottish Rite Masonry to confer, the 33°. That preferment alone affirms throughout the secular world that Ransom Eli Olds subscribed to everything we revere as Freemasons. He is truly a Fraternal model for the ages!

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