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Easter—2002!



"He is Risen"
by George Hinke



Sir Knight Hubert Horatio Humphrey:
His story starts on page 23.

Grand Masters Message for March 2002

I made a recent trip to Michigan to attend the Templar funeral services for Sir Knight Richard Maxwell Strauss, R.E. Past Department' Commander. It was ably conducted by Sir Knight Gilbert A. Rice, R.E.P.G.C., with Sir Knight George Loesch as Prelate, and included R.E. Grand Commander Richard E. Hansen, his officers, and the Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery. A good crowd was present, and the family was appreciative of the fraternal effort.



While in Detroit, I had the opportunity to visit with another Past Department Commander, Sir Knight Russell Paul Livermore. Even though he has been disabled by a stroke, Russell is being well cared for at home by his wife, Mary Louise, their daughters, and several others. He has not been forgotten by his Lodge and Detroit Commandery. Russ was in good spirits and sends his greeting to his friends around the country

During the month of March, I will be attending the East Central York Rite Conference in Indianapolis on 8-10. On March 16 we will be meeting with the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to select the recipients of this year's research grants. The inspection of Melita Commandery No. 37 (where I was Knighted) will be held with Godfroy de Bouillon No. 44 in Mattoon, Illinois, on Saturday, March 23.

Of course, the Annual Grand Encampment Easter Service will be held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on Easter morning at 9:00 A.M. It will be preceded by a breakfast at the Hotel Washington. Saturday, March 30, will feature a special lunch, also at the Hotel Washington, followed by the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery (with the Grand Commandery of Indiana).

You have heard that there is no free lunch, but all Grand Commanders and their ladies WILL get a free lunch on the Saturday of Easter weekend if they come to the Hotel Washington and see me. Please make a reservation with the Grand Recorder, so we can have a special place set for you.

Hope to see you soon!

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

Dr. William Jackson Jones
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



Knight Templar

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

MARCH: The 34th Annual Voluntary Campaign still has two months left at the beginning of this month! Check Chairman W. Bruce Pruitt's message on page 5 for progress and some clarifications, and check your state's progress on page 8! If you are not convinced about the Campaign's significance, read the comments from KTEF recipients, pages 8-9, and you will want to join in! There are important Templar events coming up this month, so read the Grand Master's Message on page 2. Spring is right around the corner, and Easter with the Washington/Alexandria festivities is the end of the month. Enjoy our Easter articles on pages 12, 14, and 15. Next month we will publish the Easter message the Grand Prelates present at the Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria, Virginia. Don't miss any of our articles about Templary and Sir Knights in this month's issue!

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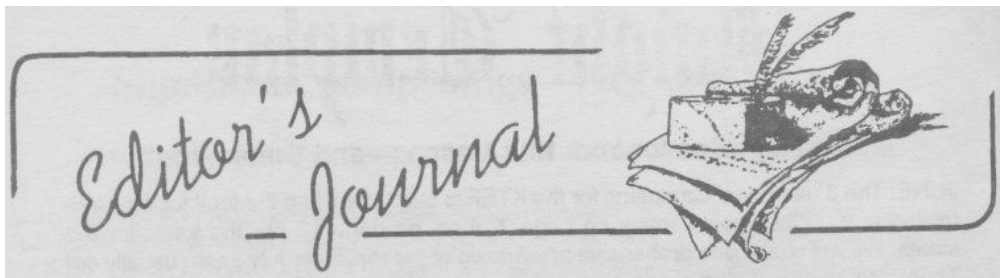
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Announcing The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A green pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a red Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past Commanders and grand officers). Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Pins are \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment. Send to the Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, 5097 N. Elston Ave, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460

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 Ave, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460

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Message from the General Chairman The 34th Annual Voluntary Campaign

Dear Sir Knights and Ladies,

The 34th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is well underway, and we are doing pretty well. As of this writing, the contributions are running about \$29 thousand above this time last year. Keep up the good work; let's keep those checks coming!

It is too early to make definite statements about which Grand Commandery is going to win the competition, but I will report where we stand as of now: Number one in total contributions is Virginia; a very close number two is Texas. Coming along fast in position number three is Georgia. Well done! Or in Navy language: "Bravo Zulu!" In terms of per capita, the leader is South Dakota. (They are also number four in total dollars.) Number two per capita is Virginia, and number three is Washington. Congratulations to those Grand Commanderies.

Now consider this: Some of our Grand Commanderies have come through with total gifts of **less** than \$1,000. Surely everyone can do better than that. I hope these Commanderies will get on the ball and really encourage their Sir Knights to contribute.

The next subject I would like to comment on is one that comes up from time to time



and concerns dealing with wills and bequests. I thought it would be well to discuss it a bit, in hopes of avoiding controversy and misunderstanding.

What happens is this: When a Sir Knight leaves money in his will to the Eye Foundation, sometimes the executor of the will sends the funds to his Commandery instead of sending them directly to the Eye Foundation office. That is certainly permissible, but it often creates a question in the minds of the Commandery officers as to how it should be handled. Naturally, the funds should be sent to the office as soon as possible. Sometimes a check is actually written out to the Eye Foundation, in which case it can only be cashed by that office.

The confusion and difficulty arises when some of the Sir Knights question the possibility of "getting credit" for the bequest. It is kind of natural, I guess, to say: "Gee, we

could be real heroes and be the number one Commandery if this money is considered to be contributions from all of us!"

When you think about it, however, it is easy to realize that such an approach is neither fair nor equitable. The purpose of the Annual Voluntary Campaign is to encourage individual contributions from individual Sir Knights or from special fundraisers sponsored by the Commandery,

Therefore, the first thing to consider is that one Commandery could work really hard, put out a lot of effort, and really try to be number one. Then, another Commandery could come along - one that has done little or nothing - and they could "win" the competition only by being "fortunate enough" to have had one of their members pass away. That is just not fair.

There is also a bit of a bookkeeping problem. Wills and bequests are reported as separate line items in the records of the Eye Foundation. That is just one of the several categories through which contributions are received. If a Commandery were to be credited with a bequest under the category of the Voluntary Campaign, it would necessitate double reporting.

Certainly, a Commandery should take great pride in the fact that one of its Sir Knights was thoughtful enough to include the Eye Foundation in his estate. However, we should not try to get any personal benefit from that situation.

Before we leave the subject, it is well to consider a special case that is outside the realm of the above discussion. One can conceive of a situation

in which money is left to the Commandery and designated "for charitable purposes." This would be a totally different matter. Here the money is available to the Commandery and left to the discretion of the members. They can give it to the Eye Foundation or to any other Masonic charity they would like to support. It is now Commandery resources, and if it goes to the Eye Foundation, then the Commandery should be credited.

I hope this little discussion has helped in the understanding of policy with respect to wills and bequests. Perhaps, it will avoid a lot of question, and even hard feelings, when things are not handled the way some folks think they should be. It is important to the health of the Eye Foundation that as many Sir Knights and ladies as possible include it in the disposal of their estates. We should encourage that practice, but we must also encourage total, 100% participation in the individual Voluntary Campaign.

In closing, thank you for all your efforts. Please keep your eyes open for the direct mail letter you will receive soon. Put a check in the mail, right away!

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

Best regards,

Bruce

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Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (773) 205-3838.

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

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

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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending February 8, 2002. The total amount contributed to date is \$312,852.18.

Alabama	\$3,186.00	New Jersey	1,526.00
Arizona	5,308.97	New Mexico	1,693.01
Arkansas	1,835.00	New York	3,796.40
California	12,969.17	North Carolina	4,061.96
Colorado	5,462.95	North Dakota	1,583.00
Connecticut	774.00	Ohio	5,076.40
Delaware	523.80	Oklahoma	1,060.00
District of Columbia	1,705.00	Oregon	1,790.00
Florida	4,809.71	Pennsylvania	21,842.00
Georgia	23,167.00	South Carolina	9,736.43
Idaho	770.00	South Dakota	21,535.00
Illinois	7,400.00	Tennessee	11,577.50
Indiana	6,667.00	Texas	32,961.03
Iowa	4,646.00	Utah	230.00
Kansas	2,468.00	Vermont	1,500.00
Kentucky	1,800.00	Virginia	33,214.00
Louisiana	3,125.00	Washington	6,666.32
Maine	633.00	West Virginia	647.00
Maryland	2,282.60	Wisconsin	5,148.00
Mass./R.I.	441.00	Wyoming	542.00
Michigan	2,425.00	Panama Canal No. 1	30.00
Minnesota	962.50	Honolulu No. 1	100.00
Mississippi	356.00	Ivanhoe No. 2	
Missouri	2,236.00	Mexico	108.00
Montana	1,087.00	Tokyo No. 1	
Nebraska	2,228.00	Japan	250.00
Nevada	1,488.00	Italy	200.00
New Hampshire	2,616.00	Miscellaneous	42,605.43

Comments From Recipients Of The Eye Foundation

Dear Mr. Hochhalter:

Please accept my most sincere gratitude for your work toward the restoration of my vision. It is no less than a miracle for me, and I am truly grateful to God, to you, and to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for being there for me in my time of need.

The surgeries that I had on December 5 and 19 were very successful in that I tested better than 20/20 (both eyes) less than 24 hours after the operations, and I've had absolutely no complications. On the contrary, I didn't realize how poor my vision had become. I'm now seeing detail and color that I haven't seen for 20 years!

I shall return to the workforce with not only excellent vision but with a renewed attitude, an attitude that makes me realize that I should more often strive to help and care for my fellow man because you and people like you set the example and made me see that there are more caring people out there than I ever knew. Thank you!

Harold A (Andy) Beverly
Montgomery, Alabama

(Editor's note: Mr. Roman Hochhalter is one of those wonderful Sir Knights who works with applicants to the KTEF and sees that qualified applicants are helped. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to all the Sir Knights out there who spend hours and hours in this way! Thank you, Sir Knight Hochhalter.)

I am very grateful to the Knights Templar for helping me in securing needful eye surgery. Everything is going well after the lens implant. I can see quite well out of the left eye now. It is truly a great blessing that the Knights Templar got involved in my plight. Thank you so very much, and God bless your wonderful, humanitarian work.

Scott O. Graham
Abernathy, Texas

Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. Thanks so very much to all of you. The gift of eyesight is priceless, and words cannot express my gratitude!

Darlene Easley
Marshall, Missouri

This is to express my grateful appreciation for one of the greatest gifts bestowed by a benevolent organization, my sight. Several years ago, Sir Knight Lynus (Gus) Gustin recommended me for double cataract surgery and lens implants. What a wonderful gift!

Jay Wright
Ft. Smith, Arkansas

Thank you very much for the financial support your organization provided to help restore and preserve my vision. The surgeries were successful! Your generosity has helped me take better care of my elderly husband and mother. Again, thank you so very much!

Josefina Valencia
Chamberino, New Mexico

Before my surgery the vision was so poor in my eye with the cataract I could barely see the doctor's hand in front of my face. Now, I can read, work, hike, and enjoy life in new ways. I'm only nineteen years old. Thank you for the generous help you have given me. Knights Templar is an outstanding organization for helping people in need!

Yamir Collinot
San Diego, California

Over a year ago you enabled me to have removed the cataracts on both my eyes. Before that, I could not see anything but light and dark on the right side, which confined my activities and my enjoyment. Then, when the left began to do the same thing, I was terrified. The "looking through plastic" feeling was starting, and I was doing more praying than I had in years.

Then, a miracle happened, and you aided me. Outwardly, no one could see the difference, but from the inside of my eyes, I was a child again. The colors, textures, all the beauty of this great, God-given world were mine again! Almost two years later it is still a marvel to me.

You are always in my prayers and always will be. Thank you for my new world or should I say *renewed* world!

Alice Tharpe
Quitman, Georgia

Words cannot express my gratitude for the help which you have provided me. Your financial assistance allowed my eye cancer surgery to be completed!

From my initial visit by your representative, Mr. J. B. Hitt II, to my return visit to Dr. Doug Gossman, my oncologist plastic surgeon, the operation appears quite successful.

Once again, thank you very much for your help, and may you keep up the good work in helping others.

Donald J. Cassidy
Louisville, Kentucky



Doctor Steinmetz Accepts Recognition For Florida Doctors' Contribution To The KTEF

Shown left, exuding much appreciation. is Dr. Robert L Steinmetz receiving a plaque and pin for a \$1,000.00 contribution to the KTEF by the Southern Vitreoretinal Associates, PA of Tallahassee, Florida. At right, making the presentation, is Sir Knight Leon Blair Recorder of Bethlehem Commandery No. 30, Thomasville, Georgia

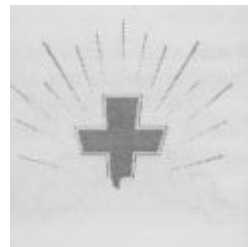
Shreveport Assembly No. 60, S.O.O.B., Louisiana Supports Commandery And Charities

Late in 2001, Shreveport Assembly No. 60, S.O.O.B., and Ascension Commandery No. 6 installed (Mrs. Pat) Chole Dickson as Worthy President of the Assembly and Sir Knight Pat Dickson as Commander of the Commandery. At that time they presented toys for the Toys for Tots program to Sir Knight D. C. Hall, junior Past Commander and retired fire chief of Shreveport. In

addition to this charity, Shreveport No. 60 dedicates a special offering every 3 months to the transportation fund of the Shriners' hospital. The first Shriners' hospital was built in Shreveport in 1921 and was rebuilt in 1986. In the photo, left to right: Sir Knight Pat Dickson, Sir Knight D. C. Hall, and (Mrs. Pat) Chole Dickson, W.P. (submitted by Mrs. Roy E. May, Recorder, Shreveport No. 60 and edited by Mrs. William Chant, P.S.WP., S.O.O.B.'s magazine contact)



In the April 2002 issue of *Knight Templar* magazine, we will publish the full text of the sermon to be presented by the Grand Prelates of the Grand Encampment at the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, which will be held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 31, Easter Sunday 2002.





Sir Knight Richard M. Strauss was a Past Commander of Damascus Commandery No. 42, Detroit, Michigan, and a Past Grand Commander of Michigan-1976.

He was a past presiding officer of all the York Rite bodies, a Past Most Wise Master of Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of Detroit, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33^o.

He was the Superintendent for Michigan of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; the Chief Adept of Michigan College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; he was a member of Moslem Temple, AAONMS, and served for 15 years on the dramatic staff; he also was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters.

Other Masonic honors included: member of the Royal Order of Scotland; served as member and President of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of Michigan, for 12 years; served as Chairman of the Speakers Bureau of the Grand Lodge; and as Past Patron of Ashlar Chapter No. 378, O.E.S. Also, he was a Past Sovereign Master and Charter Member of Thistle & Rose Council No. 27, Allied Masonic Degrees, and was a member of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations for the Grand Council; Honorary Member of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada and recipient of the Knight Grand Cross of Canada; an Honorary Member of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada; Charter Member and Associate Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and Grand Governor at Large for the Foreign Jurisdictions; Fellow of the Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.; Life Member of the Masonic Order of the Bath and the Order of the Cork., A.M.D.

He was honored with the Legion of Honor and was a Past Director of the DeMolay Legion of Honor for the jurisdiction of Michigan; he was an Active Member of the Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay, for the Republic of the Philippines; a Knight Crusader of the Cross, Grand Commandery of Florida; a member of the Forty-Fivers Association of Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Encampment, and a member of Michigan Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

He was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the Subordinate Commanderies, Italy and the Philippines, on August 20, 1991, in Washington, D.C., by Grand Master William Henry Thornley, Jr.

The Grand Encampment sends sincere condolences to Sir Knight Strauss' family.



Easter and Passover

Springtime

by Reverend Donald C. Kerr

Both events speak of happiness, in the sense that nothing is ever ended but that everything becomes new. Both tell of the emergence of springtime, - which is a time of beauty and hope. This special season symbolizes the future, a time of hope. Everyone likes to see something new. "Spring is God's way of saying, 'one more time,'" so wrote Robert Orben.

We are the heirs of a wonderful miracle. We belong to a tradition that allows us to believe that there is more to life than what we see or know. We are the recipients of an immortal hope. With the resurrection of life, we can know that darkness can be transformed into light. "If Christ be not risen," wrote the apostle Paul, "then is our faith foolishness and there is no hope."

Many years ago Erich Fromm wrote a popular book, *The Art of Loving*. In it he said that the happy person is one who feels an inner sense of creativity and productivity. The secret is to know that happiness is not a gift but an achievement. "Help thy brother's boat across, and, lo, thine own has reached the shore," so says an ancient Hindu proverb. We are happiest when we can bring the message that life can be renewed, reborn, redeemed, and resurrected.

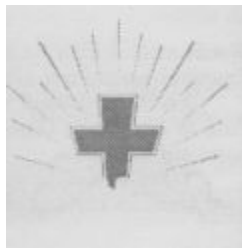
That is what this holy season tells us: "Wake up! It is time to begin. Hope is on the way!" To all a happy Easter and a joyful Passover!

Alexander Pope said it more than 200 years ago: "Hope springs eternal" within the ... human heart. We say it, too. Without hope there is no tomorrow. Isn't that what this holy season tells us? The Easter Resurrection is the hope of an eternity. Likewise, Passover is the sign that tells of God's faithfulness.

Many years ago Dr. Endicott Peabody was headmaster of the Groton School. He would remind his students of the strains and stresses through which they would pass. "But," he said, "remember the trend is always upward." A student at that time listening to those words would later become President of the United States. When that fateful attack on Pearl Harbor became "the day of infamy," President Roosevelt reminded the nation: "Remember, the trend is always upward." That is the message of this special season. It speaks of the new horizon and rebirth - springtime!

So often we feel caught in a web of opposites; such as, jealousy versus love, resentment versus charity, and injustice versus forgiveness. When we feel uneasy with those tensions, we must look for that renewal of hope, which comes with the opening vista of new beginnings.

Arise, then, and salute the happy morn and say: "Alleluia! God is with us" - and so comes springtime!



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On the Masonic Newsfront...

Southwestern Department Commander Attends New Mexico Commandery's Christmas Observance



Sir Knight Paul Monroe (center), Southwestern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, attended the Christmas dinner and Observance of Baldwyn Commandery No. 12, Gallup, New Mexico. Other local Masonic groups, Lebanon Lodge No. 22 and McKinley Chapter No. 16, O.E.S., were invited to join, and also two Grand Commandery officers, two Past Grand Commanders of New Mexico, and the local lodge scholarship winner, Miss Tiffany Hamilton, were in attendance.

The dinner was held two weeks after the 2nd annual Holiday Faire, which is an arts, crafts, and gift show sponsored by the local York Rite bodies. This year's very successful Faire included live music throughout the day by a traditional Western band. Pictured with Sir Knight Monroe are Past Grand Commanders of New Mexico, Sir Knight Antonio E. Astorga (left) of Las Vegas, New Mexico, and Sir Knight Robert J. Keene (right) of Gallup

Members Of Powhatan Starke Lodge No. 124, Virginia And Area Sir Knights Honor Grave Of Lodge Namesake



Members of Powhatan Starke Lodge No. 124, Petersburg, Virginia, traveled to Norfolk, Virginia, and laid a wreath at the grave of their namesake, M.W. Powhatan B. Starke. There were 32 Masons and guests in attendance.

When M.W. Powhatan Starke died in 1870, his body was Escorted from Baltimore, Maryland, by a group from Baltimore Commandery, and upon arrival at Norfolk, Virginia, was met by a delegation of Grice Commandery No. 16, Atlantic Lodge No. 2, .

Owens Lodge No. 164, and Ruth Lodge No. 89, all of Norfolk, who escorted the body to the grave, where he was buried with Masonic honors. Pictured, left to right: Sir Knights C. David Murdock, Gen., Appomattox No. 6; Lawrence C. Hattan, E.C., Appomattox No. 6; Phillip E. Maybery, E.C., Grice No. 16; and Joseph P. Westfall, P.C., Appomattox No. 6

York Rite And Scottish Rite Unity In Connecticut



The above picture was taken at the Christmas Observance of New Haven Commandery No. 2 in New Haven, Connecticut, on December 21, 2001. Left to right are: William Barr, Eminent Commander of New Haven No. 2; Richard V. Travis, Deputy for Connecticut, A.A.S.R.; William Greene, M.E.G.H.P.; Gustaf R. Bodin, M.W.G.M. of Connecticut; Robert Hodgson, M.W.P.G.M.; Vincent A. Cowie, R.E.G.C., the Grand Commandery of Connecticut; and Fred Lorenson, P.P.G.S., Red Cross of Constantine. (submitted by Sir Knight Bob Sherrick, editor of the Connecticut Supplement; photo taken and submitted by Sir Knight Douglas A. Gray, P.C.)

Making Everything Turn Out Right

by Reverend Ray N. Cooley, Jr., Grand Prelate of Connecticut

My grandson Andrew's father is a detective for the NYPD. He was on duty at Ground Zero during the weeks following September 11. The tragedy of the Twin Towers continues to be on the minds of our children. Whatever is on TV has a strong influence on young minds. September 11 had special meaning for Andrew because he knows of his father's work.

One day this January when we were anticipating an afternoon snowstorm, six-year-old Andrew was envisioning what he and his sister and grandfather could make in the snow. "We'll build the Twin Towers," he exclaimed, "and Sabrina (our dog) will run into them and all the people will jump on her back and be saved." What a wonderful story! Andrew in his mind was retelling the events of September 11 to make everything turn out right.

But we all know that we cannot make everything right. There is too much evil in the world, and we ourselves realize that there have been times when our own best intentions have turned sour.

That's why we need Easter. Easter is God making everything right. In the last days there shall be a resurrection when God "will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." (Revelations 21:3-4). "For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ." (I Corinthians 15:21-22).

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Attendees of Easter Sunrise Service on March 31 to Hear Portland Commandery Band

Those who are attending the Annual Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 31, 2002, Easter Sunday, will experience a real treat!

Sir Knight John R. Knox, Secretary/Treasurer of the band from Portland Commandery No. 2, Portland, Maine, writes, "It is our sincere honor to be invited to attend and perform at the Annual Easter Service for 2002. Plans are underway, and it looks as though we have a band of 20 members, plus 18 spouses attending, along with the rest of the contingent from the Grand Commandery of Maine."

Sir Knight Knox sends the following history of the band, which we think will be of interest to the Sir Knights and ladies who attend the Easter Service and to others, also:

"On September 21, 1945, a group of Portland area Masonic musicians met with officers of Portland Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. 32 Masonic musicians were in attendance, and they decided a band would be of great benefit to the Commandery.

"At that time bands were found in many of the Knights Templar Commanderies. Unfortunately, it is believed the Portland Commandery Band is now the only Commandery band that is still active in the entire United States. (editor's note: The band would love to hear otherwise!)

"It is worthy of note that members travel many miles to attend rehearsals and

functions - from Salisbury, Massachusetts, to Augusta and Fryeburg, Maine, a radius from Portland of up to 80 miles. The band's present membership consists of 24 active musicians with an average attendance at rehearsals and events of 16 to 18; as a result, there is always a well balanced band.

"In its 56 years of existence, the band has had only 4 directors; Ernest Hill, Arthur Stevens, John Gooch, and the present director (for nearly 30 years), Richard R. Kelley.

"While the band members are all Knights Templar Masons, the majority of the band members are also members of the KORA Temple Shrine Band from Lewiston, Maine. The band rehearses on a monthly basis and performs concerts for the Annual Conclave of Portland Commandery, the Annual Ladies' Night Observance for Portland and St. Alban's Commanderies, the Annual Christmas Observance, in addition to several performances for the Portland Valley, Scottish Rite; the Rose Croix Chapter; and other area Masonic lodges and gatherings.

"The band members and their wives, most of whom will attend the Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on Easter Sunday, March 31, are anxiously looking forward to that trip, both for the comradeship of fellow Templars and seeing the sites of our nation's capital. They will join with the KENA Shrine Band at the Sunday morning Easter Service in Alexandria, Virginia."

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"The great betrayal"...

The Fourth Crusade

by Francine Renee Hall

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

In the late 12th century, the Western Emperor Henry VI launched a new expedition to the Holy Land as reparation for the German fiasco during the Third Crusade. Although the Germans recovered Beirut for the Franks, the death of Henry in September 1197, followed by news of civil war in Germany, caused them to give up their siege of the fortress of Toron in Galilee. However, the Germans did leave a permanent mark in the Middle East in the guise of a new Military Order - the institution of the Teutonic Knights. In 1198 the German Order was sanctioned by the Pope and soon possessed a tower in Acre and a castle in Tyre. Like the Hospitallers and Templars, the Teutonic Knights were a source of military strength in the Frankish East but did not have any governmental power.

The Papacy was not displeased to hear of Emperor Henry's death. Repeatedly ignoring papal authority and starting a new crusade independent of Church sanction, Henry was a direct threat to Pope Innocent III. The Pope knew too that the only Crusade to achieve any lasting success was the First, in which no monarchs had played a role in embittering European national relations. Thus, in 1199, Pope Innocent launched the Fourth Crusade to recover papal prestige in Europe as well as Christendom's claims in Palestine. The nobility of France, Germany and Italy answered his call



Ivory carving—
10th-century
Byzantium

but with a marked difference from the earlier Crusades -their enthusiasm was not spiritual in nature but almost wholly mercenary. In March 1201 Boniface of Montferrat was elected leader of the Crusade. By the end of the year, Boniface was persuaded to divert his Crusading army from Egypt and focus it on Constantinople.

There was one major reason for this decision - lack of money to pay for the expedition. The Venetians were eager to open negotiations with the Crusaders. By June 28, 1202, Venice agreed to supply 9,000 esquires, 20,000 soldiers, 4,500 knights and horses with much-needed transport and supplies for a year, and 50 galleys on the condition that half the conquests be handed over to Venice in addition to 85,000 silver marks.

The Venetians were both realistic and cunning. Little did the Crusaders know that Venice was simultaneously bargaining with Egypt for trade agreements, fully realizing that the Sultan in Cairo would not stand for any campaigns against Egypt. Such subtle Venetian diplomacy put the Crusaders in their power. The Crusaders were unable to provide the money, but Venice agreed to postpone payment of the debt if they would march on Zara, the city once held by the Venetians and recently captured by the King of Hungary.

By November 1202, Zara was sacked. Then during the winter the Byzantine prince, Alexius, sought out Boniface and agreed to provide money to pay off the Venetian debt if Boniface would agree to help him obtain the Byzantine throne.

The Byzantine Empire was not doing well: the Turks were advancing in Anatolia; Emperor Isaac was wantonly extravagant in an impoverished Empire; and more trade agreements were made with Italy in return for ready money. His subjects revolted by throwing Isaac and

his son Alexius in prison and crowning Isaac's brother, Alexius III, as new Emperor. Isaac's son, Alexius, escaped from prison, eager for his uncle's throne. If the Crusaders would march on Constantinople, Alexius' aims would be more easily achieved.

Venice was quite satisfied with this scheme. The Doge of Venice, Enrico Dandolo, had lost his sight in a brawl 30 years before on a mission to Constantinople. And lately, the Emperor Alexius III was not providing Venice with profitable trade agreements as Isaac had done.

By June 24, 1203, the Crusaders arrived in Constantinople. Alexius III took fright and fled, and Isaac and his son Alexius, now Alexius IV, reigned as co-Emperors. It was not an easy task. As a concession to the Crusaders, Alexius IV forced his subjects to accept the supremacy of Rome and enforced Latin rituals on a resistant Orthodox clergy. The Crusaders, too, were dissatisfied - they soon realized the new Emperor did not have the money to pay off their debt to Venice. Tensions gave way, and in 1204 there was a palace revolution.

The Crusaders, urged on by the Venetians, saw their chance. With Byzantium weakened by internal wars, an attack on Constantinople itself would be the obvious course to take. In 1204 Constantinople became a Latin city "for the honor of God, of the Pope and of the Empire" - but never was such honor more defiled. The great seat of Christian civilization, housing masterpieces of art and culture going back to ancient Greece, was stormed by a mob of Frenchmen and Flemings eager for destruction. Icons and books were trampled, and a prostitute sat herself on the Patriarch's throne bawling out an obscene French song. For three days churches were defiled, nuns raped, and women and children murdered. As the historian Steven Runciman wrote: "Even the Saracens would have been more merciful... and with truth."

The Latins also showed little political tact. Carving out large territorial tracts it could little hope to maintain on any long term basis, the Latin Empire of Romania, as it was now called, was doomed. The Venetians were wiser. They asked only for those portions of the Byzantine Empire they could realistically profit from and maintain.

Pope Innocent III was aghast. His dream of a cooperative Empire of the Eastern and Western Churches was destroyed, and the expedition to the Holy Land was abandoned without papal authority. The sack of Constantinople carried further reverberations. When news reached Palestine that the Crusaders were not forthcoming, a large-scale migration away from the Middle East took place. Why stay in Syria when richer promises were beckoning from Romania?

The Latins in the Middle East had to solve their problems their own way. Surprisingly, in September 1204, a peace treaty, rather favorable to the Christians and lasting six years, was made with the Moslems: Beirut, Sidon, Jaffa and Ramleh were ceded to the Latins, and pilgrims had easy access to Jerusalem and Nazareth.

Examined from a long-term historical perspective, the Fourth Crusade was not only morally criminal but politically disastrous. The great bulwark of Christianity in the East, Byzantium, was destroyed, and Turkish infiltration took full hold. The rift between the Eastern and Western Churches became absolute. It is one of the great ironies of history that the Fourth Crusade, starting out as a means to preserve Christianity, succeeded merely in destroying it.

Next: The Fifth Crusade

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IN MEMORIAM



Paul E. Hockett
Florida
Grand Commander—1995
Born: September 2, 1945
Died: December 18, 2001

Albert Wilson Baines
New Hampshire
Grand Commander—1971
Born: May 11, 1917
Died: January 21, 2002

Richard Maxwell Strauss
Michigan
Grand Commander—1976
Department Commander—1991-94
Born: October 13, 1911
Died: January 22, 2002

Do You Remember?

Past Commander Steve Mesarch, 9677 Troon Court, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240-1269, says he "came across" the picture and caption below, while sorting out his Masonic papers. It is from the Ohio Supplement, December 1977.



Donation To Pilgrimage Fund - P.C. Steve Mesarch of Middlefield, left, is shown as he was being thanked for his \$526.35 gift to the Pilgrimage Fund to the Holy Land. Center is K. Edwin Applegate, East Central Department Commander, and right, G.C. Coffman.

Sir Knight Jacob C. Baird of the Committee on Knights Templar History notes: "It should be remembered that the first Holy Land Pilgrimage was made in February 1977 with six ministers from Michigan and one from Kentucky in attendance. The Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage was established at the 54th Triennial Conclave in 1979." Sir Knight Baird also writes: "P.C. Mesarch stated in his letter that \$526.35 was a lot of money in those days."

Templars: Any of you who have anecdotes (either funny or informational) about a Templar, a group of Templars, a Commandery, a Grand Commandery, or the Grand Encampment, which might be of historical interest (like the news item above); please write it (by hand, if you wish), and send it to me. I will see that it is "laid up among the archives" of the Grand Encampment, to be printed in this magazine at an appropriate time and in any history published in this century: Jacob C. Baird, Chairman of the Committee on Templar History, 1334 Royal Road, Norwood, MO 65717-9466; new e-mail: jcbaird@getgo.in.net

The Mason who safely chauffeured John F. Kennedy by Sir Knight James A. Marples, 32°

In 1957 John F. Kennedy made a trip to Dickinson, North Dakota, to speak to the teachers and students at Dickinson State Teachers' College. At that time, it was clear that the youthful and dynamic Senator from Massachusetts had ambitions to be President of the United States someday, although no formal announcement had yet been made.

Kennedy was invited to speak on the campus by a veterans' group at that college. He arrived in the morning, gave his speech in the afternoon, and flew on to Montana that evening.

Upon his arrival at the Dickinson Airport, he was met by three military men. His driver was Brother Paul Heidt, 32°, who presently lives in Rose Hill, Kansas. Paul is a member of Douglass Lodge No. 151, A.F. & A.M., of Douglass, Kansas, and is also a member of the Scottish Rite in Wichita.

Brother Heidt keenly remembers his time as chauffeur for John Fitzgerald Kennedy. He recalls that some of the men were telling Kennedy about the sights and sounds of that part of North Dakota...including the fact that only 25 miles from Dickinson is the town called "New England," which captured the attention of the man hailing from a region of the country bearing that name.

With Brother Heidt as driver, John Kennedy got in the front passenger seat, and the two other military men got in the back seat, as they began driving around the area.

Having some spare time, Kennedy told Brother Heidt that he'd like to see THIS "New England." And so they did! Kennedy even quipped about it in his speech later in the day.

Kennedy's speech at the college was on the importance of "Maximizing Your Mind To The Fullest." Kennedy recalled his youth and that he didn't especially want to be the "best" swimmer in the world, but his older brother challenged him to do more and more, and this toughness benefited him years later when his swimming endurance was tested to the max in World War II after his patrol torpedo boat, the PT-109, was rammed by a Japanese ship. Kennedy also noted that, sometimes in life, you MUST take risks. He alluded to his signaling passing ships to gain rescue after that same incident in the Pacific. The signal could have been seen by the Japanese, but Kennedy chose to "risk it" in the hope it would be seen by an American ship. That risk paid off.

While in North Dakota, Kennedy toured an old, old Post Office constructed by immigrants many years earlier. It was made out of dirt, straw, and cow manure - built in the same fashion as sod houses.

Brother Heidt recalls that the cost at the college at that time was \$40.00 per quarter which included tuition, books, room, and board. If one's old school books were returned, the cost of the next quarter would be \$37.00. (Wouldn't it be nice if we had such prices today?)

the Coleman Company in Wichita, Kansas, operating presses. November 22, 1963, marked the day when John F. Kennedy was again being driven around in a car - but on that fateful day, it was a totally different setting: a different driver, a different car, and a different locale. On that day, the 35th President of the United States was shot and killed as he rode through the streets of Dallas, Texas. Brother Heidt couldn't help but recall that he himself had been Kennedy's driver only a mere six years earlier!

Brother Paul Heidt noted that the day in 1957 was so carefree, smooth, safe, and normal, quite a contrast to that dark day in Dallas. He noted that quite a number of Coleman workers went home early on that black November day to mourn and to console their families. However, Brother Heidt and another former military man felt it was best to finish their jobs to keep the plant functioning and America functioning.

Paul Heidt and John F. Kennedy were both baptized Roman Catholics. Brother Paul had even studied earlier to become a priest, but military service intervened.

Today Brother Heidt is a dedicated member of the United Methodist Church and the lion's Club in Rose Hill.

It is an honor and pleasure to know Paul Heidt. Every time I shake his hand, I think of him extending a similar handshake to John F. Kennedy years ago. Brother Paul's grip is one of friendliness and dedication.

Indeed, he is one of the few men still alive who can say that they safely chauffeured John Kennedy. Brother Paul Heidt's happy memory of that occasion is worthy of note.



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The Cross and Crown

by Sir Knight Rex Hutchens
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This is probably the most familiar symbol of Masonic Knights Templar. Though now usually shown as only a cross and crown, 19th and early 20th century depictions often included a sword, as above. Such an emblem is capable of many and varied interpretations. It is composed of three different symbols, each having its own, but related, signification. The biblical source for understanding this symbol is the Epistle to the Hebrews. The author of this powerful Christian treatise is anonymous but was long considered to be the Apostle Paul. In this epistle we find Christ described as both priest and king. In Hebrews 2:9 we see the phrase, "...crowned now with glory and honor because he suffered death..." This explains in a simple and elegant manner why this is a most appropriate emblem for Christian Masonic Knights. The crown symbolizes Christ's

metaphorical kingship over the world, while the cross is the enduring symbol of both his death and the unification of the spiritual and earthly. Jesus is also described in this epistle as a priest after the order of Melchizedek (5:6). This again reinforces the idea of Christ as king, since Melchizedek was the king of Salem as well as a priest (Gen. 14:18). Even the sword may be derived from this epistle, for we read, "For the word of God is alive and active. It cuts more keenly than any two-edged sword" (4:12). Intersecting both cross and crown, the sword may also communicate that as a symbol of the word of God it reminds us of the prologue to the Gospel of John where Christ is described as the *Logos*, or Word.

Seeing the beautiful harmony of these three symbols and their common source, it is perhaps unfortunate that the sword is no longer part of this emblem of Knights Templar.

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Above is an example of the Cross and Crown commonly used by the Grand Encampment

The Knights Templar and the Origin of Modern Banking

by Sir Knight John White, 32°

The Knights Templar are popularly known for their role in the crusades, but they had another role, little known, which made a very important contribution to world civilization: the start of modern banking. Capitalism could not have succeeded without a banking system and financial services to handle capital. The Knights Templar provided that.

Templary flourished for nearly two centuries. It rapidly became one of the wealthiest institutions in Europe. To handle their vast holdings of land, buildings, ships, businesses, and treasure; they established a banking system. According to Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh in *The Temple and the Lodge*, historians generally ascribe the evolution and development of Western Europe's economic institutions to Jewish money-lenders and to the great Italian merchant houses and consortiums; however, they state: "The role of Jewish money-lenders was minor compared to that of the Temple; and the Temple not only pre-dated the Italian houses, but established the machinery and procedures which those houses were later to emulate and adopt. In effect, the origins of modern banking can be attributed to the Order of the

Temple. At the peak of their power, the Templars handled much, if not most, of the available capital in Western Europe. They pioneered the concept of credit facilities, as well as the allocation of credit for commercial development and expansion. They performed, in fact, virtually all of the functions of a twentieth-century merchant bank." (p. 47-48)

In *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, Baigent, Leigh and Henry Lincoln note: "With their network of preceptories throughout Europe and the Middle East, they also organized, at modest interest rates, the safe and efficient transfer of money for merchant traders, a class that became increasingly dependent upon them. Money deposited in one city, for example, could be claimed and withdrawn in another by means of promissory notes... The Templars thus became the primary money changers of the age, and the Paris preceptory became the center of European finance." (p. 71)

John Robinson, in *Born in Blood*, likewise notes that the Templars created safe deposit, trusts and property management; they also acted as agents for collection of taxes, and for collection and disbursement of ransom payments.

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Sir Knight
Hubert Horatio Humphrey:
"Trail Blazer for Civil Rights
and Social Justice"

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



Today Americans recall Hubert H. Humphrey as Lyndon Johnson's Vice President and as an unsuccessful presidential candidate, yet in his lifetime Humphrey was a great deal more significant as one of the country's most influential and constructive Senators.

Considered an ultra-liberal in his earlier days, he often moderated and compromised his positions when faced with hard reality. While Humphrey championed numerous welfare state social programs, he also reminded the beneficiaries of them that they ultimately had moral responsibilities for their behavior as well.

In the long run, he probably should be remembered for what author Jules Witcover termed an effective "trail blazer for civil rights and social justice."

Hubert Horatio Humphrey, Junior, was born in Wallace, South Dakota, on May 27, 1911, the son of a small town druggist and Christine Sannes Humphrey, a lady of Norwegian ancestors.

In 1915 the family took over a pharmacy in the village of Doland, South Dakota, where young Hubie spent his formative years.

The twenties were not particularly good times for the Dakotas as their farmers enjoyed much less prosperity

than the rest of the nation, and local businesses like that of the Humphrey drug store depended upon them for their own livelihood. Despite Hubert's relatively comfortable youth, the shadow of hard times remained ever present

Both banks in Doland failed in 1927, and conditions became worse. After finishing high school in 1929, at the head of a class of twenty, Humphrey received a scholarship to the University of Minnesota and put in two years of college.

Meanwhile, as the Great Depression worsened, the elder Humphrey relocated his business to the larger town of Huron and needed his son to come home and work in the store. Hubert came back to the family pharmacy where he remained until 1937 (except for a five-month hitch at a pharmacy school in 1933).

The store managed to survive – barely - and the young druggist bided his time until he could afford to return to college. During this period he courted and married Muriel Buck, their wedding taking place on September 3, 1936. The Humphreys eventually became the parents of four children.

By the time Hubert Humphrey had returned to college, the New Deal

was in full swing, and as his family's political philosophy already reflected a combination of "Prairie Populism" and Wilsonian Internationalism, he now absorbed into his point of view the New Deal and what was at the time perceived as the radicalism of the third party, Minnesota Farmer-Labor movement, championed by Brothers Floyd B. Olson of Hennepin Lodge No. 4 and Elmer Benson of Appleton Lodge No. 137.

In 1939 he completed his degree in political science and went on to Louisiana State University where he acquired a master's degree the following year. Back in Minnesota he began teaching at the University and also began work on a doctorate, which he never completed.

His government service began in 1941, when he took an administrative position with the W.P.A. followed by another one with the War Manpower Commission, which included teaching classes at McAlester College.

At age 32 Humphrey made his first plunge into electoral politics when he sought to become mayor of Minneapolis; however, he lost the race to incumbent Marvin Kline by some 4,900 votes.

The following year the aspiring politician participated in a project that had great bearing on the future course of Minnesota politics; a merger of regular Democrats with the Farmer-Labor Party, a move that paved the way for much of his own later political successes in the Gopher State. In a second run for mayor of Minneapolis in 1945, Humphrey outpaced Kline in votes by roughly 84,000 to 54,000. He received near

unanimous support from organized labor and promised New Deal type reforms for the city.

During Hubert Humphrey's first year as mayor of Minneapolis, he became a member of Cataract Lodge No. 2 in that city. (It has now gone suburban in Richfield.) He received his Entered Apprentice degree on November 13, 1946. He was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on December 7 and was raised a Master Mason on December 18, 1946. He held membership in this lodge for nearly 32 years. Brother Humphrey continued his Masonic journey in the local York Rite bodies completing them with his Knighting in Darius Commandery No. 7. He also became a Noble of Zuhrah Temple of the AAONMS.

In 1947 Mayor Humphrey easily coasted to a second term and set his sights on the Senate seat held by Joseph Ball, a maverick Republican, who had supported F. D. R. over Tom Dewey in 1944. Again labor support and the unified D. F. L. Party were crucial in his chances for victory.

He also made national waves in the summer of 1948 with the introduction of a strong civil rights plank in the national party platform. Once adopted, this plank may have lured some of the Henry Wallace liberals back into the Democratic fold, but mostly it had the negative result of threatening to destroy the party's Southern base as it precipitated the "Dixiecrat" revolt and the third party candidacy of Strom Thurmond. This schism in particular threatened to take enough electoral votes away from Truman to hand an easy victory to Republican Thomas Dewey.

In a four-way contest in which all of the major party candidates were Masons (Dewey, Thurman, Truman, and Wallace), Truman fought back hard to win a come-from-behind victory. In Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey took 59% of the vote and became the first Democrat to win a Senate seat from the Gopher State since 1901.

in 1954, he soon became one of the Senate's "inner circle."

In 1956 Humphrey "campaigning vigorously" for the vice presidential slot but lost out to Tennessee Senator, Estes Kefauver (of Chattanooga Lodge No. 199). In 1960 H. H. H. threw his hat into the Democratic presidential sweepstakes but

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In his early months as a Senator, the exuberant young lawmaker displayed a tendency to "ruffle the feathers" of older more experienced solons. An example of this came in his failed attempt to abolish the Joint Committee on the Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures as a needless federal expense, which alienated its powerful chairman, Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia (a member of Hiram Lodge No. 21 in Winchester).

However, with the passing of time, the man from Minnesota learned - partly with the help of Texan Lyndon Johnson - to choose his battles more selectively and with more wisdom. Still, he remained one of the Senate's most outspoken liberals throughout the Eisenhower era. Reelected easily

lost out in a string of primaries to the better financed and more charismatic John F. Kennedy.

Nonetheless, after Kennedy took office Humphrey, ever the faithful team member, sponsored or co-sponsored several New Frontier and Great Society measures. These included bills that created the Peace Corps; the Jobs Corps; the Food Stamp Program, an extension of the Food for Peace Program; the 1964 Civil Rights Act; and ratification of the 1963 Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

Perhaps because of Humphrey's role as a "faithful scout" of the New Frontier, President Lyndon Johnson chose him as a running mate in 1964. During this time the candidate made some effort to moderate his ultra-liberal image announcing that,

while he retained his old goals, he was now willing to take a more incremental approach.

Campaigning hard for the Johnson-Humphrey ticket, the nominee's party overwhelmed the Goldwater-Miller forces of the GOP in a popular and electoral college landslide obtaining a still unsurpassed 61% of the vote.

According to one biographer, Lyndon Johnson had hated the Vice President job because it left him "powerless," while Hubert Humphrey "relished" it because of the "national podium it offered."

Certainly H. H. H. took the job seriously and became a zealous spokesman for Great Society programs including the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Model Cities, Medicare, creation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Headstart Program. He also lobbied heavily for increased funding of previously existing social programs.

Yet as the "great society" predicted by the implementation of these expenditures failed to materialize and both Congress and the White House became tighter with the purse strings, Humphrey found the Vice Presidency increasingly frustrating.

He also became a spokesman for the Administration's Vietnam policy. As dissatisfaction with the conflict grew, Humphrey increasingly had his doubts about the wisdom of it. Yet he could not break with the Johnson team. When he took the position in 1965, he was quoted as saying, "I did not become vice president with Lyndon Johnson to cause him trouble."

L. B. J.'s withdrawal from the race on March 31, 1968, opened the door for a H. H. H. nomination, but unlike such rivals as Eugene McCarthy, Robert Kennedy, and later George McGovern, who had the freedom to distance themselves from the Administration, Humphrey could not.

Bobby Kennedy's assassination guaranteed Hubert the nomination, but Democrats came away from their 1968 Chicago Convention badly split.

By contrast the once divided GOP was fairly solid for Richard Nixon although George Wallace threatened to take votes away from both candidates in the no longer solid South and perhaps in the North as well. Nonetheless, Humphrey "fought the good fight," but he could not quite overcome the lead that the Nixon forces had accumulated.

Hubert Humphrey finished the race just over half a million votes behind Nixon and accumulated 191 electoral votes to Nixon's 301 and Wallace's 46.

Some have argued that had Humphrey broke with Johnson he might have nosed out a victory; however, a close analysis of this theory demonstrates that it does not hold water. Distancing himself from L. B. J. would almost certainly have cost Humphrey his narrow win in Texas, and it is doubtful that he could have made this up elsewhere, let alone picked up additional states.

January 1969 found the retiring Vice President out of public office for the first time since 1945. However, he did not remain out of the public eye for long.

The retirement of Eugene

McCarthy from the Senate opened up a place for him as Minnesota's junior Senator, and in November 1970 the Gopher State electorate sent him back to the capitol.

He remained there until his death, and while he was an important member, his hopes for the Presidency had virtually vanished. He entered the Democratic race again in both 1972 and 1976, but as the pundits said "the times had passed him by."

The man once considered too liberal had by now become too identified with the "establishment." The young liberals who took control of the party in 1972 favored Brother George McGovern as their choice to run for the White House, while the more hawkish minority threw their support to Brother Henry Jackson of Washington State.

In 1976 a tired Humphrey tried again, but outsider Jimmy Carter won the nod, and the less liberal Democrats again favored Henry Jackson. Bills he sponsored in Congress such as the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and National Growth Act, which eventually passed in 1978, obviously did not produce the desired results.

Nonetheless, Hubert Humphrey continued his tireless efforts in the Senate even while his health and, indeed, his life slowly ebbed away. Sir Knight and Senator Humphrey died on January 13, 1978.

It was ironic that Hubert Humphrey, once considered too liberal, eventually came to be thought of as excessively establishment. A close analysis of his career suggests that he usually put his causes ahead of his own personal ambition.

Biographer Carl Solberg described him as a deal maker and an advocate; as an effective Vice President and Senator. He called Hubert "a terrific fighter but no killer." A panel of journalists - perhaps in part reflecting their own philosophy - once named him as the most effective Senator of the 1925-1975 half century. Another admirer called him "the premier lawmaker of his generation."

Today, Masons can remember Brother and Sir Knight Humphrey as one who "fought the good fight" and stood his ground for those causes in which he believed. They may not agree with his causes, but they can hardly question either his integrity or his zeal.



Further Reading

Those who wish to learn more about Hubert Horatio Humphrey may wish to read the thorough biography by Carl Solberg, Hubert Humphrey: A Biography (New York, 1984). A more personal approach may be found in Edgar Berman, Hubert: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Humphrey I Knew (New York, 1979), while Allen H. Ryskind, Hubert: An Unauthorized Biography of the Vice President (New York, 1969) is highly critical

from a conservative viewpoint. A sound but brief account is the chapter in Mark O. Hatfield, et al.: Vice Presidents of the United States, 1789-1993 (Washington, 1997), pp 465-477. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota furnished his Masonic record.

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

Robert L Dluge, 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



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For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, finest quality available, all ranks, embroidered in extra fancy gold and silver bullion on velvet with Velcro backs: Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate (green): \$40.00 plus \$5.00 S & H; Emeritus ranks: Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate (red): \$45.00 pair plus \$5.00 S & H. Also: Honorary Past Commander with H.C. in silver, \$50.00; Grand Commandery, Grand Rep., \$50.00 and Past Grand Commander (purple): \$60.00 (all plus \$5.00 S & H). Also: chapeaux crosses: Sir Knight, \$35.00; Commander and Past Commander, \$40.00; Grand Commandery, \$45.00; Past Grand Commander (purple), \$50.00-all plus \$5.00 S & H. New: sleeve crosses, all ranks, \$35.00 pair, plus \$5.00 S & H. Percentage to York Rite charities. Checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., PC.; 60 Manor Road; Staten Island; NY 10310-2698

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"And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. "And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."

(St. Mark 16:5-7, KJV)

**Happy Easter from the Grand encampment
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