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Grand Master William Jackson Jones (at the podium) addresses Sir Knights, ladies and guests at the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service—2001, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. A summation of the 2002 Easter weekend festivities by Sir Knight Robert V. Hines, Chairman of the Committee on the Easter Sunrise Service, starts on page 11. Pictures will appear in the July issue. (above photo by Sir Knight Oscar D. Olsson)

Grand Masters Message for June 2002

On Thursday before Easter, I received a telephone call in my room at the Hotel Washington from the office of former Senator and Sir Knight Bob Dole. His secretary said that the Senator would like to meet the officers of the Grand Encampment in his office that afternoon. When we arrived, we were shown to a reception room. In a few minutes, in came a very charming dog, whose name we later found was "Leader." Then, Sir Knight Dole came into the room and said he was pleased to meet us. He asked each person his name and where he was from. He then had something pertinent to say to everyone. (He and Richard Baldwin compared Army stories and he and Charles Neumann heart surgery experiences.)



Senator Dole said he is a supporter of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and would be happy to tape a message for the new video we have in production. We were with him for about 45 minutes, and he couldn't have been more gracious. I later found out that Sir Knight James Karnegis and his wife Jeanne had been on an elevator with him earlier in the day and found him to be the same.

(Editor's note: Knight Templar will feature a picture of Sir Knight Bob Dole and Grand Master William Jackson Jones on the cover of the July issue.)

We have had such good experiences meeting Templars in all our travels.

June first will find me in Philadelphia for a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. We will be discussing the National Eye Care Project, in which we are partners with the A.A.O., and several other programs under the Eye Care America designation. On Saturday, June 8, I will install the officers of seven or more Commanderies in Phoenix, Arizona. The International Supreme Council Session of DeMolay will be held in Houston, Texas, June 13-16. I will be traveling to Vancouver, British Columbia, June 22-26, for a meeting of the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America. From there I will finish the month at the Southeastern York Rite Conference in Columbia, South Carolina. Also, I will attend a couple of meetings of Villa Grove Lodge No. 885 on the 4th and 18th. Sounds like a busy month for me! I hope you are enjoying your Masonry as much as I am!

Dr. William Jackson Jones
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

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JUNE: The 34th Annual Voluntary Campaign ended April 30, and the data is being tabulated as we go to print, so look for the usual comprehensive coverage in the July issue. In the meantime, note the names of many of our wonderful supporters starting on page 6. Campaign Chairman W. Bruce Pruitt sums up the Campaign on page 5! For an interesting account of 2002 events and participants at the Easter weekend in Alexandria, Virginia, and Washington, DC; read the article that begins on page 11. Pictures will follow in our July issue. A new membership booklet is now available! The details start on page 14. We have a great article on Sir Knight Larry Householder, and Brother William Rufus Shafter's story is concluded in this issue. Enjoy the news from across the nation!

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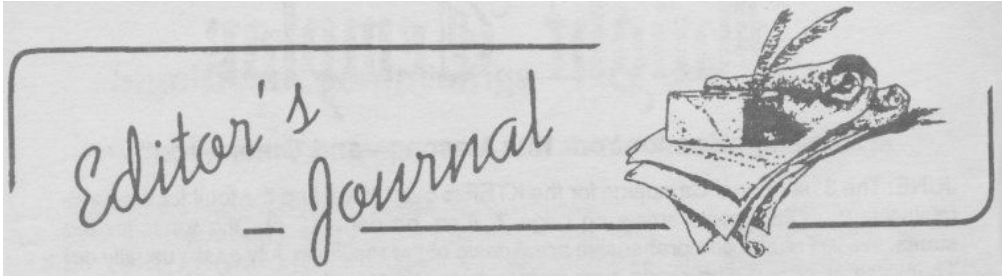
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Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots, and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. **Photos are requested by**

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Message from the General Chairman The 34th Annual Voluntary Campaign

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

Greetings again,
Sir Knights and Ladies:

This is going to be a pretty short message because I want to leave a lot of room for publishing the names of the more recent members of the 33° Club. That club was instituted last year during the 33rd Annual Campaign to recognize Scottish Rite 33° Brethren. It has been so popular that it simply carried over into this year. That's great! I just hope we will be able to keep up with the pins and recognition.

I have just returned home from the recent Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of California. It was a most enjoyable time, especially since we had the pleasure of a visit from our Most Eminent Grand Master, Dr. William J. Jones, and his lovely Lady Lois. They are really wonderful people, and we enjoyed them immensely. During his remarks to the Grand Commandery, Grand Master Jones reported that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation had sponsored operations totaling over 5 million dollars in the past year. Furthermore, the review board has just met and approved twenty research grants of \$30,000 each. Both of those announcements are indicative of the wonderful work that you are supporting.



It is also extremely gratifying for me to let you know that your contributions have increased in a significant manner during the past month. As of the last report, with only two more weeks to go, you are about \$73,000 ahead of last year! If we can keep up that pace, we may even exceed 1 million dollars this year. What a thrill that would be! I hope I will be able to give you a final report next time. Meanwhile, God bless you all, and thank you for your support.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Bruce

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 William F. Brown, Jr. (TX), 33° in honor of
 Henry Robert Clore, 33°
 William F. Brown, Jr. (TX), 33° in honor of
 John C. Elkington, Jr., 33°
 Ronald M. Olexa (NJ), 33°
 Jack R. Denman (TX), 33°
 Carol S. Cutright (OH) in honor of John C.
 Cutright, Jr., 33°
 Lewis E. Kittell (NV), 33°



James A. Henley
Colorado
Grand Commander-2001
Born: November 13, 1926
Died: April 11, 2002

Roger Benzie Ottman
Massachusetts/Rhode Island
Grand Commander-1986
Born: November 17, 1924
Died: April 28, 2002

Dr. Qin Chen, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas Receives Research Grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation



The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is supporting Dr. Chen's pediatric ophthalmology research entitled: "To determine whether specific transcription factors (c-maf and Prox-1) and histone acetylases CBP and/or p300 are sufficient to induce crystallin gene expression and/or lens fiber cell differentiation." At the presentation of the grant are, left to right: Dan B. Jones, M.D.; Sir Knight Lawrence Tucker; Roy Jacoby, Ph.D.; Qin Chen, Ph.D.; and Sir Knight Kenneth Fischer, R.E. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Former Illinois Sir Knight (E.C. Du Page Commandery-1955) Supports the KTEF

Pictured with a good friend is Sir Knight William A. Robin, 92, a member of Apollo Commandery No. 1, Wheaton, Illinois. Sir Knight Robin now resides in Vacaville, California, and is still active in Masonry after 63 years. He writes that he is a dual member of Illinois and California Grand Lodges and he is "proud to be a member of the greatest organization in the world." God bless you, Sir Knight Robin, for all your KTEF donations!



Knights Templar Eye Foundation Receives \$1,660.00 From Connecticut High School Students

Again this year a group of students, faculty, and staff at Wethersfield High School in Wethersfield, Connecticut, worked together to collect bottles and cans which are turned into cash for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This past year they collected over 33,000 nickel deposit bottles and cans which gave them \$1,660.00! This amount, added to previous amounts, comes to an astounding figure of more than \$12,600.00 that these kids and school personnel have given to our philanthropy.

The school has been doing this project for several years under the guidance of Sir Knight Emil G. Lido, Past Grand Commander of Connecticut, and his daughter, Joyce L. Porter, who was a teacher at the school.

Since one good turn deserves another, Washington Commandery No. 1 of East Hartford each year matches the amount that the students turn in to the Eye Foundation and gives educational assistance grants to one or more of the school's deserving students. This year Washington Commandery will award one or more scholarships in the amount of \$1,660.00. (provided by Sir Knight Charles B. Fowler, Past Grand Commander of CT and Recorder of Washington No. 1)

Easter Sunrise Service 2002—Revisited

by Sir Knight Robert V. Hines, KCT, KTCH, P.G.C. (DC)

General Chairman of the Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

The 72nd Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service was preceded by several days of good weather, but early Sunday was cloudy. Through the prayers from all in attendance and the help of our Great Captain of Salvation, we had a great Easter Service with the rain holding off until our last buses were leaving the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Over 351 Sir Knights and their ladies attended the reception and luncheon honoring our Most Eminent Grand Master William Jackson Jones and his Lady Lois. This event appears to be gaining in popularity, since it does provide a social event for all present. This year's luncheon featured a first with a band concert by the Gold Band of Portland Commandery No. 2, stationed in Portland, Maine. All present enjoyed the excellent concert and appreciated the performance of this fine band from Maine.

On Saturday afternoon the Grand Commandery of Indiana, honoring the veterans of all wars, again conducted an inspiring wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony has become a great part of the Easter weekend with an excellent attendance, and because of heightened interest, a second bus was provided by the Grand Encampment this Easter. As in past

years, Indiana invited not only the Most Eminent Grand Master William Jackson Jones to participate in this service, but all Sir Knights and ladies were invited to accompany them to Arlington Cemetery. This year several Commanderies from other states traveled in their own buses to participate in this most impressive ceremony conducted by the United States Army.

Sunday morning over 485 Knights Templar formed the parade at the base of Shooter's Hill in Alexandria, Virginia, to march up the hill to the steps of the magnificent George Washington Masonic National Memorial. They were led by Most Eminent Grand Master William Jackson Jones. The Grand Commandery of Maryland again preceded the parade with its Drum Corps and formed a Passion Cross in the stands. The Grand Master and his staff received honors from the marching Sir Knights. In the stands were present about 250 additional Sir Knights and about 1,100 additional family members and friends.

This year the service started with the music of Kena Shrine Band and Portland Commandery Gold Band, combined, playing our "National Anthem," which was followed by the call to worship and the singing of the hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," by all present, to the accompaniment of the combined bands.

After a prayer was offered by Sir Knight John D. Jones, Right Eminent Grand Prelate; our Grand Master William Jackson Jones brought his Easter greetings, followed by Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, the Deputy Grand Master, reading the first lesson (Isaiah 52: 7-12 and Isaiah 53: 1-10). Grand Master William Jackson Jones led the group in the "Apostle's Creed," and the second lesson (Mark 16: 1-7 and Luke 24:44-46) was read by Sir Knight Robert J. Cave, P.G.C. (NY), Committee on Religious Activities. The sermon, entitled "I Go Before You, Follow Me," was delivered by Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Thomas M. Jones. The services were concluded by the singing of the hymn, "Crown Him with Many Crowns" and with final remarks of the Grand Master and a benediction by Sir Knight John D. Jones, Grand Prelate.

The entire Grand Encampment line of officers was present and took part in the ceremony, as did three of our Past Grand Masters: Sir Knights Ned E. Dull, William H. Thornley, Jr., and James M. Ward. All eight Department Commanders and twenty Grand Commanders were present and took part in the procession for a memorable morning. They are listed at the conclusion of this article.

Ohio, once again, was recognized as having far and away the largest contingent present with 133 Sir Knights in formation. We greatly appreciate their excellent showing over the last several years and congratulate them for it; it would

appear, however, that several Grand Commanderies are taking up the challenge of trying to unseat them.

All present appreciated the wonderful music of the combined bands of Kena Temple, and for the first time, the Gold Band from Portland Commandery Number 2, stationed in Portland, Maine. A special thanks goes to those who make this event work, such as Sir Knight Walter Benesch and those stalwarts, the DeMolay from Northern Virginia, who do the set-up on Saturday and the take-down after the service on Sunday as well as the seating and ushering and passing out of the programs. They have been doing great work year after year. In addition to those Sir Knights from the District of Columbia; such as Sir Knight Russell Tazelaar, who handles the placing of signs for the Grand Commanderies, and Rod Phillips, Fred Gore, John Baker, and Walter Kitts, who set up the sound systems; the parking staff is led by the Past Grand Commander of Virginia, John Wigglesworth, Jr. To all of them, we extend our appreciation. Those who handle the seating of the Sir Knights are led by Douglas Jordan and his staff, and others deserve the credit for the smooth functioning of this event, year after year. Many others who serve behind the scenes without even being noticed have a grand experience at this event!

The Sunday Breakfast, preceding the Easter Sunrise Service, was attended by over 358 Sir Knights, ladies, and guests. This, too, provides an opportunity to renew old

acquaintances and make new friends prior to departing for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and the Service.

In 2003 Easter will occur on April 20 and the Cherry Blossoms should be present. Anyone who missed this wonderful weekend this year will want to make plans for next year.

**Delegations With Representation In The Parade
(by Jurisdictional Seniority)**

Massachusetts/Rhode Island	Maine	Tennessee
New York	Pennsylvania	New Jersey
Virginia	Indiana	Iowa
Vermont	Texas	North Carolina
Ohio	Michigan	Florida
Kentucky	Illinois	South Carolina
	District of Columbia	Delaware

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDERS ATTENDING
(by Jurisdictional Seniority)**

Mass/RI	Ronald E. Wolf	NY	Kenneth Perry
VA	Edwin Carpenter, Jr.	VT	Thomas Grace
OH	Richard L. Weaver	KY	H. Howell Brady, Jr.
ME	Ernest Smallidge	PA	F. Robert Witmyer
IN	Duane L. Vaught	TX	Thomas N. Turner, Sr.
MI	Richard E. Hansen	IL	Stanley P. Boyd
NJ	Frank L. Blades	IA	Clyde Reasland
NC	Dennis L. Cook	FL	Fred L. Piasecki
DC	Robert Malwitz	SC	Mark B. Cable
	DE	James R. Herrington	

Right Eminent Department Commanders Present

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| David D. Goodwin (Northeastern) | Henry J. DeHeer (North Central) |
| Donald M. Estes (East Central) | Gerald A. Ford (Northwestern) |
| Billy J. Boyer (South Central) | Willard R. Clutter, Jr. |
| Paul A. Monroe, Jr. (Southwestern) | (Subordinate Commanderies) |
| D. Samuel Tennyson (Southeastern) | |

In summary, this Easter Service was especially eventful because of the first appearance of one of the three known Gold Bands in the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. This committee tries to add something new each year to this Easter weekend,

and it is hoped we can continue with another addition this coming year.

If I can be of any assistance to those of you who may be planning to attend this event next year, please get in touch with me by telephone, number (540) 972-8066, fax (540) 972-8699, or via e-mail at roberth333@aol.com

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New Membership Booklet Available

by Sir Knight Stanley O. Simons, H.P.D.C., KCT
Chairman of the Committee on Membership

The Grand Encampment Committee on Membership is very pleased to present the first new membership booklet in nearly forty years. Titled *Building and Sustaining Templar Membership*, this publication is the result of four years of work compiling information and materials that provide value and that represent "best practices" of membership activities.

The booklet is formatted in full 8¹/₂ by 11-inch pages and is comprised of four individual documents. The primary document contains the core materials for organizing and managing membership activities. It consists of forty-five (45) pages and is a greatly enhanced version of the popular 1963 edition, *Building Templar Manpower*. In it are found numerous supplemental materials developed over the last two trienniums.

In addition to the primary document, there are inserts that will further enhance the value of the booklet. They are: the "New Member Packet" (revised), a York Rite tri-fold



Sir Knight Stanley O. Simons, Chairman
of the Committee on Membership

describing the York Rite of Freemasonry, and a generic and universal 3-way petition for new candidates. These supplements are made available to enhance the professionalism of membership programs. They are not intended to be "requirements." Many jurisdictions and local Commanderies have developed customized versions of these materials, and we encourage

them to continue to do so. Others who may not have similar documents are encouraged to use the new Grand Encampment materials.

To facilitate and expedite a broad distribution of these materials, the four documents have been converted to a universal file format (.pdf) and placed on the Grand Encampment website: www.knightstemplar.org Adobe Acrobat software (free download) is required to open and print the documents. This has been done to permit any user access to the material without concern for unique operating system and/or software requirements.

For those who do not have access to a computer, a hard copy version is available in limited numbers through the Grand Encampment office in Chicago. If you wish to obtain a hard copy from the Grand Recorder, please write him at the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago,

IL 60630-2460, and request the materials. Please include your name and complete mailing address. Please allow 3 to 4 weeks to process your request.

The Grand Encampment Committee on Membership (Lloyd Hebert, P.D.C.; Doug Johnson, P.D.C.; and Stan Simons, H.P.D.C.) are interested in your comments regarding the new booklet. It has been developed with continuous improvement in mind. As we receive feedback and suggestions that will enhance the value of the booklet, they will be incorporated and published as revisions to the original.

Sir Knight Stanley O. Simons, H.P.D.C., KCT, and the Chairman of the Committee on Membership for the Grand Encampment, is a Past Grand Commander of Michigan and a member of Lansing Commandery No. 25, Lansing, Michigan. He resides at 10031 East San Remo Blvd, Traverse City, MI 49684

Vallejo, California - Springtime Festival



Twenty-one new Knights Templar were created at the Bill L. Tool Springtime Festival at Vallejo, California, in March 2002. Seated in front of the new Sir Knights are from left: Sir Knights Fred Waldrop, P.G.C.; Fred Smith, P.G.C.; Bill L. Tool; Marshall Parker, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of California, and Elmer Curtis, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery of California. According to Sir Knight Elmer Curtis, who submitted this news item: "This was the 17th year of this festival, which has created over 475 new Sir Knights!"

The Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

The following is taken from the pamphlet on the Holy Land Pilgrimage program, entitled "A Holy Land Pilgrimage." Now is the time to get prepared to send ministers when conditions are more stable in the area.

Every Sunday, thousands of Christian pastors across this country mount the pulpit and begin to teach about Christ and the land where He taught. The great lessons of the Bible and the time honored Truths have become part of our Christian lives as we grow in our faith.

Names like Jerico, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem and others trigger special memories for some. The pastors who teach about them, no matter how much they have studied about the region called Israel, find it difficult to make the region alive, unless they have traveled there.

Most pastors would love the opportunity to go to Israel, to walk where Christ walked and taught, but they simply cannot afford the trip, nor can most congregations afford to send them.

Would such a trip really make a difference in ministry?

Yes! For the pastors who have participated in the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage, there has been a marked improvement in their preaching, teaching, and their relationship to God as a result of the trip.

Why?

Once pastors have been to the Holy Land, the places they have studied about become alive. They walk where Jesus and the Patriarchs walked, see the geography with their own eyes, smell the desert air, and travel across the Sea of Galilee in a fishing boat, a replica of one from the time of Jesus. Their teaching becomes alive because it is based on real experiences. It's one thing to look at pictures of a far away place; it's entirely different to have been there!

The experience in Israel is one that brings a visitor, especially a pastor, closer to God. As one meditates and prays where the events of the Bible actually took place, one cannot help but be drawn closer to the Great Architect of the Universe, who sent His Son to redeem the world. It is a mountaintop experience, and a pastor is renewed for God's holy work.

Why should Knights Templar Support this Effort?

Our Order began in 1118 A.D. to protect pilgrims traveling in the Holy Land. The founders recognized the importance of making the journey, and

they took the responsibility of safeguarding those travelers.

As Christian Masons, the Knights Templar have made their own Holy Pilgrimages, through the Order of the Temple, and have sworn to defend the Christian religion.

When we support the Holy Land Pilgrimage, we are doing more than just supporting a pastor on a trip. We are investing in the future of Christianity, Freemasonry, and more importantly, Templar Masonry.

How?

For the pastor, we are providing support for his/her teaching. Each pastor will be teaching literally thousands of people over the length of his/her ministry. Pastors are influential in their congregations and will be better teachers for Christ through our efforts.

Each pastor will become acquainted with Freemasonry and Templar Masonry through the trip. As trips are led by a Sir Knight and oftentimes there are pastors who are Masons on the trip, questions about Masonry will be answered. It is a good opportunity to promote Masonry's positive image to religious leaders.

Because of the trip, pastors will have an introduction to Masonry and a better understanding of the members of their respective churches who are Masons.

How Can I Help?

One way is to recommend to your Commandery's Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee pastors who would make good candidates for this spiritual trip. Each Commandery is asked to make a recommendation to the Grand Commandery, and from these recommendations a few pastors are chosen each year to make the trip.

The trip itself is a most worthwhile investment in the leaders of our Christian community. Your financial support will be one of the most important contributions you can make to our Christian Order.

How much you contribute to the Holy Land Pilgrimage is a decision between you and God. Reflect on the many blessings God has given you in your life, pray about what you can give, and then send in the commitment form (you can get it from your Recorder or your Commandery's Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage).

Your commitment will bless a worthy pastor, Christ's holy church, and our fraternity.

Thank you for your help.

The information on pages 16 and 17 was submitted by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes; 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. Garnes, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944 or e-mail: cagarnes@aol.com

**Sir Knight
Larry Householder:
Buckeye State Speaker of the
House**

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

In the American system of government, the position of Speaker of the House has traditionally been one of considerable power and prestige. This concept has held true at both the national and state levels. It should come as no surprise that numerous Masons have occupied the Speaker's chair in both Washington, D.C., and also in many state capitals. In the nation's capital, Masonic Speakers have included the first person to hold the title, Frederick A. C. Muhlenberg, as well as such historical luminaries as Henry Clay, Joseph Cannon, and more recently Carl Albert. Within the state of Ohio, these individuals have ranged from early occupants of the Chair typified by Elias Langham, Philemon Beecher, and Duncan McArthur to more recent figures such as C. William O'Neil, William Saxbe, and Roger Cloud. The late Vernal G. Rife, Democrat of Scioto County (a member of Western Sun Lodge No. 91 and a 33° Mason, Valley of Cincinnati), held the post for some twenty years (1975-1995). Another Masonic leader of the Ohio General Assembly is the current Speaker, Sir Knight Larry Householder of Perry County in the 78th District.

Larry Lee Householder was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on June 6, 1959, the son of Enos E. (Bud) and Barbara Hans Householder. He came from a Masonic family as his father had been a member of New Lexington Lodge No. 250 for more



than forty years before his death in 1989. On the maternal side, both Larry's grandfather and an uncle were lodge members. Some of Larry's ancestors had lived in Perry County for six generations.

Householder grew up in northern Perry County and after completing high school attended Ohio University in Athens. He majored in Political Science and completed an A.B. degree in 1982.

While in college, Larry served for a time on the student senate and held membership in Phi Delta Theta fraternity. (Sir Knight Israel Foster, a three-term Congressman, 1919-1925, from Athens, is also remembered as a zealous Phi Delt.)

It was during the summer prior to entering his senior year in college that Householder told his father that he was interested in becoming a Mason. He later told the editor of the *Beacon*, "His face lit up. He was thrilled." Accordingly, Larry Lee Householder received his Entered Apprentice degree on August 20, 1981, and was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on September 10, 1981. The fall quarter at Ohio University then intervened, and the youth was not raised a Master Mason until December 15, 1981. Nearly twenty years later, he was

quoted in the *Beacon*, "Freemasonry is an organization of great integrity, composed of very honorable people."

Brother Householder continued his search for further Light in both the York and Scottish Rites. He took the former in New Lexington Chapter No. 149, R. A. M.; New Lexington Council No. 75; and New Lexington Commandery No. 57, receiving the Order of Red Cross and Order of Malta on April 30, 1982, and being Knighted on May 8, 1982. Enos Householder also took the York Rite degrees that spring. Larry completed the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Columbus on November 13, 1982, and became a Noble of Aladdin Shrine Temple on December 4, 1982. Companion Wilbur Barnes points out that Householder once took the part of Nebuzaraden in the Super Excellent Master Degree, prior to his public life becoming too time consuming.

After college Larry Householder went into the insurance business as a State Farm agent and like many southeast Ohioans also farmed on a part-time basis. From his high school days he was active in the Future Farmers of America, and he holds a lifetime *alumni* status in that organization. It is sometimes said that in that part of the state one needs a regular job in order to support one's farming habit. Active in the Republican Party, he was elected a precinct committeeman in 1988 and also served on a number of local boards and commissions.

In 1994 Householder made his first run for public office a success when he won a race for Perry County Commissioner. This prompted him to challenge incumbent legislator, Mary Abel, for the legislature.

Democrats had controlled the lower House of the Ohio General Assembly for some two decades, and under the leadership of the aforementioned Vernal Rife, they had become a very potent force in state government. However, Rife had retired in 1994, and the Republicans had surged back to power that November taking all of the state offices, recapturing the House, and strengthening their hold on the Senate. Abel had survived in 1994 largely because of a weak opponent and a strong vote out of heavily Democratic Athens County. Republicans had long believed that a strong opponent who could unite the other counties in the district could win the seat. Larry Householder proved to be that man.

The passage of a term limit amendment created a situation in which younger legislators could advance more rapidly in terms of gaining seniority than before. As a result, Sir Knight Householder rose more quickly through the ranks than would have been possible earlier. He also won a



second and third term without a great deal of difficulty and learned quickly how to exercise strong leadership. Early in his service, he set his sights on the Speaker's Chair.

In 2000 House Republicans agreed to alternate the Speaker position with Householder and William Harris of Ashland each serving for a year. However, when Harris was appointed to fill a vacancy in the State Senate, Householder moved into the Speaker's Chair and is now serving his second year in the position. If the GOP continues its majority status after 2002, the legislator from Perry County will likely be Speaker again.

Although he is not going to hold the position for as long as Vernal Rife and did not even arrive in Columbus until after Rife's retirement, he apparently studied the long-time Speaker's tactics and learned a great deal from him. According to Joe Hallett of *The Columbus Dispatch*, "A coup d'etat against Householder is unimaginable.. .loyalty [to him] will likely be strengthened because of Householder's strong first-year leadership..."

Quoting the *Dispatch* again: Householder rises at 4:30 A.M. most mornings to "feed the 25 sheep and 15 llamas on his Perry County farm before he helps wife, Taundra, get their five sons ready for school." Reporter Hallett terms him "a workhorse who often gets less than five hours of sleep a night. Householder appears in a hurry to go someplace."

He concedes that he would "like to be governor someday" but also realizes that may take many years given the nature of

Ohio politics. Problems abound in the Buckeye State, not the least of which is finding a solution to the school funding problem. Recent shortfalls in revenue have also necessitated a degree of belt tightening in the state budget. Still, Larry Lee Householder is one who perseveres. His future career will bear watching.

Note: Basic data on Sir Knight Householder comes largely from Ohio Masonic publication, Beacon, spring 2001, and a lengthy article in The Columbus Dispatch, December 23, 2001. His entry in the current edition of Who's Who in American Politics also proved helpful. The staffs at the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the Valley of Columbus, and Aladdin Shrine Temple supplied his Masonic records, and the Grand Lodge of Ohio supplied the first two pictures. Lady Janice Palm and Eminent Grand Recorder Richard H. Palm, PG.C., KC7 made his Commandery record available.

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Author, Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe (left) with Sir Knight Larry Householder, 2001. Photo by Brother David Tawney.

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Colorado S.O.O.B. Assemblies Support The Grand Commandery Of Colorado

Denver Assembly No. 1, S.O.O.B., along with Pueblo No. 11 and Grand Junction No. 88, support the Knights Templar of Colorado, which is lead by Sir Knight James Henley, Grand Commander.

Easter morning Colorado Commanderies united in the longest-running sunrise service in Colorado. The Knights Templar sat in a large cross in the center of the ballroom floor at the Shrine center, and for the second year the Beauceant ladies sat in smaller crosses, one on each side of the large one.

At the York Rite grand sessions to be held in September, the 3 Assemblies are hosting a breakfast for all the wives of Knights Templar attending the sessions. They are hoping this is the first in a tradition of annual breakfasts for these wives, whether they are members of S.O.O.B. or not.

Also, to show their continuing support, Denver Assembly No. 1 recently presented Grand Commander Henley with a check in the amount of \$1,500 for the Holy Land Pilgrimage. (submitted by Mrs. Mel Thompson, Recorder, Denver No. 1)

Brother Maurice Storck And Other WWII Veterans Honored at Castle Commemoration Ceremony

Brother Maurice Storck, shown center with award and with present day company, and other WWII veterans were honored at a Ralston Field Castle Commemoration Ceremony at the castle in Hawaii. The grandstand, constructed in 1935 by the 3rd Engineer regiment, later formed into the 65th Battalion and other divisions and honoring Colonel Robert R. Ralston, was designed to look like the US Army Corps of Engineers' castle insignia. All 3 soldiers were members of that battalion. Brother Storck was seriously wounded during an invasion of the Philippines. He is the President of the Veteran's National Stamp and Coin Club



News From Northern California DeMolay

Northern California DeMolay officers meet President Ford: This unique opportunity was had at the East-West Shrine Football Classic game in San Francisco. President Ford, who had played in the game while he was attending college, was an honored guest at the 2002 game. He is a Master Mason and received the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor while he was a congressman from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Shown, left to right, on the next page are: former President Gerald R. Ford; Michelle L. Bokamper, DeMolay Sweetheart; Marcy Christensen, East-West Shrine game



Queen; and Matthew L. Milde, N.C.D.A. Master Councilor.

N.C.D.A. officers meet Imperial Potentate: At the same East-West Shrine Football Classic, hosted to raise money for the Shrine's Children's Hospitals, the officers of the Northern California DeMolay Association were honored to meet "Dad" Kenneth G. Smith, the Shrine's Imperial Potentate. DeMolay mem-

bers and their guests are also invited to participate in and be introduced in the pre-game parade. Shown at right, left to right, are: Marcy Christensen, Queen; Matt Milde, Master Councilor; Kris Johnson, Jr. Councilor; Michelle Bokamper, Sweetheart; Imperial Potentate Kenneth G. Smith; and Rob Herrell, N.C.D.A. Senior Councilor.

Northern California DeMolay provides Leadership Training for officers: Below are the newly installed divisional and Northern California DeMolay Association officers and their advisors and the members of the Sweetheart Honor Court at the Annual All-Officer Retreat held at the Regional Learning



Center in Sonora. Among the topics discussed were: membership, program planning, event planning and execution, budgeting, time management, public relations, how to utilize resources, the importance of teamwork, and the image expected of a Nor-Cal or divisional officer. The leadership programs are supported

financially by a yearly grant from the California Masonic Foundation and the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of California.

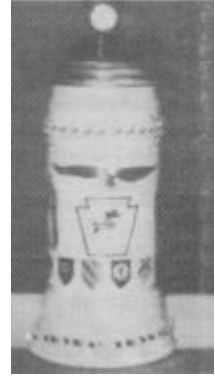
Northern California DeMolay shows off its P.R.I.D.E.: This year at the 2002 ritual competition, new records were set. P.R.I.D.E. stands for "Perfect Ritual Improves DeMolay Every way."

It is the standard by which Chapters judge their ritual performance all year. In the picture above are the winners in Sacramento.

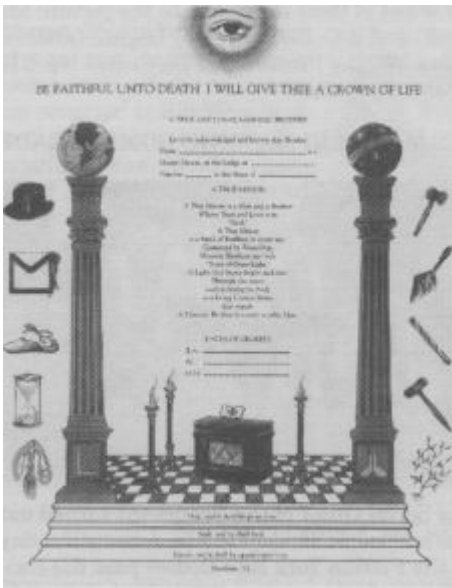


Pennsylvania's 200-Year Anniversary Stein Benefits The Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is celebrating its 200th anniversary, and to commemorate this event a beautiful Chapter stein was manufactured. It is 7 inches high, has a white ceramic body that holds 20-oz. liquid measure, and has a pewter lid with a special insert on the lid. The stein has 8 different colors and is outlined in 22c gold. This is a limited edition of 3,000 pieces. The price for the stein is \$25.00, which includes shipping and handling. For out of USA please add \$15.00 additional shipping costs. If you are ordering stems, please state that you saw this ad in the *Knight Templar* magazine, and \$1.00 will be donated to the KTEF for each stein purchased. Delivery is in about 4 weeks from the time you mail your order. Please send check or money order payable to: Stanley C. Buz, and mail to: P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. Phone: (610) 837-9429



Membership Certificate To Benefit KTEF



Purchase of this beautiful membership certificate will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. It was designed to keep a record of all 3 degrees of a person who reaches Master Mason. It is 11 inches by 14 inches and is 100-pound, antique white, parchment paper. Colorful certificate has 8 different colors and 3 blended colors to give it a beautiful effect. The price is \$3.00 each, and the shipping is \$3.50. For every certificate sold through Knight Templar, \$1.00 will be donated to the KTEF. Please send check or money order to: Sandra D. Knotts, PO Box 158, Trexierstown, PA 18087

Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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



KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -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 lathes.

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 coverage under our plan at very affordable rates.

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

The Galsburg Man - Part III

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

On the morning of June 24, 1898, Wheeler led a division of dismounted cavalry toward Las Guasimas and engaged the 2,000-man defense stationed there to resist the American advance. It took all day to push through the thick, sweltering underbrush before the Spaniards abandoned the town and retreated westward. In spite of the exaggerated news reports, it was only a skirmish resulting in sixteen American and ten Spanish fatalities. The real struggle to reach Santiago was still ahead. That was at San Juan Heights, where the Spaniards were firmly entrenched.

Before that battle could begin, the village of El Caney was a strategic objective, which had to be neutralized before the San Juan target

could be achieved. The attack on San Juan Heights demanded an assault on San Juan and Kettle Hills, both blocking the road west. Shafter selected two divisions for the assault. A division of infantry commanded by General Jacob Kent was assigned to assault San Juan Hill. A division of dismounted cavalry under General Samuel Sumner would attack Kettle Hill. The San Juan operation was delayed while General Henry Lawton and his division attacked the village of El Caney, north of San Juan, to cut off possible Spanish reinforcements. Lawton's objective required nearly the entire day to overcome stubborn resistance from the 600 defenders at El Caney. In the meantime, the twin attacks at San Juan Heights had begun.

The attack on Kettle Hill began at 10:00 A.M. under heavy Spanish artillery fire. They targeted the clouds of black-powder smoke from American artillery and concentrated



General Joseph Wheeler
Art by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett



General John J. Pershing, 1916
Art by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett

fire on troop locations revealed by the same black clouds. Temporary panic evaporated when seasoned regular U.S. troops pushed forward and began the ascent at one o'clock. Prominent among the regulars was Lieutenant John J. Pershing, who led a mixed regiment of dismounted cavalry forward. Other dismounted cavalry, both black and white, rallied behind the ebullient Lt. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and soon reached the summit to drive the Spaniards off. Roosevelt was merely second in command of a Texas volunteer cavalry regiment commanded by General Leonard Wood, but the former undersecretary of the U.S. Navy was the most-publicized individual in the Spanish-American War.

The attempt to scale San Juan Hill was in trouble from the beginning. The Americans had to cross an open plain on their ascent, and it quickly became a no-man's land. Finally, a battery of three Gatling guns, under the command of Lieutenant John Parker, moved forward under heavy fire to a range of 600-800 yards and began to sweep the Spaniards on the summit. Behind the Gatling guns, the infantry began a creeping ascent under heavy rifle fire. Observers considered the advance suicidal, but losses were far less than expected. The Gatling guns had unnerved the Spaniards, and their rifle fire was inaccurate. A final American charge with the summit in sight broke the defense and scattered the Spaniards. By nightfall all of San Juan Heights was in American hands, including the town of El Caney.

By July 3, 1898, Shafter's forces had

surrounded the city of Santiago. He called on the Spaniards to surrender on the same day that Admiral Pascual Cervera made a desperate attempt to lead his Spanish fleet out of the blockaded Santiago harbor. The fleet was destroyed by the U.S. Navy fleet under Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley. He was second in command to Admiral Sampson, who was not on the scene when the battle started: Sampson was out of the area, aboard his flagship *New York*.

After heavy and continuous bombardment of Santiago, the Spanish commander, General Jose Toral, surrendered to General William R. Shafter on July 17, 1898. Shafter, now able to ride a horse, rode with a troop of cavalry to the peace conference. General Toral had replaced General Arsenio Lineras who was ill.

General Nelson Miles landed in Puerto Rico and took control of the island in a bloodless invasion on July 26, 1898. On August 13 the city of Manila fell to the Americans. In addition, the Hawaiian islands were annexed on July 7, 1898. An era of American imperialism had been launched, and the Spanish-American War was virtually over.

In Cuba 4,000 American soldiers were ill from malaria and yellow fever. Shafter turned his full attention to having the Fifth Corps relieved and ordered back to the United States. On August 7, the first troops departed. Within three weeks the entire Fifth Corps was relieved. Shafter's military campaign had consumed less than four weeks to victory, and he had taken 20,000 Spanish prisoners. The Fifth Corps landed at Long Island, New

York, on September 1, 1898, and demobilization began.

Shafter was required to make many public appearances and speaking engagements, as a returning war hero. He was impatient to be home in California, but he was not able to resume command of the Department of California until mid-January 1899. A great amount of criticism and negative press persisted after Shafter's return to the states, following the Cuban campaign. The Monday-morning quarterbacks had a field day carping about every "mistake" he made during the month-long campaign. The most charitable remark one of the prominent columnists made was that Shafter "blundered his way to victory."

In spite of all the nay-sayers, there was no denial of the facts: Old Bull Shafter led 17,000 untrained, ill-equipped, and untested volunteers into Cuba and had taken the island in four weeks under the most trying conditions. He had prevailed over a total Spanish strength of 36,500 trained soldiers, in spite of continuous interference from the War Department back in the states. Bellowing and cursing all the way, he lurched into the surrender parley in Santiago and choreographed the Spanish unconditional capitulation. One last time Shafter got the job done and to - - - with all the rest!

Life at the Presidio was calm and pleasant during the last months of Pecos Bill Shafter's active career. He retired on July 1, 1901, and settled down on his Bakersfield ranch. He relished a good life near his daughter and her family and continued to gain weight. He was much in demand as a

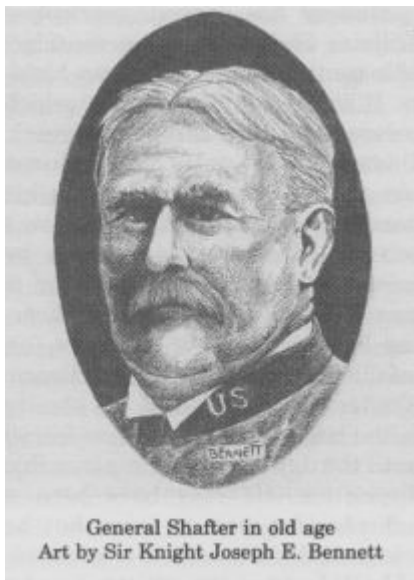
speaker, complying with the requests which did not overtax him. Shafter was an enthusiastic supporter of the Masonic Veterans Association of Illinois. A few months prior to his death, he wrote the commander, General John C. Smith, a letter expressing regret that he would not be able to attend the annual convention of the association. He added that he hoped to see him the following year. It was not to be.

On November 6, 1906, the 71-year-old soldier was drenched in a rain shower and developed a chill, which soon developed into full-blown pneumonia. He lost ground rapidly and expired at 12:45 P.M. on Monday, November 12, 1906. Shafter died in the McKittrick home next door to his own residence.

History has largely overlooked William Shafter and his considerable contribution to American history. It was a significant legacy which covered a military career of 40 years. During those years he endured almost continuous criticism for his harsh and profane methods and was accused of cruelty and racism by most of his tormentors. Little of it was true. He enjoyed never-wavering loyalty from his superiors, an infallible test of military excellence. Shafter was ridiculed for his obesity in the later years, but he was feared until the day he died for his irascible disposition. He may have been a ludicrous fat man to some, but he was accorded the respect of a wounded bull elephant when it concerned a matter of duty. He shook off the barbs of his detractors without a second thought, deeming them of no importance. Few benefited from his

benevolent and gentle side, but indeed, he had one. He was a loyal friend and scrupulously fair in all dealings. He loved his family and treasured every hour with them, though they were all too brief during his military career.

Among his Brethren of Prairie Lodge and the citizens of Galesburg, Michigan, "Bull" Shafter was a prince among men and the town's most distinguished citizen. Today, his memorabilia and historic childhood home site are among Galesburg's most treasured keepsakes. Faults and foibles Bill Shafter had in abundance, as we all have. That aside, he passed the test of "square work, and square work only" with flying colors. He was a man of great stature - in every way!



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DeMolay Today



What is DeMolay today?

DeMolay is the premier youth organization dedicated to teaching young men to be better persons and leaders. DeMolay is for young men between the ages of twelve and twenty-one. Founded eighty-two years ago in Kansas City, Missouri, DeMolay has spread to every state in the Union, and several countries including Australia, Aruba, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Japan, Panama, and the Philippines. Today there are over 700 chapters in the United States, with over one million alumni.



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Newly appointed Prelate of St. Omer Commandery No. 9, Missoula, Montana, would like 7 18 black/red cross. Mary Tschudin, 1712 W. Central Avenue, Missoula, MT 59801-5525, (406) 542-2551

Wanted: Active Sir Knight in need of the following used Commandery uniform items in serviceable condition: chapeau with white plume, size ^{7 1/2} and two sleeve crosses. Send info and if possible pictures toe-mail flytie@elko.net or regular address Mark Butterfield, 3109 Jennings Way, Elko, NV 89801. Please include price of item or items and if negotiable.

Wanted to buy: Older Sir Knight would like to purchase a Knight Templar sword, with or without belt. Will pay fair price. Edgar Allen Paul, 150 Old Farm Road, Marietta, GA 30068, (770) 971-8972 or edgarpaul@earthlink.net

Knight Templar dress ties the perfect Templar gift cross and crown on square and compass (\$25.00 each): fund-raiser for celebration of 150 years of Templary was in Texas. The Grand Commandery of in 1855 in San Antonio, and the commemorated in San Antonio in navy blue with emblem. One large long) has one emblem of gold crown, red des, blue square and compass outlined in gold on the body, small emblem tie (60 inches long) has reoccurring pattern of emblem with crown, square and compass in gold with red cross diagonally across body. Uniquely beautiful ties can be viewed at www.yorkrite.org/ties.htm Check payable to San Antonio Commandery No. 7 and mail to James N Higdon, 10122 N Manton, San Antonio, TX 78213. Ties will be sent day following receipt FL (210)344-4209, 0 349-9933, e-mail jnh.kt@hhalaw.com

For sale: Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver and silver bullion thread for embroidered crossed swords on flap, skull and crossbones on the apron. These are identical to those worn by all Sir Knights in the last century and still worn in some jurisdictions: brand new: \$75.00 plus \$5.00 U.P.S. A percentage to York Rite charities. Sal Caradonna, P.C., 23 Gail Court, Staten Island, NY 10306-2234, (718) 987-4532

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes: 44 short and 46 short. \$23.00 includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad Street, S. W.; Pataskala; OH 4302, (740) 927-7073

They are going fast. 44XL are almost gone! C.P.O. sellout We have 44XL and 42 short C.P.O. coats we are closing out. We will sell them in groups of 5 for \$50.00 plus shipping, or \$15.00 each plus shipping. Stock up for your

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For sale. Knights Templar shoulder straps, finest quality available, all ranks, embroidered in extra fancy gold and silver bullion an velvet with Velcro backs: Past Commander (rut): serving Commander, Generalissimo Captain General, Prelate (green): \$40.00 plus \$500 S & H, Emeritus ranks: Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate (rod): \$45.00 pair plus \$5.00 S & FL 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 & FL Percentage to York Rite charities. Checks to and mail to Jacques N Jacobsen, Jr., PC.; 60 Manor Rd Staten Island NY 10310

For sale: Symbolic Lodge flags. The Second Arch Officers Assoc. of the Royal & Select Masons of Ohio is selling as a fund-raiser Symbolic Lodge flags the perfect flagpole companion for our Stars and stripes. They are 2 x3 feet medium blue with gold square and compass, and have no lettering so can be flown by anyone. They have metal grommets and are made of the finest nylon glow material. Check or M.O. for \$23.00 to Howard L. Lambert, 6036 St., Rt. 185, Piqua, OH 45356-9313.

For sale: peel-off vinyl, royal blue square and compass decals designed to fit on your license plate or window: 2 inches high, 1 inch wide. 6 vinyl decals for \$5.00, postpaid. Joe Allen, PM., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & A.M.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014.

Cochran Lodge No. 217, F. & A.M., Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project: Masonic jewelry boxes, 6 x5 x2.5 inches in size and the shape of the square and compass, constructed of exotic woods from Central America and hand-crafted with an interlocking design. All profits from the Masonic jewelry boxes will be going to Masonic charities, a portion directly to the Georgia Masonic Children a Home Endowment Fund. They are \$20.00 each with \$5.00 shipping in the U.S. Check or money order to Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217 and mail to Harry A Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic J'4'e No. 217, F & AM.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigfoot.com

For sale: Hope Lodge No. 214 150th anniversary commemorative coins are a burnished bronze color, measure 1 5/16th inch. This Lodge was chartered the

same year the city of Delphos was chartered. Only 440 coins minted prior to destruction of die. Check for \$5.00 to Herbert R. Odenweller, Sec.; Hope Lodge No. 214, F & AM; PO Box No. 8, Delphos, OH 45833

Rising Sun Lodge No. 13, Kansas City, Missouri, is celebrating 150 years of Freemasonry in Platte County. This Lodge did not shut its doors during the Civil War. For sale are coins, one and a half inches in diameter and in antique bronze satin finish, \$7.00 each, pp., and books of history which will come later. Marvin G. Shull, 2304 N.E. Shady Lane, Gladstone, MO 64118

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Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 29 years and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775W. Roger Ro, No. 214; 74cson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585

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Now available: new book about Royal Arch Masonry, The History And Symbolism of Royal Arch Masonry by Edward H. Graham Grand Historian of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Indiana. 177-page, illustrated, paperback book has a 31-page glossary. Order from www.lstbooks.com or from all online booksellers, or order from local bookseller. It is a print-on-demand book and normally takes 5-7 days for delivery. Also available from author for \$18.00 including shipping. \$2.00 will be donated to R.A.R.A. Edward R. Graham, 2881 Grandma

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New novelty book available: Pythagoras, This Cross Is for You by Past Master and Past Commander Jack N. Barnciclo - \$6.00 each, p.p. "For the serious Craftsman with short history, illustrations, and instruction by the 'Master' himself." % of profits will go to KTEF (Please write "KTEF" in memo.) Checks payable to Ourland Enterprises, and send to Ourland Enterprises, 8631 McDade, Houston, TX 77080-4321

Does anyone know where I can purchase a stick-on tab (not the round metal one) for the 2-ball cane? It is approximately 2 and 1/8 by 3 and 1/16. The background is blue and the ball and cane are white with blue running through them. I purchased some a number of years ago, but now I cannot find them even listed in the catalogs that I have. I prefer to use these as a means of identification rather than the square and compass. I have these on my car, truck, and suit cases. Jennings O. Elbon, PM.; 1220 N. E. 17th; Suite 6f; Portland; OR 97232-1457

For sale: definitive biography of Sir Knight Tom Mix, written by Sir Knight Paul E. Mix and published by McFarland, list price \$48.50. Autographed copies are available to Knights Templar for \$30 plus \$4 S & H. Also for sale: Tom Mix original radio broadcasts now on CD. CD features three 15-mm. episodes of the Vanishing Village" and one 15-mm. episode of "Secret Mission. List price is \$12.00. Copies available to Knights Templar for \$10.00 plus \$2.00 S & H. Check or MO to Paul E. Mix, 13116 Billiem Drive, Austin, TX 78727. 10% of all sales goes to KTEF.

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Retired Sir Knight wants to buy any condition: train sets; American Flyer, Lionel, and Marx - all gauges; Aurora "model motoring" race car sets; German and US military items; old Confederate money and pre-1920 US stamps. TIm Rickheim, 14761 Tunnick Road, Petersburg, MI 49270-9716; collect: (734) 854-3021 or web@webTV.net

Wanted to buy: vintage radios and vintage (HAM) amateur radios and associated equipment. A percentage of profit to IMF. Robert H. McManaway, 195 Ruth Avenue, Logan, OH 43138, (740) 385-2860.

For sale: two burial plots and vaults located in the beautiful Masonic Garden of Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville, Illinois. Plots appraised at approx. \$3,000 and can be purchased for \$2,500. Jim Grosvenor, 3400 Whitney Court, Tallahassee, FL 32309, (850) 893-5448; fax (850) 893-5448 (when answering machine pick up, punch in 5**) E-mail grosvenor@nettally.com

Reunion: The USS Minneapolis (CA-36), all ship's company (1934-1947), a branch of the US Navy, will hold their reunion on October 7-12, 2002, at the Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. For more info Glenn A Stephens, Sec.; USS Minneapolis CA-36 Association; 3460-C Laredo Ln, Fort Collins, CO 80526-4258, (970) 226-0714, e-mail ca36secy@aol.com

Dad's Footprints in the Snow

I still remember the sacrifices that always came without a doubt,
To show reflection worn well within, simply must shine out!
The time he sold his overcoat so "Santa Claus" could come here
Only "mother" knew how cold you'd be in many soft shed tear.
I recall your struggle, Dad, in dead of winter to keep our house so warm,
And you walking miles in snowdrifts to save carfare in this storm.
They say it takes "years" to be a father and yet you seen born this way,
The same big heart and reassuring smiles that brightened up each day.
You build these happy childhood memories step by step especially for me,
And I'd do well to raise all of my children, if they'd just turn out..
"Only half As Much As Thee!"

for Harry Francis Yeoman (Yo Yo the Clown) by
Lee Maloney, 1501 N. Parton St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706