

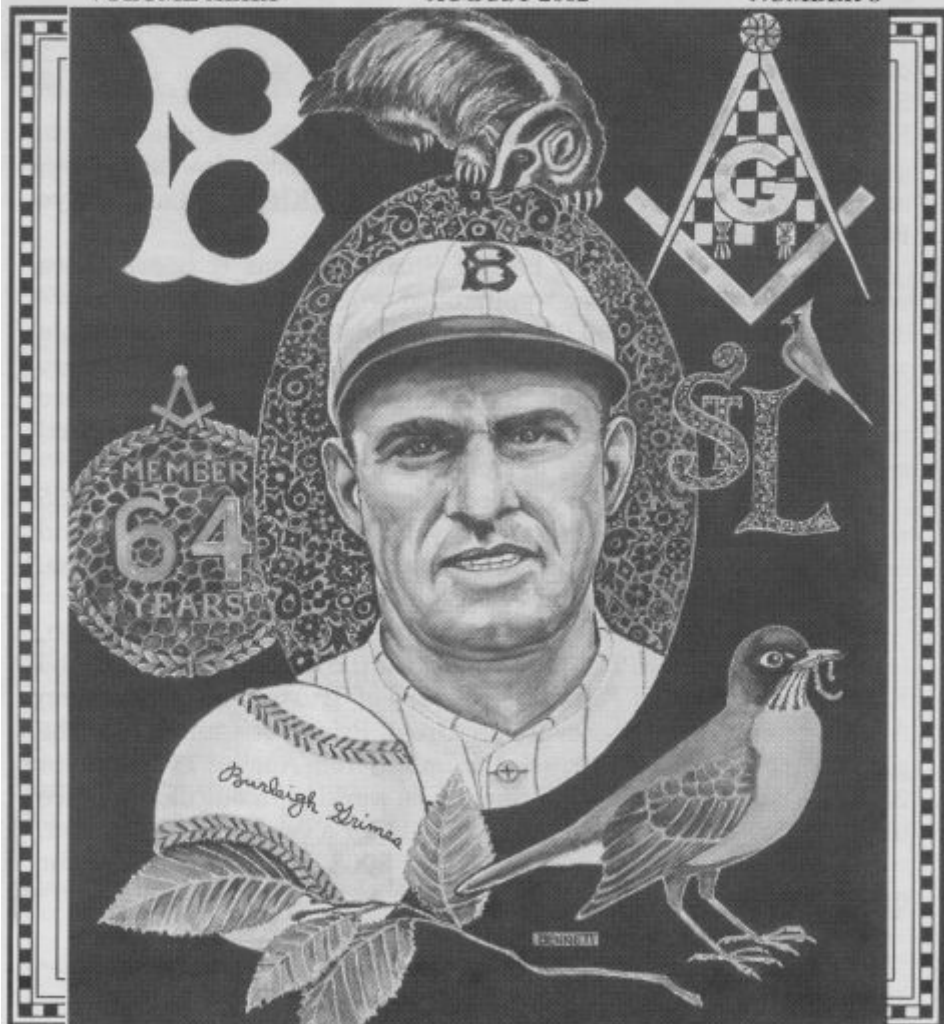


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Wisconsin's ferocious badger, along with their state robin and the sprig of slippery elm, are all symbols of the life of Burleigh Grimes. The old style initial and the name "Robins" identified the Brooklyn team where he made his reputation. Brother Grimes' story starts on page 23.

## Grand Master's Message for August 2002

During the month of June, I traveled to Philadelphia; Phoenix; Houston; Vancouver, B.C.; and Columbia, South Carolina. I was inspired by meeting with the trustees of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, a special installation of officers of five Commanderies in Arizona, the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America, and the Southeastern York Rite Conference. With each of these diverse groups, I had the opportunity to talk about friendship, brotherly love, and caring for others, especially regarding our Knights Templar Eye Foundation and its purpose.

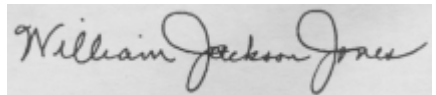


The entire convention hall of Shrine Masons (I heard there were 15,000 in attendance.) applauded when I told them what we did this past year: \$5,250,000 were expended for surgery for people who otherwise weren't able to afford to have it done. \$600,000 were awarded for research grants in pediatric eye care. \$250,000 were used to help support the National Eye Care Project, with our partner, the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

The National Eye Care Project allows people over the age of 65 who have not had an eye exam in 2 years to receive a check-up and necessary treatment for up to one year at no out-of-pocket expense. I'm proud of that record, and I hope you are also!

This month I will be at the wedding of my niece in Anderson, Indiana, on August 3. The following week the annual meeting of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Board of Trustees will be held on August 9 and 10. The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada will be gathering in Kamloops, British Columbia, from August 17 to August 20. The rest of August I will probably be working in our dental office in Villa Grove, Illinois, and getting ready for a very busy September.

Don't forget to put August 15-20, 2003, on your calendar for next year. "Meet me in St. Louis!"



Dr. William Jackson Jones  
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

# **Knight Templar**

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

AUGUST: On page 2 Grand Master William Jackson Jones has important information on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and other matters. There are more photos of the events surrounding the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service of 2002 on pages 8 and 9, and you'll want to join the DeMolay in celebrating what would have been Walt Disney's 100th birthday; read all about it and the man himself starting on page 6. Don't miss the update on the Holy Land Pilgrimage program, and join with those who support the Moshe Eini Sports Center Memorial fund. Read about both on page 13. Two very interesting biographies are included in this issue: one concerning Sir Knight Arthur H. Vandenberg and one concerning Brother Burleigh Grimes. Enjoy both and also all the news from across the nation!

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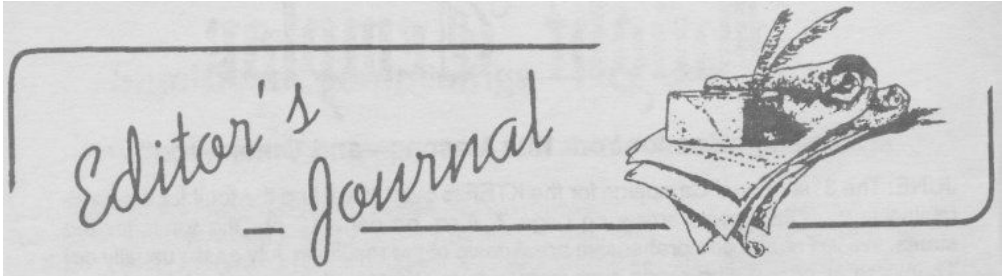
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Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots, and jewels of office do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

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 14, 2002. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.

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Born: February 27, 1917

Died: June 17, 2002

### Harry B. Reich

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Grand Commander-1998

Born: December 5, 1927

Died: June 18, 2002

## **DeMolay International Joins the World in Celebrating Walt Disney's 100th Birthday**

Walt Disney is an icon for the entire world to look to for inspiration for what they can achieve in life. His name represents imagination, optimism, and self-made success in the American Tradition. But before all that, he was a member of DeMolay International, one of the most prestigious youth organizations in the world.

Over one million young men who are DeMolays throughout the world have looked to Brother Walt Disney as an example of a great man who captured the true ideals of DeMolay throughout his life

"Through the years, I have watched the growth and progress and prestige of this great organization. I have witnessed the inspiration it has been to many of our finest citizens and ablest leaders in all walks of life. The composite record of 2 million past and present DeMolays is most impressive for its many outstanding contributions in the private and public life of our nation."

Walt Disney



Frank S. Land founded DeMolay International in 1919. Over 3 million young men have participated in DeMolay Chapter activities, learning valuable leadership skills, sharing special fellowship, and growing as individuals. Walt Disney's success in life and career is a fine example of the kind of values that DeMolay fosters.

Walt was initiated into the first DeMolay Chapter, the Mother Chapter, in Kansas City in 1920. He was the 107th member. During his time in DeMolay, Walt was known as an extremely imaginative and hard working member. In 1931 he received the DeMolay Legion of Honor Award, honoring outstanding achievements. In 1936 Walt appeared as an honored guest at the first DeMolay Founder's Conference in Kansas City. At that time he gave his first public address telling how much being a DeMolay meant to him.

"I feel a great sense of obligation and gratitude toward the order for the part it has played in my endeavors. DeMolay stands for all that is good for the family and for our country."

Walt Disney

Like DeMolay Founder Frank S. Land, Walt Disney was a great man, and his life was one that benefited his fellow man in a way that is beyond tangible riches. There were many facets to Walt Disney - the man, the creator, the cartoonist, the businessman. But for all his fame and glory in the entertainment world, he will best be remembered by DeMolays everywhere as "one of us." DeMolay joins the world in celebrating Walt Disney's 100th birthday. Brother Disney, you are still in our hearts and on our minds.

A full-length feature article on Brother Walt Disney, complete with photos, is available on request. If you would like to receive an electronic version of this press release, contact Bob Baker at rbaker@demolay.org or 1-800-DEMOLAY.

## **Brother Walt Disney Biography**

Born - December 5, 1901  
Died - December 15, 1966

### **Profession -**

Cartoonist Extraordinaire.

Walt Disney was the creator of Mickey Mouse and founder of Disneyland and Walt Disney World. He produced full-length animated classics such as *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *Pinocchio*, *Fantasia*, *Dumbo*, and *Bambi*. He also created and produced *the Wonderful World of Color*, which would later become the *Wonderful World of Disney*, and the *Mickey Mouse Club* television shows.

Walt Disney, along with his staff, received 48 Academy Awards and seven Emmys. Walt Disney was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

### **Association with DeMolay International:**

DeMolay is a fraternal organization for young men between the ages of 12 and 21.

DeMolay International was founded by Frank S. Land in 1919. Walt was proud to be a member of our organization.

**Initiated** - May 29, 1920.

**Chapter** - The Mother Chapter, Kansas City, Missouri

**Legion of Honor** - 1931

**Inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame** - November 13, 1986

**Quotes from Brother Disney about his experience in DeMolay:** "One of the most important events of my youth, and one of the happiest, too, was my acceptance into the membership of DeMolay. And I realize now, even more than then, how deeply my whole life, personal and professional, has been influenced by that early association."

"I feel a great sense of obligation and gratitude toward DeMolay for the important part it played in my life. DeMolay stands for all that is good for the family and for our country."

## Photos of Events Surrounding the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service—2002

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



The band of Portland Commandery No. 2, Portland, Maine, appeared at the Saturday luncheon in Washington, D.C., March 30, 2002.



The band of Portland Commandery No. 2, Portland, Maine, under the direction of Sir Knight Richard R. Kelley (right).



Grand Master and Dr. William Jackson Jones addresses the Sir Knights, ladies, and guests.



Some grand line officers and ladies





Sir Knight James M. Ward, M.E. Past Grand Master, and Lady Jan.



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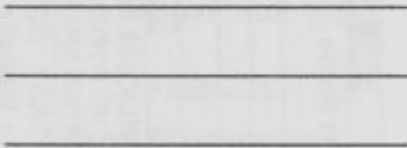
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## **Holy Land Pilgrimage Program and The Moshe Eini Sports Center - Memorial Fund**

*from: Sir Knights P. Fred Lesley and R. Frank Williams*

Shalom and greetings:

This is an update on the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage program. The 2002 Pilgrimage was canceled because of the unrest in Israel. We are now starting to make plans for the 2003 Pilgrimage. The dates will be February 10-20, February 24 - March 6, March 10-20, 2003. We pray that peace will again come to the Holy Land so we can continue to send Christian ministers to the Holy Land in 2003. Please pray for peace in Israel.

We also want to let you know that Ezra's youngest son, Moishale, was killed while stationed at a check point on February 19, 2002. I talked with Ezra, and of course, he was completely devastated. We would like to share with you the following e-mail we received from him:

"Shalom: Nurit, myself, and children would like to thank you for your love and support at this tragic moment. We hope that we will get together and will start a new life. We are going to build a sports center to commemorate the name of Moishale. We will appreciate if you can help us raise some money through your friends and the Knights Templar who have been with us.

"The sports center will be named "The Moshe Eini Sports Center." The cost of the project is estimated at \$400,000. The part that the family needs to raise is \$150,000, and the remainder will be raised by the Association for the Well-being of Israel's Soldiers. We estimate the project will be completed by the end of 2002. We are asking our friends to do whatever they can to assist us in funding this project and by so doing help us to perpetuate Moishale's memory."

Should you be moved to respond to this news, note that Ezra's address is 16, Lohame-Hagetto Street, Petach-Tikva, Israel, and his e-mail is [ezra1@isdn.net.il](mailto:ezra1@isdn.net.il)

Donations can be sent to: The Moshe Eini Sports Center Fund, Bank Account No. 133350, Bank Hapoalin, Branch 237, 15 Kaplan Street, Petach Tikva, Israel.

We are asking that the Chairman of the Holy Land program in each grand jurisdiction pass this information on to the ministers who they have sent to the Holy Land. Thank you.

In His Name,  
P. Fred Lesley and R. Frank Williams

On the Masonic Newsfront...

### **New York Commandery Lays Wreath For Teddy Roosevelt Day**



Sir Knights Ralph Castro, Bob Lester, Walt Hilsenbeck, and Art Wade of Nassau Commandery No. 73, Hicksville, NY, served as an honor guard for Teddy Roosevelt Day and laid a wreath at his grave in Youngs Cemetery, Oyster Bay. Also, Nassau Commandery awarded a scholarship to an Oyster Bay student for her paper on Brother Theodore Roosevelt.

### **138th Annual Ascension Day Observance In Connecticut**

Spring 2002, the Clark Commandery Association of New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, Connecticut, held its 138th Annual Ascension Day Observance in the beautiful Memorial Chapel at the Hillside Cemetery in Torrington, Connecticut. Attended by some 70 Sir Knights from around the state, it was followed by a social hour and dinner. In attendance were 8 Past Grand Commanders, 3 Past Grand Masters, and representatives from each of the appendant bodies. The Sir Knights were welcomed by Sir Knight Douglas A. Gray, E.C. of New Haven Commandery. A beautiful and meaningful service was led by Frederick H. Lorenson with music provided by Willis Copeland. Clark Commandery Association officers are Sir Knights: Arthur H. Carlstrom, President; Leonard F. D' Amico, Treasurer; Richard V. Travis, Secretary; and Frederick H. Lorenson, Trustee.

### **Florida Beauceant Assemblies Hold All-State Class**

The ladies of the Florida Assemblies of the Social Order of the Beauceant recently held their 4th Annual **all-state class** during the York Rite Conclave in Melbourne. Pictured are the two new members, Mrs. Wayne D. Jordan (left) of Mississippi, Mrs. Johnnie Morris (right) of South Carolina, and Mrs. Keith Dean (center), P.S.W.P., who was President for the ceremony. (submitted by Mrs. Keith Dean and edited by Mrs. William Chant, P.S.W.P., chairman of the *Knight Templar Magazine* Committee)



### **WWII Veteran And Sir Knight Joins Line To Get A Diploma At Age 80**

After waiting 62 years, Sir Knight Earl Reed, Huntsville Commandery No. 7, Huntsville, Alabama, finally joined the line to get his diploma at Madison County High School.

Early in 1941 with the US on the brink of World War II, Reed dropped out of Madison County High and joined the navy. He was eventually assigned to the USS *Tuscaloosa*, prowling the North Atlantic for German submarines. There were endless weeks at sea, close calls with enemy torpedoes, exotic ports of call: Bermuda, Iceland, Scotland, Russia.

Somewhere along the way, he got his GED, but it didn't feel right, so when he saw a newspaper story about a state law that lets Alabama high schools award diplomas to veterans who had quit school to serve their country in wartime, he thought: "Why not me?"

When Sir Knight Reed's name was called, the crowd gave him a minute-long standing ovation. He saluted Principal Ricky Sizemore before taking his diploma. Libby, his wife of 57 years, dabbed her eyes with a tissue and said: "It's a proud thing."

### Sir Knights You'll Want To Know!



**Sir Knight Harry Francis Yeoman**, also known as Yo Yo the Clown, is the author of "The Mickey Mouse Watch" and "Rosebud," published in *Knight Templar* magazine. He joined his Lodge in 1945 in Newark, New Jersey; was Worshipful Master for 2 terms; served as Treasurer of his Clown Unit of the Shriners, and joined the Knights Templar in 1960 in Newark, 15 years after his brother Milton became a Knight Templar. Sir Knight Harry reports: "I'm still around, only now my great pal, Sir Knight Charlie

Hurley, and another Sir Knight willingly carry me up two flights of stairs to my lodge meetings because I am too weak to walk up. I shall be 91 years old on August 20, 2002, God willing, and probably the oldest Shriner clown still living at that!" Sir Knight Harry would love to hear from you. Write to him at: 212 Metuchen Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

**Sir Knight Russell K. Ainling**, Potentate of Sabbar Shrine Temple, Tucson, Arizona for the year 2002, was raised a Master Mason in Castorville Lodge, Castorville, California, 1956. He was installed Master of Mankato Lodge No. 12, Mankato, Minnesota, 1986-87, and was installed Grand Commander, Knights Templar of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, 1981-82. He also served as Grand illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, 1986-87. In addition to being the Potentate of Sabbar Temple, he served as President of Western Shrine Association with the annual convention being held in Tucson in May 2002 and with an attendance of approximately 900+.



Addition to "Easter Sunrise Service-2002 - Revisited" (June issue, 2002) by Sir Knight Robert V. Hines, Chairman of the Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service: Grand Commander William B. Colburn, 2001-2002, Grand Commandery of Maryland, should have been listed as a Grand Commander attending. Also, we wish to correct the list of state delegations with representation in the parade; Maryland should have been on that list.

## Challenging Words We Hear Often - Attendance and Membership

by Sir Knight Charles A. Games, H.P.D.C., P.G.C. (PA)

Most people enjoy a challenge, but there must be a feeling of having met the challenge. Unfortunately, we rarely meet the Attendance or Membership challenge and ask ourselves "Why?" The result tends to be lack of interest, but with hard work it is reversible.

Let's consider "Attendance." Why did we have a large percentage of the members attending meetings over 50 years ago? The people of today's world have changed and so have their values. So where does Freemasonry stand?: Well, it is much the same as it has always been, but the standards that were once required to be a member and serve as an officer have been diminished in all bodies.

We must remember that there must be a **reason** to attend a Masonic meeting, beyond that we have nothing else to do. Most people, due to changes in society (two working parents and other demands on their time), must decide where they will spend the few free hours that they have, so it is somewhat easy to understand why many members do not become active. Time is what people have the least of today because of the many activities that occupy their time.

Now, there are other reasons why members do not attend meetings. There must be something of interest or something entertaining and some method of bonding the fellowship of the members. After all, the lodge of years gone by was the place for fellowship and the festive board.

Today we hear that funds are not available to provide much for our members. Let's remember: "Anything of Value has a Price." It may be a person's time or it may be a financial commitment. In any case, Masonry did not keep up with inflation, and today many bodies are trying to operate on meager dues. The fees to join today's Masonic bodies are so low that the prospective member probably wonders what this organization can provide if the entrance

fee is so low. Those bodies are about to take their last breath.

As adult individuals we need to look at our organizations and perhaps merge with other bodies to be able to provide something of value to our members. Organizations that cannot get at least 10% of their members to attend a monthly meeting or a special activity, such as an anniversary, have a serious problem: educated adults need to take a look at where they are spending their time. It might be more enjoyable to meet for a dinner in a restaurant or in some member's family room rather than have 12 or 15 people sitting in a large Masonic hall. Consider the cost of holding a meeting with meager attendance.

Those members with "Leadership Ability" must make the effort to renovate the conditions and programs of the organization. Just because we elect someone to keep a seat warm in the East does not mean he is now or ever will be a leader. The presiding officer who lacks Leadership must seek out willing members and assign them to committees if the group wants to save their organization. Officers and members sitting back and complaining will not correct the problem or meet the challenge before us.

Consider doing things in a different way; for instance, have the dinner before the meeting or have a meeting and then have a dinner. Plan a couple social activities outside of the regular meeting place and in different locations. Plan a Veterans' Night and invite the public for the program. **IF WE WANT ATTENDANCE, WE MUST REKINDLE THE INTEREST BY WHATEVER MEANS IS NECESSARY REMEMBER, ACTION STILL SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS.**

**MEMBERSHIP** is the challenge of the future for every organization; it is not confined to Masonic organizations. The same conditions exist in churches, social clubs, and most any organization



that requires membership to exist. The one exception might be a country club where there are usually sufficient members to run the club and if funds are needed there seem to be those who are more than willing to contribute. Is it **Pride** in membership or is there more enjoyment on the golf course?

We know that the same activities do not appeal to everyone, just as Freemasonry does not appeal to everyone. In fact, Freemasonry is not for everyone; it was founded upon character and appeals to those interested in being members because they have had a high regard for the institution.

Let's not fool ourselves: some men join because of curiosity, and if this is their reason there is usually disappointment and their activity in the organization may be minimal.

If we cannot create the desire in the individual to want to become a member of what he considers a premier organization, then, where do we get the new Masons. Notice I said "Masons," not members; to just add numbers to the membership and never see most of them again has led to the declining position we are in today.

"Solicitation" is not a popular word in Freemasonry as far as Lodge is concerned, but any Master Mason can be invited into York Rite or Scottish Rite bodies. Is it possible that officers do not encourage their friends to join the mainstream bodies because they are not proud of their organization?

Let me mention a personal example: a friend who served as Master and Secretary said to me, "I know a number of good men that I associate with but I would be embarrassed to bring them into this Lodge." The men he referred to were business associates.

Where are the businessmen in Freemasonry today? It has been said that Freemasonry was built upon the

upper middle class. Do we have those members today or are they attracted to other interests? Is there a different type of individual in today's society? Do CEO's still have an interest in the world's oldest fraternity?

The requirements for becoming a member in most Masonic organizations have been lowered to the point that the senior members are depressed about what has happened to the Fraternity they loved for so many years. The feeling cannot be erased because the damage is done. A young Master said to me: "Were we not better when we were smaller?" This makes one think: are we working just for numbers and do we lose them by suspension in a couple years? If we are going to **Solicitation** just for numbers, we need to take a good look at what we profess by our own free will and accord.

We can ask ourselves many questions about what should be done. Some say we were better when we were smaller. Others say we have opened the door to the mobs because of the requirements being lowered. There is no simple and correct answer to the problems, and each of us will have his own opinion. I, however, believe that more men wanted to join when we were considered 'selective.'

The purpose of this article is to provoke some thinking that will be for the benefit of the Craft in general. The active members need to make the **Commitment** that they will do whatever is necessary to make inactive members want to attend, knowing that, when the members attend and enjoy their association and meetings, they will tell their friends and this will stimulate membership in the Fraternity. Impressive presentation of the **Ritual and interesting meetings** are the first steps we need to take to create a favorable impression on all members, and they will in some manner create a desire in the non-member to seek admission.

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## Sir Knight Arthur H. Vandenberg:

Father of Bipartisan Foreign Policy

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Arthur H. Vandenberg died more than a half-century ago and seems largely to be a forgotten figure in 2002, yet in the last quarter century of his life, Vandenberg was a major player on the American political scene. In the early years of the "Cold War," this Senator from Michigan ranked behind only the President and the Secretary of State in formulating America's reaction to new challenges in the post-war world.

Arthur Hendrick Vandenberg was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on March 22, 1884. His parents Aaron and Alpha Hendrick Vandenberg, of Dutch and Anglo-Saxon backgrounds, had migrated to the Wolverine State from the Mohawk Valley of New York. Alpha's father had been a delegate to the 1860 Republican National Convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President. Aaron Vandenberg had been in the harness business until his establishment went under in the Panic of 1893. Arthur's mother opened a boarding house, and the only son worked at selling vegetables and newspapers, delivering shoes from warehouse to freight yard, and running a lemonade stand. Remaining in school he became known for his oratory and debate skills becoming a strong admirer of Alexander Hamilton. At fifteen he is said to have set his sights on success in business after which he wished to become a United States Senator. Not many persons set their goals so high



that early in life, but the teenager from Grand Rapids turned out to be amazingly accurate.

At sixteen young Arthur graduated from high school at the top of his class and went to work in a local cracker factory. A few months later his boss fired him for skipping work to watch a parade for - soon to be Brother - Theodore Roosevelt, the GOP candidate for Vice President. He then took a lowly job for the Grand Rapids *Herald*, a position which probably enabled him to watch parades as part of his work. In the fall of 1901, he entered the University of Michigan but left college after a year, returning to the *Herald*. Arthur also wrote short stories for such magazines as *Collier's* and *Lippencott's* and once spent a year in New York City with *Collier's*, again returning to Grand Rapids. In his newspaper work the young journalist got to know some prominent regional political figures, in particular Brother and Congressman William Alden Smith (of York Lodge No. 410 in Grand Rapids).

In 1906 Smith was elected for the first of two terms to the US Senate. He also purchased the *Herald* and promoted Arthur Vandenberg to the post of managing editor. At the age of 22, the young college dropout had advanced to a ranking position in journalism. The Depression that followed the Panic of 1893 had strengthened the family's commitment to the Republican Party. According to one apocryphal story, Aaron Vandenberg's deathbed wish had been for Arthur to always remain a faithful Republican. Simultaneous with his newspaper job, the young editor served on the Grand Rapids Charter Commission and at 32 was chair of the state GOP convention. During World War I the ever eloquent speaker helped raise money for Liberty Loan Bond drives. By the time he reached the age of 36, he was helping write speeches for presidential candidate, Warren G. Harding. Continuing a writing career outside of his newspaper work, Vandenberg wrote three books, two of them about his favorite among the founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton.

Shortly after taking over the reigns at the *Herald*, Arthur Vandenberg also became a Mason. On May 8, 1907, he was raised in Grand River Lodge No. 34 in Grand Rapids. He subsequently joined York Rite bodies in Grand Rapids including Columbian Chapter No. 132, R.A.M., and DeMolay Commandery No. 5. He completed the Scottish Rite degrees in DeWitt Clinton Consistory of the Valley of Grand Rapids and became a Noble of Saladin Shrine Temple in Grand Rapids. Later in life he received the 33°. He also held membership in

the Masonic Country Club of Grand Rapids. His other fraternal memberships included the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen, and during his short stay in college, Delta Upsilon fraternity.

On March 23, 1928, Michigan Democrat Senator, Brother Woodbridge N. Ferris (of Big Rapids Lodge No. 171) died, and the state's Republican governor appointed Arthur Vandenberg to fill out his term. The new lawmaker soon made a name for himself as an advocate of Congressional reapportionment (Michigan was under-represented at the time), and as a result, Vandenberg was elected to a full six-year term by a landslide in November 1928. In 1934 he became one of the few Republican survivors of a Democratic landslide to win a second, six-year term. He won additional terms in 1940 and 1946, dying in the fifth year of his fourth term. By the early thirties he was considered among the leading Republican Senators. However, this group was a rather small one through much of that New Deal-dominated decade. In that period Vandenberg was ranked among the Senate's isolationist bloc. He served on the Nye Committee and not only helped steer the Neutrality Acts through Congress but in 1939 vigorously opposed their repeal.

In regard to domestic New Deal legislation, the Michigan Senator compiled a mixed record. He voted for creation of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. He also voted for the Social Security Act of 1935. He opposed the Tennessee Valley

Authority Act, the National Industrial Recovery Act, the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the Wagner Act, the Wages and Hours Act, and the Florida Ship Canal. He also opposed the Burke-Wadsworth Selective Service Act of 1940 remarking: "Say what you please.. something precious goes out of the American way of life and something sinister takes its place under conscription." Yet his own isolationist position was beginning to totter. Within weeks he began calling himself an "insulationist," urging all aid to the allies short of war.

In 1940 some support for an Arthur Vandenberg GOP presidential nomination developed, but the surprise rise of Wendell Willkie (of Coventry Lodge No. 665 in Akron, Ohio) to prominence doomed whatever hopes his supporters may have had. Although mentioned as a candidate, he lost out to Governor and Brother Thomas Dewey (of Kane Lodge No. 454) of New York. Ever the faithful party man, Vandenberg supported the Republican nominee in each election campaign. He served as a principal foreign-policy advisor to Dewey in the 1948 campaign.

Although he had been considered a leading figure in the Senate and in his party since the early thirties, Arthur Vandenberg's stature as a statesman of major rank emerged in January 1945 when he announced that there would be no Republican opposition to the USA joining the United Nations. Welcoming this new support from Republicans in foreign policy, Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed the Michigander to the San Francisco Conference that April which subsequently drew up the U.N. Charter. In April 1946 - by which time Harry Truman was President - Vandenberg accompanied Secretary of State, Brother and Sir Knight James F. Byrnes (of Spartan Lodge No. 70 and Spartanburg Commandery No. 3, both in South Carolina) to the Meeting of Foreign Ministers in Paris, France, in what the *New York Times* called an act of "bipartisan unity and.. high level statesmanship."

All of this action served America well because with a Republican takeover of Congress in 1947 unity on the foreign-policy front reigned supreme as American-Soviet relations



Cartoon to right: 1945—Senators Vandenberg and Connally as UN advocates



1946—Senator Vandenberg (right) consults with another distinguished Mason, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. Both attended the Meeting of Foreign Ministers in Paris.

worsened steadily in that period. As Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Vandenberg played a key role in obtaining congressional support for the Truman Doctrine and the appropriation of the funding of aid to Greece and Turkey which carried it out. As an associate of Secretary of State George C. Marshall at the Rio de Janeiro Conference in August 1947, Under Secretary for Latin

American Affairs Sumner Welles credited "Vandenberg for saving the Inter-American system." Despite some dissatisfaction with parts of the treaties ending World War II with former German allies Italy, Bulgaria, Romania, and Hungary; the senator supported ratification since failure to approve meant "greater confusion [and] greater chaos."

Perhaps Vandenberg's greatest achievement came with his lining up of bipartisan support for the European Recovery Program (otherwise known as the Marshall Plan) and the funding to carry out this first massive foreign-aid mission. The success of this plan and the strong economy soon manifested in Western Europe led to other aid programs in coming years, some of them not so rewarding. After Truman won a four-year term as President and the Democrats recaptured control of Congress in November 1948, Vandenberg lost his chairmanship and returned to minority status, but he maintained correctly that "the elections would have no effect on the country's bipartisan foreign policy." Or at least they didn't until the coalition collapsed in the late sixties over



Senator Vandenberg at a Senate hearing



Three Masons who helped forge the modern world: Harry Truman, George C. Marshall, Arthur Vandenberg—1947

tensions concerning the Viet Nam conflict, but by this time, Arthur Vandenberg had long been deceased.

By 1950 Arthur Vandenberg's health had begun to decline. He did not complete his last term in the Senate as he passed away on March 28, 1951, a few days after his 67th birthday. His second wife (first wife died in 1916) and three children survived him. However, his greatest achievement, the bipartisan foreign policy that guided America through the tense days of the Cold War in the late forties, remained as a hallmark of his statesmanship. Together with other Masonic Brothers such as James Byrnes, George

Marshall, and Harry Truman, he helped forge an America that has stood tall in the world for more than sixty years.

Note: Arthur Vandenberg's life is outlined in two entries in Current Biography in 1940 and 1948. For his key speeches and writings, see Arthur H. Vandenberg, Jr., editor, *The Private Papers of Senator Vandenberg* (Boston: Houghton-Mifflin, 1952). His Masonic record is in William R. Denslow, *10,000 Famous Freemasons* (Trenton: Missouri Lodge of Research, 1961), vol. IV, p. 270.

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### **In Florida Wal-Mart Supports Knights Templar Eye Foundation**



Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., is well-known for its participation in local charitable events. Shown are members of Fort Myers Commandery No. 32, North Fort Myers, Florida, receiving a check in support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This is a charitable organization which provides surgical and medical services to those who cannot afford to pay for their eye care.

Shown receiving the check from the Wal-Mart Super Center in Lehigh Acres, Florida, are (left to right) Robert L. Gilliland, Past Commander; Andrew M. Stanforth, Commander and Past District Deputy; Cory Titenger, Assistant Store Manager; Guy E. Waltman, Past Grand Commander of Florida and current Recorder; and Wallace H. Bateman, Past Commander and Past District Deputy. Each of the uniformed Sir Knights is also a Knight of the York Cross of Honour.

Each year Fort Myers Commandery, a Masonic organization, sponsors a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Many have received the gift of restored vision through the charitable donations of this group, which is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, enabling donors to claim a full deduction on their income tax for their contributions. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., has a program whereby they match funds raised for charitable purposes. This year their funds-matching program resulted in the presentation of a check for \$900.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Fort Myers Commandery No. 32 is proud of its record. With only 199 members, they raised a total of \$2,655.00 for their charity this year. They are currently processing three local cases of people in need of financial and surgical assistance in their eye care.

## Last of the Spitballers: Burleigh Grimes - Part I

by Sir Knight

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Unlike today, the first two decades of 20th century professional baseball focused intensely on pitching strategy. That skill became an art form which provided an essential ingredient for shaping baseball into our national sport. Pitching mastery was demonstrated in abundance by the likes of Cy Young, Christy Mathewson, Walter Johnson, and Grover Cleveland Alexander. In that era of the "dead ball," a towering home run was a rarity; almost a physical impossibility. A hitter with bulging biceps and a fixation over swinging for a tape-measure home run each time at bat was rarely a candidate for the upper echelon of professional baseball. Only in the venerable poem, "Casey at the Bat," was that concept entertained.

One of the most colorful pitching artists of that period in our sport history was Burleigh Arland Grimes, a craftsman who devoted 18 years to a major league career, which stands as a monument to gritty determination. His performance was enhanced by an ability to make every pitching assignment a dramatic theatrical production. Burleigh was a one-man show. When asked once by a newspaper writer why he chose baseball for a career, he answered laconically, "Compared to farming or working in a steel mill, baseball is a picnic." It was a popular choice for any youngster who could play the game well.



Burleigh Grimes  
artwork by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett

Burleigh Grimes was born August 9, 1893, on the family farm near Emerald, Wisconsin. He was one of three children born to Cecil Nick Grimes and Ruth Tuttle Grimes. His siblings included a sister Hazel, born in 1895, and a brother Shurleigh, born in 1900. Burleigh always claimed Clear Lake, some 15 miles to the north, his home town. By the time young Burleigh was old enough to go to public school, Nick was farming at Clear Lake, a small community in St. Croix County, about 60 miles northwest of Eau Claire. In 1985 Burleigh's mortal remains were interred there, marking "coda" to a life which spanned 92 active, productive years. In this profile, we will recount some of the events which bear the stamp of the Grimes' persona. It is a tale of good baseball - and equally fine theater; a surefire recipe for golden memories.

Burleigh played baseball all his life - up close and personal.

He acquired his formal education at Clear Lake, never completing high school in order to help his father on the farm. However, he did play on the high school "Red Jackets" baseball team. A little later, as a 15-year-old youngster, he became a member of the Clear Lake town baseball team in 1908. His father, Nick Grimes, was the manager. When he was 19, Burleigh signed his first professional contract, as a pitcher for the minor league club at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. By his own account, he threw his first spitball when he was ten years old. According to the record, he threw the last one 31 years later. To stimulate saliva flow, Burleigh chewed the bark of the slippery elm tree, preferring that to conventional chewing tobacco. The heavily moistened ball, properly thrown, could produce a wicked, sharp-breaking curve.

Grimes estimated that only 75 percent of his pitches were spitballs, although he invariably pretended to moisten the ball before throwing it. The deception kept an edgy hitter expecting the popping wet curve. Burleigh's skill, substantially enhanced by his theatrical charade, included a very effective variety of alternate pitches. Among his bag of tricks were a screwball, a slider, a steaming fast ball, and a terrifying "brush back" pitch. That arsenal, enhanced by an unexcelled competitive drive, created a fine career record of 270 victories; most of them crafted in spite of adverse circumstances. Many of his 212 defeats

were the result of weak offensive play by his own teammates. Much of Grimes' career was devoted to playing for teams with little prospect of becoming pennant contenders. A right-hand thrower and batter, he was also a good hitter - a rare quality in a pitcher. His lifetime batting average of .258 in 632 career games certifies his competence at the plate. Throughout his big league career, Grimes worked diligently to project the image of a snarling, recalcitrant figure on the pitcher's mound. He deliberately neglected to shave a day or two before he was scheduled to pitch. His chilling "brush-back" pitch effectively conveyed the impression that Burleigh Grimes was a very ominous opponent. His black facial stubble fortified the image and generated the sobriquet "Old Stubblebeard." Early Wynn of the Cleveland Indians lifted that page from Burleigh's "bad-boy" book in the 1940s and used it just as effectively. Of course, the down side of such an aggressive and hostile image is that one wins few popularity contests. Such was the case for Burleigh. New York Times sportswriter John Kiernan wrote that Grimes "looked like a man about to commit assault and battery when he threw the ball." The Clear Lake spitballer worked at keeping it that way.

Burleigh came up to the National League with the Pittsburgh Pirates late in 1916 and saw action in six games that first season; winning two and losing three decisions as a rookie. At 23 years of age, his fondest dream became a reality; to be a bonafide big-leaguer. By the close of the 1917 season, Grimes was working regularly as



a starting pitcher for a losing team. His pitching results were predictably disappointing, with 16 losing efforts and three wins, after working in 42 games. Better days were coming, but not with the Pirates. At the end of the 1917 season, Burleigh was traded to the Brooklyn Robins for Casey Stengel, a journeyman outfielder destined to achieve fame years later as a brilliant manager. It was also no secret that Burleigh and the Pirate management were not on the best of terms.

Burleigh arrived at Brooklyn with his rough-and-tough image well established. As a regular starter in 1918, he posted 19 victories, while working in 41 games. He lost only 9. With offensive support, Grimes was a perennial winner in his prime. It was a tumultuous period in baseball. There was much speculation that baseball might be discontinued for the duration of World War I when the abbreviated season opened. Many established players were already in military service. Baseball did continue, without interruption, but the disruptive influence on professional baseball contributed to the emergence of an unlikely National League pennant winner in 1919, the Cincinnati Reds.

Cincinnati was slated to battle the powerhouse Chicago White Sox in the 1919 World Series. In the role of a near-hopeless underdog, the Reds won the series in six games. Their astounding victory generated rumors that the results were prearranged, even before the series was completed. Two nearly invincible Chicago pitching stars, Ed Cicotte and Claude "Lefty" Williams, were mysteriously ineffective. Their lackluster

pitching was compounded by equally-poor performances on the part of several players. The startling events had little effect on Burleigh Grimes until the sordid story played out in 1920. Eight Chicago players were barred from baseball for life, the penalty for scheming with gamblers to arrange for their team to lose the World Series.

The new Commissioner of Baseball, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, in addition to banishing the offending White Sox players, also outlawed any application of a foreign substance to the surface of a baseball by a pitcher. That included saliva, grease, or any alteration or scuffing to the surface of the ball. In a conciliatory gesture to 17 established spitball artists in the major leagues, Landis "grandfathered" the use of the pitch for the duration of their careers. He opined that he would be depriving the 17 pitchers of their livelihood if he prevented them from throwing the spitball. Burleigh was one of the lucky survivors. As it turned out, he was the most prominent and durable of all the wet-ball artists.

Curiously, Judge Landis' edict banning the spitball thwarted any hope that Shurleigh Grimes might become a pitcher of major league status. He was a spitball pitcher briefly in the low minor leagues. According to Burleigh, his younger brother had a better spitball than he did. However, Shurleigh was seven years junior to Burleigh and had a later start in organized baseball. He fell within the category of those prohibited from using the spitball. Shurleigh had little future in professional baseball without his "Sunday pitch."

Meanwhile, back in Brooklyn, Grimes had been toiling mightily for the Robins in what was another frustrating season. Although his 1919 season record was a respectable one with 10 wins against 11 losses, the team was struggling. One typical, frustrating event took place on April 30, 1919. Burleigh pitched a 20-inning tie game against Joe Oeschger of the Philadelphia Phillies; a high-scoring 9-9 contest, which was little more than an exhibition of endurance. Another milestone occurred in the 1920 season with the adoption of a new "live" ball; a boon to hitters, but anathema to every pitching staff. George Herman "Babe" Ruth with 54 home runs led the charge of long-ball hitters in the big leagues that year. The 1920 season marked an unprecedented leap in team and individual batting performances.

In spite of the emergence of the live ball, Burleigh posted an outstanding season record in 1920, with a mark of 23 wins and 11 losses in 43 mound appearances. In the process, the Brooklyn club won the National League pennant and faced the Cleveland Indians in the World Series. Grimes won the second game shutting out the Indians and their ace pitcher, Jim Bagby. He was the victim in games five and seven, losing both, as Brooklyn went down to defeat in the series. Manager Tris Speaker and his Indians simply dominated the pitching game with Bagby, Stan Coveleski, and Walter "Duster" Mails. The 1920 World Series was the first of four in which Burleigh Grimes would participate during his major league career.

Burleigh worked 37 times in 1921 to fashion another stellar pitching season. He tied Pittsburgh Pirate pitcher, Wilbur Cooper, for most wins in the National League, both posting a total of 22. Grimes lost 13, but he completed 30 games and struck out 136 batters, making him the most effective pitcher in the National League that year. It is interesting to note that pitching in both the American and National leagues in 1921 was dominated by spitball pitchers. Another personal milestone for Burleigh occurred in 1921, with his acceptance into Freemasonry.

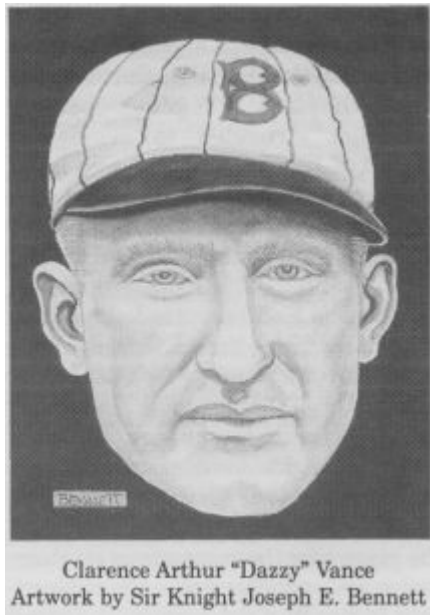
Burleigh's Masonic odyssey was an unusual one. He was the personification of a Mason who "traveled in foreign countries and received master's wage." His record is so convoluted that the grand jurisdictions involved are not always on the same page with his record of membership. Grimes received his initial degree work in Tubal Lodge No. 551 in Minerva, Ohio; a town about 15 miles east of Canton. His degree dates were as follows: EA Degree, January 25, 1921; Fellow Craft Degree, February 17, 1921; and Master Mason Degree on March 17, 1921. History is silent as to his reason for selecting the Ohio Lodge.

On February 11, 1937, Burleigh on demit from his Ohio Lodge affiliated with Evergreen Lodge No. 27 in New Haven, Franklin County, Missouri, a town about 50 miles west of St. Louis. On September 10, 1959, Grimes demitted to Trenton Lodge No. 111 at Trenton, Missouri, in the north-central area of the state, some 50 miles south of the Iowa border. Burleigh owned a farm in Trenton. He departed

Trenton Lodge by demit on April 1, 1972, and affiliated with Owen Lodge No. 317, in Owen, Wisconsin. The town of Owen is approximately 50 miles southeast of Clear Lake. Owen was the residence of Burleigh's deceased brother, Shurleigh, a member of the same lodge. They were both honored together in Owen Lodge for having reached the 50th membership anniversary date. It was a gala affair at the Meadowview Country Club on October 14, 1972, in Owen, and the celebration included Junior Warden W. R. "Rol" Haire as the third honoree. Burleigh reached the 64-year membership plateau before his demise, a remarkable record of longevity.

The foregoing somewhat convoluted recitation is valuable in that it highlights a record which spanned an extraordinary period of faithful membership in the Fraternity. It also indicates a strong preference for small-town lodges and the fraternal camaraderie which is indigenous among them. Burleigh Grimes was a unique Mason with strong preferences, although the personal motivation and details of his fraternal affiliations have faded away long ago.

The 1922 season was another banner year for Burleigh, in which he recorded a total of 17 wins against 14 losses in 36 mound appearances. He was joined that season by pitcher Arthur "Dazzy" Vance, an acquisition from the New York Yankees. In 1922 at Brooklyn, Dazzy enjoyed his first impressive season in the big leagues, collecting a total of 18 victories by virtue of his blazing fast ball. The duet accounted for nearly half of Brooklyn's 77 victories that year, but the hapless team finished 17 games out of the money.



The performance was repeated in 1923 with Burleigh winning 21 and Dazzy posting 18 victories. The pair accounted for 39 of the 76 Brooklyn wins. Nevertheless, the team slid to 6th place in the National League, 19 and a half games behind the leader. Even two outstanding pitchers cannot win a pennant without offensive help.

During 1924 the team of Grimes and Vance by Herculean pitching effort contributed a total of 50 wins with 22 of them credited to Burleigh and 28 posted for Dazzy. Grimes worked in 40 games, while Vance labored in 35, as the Brooklyn Robins collected a team total of 92 wins to finish in second place, a game and one-half behind the New York Giants. Those were frustrating years for Burleigh. He was at the peak of his physical form as a professional pitcher, but he was shackled by a

club incapable of mounting an offensive that could win a pennant.

In 1925 the Brooklyn club dropped to sixth place, 27 games behind. Burleigh struggled to achieve a record of 12 wins and 19 losses in 34 appearances. Again in 1926, he won 12 but lost 13 as Brooklyn failed to advance from sixth place. During the winter of 1926-1927, Burleigh learned he had been traded to John McGraw's New York Giants. It was an opportunity to play for a perennial first-division team under baseball's most celebrated manager. McGraw was Burleigh's kind of man, tough and aggressive. Grimes remarked that his career wasn't complete until he played for the pugnacious strategy wizard. Casey Stengel, a Giant alumnus before Burleigh, echoed the same sentiment. Nevertheless, Burleigh's stay with the Giants was destined to be confined to one season. It was a good one, for he fashioned a brilliant record of 19 wins with a meager 8 losses in 1927.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, bought Burleigh's contract over the winter of 1927-1928. The Pirates had won the National League pennant in 1927 but lost the World Series in four straight games to the vaunted New York Yankees. Their offensive power simply overwhelmed the Pittsburgh pitching staff. Owner Barney Dreyfus wanted another pennant winner, and Burleigh Grimes was a logical choice to help make it a reality. Grimes was back where it had all started for him as a major leaguer. In 1928 at age 34, he was a far different pitcher than the rookie who reported in 1916.

Grimes had his highest winning season in 1928, taking 25 games with a

team which posted a collective batting average of .309. He lost 14 games. Larry Benton, a pitcher for the New York Giants, matched Grimes' total of 25 wins in 41 appearances. Burleigh took the mound a total of 48 times in 1928. In spite of sterling team hitting and Burleigh's great pitching, the Pirates finished in fourth place, nine games behind the surging St. Louis Cardinals.

The 1929 season was another disappointment for Pittsburgh, as they could not muster more than a second place finish, 10 and a half games behind the Chicago Cubs. Burleigh at age 36 had another great season, winning 17 and losing 7 games in 33 outings. However, it was time to move again. During the winter, Grimes' contract was sold to the Boston Braves. Judge Emil Fuchs, the Braves' owner, invested more money than he could afford in a desperate attempt to lift his club out of the National League cellar. They had finished the 1929 season 43 games behind the leader. The fates decreed that Burleigh would work only 11 games for Boston in the 1930 season before being sold to the St. Louis Cardinals.

### **Don't miss Part II of the Burleigh Grimes story in the September 2002 issue**

Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33<sup>o</sup>, FPS, and P.D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, is a member of Holy Grail Commandery No. 70, Lakewood, Ohio. He resides at: 802 Laura Belle Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028

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## 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](http://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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-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 place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to "Knight Voices," The Grand Recorder, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460. Items submitted to Knight Templar that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free of charge. All other items should be accompanied by a \$5.00 remittance made payable to the Grand Encampment. Any submission may be subject to editing. You must submit a written request and check, if applicable, for each time you want your ad to run. Each request must be separate and at monthly intervals, not several at the same time. All other requests for repeat ads will either run just once or will be returned to sender.

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 in Texas. The Grand Commandery of Texas was formed in 1855 in San Antonio, and the sesquicentennial will be commemorated in San Antonio in April 2005. Ties are navy blue with emblem. One large emblem tie (56 inches long) has one emblem of gold crown, red cross, blue square and compass outlined in gold on the body; small emblem tie (60 inches long) has 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.texaryorkrite.org/ties.htm](http://www.texaryorkrite.org/ties.htm). Check payable to San Antonio Commandery No. 7 and mail to ,James N. Higdon, 10122N. Manton, San Antonio, TX 78213. Ties will be sent day following receipt. H: (210) 344 1309; 0:349-9933; e-mail: [ijnkkt@hhzlaw.com](mailto:ijnkkt@hhzlaw.com)

U 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

For sale by Park Place Commandery No. 106, Houston, Texas: Knight Templar golf shirts, black or white, with cross and crown logo and pocket: sizes XXL, XL, L, and M. Proceeds of shirt sale go to KTEF. \$25.00 per shirt plus \$3.50 S & H. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. Check or money order and specify color and size to Recorder, PO Box 263430, Houston, TX 77207-3430

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 43062, (740) 927-7073.

For sale: red blazer (Chapter) and purple blazer (Council) with emblem, size 52R, \$75.00 each plus shipping. Don Huygens, 422S. Tennessee Place, Apt. No. 2, Mason City, IA 50401-4332, (641) 423-0688.

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.; PO 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 x25 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's 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 Lodge No. 217, F & A.M.; PO Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail [harry217@bigfoot.com](mailto:harry217@bigfoot.com)

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, p.p., and books of history, \$6.00; both \$12.00, save a dollar. Marvin G. Shull, 2304 N.E. Shady Lane, Gladstone, MO 64118.

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For sale: The Medal of Honor The Letter G in Valor, a 268-page digest with the names, congressional citations, and Lodge membership of all Masons who have received our nation's highest military award for bravery. Books may be obtained by contacting Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., PO Box 9759, 3011 Old Dumbarton Rd., Richmond, VA 23228-0759, (804) 262-6551. The price is \$16.95 plus S & H. Author's portion of profits donated to KTEF.

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.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585

Fund-raiser for Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association, District 82, Grand Lodge of Texas: copper horseshoe with square and compass is a lapel pin for \$5.00 each, p.p. 10% of proceeds to KTEF. Checks payable to MW&S Assn., Dist. 82 and send requests to Neel A. Wright, PO Box 226, Gardendale, TX 79758, (915) 366-3806

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