

Sir Knight Philip J. Pennington, Grand Organist for the Cryptic Council of the state of Illinois, has discovered that "music on paper can take shapes." The cover for this month with Masonic emblems was created by Sir Knight Pennington. On page 5 you'll find more examples and further explanation.

Grand Master's Message for November 2002

November is a special month for all of us. Our first thoughts when we think of this season are of Thanksgiving and family times together. What a good warm feeling I get at just the mention of Thanksgiving.

What an exciting month I had during September! It began with all the pageantry and panoply of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R, N.M.J., in historic Boston, followed by the Northeastern York Rite Conference in Binghamton, New York. William Schoene, Jr.; Charles F. Van Ettin; myself; and our wives were all together there for our last conference before they go out of office. We have had a wonderful two years and have worked closely as a team. The Annual York Rite Conclave in Kentucky was special for me in



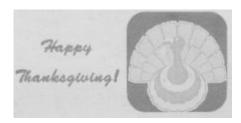
many ways. It was my pleasure to present Sir Knight John E. Moyers, S.G.I.G., M.W.P.G.M., a plaque designating him an Honorary Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. I enjoyed the time with our many friends in Louisville.

A once in a lifetime experience was the 200th anniversary of the founding of St. John's Commandery No. 1 in Providence, Rhode Island. It was a great celebration, and I appreciated being named an honorary member of the oldest Commandery in the U.S. (in continuous operation since August 23, 1802). I made an appearance at the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant in Addison, Texas, where I received a check for more than forty-two thousand dollars to be used for the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation! Wow! My next adventure was in Maine. Sir Knight John O. Bond, Sr., and Carol met us at the Portland Airport and drove us to a ferry landing, where we sailed to Vinalhaven Island for the Annual Inspection of DeValois Commandery No. 16. For their banquet, lobsters caught that day were cooked on the spot and served to everyone - all you could eat!

This month I will be traveling to Mesa, Arizona, for the Southwestern York Rite Conference. Saturday, the 16th, will be a reception for Charles H. Sullins, the M.W.G.M. of Masons in Illinois. I will also be able to attend both stated meetings of my own Villa Grove Camargo Lodge No. 885 on the first and third Tuesdays of this month. Melita Commandery No. 37 will be having some practice sessions for our annual inspection scheduled for December 21 with Godfroy De Bouillon Commandery No. 44. Of course, the month will be capped off with our family Thanksgiving celebration.

Dr. William Jackson Jones Grand Master, KCT, GCT

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Knight Templar

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

NOVEMBER: On page 2 Grand Master William Jackson Jones speaks of York Rite and other Masonic activities, past and future! On page 12 Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, General Chairman of the 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF, speaks of the 35th Voluntary Campaign, which starts on December 1, 2002! The name of your state's Chairman for the 35th Campaign and his address are listed on page 11. We'll be celebrating "35" as we progress! Don't miss Sir Knight Philip Pennington's exciting musical art starting on page 5! And as usual we celebrate the 2002-2003 Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies with pictures and information, pages 7-10. There is information on the Easter 2003 festivities on page 18, and there is another biography of a fascinating Sir Knight on page 23 and much, much more!

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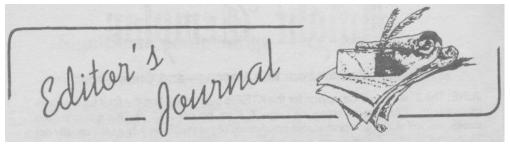
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Contacts for all Masonic organizations listed in our January 2002 issue should have the form for our next listing in January 2003. Please respond immediately as the magazine goes to the printer about December 15, 2002. If your organization has a new contact, please inform him/her of this. We would rather not leave any organization out!

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

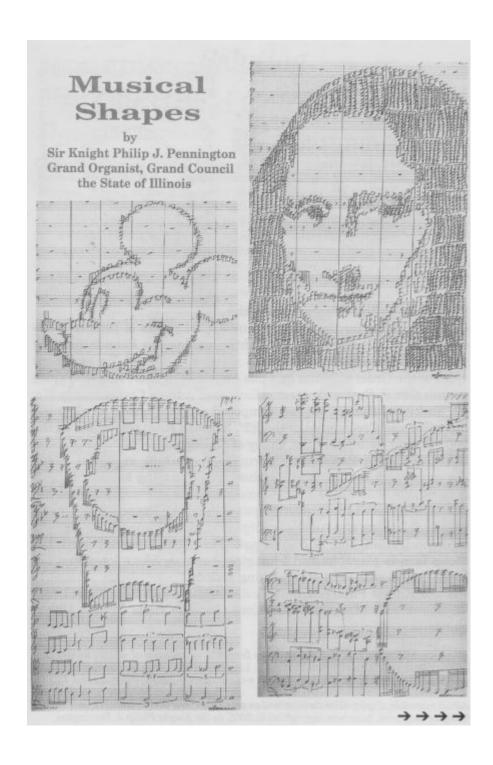
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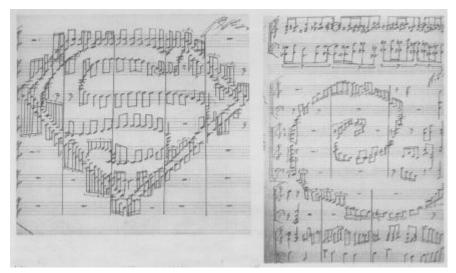
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Sir Knight Philip J. Pennington is the Grand Organist for the Grand Council, C.M., state of Illinois. He is employed at the office of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as a payments representative. He has directed a Grand Encampment video of the Order of Malta and has completed a short in-house video for the KTEF. Currently Generalissimo of Aurora Commandery No. 22, Yorkville, Illinois, he has composed original music for degrees, including the Ceremonial of the 32°, Scottish Rite, performed at the 2002 Spring Reunion of the Valley of Chicago.

Sir Knight Phil says: "I'm currently working in digital audio; I'm multi-tracking, doing all original music playing keyboards, guitars, drums, and vocals in my home studio.

"I discovered that music on paper can take shapes, and I found that in following the rules of calligraphy, actual images can appear in orchestration. You, of course, ask, 'How does it sound?' Well, the Mona Lisa is playable, and I imagine it sounds like a lot of fast big block chords with no distinguishing melody."

Sir Knight Phil is currently collaborating with Sir Knight Daryl W. Selock and Maestro Productions, Inc., on films for the Grand Encampment.

All of the examples represented here are from the same piece of music, a cello concerto that is still in the works. The Mona Lisa establishes this "music art" as a new and legitimate art form. Contact Phil at e-mail: maestrophi101@yahoo.com

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Saluting Our Grand Commanders

Congratulations are extended from our Most Eminent Grand Master, William Jackson Jones, and the grand officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., to the fifty newly elected Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies under their jurisdiction. As part of this salute to their dedication and tireless service to Templary, *Knight Templar* magazine is printing the names and pictures of the Sir Knights who will serve as Grand Commanders for the current Templar year.

These Grand Commanders, whose pictures appear on these pages, will be the guiding hands on the tiller of the ship of Templary, navigating their vessel faithfully through the uncharted waters ahead.







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Message from the General Chairman The 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign

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

Dear Sir Knights and Ladies:

In just one month we will kick off the THIRTY-FIFTH Annual Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

As I think about this important event, my mind dwells on the various things associated with that number-35. I think about the year 1935, as I was just a small child of the Depression, growing up in South Carolina. I remember when gasoline was 35 cents a gallon. Within memory you could even get a pretty good lunch for that price. I can even remember when I was 35 years old! If you can withstand the shock, you might take another look at the picture at the top of the right column. At that time I really was 35. Maybe some of you reading this article are that age now. Maybe some of you are younger, and some are no doubt older.

In any case, whatever your age, take a few moments and dwell on that number, 35. I remember it as an exciting time of life. I was pretty well established in a career; we had bought a nice house, and our youngest child was one year old. It was a time of accomplishment, but one of anticipation and promise as well. It was a time to dwell more on the future than on the past.

That thinking is very appropriate, too, for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We need to be aware of the needs of the future



for this, our most important charity.

The future of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is extremely bright. We have a well-organized office staff in Chicago. We have a reputation throughout the country among ophthalmologists for our support of operations and involvement in the Eye Care Project. We are also well known at many advanced research facilities and with scientists. Building on that basis, we have an opportunity to make an even more significant influence on society through the Eye Foundation.

Let's look back at the number 35 for a minute. I am dreaming of what an accomplishment it would be if each of you would celebrate this year with a contribution of \$35.00. Is that possible? A rough calculation of inflation shows that such a contribution would be equivalent to a \$1.00 contribution in 1935. It is true that the

annual income in 1935 was significantly lower than it is today. However, I think you would agree that a \$1.00 gift would be quite reasonable at that time. So, perhaps, a \$35.00 contribution is also quite reasonable now.

There is another goal that we can also look for during this Campaign. If we shift the decimal point one place, we get \$3.50. Why can't that be the minimum per capita for every Grand Commandery? During last vear's Campaign there were eleven - count them ELEVEN - Grand Commanderies with an average per capita less than that dollar figure. Let me sincerely urge the leadership of those Grand Commanderies; the Grand Commanders, all other officers, and the Eye Foundation chairmen: to make concentrated effort to promote the Campaign and attempt to meet that goal. If

you accomplish that target, what a major difference that will make to the future of the Eve Foundation.

I will close by wishing you a happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Among other things, let us be thankful for sight and thankful for the opportunity to aid others who need help with their sight.

Bruce

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New Members of KTEF Clubs CONTRIBUTORS TO THE 33° CLUB CONTRIBUTORS TO THE 33° CLUB CONTRIBUTORS TO THE 33° CLUB Dean F. Bradley (CA), 33° in honor of Wayne L. Butterbaugh, 33° Edward Jeffery Recor (CT), 33° Charles C. Greenwood, Sr. (TN), 33° John N. Ratcliff, Jr. (TX), 33° in honor of Pierre G. Normand, Jr., 33°

How To Join The KTEF Grand Commander's And Grand Master's Clubs: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand

Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 100; Chicago; IL 60630-2460; (773) 205-3838.

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

Life Sponsorship pins available: A very attractive pin in the shape of a

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

Here's Why We Support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation!

We are very grateful for the support you give the community of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and I hope that you all realize that you are making a difference in people's lives. Thanks again for your willingness to work with us.

John R. Wright, D. O. The Wright Eye Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the financial arrangement and support you have given to Ms. Rhelda Taylor of York, Pennsylvania. The operation was successful and Ms. Taylor has vision that is greatly improved. "It is a miracle," she exclaimed in my office. She is hopeful to be able to successfully complete her studies for her high school equivalency now that her vision is so improved. This will offer a definite improvement in quality of life for this family as Rhelda will now have better employment opportunities.

It was a pleasure to work with the officers and members of York Gethsemane Commandery No. 21 in arranging for the surgery. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

Margaret Fravel, Director Senior Community Service Employment Project, York, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gene Schneider and other members of the Knights Templar: I just wanted to tell you how I appreciate all the help you gave me. Because of the Eye Foundation, my eyesight was saved. It is people like you who help make this world a better place to live for people who need help. I just can't thank you enough for giving me back my eyesight.

Jackey Bellirez, Odessa, Texas

Both surgeries went well, and there was not much discomfort at all. The left eye was done first, and when they took off the bandage the next day, I broke down and cried. I couldn't believe the colors I saw and how sharp everything was. The sunlight is so bright now that I wear sunglasses.

I have so much to be thankful for. I can see the birds outside my window again. I'll be able to work in my little herb garden.

There are no words that I can say and no way to repay the Knights Templar for this wonderful sight I have now.

Valerie Lundgren, Illinois

Lapel Pin from Manchester Commandery (TN) Benefits KTEF

Manchester Commandery No. 40, Manchester, Tennessee, has for sale a lapel pin that is a replica of an early 1900's Beauceant pin, 2 x 1 inches, and beautifully decorated with a black and white background, gold trim, and the letters K and T and the cross in red.



This pin, selling for \$12.00 each, including shipping and handling, is a great way for all Sir Knights to proudly display their membership in the organization when not in uniform. 100% of the profits from the sale of the pins will go directly to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Other pins are available at a cost of \$6.00 each: Blue Lodge/Commandery pin, Knight Crusader of the Cross pin, and Knight Commander pin. All profits to KTEF. Checks or MO payable to: Manchester Commandery No. 40, and send to: Garry L. Carter, Recorder; 424 Winchester Hwy.; Hillsboro; TN 37342.

Pennsylvania's Triangle Award Presented to Grand Master William Jackson Jones

On the left is Sir Knight John Murray Lewis, R.E. Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, presenting the illustrious Knight of the Triangle Award to Sir Knight and Dr. William Jackson Jones, ME. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, at the Northeastern Department Conference in Binghamton, New York, on September 7, 2002, Pennsylvania's Illustrious Knight of the Mangle Award is given for service to Templary and may be worn on the right breast of the uniform or on the left breast pocket of a blazer. Sir Knights who are not members of Commanderies in Pennsylvania may apply for the award and become honorary members by contacting the Grand Commander of Pennsylvania A donation of \$100.00 is required with the name and number of the Commandery where the Sir Knight is a member.





William Thomas Seymour New Hampshire Grand Commander-1970 Born: June 26, 1917

Died: September 12, 2002

Templar Symbolism

The Cross, the emblem of Christianity, is the predominate symbol of Christian Masonry. Several forms of the cross are utilized to impart varied lessons to the members. These crosses are displayed on the Templar uniform and upon the banners of the Order.

The Greek Cross of red tincture, with equal arms and angles, is one of the oldest crosses that appear in history. Hebrews revered it as a representation of the Almighty. Its symbolic attributes are revealed in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

The White Maltese Cross with deeply notched spread arms has always been associated with the Knights of St. John or Knights of Malta. The eight points of the arms are emblematic of the Beatitudes and the languages into which the Order was divided. This cross will always be worn as a jewel on the Knight Templar uniform.

The Latin (or Passion) Cross is generally considered to be the form of the cross upon which the Savior of the World was crucified. This Cross, with the Crown of Victory are, conjointly, the emblem of the Order. Its symbolic representations are explained in the ceremonies of the Order of the Temple. This cross is worn as the insignia of a Knight Templar, and with rays is the insignia of a Commander or Past Commander. When signing his name as a Templar, a member should prefix the signature with a Latin cross.

The Cross Patee is known to American Templars as the Templar Cross. This cross spreads at the extremities and symbolizes the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the world. It was worn by the ancient Templars. The arms of this cress should spread with a curve, as worn by English Templars. However, in the United States it is

usually depicted as four equilateral triangles meeting at a single point. A scarlet Templar cross is worn as the insignia of officers of a Grand Commandery. A Past Grand Commander wears this cross in purple tincture.

The Patriarchal Cross, or an upright pale crossed by two bars, is utilized in purple as the insignia of officers of the Grand Encampment. While there are no symbolic references to this cross in the ritual, it has represented Arch-Episcopal rank in the church for many ages, and therefore symbolizes high rank in our Order. Traditionally, in Templar correspondence, this cross should be prefixed to the signature of a Preceptor (Commander) or Past Preceptor.

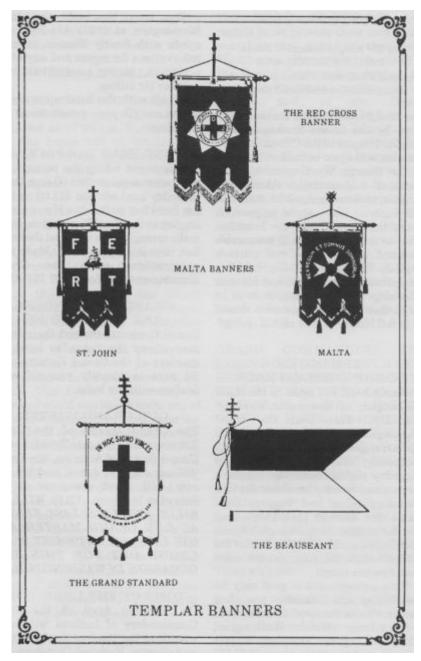
The Purple Cross of Salem, or three barred cross, is another ecclesiastical cross and is similar to a Papal Cross signifying the ultimate rank of the wearer. This cross is the insignia of the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and Past Grand Masters.

Other representations with symbolic significance are depicted upon the Banners of the Order, the Baldric, the Sword, the Spur, and the Officers' Jewels of rank.

The ritualistic color of Templary is white. This symbolizes purity as did the vestments of our ancient companions.

The Altar is not located within the Templar asylum but in the Prelate's Apartment which adjoins the asylum. The Holy Bible is displayed upon a small pedestal in front of the Prelate's station in the asylum and, as it never closes, continually sheds light and Divine guidance to all Templars wherever dispersed.

The American Flag takes its rightful station in the East where it radiates a hope for a freer, nobler, and happier humanity.



The information on pages 16 and 17 was supplied 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.

Easter-2003

by Sir Knight Robert V. Hines P.G.C. (DC), KTCH, KCT General Chairman, Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

The 73rd Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will again be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, on Sunday, April 20, 2003 and will begin at 9:00 A.M. As in previous years, this Service and the breakfast prior to it will complete a memorable weekend of events in our nation's Capital, Washington, D.C., including delegation dinners, tours, and Masonic fellowship. For one event, it is to be noted that the cherry blossoms should be in full bloom - a sure sign of spring!

The Hotel Washington Package

The main hotel will again be the Hotel Washington in downtown Washington, D.C. This year the Hotel Washington is again offering a package arrangement as follows: double occupancy, \$285.00, Friday and Saturday nights; Saturday luncheon for two; and Sunday breakfast for two, including taxes and luggage fees, (extra day \$130.00 plus 14.5% tax), and for single occupancy package is \$245.00, extra day is \$120.00 plus tax (\$50.00 extra for each person more than two per room).

This arrangement is good only for the Friday and Saturday preceding Easter. Write the hotel to make your reservations: Hotel Washington, ATTN: Knights Templar Easter Program, 515 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20004, include your check or credit card number.

You may also call the Hotel Washington at (800) 424-9540 and speak with Sandy Warner to make reservations for rooms and any of the activities, giving your credit card number for billing.

Check with the hotel upon arrival to insure all your reservations are complete.

Other Than The Package

For those not taking the package, the separate charges are \$28.00 each for the Saturday luncheon and \$17.00 each for the breakfast on Sunday. If you are not staying at the Hotel Washington, please make arrangements to attend the breakfast, since it is a great event. Make your reservations with the Grand Encampment Office, (773) 777-3300.

Grand Commanders and Their Ladies

Grand Commanders and their ladies may attend the Saturday luncheon, courtesy of the Grand Encampment. Be sure to identify yourself when dealing with the hotel.

Our Grand Master

The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, and his *officers* will greet everyone at the Saturday luncheon. THIS WILL BE BILL'S AND LOIS' LAST EASTER AS OUR GRAND MASTER AND HIS LADY, SO LET'S GET A BIG CROWD OUT FOR THIS FINE OCCASION IN WASHINGTON.

Tomb Of The Unknowns

On Saturday, April 19, the Grand Commandery of Indiana will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery honoring their members who fell in combat as members of the Armed Forces

of the United States of America. They have again asked that everyone be invited to attend. The details of the trip to Arlington will BE ANNOUNCED A LITTLE LATER.

Easter Morning Program

The Hotel Washington will be serving breakfast at 7:00 A.M. Easter morning. The buses will be available to leave at 8:00 A.M. to take members and their ladies to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for the Sunrise Services and will return to the hotel after the Service which will begin at 09:00 A.M.

Parade Information

The parade will form on the lane leading up the hill. Delegations will form according to their entry into the Grand Encampment, senior to junior, and markers for each will be in place. As in the last FIVE years of the Service, the Maryland delegation in their black plumes will appear before the formal parade with drummers and form a passion cross in the stands. The Grand Commandery of Maryland would also like to invite any of the other Commanderies which wear the black plume to get in touch and participate in the formation of the Cross. The parade will step off at 08:45 A.M., proceed up the hill, render "Eyes Right" on passing the Grand Master and his staff, and then proceed into seats as directed. Formation of three squads each are suggested in order to avoid bunching up on top of the hill. Colors will Right Wheel at the podium and post the colors as directed. Parking for cars and buses is available at the top of the hill next to the Memorial. However, no vehicles will be permitted up the roadway after 08:30 AM.

Other Details

Delegations desiring to make any special group arrangements should call Sandy Warner at the Hotel number.

Delegations staying at other hotels or motels must provide their own transportation or meet at the Hotel Washington, Recognition is made to the Grand Commandery having the most Sir Knights in uniform in the parade and to the Grand Commandery having the highest percentage of its members in uniform in the parade. Prior to the service, beginning at 8:30 A.M., carillon music will be played over the public address system. Easter selections will be played as the parade moves out following the Assembly Our Right Eminent Grand bugle call. Prelates John D. Jones and Thomas M. Jones will conduct the Service.

The breakfast will begin at 07:00 A.M. at the Hotel Washington.

Reservations should be made for rooms and any other activities by April 1, 2003.

GRAND **COMMANDERS** ARE **APPOINT** REQUESTED TO DELEGATION CHAIRMAN AND NOTIFY COMMITTEE'S THIS GENERAL CHAIRMAN, SIR KNIGHT ROBERT V. HINES, 124 HARRISON CIRCLE, LOCUST GROVE, VA 22508-9579, TELEPHONE NO. (540) 972-8066, FAX NO. (540) 972-8699, email: ROBERTH333@ao1.com in order to receive all mailings concerning this event and to facilitate adequate planning! FORMS IN JANUARY 2003. WILL BE SENT PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS SO THAT WE CAN ADEQUATELY PLAN FOR THIS EVENT.

Sir Knight Robert V. Hines, General Chairman of the Committee on Easter Sunrise Memorial Service and P.G.C. of the District of Columbia, is a member of Potomac Commandery No. 3 of the District of Columbia and York Commandery No. 16 of Maryland.

On The Masonic Newsfront...

(Mrs. R. D.) Diane Moore Installed 82nd Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant



The 82nd Annual Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant ended Friday, September 27, with the installation of (Mrs. R. Diane Moore as the Supreme Worthy President. This year Supreme Assembly was held in Addison, Texas, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Mrs. Moore has been a member of Austin Assembly No. 195 since 1985. Diane was initiated on February 16 during the official visit of S.WP (Mrs. Paul Mary Prances Mihal. She has served as an officer for the last 15 years, serving as President in 1990 and Recorder for 7 years. She has served Supreme Assembly as Chairman of the Examining Committee in 1991, Supreme

Chaplain in 1992, Courtesy Committee in 1993, and Credentials Committee in 1998.

Mrs. Moore was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and moved to Austin, Texas, in 1948. She attended Texas Lutheran College, Sam Houston State Teachers College, and the University of Texas. She was employed by the city of Austin at the Austin Public Library for 32 years, retiring in January 2000. Diane married James C. Osborn in 1964, and they had one son Bradley. They lived in Aschaffenburg, Germany, when Captain Osborn was killed in a helicopter accident in 1971. In 1984 Diane and Sir Knight R. D. Moore, a member of Colorado Commandery No. 4, were married.

Diane has been a very active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Austin. She served over the years in various capacities as Bible School and Sunday School teacher, Luther League president, Altar Guild, lector and assistant to the minister. She has been associated with active Masonic parents, Harley and Ruth Ford. She has been a member of Creedmoor Chapter No. 607, Order of the Eastern Star, for 29 years, and a member of Ruh Neb Temple No. 64, Daughters of the Nile, since 1976, serving as Queen in 1991.

The purpose of the Beauceant is to promote loyal friendships and to render aid to the Knights Templar when requested. In 1959 the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was adopted as its philanthropy, and to date the Beauceant has contributed over \$1.7 million to this cause. We will continue to aid the KTEF with donations and memorials sent to: Mrs. Donald Spencer, General Chairman KTEF; 8350 Rathburn Avenue; Northridge; CA 91325-3744.

A wife or widow of a Knight Templar is eligible for membership in any Assembly. For information concerning Assembly locations, membership, or organization; please contact: Mrs. Keith W. Dean, P.S.W.P., Supreme Organizer; P.O. Box 4500; Tampa; FL 33677-4500.

Mrs. Moore and her Sir Knight will visit each of our Assemblies in 34 states across the nation. Official visits began on October 1 with Sheridan

Assembly No. 131, Sheridan, Wyoming. (submitted by Mrs. William Chant, P.S.W.P. and chairman for the *Knight Templar* magazine)

Grand Commandery of Maryland Sponsors Trip for Youth Groups



Late summer the Grand Commandery of Maryland sponsored an all-expense-paid trip for the Maryland youth groups (Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and the DeMolay) to Hershey Park in nearby Pennsylvania. The trip consisted of a roundtrip transportation by bus, admission to the park, and a coupon for lunch at any one of the various concession facilities throughout the grounds. The trip was attended by 35 members of our youth, along with 7 chaperones.

The day began at the Grand Lodge facility with juice, muffins, and donuts, furnished by the Grand Commandery, prior to the 8:00 A.M. departure. Arrival was at 10:00, and all enjoyed the sunny, fun-filled day of rides, shows, and food. The tired youth and weary chaperones returned home by 10:00 P.M. Many thanks were expressed by the youth, and the Grand Commandery was encouraged to continue this program. Talks have already begun for next year's trip with hopes of including the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and perhaps even Grand Lodge as co-sponsors.

Pictured in the photo are Grand Commander Keith A. Brown and Lady Pat (kneeling, front row, right side) and P.G.C. Richard P. Naegele (standing at far right), along with the participants in this year's youth group activity program.

Scottish Rite Unity Reception in Riverside, California



Late summer the Inland Empire York Rite Association hosted a Unity Reception in Riverside, California, honoring the Brethren of the Valley of San Bernardino Scottish Rite Bodies. The large crowd attending the event was treated to a delicious prime rib dinner, entertainment and a good evening of fellowship with the emphasis placed on the theme "Both Rites Are Right." Pictured on page 21, left to right, are: Brother S. Douglas Lamb, 32°, KCCH, Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection; Ill. Brother John L. Welcher, 33°, Commander, Council of Kadoch; Sir Knight Marshall F. Parker, KYGCH, P.G.C., Master of Ceremonies for the event; Sir Knight Robert C. Coe, KYGCH, R.E. Grand Commander, Knights Templar of California; Ill. Brother Allen B. Gresham, M.W.P.G.M. of California and personal representative to the S.G.I.G. in California; and Brother J. Lee Fogle, 32°, KCCH, assistant personal representative. (submitted by Sir Knight Marshall F. Parker)

Fourth of July Celebration in Newhall, California

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Old West Lodge No. 813, F. & A.M., and all 3 grand presiding officers of the York Rite and the Grand Master of Masons of California joined in the traditional Independence Day parade in Newhall, California. On this occasion the Sir Knights of Los Angeles No. 9, wearing the newly approved summer uniform, together with the others, paraded along 2 miles of crowded avenues in this quaint city north of Los Angeles.



Pictured at left from left to right: Sir Knights Michael Weiss (Warder), Carlos H. Gonzalez (E.C. of LA No. 9), Robert C. Coe (Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of CA), C. Ray Whittaker (G.M. of Grand Lodge), Harry T. Hall (P.C. of LA No. 9 and G.H.P. of R.A.M.), Dalton Noland (Ill.

G.M. of Cryptic Masons), Art Christensen, (P.M., Old West), and Michael J. Campbell (Prelate).

Pictured right: Sir Knight Richard T. Cooper, P.G.C. of California and drill Commandant of the champion "B" drill team of Los Angeles No. 9, followed by Sir Knights parading in summer uniform.





Pictured left: A color guard of members of Los Angeles No. 9 opens the Independence Day parade.

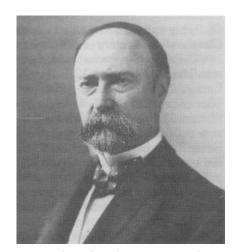
(submitted by Sir Knight Carlos H. Gonzalez, E.C.)

Sir Knight Charles Warren Fairbanks: Hoosier State Vice President

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

The states of Virginia and Ohio have sometimes used the nickname "Mother of Presidents" because so many of the nation's chief executives have come from those locales. If the nickname "Mother of Vice Presidents" existed, both New York and Indiana could lay some claim to the title. The reason for this circumstance requires an understanding of presidential and electoral college politics and the key role of certain swing states in national elections. For instance, in the 1880s New York and Indiana determined the winner in every one of the three elections held in that decade. The candidate who carried those states won the Presidency. It was that simple! From the Civil War to World War I, Empire and Hoosier State men - along with Ohioans - dominated major party tickets. In this less than chaotic mixture, men such as our subject. Charles Fairbanks, for a time occupied a place in the center of the stage.

Charles Warren Fairbanks was born in Union County, Ohio, on May 11, 1852, the son of a farmer-wagon maker, Loriston Fairbanks, and Mary Smith Fairbanks, who pursued the avocation of temperance activist when she could escape the farm kitchen. Charles grew up as a typical farm boy during a time when many - perhaps a majority of Buckeye State dwellers - saw the Republican Party as the savior of the Union, the party that cleansed the nation of the sin of slavery and now pursued policies that



were causing America to grow into an economic giant by means of sound money and a protective tariff that encouraged industrialization and agricultural expansion and created employment for the masses of the citizenry. The Fairbanks family received enough of these bountiful gifts that they could send young Charles to Ohio Wesleyan from whence he received a degree in 1874, and then to Cleveland Law College, which he completed a few months later.

The young law student married Cornelia Cole on October 6, 1874, and the newlyweds went to housekeeping in Indianapolis, where Charles practiced law, usually as an attorney for railroad corporations. His law firm was successful, and Fairbanks invested part of his fortune in newspapers. At one time he held the controlling interest in both *The Indianapolis News* and *The Indianapolis Journal*. He also indulged in a great deal of Republican politics, supporting the failed efforts of fellow Hoosier, Walter Q. Gresham, for President in 1884

(Gresham eventually jumped the GOP ship and in 1893 became Grover Cleveland's Secretary of State.) In 1892 Fairbanks, who had been rebuilding the Hoosier GOP after the Democratic landslide of 1890, met Ohio Governor and Sir Knight William McKinley and harnessed his own political fortune to that of the rising Republican star and his financial backer, Mark Hanna.

In 1896 Charlie Fairbanks delivered a stirring Keynote Address at the Republican National Convention in St. Louis and then delivered the Indiana delegation to McKinley. In the fall election he played a key role in McKinley's victory in the Hoosier State and a GOP takeover of the state legislature. The grateful Indiana lawmakers then sent their party leader to Washington, rewarding him with a full, six-year term to the United States Senate.

According to his latest biographer, the late William T. Hull, "Fairbanks' Senate career proved competent if unspectacular." He generally voted with the administration on most issues and demonstrated himself to be sufficiently congenial and honorable to win the respect of his Senate colleagues. The Senator spoke out strongly for limiting immigration and requiring literacy of those who were admitted. When Fairbanks served the Alaska-Canada Boundary Commission, he won sufficient respect and admiration from the local populace of the territory that they named one of their new settlements after him. A part of his old, radical, Republican youth surfaced when during the Spanish-American War he stuck up for African-American army units' rights to have black officers. Thanks to his position on this issue, Indiana became the first state to boast integrated militia units. His calm demeanor and tall, dignified stance gave him the appearance of a true statesman, and some people began to see him as potential presidential material at some future point.

Fairbanks' political fortune suffered a mild setback with the sudden rise of Theodore Roosevelt to prominence following President McKinley's unfortunate assassination. Moreover, he now had a rival within the Hoosier GOP ranks with the coming of young Albert J. Beveridge to the Senate in 1899. A more reform oriented brand of Republican was coming to the forefront. Whereas McKinley had been closer to Fairbanks, Teddy Roosevelt saw Beveridge as one of his key supporters of "progressive" legislation in the Senate.

Nonetheless. Roosevelt acceded Fairbanks as a running mate in 1904, partly needed an because he "old quard" Midwesterner to balance the ticket. Fairbanks not only filled the bill but proved to be an aggressive campaigner who carried much of the traveling and speaking tours that fall. The President adopted what in future years would become known as a "rose garden" strategy, wherein the incumbent let the vice presidential candidate do the heavy campaigning and he remained on the job, somewhat "above the fray" of hard politics. The Democrats boasted a competent ticket but one that has been described by historians as rather "lifeless." New York Judge and Brother Alton B. Parker (of Kingston Lodge No. 10), and West Virginia octogenarian Brother Henry G. Davis (of Elkins Lodge No. 108)

provided an unexciting opposition, and the Roosevelt-Fairbanks ticket swept to an easy, electoral victory of 336 to 140. The Democrats carried only the so-called "Solid South" as the old Confederacy had become known. This victory gave the Republicans their strongest majority in thirty years and set the stage for more progressive reforms.

The tickets of both parties had almost been all-Masonic ones in 1904, and that was about to change. The Grand Lodge of Indiana made Charles Warren Fairbanks a Mason "at sight" on December 27, 1904, when he received all three degrees and affiliated with Oriental Lodge No. (ironically his rival Albert Beveridge also belonged to this lodge) in Indianapolis, Like Teddy Roosevelt he became a member of the order while Vice President-elect. Unlike T. R., Fairbanks continued his Masonic journeys far beyond the Blue Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Keystone Chapter No. 6, on March 20, 1905, and knighted in Raper Commandery No. 1 on June 26, 1905. That same November 8, he completed the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Indianapolis and on April 12, 1907. Unlike some celebrities who are made Masons "at sight" and are never seen in a lodge again, Fairbanks appears to have been fairly active and quite enthusiastic about his membership. According to William R. Denslow, "During his life, he is recorded as a visitor of lodges from coast to coast." Among public Masonic functions. participated in laying the cornerstone at a new federal building in Flint, Michigan, and on October 29, 1906, he became an honorary member of American Union Lodge No. 1 in

Marietta, Ohio. In one of his pronouncements on the fraternity, he said, "I am a firm believer in the virtue of Masonry.. The foundation principles of the organization are everlastingly sound."

As Vice President, Fairbanks also took his role as presiding officer of the Senate seriously, unlike some veeps who let others fill this role. In fact, he still considered himself to be more a part of the legislative branch than of the executive. Oddly enough, he never had the opportunity to break a tie vote. Despite his growing identity with the old conservatives. he helped passage of some key laws of the Roosevelt era including the Hepburn Act to regulate railroads, the Pure Food and Drug Act, and the Employer's Liability Act in the District of Columbia. He also helped in the passage of the Aldrich-Vreeland Act and shared the President's enthusiasm for conservation measures (perhaps the passion they shared other than Masonry), but he also cooperated with "old guard" conservatives such as Brothers Nelson Aldrich and House Speaker Joe Cannon in seeing that Square Deal measures they strongly opposed did not get out of committee. Meanwhile, Senator Albert Beveridge had become the Hoosier favorite in the White House, and Fairbanks received no support from Roosevelt as a presidential nominee in 1908. To paraphrase a well known song of the era, when his term ended, Fairbanks found himself "Back Home in Indiana "

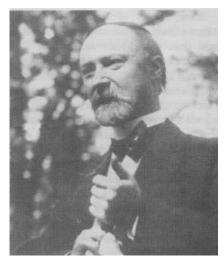
In Indianapolis Charles Fairbanks remained moderately active in politics and stumped occasionally for Republican candidates. After the disastrous GOP split of 1912, he preached a message of renewed party

unity, and perhaps for that reason his name cropped up again as a vice presidential possibility. However, he emphatically stated, "My name must not be considered for Vice President and if it is presented, I wish it withdrawn." Nonetheless, when actually nominated, he dutifully accepted and with Charles Evans Hughes participated in a campaign that came close to victory. It was the only race in which two Indianans opposed each other on the second slot. Fairbanks lost out to another enthusiastic Mason, Sir Knight Thomas Riley Marshall of Fort Wayne.

After this last political race, Fairbanks again retired to Indianapolis and conservation activities. Ever the faithful patriot, when the U.S. entered World War I, in the name of national unity he visited army camps to encourage the soldiers and did his part to assist with Liberty Loan drives. However, he did not live to see victory and armistice as he passed away on June 14, 1918. His old running mate and sometimes nemesis Theodore Roosevelt outlived him by just a few months.

Like the majority of past Vice Presidents, Sir Knight Charles Fairbanks is largely forgotten today, although his name lives in the Alaskan city that has grown to a population of 30,000. As a Senator and Vice President, he ranks as better than some, lesser than others. To again quote the late William Hull, "Fairbanks was neither a great orator nor a brilliant political thinker. He succeeded by mastering the intricacies of the Senate" and "was skilled in the arts of political management and compromise." His talents "were far less useful in presidential politics."

He managed to reach the number two spot in the American ship of state, but in an era dominated by such Masons as Teddy Roosevelt. Robert LaFollette. William Howard Taft. and his own Indiana Republican rival, Albert J. Beveridge, "his political skills were not sufficient to allow him to escape the shadows of those men."



Further Reading

The best historical evaluation of Charles Fairbanks is the chapter by William T. Hull, "Charles Warren Fairbanks" in Mark O. Hatfield, et. al., Vice Presidents of the United States, 1789-1993 (Washington, 1997), pp. 312-322, which draws upon older material not readily accessible. Less reputable books on Vice Presidents such as Sol Barzman, Madmen and Geniuses (Chicago, 1974) and Steve Tally, Bland Ambition (San Diego, 1992) also contain chapters on the man, but are more interested in making "light humor" about the office than serious history. His Masonic record is detailed in William R. Denslow, 10,000 Famous Freemasons II (Trenton: Mo., 1958).

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Sale Of Knight Templar Tapestry Wall Hanging To Benefit The Knights Templar Eye Foundation



Beautiful Knight Templar tapestry wall hanging is a limited edition of 1,000 pieces only. It is made in the U.S. and is in full color containing 360 threads per square inch. It is made of 100% preshrunk cotton and has a solid upholstery backing. The wall hanging has a 1760 flag on one side and the present flag for our country on the other side, and the text states: "Pride in our past, faith in our future." It has the nation's bald eagle, and it contains the nine battle shields of the Crusaders who founded Knight Templary. It has a poem "A Knight Templar" in the center. It has beautiful illustrations of Knights Templar past and present, and it also has the Masonic arch and the York Rite working tools. It comes with a black lacguer wooden pole and a brass chain for hanging. The size is 26 inches by 32 inches. A donation of \$5.00 for each hanging sold will go to the KTEF. The price is \$43.00 each, including shipping. For outside the U.S., please add \$15.00. Send check or money order payable to: Stanley C. Buz. Send to him at: P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.

Sale Of Blue Lodge Tapestry Throw To Benefit The KTEF

Made of 100% cotton and with 360 picks per square inch, this afghan tapestry throw has advantages like enhanced color. There are new items in this design: three steps to Freemasonry. There is a black and white checked floor leading to center column, and the compass and square are larger and enhanced with cluster of а symbolizing the Acacia of Freemasonry. The afghan measures 48 x60 inches and is lightweight but weaved very tight to give it definition. There are additional features like the verse, Mathew 7:7. Order now at \$48.00 including shipping; there are only 1,000 made. Each comes with a beautiful degree certificate for your important data. \$5.00 will be donated to the KTEF for each one sold. Send check or MO to: Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087



Swords Needed to Boost DeMolay Membership



This fall DeMolay members' motivation for recruitment is the ceremonial sword.

Why swords? DeMolay International just kicked off its fall membership campaign, "Crusade for Membership." This year's theme takes us back to the historic times of the Crusades to honor our namesake, Jacques DeMolay, leader of Knights Templar during the Crusades. His life of honor and loyalty unto death are the ideals upon which DeMolay is based.

The Crusade for Membership is from October 15 - December 15, 2002. Prizes are awarded to individuals, Chapters, and jurisdictions based on the number of new members brought in during the campaign. Interest in the campaign is at an all-time high. Already, more than 250 Chapters enrolled and pledged their support and participation in the Crusade.

We are looking for ceremonial swords that can be awarded as a top prize to Chapters who induct ten or more new members during the contest period. Masons often ask us: "What can we do to help DeMolay grow?" This fall, you can help DeMolay by donating ceremonial swords that are in good condition and can be awarded to the DeMolay Chapters that demonstrate outstanding recruitment skills, because today's DeMolays are often tomorrow's Masons.

Across the country, DeMolay is experiencing a rebirth and is tapping areas of the public that have never heard of Freemasonry before. Recently, DeMolay began allowing non-Masons to join Masonic advisors on our Chapter advisory councils. Unfortunately, we have a difficult time keeping non-Masonic advisors. Why? They join Masonry. So not only is Masonry instilling its values in the next generation through DeMolay, it's also providing an introduction to Masonry to their parents who serve as advisors.

If you or your Commandery is interested in donating a ceremonial sword or would like more information, contact Joel Davis at 1 (800) DEMOLAY or jdavis@demolay.org

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.SA 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 1. Jones



KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A $2^1/_2$ -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.

Under the Knights Templar Medicare

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

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



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.

New Sir Knight would like to purchase previously owned Knight Templar CPO coat, 48 short; silver belt; chapeau with 7 and 3/8 white plume. Call Roger, (330) 527-2765 or e-mail eran@apk.net

For sale: disabled Knight Templar has antique York Rite belt buckle with red cross and Latin creed. Best offer! J. Adrian Marshall "Shiloh", 4306 Scenic Drive, Nashville, TN 37204-4131, (615) 298-1646.

For sale: Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver trim 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

Knight Templar dress ties: the perfect Templar gift: cross and crown on square and compass (\$25.00 each): fundraiser for celebration of 150 years of Templary in Texas. The Grand Commandery of Texas was formed in 1855 in Antonio, and the sesquicentennial will be commemorated in San Antonio, April 16-18, 2005. Ties are navy blue with emblem. 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 inch as 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.texasyorkrite.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. H: (210) 344 4309; 0: 349-9933; e-mail jnh.kt@hhzlaw.com

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, SW.; Pataskala; OH 43062, (740) 927-7073

Knight Templar lapel pins for sale: price per pin includes S & H. 4 pins from which to choose: new replica beauceant, 2 xl inches - \$12.00 each (design is a copy of an early 1900's pin); Blue Lodge/Commandery-, Knight Crusader of the Cross; and Knight Commander - all are

\$6.00 each. Manchester Commandery No. 40, Manchester, Tennessee, created these pins as a fundraiser for KTEF. 100°/c of profits will be donated to KI'EE Pricing on bulk orders are available at e-mail glcarterfil@blomand.net Check or MO payable to Manchester Commandery No. 40, and send to Garry L Carter, Rec.; 424 Winchester Hwy.; Hillsboro; TN 37342.

For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, pairs, 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; Emeritus ranks: Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate (red): \$45.00: Honorary Past Commander with H.C. in Old English silver lettering at foot of cross, \$50.00; Grand Commandery, Grand Rep. (red), \$50.00, and Past Grand Commander (purple): \$60.00. Also: chapeaux crosses: Knight, \$35.00; Commander/Past Commander, \$40.00; Grand Commandery (red), \$50.00; Past Grand Commander (purple), \$55.00. Embroidered bullion sleeve crosses: Sir Knight (silver) and Commander or P.C. (gold), \$35.00. Metal lapel crosses (a pair) in silver, \$35.00; gold, \$40.00. Grand Commandery lapel crosses (red): \$45.00 (pair); Past Grand Commander (purple), \$50.00. Cap crosses in metal: silver, \$32.00; gold. \$38.00. Past Commander's jewel (gold plate), \$45.00. All plus shipping, handling, and insurance: 1st item, \$5.00 each; each additional item, \$1.00. Percentage to York Rite and Masonic charities. Checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., PC.; 60 Manor Road; Staten Island: NY 10310-2698

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. Profits will go to Masonic Widows' Fund. Joe Allen, PM., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; PO. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014

Cochran Lodge No. 217, F. & AM., 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'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 & AM.; PO Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigfoot.com

Piedmont Lodge No. 447, F. & A.M., Atlanta, Georgia, has had a coin struck to celebrate its 100th anniversary. The coin is available in either antique bronze, \$6.00, or antique silver, \$15.00, including shipping and handling. One face of the coin has the All-seeing Eye, the square and compass, and the working tools of a Mason. The reverse side has "Piedmont Lodge No. 447, F. & AM., Atlanta, GA, 100 years" and "1902-2002." Send check or MO to Edward A. Radatz, Sr., PM; 2921 Birchwood Way, SW; Marietta; GA 30060-5133.

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24 karat gold vermeil finish. Price per pin is \$10.00 ea. including S & H. Also available: the four immortal chaplains lapel pin, a beautiful pin honoring the chaplains who sacrificed their lives by giving up their lifejackets in order to save the lives of others. The price per pin is\$8.00 ea. including S&H 10°/c of proceeds will benefit the ETEF. New item Sept. 11 Memorial Masonic lapel pin, \$8.00 each, including S & H - to commemorate members who lost their lives in terrorist attack - proceeds to New York Grand Lodge WTC Disaster Fund and KTEF. S. Kenneth Ban!, 6809 Main Street, Apt. 2 West, Cincinnati, OH 45244-3470, (513) 272-2815, fax (513) 272-2830

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., P0. 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.

For sale: hardbound book on Masonry A Survey of the History and Mysteries of Freemasonry. The beak is 322 pages, indexed, contains a bibliography of 99 sources, and makes liberal use of footnotes. It also contains a 114-page glossary of Masonic words and terms, which readers have called 'the most comprehensive ever published in one source." Nine highly placed Masons gave the manuscript raving reviews! Written, published, and financed by Robert L. Breeding; it can be obtained from him only. Price is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling. % to KTEF. Check or MO to Robert L. Breeding at 405 Ascot Court, Knoxville, TN 37923-5807. E-mail rbreed4217@aol.com - (865) 539-9932.

New novelty book available; Pythagoras, This Cross Is for You, by Past Master and Past Commander Jack N. Barricklo - \$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, 7X 77080-4321

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

I am a Sir Knight who collects Masonic based letterpress or printer's blocks. If you have any, I would be interested in them. Joe Anderson, 9538 Kingsview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369, e-mail starwoli'21@netzero.net

For sale: 32' Scottish Rite ring: 1 ct. solitaire diamondvery high quality, 14 karat gold band: appraised at \$5,000. Also: 33° Scottish Rite ring: 3-band 14 karat gold with 33 in diamond chips, approx. .25 Ct.: appraised at \$900. Dianne Wilkinson, Business Administrator; Trinity United Methodist Church; 1000 W. Woodward Ave; Ruston; LA 71270, (318) 251-0750

Past Master and Sir Knight seeks old professional wrestling documents and memorabilia of all kinds, especially from knowledgeable Masons. S. D. Johnson, 2410 5 Street, No. 10; Sacramento; CA 95816; (916) 451-8170, e-mail duff4midtown.net

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

For sale: three (3) cemetery plots in Masonic Garden, Chapel Hill Gardens West, Lansing, Michigan - \$3,750.00. Please call (517) 323-7169.

For sale: Hamilton, Chicago, USA pump organ, 70 years old or older. Harvey Peters, 6490 S. York Highway, Clarkrange, TN 38553, (931) 863-3421.

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

