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Merry Christmas! - December 2002

Christmas time is such a great and joyous season! We celebrate the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, who we believe to be the Messiah, the Son of God. We celebrate in our churches. We celebrate in our homes. We celebrate in our Commanderies. Most of all, we celebrate in our hearts that day 2002 years ago when God sent His Son to give us guidance, to teach us, and to suffer for us. **What a wonderful birthday this is for all of us!**



This month is full of holiday activities for the Jones family as well as being full of the usual Masonic meetings. My own Commandery will meet on December 2 for dinner and Christmas libations, as well as its stated meeting. Friday, December 6, is Illinois College, SRICF. The next day I will be in Springfield for the Ansar Shrine Ceremonial. On Thursday, the 12th, I am planning to be at Mattoon Council No. 10, Cryptic Masons. Saturday, the 14th, I'll be at the Rotary District Governor's Christmas Party in Champaign for lunch and then at Lily of the Valley Tabernacle, HRAKTP, in Decatur for dinner. Melita Commandery No. 37 will have its annual inspection along with Godfroy de Bouillon No. 44 on the 21st. Sometime this month, Villa Grove Lodge No. 885 will have an Entered Apprentice Degree and perhaps a Fellowcraft Degree. Also, I am sure the Jones family will have several Christmas gatherings during the month. I hope your December will be as happy and fulfilling as ours is planned to be.

Merry Christmas from all the Grand Encampment family!

Dr. William Jackson Jones
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



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

DECEMBER: Christmas greetings from: Grand Master Jones and the officers of the Grand Encampment (page 2 and 6), the Grand Encampment staff (page 29), and the Eye Foundation staff (page 12). Our KTCH recipients are listed on page 5-6, and on page 10-11 Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, General Chairman of the 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF, has information concerning the Campaign, which started December 1, 2002. We'll be celebrating "35" as we progress! In celebration of the month's Christmas festivities, Sir Knight John D. Jones, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, has written a simple but majestic story to illustrate the principles we extol because of Christ's birth (page 7). For Christmas greetings and for general information, this is an issue you will not want to miss!

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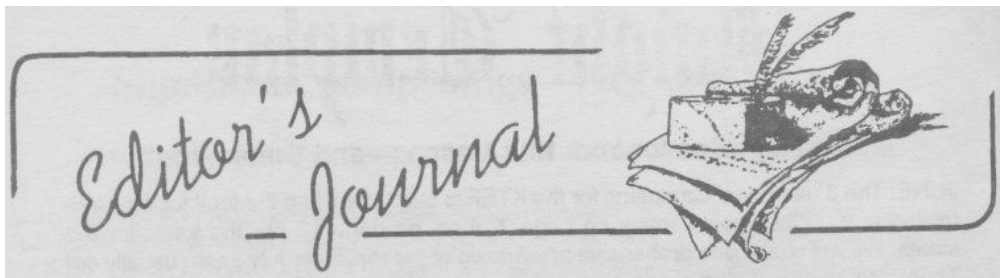
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Templary's highest award...

Our Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for the year 2002. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies and Subordinates have selected fifty-three Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

Alabama

Raymond C. Dunn, Huntsville No. 7

Arizona

Harry M. Hoppe, Jr., Calvary No. 8

Arkansas

Theodore R. Solarz, Rogers No. 24

California

David M. Shull, Alameda No. 58
and Contra Costa No. 59

Colorado

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Denver-Colorado No. 1

Connecticut

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Washington No. 1

Florida

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Georgia

Austin E. Pearce, St. Elmo No. 21

Idaho

David C. Triplett, Idaho No. 1

Illinois

Daryl W. Selock, Chicago Heights No. 78

Indiana

Larry E. Gray, Greenfield No. 39

Iowa

Ralph W. Workman, Malta No. 31

Italy

Aldo Scarlata, li Vespro No. 9

Kansas

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Indivisible Friends No. 1

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Nebraska

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The Last Shepherd

by Sir Knight John D. Jones

Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment

"Last again, last again." How often he had heard those words. Now his sheep would have to rest on the outside of the sheepfold. The other shepherds, who had gotten there before him, were resting on the hillside near the crude pen of stone and brush that served to secure their flocks in this lonely pasturage.

Now he would have to sleep near his sheep and away from the others once again. Oh, how he wanted to be taller so that he could cover the trail in fewer steps. Oh, how he wanted to be stronger so that his strides would be swifter than the others.

Yet he knew it was not his short stature nor his slight strength that made him the last shepherd again. It was his uncontrollable, unconquerable curiosity when he heard those who went to the synagogue school speak about the scrolls that contained the word of God - the very God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Moses, whose name could not even be pronounced. The words they were describing today had been the words from the prophet Isaiah:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be on his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

"Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice for ever. ..." (Isaiah 9: 6-7, KJV)

The words burned within the brain of the shepherd. Were they true? How could they be true?

Yet the words of the prophet Isaiah had been proved again and again. Why, he even named his second son to announce the prophecy that the enemy

who was going to take Judah into captivity would itself be conquered before it could capture God's chosen people. Then just as Isaiah had said: "The Assyrians took Syria and Samaria." The prophecy and its fulfillment were complete in just a matter of months.

That son, who was named before the fulfillment, was given the name that meant "hasten booty, speedy prey." Everyone who remembered the name knew the prophecy. Everyone who knew that the prophecy was fulfilled remembered the name, "Mahershalhashbaz." (Isaiah 8: 3, KJV)

It was quiet now. The shepherds and their sheep were resting. Once again the last one to come was lost in the language of the ancient scrolls. Isaiah had also said something else about an anointed one:

"The Spirit of the Lord God *is* upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; (Isaiah 61: 1, KJV)

Then a bright light shone upon the unassuming shepherd. He and the other shepherds were afraid for there appeared before them an angel from the Lord.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2: 10-14, KJV)

So the shepherds, mindful of their mandate, began to move toward the city of Bethlehem.

With joyous anticipation, the shepherd, who had been last to arrive, was in a position to be the first to leave. He was going to see the

King, the anointed one. As quickly as his short steps and wavering walk would allow, he lead the way to the city that was now overflowing with those who had descended upon it by the emperor's decree. He would not be last; he would be first.

Yet the other words of the prophet still echoed in his awareness: "To bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound.*" (Isaiah 61: 1, KJV)

The shepherd knew he must go to his widowed mother and tell her of the good news; perhaps the prophecy would be true in her life and her broken heart would be open to happiness again. As soon as he had sent his mother on her way, he remembered his neighbor who was bound in a prison of blindness. As he lead the blind man, he was reminded of another who was captive to a crippling condition and needed to be carried to this extraordinary arrival.

Only as he approached the edge of the city did it occur to him where he might find this newborn king. By now, though, the other shepherds would have heeded those heralding angels, and he would again be the last shepherd.

There was no mansion in this small city; there was no auspicious abode or regal residence. He saw the other shepherds searching in dismay.

Then in his mind the words of heaven echoed once again, "in a manger." Since this shepherd was still on the edge of the city, while the others were hurriedly hunting the house fit for a king, he went to the nearest stable.

When the other shepherds arrived, they found to their surprise, a widow who smiled, a blind man who could see, a cripple who could walk, and a short, small shepherd kneeling beside a baby, who was lying in a manger.

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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:

This month is the KICKOFF for the 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign. We have been talking about it for a while now, and it is time to stop the talk and begin the action! As a reminder of the significance of the number 35, you will see that my picture this issue is again from my actual 35th year. That is to remind you to strongly consider a contribution of at least \$35.00 this year. That's a little less than **ten cents per** day for a year. Isn't that quite reasonable for your important philanthropy?

I had the great privilege of presenting the award for the 34th Campaign to the then Grand Commander of Washington at the recent Northwestern Department Conference. That award consisted of *a set of the History of the Grand Encampment, the History of the Founding of the Eye Foundation*, and a membership in the GRAND MASTER'S CLUB, equivalent to a contribution of \$1,000. A similar award is being presented to the then Grand Commander of Virginia.

The response of those two Grand Commanders to the challenge of the 34th Campaign was really inspiring. Virginia had an increase of \$28,595.47 over the 33rd Campaign and an increase in per capita of \$8.99. Washington had an increase in dollar contributions of 162.36%



and an increase in per capita of 185.43%. Sir Knights, this shows what can be done with real effort.

We are again offering the same rewards this year. They will go to the Grand Commander whose state achieves: (a) the greatest dollar increase, (b) the greatest percentage in dollars, (c) the greatest per capita increase, and (d) the greatest percentage increase in per capita. This routine gives the smaller states an equal chance with the larger ones. We also urge you to work within your individual Commandery for a goal of 100% participation of all your members. Each Recorder should report to his Grand Commandery Chairman of the percentage of membership making any contribution. Certificates will be given to those achieving 100%, 75%, and 50%.

Please note, **Grand Commander**, that these awards are going to you personally! Why is that true?:

because we are convinced that it is LEADERSHIP that causes things to happen. Without your support and without your establishing the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as a key project for your year, we cannot expect the other Sir Knights to give it the kind of attention it deserves.

Not long ago, I wrote to you about the very productive meeting we had at the offices of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. You will be interested to know that they are greatly expanding their efforts through their Foundation (now officially known as the Public Service Programs, I think). As part of that expansion, the program in which we are involved has been changed from the "National Eye Care Project" to the "EyeCare America Senior's EyeCare Program." You might ask: "What is in a name?" It is true that the actual operation of the program has not changed; however, the new name is much more appropriate, since the program is targeted to seniors. Since their Public Service Programs cover a number of different needs, this name will fit much better.

Let me mention one other item with respect to giving to the Eye Foundation. It does not involve the Voluntary Campaign as

such, but it is equally important to the health of our charity. What I have in mind is your will or trust. Have you provided for the Eye Foundation in that document? The contributions received from wills, bequests, and trusts are very significant. This is your last chance to show your support. Since we are approaching the end of the calendar year, may I suggest that it is a good time to review your wills, etc., and ensure that they properly reflect how you really want your assets to be distributed. Your Eye Foundation should definitely be included.

In closing, may I extend very best wishes from Shirley and me that you will have a happy and joyous Christmas season. May the blessings of the Christ Child surround you all, now and throughout the coming year.

Bruce

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New Members of KTEF Clubs

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No. 4,006—Franklin C. Boner (OH)

No. 4,010—Stafford C. Sanford (AZ)

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Garth E. Short, No. 4,007, R.E.P.G.C. of Washington State, for the highest percentage increase of contributions over last year and highest percentage increase in per capita giving over last year.

Donald R. Salmon, No. 4,008, R.E.P.G.C. of South Dakota, for the highest per capita contributions during the 34th Campaign.

Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr., No. 4,009, R.E.P.G.C. of Virginia, for the greatest dollar increase of contributions over last year and the greatest increase in per capita giving over last year.

Grand Commander's Club

No. 101,728—Fred Lohman (AZ)

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Thomas C. O'Hearn (WI), 33rd

Charles Steven Wolfe (TX), 33rd

Phillip Green (IL), 33rd

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. 35th Voluntary Campaign

December 1, 2002, marked the beginning of the 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign. Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Most Eminent Grand Master, and Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, Voluntary Campaign Chairman, urge you to use the enclosed contribution envelope to mail your donation in support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Show your support of our Great Humanitarian Charity today!

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

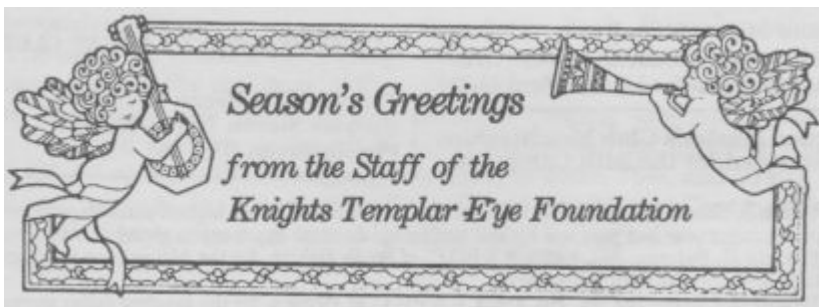
I am writing this letter with a very thankful heart. Your generosity has been such a blessing in my life. I am recovering from my second cataract surgery.

The condition of my eyes had deteriorated to such a degree that I was declared legally blind, so I was not able to get a driver's license. I could read only if I held the book two inches from my eyes, and in the morning I would have to feel my way to the kitchen. My husband assisted me wherever we went, and still I would miss steps and curbs.

Immediately after surgery on my left eye I could see almost perfectly, better than I had ever been able to. The right was a difficult surgery, but my sight is progressively getting better.

I am so grateful to all involved in this miracle! Thanks to Dr. Douglas Carlson, the St. Croix Hospital, and Dr. Jennifer. For the Knights Templar part in making my life so rich, I offer my overwhelming thanks!

Ruth Pearson
Frederic, Wisconsin



**62nd Triennial of the Grand Encampment
Knights Templar of the U.S.A.
Saint Louis, Missouri
August 16-20, 2003**

Below is information for all constituent Commanderies and Grand Commanderies to enable them to place ads in the Program for the 62nd Triennial Conclave.

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**Frederick F. Dunsmoor Installed
Grand Commander of the
Grand Commandery of the Philippines**

We did not have this information to include Sir Knight Frederick F. Dunsmoor in the Grand Commander pages of the November issue of *Knight Templar* magazine. Sir Knight Dunsmoor, pictured at right, was elected and installed as the 2002-2003 Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Philippines at the Annual Sessions of York Rite Freemasonry of the Philippines in Ermita, Manila, on October 19, 2002. More on the sessions in the January issue 2003 of *Knight Templar* magazine.



Did You *Not* Attend an Easter Service? Who Is Responsible?

from the Committee on Religious Activities of the Grand Encampment

Sir Knights, the facts are that many constituent Commanderies did not attend church in a body in the Easter season last spring. Of those Commanderies that did attend church in a body during the period of time when we honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, only a small percentage of their membership participated.

The Committee on Religious Activities has tried hard to impress upon the mind and heart of every Knight Templar the necessity of public demonstrations of our connection with, and support of, the mission of our Divine Savior, who died that we might live. It is sad to say that of all the Knights Templar in the world, only a small percentage attends some organized celebration of the life of our Savior, in spite of their duty to further His cause. Who is responsible that more do not attend?

The Most Eminent Grand Master, Dr. William Jackson Jones, has made this cause one of his priorities during this triennium. He has appointed an active Committee on Religious Activities and charged them with the responsibility of conveying the importance of attendance in a body at an organized celebration of the life of Jesus. This word has been conveyed to Grand Commandery officers who have attended Department Conferences. This cause has been promoted by articles printed in the *Knight Templar* magazine encouraging constituent Commanderies and individual Knights to participate in Easter and Christmas Observances, yet the facts remain that many Commanderies are still not attending church in a body and many Knights do not help the Commanderies who do participate in this show of devotion. Why not?

Some excuses for the answer to this question may be as follows:

Most people wish to attend their own church with their families on Easter or

Christmas. My answer to this is that there are other services possible, such as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve gatherings. You could also have a special service for family and friends in a church or in a Commandery asylum on some other day close to Easter or Christmas.

Some Commanderies do not have many members, and only a few of them have uniforms. Answer: It matters less that your Commandery is few in numbers than that you should try no matter what your condition is. You can receive no recognition for your connection to Christianity if you do not appear in public.

Some Commanderies do not participate because their leadership did not make plans and encourage all members to attend. This could occur as the result of insufficient effort from the Grand Commandery officers-in-charge to point out the benefits of a public appearance in advertising our mission of the "Support and Defense of the Christian Religion" and to urge their participation. It also could be the result of apathy on the part of the constituent officers.

Some ministers do not like Masonry of any kind in their churches. In this case, you should try to convince your minister that your mission is to support his mission. Many ministers have had the wrong information from their leaders, who did not know of our connection. This could counter much anti-Masonic propaganda.

Some churches might object to the wearing of swords or any instrument of warfare, even if they are just ceremonial. In this case, wear the uniform without sword, but go. Better to go with no sword than to not go at all.

There are many other reasons why Knights do not participate, but in my mind none are sufficient to counteract

the worth to the world at large of a public appearance at Easter or Christmas. What do we have to gain from a public appearance?:

It shows the world that we are not secret and that we support Christianity.

It shows church members that we are there to support them in their mission. It would be a great advantage if the minister in charge or a knowledgeable Knight briefly explained our mission and our philanthropies at these services. It impresses people that the Eye Foundation has spent over \$80,000,000.00 for eye surgeries and research grants since its inception.

It is a tool to develop esprit de corps, and it presents an opportunity for the participation of some Knights who are not officers and seldom come to Conclaves.

It reinforces in the minds of the constituent Knights the reasons for their being Templars. This makes them better salesmen for recruitment.

It is an excellent recruiting tool because potential members can see that there is in existence in their hometowns an organization that stands for the principles of Christianity and would be worthwhile to join.

With all these advantages received from participating in an Easter or Christmas Observance, why are many Knights and Commanderies not participating even though they can see the worth? Who is responsible for this?

The Most Eminent Grand Master has done his part by energizing more activity from the Committee on Religious Activities.

The Committee has done their part by giving talks at most Department Conferences to the Grand Commandery officers from all states. They have presented articles in the *Knight Templar* magazine encouraging Knights to participate in religious activities.

The Grand Commandery officers usually spend their time at officer meetings discussing the R's; recruitment, retention, records, ritual, resolutions,

and relations with the public and other Masonic organizations, but they seldom discuss religious activities. I think they know their importance, but everyone takes them for granted without impressing their importance on each other. I also suspect that the grand officers, by and large, are not convincing constituent Commanderies and the officers and knights thereof, of the importance of their participation in these Christian events. Remember, this may be the only public appearance your Commandery may have all year. The public needs to know the use for that building which displays the Square and Compass and the Crown and Sword.

So who is responsible for increasing the participation in Religious Activities? I know that it starts at the Grand Encampment level, but I think that those officers have done their part. I would suggest that the officers of each Grand Commandery could do more to educate the officers and Knights of the constituent Commanderies as to the value of these practices. Certainly the officers of each constituent Commandery should do more to organize and promote attendance in a body during a religious observance and also attempt to increase participation from every Sir Knight possible. But the bottom line, I think, is that every Knight should take upon himself the responsibility of seeing that these activities are done to the fullest extent possible. If the Commander does not mention it, you should.

We, as Knights Templar, have the obligation to "Support and Defend the Christian Religion." These activities will enhance that effort. Do not let apathy to our cause defeat us. We must let the world know who we represent by greater participation in Religious Activities which glorify our Savior. We all are responsible.

The Committee on Religious Activities:

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Those donors making an initial donation of \$10,000.00 will be presented a "Golden Chalice," and those who make an additional donation of \$25,000.00 or more will be presented the "Sword of Merit," which is presented only at the time of the initial donation.

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Use the form on page 17 to begin your Permanent Donor Fund.

The Fund shall be designated: _____ Fund.

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462. Thomas R. Jones III, Pilgrim Commandery No. 55, East Liverpool, OH. 7-10-2002.
463. Patrick F. Bailey, Charles Fred Jennings Commandery No. 6, Price, UT. 7-10-2002.
464. Arthur D. Michael, Jr., Steubenville Commandery No. 11, Steubenville, OH. 7-23-2002.
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466. Warren J. Lotz, Jackson Commandery No. 53, Jackson, OH. 7-23-2002. (jewel and 3 bronze clusters)
467. Dr. Eric C. Hahn, Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 2, Arabi, LA. 9-13-2002.
468. Gerald G. Pugh, Marietta Commandery No. 50, Marietta, OH. 9-13-2002.



Knights Templar Afghan To Benefit The KTEF

The afghan is a tapestry throw of 100% cotton with 360 picks per square inch. It has 2 American flags, one from 1776 and one from present day, plus our national bird, the bald eagle, the 9 battle shields for the 9 knights of Malta, who founded the Christian Crusaders and led to the Knights Templar period. These battle shields are from the original design, taken from historical artwork of the Grand Lodge of England. Also, there is a beautiful poem, "A Knight Templar," 4 pictures from the past to the present of knighthood, and 5 Sir Knights at bottom, early to present, with the far right showing a Knighthood.

If interested, please send check or money order for \$49.00 to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. \$5.00 from each afghan sold will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



Texas Commandery Presents Scholarship



The picture was taken during a presentation of a Knights Templar Educational Foundation scholarship late summer 2002 in the asylum of San Antonio Commandery No. 7, San Antonio, Texas. In the photo, from left to right, are: Sir Knight James N. Higdon; Shaun McMurtry, recipient; and Eminent Commander Neil Winslow, San Antonio No. 7. Sir Knight Higdon writes: "The \$1,000.00 scholarship was presented to McMurtry, a first year medical student, at the University of

Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He applied, as I understand it, through a connection with Dallas Commandery No. 6, Dallas, Texas.

Grand Master Jones Visits Maine Island Commandery

The Most Eminent Grand Master, Dr. William Jackson Jones, accompanied by his Lady Lois, was in Maine the end of September 2002 to attend the Annual Inspection of DeValois Commandery No. 16, located on Vinalhaven Island, which is 15 miles off the central coast of Maine and is only accessible by a 75-minute ferry ride from the mainland. Prior to the work, all the Sir Knights and



ladies enjoyed a real Maine lobster dinner. Grand Master Jones Knighted a new Sir Knight at the conclusion of the Order of the Temple.

Pictured from left to right are Sir Knights: Donald J. Paulsen, V.E.D.G.C., inspecting officer; James Early, the candidate; L. Richard Duross, R.E.G.C.; William J. Jones, M.E.G.M. of the Grand Encampment; Robert J. Landry, E.G.G., acting Commander for the work; and Russell L. Oakes, E.C. of DeValois No. 16.

Georgia Lodge Open House Recognizes Two Youth Ball Teams And Police Explorer Post

History was made at E. W. Hightower Lodge No. 679, F. & A.M., Nelson, Georgia, when its officers and members hosted an evening of Masonic education at an open house at their regular meeting, late summer 2002. Director of Work, W.B. Ralph O.



Left to right: W.B. Ralph Dennis, Master of Ceremonies; E.C. Benny White, Amicalola Commandery No. 41; and W.B. Gary Trigg, Master of Nelson Lodge No. 679.

Dermis planned the event to recognize the 2 youth ball teams and the Police Explorer Post that the Lodge had sponsored during the past year. The attendance exceeded 70, including 2 city councilmen and police officials.

The following bodies were represented: Eastern Star, Rainbow, DeMolay, York Rite (Royal Arch, Council, and Commandery), Scottish Rite, and the Shrine.

Major Erica Wilmarth of the Police Explorer Post explained the goals and purpose of the Post, W.B. Dennis as Master of Ceremonies presented an introduction to Freemasonry, W.B. Wiley Gammon

presented an overview of the 9th Masonic District, and WB. Larry Bennett, District Deputy to the Grand Master, presented a description of the operation and goals of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. (article by Don N. Lear)

Pictured at right, left to right: front: E. Wilmarth, Explorer Post; N. Allen, Pres., Cumming Shrine Club; K Weaver, Rainbow Girls; M. Lott, Eastern Star; 2nd row: D. Lear Royal Arch; W.B. R. Dennis; L. Bennett, D.D. Grand Lodge; P. Crowe, President, Appalachian Scottish Rite Assoc.; 3rd row: B. Carter, Order of DeMolay; J. Bohanan, M.I.G.M., Council; W.B. Wiley Gammon; M. Young, Scottish Rite; back row: D. Wootten, Shrine Raban, Hillbilly Clan No. 11; G. Trigg, W.M. Nelson No. 679; B. White, E.C. Amicalola No. 41; J. Blalock, Pres., Cherokee Shrine Club.



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

Sir Knight Sousa's Christmas

by Sir Knight Peter H. Johnson, Jr.
P.G.C. of Arizona

Christmas Day 1896 found the "March King" in a forgotten hotel suite somewhere in New York City. He and Mrs. Sousa had just returned from Europe two days earlier aboard the White Star liner *Teutonic*. The voyage had been tense and nerve racking. Only weeks earlier the Sousas had been enjoying a much needed vacation in Naples when a cable confirmed that Sousa's band manager, David Blakely, had dropped dead in his office. Sousa's civilian band was still in its formative years, and now the very future of the organization was in question. Plans were already underway for a cross-country tour of the U.S. Many decisions would have to be made upon arrival in New York.

The recent voyage remained fresh in Sousa's mind. He rehashed the details over and over in his mind's eye. He recalled pacing the decks of the *Teutonic*. He remembered feelings of apprehension giving way to thoughts of happier times when he had served as conductor of the "President's Own" U.S. Marine Corps Band in the nation's capital. He vividly imagined the red, white, and blue of the American flag flying proudly over the grounds of the White House. Meanwhile, a mental band began playing the most distinct melody to accompany this imaginary tableau. The martial strains of the "brain band" continued to repeat the same clear themes without ceasing. The music seemed to be coming from some ethereal source, perhaps from God himself.

Sitting in his hotel suite, John Philip Sousa penciled in the condensed score of what would become the most cherished piece of patriotic music of this or any other country. Not one note that he had heard while aboard ship was modified or deleted. He hurriedly

scribbled the title "The Star and Stripes Forever," carelessly omitting the final "s" in "Stars." At once he felt as if some heavy burden from the deepest recesses of his soul had been lifted. Little did he know that he was giving his beloved country a Christmas present that would become immortal. With a quick stroke, Sousa initialed the lower right hand corner of the manuscript "JPS Xmas '96."

Sousa later revealed that the final third of the march was a lesson in American geography. The "Hurrah! For the Flag of the Free" melody represented the North. The dancing piccolo obbligato represented the South. The heroic trombone countermelody represented the West. All three tunes played together in the final statement presented a tuneful conception of post Civil War America.

The fully orchestrated march finally premiered on May 14, 1897, when it was performed by Sousa and his band at a Philadelphia concert. The *Public Ledger* commented on Sousa's latest march with unusual hyperbole: "...It is stirring enough to rouse the American Eagle from its crag, and set him to shriek exultantly while he hurls his arrows at the aurora borealis." Although well received, "The Stars and Stripes Forever" did not truly catch hold of the American public until Sousa used it as the finale of his pageant, "Trooping the Colors," during the Spanish-American War of 1898.

From then on, the march was demanded and expected at every Sousa concert. Veteran Sousa musicians later recalled, to a man, that it was always an inspiring experience to play "The Stars and Stripes" despite hundreds of repetitions. The tearful and heartfelt patriotic fervor communicated by the audiences to the musicians never seemed to fail.

An entire unwritten protocol for the performance of the march also developed

and is still followed to this day. Sousa was a master in the use of unexpected bass drum and cymbal accents and never failed to add them at appropriate moments. The first statement of the second strain was often played softly without the comets for contrast. The famous trio section was first played quietly and smoothly to be interrupted by the storm of the interlude. The second repetition of the trio featured standing piccolos playing their technical counterpoint over the rest of the band. The final interlude or "dogfight" allowed ample time for the brass to march to their posts in front of the band, bells pointed high for a "full throttle" finale. At this point a large American flag was frequently unfurled behind the band. At night an illuminated flag of colored incandescent lights was similarly utilized with great effect.

In his later years, Sousa was interviewed by *Etude* music magazine and asked the hypothetical question about what musical composition he would want to hear if he was assured by his physician that he had left only 24 hours of life. Without hesitation he responded, "The Stars and Stripes Forever." I would meet my maker face to face with the inspiration that grows out of its melodies and the patriotism that gives it meaning."

Sousa's thoughts were prophetic. On March 5, 1932, "The March King" was in Reading, Pennsylvania, to rehearse the Ringgold Band in preparation for a gala concert commemorating the 80th anniversary of the band. Sousa appeared frail and seemed to be getting over a cold. He rehearsed his portion of the concert with little comment. The last selection he rehearsed was "The Stars and Stripes Forever." After a short speech at the banquet, the gracious Sousa autographed menus and returned to his hotel to rest for the forthcoming concert. Sadly, the concert was not to be; "the grand old man of music" received his final call during the wee hours

of March 6. Instead of a gala concert, the grief stricken Ringgold Band played a dirge in the rain as Sousa's remains were loaded on a train for military and Masonic services in Washington, D.C.

For many years "The Stars and Stripes Forever" remained an unofficial anthem of America. This changed in 1987 when Congress passed legislation making "The Stars and Stripes Forever" the official march of the United States of America (U.S. Code, Title 36, Chapter 10). This legislation was the result of a grassroots movement spearheaded by former Tulsa music store owner, Jimmy Saied. His efforts lead to petitions with 250,000 signatures in support of the "The Stars and Stripes" legislation.

It is nearly forgotten that the musical Sousa was also a man of letters and the author of several books. Sousa wrote patriotic words to "The Stars and Stripes Forever." The vocal version of "The Stars and Stripes Forever" was a favorite selection of singing societies in years past. Like his music, Sousa's words, spanning all the main themes of the march, are energetic and inspiring. The frequently neglected text of "The Stars and Stripes Forever" is here reprinted in its entirety.

Let martial note in triumph float
 And liberty extend its mighty hand
 A flag appears 'mid thunderous cheers,
 The banner of the Western land.
 The emblem of the brave and true
 Its folds protect no tyrant crew;
 The red and white and starry blue
 Is freedom's shield and hope.

Other nations may deem their flags the best
 And cheer them with fervid elation
 But the flag of the North and South and West
 Is the flag of flags, the flag of
 Freedom's nation.

Hurrah for the flag of the free!
 May it wave as our standard forever,
 The gem of the land and the sea,

The banner of the right.
 Let despots remember the day
 When our fathers with mighty endeavor
 Proclaimed as they marched to the fray
 That by their might and by their right
 It waves forever.

Let eagle shriek from lofty peak
 The never-ending watchword of our land;
 Let summer breeze waft through the trees
 The echo of the chorus grand.
 Sing out for liberty and light,
 Sing out for freedom and the right.
 Sing out for Union and its might,
 O patriotic sons.

Other nations may deem their flags the best
 And cheer them with fervid elation,
 But the flag of the North and South and West
 Is the flag of flags, the flag of
 Freedom's nation.

Hurrah for the flag of the free.
 May it wave as our standard forever
 The gem of the land and the sea,
 The banner of the right.

Let despots remember the day
 When our fathers with mighty endeavor
 Proclaimed as they marched to the fray,
 That by their might and by their right
 It waves forever.

Knight Templar notes: John Philip Sousa was Created a Knight Templar in Columbia Commandery No. 2 in Washington, D.C. in 1886. At least three of his marches have a Knight Templar connotation: "The Crusader" (1888) does by virtue of its title; "The Thunderer" (1889) is dedicated to Sousa's home Commandery on the occasion of the 24th Triennial Conclave in Washington, D.C.; "The March of the Mitten Men" (1923) is based on the Templar anthem, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and was re-titled "Power and Glory" with the subtitle, 'A Fraternal March.'

Historical notes: Information on Sousa and "The Stars and Stripes Forever" was based on information in Sousa's autobiography, *Marching Along*, and Paul Bierley's *The Works of John Philip Sousa*. Other information was found in a 1987 clipping from the *Arizona Republic*.

Sir Knight Peter H. Johnson, Jr., a Past Grand Commander of Arizona (2000-2001), is a member of Calvary Commandery No. 8, Winslow, Arizona. He is a fine arts coordinator of the Holbrook Public Schools in Holbrook, Arizona, and has composed several marches for band. He is a member of the Northland Pioneer College Symphonic Band and the Windjammers Unlimited Circus Concert Band. He resides at 1524 Smith Drive, Holbrook, AZ 86025.



Season's Greetings!

by Reverend Donald C. Kerr

What is your favorite "pick-me-up"? Is it a drink, a nap, an aspirin, a walk in the woods? All of us have times when we are too tired or frustrated or depressed, and we need a boost!

Every year the holiday season comes along to put some new zest into our routine. Could we call this a "pick-me-up" time? We could if it inspires us to look more cheerful and to do something for someone who needs our help.

One of the strongest motives for leading us into an attitude of thoughtfulness is responsibility. Where there is no responsibility, no one cares.

Does God care? Of course! If not, why Jesus? Why not Judas Maccabaeus? Two hundred years ago Americans did not celebrate Christmas with parties, festivities,

trees, lights, and fruit cakes. People worked on Christmas Day as they did on any other day.

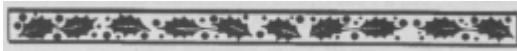
We would not want to return to those dour Puritan days. Who likes all work and no play?

However, too much partying, too much play, too much getting and buying, too much selfishness can lead to a lot of disappointment and unhappiness.

This season is not for that. It is for adding an extra edge to our living. Hanukkah is the festival of lights and brings joy and radiance. Christmas is the Savior's touch and brings more peace and hope and good will to the world.

Blessings of all good things for each and for all!

Sir Knight Donald C. Kerr, T.D., 32^o and Chaplain Emeritus of Baltimore Chapter, is a member of Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland. He resides at 830 W. 40th Street, Apt. 409; Baltimore; MD 21211



The Legacy of Divine Truth

by Ray M. Gibson
Grand Commander, Michigan

It is a lamentable fact that the membership ranks of this noble order are diminishing at an alarming rate. Many initiatives and programs have been suggested and implemented in past years to still this decline in membership. The undeniable fact remains, however, that these attempts have not overcome the ills that plague our Craft.

The world has changed and is changing, and mankind is heir to the ills of apathy and complacency. Mankind has strayed from the pathway of God's Word and has neglected the search for spiritual enlightenment.

As Freemasons, we are bound by solemn obligation to search for "More Light in Masonry." This "Light" is the truth of the world that guides the faithful along God's Pathway and which will ultimately lead to this Divine Enlightenment.

The Knights of past generations, whose devotion to duty and adherence to this calling, have given us this gift that we call Templary. It is their legacy to us, the Legacy of Divine Truth. And, with each passing generation, this legacy must be accepted and appreciated and ultimately passed on to those that will follow.

Each of us today, because of his or her faith, is a fisher of men. And our task is set before us as is stated in the book of Matthew, Chapter 28, verses 18-20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ..Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ... Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.'"

And also from the book of Mark, Chapter 16, verse 15: "And he said unto them, 'Go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'"

As Christian Knights, we are bound by holy oath to "lift on high" the religion of the blessed Emmanuel. It is not enough to hold true to this truth only within our breasts and to suffer others to do our bidding.

I ask you to consider the merits of what we have received, giving thanks to those who passed this gift of Truth to us, and how each of us can best insure that this "Legacy" is not overlooked, to the end that those that follow us may

someday look back and thank us for our labors in keeping the Light of this Legacy burning brightly.

"May God grant us the wisdom to discover the right, the will to choose it, and the strength to see it endure."

Thank you, and may God's blessings be upon us all.

Sir Knight Ray M. Gibson, R.E.G.C. of Michigan, is a member of Peninsular Commandery No. 8, Kalamazoo, Michigan. He resides at 1030 Richmond Court, Apt. 3-1); Kalamazoo; MI 49009.

KTEF Grant Presented In Arizona

In September 2002 Sir Knight Paul A. Monroe, Jr., Southwestern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, and Sir Knight Robert A. Eisner, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arizona, shared the rare privilege of presenting a check in the amount of \$30,000 to Dr. J. Daniel Twelker, O.D., Ph.D. and assistant professor at the University of Arizona, Department of Ophthalmology, from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.



The check was awarded as a pediatric ophthalmology research grant for the study of the Measure of the AC/A Ratio. Dr. Twelker said these funds will be used to develop a method to measure children's eyes with the ultimate goal being to prevent crossed eyes and lazy eye in infants and children.

KTEF Grant Presented In Tennessee



On October 12, 2002, Dr. Xiao-Fei Wang, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, received a \$30,000 KTEF grant, which was presented by Sir Knight Ford Bonds, Grand Commander of Tennessee. The grant is for the study of Molecular Coning of a Novel Photoreceptor Protein.

Representatives from the Grand Commandery of Tennessee were present. In the picture, left to right, are: H. K. Jack Akard, Grand Generalissimo; Ford Bonds, Grand Commander; Dr. Wang; Dr. Monica Jablonski, a recipient of an earlier research grant at Baylor University; Everett E. Young, Grand Captain General; and seated is Mrs. Ruth Bonds, wife of Grand Commander Bonds. (submitted by Sir Knight Everett Young, G.C.G.)

2003 Masonic Awareness Lecture Series Fort Wayne, Indiana - January - December 2003

The Awareness Lecture Series will start at high noon the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Masonic Temple (*fifth* floor, Commandery Room), 216 East Washington Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802. Agenda: "to teach and enlighten the brethren, to preserve charity, union, and fraternal love in works of peace and mercy." (Albert G. Mackey, M.D., 33°)

The lectures are scheduled for January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.

The public is invited. The Masonic Temple has been the center of the Masonic Fraternity activity in Allen County since its construction over 76 years ago. It presently houses 9 Masonic Blue Lodges, 3 Eastern Star Chapters, the York Rite, and Job's Daughters. The building will be open for public tours 2 hours before the lecture sessions.

For out-of-town groups seeking lodging or local information: Allen Travel, 6429 Oakbrook Parkway, Fort Wayne, IN 46825 - Mr. Mike Smith, 1 (800) 732-0063, ext. 319, e-mail: msmith@allentvl.com

The host is Al McClelland, S.W., South Gate No. 731, F. & A.M., Fort Wayne, IN, e-mail: ahmcclelland@hotmail.com; co-host is Bob Kolk, P.M.; marshals are Gene Peltier, P.M., and Jim Ross, P.M.

"I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man."

George Washington, Past Master

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 a cluster of leaves symbolizing the Acacia of Freemasonry. The afghan measures 48 x60 inches and is lightweight but weaved very tight to give it definition. There are additional features 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, PO Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087



Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Milford Commandery No. ii, Milford, Massachusetts, is offering a complete summer uniform and accessories (no pants or shoes) for \$125.00. (G.C. and PG.C. add \$35.00 for gold on cap visor.) This includes cap and insignia, short sleeve shirt, shoulder rank insignia, collar insignia, metal ribbon bar, name plate, black tie, tie clasp with cross and crown, and shipping and handling. Send cap size, shirt, rank, Commandery name and number, choice of engraving on the tie clasp (plain/Knight Templar/your state/Commandery name) to the address below. Make checks payable to Milford Commandery No. U. This is a fundraising project. All profits go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This summer uniform was approved by Sir Knight James M. Ward, Past Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A. See the May 1999 issue of Knight Templar magazine. For further information write to: Milford Commandery No. 11, c/o Robert P Winterhalter, PO Box 321, Ashland, MA 01721-0321. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. This is for our charity.

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

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

Grand Master William J. Jones



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

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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.

DeMolay Display Unveiled in Washington, D.C.

DeMolay and Masonic leaders gathered at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on March 30, 2002, for the unveiling and dedication of the new DeMolay display in Alexandria, Virginia.

The new display features touch-screen technology. The touch-screen selection offers two Masonic videos and a DeMolay membership introduction.

Grand Master Gregory Klemm and International Master Councilor Jason Polonsky presided over the dedication. George Seghers, Executive Secretary of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, accepted the new display on behalf of the Memorial.

The display is great public relations for DeMolay: the Memorial has over 400,000 visitors per year, many of whom are Masons and their families. The Memorial also hosts many school groups of DeMolay membership age.

The DeMolay display was funded courtesy of a grant from the Shriner's of Rhode Island Charities Trust Fund. The touch-screen technology was purchased with money donated from Lodge No. 9 of Philadelphia and St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, F. & A.M., of Pennsylvania. Friendship-Bray Chapter DeMolay of Philadelphia donated a DeMolay flag and an American flag with poles and stands for both ends of the display.

DeMolay has had a long relationship with the Memorial. In addition to it currently being used for Chapter meetings, DeMolay presented the bronze statue that is the centerpiece of the Memorial. The statue, standing over seventeen feet tall and weighing in at seven tons, depicts Washington as the Charter Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22. The day it was dedicated, February 22, 1950, was noted as one of the most important days in the history of the Memorial. President Harry S Truman, Past Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, presided over the dedication and gave the presentation address.

The Memorial, located in Alexandria, Virginia, is open to the public daily, except New Years Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Admission and parking are free. Guided tours are available daily from 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. The Memorial is disability accessible. Contact the Memorial at (703) 683-2007 or online at www.gwmemorial.org for more information. While visiting the D.C. area, be sure to stop by the Memorial, a historical national monument with DeMolay ties.

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Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
..from the Staff of the Grand Encampment



The Grand Encampment staff persons are, left to right: top: Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder, and Sir Knight James O. Potter, comptroller; middle: Karla Neumann, accounting and database supervisor, and Sylvia Ericksen, database operator; bottom: Joan Morton, assistant editor, and Bessie Cooper, word processor.



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 Knight Templar needs a silver sword and a chapeau, size 7 and 3/4. Bob Little, 152 Wallace Road, Lockport, KY 40036-9633, (502) 845-6725.

Wanted: Knights Templar uniforms, chapeaux, sword belts, and equipment needed. St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, Grand Forks, North Dakota, just recently Knighted 9 new Sir Knights and is in need of equipment to get the Commandery up and running, most of their equipment was lost in a flood of 1997. Commander-elect Lon Kuasager, 627 24th Avenue, S.; Grand Forks, ND 58201; home: (701) 772-9419; (218) 779-9419; or lljcr@aol.com

Knight Templar lapel pins for sale: price per pin includes S & H. 4 pins from which to choose: new replica beaueant, 2 x 1 inches - \$12.00 each (design is a copy of an early 1900s 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% of profits will be donated to KTEE Pricing on bulk orders is available at e-mail glcarter61@blomand.net Check or MO payable to Manchester Commandery No. 40; send to Garry L Carter, Rec.; 424 Winchester Hwy; Hillsboro, TN 37342

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 San 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 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.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) 344-1309; 0: (210) 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

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: Sir 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 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. & A.M., Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project: Masonic jewelry boxes, 6 x5 x2.5 inches in size and the shape of the square and compass, constructed of exotic woods from Central America, and hand-crafted with an interlocking design. All profits 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.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail hary217@bigfoot.com

Piedmont Lodge No. 447, F. & AM., 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.

Canton Lodge No. 98, AF&AM. Arp, Texas, has its sesquicentennial anniversary celebration coins for sale: silver, shinning bronze, and bronze. They are \$21.00, \$9.00, and \$6.00 respectively, including postage. Face has "Canton Masonic Lodge No. 98, AY & AM." with the letter G, square and compass on the representation of the state of Texas. Reverse side has the columns, taper, All-seeing Eye, altar, and square and compass. Send check or MO to Canton Masonic Lodge No. 98, PO Box 238, Arp, TX 75750. We appreciate your support!

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 1017o of proceeds will benefit the KTEF. 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 Bard, 6809 Main Street, Apt. 2 West, Cincinnati, OH 45241 3470, (513) 272-2815, fax (513) 272-2830

For sale: The Medal of Honor The Letter Gin 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.

Fund-raiser for Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association, District 82, Grand Lodge of Texas: copper horseshoe with square and compass on a lapel pin for \$5.00 each, pp. 109/b of proceeds to KTEF. Checks payable to MW & S Assoc., Dist. 82 and send requests to Neel A Wright, P.O. Box 226, Gardendale, TX 79758, (915) 366-3806

Savannah Scottish Rite Bodies has had a coin struck to celebrate 200 years of Scottish Rite Masonry in Georgia. One face has Scottish Rite double eagle. The reverse side has "200th Anniversary Orient of Georgia, Scottish Rite, 1802-2002, Valley of Savannah, December 30,1802." Price of bronzed coin is \$6.00, S & H included. Check or MO to General Secretary Savannah Scottish Rite, EQ Box 9782, Savannah, GA 31412.

For sale: hardbound book on Masonry, A Survey of the History and Mysteries of Freemasonry. The book 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. 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 Telephone (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, pp. "For the serious Craftsman with short history, illustrations, and instruction by the Master himself" % of profits will go to KTEF. (Please write "KTEF" in memo.) Checks payable to Ourland Enterprises, and send to Ourland Enterprises, 8631 McDade, Houston, TX 77080-4321.

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; Thcson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585

For sale: hardback book, The History of Freemasonry in Tennessee, 483 pages, by Charles Snodgrass and Bobby J. Demott - \$30.00 pp. % to KTEF. Order from Bob Demott, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921

Everyone needs a fund-raiser for KTEF, Shriner's Children's Hospital, a new roof for your lodge, or any other worthy cause. The limit is up to you. For free information, please send self-addressed and stamped business envelope to George Mercer, 32"; 1800 Beach Drive, Room 1135; Gulfport; MS 39507-1508

The library for which I am responsible has been cleaned of non-Masonic books and now can handle new Masonic books for a perfect museum. Send to Bill Wheless, 809 Bottlebend Blvd, Austin, TX 78745-2349

For sale: man's Masonic ring, size 11 and 112: gold with a diamond, approx. 114 to 113 carat; appraised at \$900 to \$1,100. Phone (818) 362-0887

For sale: custom made gavels from beautiful hardwoods or 4 different laminated hardwoods, make excellent gifts and treasured inheritance. All proceeds to KTEF. \$35.00, pp. The Gavel Man, 117 Derriere Oaks Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522, (912) 634-0818

Customized Masonic gifts and incentives for sale: Represent Masonry with pride with custom imprinted fraternal gifts, reasonably priced and customized to your specifications. Sketch out your ideas, and I'll do the rest. Minimum quantities only. Call or send for your free color catalog: 1-800-765-1728, or send SASE to Frank Looser, 408 Ashlar Circle, Nashville, TN 37211; e-mail mason@cnfinteractive.com; website www.cnfinteractive.com. Please specify what type of items interest you. 3% of profit goes to KTEF.

For sale: Hamilton, Chicago, USA pump organ, 70 years old or older. Harvey Peters, 6940 S. York Highway, Clarkrange, TN 38553, (931) 863-3421

Sir Knight interested in purchasing Civil War documents, photos, and letters. Patrick O'Connell, 1446 Brandywine Drive, Munster, IN 46321, (219) 924-9996 or e-mail DROC12@aol.com

Reunion: USS Baltimore (CA-68), September 10-14, 2003, Wilmington, NC, Hilton Hotel (Wilmington-Riverside). Airport shuttle service provided. Reservations, 1 (800) 445-8667: mention "USS Baltimore reunion." Direct call to hotel: (910) 343-6175 or 343-6171. Hotel main number, (910) 763-5900; fax (910) 343-6145. Contact J. W. Bingaman, 135 Rock Spring Drive, Reidsville, NC 27320, (336) 951-0116, cell (336) 707-0632

Christmas Wish



When church bells peal on Christmas morn,
Dear friend of mine, I wish for you
That joy be you and yours to share,
That all your Christmas dreams come true.
May friendship dwell within your heart
To bless the gladness of the day,
May carols that you softly sing
Safe guide the Christ Child on His way.
May all these things your home delight
To make your Christmas warm and bright.

Brian F. King