

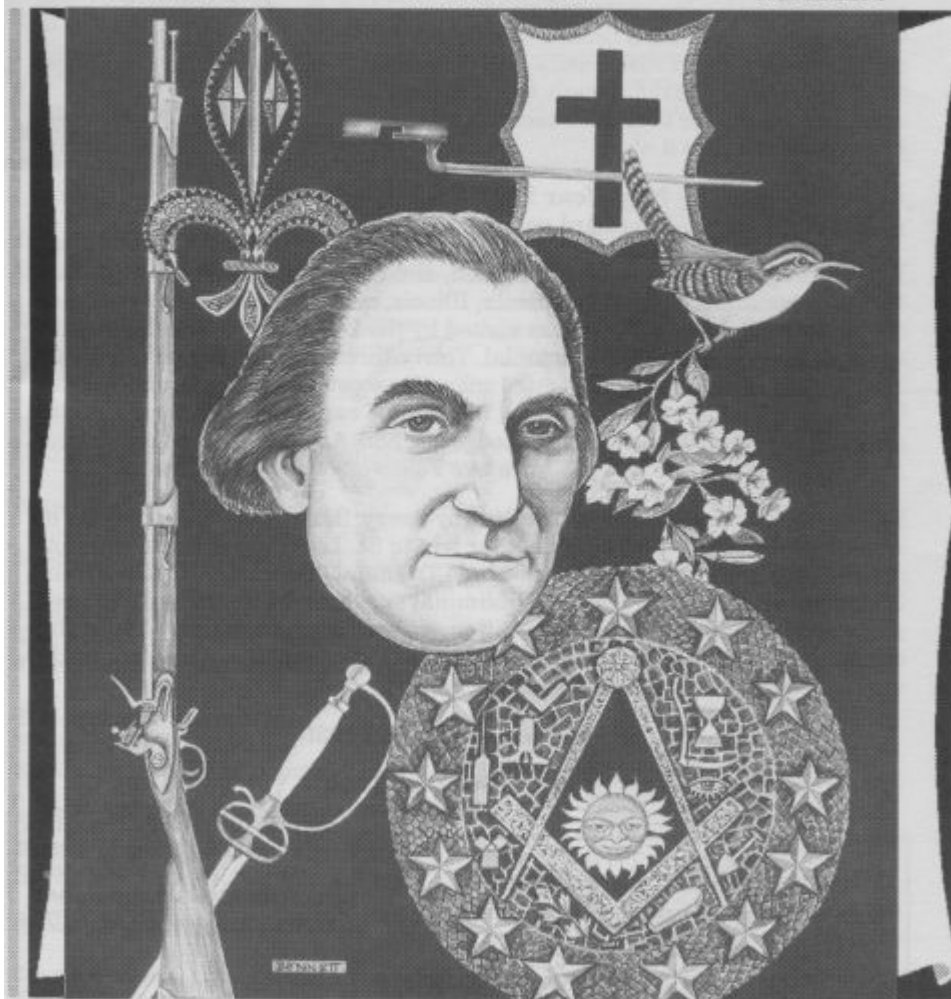


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The Baron de Kalb with symbols of his life and death: life: the brown bess musket, the fleur-de-lis of the French House of Bourbon, his dress sword, the 13 stars of the colonies surrounding his Masonic symbols; the South Carolina wren and jessamine, plus the bayonet are symbols of his violent death.

Grand Master's Message - January 2003

Wow! It is 2003 already! I can hardly believe time has gone so quickly. It seems only yesterday I was having a hard time writing 2000 instead of 1999

I suppose we all feel the same; time slips by and the friends we intend to get into Masonry and York Rite Masonry are not yet members. How many times have you heard "I am too busy now; maybe next year"? And when he finally becomes a Brother or a Sir Knight he says: "This is so good I wish I had joined twenty years ago!" If you know the right words to say to overcome someone's reluctance to make a commitment, let me know and I will pass it along.



At any rate, **Happy New Year 2003!** I hope you are able to achieve most of your goals. I am working hard on mine.

What a great month December has been, and it's not half over as I write this. Melita Commandery No. 37 in Tuscola, Illinois, held its Christmas Observance, and Tuscola Chapter, R.A.M., was visited by the D.D.G.H.P. I was the guest of honor at the Ansar Shrine Ceremonial. Thirty-three Masons crossed the Sands. The Illustrious Potentate presented me with a new fez with "Grand Master, Grand Encampment 2000-2003," on it. I will be really proud to wear it in the next parade! Villa Grove Camargo Lodge No. 885, A.F. & A.M., had an Entered Apprentice degree and is set to have two Fellowcraft degrees in January.

Next month I plan to attend the Newby-Avery Banquet in Indianapolis on January 4. We will be making another trip to St. Louis to get the menus and other details finalized for the 62nd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. If I could put in a subliminal suggestion I would say: "You will all attend!" It will be a great celebration of Templary and the first one in this millennium. Be there for the inauguration of the new plans, which are in the works. It will be a fun time for all the family!

I hope to see you in 2003!

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

Dr. William Jackson Jones
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

Please note: Because of the unrest in Israel, Grand Master William J. Jones has made the decision to cancel the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage for 2003, only.

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

JANUARY: This is an important issue for information on Masonic meetings that are planned for 2003 as well as in the future (page 8). It is also important for a listing of significant information regarding the state Conclaves of Knights Templar for the year (page 12). Keep it handy all year for your reference. Some pictures of "mysterious Sir Knights" at the age of 35 are showing up in Sir Knight Bruce Pruitt's messages (page 5). See if you can guess who each one is as he appears! Sir Knight Pruitt is emphasizing the "35" in the Annual Campaign for the KTEF! Get your donation in for the Campaign today! The Religious Committee is emphasizing Christian values as a means to interest other Christian Masons (page 13). Attend your church as bodies and further this goal! Don't miss our biographies of Brother Johann de Kalb and Sir Knight George W. Norris

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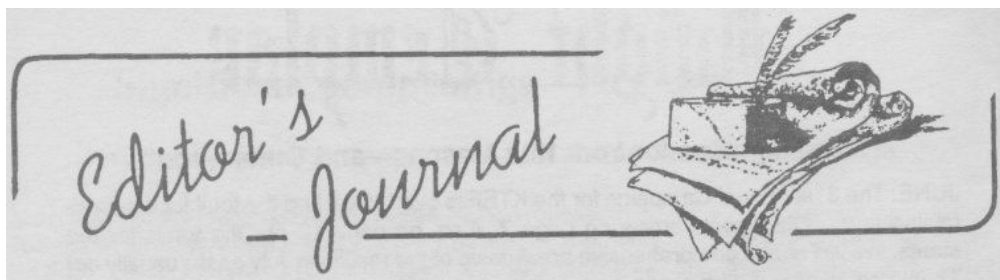
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Message from the General Chairman The 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign

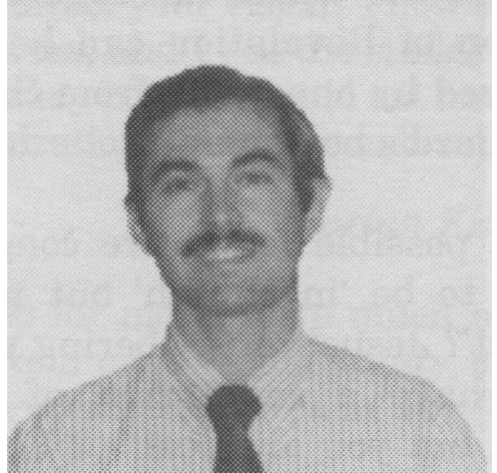
by Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, P.D.C. and P.G.C. (California)
Chairman of the Annual Voluntary Campaign

Dear Sir Knights and Ladies:

Do you recognize the face in the picture with this month's message? It certainly is not me; however, it is someone well known to all of you. Keep reading, and you will solve the "mystery." What is so special about this picture? The answer is that it was taken of this famous Sir Knight when he was 35 years old.

What is so special about the number 35? You guessed it: this is the 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and it is time to do something special for that important charity.

I have been reading a book entitled *Unveiled Hope* by Scotty Smith and Michael Card. Reverend Smith is pastor of a church in Franklin, Tennessee, and Card is a well-known Christian musician and composer. The book is a discussion of the book of Revelation. As I have gone through the first few chapters of Revelation, in which Jesus sends messages to various early churches, I am struck with the contrast between their good and bad points. For example, the church in Ephesus is complimented for good deeds. However, it has lost its "first love." It no longer has the enthusiasm of the Bride of Christ. The churches in Pergamum and Thyatira both have a problem with allowing people in the church to have priorities and beliefs that are contrary to the truth. In Sardis their deeds are found wanting. One of



the strongest condemnations is reserved for the message to Laodicea. Those people are accused of being neither hot nor cold. They think they are rich and have no further need of God's teachings.

Smith and Card make some interesting points relating to these various messages: "If Satan is not successful in destroying the message of the gospel from without, then he will resort to perverting and subverting the gospel from within (the church)."

They point out that economic pressure in the churches of Asia Minor caused new Christians to compromise with their dedication to serving Jesus and his children. Does that sound familiar for today?

Smith says: "By retooling the gospel to fit the economic and moral climate of the culture, Christians in Thyatira were led to believe that 'grace' frees us to fit into any society without challenging its values and mores."

I think the whole message of this section of Revelation can be summarized by one quote from Smith's and Card's book:

"Is it possible for entire congregations to be 'in church' but not 'in Christ' Jesus' very sobering words, 'You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead' (3:1), seem to answer in the affirmative."

As I go through these messages, I cannot help but be challenged with respect to all of my Christian involvement, including my obligation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. After all, the real reason we have the Eye Foundation is because of our obligation to aid and assist our fellow human beings. And why is that? As Masons and Christians, we recognize that we are all "children of one parent," and consequently we are committed to the relief of suffering wherever we find it.



How to join the Grand Commander's or 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 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 now 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

For those reasons, Sir Knights, I am calling for each of you to join me in contributing to the Eye Foundation in a much more generous manner than ever before. Let us not be Knights in name only, but also in deed. I urge you, in honor of this 35th Annual Campaign, to send a gift of \$35.00 (or more). I can guarantee you that your heart will be glad, and the foundation will be greatly strengthened for continued good works.

h, yes - the picture. Did you figure it out? It is indeed our handsome Grand Master, William Jackson Jones, at age 35.

Happy New Year to you all!

Bruce and Shirley

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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.

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Here's Why We Support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

How do you write a thank you letter for the return of your vision? I now see the soft colors of the rainbow and of the lovely flowers, and I see the smiles of my grandchildren. Thank you for your generosity on my behalf. I could not have had the eye surgery necessary except for your organization's kindness and support.

Marian Killough

I thank you so much for the funding provided for me to have much needed surgery on both of my eyes. I am recovering from my second surgery, and all seems to be going well, just as the first. I am seeing better each day. Thank you, and may God bless you all.

Jimmie Dale Arledge
Townsend, Georgia

I really wish to thank you so much for the help I received from you. There are not enough words to express the appreciation I feel because it is horrible to not be able to see, and I couldn't have had this done if not for your help.

Bill Moody
Mt. Morris, Michigan

When my mother received a liver transplant, I took off work to care for her, and by the time she was able to care for herself, my eyesight had gotten so bad that I was unable to drive. Without a job or insurance, I couldn't afford to have the surgeries, and my parents, already having so many medical bills, were not able to help me either. Had it not been for your generosity, I honestly do not know what I would have done, so from the bottom of my heart, I would like to offer my sincerest thanks. It is good to know there is a foundation to help people like myself with assistance on medical procedures.

I have now had both surgeries, and I can hardly believe the results. I never knew people could see this well! Probably the most amazing thing to me is that before surgery I was unable to see the leaves on the trees, and now I sometimes catch myself staring at them and thinking how beautiful they really are.

Once again, I thank you, and I pray that you are able to continue helping those in need. May God bless and watch over you all.

Kelly Brown
Edmonton, Kentucky

I want to let you know that my eye surgery has gone really well. It's now been more than two weeks, and I feel great and can see great! I could not believe how beautiful our city and our scenery looked with my new vision!

I can't thank all of you enough for helping me get this done.

Rosina Lopez
Santa Fe, New Mexico

MASONIC CONFERENCES—2003

MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 13–15	The Philalethes Sodety
Washington, D.C.	Grand College of Rites, U.S.A.
(annually)	Grand Master's Council, A.M.D.
	Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D.
	Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.
	Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte
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	Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.
	Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis
	Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A.
	Ye Antient Order of Corks
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	Grand College of America, HRAKTP

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March 8	Delaware	Wilmington	David D. Goodwin
March 9-11	South Carolina	Columbia	D. Samuel Tennyson
March 13-15	Arkansas	Fort Smith	Billy J. Boyer
March 15	District of Columbia	Hotel Washington	William H. Thornley, Jr.
March 23-25	North Carolina	Raleigh	Richard B. Baldwin
March 27	Kansas	Salina	Kenneth B. Fischer
March 28-29	Mississippi	Meridian	Charles R. Neumann
March 29	North Dakota	Mandan	William H. Koon II
April 5	Nebraska	Columbus	Henry J. DeHeer
April 9-12	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Charles R. Neumann
April 12	Connecticut	Rocky Hill	David D. Goodwin
April 12	Oregon	Canyonville	Gerald A. Ford
April 14-15	Louisiana	Baton Rouge	William J. Jones
April 17	New Mexico	Roswell	Paul A. Monroe, Jr.
April 25	Idaho	Boise	Gerald A. Ford
April 25	Indiana	Indianapolis	William H. Thornley, Jr.
April 25-28	Texas	Midland	William J. Jones
April 29	California	Ventura	Richard B. Baldwin
May 1	Florida	Panama City Beach	Richard B. Baldwin
May 1-4	Italy	Lucca	William J. Jones
May 3	Tennessee	Nashville	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 3	Utah	Salt Lake City	William H. Koon II
May 5	Maine	Portland	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 7	Georgia	Macon	William H. Koon II
May 8-10	Virginia	Roanoke	William J. Jones
May 9-11	Maryland	Aberdeen	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 16-17	West Virginia	Weston	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 17	Missouri	Jefferson City	William J. Jones
May 22	Washington	Federal Way	Gerald A. Ford
May 22-25	Pennsylvania	Harrisburg	William J. Jones
June 5-7	Iowa	Waterloo	Richard B. Baldwin
June 5-7	Michigan	Battle Creek	William J. Jones
June 5-7	Montana	Kalispell	Kenneth B. Fischer
June 9	Nevada	Las Vegas	Richard B. Baldwin
June 9	Vermont	Killington	David D. Goodwin
June 20	Wisconsin	Green Bay	William J. Jones
June 26-27	Minnesota	Wilmar	Richard B. Baldwin
July 26	Illinois	Peoria	William J. Jones
August 28	Arizona	Tucson	Charles R. Neumann
September 5	Colorado	Denver	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 13	Wyoming	Douglas	Gerald A. Ford
September 14-15	Kentucky	Louisville	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 19-21	New York	Alexandria Bay	William H. Koon II
September 19-20	South Dakota	Brookings	Department Commander
October 7-9	Ohio	Columbus	Kenneth B. Fischer
October 24-25	Mass./R.I.	Hyannis, MA	David D. Goodwin
December 6	New Hampshire	Manchester	Grand Captain General

Religious Activities—The Advertisement for Membership Gain

from the Committee on Religious Activities of the Grand Encampment

Some Knights might wonder what religious activities have to do with membership acquisition and retention. They seem to think that these two facets of Templary are completely different and not related at all; however, considering that everything that a Knight Templar does is a religious activity, they do have a common goal.

Outside of a few informal meetings, the only glimpse that prospective members and the world at large observe concerning who the Knights Templar are and the principles for which they stand is when they appear in a body at Easter time or at an open Christmas Observance. These ceremonies, with other Templar meetings, state that we are a Christian army standing in support of the life and teaching of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Of course, there are other public appearances for Templars in uniform such as parades, escorts, and funeral honors, but these do not infer our Christian connection as much as the assemblies honoring our Lord and Savior.

If someone who had been asked to join the York Rite were to ask you "Why should I join?", what would you tell him? An appropriate question to ask of ourselves at that time would be "Why should he join this Christian based organization?"

There are many answers to this question. Some answers are self-serving and benefit only the person and Commandery trying to recruit this man as a member. Some answers, however, are aimed strictly toward the benefits that the candidate would obtain by joining.

Some of the self-serving answers as to why he should join are as follows:

We need more dues paying members so that we can pay our expenses.

We need some new officers who can follow present ones so *that I won't have to serve again*.

We need more ritualists who can confer the Orders.

We need more members in our drill team.

The candidate is a leader in his church, and it would help our cause if he would become a member.

I can get a star in my crown if I bring in more members.

These answers are not especially bad answers because the results, if successful, will increase the membership and effectiveness of our Commanderies. But should we not be thinking more of what benefits the potential candidate will derive were he to become a member?

There are many ways that membership in the York Rite in general and your Commandery in particular would be of major benefit to him, and I think that these are better reasons for asking him and they will have much more success in attracting new members than the other approach.

I list some valid reasons as follows:

He would have the more exclusive fellowship with people who believe that Christ was the Son of God.

He would extend his overall knowledge of Masonry in general and the York Rite in particular and have more principles upon which to base his moral values.

He would have an extended opportunity to serve his fellow man by helping to confer degrees and orders and enlightening other candidates.

With additional moral and historical lessons taught, he could better understand the meaning of Bible passages and the Bible itself.

He could be actively involved in local and national charitable projects such as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

He could enhance his church life by being actively engaged in an organization which promotes the Christian religion.

I am sure that there are other opportunities that would be of value to any Mason who would become a Knight Templar, but in my estimation, none are as important as these listed above. They result in a closer relationship between a man and his Savior. We need to think more of the benefits that would accrue to a prospective candidate than of the benefits that would help our Commandery or us personally.

If we then concentrate upon the religious benefits that a potential candidate might receive by becoming a member, how better to show him our support for Jesus than by attending Christ's celebrations in a body? These activities also provide a means for any Knight to participate with the Commandery even though

he is not an officer or on a ritualistic team. They promote membership retention because the Knight feels that he has contributed to and is a part of the fellowship.

Then, let us concur that religious activities and membership acquisition are indubitably connected and necessary for each other's success. We need a steady influx of members or our eventual, inexorable doom will continue to reduce our numbers. We need, then, to make a continual appeal to the uninitiated, primarily for his sake and salvation but also for our continued existence. He will seldom know that we stand for Christianity if we do not exhibit it by public, religious activities.

We encourage every Commandery to attend a religious service in a body. It should be a mandatory exercise stating our beliefs, not only to the world at large but also as a reminder to ourselves of our duty to support the reason for our existence: our love for Christ who gave us freedom.

The Committee on Religious Activities:

James C. Taylor, P.D.C., Chairman

James N. Karnegis, P.G.C.

Robert J. Cave, P.G.C.

True Masonic Stein To Benefit The Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The stein body, 7 and 112 inches tall, is white ceramic. It contains a pewter lid with the Holy Bible on top. It has a fancy thumb lift. On the body is a Masonic altar with the verse of Matthew 7: 7 between the pillars, and on one side there is a poem, "A True Mason," and on the other side is a very colorful Masonic picture of the early days of Masonic heritage. Also, there are two gold bands. The price of the stein is \$55.00. A \$7.00 donation from the sale of each stein will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The price of the stein includes shipping and insurance. There is a limited supply of only 125 of these stems in stock, so if interested, please send check or money order to: Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087



PAST GRAND COMMANDER, PHILIPPINES SETS RECORD AS BLOOD DONOR

It took 51 years and 28 gallons of blood, but Sir Knight Dennis Provencher, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the Philippines (1993) is finally a Guinness Book of Records holder. Sir Knight Provencher (shown at right with certificate), 69, an Air Force retiree living in Okinawa, recently received his official notification that he had set a world record at a blood drive when he gave his 224th pint of blood. The previous record was 213 pints, held by Howard Drew, Jr., 77, another former military member living near Washington, DC.



SUPREME WORTHY PRESIDENT, S.O.O.B., VISITS WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY



At left, left to right, members of LaCrosse Assembly No. 215 with S.W.P. and other guests: first row: Carol Dresser; Nancy Ipsen; Mary Callaway, W.P., LaCrosse No. 215; Yvette Presnell, new initiate of S.O.O.B.; Diane Moore, S.W.P., S.O.O.B.; Dorothy Wiedman; Judy Limas; Donna Hersh; Elaine Hunter; 2nd row: Marjorie Engebretson, Marjorie Bush, Mary Lou Reilly, Marie Beissel, Betty Winslow; back row: Gloria Roble, Roxanne Davis, Hazel Tyler, Norma Denny, Marion Baker, Janice Clark, Hazel Edwards.

At right, left to right, distinguished guests: Richard Reilly, M.I.G.M. and P.G.C., WI; William Dresser; Carol Dresser, S. Historian; Marjorie Engebretson, S. Committee member, Mpls., MN; R. D. Moore; Diane Moore, S.W.P., S.O.O.B., Austin, TX; Nancy Ipsen, P.S.W.P., S.O.O.B., Mpls., MN; Jay Ipsen, P.G.C. of MN; Judy Limas, S. 2nd Vice President, Omaha, NE; Paul Hersh, E.C. of LaCrosse Commandery No. 9 and P.G.C., WI; and Burnell Roble, P.G.C. of WI.



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 Knighting.

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.

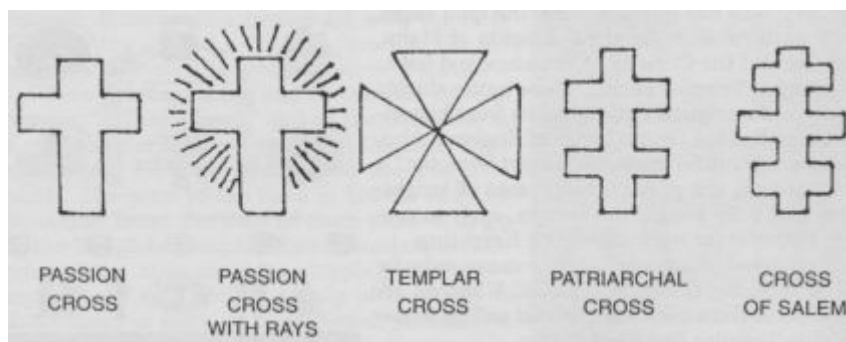


The Knight Templar Uniform

The Commandery of Knights Templar is a uniformed body. The specifications for the uniform for each state is prescribed by the Grand Commandery. The requirement for a member to possess a uniform varies between states. However, in all jurisdictions each Commandery officer is required to have proper regalia. A member cannot take part in all of the degree work and programs of the Commandery without a suitable uniform. There are many areas of service where a uniform is not required, and the lack of a uniform should not preclude one from taking an active part in Templar activities.

The uniform of an American Templar has evolved over the years to what is today a double-breasted, black, naval uniform, with the traditional plumed chapeau. A number of Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment continue to prescribe the long coat with close standing collar as the Dress Uniform. For uniformity, the jewels of office and insignia of rank are specified and regulated by the Grand Encampment. The Jewels of office are illustrated in this volume and will be worn as medals, or, in the higher echelons, suspended from neck cords of the appropriate color.

The insignia of rank is indicated by the type of cross worn on the uniform, of which there are five:



Member Sir Knights wear a red Passion Cross, with or without silver trim.

Commanders and Past Commanders wear the Passion Cross with gold trim (with or without rays).

Grand Commandery officers wear a red Templar Cross with gold trim.

Past Grand Commanders wear a purple Templar Cross with gold trim.

Grand Encampment officers and Department Commanders wear a purple Patriarchal Cross with gold trim.

The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment wears a purple Cross of Salem with gold trim.

In addition, the dais officers of a Commandery, all officers and members of a Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment wear shoulder straps of the appropriate color, i.e.: Commandery - green, Grand Commandery - red, and Grand Encampment - purple.

Also, for uniformity, the Grand Encampment has specified the manner in which to wear jewels and orders on the uniform. They will be worn on the left breast, with jewels of rank first, to the wearer's right. Next are worn meritorious and unit awards, and last, nearest the left arm, the Order of Malta.

(Editor's note: For specific instructions regarding the Order of Precedent of Templar Jewels, see "Grand Master's Page - February 1994," page 2 - Grand Master William H. Thornley, Jr., GCT.)

The information on pages 16 and 17 was supplied by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes; H.P.D.C., P.G.C. of member of Pennsylvania, and the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations. He is a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. Write: of Charles A. Garnes, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944 or e-mail: cagarnes@aol.com

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

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.

The Making of a Patriot: Baron de Kalb - Part I

by Sir Knight

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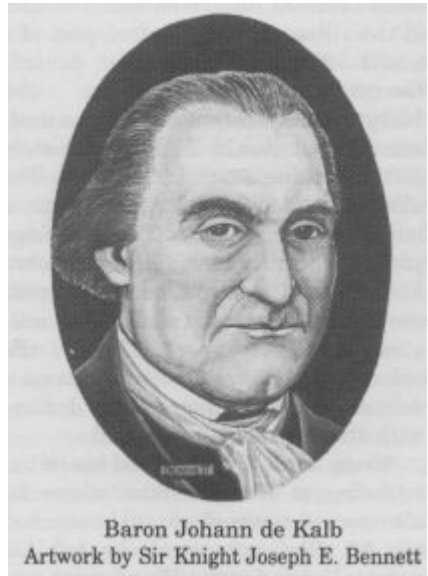
Much of the history of the United States has faded into obscurity over the years, leaving us with an imperfect record of the epic struggle for American freedom - the Revolutionary War. Many of the heroes who played a role in our struggle for independence from Great Britain are virtually unknown today. Their contributions have been degraded into forgotten elements of the great mosaic which comprises the American story.

One such patriot was Baron Johann de Kalb, a foreign soldier who made the supreme sacrifice in the fight for freedom. He did not survive to enjoy the accolades due one who paid such a fearful price. In fact, he was barely tolerated as a general officer in the Continental Army, and he was despised in some quarters as a foreign intruder unworthy of high rank.

This account reviews his life, a litany of military service for insignificant reward. We also cherish his Masonic tie to those of us who remember him so many years later.

In 1776 the Continental Congress was desperate to gain assistance, both financial and military, from any sympathetic European nation willing to extend it. One of the most logical potential benefactors was France, a traditional enemy of the British Empire, with whom the French were in constant struggle throughout most of the 18th century.

An agent of the Continental Congress, one Silas Deane, was dispatched to Paris to enlist qualified military talent in the American cause. One such mercenary recruit was Baron de Kalb, a retired lieutenant colonel of



the French army, anxious to return to active duty. De Kalb and a young lieutenant of the French Army, the Marquis de LaFayette, entered into a military service contract with the American agent on December 7, 1776. The document exists today, with all signatures duly affixed.

De Kalb's early history was virtually undocumented and would have remained so had not an enterprising German biographer, Friedrich Kapp, undertaken the formidable task of researching his life. It was an odyssey which spanned both Europe and America, and Kapp's fine work was published in 1884, years after it was completed in 1861. Fortunately, it survives today in a few public collections.

Our hero was not of the nobility, as his military name implies. He was born John Kalb on June 29, 1721, the son of a Franconian yeoman named

John Leonard Kalb, who was a farmer in the village of Huettendorf, part of a small district in south central Germany controlled by the Margraviate of Bayreuth. On the modern map, it would lie approximately 100 miles due east of Frankfurt. The elder Kalb married Margaret Seitz, a native of Eschenbach. The marriage produced three sons; George, John, and Andrew. Andrew, the youngest, eventually inherited the family homestead at Huettendorf. George, the eldest, died a peasant. John became a soldier who marched to his destiny with strangers in a new world.

Young John Kalb received his initial schooling at Kriegenbronn, where he also worked as a waiter until he reached age 16. Soon afterward, he left his parental home forever. His whereabouts remained unknown until 1743, when he reappeared as the Baron Jean de Kalb, a young lieutenant in the Lowendal Regiment of the French Army.

John had assumed a title of nobility which did not belong to him for a very simple reason. He could not become a commissioned officer in an European army in the early 1700s unless he held an hereditary title dating back at least four generations.

During that same period, many Germans enlisted as mercenaries in the French army to escape an impoverished homeland, emaciated by the Thirty Year's War of the late 17th century and the upheaval generated by the Protestant Reformation.

It became common practice to create a fictitious blood tie to titled gentry, the only way one might aspire to become an officer.

Maintaining the charade of being a son of the family de Kalb was not a simple matter. The Lowendal Regiment of the French army was staffed almost

entirely with Germans, many of whom were native to the ancestral area of the titled de Kalb family. However, John's knowledge of the history and traditions of his newly-acquired lineage was more than adequate to convince his regimental comrades that he was the genuine article.

It is worthwhile to remember that the name 'John' is an anglicized version of the German "Johann," which is translated "Jean" in the French vernacular.

De Kalb's first military station was in Flanders, where he had an opportunity to learn the art of war under two brilliant mentors, Count Lowendal, his regimental commander, and Marshal Saxe, the commander-in-chief of the French army.

France was at war with Austria when the Lowendal Regiment was formed, and de Kalb gained extensive combat experience. The young officer proved to be a brave and competent officer under fire, with an excellent grasp of military tactics; however, his most outstanding talent was great administrative ability, which earned him promotion to captain by 1747 and a most distinguished post as the regimental "officer of detail."

That position entailed being virtual supervisor of all business and administration for the entire regiment and serving as a confidant to the commander. In addition, de Kalb exercised a great deal of influence over the formulation and administration of regimental justice.

In short, Captain de Kalb's training under Lowendal and Saxe was the finest military experience in Europe.

De Kalb was promoted to the rank of major in 1756. As one of a large number of German nobility in the French Army, the young major enjoyed access to the most select circles of Paris society.

When the Lowendal Regiment was dissolved in 1760, Major de Kalb was immediately assigned to the headquarters of the brothers de Broglie. They had ascended to high rank in the French army at the outset of the Seven Years' War, with the Count de Broglie as commander-in-chief.

As a favorite of the family de Broglie, Major de Kalb was appointed assistant quartermaster general to the Army of the Upper Rhine and was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1761. It was not only a testimony to his ability to produce excellent results; the appointment confirmed a talent for maintaining good personal rapport with the hierarchy of the French army.

When the Seven Year's War ended with the defeat of France in 1763, Baron de Kalb was reduced in rank to captain and assigned to the Regiment Anhalt. During that period, he went on leave to Paris, where he began a courtship which ended with marriage.

De Kalb met the daughter of Peter van Robais, a Dutch national and wealthy retired cloth manufacturer. On April 10, 1764, the formal engagement was announced between the Baron de Kalb and Anna Elizabeth Emilie van Robais. They were married soon afterward in the chapel at the Dutch Legation in Paris.

Inasmuch as both the bride and groom were Protestants, it was deemed a compatible union. As the legatee of her father's fortune, Anna was immensely wealthy, assuring the newlyweds a life of opulence and social prominence, living at the Robais mansion in a Paris suburb.

Baron de Kalb was able to retire from the French army at his highest rank, that of lieutenant colonel, while prospecting for career opportunities befitting his social station.

The baron's efforts to secure an assignment of prominence in the French army were unsuccessful for a time, but he chafed at inactivity and yearned for a military role which would lead to active duty as a general officer. His good friend, the Count de Brogue, was able to obtain an offer which promised an unspecified reward, albeit not with the regular army of France. On April 22, 1767, Baron de Kalb received a letter from the king of France offering an opportunity to go to the American colonies and gather intelligence about a possible insurrection against British authority.

Not overly enthusiastic at being thrust into the role of a spy, de Kalb accepted simply because it was the only opportunity available at the moment - something to do!

Crossing the English Channel, he booked passage in London on the English merchant ship *Hercules* sailing on October 4, 1767, for America. After a perilous and stormy voyage, he arrived at Philadelphia on January 12, 1768.

There, he began submitting written reports to France immediately. The baron traveled extensively throughout the colonies, including the largest cities. The fact-finding travels also encompassed eastern Canada with stops at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Quebec. De Kalb was particularly interested in the large segment of French settlers in Quebec not particularly loyal to England.

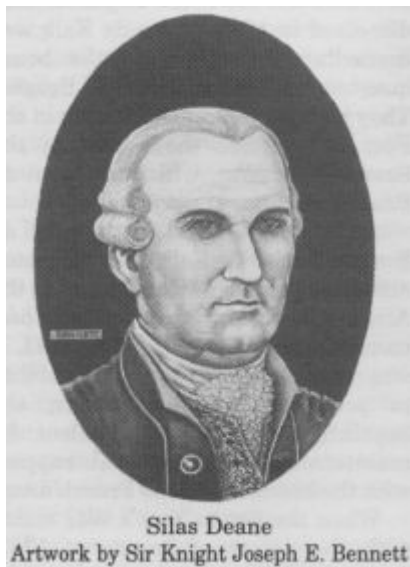
The Baron de Kalb detailed his own conclusions about probable colonial revolt and the possibility of success. In essence, he observed that there was seething unrest due to the oppressive English tax system, culminating with the Stamp Act passed by the British Parliament in 1765. He predicted that nothing could avert a colonial uprising and that England would not prevail in

such a conflict. De Kalb added that General Thomas Gage, the British commander in the colonies, had a total of 4,000 English troops to police the entire Atlantic seaboard. Those, he observed, were virtually untrained local militia. He remarked that letters to Paris were being opened, a matter of considerable concern. It meant that his mission was compromised.

De Kalb abandoned his assignment and sailed for Paris, arriving on June 12, 1768. His summation of the colonial situation was considered an exaggeration in France; nevertheless, the baron was advised to continue his evaluation of all information arriving at Paris concerning colonial America.

Without specific assignment, the next few years were devoted to personal family matters and prospecting for a military assignment of value. De Kalb served a brief tour of four months, beginning in October 1775, in the role of advisor to the commander-in-chief of the French army, the Count de Broglie. It entailed a military inspection tour to Metz, a special assignment which drew high praise from his patron. It was a valuable addition to Baron de Kalb's already impressive résumé, particularly when he was ordered to present himself at the court of Louis XVI to consider a possible second assignment to the American colonies.

It was only a brief time before the stage was set for the Baron de Kalb to embark upon a new and different chapter in his military career. He was 55 years old and had been a soldier in the service of France for more than 30 years. He was in robust health, a huge physical specimen, standing over six feet, with a large and rugged physique. He and Anna were parents of three healthy children; Frederic, Anna Marie Caroline, and son Elie. It was then July 1775, and the distinguished French veteran was about to meet the aforementioned Silas Deane, the



American military talent recruiter, who had just arrived in Paris.

After extensive negotiation with Silas Deane, Baron de Kalb signed the previously mentioned contract to enter the service of the Continental Army in the capacity of a general officer. The agreement included a small coterie of French officers, who were to accompany de Kalb to America. The list included the Marquis de LaFayette, a cousin of the Count de Broglie. The 19-year-old nobleman was consigned to the baron's personal care for counseling and protection.

Don't miss Part II of the de Kalb Story in the February issue!

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Sir Knight George W. Norris: Father of the TVA and Fifty- Four-Year Mason

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

Among the many Masons who sat in the United States Senate during the twentieth century, few had more far-ranging impact than George Norris of Nebraska. Today Norris is remembered by historians as the author of the "Lame Duck" Amendment to the Constitution, as an advocate for the public power station at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and as a Republican party maverick who fought to reduce the powers of Speaker Joe Cannon when he sat in the House of Representatives. However, his name is, ironically, better remembered in east Tennessee as the father of the Tennessee Valley Authority; where a lake, a dam, and a town all bear his name. Through a thirty-year career in the Senate and another ten years in the House, Sir Knight Norris left his imprint on his nation as much if not more than some of those who served as president.

George William Norris was born near the village of Clyde in Sandusky County, Ohio, on July 11, 1861. His farm family parents - Chauncey and Mary Norris - had migrated to Ohio from Monroe County, New York, in 1846. The only other boy in the family, older brother John, died of wounds received in battle as a member of Sherman's Army. A few months later Chauncey Norris also died, and young George was left fatherless at the age of three. The distraught widow kept the family together partly by marrying a second



Senator and Sir Knight Morris, ca. 1940

time to another local farmer and woodworker named Isaac Parker. George worked on the farm, went to the local Mt. Carmel district school, and aspired to better himself through education. In the fall of 1876, George and two of his sisters went to college for a year at Baldwin University (later Baldwin-Wallace) in Berea, Ohio. After a year in the Preparatory Department, the sixteen-year-old taught school for a year at Whitehouse in Lucas County. He then returned to college at Northern Indiana (later known as Valparaiso University), obtaining a degree in 1880 after which he studied law. One story told about Norris in his Valparaiso days was that a Professor Oliver Kinsey predicted that both Norris and a classmate named Andreus Jones would become U.S. Senators. He said "You too, Norris, are going to the United States Senate.. You will go as a Republican, but you will oppose everything that your party favors."

These words proved amazingly accurate for both men, as Jones (a member of Chapman Lodge No. 2 in Las Vegas) served in the U.S. Senate from New Mexico

George Norris completed his law degree in 1883. His study had been interrupted by two more teaching assignments, one in Clyde and the other in Monclova. In between times he clerked in a law office and increasingly began to think of moving West. His first venture into Washington Territory proved unsatisfactory, and he returned to Ohio. In 1885 the young lawyer chose Nebraska as a place of residence. After a brief stay in Beatrice, Norris opened a law office in the small county seat town of Beaver City.

In his new home, George occupied himself with his growing law practice and community activities. He had earlier joined the Odd Fellows Lodge in Clyde, Ohio, and he transferred his membership to Beaver City. Quite active for several years in the I.O.O.F., he eventually became their Grand Master in 1896-1897.

George W. Norris also joined other lodges and fraternal groups including Beaver City Lodge No. 93, A.F.&A.M. He took his Entered Apprentice degree on May 3, 1890; was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on May 31, 1890; and was Raised a Master Mason on June 28, 1890. Norris remained a member of Beaver City Lodge until his death more than fifty-four years later.

His membership in other Masonic bodies is somewhat hazy. His biographer, Richard Lowitt, reports that he "participated in Knights Templar Conclaves in Holdrege" during the mid-nineties, and records of the

Grand Commandery of Nebraska show that he held membership in Mt. Hebron Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, from 1927 to 1933. Most of the Norris photographic portraits from 1902 onward show him with a Shrine pin on his lapel, and although W. R. Denslow's *10,000 Famous Freemasons* credits him with membership in Sesostri Temple in Lincoln, a preliminary check of their records yielded no information. Further research should clear up some of this confusion.

The prosperity that Nebraskans had encountered in the 1880s began to sour in the next decade. Farm mortgages and foreclosures increased, and once solid Republicans began to look to the newly organized Populist Party, seeking solutions to their problems.

Norris remained faithful to his GOP forebears, but his first run for public office, Prosecuting Attorney in Fumas County in 1890, resulted in defeat. Two years later he came back and won a contest for the same office.

For the next fifty years, until 1942, he never lost an election although some of his wins proved to be by narrow margins. In 1895 he was elected to a three-year term as district judge by only two votes.

After being reelected to a second term in 1898, he moved with his family (he had married in 1889 and was widowed in 1901) to the larger town of McCook, Nebraska. It remained his official residence for the rest of his life.

In 1902 George Norris ran for the first of five terms in Congress from the fifth Nebraska district. Populist-Democrat Fusion's appeal remained

strong, and Norris ran as a regular Republican in opposition to Democrat, Ashton Cokayne Shallenberger. Norris edged his opponent in a tough race by a narrow 181 votes. After this initial victory, the young lawmaker won his next two terms by safer margins of just over 5,000 and 2,000 votes, respectively.

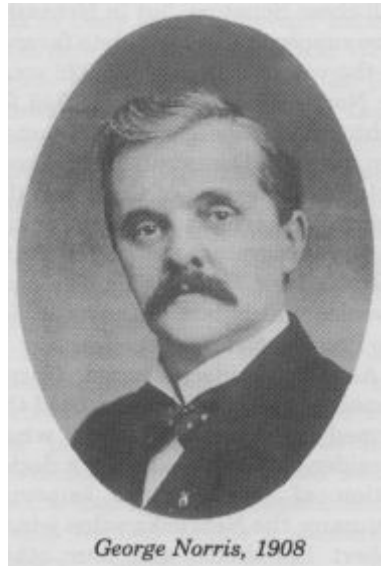
Through these first three terms Norris had been a mainstream Republican, associating initially with the turn-of-the-century philosophies of "McKinley prosperity" and then becoming an ardent supporter of the more "progressive" Square Dealer, Brother Theodore Roosevelt.

With the latter's retirement, however, his days as a party regular were increasingly numbered. In 1908 Brother William Jennings Bryan received his third and last Presidential nomination, and as he continued to be popular in Nebraska, Norris had a more difficult race for his third term; nonetheless, he managed to win a fourth term by a very narrow 22 vote margin.

The Presidency of Brother William Howard Taft was characterized by increasing dissension between those Republicans - known as "Stand-patters" - who believed that the reforms of Teddy Roosevelt were sufficient and those who wanted further reforms - known as "Insurgents."

Norris identified with the latter group and would emerge as one of their leaders in the House.

The Speaker, Brother and Sir Knight Joseph Cannon, favored the Standpatters and constantly frustrated the efforts of the Insurgents to enact more reform legislation. Norris led a group of Insurgent Republicans who combined with Democrats to reduce the powers of the Speaker. The whole episode



made him a national figure, and he won a fifth term by more than 4,000 votes. Ironically, Democrats won control of the House in 1910 for the first time since 1892. Brother Champ Clark of Missouri became Speaker while Cannon and Norris became close friends despite their philosophical disagreements.

In 1912 George Norris sought a seat in the U.S. Senate. The complicated split in the GOP between the Insurgents and the Standpatters posed some problems for the progressive congressman. He had initially supported Senator and Brother Robert LaFollette for President, then shifted to Teddy Roosevelt when LaFollette lost out, and ultimately backed Roosevelt's third party challenge to both Taft and Democrat Woodrow Wilson.

Technically, the state legislators still chose Senators, but in Nebraska they supported the candidate favored by the voters who cast 126,022 votes for Norris as opposed to 111,946 for Ashton Shallenberger. As a freshman Senator with Democrats in firm control of both houses of Congress, the Nebraska maverick supported many of the programs associated with Wilson's New Freedom, but he soon revealed much less enthusiasm for the President's foreign policy.

As war clouds gathered, Norris remained reluctant. He opposed the Armed Ship Bill, and when President Wilson asked for a declaration of war against Imperial Germany, the Nebraska solon joined Robert LaFollette and four other Senators who voted no, calling the war "a relic of the barbaric past."

After the conflict ended, he criticized Wilson's extravagance at the Paris Peace Conference. Norris was among the "Irreconcilable" faction who carried the day by opposing the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations to the bitter end. He retained his isolationist viewpoint until the advent of Pearl Harbor.

As the nation turned conservative in the twenties, George Norris remained an Insurgent Republican. Winning a second term in 1918 and a third one in 1924, he maintained his image as a party maverick endorsing Progressive Robert LaFollette for the White House in 1924 and Democrat Al Smith in 1928. During this period Norris struggled for bills to assist the embattled Midwestern farmers, and when his own Norris-Sinclair Bill met defeat, he reluctantly supported the McNary-Haugen Bill,

which was twice vetoed by Calvin Coolidge. But in the twenties he mostly supported federal operation of the power plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and was much distressed when both Coolidge and Herbert Hoover used their veto.

With the onset of the Great Depression, Norris contended that the circumstances vindicated his opposition to Hoover in 1928. In 1932 he did succeed in the passage of a major piece of labor legislation, the Norris-LaGuardia Act, which outlawed the so-called "Yellow Dog" contract by making it unenforceable in federal courts. He endorsed Franklin Roosevelt over the incumbent in 1932. Stung by criticism from fellow Republicans, Norris wrote an article in *Liberty* magazine that September entitled "Why I Am a Better Republican Than President Hoover."

As early as 1930, some Nebraska establishment Republicans had become so disenchanted with Norris' independent attitude that they located a grocery store manager named George W. Norris and encouraged him to run for the Senate, a circumstance guaranteed to cause great confusion on the ballot. The Senator managed to get his namesake, termed "Grocer" Norris in the press, disqualified, and he won a fourth term. However, it upset the veteran Senator so much that when it came time for a fifth term in 1936, he eschewed his GOP allegiance and ran as an "Independent Republican." The warm treatment he received from New Dealers also influenced his decision.

When both he and Roosevelt sought reelection in 1936, they

endorsed each other with success, but Norris, denouncing the concept of political party by that time, also refused to become a Democrat.

Many of George Norris' pet projects became law during the thirties. His old Muscle Shoals plan became enlarged into the Tennessee Valley Authority, a government project that provided for flood control, conservation, recreation, and industrialization through the prevalence of cheap electric power. The Lame Duck Amendment to the Constitution changed the time when a new Congress would meet and shortened the time after a newly-elected President was inaugurated by some six weeks. The Norris-Rayburn Act of 1936 made the Rural Electrification Administration a permanent government entity thus paving the way for millions of country folk to have electricity. The following year the Norris-Doxey Act, to quote political scientist Norman Zucker: "expanded the technical advisory services to individual forest owners and encouraged tree planting." Uneasy about the President's proposed Supreme Court reforms, he suggested an alternative plan. In spite of his support of many New Deal programs, Norris scoffed at the Townsend Plan for its "tendency to inculcate in the minds of beneficiaries an inclination toward extravagance" that "would kill any spirit of economy or thrift." Finally, it was largely through his influence that the Senator's home state of Nebraska adopted the nonpartisan, unicameral legislature.

As war clouds began to gather at the end of the decade, Norris' influence began to wane. Through the thirties he had also

supported the investigations of the Nye Committee, the Neutrality Acts, and the Johnson Act to deny loans to foreign nations that defaulted on their World War I debts. In the spring of 1941, he proposed an amendment to the Lend-Lease Act that, to again quote Zucker, was "designed to insure against America's being drawn into a foreign war." Finally, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he reluctantly if not enthusiastically voted to bring America into World War II.

By 1942 George W. Norris had passed his 80th birthday, and Nebraskans no longer identified with the "politics of insurgency." In 1940 Cornhusker State voters had swung back to their traditional Republicanism giving Wendell Willkie a substantial victory margin. (Since 1940 Nebraskans have voted for a Democrat Presidential candidate only in 1964.) When the octogenarian Senator sought a sixth term in 1942, Nebraska voters gave mainstream Republican, Brother Kenneth Wherry, a sound majority in a three-way race. Somewhat bitter, the long-time Senator retorted that "Nebraska was tired of me."

Returning to McCook, the retired politician wrote his memoirs, *Fighting Liberal*, published shortly after his death.

Sir Knight George William Norris passed away on September 3, 1944. His legacy lived on in the form of the TVA, Norris Dam, Norris Lake, and the REA. He was usually right and occasionally wrong, but Sir Knight Norris was accurately described by Norman Zucker as one who "always fought to protect the human spirit and to perfect the American political process."

Note: The best information on George Norris can be gleaned from his own autobiography, *Fighting Liberal* (1945); the three volume work by Richard Lowitt, *George W. Norris* (1963 ff.); and the more analytical Norman L. Zucker's *George W. Norris: Gentle Knight of American Democracy* (1966). For his Masonic record, I am indebted to Jean Holt, Secretary in the office of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.F. & A.M.

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Above: First Day Cover for Norris stamp, below—1961. Both are courtesy of Sir Knight Norman K. Lincoln.



YORK RITE GRAND SESSIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES



October 2002 the York Rite Grand Sessions of the Philippines saw the following officers retiring as heads: Conrado V. Sanga, M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M.; Evaristo A. Leviste, M.I. Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S.M.; Evaristo A. Leviste, R.E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. Elected and installed in those respective grand offices were: John D. Estes, Conrado V. Sanga, and Frederick F. Dunsmoor as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the Philippines. At left is Grand Commander Dunsmoor.



A Weekend to Remember

Generations of DeMolay Alumni from across the United States came together in Kansas City for the first-ever Alumni Homecoming Weekend. Alumni from age twenty-four to eighty-three gathered to remember what DeMolay meant to them and to rededicate their efforts to DeMolay.

The Gala Homecoming Banquet and Monte Carlo Night were the highlight events of the weekend. The Banquet began as Major John Hinck (U.S. Army), 22nd International Master Councilor, was to lead the crowd in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Instead, he invited twelve-year-old Kris Wood, the newest member of a local chapter, to the microphone to lead.

Senior DeMolay Floyd Britting, a Fellow and Chevalier, was present for the banquet. At eighty-three years old, he continues to stay connected with DeMolay and remains interested in the future of our young men. In fact, he still has his original Chevalier collar and medallion. At the banquet Britting donated his historic 1938 Chevalier collar and medallion to the DeMolay Museum at the Service and Leadership Center.

Robert Baker, Director of Development, announced that the Distinguished Service Award/DeMolay of the Year program will begin anew in 2003. The original Distinguished Service Award/DeMolay of the Year programs were international programs from 1960 until the early 1980s. Thanks to funding by Paul Bohannon, DeMolay of the Year, 1969; DeMolay is able to revive the International Distinguished Service Award and the DeMolay of the Year program beginning in 2003.

Immediately following the banquet, attendees were invited to a Monte Carlo night where the deuces were wild, and everyone walked away a winner. A Craps table, slot machines, and Black Jack tables were available. Although everyone received chips at the beginning of the night, many had the same luck as they do at the actual casino. "At least it's not real money," could be heard amongst the players. Of the many that had better luck, comments of "why can't I do this well when it's real money," were heard over the laughter. The Monte Carlo Night ended with alumni and guests bidding on prizes with their winnings. Thanks to the support of our sponsors, DeMolay was able to offer some wonderful prizes during the Homecoming Weekend.

There were numerous events over the course of the weekend in which alumni could participate. Many alumni took a tour of the historical sites of DeMolay. Kansas City is the birthplace of DeMolay, so alumni were able to visit the home where Dad Land grew up, the Scottish Rite where the first DeMolay meeting took place, and the studio where Brother Walt Disney created his first drawings before heading out to California. In the midst of all the DeMolay history, participants in the tour had an insatiable hunger for the original Lamar's donuts, a Kansas City favorite, in the Linwood Avenue neighborhood, where DeMolay began. Their eyes were bigger than their stomachs, though; the unscheduled stop resulted in a couple of dozen leftover donuts.

The weekend concluded Sunday morning with a Memorial Service at the grave site of Dad Land, immediately followed by a pancake brunch at Ivanhoe Lodge. Alumni lingered at the brunch before departing from a weekend of camaraderie and renewed friendship. Already, alumni have given so much praise and gratitude for the weekend that DeMolay plans to make this an annual event. Watch for more information as the next Alumni Homecoming Weekend gets closer.

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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 Lon Kvasager, 627 24th Avenue, S.; Grand Forks, ND 58201; home: (701) 772-9419; (218) 779-9419; or lljer@aol.com

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\$500.00 reward for the return of Commandery banner, imprinted with "DeMolay Commandery No. 9, Reading, PA." Commandery instituted in 1854. The banner is embroidered in gold with gold fringes. It may be found in a flea market or yard sale. Any information appreciated and send to Reading Commandery No. 9, 700 S. 7th Avenue, Reading, PA 19611

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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. lies 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.texasryokrite.org/ties.htm. Check payable to San Antonio Commandery No. 7 and mail to James N. Higdon, 10122 N Manton, San Antonio, TX 78213. lies will be sent day following receipt a (210) 344-4309; 0: 349-9933; e-mail jnh.kt@hzh2aw.com

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Crescent Council No. 16, Waterloo, Iowa, is celebrating its 100-year anniversary with a lapel pin. The price is \$5.00, including postage. 200/c of each sale will go to our York Rite charities. Send requests to Jess Boatright, Recorder; 407 Oaklawn Avenue; Waterloo; IA 50701

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, P.M., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & A.M.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014

Cochran Lodge No. 217, E & 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 Na 217, F & A.M.; P.O. Bar 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigfoot.com

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Rising Sun Lodge No. 13, Kansas City, Missouri, is celebrating 150 years of Freemasonry in Platte County. This Lodge did not shut its doors during the Civil War. For sale are coins, one and a half inches in diameter and in antique bronze satin finish, \$7.00 each, pp., and books of history, \$6.00; both \$12.00, save a dollar. Mambo G. Shuil, 2304 N.E. Shady Lone, Gladstone, MO 64118

The Grand Lodge of Japan has struck dollar-sized medallions to commemorate their 45th anniversary. The front has the Grand Lodge seal, and the obverse has Mt. Fuji with the square and compass superimposed. The price, \$7.00 US, includes S & H. Checks or MOs to Philip A Ambrose, PSC 473, Box 22, FPO AP 96949-0009

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N Cayce Lodge No. 384, Cayce, South Carolina, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a lapel pin commemorating the occasion. It is on sale for \$6.00 through the US mail. Check or MO to Cayce Lodge No. 384, and send to Cayce Lodge, 1701 12th Street, Cayce, SC 29033. Please make sure your return address is listed and complete. For further information, call (803) 794-9543.

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