

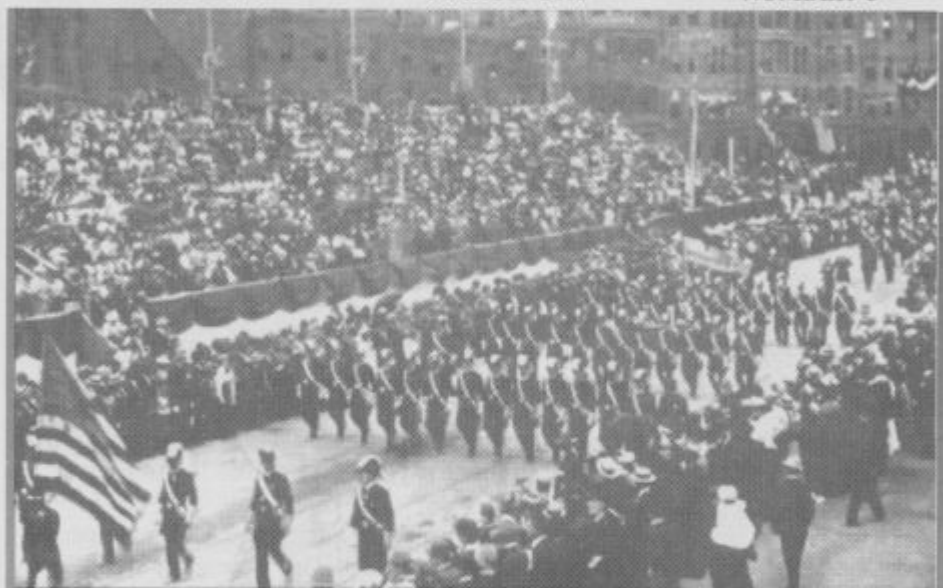


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Read about the 26th Triennial Conclave and the 1895 Boston parade (above) in the story about Sir Knight Thomas M. Carter and his famous "Boston Commandery March." It Starts on page 9. At left is the official badge of the 26th Triennial Conclave, held in Boston in 1895. (Pictures are from *History of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America* by Francis J. Scully, M.D.)

## Grand Master's Message - March 2003

I will start you off with the exciting news that our daughter Jane delivered a baby girl on January 14. Susan Esther Pickett weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces. The mother, father, daughter, and grandparents are doing well and prospering as I write this. Speaking of prospering, Lois and I had the opportunity of visiting Past Grand Master Donald Hinslea Smith and his Lady Kay a short time ago, and she is rapidly improving from her two-year-long health problems. She is hoping to be able to attend the 62nd Triennial Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri, August 16-20, 2003



Plan on attending the Grand Encampment Easter Service next month. There will be a wonderful group of Templars and their families present to worship together. You will also have the opportunity to hear from the largest Grand Prelate in the history of the Grand Encampment (reputed to be twice as large as any previous Grand Prelate). Both of my brothers will be participating in the message this year. It will be an historic occasion! They will also be featured during the 62nd Triennial Conclave if you can't make it for Easter.

This March begins with the East Central York Rite Conference in Lexington, Kentucky, on Saturday, March 8. The following weekend the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will meet in Chicago to select the recipients of our research grants for this year. We have a large group of applicants from which to choose. March 24 I will be representing the KTEF at the meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Children's Project Committee. The York Rite Bodies of Tuscola, Illinois, will have their Spring Dinner and meeting on Monday, March 3, and Villa Grove Camargo Lodge No. 885 will have regular meetings on March 4 and 18. Also, we have two candidates in progress and expect to have at least one Fellowcraft and one Master Mason degree. These are great times for Masonry!

Dr. William Jackson Jones  
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

# **Knight Templar**

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

MARCH: On page 2, Grand Master William Jackson Jones has an update on up-and-coming Knights Templar events, including the Grand Encampment Easter Service on April 20. Don't forget the 62nd Triennial Conclave coming up in August 2003. Register in advance today! Forms are included on page 12. 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 the one for this month is, before Chairman Pruitt tells you! Sir Knight Pruitt is emphasizing the "35" in the Annual Campaign for the KTEF! Get your donation in for the Campaign today, and check page 8 to see where your state stands in the Campaign! Sir Knight Bennett's biography of Baron de Kalb concludes starting on page 27, and we're proud to present a biography of Sir Knight Thomas M. Carter and the pictures (cover) concerning the 26th Triennial Conclave in Boston. Enjoy!

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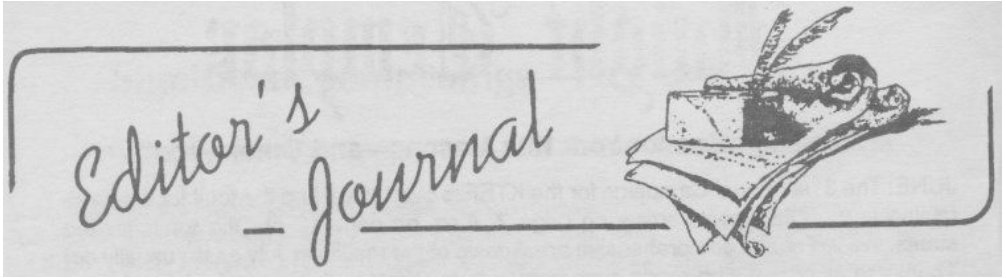
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## Message from the General Chairman the 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign

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,

Once again you are greeted by an interesting picture of someone, not me, who is very important to the order and to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. It is a young man in his thirty-fifth year, although he is now a "little bit" older. He has agreed to cooperate with me in the theme for this year's messages - the number 35.

I am still sure that many of you who have sent less in the past can afford a contribution of \$35.00 this year. Keep reading.

When you find out who this month's "mystery guest" is, you will know why he is just as interested as I am in having your cooperation.

I've been thinking quite a bit lately about the whole subject of Masonry and the complex nature of our fraternity; for example, I am, as of this writing, making preparation to attend the annual "Masonic Week" in Washington, DC. That's a fun occasion and a pleasant experience seeing good friends from around the country. It is a strong reminder, however, of how diverse and spread out we are as Masons. When we look at the organizations that hold their annual meetings in DC - A.M.D., Philalethes, HRAKTP, SRICF, etc. - we are forced to say: "All of this is a lot of fun, but are we accomplishing what we want to accomplish as Masons?"

A few days ago I attended a memorial service for a Brother Mason and



son of very close friends. Among other things this Brother owned a motorcycle and was a member of the San Francisco Motorcycle Club. (That's a pretty old and well-established organization, by the way.) Naturally, many of the members of that club were in attendance at the service. I had the interesting pleasure, at refreshments afterwards, of sitting across from one of the young members of the club. He had some nice things to say about the Masonic service, and since we were in the San Francisco Scottish Rite Center asked: "Just what is the Scottish Rite?"

You will agree that it is good to get those kinds of questions, since it gives us an opportunity to explain Masonry and perhaps even build a real interest in the listener; however, really explaining Masonry is about the hardest job I know of. How do you clarify that Scottish Rite is not a series of higher degrees, but explanatory degrees; that being a 32° makes you no more a Mason than a 30°

Then, you've got to touch on the York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Grotto, Tall Cedars, Sciots, A.M.D., etc., etc., etc.

The listener has to be convinced that we are not talking about a series of ladders to be climbed but a way to become better educated and to more deeply understand the true principles taught in the first three degrees. I try to picture Masonry as a wheel, with the Blue Lodge as the hub and the various affiliated bodies as the spokes. I explain that we join other organizations, not to become more "important" Masons but to become better educated and find a special "niche" with which we can truly identify and in which we can exercise some one, important Masonic service.

It is at this point that the lights begin to come on for the person who has asked about the fraternity. It is only when we get to the unique charities conducted by each body that he or she realizes that there may be some significance to the diversity of our Craft. The Shrine has its hospitals, the Scottish Rite has its learning clinics, Grand Lodges have retirement homes, and of course, the Knights Templar has its Eye Foundation. Then, it becomes a little easier to say: "See, each of the bodies offers a particular opportunity to exercise the brotherly love, relief, and truth taught in the first three degrees."

Is that the way it is with you? Have you found the Eye Foundation to be a special "niche" in which you want to practice your Masonic and Christian charity? I sincerely hope so. Without that dedication we are destined to struggle forever to succeed in this important endeavor.

You have received this year's notice in the mail, along with the return form for your special contribution. Please respond generously. If you didn't get up to \$35.00, how about sending a second check? Our "mystery guest" and I will both appreciate it.

Who is that "mystery guest"? He is none other than Sir Knight Marvin Selock, Past Grand High Priest, the present Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, and Office Administrator of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation office.

He's the guy that makes it all happen! And pretty handsome, what?

Fraternal regards, Bruce

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Arkansas	2,323.00
California	18,056.23
Colorado	4,741.00
Connecticut	2,889.75
Delaware	727.00
District of Columbia	2,908.00
Florida	7,162.00
Georgia	24,921.00
Idaho	1,328.00
Illinois	10,652.49
Indiana	6,724.85
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Kansas	2,492.50
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# **Sir Knight Thomas M. Carter and the Famous "Boston Commandery March"**

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

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, Grand Encampment officers were concerned that parades and festivities were dominating the Triennial Conclaves. After all, these were business meetings!

The 26th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, held in Boston in 1895, was one of the most lavish Conclaves to date. It was the third time that the Conclave had been held in this historic city. No doubt the Sir Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island puffed out their chests with pride: The old Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island had roots going back to colonial days, and Paul Revere was one of the first documented individuals to receive the Orders of Knighthood.

The parade was highlighted by 26,000 smartly uniformed Sir Knights marching in dignified formation through the streets of Boston. It is believed that half a million people turned out to watch the 5-hour procession.

Elaborate decorations were in place to greet the visiting Sir Knights. The city hail was draped from top to bottom in flags. The front of the Masonic Temple featured an 80-foot by 80-foot, illuminated Templar Cross with other Masonic emblems. Over 2,000 frosted lights were used to outline the Templar Cross alone. There was also a 17-foot high Salem Cross lit with purple lights in the center of the Templar Cross making

this a truly remarkable display for 1895.

Elaborate social events were also planned for the multitude of Sir Knights. The generous Sir Knights from California donated 15,000 bottles of wine and 8,000 bushels of fruit to enhance the merrymaking.

Numerous dignitaries were present to address the Conclave including the governor of Massachusetts, Frederick T. Greenhalge; the mayor of Boston, Edward U. Curtis; and of course, Grand Master Hugh McCurdy.

Another high point of the 26th Triennial was the music; about 140 bands participated in the Grand Parade.

New England was well known for its fine bands. The bandleaders were frequently also composers of tuneful yet functional march music. Such bandmasters as R. B. Hall, D. W. Reeves, and Jean Missud come to mind. All were protégés and contemporaries of the great Sousa.

One New England bandmaster-composer, Thomas Morrill Carter (1841-1934), had perhaps the longest career of the era. His band participated in numerous Triennials of the Grand Encampment including Washington (1889), Denver (1892), Boston (1895), Pittsburgh (1898), San Francisco (1904), and Saratoga (1907). He is remembered today for one composition, "Boston Commandery March," which he wrote in 1892. It is difficult to imagine that Carter's march was not played at the Boston Triennial of 1895.

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*Dedicated to E. Sir Eugene A. Holton, Eminent Commander Boston Commandery.  
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# Boston Commandery March.

Onward! Christian Soldier. T. M. CARTER.

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Onward! Christian Soldier. (Sir Arthur S. Sullivan.)

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Carter himself was a member of Boston Commandery No. 2, having been Created a Knight Templar in 1889. The dedication of the march reads: "To E. Sir Eugene A. Holton, Eminent Commander, Boston Commander Knights Templar." The final section of Carter's march is a dignified setting in the brass of Sir Arthur Sullivan's, "Onward Christian Soldiers." As the brass play in chordal style, the woodwinds play a flowing obbligato over the melody.

It is interesting to contemplate if Carter's "Boston Commandery" was a copyright violation of Sullivan's popular hymn. The hymn was still a fairly new composition at the time Carter penned his piece, and Sullivan was still alive and active in England.

Coincidentally, Sir Arthur, like Carter, was also a Freemason and even served as Grand Organist of the United Grand Lodge of England.

In any event, Carter's march was a hit. Sousa's Marine Band recorded it the year it was published in 1892 for the Columbia Phonograph Company in Washington, DC. This is especially noteworthy, because Sousa was not known to record many marches outside of his own works. "Boston Commandery" was perfect for the old cylinder recordings due to its brevity. The "Onward Christian Soldiers" section is not repeated, making the entire march about a 2-minute selection.

Other archival recordings of "Boston Commandery" include the Columbia Band for Columbia Records, Conway's Band on the

Okeh label, and the New York Military Band for Edison.

Biographical information on T. M. Carter is sketchy. He was born on Christmas Day 1841 in Newton, New Hampshire. Evidently, his father taught him to play the trombone, and he was soon proficient enough to play in the town band in Newburyport, Massachusetts. As a youthful 18-year-old, he became director of the group. Two years later, Carter moved to Boston and joined D. C. Hall's Band. Here lies a major gap in Carter's biography. He certainly was the right age for service in the Civil War. The Civil War was the great era for brass bands, and his talents as a musician certainly would have been in demand.

In 1869 Carter is known to have been the orchestra director on the steamer *Providence* on the Fall River Boat line. There are, also, sources that indicate that he played e-flat cornet with Patrick Gilmore's band that same year. About 1871 Carter organized his own band. The band was a New England favorite for over 60 years. From 1906 to 1919 Carter's Band played on the beach at Nantucket.

Carter was also known as a great fraternal man. He was an Odd Fellow for over 50 years. He is also credited as being a 58-year Mason. According to Sir Knight Norman G. Lincoln, Carter belonged to St. Mark's Lodge in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Carter was, also, probably a Shriner. His last public appearance was conducting the band at a Shrine function at age 92.

The strain was too much for the elderly musician. He died a short time later in Boston in the company of his wife and daughter.

Carter's "Boston Commandery March" remained a national favorite for years. It was traditionally used in the Commandery as an accompaniment to inspections. The march was also a favorite of the late Boston Pops conductor, Arthur Fiedler, who used it as a concert opener and recorded it with his celebrated orchestra.

The march is currently available on CD in stirring renditions by the Goldman Band and the Detroit Concert Band.

Carter is also credited with two other Knights Templar marches, "Grand Commandery" and "Triennial."

Carter's many years of fraternal service are impressive. Although his musical career spanned over 8 decades, he will be best remembered for his 2-minute musical tribute to his beloved Boston Commandery No. 2.

Notes: Information on the 1895 Triennial was from *History of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America* by Francis J. Scully, M.D.; biographical information on T. M. Carter was from *March Music Notes* by Norman E. Smith; recording information was found in *The Sousa Band - A Discography* by James R. Smart; other information was provided by Sir Knight Norman G. Lincoln.

*Postscript: I heard "Boston Commandery March" a number of years ago as my daughter rode the carousel at Arrowhead Mall in the metro Phoenix area.*

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 Windjammers Unlimited Circus Concert Band. He resides at 1524 Smith Drive, Holbrook, AZ 86025

## 62ND TRIENNIAL ADVANCE REGISTRATION



The Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, will serve as the headquarters for the 62nd Triennial Conclave, which starts on Friday, August 15, and concludes on Wednesday, August 20, 2003. Placing your order for tickets with the committee **before May 1, 2003**, will minimize delays and confusion when you arrive and more importantly, **will save you a \$25.00 fee for LATE REGISTRATION**. Below are official order forms. Complete the correct form (voting delegate or non-voting delegate), and mail it without delay: **Make check payable to: 62nd Triennial Conclave** and mail to: Lionel J. Goede, 780 Murray Hill Drive, Fenton, MO 63026; phone: (636) 343-3730.

### ORDER FORM VOTING DELEGATE

For registration fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Friday, August 15, 2003, at the Adam's Mark Hotel and upon my arrival.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lady (first name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 62nd Triennial Conclave, tickets for you and your lady, IF she is attending, to the Grand Master's reception, to the Grand Master's banquet, and admission to the awards and pass-in-review. The souvenir program book will also be included. You will need to purchase a ticket for your lady to attend the ladies' luncheon on Monday. Additional tickets may be purchased as listed below.

Registration Fee . . . . . \$150.00  
 After April 30, 2003 . . . . \$175.00

Additional tickets may be purchased for the following:

\_\_\_ Grand Master's reception...  
 \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Ladies' luncheon, Monday...  
 \$27.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Grand Master's banquet...  
 \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total with check for** \_\_\_\_\_

### ORDER FORM NON-VOTING DELEGATE

For registration fee and additional tickets as noted below to be available Friday, August 15, 2003, at the Adam's Mark Hotel and upon my arrival.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lady (first name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration packet will include the specially struck badge commemorating the 62nd Triennial Conclave, tickets for you and your lady, IF she is attending, to the Grand Master's reception, and to the awards and pass-in-review. The souvenir program book will also be included. You must purchase tickets to the ladies' luncheon on Monday and to the Grand Master's banquet. Additional tickets may be purchased as listed below.

Registration Fee . . . . . \$70.00  
 After April 30, 2003 . . . . \$95.00

Additional tickets may be purchased for the following:

\_\_\_ Grand Master's reception...  
 \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Ladies' luncheon, Monday...  
 \$27.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Grand Master's banquet...  
 \$45.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total with check for** \_\_\_\_\_



## **The Common Denominator of Freemasonry**

by Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33<sup>o</sup>

Whenever one is identified as a member of the great body of Freemasonry, he is often asked questions about its values and traditions. "What is Freemasonry?" I am frequently asked. "Why should I become a member?" "What would I gain from this affiliation?"

These are potent queries that demand thoughtful answers, responses that many have been called upon to furnish.

In my own experience, I can recount many instances in which I have received such requests from friends and neighbors. Interest is often expressed in seeking information about the benefits of Masonic affiliation. I have striven always to oblige such requests. I have cited the great history of our fraternity and the many distinguished men who have graced our ranks, shedding luster upon Masonic tradition.

I have endeavored to draw attention to the many opportunities for intellectual development offered to Masons. I have signaled the profound philosophical elements that are inherent to Masonic teachings. I have added, also, the rich opportunities for self-improvement and above all, the good works of the Craft performed around the clock and around the world.

Even the social gatherings enjoyed by Masons and their families are attributes of membership.

All of this is not unique to our fraternity. Indeed, other organizations; be they fraternal, civic, or religious in their focus; provide many opportunities of like nature, sometimes in even larger dimension.

Nevertheless, I found myself disillusioned because I could never provide a convincing statement that would unlock the content most central to our great fraternity. Despite careful search and inquiry, I failed to present a convincing summation of our fraternal values. What is it then that sets Masons apart from other worldly groups?

The answer to this question continues to remain elusive. Try as I would to devise a compelling reason, my efforts appeared consigned to failure.

Not long ago, I journeyed to Toledo, Ohio, where I was scheduled to present an address at the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education. Somehow I lost my direction to the Masonic Temple, the venue for the meeting. When, after much effort, I finally did arrive, I was very nearly late for my presentation. I ran toward the building entrance, but I stumbled and fell over the top step.

All of my notes and slides lay hopelessly scattered as was I upon the stone walkway. Almost immediately, a man appeared before me. He helped me to my feet and began

gathering up my scattered lecture materials. He then assisted me into the Temple; sitting beside me, he helped to get my notes and slides again into proper order. Then, assuring himself that I was again in a proper condition, he departed almost as quickly as he had first appeared. Before I could thank him or even learn his name, he was gone!

I made inquiry from a Brother standing nearby and learned that my "guardian angel" was Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Rasor, the Grand Master of Masons in the State of Ohio.

In an instant, I knew that at last I had found the long sought answer to my question. If a man of such great fraternal stature had found the time from his busy life to offer his aid and support to an unknown person, the purpose and intent of Masonry had found its most sincere expression. Equality, I now realized, is the most vital element in our fraternal existence.

When a man enters a Masonic Temple, all of the cares and woes that accompany life in the profane world drop away.

Each Brother sits alongside his fellows in full and complete harmony. It matters little whether the man to his left or right is a banker, a corporate executive, or a professional person; he might be a laborer or even without any employment; at this juncture, he is a Brother Mason, and all else disappears. Within the confines of our sacred edifice, we are all Brethren, equal one with all. We are united under the All-Seeing Eye of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

The sum of our great history, philosophy, and teachings; mighty as they are; pale in importance to the equality of our existence here and now.

The sun which shines over our world sheds its benign rays equally upon all men where-so-ever dispersed.

There is a passage in the Old Testament concerning the prophet Hillel, who had been captured by a band of idol worshippers. They made jest of his holy writings, demanding that he reveal to them everything written in his holy book while he stood on one foot!

The prophet obliged them saying, "That which is harmful to you do not do unto others. Everything else is but commentary"

So too, is it placed in Freemasonry; the equality of one Brother with another is the central theme = all else is commentary.

Thus it is that equality among our Brethren is established forever as the true common denominator existing within the bounds of our Noble Craft.

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# The Templar Triangle

by Sir Knight Benjamin F. Wade  
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"There is no symbol more important in its signification, more various in its application, or more generally diffused throughout the whole system of Freemasonry than the triangle." (Mackey's *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*)

"The equilateral triangle viewed in the light of the doctrines of those who gave it currency as a divine symbol, represents ... the Creator and container of all things, as one and indivisible, manifesting himself in an infinity of forms and attributes in this visible universe." ( D. W. Nash, *Freemasons Magazine*, iv, 294)

When the Ancients and the Moderns united into one body, most references to this Holy symbol were either expunged or obscured, giving the "new" rituals a more universal appeal, the ultimate act of political and religious correctness, to appeal to more "good" men and potential members. It is the contention of this paper that certain of those reconstructionists, perhaps "Masonic Templars," left certain clues, obscure hints, creating a subliminal message, to provide light on the crooked and dark path to truth. Let us pursue this and determine where it could lead.

In the Symbolic Degrees there are countless allusions to the triangle; three greater lights, three lesser lights, the three officers of a Lodge, and the lessons are in groups of three, i.e., Faith, Hope and Charity, etc.

In the Capitular Degrees we are taught not to reject work because it is neither oblong or square, and truth is finally revealed within a triangle in the Royal Arch Degree.

In the Cryptic Degrees we are told of an event that was portrayed in the Symbolic Degrees that caused an inability to form a triangle; that is, this triangle could not be completed; it was incomplete, broken.

In the Orders of Templary the means and method of repairing that which is incomplete or broken is revealed and subtly concealed within the opening ceremonies of a Commandery of Knights Templar, to wit:

"Sir Knight Captain General, form the triangle preparatory to our devotions."

"Eminent Commander, the triangle is formed."

**No, it is not! At this point all that is formed is an incomplete or broken triangle.**

"Sir Knight Generalissimo, Sir Knight Captain General, and Excellent Prelate, accompany me to the triangle."

These four officers, acting as a unit, represent the head, arms, and foot of the cross upon which our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, offered himself, as a sacrifice for our sins, and they approach and complete the triangle, making it whole again.

A firm reliance on the truths contained in our ceremonies and a childlike faith in that which they represent can alone provide closure and completeness, enabling us to become that which was envisioned for us by the founders of our beloved fraternity: upright and perfect men. That which was subliminal now becomes sublime.

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## **Origins of the Chivalric Orders**

While no direct connection can be made with the original Templars or the Knights of St. John, the modern Masonic rituals are based upon the history, activities, and spiritual and moral practices of the ancient orders. A brief account of the history of these ancient companions follows:

Palestine had been under Arab control since 637 A.D. The Mohammedans considered Jesus of Nazareth the second prophet after Mohammed and permitted Christian pilgrims free access to the holy shrines.

Small hospitals had been established by Christian residents to provide for the pilgrims' needs. One of these had been established in Jerusalem in 1046 by the merchants of Amalfi, Italy, and was named the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. This was manned by serving brothers having no initial affiliation with a religious order.

In 1076 A.D., the Ottoman Turks conquered the Holy Land and proceeded to persecute the Christian community and defile the Christian shrines. A pilgrim, known as Peter the Hermit, returned to Europe and began to preach a crusade to free the Holy Land from the Turkish scourge.

Pope Urban II called for a church council at Clermont, France, in 1095 to organize a "Holy War..." While the princes of Europe were assembling their armies, Peter the Hermit led an unruly mob toward Jerusalem. The remnants of this "Peoples Crusade" were annihilated by the Turks at Nicaea.

The "first" Crusade finally set out for Palestine in 1096. The crusaders were led by Count Raymond of Toulouse, Robert of Normandy, Godfrey of Bouillon, his brother Baldwin of Flanders, Tancred, Count Bohemond, Hugh de Vermandois, brother of the King of France, and Stephen of Blois.

Taking different routes, the various armies assembled at Constantinople early in 1097. Proceeding toward Jerusalem, they invested Nicaea which surrendered rather than to be destroyed. The army then advanced on Antioch in 1097 and captured it by bribing a tower guard on June 3, 1098.

Marching through the deserts and mountains of northern Palestine, the Christian army, of approximately 20,000 men, arrived before the gates of Jerusalem on June 7, 1099.

After prayers of thanksgiving and supplication, they humbly marched barefooted around the walls and then invested the city. They captured



Jerusalem by assault on July 15, 1099, thus bringing the First Crusade to a successful conclusion.

Godfrey de Bouillon was selected to be King of Jerusalem, but he accepted only the title of "Baron and Defender of the Holy Sepulcher," declining to wear a crown of gold where Christ had worn a crown of thorns.

The country was portioned out to the nobility of the crusade, and castles were constructed for defense. Godfrey died within a year and was succeeded by his brother Baldwin. Many Europeans now undertook pilgrimages to the Holy Land where they were attacked and ravaged by bands of thieves and robbers who inhabited the mountains and deserts of Palestine.

## **The Knights Templar**

In 1118, nine Christian Knights formed a fighting unit to patrol the Palestine roads and escort pilgrims on their journey. Their leader was Hugh de Payens, a Burgundian Knight. They named their band "The Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ."

Baldwin II, now King of Jerusalem, assigned this organization quarters near the Moslem "Dome of the Rock," the former site of King Solomon's Temple, whereupon the knights expanded their title to "The Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon." This soon became shortened to "Knights of the Temple." The Templars assumed a perpetual vow to be faithful to the Order before the Patriarch of Jerusalem.

In 1128 A.D., Hugh de Payens and a companion were sent as emissaries of King Baldwin to the Church Council of Troyes. On their journey they solicited the aid and support of Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux (St. Bernard) to secure ecclesiastical sanction for their order. In this they were successful, and the Templars assumed the rule of the Benedictines and the white habit of that order. Pope Eugenius III decreed that they would wear a red cross above the heart. While in Europe, Hugh de Payens secured additional support for his order in the form of recruits and financial assistance.

The order was divided into three branches: the Knights who had to be of noble birth, the serving brothers who served as sergeants and men-at-arms, and the Chaplains.

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On the Masonic Newsfront...

### **Father and Son are R.E. Grand Commander and M.E. Grand High Priest, State of West Virginia**



On left is Sir Knight James Herbert Wilson, R.E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the state of West Virginia and the third Grand Commander from St. John's Commandery No. 8, Weston, in over 100 years. On right is son James Stephen Wilson, M.E. Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of the state of West Virginia, and the 2nd G.H.P. from Bigelow Chapter No. 4, Weston, in over 100 years. James S. Wilson is also Grand Sentinel in the Grand Commandery line.

Sir Knight James H. Wilson writes: "It was odd and uncommon that we would hold these titles at the same time. It was because of dropouts in the two lines. My son and I are proud that it did happen, and we wanted to share it with readers of *Knight Templar* magazine."

Father and son are Past Masters and members of Weston Lodge No. 10, A.F. & A.M., Weston, W. Sir Knight James H. writes: "Sam Bailey is also a member of Weston Lodge and is Potentate of Nemesis Shrine, and my son and I congratulate Sam." All three Sir Knights are members of Bigelow Chapter No. 4, R.A.M.

### **Grand Commandery of Maryland and Other Bodies in Annual Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade**

Early in December 2002, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland joined with the Grand Lodge of Maryland and Boumi Temple Shrine to participate in the 30th Annual Baltimore Mayor's Christmas parade. The streets were lined from beginning to end by the local residents, and both the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland and the Illustrious Potentate expressed their thanks for the Knights Templar's participation. A first for the Knights, they feel that it was the beginning of an annual venture among the Masonic bodies in Maryland. Pictured are Sir Knight Keith A. Brown (left), Grand Commander, and the renowned Past Grand Commander's Drum Corps.



## **St. Amand Commandery No. 20, West Kennebunk, Maine Christmas Observance**

At the St. Amand Christmas Observance, Sir Knight David J. Billings, KCT and P.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Maine, and his Lady Mary presented a box of handmade mittens, hats, and scarves to Mr. Tern Flodor, Divisional Development Director of the Northern Jurisdiction of the Salvation Army, and to Mr. Ron Terry, Salvation Army representative of the Portland, Maine office. The items were made by the ladies of Auburn Assembly No. 262, S.O.O.B., and represented a portion of the 7,420 articles of clothing given for the year 2002; for example, Channel 6 TV station received 535 winter coats for the Coats for Kids Drive. Sir

Knight Dave and Lady Mary have managed the program for 9 years with an average of 2,999 articles of clothing per year. In the picture, left to right, are: Lady Mary, Ron Terry, Sir Knight Dave, and Tom Flodor. (Picture courtesy of Lady Carol Bond)



## **Shreveport Assembly No. 60, S.O.O.B., and Ascension Commandery No. 6 Hold Joint Installation in Shreveport. Louisiana**



At the meeting the Assembly donated toys for Shreveport's Toys for Tots program, and they were received by Sir Knight D. C. Hall, a retired fireman, to deliver to the fire station. The Assembly's other charity projects for 2002 were: transportation fund for Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital, Shreveport; and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. At left, from left, are: (Mrs. Charles) Betty England, W.P. for 2003; Sir Knight D. C. Hall; and (Mrs. Pat) Chloe Dickson, outgoing President and Oracle 2003.

Below, left to right, are members of the Assembly: Mrs. Larry Ledbetter; Mrs. Dwight Brown; Mrs. J. T. Rosson; Mrs. Pat Dickson, W.P. 2002; Mrs. Jack Giles; Mrs. Charles England, W.P. 2003; Mrs. Manfred Johnscher; and Mrs. Roy E. May. (submitted by (Mrs. Roy E.) Viva May, Recorder)



## **Newton Assembly No. 6, S.O.O.B., Newton, KS, Entertained by Santa**

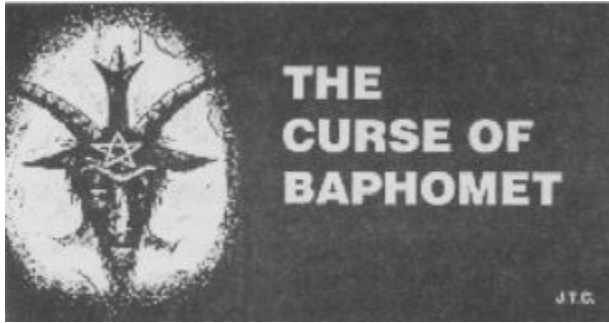


Santa Claus; aka Past Grand Commander of Kansas, Joe N. Randall; visited Newton No. 6 the end of 2002. Shown, left to right, front row are the members with the "jolly visitor": Mrs. N. L. King, Mrs. Ed Freeman, W.P. Mrs. Bud Potter, Santa, Mrs. Grunert, Mrs. Frank Rees; back row: Mrs. Fred Logan, Mrs. Jerold Butcher, Mrs. Homer Hendrickson, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, and Mrs. Maurice Caywood. Wichita Assembly No. 8 members installed new officers for Newton on January 13, 2003

## **Wichita Assembly No. 8, S.O.O.B., Wichita, KS, Installs Officers**

Wichita No. 8 installed 2003 officers the end of the year 2002. Mrs. Richard Brown will be the new Worthy President. Among installing officers were 3 Past Supreme Worthy Presidents: Mrs. Joe N. Randall, Mrs. Jay U. Ipsen, and Mrs. Homer Hendrickson. Wichita Past Presidents hosted a reception before the installation. Below left are the installing officers and Worthy President Mrs. Richard Brown in center. Below right are the Past Supreme Worthy Presidents and Mrs. Brown, listed from left: Mrs. Homer Hendrickson, P.S.W.P.; Mrs. Joe N. Randall, P.S.W.P.; Mrs. Richard Brown, W.P. of Wichita No. 8; and Mrs. Jay U. Ipsen, P.S.W.P. (submitted by [Mrs. Homer] Janice Hendrickson, P.S.W.P., magazine contact for S.O.O.B.)





## **Baphomet:** New Year-Old Mythstakes

Dearest Sir Knights:

A small pamphlet entitled "The Curse Of Baphomet" has fallen into my hands. This short and humorous little read actually gave me many a chuckle. Upon inquiring of my W.M., I was assured that this was not meant to be a joke. It is, unfortunately, a heinous and gross misinterpretation of Masonic symbolism, beliefs and values. This pamphlet is, at least, vile propoganda intended to strike fear into the weak-willed and doubtful - and, at most, a pseudo-academic work for which the author should be held liable for slander and defamation of character.

### **About The Author:**

Little can be said as to the author of the pamphlet, outside of the fact that Mr. Jack T. Chick appears to be a bored, lonely and frustrated evangelist who believes he can bring people to Jesus through lies and deceit. Obviously, Chick has had little or no first hand contact with the actual written works of the sources he claims, which are mainly Aleister Crowley and Eliphas Levi. As for myself, I chose *The History of Magic* and *Transcendental Magic* as my two major sources for historical and textual background on Levi and Baphomet, and *The Confessions of Aleister Crowley*, *Magick Without Tears* and *Magick In Theory and Practice* from Crowley's works, in addition to H.C. Agrippa's *Three Books of Occult Philosophy*, John J. Robinson's *Born In Blood*, and of course *The Jerusalem Bible*. Perhaps if he would have read any, or preferably all of these sources, he might have produced a more tolerant and truthful pamphlet.

Far more is known about the author of the "character" of Baphomet used by Chick, and indeed he is far more interesting, so he shall be given far more attention. Eliphas Levi was a 19th Century author and participant in the occult craze of his day. Prior to becoming a writer, it appears that Levi (formerly known as Alphonse Louis Constant) was on his way to becoming a priest, but for reasons which are unclear,

failed to complete the program and take his vows. It was probably during his education to become a priest in which he acquired the majority of the occult knowledge which he would later use in the writing of his books. It is important to note that, prior to his death in 1875, he made great efforts to reconcile with the Church so as to receive his last rites.

### **The Rider-Waite Interpretation:**

Arthur Edward Waite's choice to incorporate Levi's adaptation of Baphomet for use as the depiction of the devil in his tarot cards was made from a completely arbitrary standpoint, notwithstanding that of esthetic value (it looked cool). On the contrary, Levi intended the caricature of Baphomet to represent, specifically, universal dualities (male/female; above/below; etc).

It should also be noted that within the tarot system itself, the "devil" card has little, if anything, to do with the "Satan" contained within Judeo-Christian literature. In fact, the devil card most often represents change, in connection with the destruction of an old way of life or idea in favor of a new one.

### **Mythquoted Symbols:**

It is important to mention here that Eliphas Levi appears to be the individual responsible for the initial dualistic characterization (good vs. evil) of the pentagram. This was as a result of Levi superimposing his picture of Baphomet's head on the pentagram in an attempt to lend antiquity's symbolic value to his theories. Or, once again, maybe he just thought it looked good. But remember that prior to Levi, no such division or use exists for this symbol. In the majority of occult traditions from England to Japan a five-pointed star is simply used to represent the primary physical elements and the supreme element of spirit.

### **The Baal and Baphomet Connection:**

This topic is fairly straight-forward. As far as can be historically verified, there appears to be no Biblical connection whatsoever between Baal (an ancient male deity of Semitic peoples, not including the Hebrews) and Baphomet. I wish I could say more, but it's just that simple.

### **The Crowley Connection:**

While illusion is made by Chick as to the deep connection between Aleister Crowley and Masonic symbolism, the truth is that Crowley merely adopted Masonic symbols for his own devices, which does not alter the symbols themselves.

The primary evidence for any participation Crowley may have actually had within Freemasonry exists in Crowley's own autobiography. By his own admission, Crowley's participation in Masonry was an attempt to discover Masonic secrets, to which he claims to have found none. He, himself, claims to be a Master Mason of the nth degree but will only site his lodge of initiation as Lodge "X," which is possibly located somewhere in the south of France. As of yet, I have been unable to verify this information through any recognized Masonic body... but the game is still afoot! I assure you, however, that while Crowley may have been many things, he

may have been a bit of a charlatan, a bit of a good salesman and even a bit of an academic - he was almost assuredly not a Satan worshiper.

The vast majority of his work was done in the light of Judeo-Christian mysticism with sporadic attempts to find common ground between the aforementioned mysticism and that of other ancient cultures (i.e., the Egyptians, Babylonians, etc.).

Crowley offers no explanation as to the origin of the name "Baphomet" or its connection to Templary. To the best of my knowledge, it appears nowhere in either the Old or New Testaments and seems to first appear with the charges brought against the Templars by a man named Esquian de Horian, as cited by Agrippa in his *Three Books of Occult Philosophy*. But even here, we are at least one or two steps removed from the source. Something important one must remember is that, in all likelihood, Sr. de Horian was paid, or possibly coerced into bringing said charges against the Templars.

This, in itself, makes any accusation brought forth by de Horian suspect, at best. Additionally, any specifics concerning this portion of the charges brought against the Templars are, to say the least, non-specific.

As yet, the earliest reference I am able to find concerning the connection between Baphomet and the Templars comes from the early 16<sup>th</sup> century occult works of Agrippa, which seem to be the same and sole source of Levi's alleged connection between the two. There are really only one or two instances in which Levi himself actually references the names "Baphomet," "Templars" and "Masons" together, and this is done in a most arbitrary fashion or when taken from an incomplete quote from the works of Agrippa. Levi could have just as easily picked some other institution of *his own day*, such as *The Golden Dawn*, *Argenteum Astrum* or even the *Fraternitas Saturni* (who may have some connection to the Templars' western brothers, the Teutonic Knights).

Why the Templars and the Masons? I don't know, maybe for pure sensationalism (there is a certain amount of anti-Masonic feelings in the end of the 18th through a good portion of the 19th century), or perhaps he was rejected by his local lodge. Or maybe he thought he was doing them justice by somehow preserving their memory, no matter how perverse his attempts. We may never know.

### **Possible Origins Of The Name "Baphomet":**

It is important to consider the etymology of a word before assuming one has an understanding. There are many possible etymologies of the name Baphomet, but for time and space concerns we will look at only three here, and one additional at the end.

a. Foul French -

It is quite possible that "Baphomet" is a mispronunciation of the name Mohammed or Mahomet by our 10th c. French speaking Templars or their persecutors. (If this is true, it would imply that, to some extent, the Templars had accepted Islam. And if this were the case, the Inquisition could have charged them with treason, and not heresy.)

- b. Arabic -  
Another possibility is that it was also a mispronunciation, but this time of the Arabic phrase "Abufihat" literally meaning "father of wisdom/understanding"; this being one of the names of Ala or God.
- c. Greek -  
This theory involves two Greek words: "Baph" and "Metis." The words Baph Metis when joined together literally mean, "baptism of wisdom." This has some interesting ramifications, for one of the rumors, or myths of Templary, was that they worshiped an actual head (skull?). What if this head were not worshiped, but rather venerated as the head of John the Baptist? This may have been the source of Crowley's inspiration on the name, but with a twist as we shall see.

### **Geometric Revelation and more Crowley:**

Throughout the centuries, Judeo-Christian mystics have sought to experience the Divine through a process called "Gematria."

This is a Judaic system (there is some debate as to the true origin of this system, but that is for another time) of word/number interaction within the Holy text. Wherein each letter of the Hebrew alphabet (which contains no vowels) also corresponds to a numeric value.

Based on this information it is believed that words and phrases with the same value can be or are significantly related. Through this system, some Judeo-Christian mystics to this day believe that certain secret words contained within the Old Testament and elsewhere hold the power of Divine origin, and are unlocked by interpreting, or deciphering, these related words and phrases.

The one and only theory in connection with the name Baphomet as put forth by the supposedly "satanic" Aleister Crowley, was a Gematriac one. Crowley asserted that the numeric value for the name Baphomet was identical to the numeric value of the sacred title given to Peter by Christ. But beyond this, he tells us nothing more. Given this information, I suggest one possible explanation for the Templars' behavior may have been the misinterpretation of their veneration of the Apostle Peter as the cornerstone of the Church of Christ, leaving them wrongfully accused as traitors or heretics. Bearing this in mind, it could simply be that worshipful use of the name "Baphomet" was actually the Templars' attempt to disguise the sacred, or hidden, name of Peter from the infidels. Hence, the creation of Baphomet through a reverse process of Gematria. What better way to keep sacred words from the uninitiated than to encode those secrets given to them by the Savior. After all, how can one say a word that cannot be said?

But even these possibilities still beg the question as to the actual etymology of the word "Baphomet." Gematria, remember, is based on Hebrew and, of all the possible etymologies listed above, none are Hebrew. Even the possibility of Aramaic, which would have been in all likelihood the spoken and written language of Jesus who may have, in theory, given some life to the word in question, is also obviously not Hebrew.



Therefore, can a translation from any of these languages to the Hebrew system be made to work realistically, or was it perhaps merely a contrived attempt at secrecy?

### **Heresy or Hearsay?**

In an attempt to locate some historic connection between the Templars and the name/figure of Baphomet, one of my sources was Robinson's *Born in Blood*. Here, at least, I was unable to find the "B" word listed amongst the charges weighed against the Templars by Pope Clemente V in 1308 after their arrest in Paris. I have requested the supporting documentation from the Papacy, though I am told this may take some time... just kidding.

Another place I checked for information, but do not recommend as a source, is the website "templarhistory.com" which gives a good deal of information on Baphomet, as well as Levi. Though anyone who decides to look there must take in the information carefully and double check, if possible, with original sources where sited (good luck). Unfortunately, they appear to fall into the same trap as Chick by relying on secondary or tertiary sources, at best. They site Levi, via Nesta Webster (himself, a somewhat unreliable source), as stating that Baphomet spelled backwards (TEM OFIP AB) translates into the Latin phrase: "Templi omnivm hominvm pacis abbas" (how Levi gets this from the previous, I am baffled), which he further takes to mean in English "The Father Of The Temple Of Peace Of All Men."

According to Webster, Levi felt this to be a reference to King Solomon's Temple, which he also believed had the sole purpose of bringing peace to the world. What this has to do with the Knights Templar exactly, I am unsure. But, in any case, Levi, Webster and templarhistory.com must have all missed that day of Latin class. If Levi's "tem ohp ab" actually means what he says, it would clearly translate as: "The Temple Of God's Covenant With All Mankind." I'm not sure about you, but this to me, does not designate the Temple of Solomon, but rather the final covenant, the temple of salvation, which is either Jesus or Jesus through Simon Peter's Universal Church. In either case, the point is moot, for once again, this would not make the Templars heretics.

These latter theories are merely my own attempts to redeem the Templars in the eyes of the Christian world (that is if they need it), and offer some possible explanation as to why they would not have been able to offer the truth, even unto their deaths, at the hands of the Inquisitors.

So what was my point anyway? That's right, Jack T. Chick. I say no to Jack, we are not worshipers of the devil. I hope to have revealed the ancient society of Freemasons via the Knights Templar not as misguided idolaters, but as faithful servants of the Lord, with the strength and blessings of God, standing true to their vows of secrecy and keeping their promise to hold the arcane sacred to the very bitter end. This being true, surely, blessed are they.

**Eric D. Sieruga, Knight of Malta**

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Grand Master William J. Jones



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## **The Making of a Patriot: Baron de Kalb - Part III**

by Sir Knight

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Terrorized, they broke and fled, many throwing down their muskets in a headlong dash for safety. The center of the colonial line followed soon after. The distinguished General Gates, viewing the scene from 60 yards to the rear, led the frantic, fleeing colonial recruits. Later, Gates claimed his horse "ran away." He did not gain control of the mount until he arrived safely in Charlotte, North Carolina, 60 miles to the north.

De Kalb was left in command of the field, with approximately 600 Maryland and Delaware regulars remaining to fight the British.

De Kalb and his devoted 600 fought off continuous attacks for an hour, finally launching a bayonet charge of their own against the overwhelming British force. Three times the Americans advanced with the huge figure of General de Kalb leading the charge. Three horses were shot from under him during the battle, and he sustained a vicious scalp wound from a saber.

Without a hat, the white bandage became a rallying point around which the baron's gallant survivors gathered. The force of the British attack increased, forcing the colonials to give ground slowly. Finally, "Butcher" Tarleton's cavalry fell upon the rear of de Kalb's decimated ranks, and it was obvious the day was lost. Baron John de Kalb had one futile final charge to make, however. A faithful few of his beloved Maryland and Delaware comrades surged forward behind him.

As the baron lurched forward afoot, he was struck by several musket balls. Blood gushed from his wounds, but he still had enough strength to stagger onward. Even after a British bayonet was thrust into his body, the general was able to strike down the attacker with his sword. Mortally wounded, General de Kalb sank slowly to the ground. Recognized by his uniform, the British soldiers shouted, "the American general."

Without a leader, the remaining colonials fled into the nearby marshes and scattered. The battle was over.

A dying General de Kalb was hauled to his feet by the raging British soldiers and thrust against a wagon wheel, where they began hacking at him with sabers. De Kaib's adjutant, Major Debuysson, threw himself over the body of his commander, shouting, "Spare him. Save the Baron de Kalb!" Debuysson sustained several saber blows meant for the baron before General Cornwallis rode up, roaring for the British soldiers to desist.

De Kaib's shirt had been stripped off before Cornwallis intervened. Bleeding profusely, he was still alive. The British general ordered General de Kalb transported to the rear to receive medical attention. Cornwallis permitted Major Dubuysson to accompany his commander to the hospital.

The victorious British general expressed his sincere regret to de Kalb that he had been so grievously wounded. The baron received the most humane treatment at the hands of his British captors, lingering for three days while the life ebbed slowly out of his body. General de Kalb expired on August 19, 1780.

Major Dubuysson had ample opportunity to record the final words from his beloved general. Among the commendations

de Kalb requested to be relayed to his surviving soldiers were those directed to the Delaware artillerymen.

Baron de Kalb's accolades to the Delaware contingent are a point of personal interest for me. My own Quaker ancestor, Caleb Prew Bennett, was a young, veteran lieutenant commanding one of the Delaware batteries at the battle of Camden.

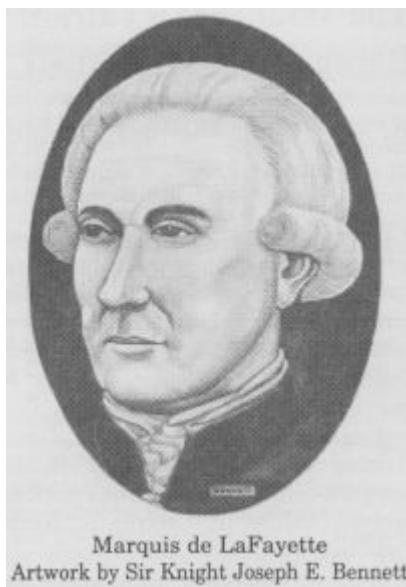
Caleb would survive the war and witness Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown. Long after the war ended, Caleb became governor of the state of Delaware and died in venerable old age, revered by his fellow citizens. He was an ardent Delaware Mason, too.

The toll from the battle of Camden was appalling from the American point of view: There were 900 killed of the 3,000 colonials engaged, with 1,000 captured. The Delaware regiment was virtually annihilated, as were many of the Maryland companies. It was a bitter defeat, resting squarely at the feet of the disgraced Major General Horatio Gates.

In retribution for bringing about the massacre of his command due to inept and irresponsible judgment, Gates was dismissed from the service in disgrace. He was spared a charge of cowardice, although he may well have been cowardly.

General Nathaniel Greene was appointed to replace Gates, the way Washington wanted it in the first place.

The mortal remains of General de Kalb were laid to rest with considerable pomp and circumstance, presided over by General Charles Cornwallis. The British general delivered the Masonic memorial service, witnessed by a large military audience from his command. The burial site was unmarked except by a large tree which stood at the head of the grave.



It was not until 1825 that the Masonic lodge at Camden erected a monument over the baron's final resting place. General LaFayette was present to lay the cornerstone and to deposit a Masonic apron with it. Today, the single Camden lodge listed in the current national Masonic register is Kershaw Lodge No. 29.

General DeKalb's mother lodge is unknown today. There is speculation that it may have been Army Lodge No. 29, working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. There was one such lodge in operation in the Maryland line under DeKalb's command. Suffice to say, he was widely acknowledged as a Freemason and was laid to rest with all fraternal obsequies observed.

In 1824 the Grand Lodge of South Carolina remitted annual dues to defray the cost of the monument. Some years later, a Baron de Kalb statue was unveiled at Annapolis, Maryland, by the Grand Lodge of that state.

On September 20, 1780, the Continental Congress heaped great accolades on the heroic fallen hero, Baron de Kalb. Even ex-General Horatio Gates stepped out of character and added his plaudits to the deeds and devotion of the officer, who had given his life as a monument to Gates' lack of ability and personal flaws.

Although a monument to General de Kalb was approved by the Continental Congress, it was soon forgotten in the priorities of winning the War for Independence.

What of Baron de Kalb's devoted wife, Anna, and his three children? During the French Revolution, which began in 1789, they lost virtually the entire family fortune, and Anna was reduced to very modest circumstances. Frederic, the eldest son and an officer in the French army, was executed on the guillotine in 1789, as a member of the gentry and a loyalist. Anna Maria, the second sibling, married a Swiss officer, who was serving in the French army. She survived the Revolution with her mother, as did the youngest son Elie. They returned from exile under the terms of a French amnesty in 1802.

The family pursued the United States' Congress for many years, in a vain attempt to recover the salary and fees that the Baron de Kalb had never received. The accrued interest over the years amounted to a tidy sum; nevertheless, the claim was never paid, in spite of repeated promises from Congress to do so.

So died one of the least appreciated heroes of the American Revolution, mourned more by his beloved comrades of the division the Baron de Kalb commanded at his death than the government he fought to protect. During the time he commanded the men of the Maryland and Delaware regiments, the huge figure of their foreign general became a father figure. He

earned their most devout affection in spite of the fact that he worked relentlessly to mold them into an efficient fighting unit. De Kalb's success was brilliantly demonstrated on the field at Camden.

There were several great foreign personalities who served with distinction in the American Revolution. Not one exceeded the contribution made by John Kalb, the peasant boy from Huettendorf, Germany. His sacrifice was all the more ironic because it went for naught, due to the incompetent whim of an unqualified superior.

We, as fraternal Brethren, mourn his undeserved fate but recognize the unassailable truth that he demonstrated the loftiest ambition of a Master Mason: to live respected and die regretted. One glorious hour in Baron de Kalb's brilliant life earned him an exalted niche in the pantheon of American heroes.

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## Earth's Treasures

When shall man learn earth's treasures  
Are not gold, silver or myrrh,  
Or "things" that clutter up the home  
Or worldly passions stir?

When shall man find earth's treasures -  
Etched in the heart of a rose,  
Soft cool rain, evening's breezes,  
Or a baby in repose,  
A golden sun sinking to rest,  
Shade from a spreading tree,  
A mellow-throated Mocker's song  
Trilling glad and free?

Here man shall find earth's treasures -  
In quiet familiar lanes.  
Gold while light in early night  
Outlining window panes,  
Childish voices free from care,  
Sweet rest in evenings gloam.  
'Tis here treasures are waiting -  
Carved deep in the heart and home.

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