

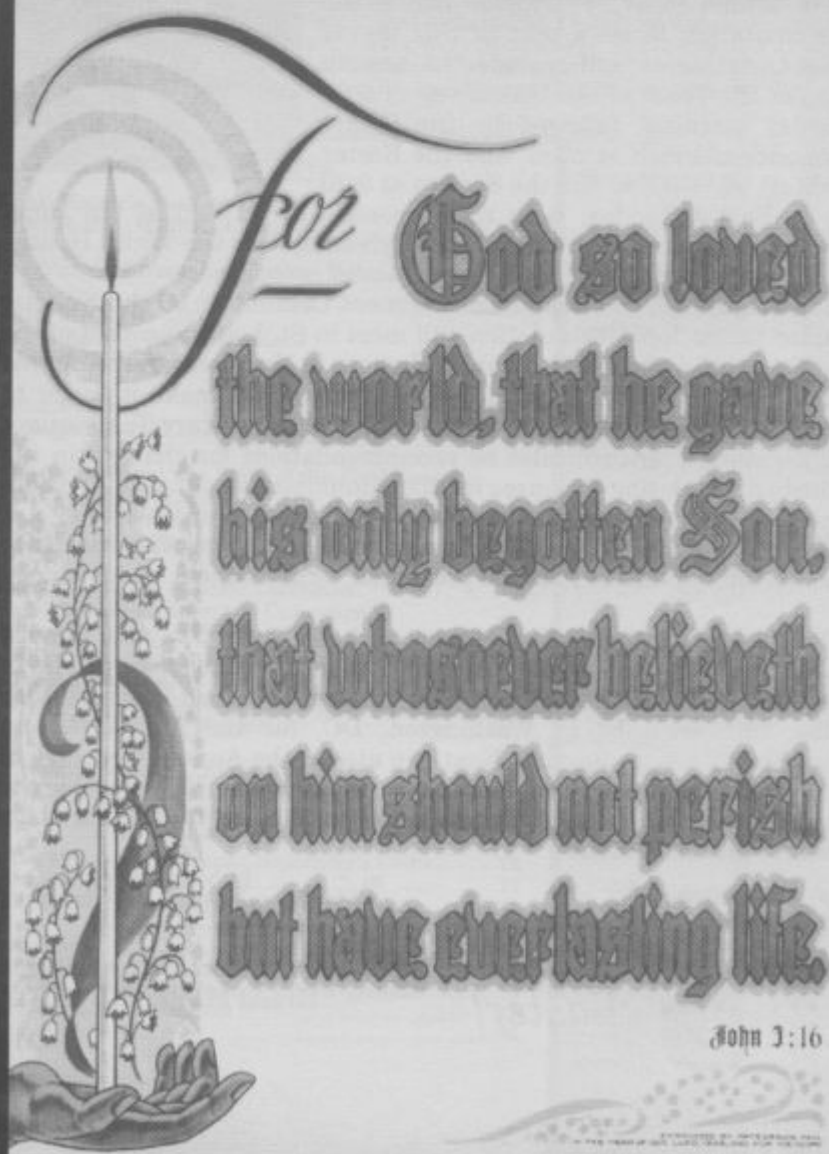


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## Grand Master's Message - April 2003

As I write this message, Lois is addressing invitations to our Easter Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. She will be sending them to all the Grand Encampment officers and our family. We consider each of you to be a member of the Grand Encampment Family, and we would like to extend to every Templar family the same invitation to be a part of this joyous occasion. Activities will include the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 9:05 Saturday morning, followed by the Grand Commanders' lunch at noon, and the Easter Breakfast at 7:00 A.M. and the Service at 9:00 A.M. on Easter Sunday. Both meal events will be held at the Hotel Washington, located at 15th and Pennsylvania, near the White House.

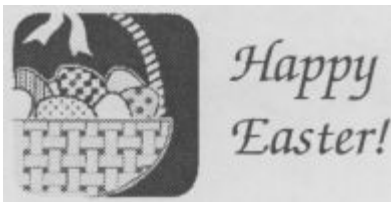


Friday, August 15, the Grand Encampment Committee on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation will meet in St. Louis as a part of the 62nd Triennial Conclave to consider changes in the rules governing this Templar philanthropy. These proposed changes will make it easier to grant scholarships and simplify the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer of each division. There will also be recommendations for changes in the method of calculating expenses for the administration of each division. If you are interested in receiving a copy of these proposals, they are available from the Grand Encampment office. Anyone who wishes to speak to the committee must be present or write to them in advance.

I will be attending the Spring Reunion of the Valley of Danville, Illinois, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., on Saturday, April 5. The next weekend we will be in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for their Annual Conclave, and from the 16th to the 20th we'll be in Washington, DC, for the Annual Grand Encampment Easter Service. Next, we attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana in Indianapolis, followed by the Texas Conclave in Midland. From there it will be on to Italy for their York Rite grand sessions.

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

Dr. William Jackson Jones  
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



# Knight Templar

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

APRIL: 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! The voting delegate form is on page 5. Pictures of "mysterious Sir Knights" at the age of 35 are showing up in Sir Knight Bruce Pruitt's messages (page 11). See if you can guess who the one for this month is, before Chairman Pruitt tells you! Get your donation in for the Campaign today, as this is the last month, and check page 15 to see where your state stands in the Campaign! This month we feature the Easter Message for the 73rd Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on Easter Sunday, April 20 (page 6) and other Easter writings, plus a biography of Sir Knight Samuel J. Ervin, Jr. (page 25). Enjoy!

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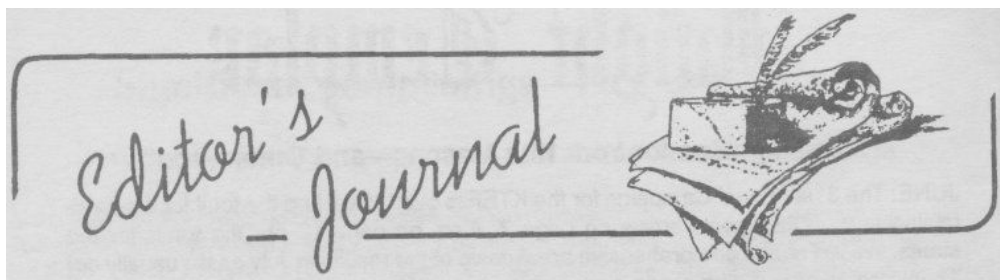
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## 62nd Triennial Advance Registration Voting Delegates



The Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, will serve as the headquarters for the 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 in St. Louis, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, will save you the \$25.00 fee for LATE REGISTRATION. This is your official order form, and it should be completed and mailed without delay.

Your 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, the Grand Master's Banquet (Tuesday evening), and admission to the awards and pass-in-review. You will need to purchase a ticket for your lady to attend the Ladies' Luncheon on Monday. The souvenir program will also be included in your packet.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL ADVANCE ORDERS IS APRIL 30, 2003, after which, a fee of \$25.00 will be added.

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## **Easter Message-2003**

### **Do You Know a Righteous Man?**

by Sir Knight John D. Jones, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment

*Sir Knight John D. Jones, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, presents the message below at the 73rd Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 20, 2003.*

*A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master, Dr. William Jackson Jones, to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at the traditional Easter Service. For those who are unable to attend the Easter ceremony in Alexandria or who wish to read the message in addition to being there, here we share it with you. Among his many accomplishments, Grand Prelate John D. Jones has served as E. C. of Melita Commandery No. 37, Tuscola, Illinois, and E. C. of Godfrey Dc Bouillon Commandery No. 44, Mattoon, Illinois. He has been Chairman of the Templar Memorials Committee for the Grand Commandery of Illinois; is a member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Ansar Shrine, Springfield, Illinois, Danville Scottish Rite, and Central Illinois York Rite College No. 81; and holds the Knight Commander of the Temple from the Grand Encampment. He served as Aide-de-Camp to Dr. William Jackson Jones for 9 years. He was appointed R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA by Grand Master William Jackson Jones in Nashville, Tennessee, on August 16, 2000.*

Twenty years ago I worked for a college as an advisor to foreign students. They had come to college to participate in a program that taught them English. It met for eight hours a day. On many occasions I had students come to my office so that I could explain to them the rules and requirements of their program. More often than not, they tried to get me to talk to the person who was assigned to interpret their response to the rule. It was their certain belief that being connected to the person in authority was more important than being conformed to the criteria of the code of conduct. They believed that, if you knew the right man, then your appeal would never be in vain.

We have gathered here in the character of Freemasons, in the uniform of Knights Templar, to sit on a hillside, to seek to know the right man to answer our appeals. In fact, we are gathered together under the *banner of the only righteous man.*

The word for righteousness is found in the sayings of the Lord Jesus, and it means whatever is right or just in itself, whatever conforms to the revealed will of God. This is expressed in Matthew 5:6, when Jesus said, "Blessed are they who hunger for righteousness: for they shall be filled" and "Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." It is also expressed as whatever has been approved by God to be acknowledged and obeyed by man. *We might conclude that righteousness equals rightness in the eyes of God.* The apostle Paul tells us there is only one "righteous." As defined in Romans 1:17, the righteousness of God is Christ Himself, who met every demand of the law for us in our stead. God's righteousness is demonstrated and communicated to us through the cross.

You become righteous in the eyes of God when you claim the cross and the

Easter celebration of victory over death. I ask every Knight Templar to look at the sleeve of his uniform. It bears the cross as a constant memorial to stimulate you to imitate the virtues of the immaculate Jesus, who died that you might live.

A modern parallel allegory would be the story of a prisoner condemned to die. He was taking his final walk to his execution when a messenger came and stopped the procession. The messenger announced that the possessions of the prisoner were being prepared when it was noticed there was a lottery ticket. The ticket was the winning ticket of a 10 million dollar lottery. The prisoner wept. He thought of all the criminal acts he had committed in order to acquire wealth illegally, and now he was a multimillionaire just moments away from death. The procession continued, and in the room of his execution, again the proceedings were halted. Another messenger came to announce that the notoriety of the trial had led lawyers of a vast estate to trace this condemned man as the only heir. His estate included the assignment on several boards of directors of powerful companies, as well as membership in exclusive organizations. The prisoner suffered overwhelming agony and remorse for not only his crimes but because now he had lost a position of power and influence from which he might be able to perform acts of charity.

Just before he was to be strapped into his fatal position to be executed, another messenger came. This time the message was from the Governor. The Governor recognized the conversion of the condemned man and was setting him free. The condition of his freedom was based upon someone else being willing to suffer the penalty. The messenger placed himself in position to be executed. The sentence was carried out. The former prisoner was humbled to learn that the messenger who died for him was the governor's only son.

The only righteous man suffered the

cruel and ignominious death on the cross that we might become righteous in the eyes of God. We can only imagine the dialogue between God and his son during the crucifixion.

He would express his concern and pride that His son had accepted this bitter cup. Yet He, perhaps, would offer to strike the malefactors with fire and lightening. The righteous Son would respond, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." As they parted his raiment, the Father might offer to cause an acid rain to rot the garments of his tormentors. The righteous Son would respond, "Father, clothe the naked." As they celebrated the crucifixion, the Father might offer to cause a famine that they would know starvation. The righteous Son would respond, "Father, feed the hungry." As they scourged the Son and cheered at his wounds, the Father might offer to send a plague that their skin might rupture and ooze poison. The righteous Son would respond, "Father, bind up the wounds of the afflicted." The Father might offer to slay all the soldiers and men of the scribes and priests who had conspired to convict and crucify the Son. The righteous Son would respond, "Father, suffer no one to become a widow and an orphan." Finally, the Son would commend his spirit to the Father, and when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God saying, "Certainly this was a righteous man."

Do you know a righteous man? Do you know the only righteous man?

Claiming the cross as your symbol is the first step in being covered by the righteousness of Christ.

The next step is working within the will of the Father. It is only the beginning to be labeled as righteous. We must step out in faith to act righteously to fulfill the will of the Father for then we would have the hope of the crown of victory. The Bible tells us of several types of crowns. In Exodus we read of the crown of the high priest. In Philippians we read of the

crown of the soul winner. In Second Timothy we read of the crown of righteousness. Paul writes, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." In James we read of the crown of life: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." We celebrate Christ's victory over the grave. We must serve our Savior, the righteous one, in order to claim the crown. How can we serve? We can speak out against injustice. We can feed the hungry. We can do it with food baskets, local food pantries, or global food missions. We can help with clothing drives. We can commit time to local thrift shops; we can help with the collection and transportation of clothes to areas of need here in our country and overseas. We can

volunteer with the Red Cross and other disaster agencies to help those victims of violence and catastrophe. We can volunteer with ambulance services to transport the ill and afflicted. We can continue to serve suppers for those in our Knight Templar Home. We can provide water stations at local festivals. We can do all these things under the banner of Christ, *the only righteous man*.

When we claim the cross and step out in faith to begin our journey toward the crown, we have the assurance that we will be following the pathway of thousands of knights who have gone before. They began just as we did by claiming the cross. Their way was not always easy, they were not always free from temptation, they felt the downfall of misfortune, and still they remained faithful. This day we can recommit ourselves to the cross; we can step out in faith to work within God's will on a path that will lead us to the crown. **We can proclaim that we know the only righteous man.**



## Easter Reverie

by Reverend Donald C. Kerr

Before Christmas last year, I was taken by ambulance to the hospital for what turned out to be a coronary five-by-pass surgery. It was a scary time for my wife and family. There was anxiety and foreboding and uncertainty. What a comforting smile he had when the surgeon was able to report after the operation "He's fine!" After a long and impatient waiting, what a consolation to hear "He will be all right." Immediately the strain was dissolved.

"He's fine!" There's a parallel to those words in how we think about Easter, which is Christianity's most remarkable miracle. It is also the celebration of hope and promise. The rebirth of life is what we look forward to seeing.

When Easter comes, springtime comes. The evolution of the seasons comes without delay, and we are ready for that resurrection of wonder. Always life is being reborn into new opportunities and vistas. Nothing stays the same, and all is forever being transformed.

It is this encouragement that sets our hearts aglow; we realize that a divine energy is flowing through us, charging us to stretch out farther for the wisdom that releases the bonds of despair and the light and love that break down the pain of fear and apathy. How good it is that these times of renewal and rebirth come, when we catch a glimmer of that invisible world by which our dreams are inspired.

### Blessings for this happy Eastertide!

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# **I Have Seen Him!**

## **The Story of the First Easter**

by Sir Knight John M. Suer

Two women hurry along the same dusty road they had traversed three days earlier. Arms laden with strips of linen and assorted spices, they quicken their pace for dawn is drawing near and they are behind their schedule. It is imperative that they begin their work at first light. Their work would have been performed yesterday except yesterday had been the Sabbath. Tarrying too long at the meeting place, they had waited in vain for another Now, they must hurry. "I wonder what could have happened to her," Salome said to the other woman as they again increased their pace. "I hope no mischief has befallen her. You don't suppose she has...?" "Oh no!" answered Mary "She would never do that Her repentance was genuine. Look! Someone hastens toward us. Why, it is she! Its Mary!"

"I have seen Him! I have seen the Master He has risen! He lives," shouted the hysterical Magdalenian. Then, recognizing the others, she collapsed and commenced to weep uncontrollably. The two kneel by the weeping figure and embrace her and comfort her, wiping away her tears. Presently she is able to continue. "I could not sleep," she says. "And as soon as the Sabbath had ended, I hastened to the tomb. I so loved the Master that I wanted to be near to hint It was very dark when I arrived, for there was no moon and very few stars were out I could see though that the stone had been rolled away, and a glow emitted from inside. The Roman soldiers appeared to be sleeping. I didn't know what to do, so I ran to tell Peter."

"John was with him and I told them what I had seen. We three then hastened back, but John, being the swiftest, arrived first Out of respect, he waited for Peter to arrive and entered the tomb behind him. I did not enter, but from where I stood, I could see that the linen shroud and the napkin that had covered his face had been neatly folded and placed on the slab where the Master had lain. Then Peter and John came out and saying nothing to me, returned home. I looked into the tomb again and discovered two angels sitting on the slab, one at the head and the other at the foot. I commenced to weep, and they spoke to me asking why I wept 'Because,' I answered, 'they have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid him.'"

"I turned away and spied the gardener standing near by and he too said to me: 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?' 'Sir,' I answered, 'if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him and I will take him away and give him decent burial.' We had been conversing in Greek and then he said in Hebrew, 'Mary, don't you know Me? Then I recognized my Lord and called him 'Rabboni' and moved to embrace him, but he backed away. 'Do not touch me for I have not yet ascended to the Father, go to my brethren and inform them that Tam ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God

and your God. I'm on my way now to tell them.'"

"Surely you are mistaken, Mary" Salome says to her. "You are still hysterical; this cannot be." And then to the other Mary she says, "Come, let's go now to the tomb, and there we can convince her that she has been hallucinating."

The three reach their destination just as the sun is rising over the eastern horizon. They can see that the huge stone has been rolled aside and the Roman soldiers are nowhere around. Without hesitation, the three enter the tomb and are amazed at discovering a young man dressed in a gleaming white robe sitting on the right side of the slab. The young man speaks to them saying, "Do not be amazed at seeing me here where you seek Jesus of Nazareth. He is not here. He has risen. But go now, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he has told you." And they flee from the tomb, saying nothing, for they are sorely afraid.

Finding the eleven gathered together with others who had listened to the teachings of Jesus, the three tell them what has transpired, but no one believes them. They set about their regular duties, some going thither and others going yon. Cleopas and another man have business in Emmaus, a village about seven miles distant from Jerusalem, and as they walk in that direction, they commence to discuss the unusual tale the women had spoken of. "It's but an idle tale," says Cleopas to the other man, "conceived by distraught women. Nothing like that could ever happen."

As they walk and talk a stranger has fallen in step with them and asks, "What is this conversation you are having with each other?" They stop and look at the stranger, feeling sorry for one who does not know what everyone else is talking about Shaking his head, sadly, Cleopas answers him, "You must be the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know about the things that have happened here of late." "What things?" he asks.

So they tell him of the kind and gentle teacher who had performed miracles, who had been crucified three days earlier, and now some women are claiming he has risen from the dead and has walked away from his own tomb. By the time they reach Emmaus, the stranger has interpreted for them all the Scriptures that heretofore had never been understood. Then he reveals himself to them, and they realize they have been walking and conversing with the risen Lord.

The above narrative of the first Easter is a conglomerate of the final verses of the four Gospels. Space does not permit telling all the glorious happenings on that blessed day. But this you can glean for yourself by studying the Holy Bible instead of merely reading it. Pursuing this great book with faith instead of skepticism can be fascinating. Try it sometime!

Sir Knight John M. Siler Generalissimo of Williamsburg Commandery No. 50 Williamsburg Kentucky is Past Commander of Barbourville Commandery No 37, Barbourville Kentucky. He resides at 56 Rains Street, Williamsburg KY 40769

## **Do You Handle Eye Foundation Cases? Please read the following:**

### **Seniors EyeCare Program**

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is a partner with the EyeCare America® Seniors EyeCare Program, a public service foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Through this program, any eligible senior is referred to a nearby volunteer ophthalmologist for eye care at no out-of-pocket expense.

The Seniors EyeCare Program (SEP) is designed for people who:

1. Are US citizens or legal residents
2. Are age 65 and older
3. Do not have eye care insurance through an HMO or the VA
4. Have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years

Please refer anyone you know who may qualify to the Seniors EyeCare Program, toll-free helpline, **800-222-EYES**, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Treatment for Patients over 65!**

A special provision, waiving the 3-year limitation, is part of our agreement with EyeCare America through a different toll-free administration number, 877-887-6327. If a Knight Templar refers a patient who meets the first three of the above eligibility criteria, the 3-year limitation is waived, provided surgery has not been scheduled and the physician agrees to see the patient as a volunteer under the program. This is an opportunity for us to obtain care for our 65 and older patients, without having an outlay of funds from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to the ophthalmologist. The Eye Foundation can still provide incidental hospital and anesthesiologist expenses related to surgery, for those who qualify under our current guidelines. This can greatly extend our ability to serve other patients in need of our help.

If you need the three-year limitation waived, please call the EyeCare America "toll free" administration number, 877-887-6327, before surgery is scheduled. Be sure to identify yourself as a Knight Templar. Proper documentation will be sent to you and the volunteer physician enabling you to proceed.

Before handling cases for those over 65 in the usual manner, please use the procedure above first. By doing so you'll be doing the patient a service, as well as saving the Knights Templar Eye Foundation needed dollars.



## 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 ,

Take a close look at the smiling face in this month's picture at right. It belongs to one of our senior officers in the Grand Encampment. In this picture he is about 35 years old. We are featuring it, as is our custom this year, in recognition of the 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign. Along with the "honoree" in this picture are his two lovely daughters.

This picture was taken when the Sir Knight was a young U.S. Army lieutenant. The location is very significant. It is the American cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg, which contains the remains of our servicemen from the Ardennes and Bastogne battles of World War II - the well-known Battle of the Bulge. The most famous person buried here is certainly General George S. Patton, Jr. He died on December 9, 1945, as a result of an automobile accident. At his request he was buried between two privates. However, so many people wanted to see his grave that the grass was pushed down and the atmosphere was rather ruined. His grave is now in the front



of the cemetery so that it can more easily be seen. The second picture, below, left, shows the layout of the graves, with the cross marking Gen. Patton's resting place in the foreground.

I really appreciate receiving these pictures, and I know you enjoy them as well. They came from none other than Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, our Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo. Sir Knight Baldwin is not only an officer in the Grand Encampment and a Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, he is also a very sincere and dedicated supporter of that philanthropy. We all need to be equally dedicated to the success of that important charity.

Our progress this year has been somewhat varied. It has gone up and down like a yo-yo. We began this campaign some \$60,000 behind last year. Things have improved slowly, so that at my last report we were only about \$11,000 behind. That is still not good enough, however. We have got to do better than last year. In order for the finances of the Eye Foundation to



keep up with continued expenses, we need to **build** the endowment, not let it decrease. That is why, this year it is extremely important for you to make that \$35.00 contribution in recognition of the 35th Campaign.

We should also not forget the 33° Club. I know that many outstanding Scottish Rite Masons have been elevated to that august position. The 33° Club is still open, so that those Masons can join with many others in support of the Eye Foundation. If you are not a 33° Mason but have a friend who is, you can recognize him with a membership. In any case, just send a check for \$33.00 or more to the office in Chicago with a note. Tell them if you want the membership for yourself or someone else. Give that

someone else's address so that the pin, etc., can be sent there.

We only have approximately a month more in this Campaign, so please send in your contribution TODAY.

Fraternal regards, Bruce

Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt; Chairman of the 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign, Past Department Commander, Southwestern, and Past Grand Commander of California is a member of Palo Alto Commandery No. 47, Palo Alto, California. He resides at 14101 Manuella Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. His personal e-mail address: is [wbpruit@aol.com](mailto:wbpruit@aol.com) For information on the ETEF, send e-mail to [ktef@knightstemplar.org](mailto:ktef@knightstemplar.org) or call (773) 205-3838

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### **Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign**

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies  
 for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week  
 ending March 7, 2003. The total amount con-  
 tributed to date is \$391,660.50.

Alabama .....	\$6,789.67
Arizona .....	4,631.07
Arkansas .....	3,031.00
California .....	23,789.45
Colorado .....	5,813.00
Connecticut .....	3,729.75
Delaware .....	1,412.00
District of Columbia .....	4,850.00
Florida .....	8,850.00
Georgia .....	37,128.50
Idaho .....	1,714.00
Illinois .....	15,914.49
Indiana .....	8,110.85
Iowa .....	12,476.00
Kansas .....	3,825.93
Kentucky .....	4,407.26
Louisiana .....	8,891.00
Maine .....	1,856.63
Maryland .....	7,662.00
Mass./R.I. ....	17,190.00
Michigan .....	5,276.04
Minnesota .....	3,708.00
Mississippi .....	2,905.00

Missouri .....	3,694.00
Montana .....	1,449.00
Nebraska .....	2,140.34
Nevada .....	1,681.00
New Hampshire .....	4,227.70
New Jersey .....	2,695.00
New Mexico .....	11,439.51
New York .....	5,833.50
North Carolina .....	10,971.00
North Dakota .....	496.00
Ohio .....	18,198.10
Oklahoma .....	3,054.50
Oregon .....	2,361.92
Pennsylvania .....	27,694.00
South Carolina .....	8,760.95
South Dakota .....	22,818.00
Tennessee .....	8,511.00
Texas .....	22,277.65
Utah .....	815.00
Vermont .....	1,720.25
Virginia .....	15,337.00
Washington .....	5,550.94
West Virginia .....	3,650.50
Wisconsin .....	7,614.00
Wyoming .....	3,498.00
Philippines .....	300.00
Kalakaua No. 2, Kailua, Hawaii .....	30.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico .....	200.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan .....	100.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany .....	150.00
Miscellaneous .....	430.00

## Problems or Challenges - Quality or Quantity

*The following is an excerpt from remarks given by Illustrious Brother Stewart M. L. Pollard, 33°, at the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation on July 10, 1987 Whether you are a Scottish Rite Mason or a York Rite Mason or both, the same applies to all Masonic bodies today as it did in 1987.*

I have heard hundreds of Masonic speakers expound on what is wrong with Masonry. You've heard them, too. They go on and on with a long litany of the problems facing the Craft: There's the problem of leadership, there's the problem of attendance, there's the problem of N.P.D.s, there's the problem of communication, and there's the problem of finances.

Personally, I'd like to see the word "problem" eliminated from the Masonic vocabulary. I only know of one Masonic problem, and that is the 47th problem of Euclid!

A few years ago I had the pleasure of attending a meeting in Australia with representatives of all of the Grand Lodges in Australia. I listened as each enumerated what was happening in his jurisdiction.

When it was finally my turn to tell of the conditions in the United States, I quickly put my 8 and 1/2, double E in my mouth by saying that 'in the US, Masonry faces the same problems as you have.' I had hardly gotten the words out, when the Grand Master of Victoria, who was a Supreme Court Justice, got up and said "Brother Pollard, in Australia we do not have problems - we have challenges."

That simple statement changed my whole outlook. Think about it: "We do not have problems - we have challenges." Problems have a tendency to be stone walls, which we have a way of not overcoming. If you think of them as challenges, you are immediately looking for solutions.

And, yes, Masonry is faced with many challenges. Those challenges should be steppingstones; they are not stumbling blocks. The challenges are there to stimulate our thinking - to motivate us to bigger and better accomplishments.

Any one of the challenges facing our Fraternity could be the subject of a long discourse; however, I'd like to challenge you to come up with the greatest challenge with which we are faced. It's not dwindling attendance; it's not the huge losses through N.P.D.; it's not ritual; it's not the appendant and collateral bodies; it's not the boob-tube; it's not socioeconomic conditions.

It's mediocrity!

We seem to have lost our zeal for the pursuit of excellence. We've become satisfied with the slipshod. We've abdicated our position of leadership. We have lowered our standards. We have lost some of our dignity - and with it some Masonic luster.

We're a lot like the Howard Johnson restaurant chain. It is said that they have twenty-seven flavors of ice cream but only one flavor of food. We have a wide array of degrees and orders, but we resort to short-form rituals, big classes, festivals - not for the benefit of our candidates but for the "easy way out." We've settled on being mediocre. We are not making Scottish Rite Masons - we're making members. Becoming a Scottish Rite Mason today does not carry with it the same feeling of personal pride and accomplishment that it used to. Becoming a Scottish Rite Mason doesn't bring with it a sense of great satisfaction nor a feeling of advancement.

Why?

My own pet theory is that we have been too engrossed with the numbers' game - that we have sacrificed quality for quantity. We're in too big of a rush - and we have taken some mighty big steps backward by being satisfied by mediocrity. It's a lot like the book salesman who tried to sell a Pennsylvania farmer a set of books on scientific agriculture. "If you buy these books, you could farm twice as good as you do now."



"Listen, young fellow," said the farmer, "I ain't farmin' half as good as I know how now."

It was almost 25 years ago that I made the decision to become a Scottish Rite Mason. It was a tough decision. It was only after I had discussed the matter with the Master of my Lodge and he had convinced me that I had an obligation "to improve myself in Masonry" that I submitted my petition.

It was a long process. As I recall, it took me about six weekends to receive the degrees - one or two degrees at a time. Before each degree, there was a period of instruction, reviewing what had transpired in the previous degree, and giving the historical background of the degree I was to receive that night. Each degree was important. Each degree had meaning, and with each degree there was a sense of accomplishment. The ritual was given in full form by Brethren who knew and understood it. It was "good work, true work, and the Brethren who wrought it were indeed worthy of their hire." I felt that I had truly received my money's worth and couldn't wait to become involved.

Somewhere along the line we've lost something in the rubble. Our challenge is to find "that which is lost."

We cannot - as individual Masons, as Lodges, as Scottish Rite bodies - continue to accept being mediocre. Each of us must accept the challenge of pursuing excellence - in our daily lives, in our lodges, and in our Scottish Rite bodies. We must again take our place as leaders of the Craft and leaders of the community.

One of the most descriptive definitions of a Mason is that he is a builder. That is our challenge - to BUILD - to build with exactness according to those designs placed on our trestleboard by our forebears.

I am reminded of something that happened back in my home state of Maine. Many years ago in the little town where I lived, there was a Methodist church. One Saturday afternoon, it burned to the ground. The minister was very upset because he had planned for the Sunday service, and he searched around the town trying to find a place he could use as his church on the next day. He had a real challenge. The only place he could find was a little tavern on the outskirts of town. He finally convinced the owner to let him use the tavern for his church service on Sunday. After the bar closed for the night the Wesleyan Society came in and scrubbed the place up. They also had a challenge. They moved all the tables off in the corner. They set the chairs up. They cleaned off the bandstand and set up chairs for the choir and sure enough, at 11:00 the next morning they had church service. The congregation came in and were seated in the chairs. The choir came in and took their places on the bandstand. The minister came up behind the pulpit.

The one thing that they had overlooked was that way back in the corner was a parrot in a cage. Amid all of this commotion, he came to and looked around. First, he looked at the minister, let out a couple squawks and said, "New bartender - new bartender." And he looked over at the choir and he said, "New floor show - new floor show." And he looked to the congregation and said, "Same old crowd - Same old crowd."

So it is with our Masonic "family." It's the "same old crowd" - doing the same old thing with less and less enthusiasm and spark.

M.W. and Ill. Dwight L. Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons in Indiana, put it this way: "The stones for the Temple, erected for the adoration of the Most High, were hewn, squared and numbered in the quarries where they were raised. Tell me, if you can, what labor-saving device is there that is of any effect in the development of the immortal soul of a man?"

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### **Grand Commandery of Connecticut 175th Anniversary Church Service**



Fall 2002 the Sir Knights of Connecticut and their ladies attended Sunday worship service at the Center Congregational Church in Meriden, Connecticut, in commemoration of the Grand Commandery's 175th anniversary. This was Reformation Sunday, and the minister, Reverend George H. True, chose as the scripture lesson: Hebrews 11: 1-6 and 12: 1-2, entitled "Our Aging Faith." Included in the minister's sermon was reference to Martin Luther's start of the Reformation in the 16th century; which led to the establishment of the Protestant churches.

A short history of the Commandery of Knights Templar was presented by Sir Knight Arthur M. Pugh, Sr., the R.E. Grand Commander of Connecticut. "Defenders of Our Faith" was the heading of the paper presented by the R.E. Grand Commander.

After the church service the Sir Knights and their ladies journeyed a short distance to a local restaurant for a delicious brunch. (Pictures show some Sir Knights at the church service. Article and pictures were submitted by Sir Knight Bob Sherrick, supplement editor for Connecticut.)



### **Supreme Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America**

At a Midwinter Conference held at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, January 17-19, Past Supreme Tall Cedar Michael J. Hlatke III installed Brother Ellis P. Updegraff as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, for the year 2003. The keynote speaker for the evening was Brother "G" David Pascale, Chaplain of Charity Lodge No. 190 for 30 years.

Brother Ellis, shown on page 19, better known as "Pete," was raised a Master Mason in Warren Lodge No. 310 in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1965. He became a member of Norristown Forest No. 31, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, in October of 1982 and served as Chief Ranger, Preceptor, Junior and Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, and Grand Tall Cedar in 1988. In 1988 he joined Consistory and the Shrine. He received the appointment of District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of District No. 10 in 1989, 1990 and 1991 receiving the District Deputy of the year award for 1991. He has served four years as Director of Region No. 5, Junior Deputy and Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, and served as Scribe of his Forest for fourteen consecutive years.

Pete was employed by the Container Corporation of America and served as an apprentice to become a first class electrician. In 1958 he was employed by the Superior Tube Company where he started as an electrician and advanced to assistant foreman, maintenance coordinator, electrical designer, and on to maintenance superintendent. He retired after 36 years as a maintenance engineer.

He also served as an American Red Cross first aid and CPR instructor for 25 years. He presently is an instructor for the National Safety Council in these programs, plus many other safety programs.

Pete has been a member of the Superior Credit Union Board of Directors for over forty years and has been elected every three years since 1961. In 1995 he received the Pennsylvania Credit Union League Volunteer of the Year Award.

He is a family man, married to Delores for 55 years. They belong to St. James of Perkiomen Episcopal Church, raised three daughters, and have seven grandchildren.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 16,000 members in 102 Chapters, called Forests, throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1951 the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over fourteen and one half million dollars to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



### Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 2003

Pictured at right is the Supreme Tall Cedar of North America, Brother Ellis P. Updegraff from Norristown, Pennsylvania, along with Goodwill Ambassador for the year 2003, David L. McShaw. David was born January 26, 1993, and was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at the age of two. David lives with his parents Karen and David, his dogs, and his two hermit crabs in Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania.

David is a pleasant and well adjusted third grader who gets along well with everyone. To know him is to love him. He enjoys listening to music, playing Game Boy and also playing with his three Dachshunds; Rocho, Eevee and Cocoa. He is looking forward to being old enough to go hunting. He is a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Pack No. 651 in Schuylkill Haven.



Both articles on the Tall Cedars of Lebanon were supplied by Brother Albert H. Hensinger, Past Supreme Tall Cedar, Chairman Public Relations.

## Felician Lodge No. 31, St. Francisville, Louisiana The Day the War Stopped Masonic Burial Festivities - June 14, 2003

The Brothers of Felician Lodge No. 31 will reenact the burial of Union Commander John Hart in 1863, St. Francisville, Louisiana, on Saturday, June 14, 2003. The burial was done under a truce during the Civil War when Confederate and Union soldiers accorded Masons one day for the peaceful burial of John Hart, who died on the ship, USS *Albatross*, and who was laid to rest in the cemetery at Grace Episcopal Church. The up-and-coming events of the celebration are as follows: parade, 11:00 A.M.; lunch, 12:00-1:30 P.M.; drama and reenactment, 1:30-2:30 P.M.; graveside histories, 2:30 P.M.; Southern Vintage dancers, 3:00 P.M.; ice cream social, 4:00 P.M.; and Vintage Music concert, 4:30 P.M. For information: (225) 635-3873 or [www.daythewarstopped.com](http://www.daythewarstopped.com) For additional info: John R. Rarick, (225) 635-3483 or Shirley Ditloff, (225) 635-4791 or [www.mastermason.com/thedaythewarstopped](http://www.mastermason.com/thedaythewarstopped)

**Grand Council of Illinois Celebrates Sesquicentennial  
with Medallion—150 Years of Cryptic Masonry**



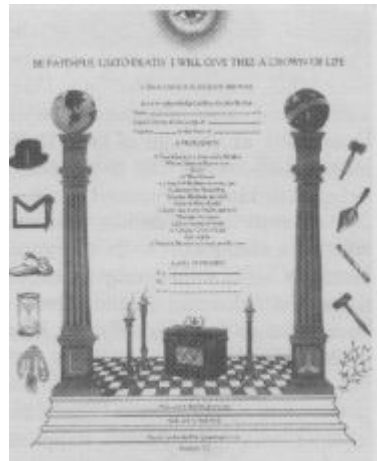
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The 150th anniversary will be celebrated in 2004. As a part of this historical event, a commemorative medallion has been struck. The 2 and 1/4-inch antique bronze medal is available in limited quantities for sale at \$20.00 each, including shipping and handling. Order from Raymond J. Smith, 16127 Beth Court, Oak Forest, IL 60452. Please make checks payable to: Grand Council 150th Anniversary.

## Membership Certificate to Benefit The Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Purchase of this beautiful membership certificate will benefit the KTEF. It was designed to keep record of all 3 degrees of a person who reaches Master Mason. It is 11 inches by 14 inches and is 100-pound, antique white, parchment paper. The colorful certificate has 8 different colors and 3 blended colors to give it a beautiful effect. The price is \$3.00 each, and the shipping is \$3.50. For every certificate sold through *Knight Templar*, \$1.00 will be donated to the KTEF. Please send check or money order to: Sandra D. Knotts, PO Box 158, Trexierstown, PA 18087



# **Knights Templar Low Vision Program**

## **University of Iowa Center For Macular Diseases**

by Sir Knight Glenn N. Marshall, KCT P.G.C.  
Iowa State Chairman for RTEF

Are you familiar with a health condition known as "low-vision"? It is a condition broadly defined as a visual impairment that cannot be reversed by surgery; medications, glasses, or contact lenses. It may be caused by age-related macular degeneration, cataract, glaucoma, or diabetic retinopathy. Conditions, such as optic nerve disorders, may cause children to be victims.

14 million Americans (that is one out of every 135 million people worldwide) have this low-vision problem. For many of these individuals, there is nothing, medically, that can be done; however, their quality of life and the ability to function efficiently can be enhanced with services and devices designed to restore that quality of life and free them from physical and economic change which affects their daily routine, including loss of income, inability to travel and do domestic chores, and inability to enjoy sports activities.

People with low-vision have a loss of depth perception which may cause injury due to tripping or falling into objects. These unfortunates are truly disabled, but more unfortunately they are forced into their loss of independence due to a lack of knowledge that help does exist. Also, many times they go on without this help because of the burden of financial cost to their families.

There are numerous devices available for these persons including: hand-held or stand-type magnifiers, prismatic or microscopic reading spectacles, closed-circuit television, head-borne electronic magnification systems, and miscellaneous non-optical devices, such as talking clocks, computer screen enlargers, and electronic readers. These range in cost from \$5 to \$4,000.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and the Grand Commandery of Iowa recognized the tremendous need for their financial assistance in this field a couple of years ago and joined hands in providing the means to purchase a quantity of a device called a "Jordy," which when strapped to the head can aid many in their low-vision problem. Their joint effort two years ago resulted in much progress; more recently, on January 10, 2003, a second contribution was made so that this program could be expanded.

Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, was joined by Sir Knight Glenn N. Marshall, P.G.C., Iowa State Chairman of KTEF, in presenting two checks totaling \$67,500 to Dr. Edwin Stone of the University of Iowa Ophthalmology Department for further assistance in this field of visual impairment. Also present for

the presentation were Sir Knight Richard A. Zummak, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Iowa, and Sir Knight Albert R. Masters, Right Eminent Past North Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Al has been deeply involved for a number of years as our contact and a close friend of the Department.

Once again, Sir Knights, your generosity and concern have made possible the continuance of our obligation as members of this great organization to

"bind up the wounds of the afflicted"!

The equipment purchased with our contributions will be "on loan" to all those for whom the doctors feel it will be of assistance. THANK YOU, Sir Knights! Your effort has made this possible.

Sir Knight Glenn N. Marshall, KCT, P.G.C. of Iowa, Iowa State Chairman, KTEF, is a member of Apollo Commandery No. 26, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He resides at 4617 Pine View Dr, N.E.; Cedar Rapids; IA 52402-1717



Above, left to right: Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, M.E. Grand Master, and Dr. Edwin Stone



Above, left to right: Glenn N. Marshall, Iowa State Chairman, KTEF, and Dr. Edwin Stone



Above, left to right: Sir Knights Richard A. Zummak, R.E. Grand Commander, Iowa, and Glenn N. Marshall, Iowa Chairman, KTEF; Dr. Edwin Stone; Grand Master William Jackson Jones; and Sir Knight Albert R. Masters, R.E.P.D.C., North Central Department.

## Masonry's Newest Members are DeMolay's International Officers

Masons celebrate each new member. DeMolay celebrates with them as the 2002-2003 International Officers join their local lodges.

Chris Elko, DeMolay's 36th International Master Councilor, became a Master Mahon on November 21, 2002.

Chris Martin, DeMolay's 36th International Congress Secretary, became a Master Mason on February 1, 2003.

Elko joined Acacia Lodge No. 20 in Dover, New Jersey. He was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason in due, ancient, and spectacular form.

The first section was conferred by R.W. Robert Miller, Deputy Grand Master in the East, with the chairs filled by all Past Grand Masters of the New Jersey Grand Lodge, including M.W. Ross Bayer, P.G.M. of DeMolay. The second section was conferred by M.W. Larry Plasket, Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey, with the chairs filled by current Grand Lodge officers in a "Gold Collar" night. The "ruffians" were selected via a Grand Master authorized raffle, proceeds benefiting the Scottish Rite Children's Learning Center.

Elko was officially raised by his father, Don Elko, assisted by the Grand Master. Many Masonic notables were in attendance including York Rite and Scottish Rite Masons in New Jersey.

Chris Martin joined Kirkwood Lodge No. 484 in St. Louis, Missouri, because many Senior DeMolays and Advisors from his DeMolay Chapter, Kirkwood, are members.

"I joined Masonry for many reasons," Martin said. "One was to continue the personal growth that I began to develop in DeMolay; another was to give back to an organization that supported my DeMolay endeavors for many years."



Martin was conferred by W.M. Robert Harder, Active Member and Chapter Chairman for Kirkwood DeMolay; Senior Warden Miquel White, Past Master Councilor of Kirkwood DeMolay; and Junior Warden, Juan White.

Martin was officially raised by his father, Dennis Martin. Other notables present included Sheldon Snitz, Active Member and Executive Officer in Missouri; Bob Cockerham, Active Member; Past State Master Councilors of Missouri: Jeff Kitsmiller, Sr., Henry Elrich, and Tony Broome; several Senior DeMolays and Advisors from Kirkwood DeMolay; and friends from throughout the Masonic family.

"Masonry has so much potential by way of the youth groups, but a lot of it goes untapped and unsupported," Martin said. "That is something I hope I can change. I want to get the members to realize that the Masonic youth groups are their lifeblood, which, if I can, will increase the support for Missouri's Masonic Youth Groups."



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## Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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

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

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

Grand Master William J. Jones



**KCT and GCT Award Recipients:** A 2 1/2-inch diameter, embroidered emblem has been produced for use on mantles and blazers of KCT recipients. The emblem is to be centered on the Cross that adorns the left side of the mantle or ceremonial robe or on the left side (on pocket) of a dress blazer. The same use is required for the GCT emblem which is bordered with a wreath. The cost of the KCT emblem is \$8.50 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling, and the cost of the GCT emblem is \$10.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Contact: Jon Patrick Sweet, 7474 Benton Street, Westminster, CO 80003-7001, or phone (303) 430-8483

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## **Sir Knight Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.: A "Plain Old Country Lawyer" and Senate Legend**

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33<sup>o</sup>

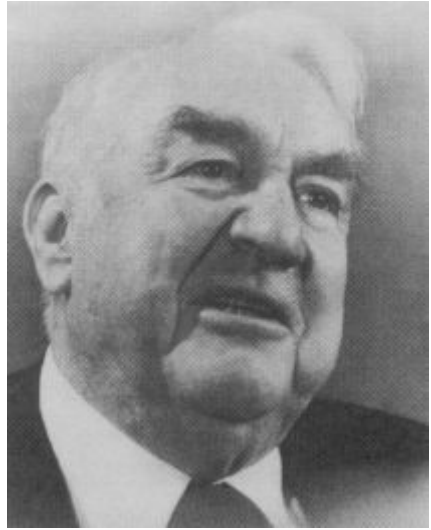
Some three decades ago, in 1973 and 1974, an aging, conservative, Democrat Senator from North Carolina became an American folk hero as the Watergate Investigation Committee's televised hearing led to the unraveling of the Nixon Administration and to the President's eventual resignation.

Until that time Sam Ervin had mostly been known as a staunch conservative Southerner opposed to Civil Rights legislation, for the limiting of federal power, and as a strict constructionist on constitutional issues.

Although he soon retired from the Senate, Sir Knight Ervin, who frequently termed himself a "plain old country lawyer," became one of that august body's symbols of old-fashioned integrity. His folksy wit and homespun mannerisms helped reassure a confused public through a difficult period of American history. Because of Ervin they believed that at least some common sense could still be found in Washington.

Samuel James Ervin, Jr., was born in Morganton, North Carolina, on September 27, 1896, one of a family of several children. His father, a local attorney, had been described as a "fiery" and "flamboyant" man who believed that "the greatest threat to our liberties comes from government."

After attending the public schools in his hometown, Ervin went to Chapel Hill where he attended the University of North Carolina, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from U.N.C. in 1917.



With the United States having declared war on the German Empire in April 1917, the young college graduate enlisted as a private in the 28th Infantry Regiment and soon found himself in France. During eighteen months on the "western front," Ervin received two Purple Hearts, an Oak Leaf Cluster, a Silver Star, and the Distinguished Service Cross. His combat experience included participation in the Battle of Cantigny and the Aisne-Marne offensive.

Back in North Carolina he passed the bar exams in 1919, but he did not enter practice immediately, engaging in further legal study at Harvard from which he took an LL.B. degree in 1922. Returning to Morganton, he commenced his law practice and also got into politics immediately as a successful candidate for the North Carolina legislature from Burke County. He was returned as a member of the General Assembly for two additional terms (not consecutive).

Although a devout Presbyterian, Ervin displayed an early affinity for championing civil liberties and free



Sir Knight Ervin during World War I



Ervin in 1923 at the state legislature

speech. It was said that as a state legislator he played a key role in defeating a bill to ban the teaching of evolution arguing that "such a resolution ... serves no good purpose except to absolve monkeys of their responsibility for the human race."

Since legislative sessions were of briefer duration in those days, Ervin also had ample opportunity to further his law practice.

In 1924 he married Margaret Bell of Concord, and they subsequently had a son and two daughters.

He also took his initial steps into Masonry as a member of Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217 in Morganton, receiving his respective degrees on February 2, February 16, and February 23, 1922. Brother Ervin sought more light in the craft as a Companion of Catawba Chapter No. 60, Royal Arch Masons in Hickory, and Lenoir Commandery No. 33 in Lenoir. He also joined the Valley of Charlotte, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, completing his degrees

on November 16, 1922. In October 1963 he received the 33° and also held membership in the Shrine and the Red Cross of Constantine. On October 11, 1973, the Senator received the Grand Cross. At the time of his death, Sam Ervin was a 60-year member of Catawba Valley Lodge.

Not confining his fraternal affiliations to Masonic ones alone, he also held membership in the Knights of Pythias.

In terms of political office, Sir Knight Ervin seems to have had a strong preference for the judicial branch of the government. He served as Judge of the Burke County Criminal Court from 1935 to 1937 and of the North Carolina Superior Court from 1937 to 1943. The judge also served in a part-time role as a trustee of the University of North Carolina from 1932 to 1935 and again from 1945 to 1946.

His initial entry into the national legislative arena came about somewhat because of an unfortunate

tragedy in 1945. In November 1944 Ervin's younger brother, Joseph Wilson Ervin, a Charlotte lawyer, had been elected to Congress, but he died on Christmas Day 1945. On January 22, 1946, older brother Sam was chosen without opposition to fill out his brother's term. He did not seek reelection, but retired on January 3, 1947. During this time, he served on the Post Office Committee and opposed exempting teenagers from the draft.

Ervin then returned to his law practice in Morganton until appointed an Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court on February 3, 1948. He remained on the high court for more than six years.

When North Carolina's senior senator, Clyde R. Hoey, died on May 21, 1954, Governor William Umstead appointed Judge Ervin to fill the seat until the November election when the remaining two years of Hoey's term could be filled by a special election. Assigned to the Government Operations Committee, the junior senator from the Tar Heel State soon found himself in the middle of the controversy surrounding the actions of Wisconsin's flamboyant Joseph McCarthy. In November 1954, Ervin was elected to fill out the remaining two years of Hoey's term. In 1956, 1962, and 1968 he won full six-year Senate terms in what had previously been a heavily Democratic North Carolina (only a few mountain counties in the far west had been GOP dominated).

As one political observer remarked of Brother Ervin, "He has no power base, you know, no machine in North Carolina. They just reelect him."

During his nearly twenty-one years in the Senate, Ervin usually voted with the coalition of southern Democrats and Republicans on social issues. He supported a strong military, including American military action in Vietnam



Sir Knight Irvin in his hometown law office

throughout that controversial conflict. The Tar Heel solon generally took the state's right point of view concerning civil rights legislation, with his best remembered quote on the subject being: "We will not fool history as we fool ourselves when we steal freedom from one man to confer it on another." When the feminist supported Equal Rights Amendment first surfaced in 1970, Ervin remarked that he was opposed and "trying to save women from their fool friends and from themselves."

In 1969 he probably gained more national attention since his role in the McCarthy censure for helping to force the resignation of Supreme Court Judge and one-time Lyndon Johnson crony, Abe Fortas, on conflict of interest charges.

In his strict constructionist views on the Constitution, the Americans for Constitutional Action generally gave him scores of 90 or higher,

while the liberal-oriented Americans for Democratic Action gave him ratings usually in the 10 percent range.

However, if Sir Knight Ervin generally cold-shouldered civil rights actions and legislation in the 1960s, he remained unyielding in his defense of civil liberties, especially in defending the rights of the individual from a "big brother" government.

Perhaps, this characteristic best explains his later dogged pursuit of the Watergate burglars and their cohorts. In unsuccessfully opposing the District of Columbia crime bill of 1970, Ervin viewed the sophistication of computerized data-bank crime gathering information as a long-range threat to the republic for "short-term purposes." He called the plan "a mass surveillance system unprecedented in American history" and "a blueprint for a police state."

Ironically, while adamant about defending the rights of individuals from an intrusive government, he also opposed the tendency of courts to free criminals on technicalities.

Some of the highlights of Senator Ervin's earlier years in the Senate included his service on the committee that investigated labor racketeering from 1957 to 1960. Robert Kennedy first came to prominence as an attorney for this committee headed by Sir Knight John McClellan of Arkansas. In his influential book, *The Enemy Within*, the future Attorney General wrote of Ervin's ability to take on hostile witnesses, saying among other things, "I heard [him] on several occasions destroy a witness by telling an appropriate story which made the point better than an hour-long speech or a day of questioning." Kennedy concluded that Ervin "could be particularly devastating when a witness was pompous or overbearing." He

proved particularly unyielding in his questioning of Jimmy Hoffa.

Together with John Kennedy, the North Carolinian co-sponsored the Kennedy-Ervin Labor Reform Bill, but he ultimately preferred the House version which became known as the Landrum-Griffin Bill of 1959.

In the early seventies, Ervin became especially critical of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment pushed by feminists. He also attacked Nixon Administration policies that he viewed as government infringements on civil liberties.

Perhaps, this became a prologue to his service as Chair of the Committee investigating Watergate. The televised Watergate hearings made the North Carolinian a folk-hero to the liberal press that sometimes earlier characterized him as a reactionary Southern conservative.

Tee-shirts portraying his caricature appeared referring to the aging solon as "Uncle Sam." Nixon defenders increasingly saw him as overly partisan. In the long run, however, the positive images prevailed as Nixon faced impeachment charges and an outraged public forced his resignation.

Ervin did not seek reelection in the fall of 1974 but retired back to Morganton at the age of seventy-eight to his alleged preference of being "just a country lawyer."

His son, Sam J. Ervin III (also a Mason), was serving as a North Carolina Supreme Court Judge, and the hero of the Watergate hearings sometimes ventured out onto the lecture circuit.

When the old gentleman visited Rio Grande College in the 1979-1980 school year, my own interest in meeting Ervin was to hear his stories concerning Fiddling Bob Taylor, a legendary Tennessee Senator and musician (member of Dashiell Lodge No.

238 in Elizabethton), who passed away in 1912. One recalls a colleague complimenting the old gentleman on how much he resembled the cartoon drawings Garry Trudeau had made in the "Doonesbury" comic strip at the time he was a household name.

In retirement he also wrote two books, *The Whole Truth* in 1980 and *Preserving the Constitution* in 1985. Brother and Sir Knight Sam J. Ervin, Jr., passed to the celestial lodge above in Winston-Salem on April 23, 1985, one of the most distinguished men and Masons of his era.

*Note: Biographical data on Sir Knight Ervin may be found in Paul R. Clancy, Just a Country Lawyer: A Biography of Senator Sam Ervin (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1974), as well as the 1955 and 1973 entries in Current Biography. For his Masonic records, I am indebted to the staff of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Brother John Boettjer,*



*Managing Editor of The Scottish Rite Journal and William R. Denslow, 10,000 Famous Freemasons, Volume II. I also appreciate the comments of Dr. Barry M. Dorsey, President of the University of Rio Grande and former intern of the Senator, for the loan of his autographed portrait of Sam J. Ervin, Jr.*

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Portraits: Above: Senator Ervin's portrait in the Scottish Rite- Hall of Honor, Washington, DC, courtesy of Brother John Boettjer, managing editor of *The Scottish Rite Journal*. Left: Sir Knight Sam Irvin's Senate portrait, 1967, courtesy of Dr. Barry M. Dorsey, President of the U. of Rio Grande. The inscription reads: "To Barry Dorsey, with deep appreciation of his efficient and cheering help. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., U.S. Senator - N.C."





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**For sale:** Knights Templar shoulder straps, pairs, finest quality available, all ranks, embroidered in extra fancy gold and silver bullion on velvet with Velcro backs: Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo Captain General, Prelate (green): \$40.00 Emeritus rants: Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate (red): \$45.00; Honorary Past Commander with H.C. in Old English silver lettering at foot of cross, \$50.00; Grand Commandery, Grand Rep. (red), \$50.00, and Past Grand Commander (purple): \$60.00. Also: chapeaux crosses: Sir Knight, \$35.00; Commander/Past Commander, \$40.00; Grand Commandery (red), \$50.00 Past Grand Commander (purple) \$55.00. Embroidered bullion sleeve crosses: Sir knight (silver) and Commander or P.C. (gold) \$35.00. Metal lapel crosses (a pair) in silver, \$35.00; gold, \$40.00. Grand Commandery lapel crosses (red): \$45.00 (pair); Past Grand Commander (purple) \$50.00. Cap crosses in metal: silver, \$32.00; gold, \$38.00. Past Commander's jewel (gold plate), \$45.00. All plus shipping, handling, and insurance: 1st item, \$5.00' each additional item \$1.00. Percentage to York Rite and Masonic charities. Checks to and mail to: Jacques N Jacobsen, Jr., PC.; 60 Manor Road; Staten Is1and NY 10310-2698

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

**Needed/wanted.** hats/caps, robes used in the Royal Arch Chapter degrees. Any York Rite or Masonic body storing robes, hats, and other regalia in repairable condition that is taking up valuable storage space: these can be and will be put to good use by our small but vibrant and growing Chapter. Will travel to pick items up. Richard "Win" Winderhoel, E.H.P; Waukegan Chapter Na 41, 127 N Genesee SL; Waukegan, IL 60087

**Looking for the family of the man who owned sword with name on it:** "George W. Crawford Anal Commandery No. 145 New York State." Family may contact Raymond E. Montag, 220 Freeport Road, Butler, PA 16002, (724) 285-7242.

**For sale:** York Rite cap with six-color embroidery showing Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery emblems. Specify white or dark blue cap. \$11.00 each plus \$1.00 postage. Also: gold color

Knights Templar lapel pin, \$4.00. Part of each sale goes to the York Rite charities. Robert Hauptert, PO Box 433, Farmington, NM 87499

Crescent Council No. 16, Waterloo Iowa, is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a lapel pin, \$5.00, including S & H. 20% of each sale to our York Rite charities. Requests to Jess Boatright, Recorder; 407 Oaklawn Ave; Waterloo; IA 50701.

For sale: peel-off; 1, 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. Also, 4-inch square, silver vinyl square and compass decals to fit on your tail lights only \$5.00 per set of 2, postpaid. All profits go to our Masonic Widows' fund. Joe Allen, P.M. Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge 217, F&AM; PO Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014;

Cochran Lodge No. 217, F. & AM., Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project: Masonic Jewelry boxes, 6 x5 x2.5 inches in size and the shape of the square and compass constructed of exotic woods from Central America, and hand-crafted with an interlocking design. All profits to Masonic charities a portion directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund. They are \$20.00 each with \$6.00 shipping in the U.S. Check or money order to Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217 and mail to Harry A. Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic 1-4 No. 217, F & AM.; PO Bar 732; Cochran; Cochran, GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigfoot.com

For sale: Symbolic Lodge flags. The Second Arch Officers Association, Royal and Select Masons of Ohio, is selling as a fun raiser the perfect flagpole companion for our Stars and Stripes 2 x3 feet, medium blue with gold square and compass. No words so they can be flown by everyone. They have meta grommets and are made of the finest nylon glow material Check or MO for \$23.00 to Howard L Lombert, 6036 St., IL 185, Piqua, OH 45356-9313

Lindale Lodge No. 455, F & AM., Lindale, Georgia, has acorn struck to celebrate its 100th anniversary, available in either antique bronze, \$6.00, or antique silver, \$15.00, including S & H. On one side is All-seeing Eye, the square and compass, and the working tools of a Mason. Reverse side has "Lindale Lodge 455, F. & AM., Lindale, Ga. 100 Years 1903-2003." Check or M.O. to Wayne Lovvone PM./Sec.; PO Box 55; Lindale, GA 30147-0055

Trying to find the ritual for the degree of Wives and Daughters of Master Masons and book Great Masonic Addresses. Can you help me William B. Gates HI, 160 Carroll Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834-3719

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24 karat gold vermeil finish. Price per pin is \$10.00 ea. Including S & H. Also available: the four immortal chaplains lapel pin a beautiful pin honoring the chaplains who sacrificed their lives by giving p their lifejackets in order to save the lives of others. the price per in is \$8.00 ea. including S & H 10% of the proceeds will benefit the KTEE New item: Sept. 11 Memorial Masonic lapel pin, \$8.00 each, including S & H-to commemorate members who lost their lives in terrorist attack-proceeds to New York Grand Lodge WTC Disaster Fund and KTEF. S. Kenneth Baril, 6809 Main Street, Apt. 2 West Cincinnati, OH 45244-3470, (513) 272-2815, fax (50 272-2830.

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

For sale: hardbound book on Masonry, A Survey of the History and Mysteries Freemasonry. The book is 322 pages, indexed, contains a bibliography of 99 sources, and makes liberal use of footnotes. It also contains a 114-page glossary of Masonic words and terms. Written, published, and financed by Robert L. Breeding it can be obtained from him only. Price is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling,

% to KTEF. Check or MO to Robert L. Breeding at 405 Ascot Court, Knoxville, TN 37923-5807. e-mail three44217@aol.com - (865) 539-9932.

New novelty book available: Pythagoras, This Cross Is for You by Past Master and Past Commander Jack N. Barricido-\$6.00 each, pp. "For the serious Craftsman with short history, illustrations, and instruction by the 'Master' himself." % of profits will go to KTEF. (Please write "KTEF" in memo.) Checks payable to Ourland Enterprises, and send to Ourland Enterprises, 86.31 McDade, Houston, TX 77080-4321

For sale: book, The History of Freemasonry in Tennessee, by Charles Snodgrass and Bobby J. Demott 483 pages, hardback-\$30.00, postpaid. % to XT1F. Order from Bob Demott, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921

For sale: the definitive biography of Sir Knight Tom Mix by Sir Knight Paul h. Mix-hard cover library binding, 328 pages, over 80 photographs of America's boyhood idol and cowboy hero of the 1930s and 1940s. Publisher's price is \$38.50 plus S & H. For an autographed copy, send only \$30.00 plus \$4.00 priority shipping. In the 30s and 40s the Tom Mix of radio (Curley Bradley, the most famous) starred in about 2,340 cowboy radio adventures. Today there are only a total of 15 episodes of Tom Mix and His Ralston Straight Shooters still in existence, including some programs that were re-created for the 50th anniversary of the radio show. For a complete collection of the surviving Tom Mix radio programs on four (4) CDs, please send \$40.00 plus \$4.00 for priority to Paul E. Mix, 13116 Billiem Drive, Austin, TX 78727-3258. 10% of all sales goes to KTEF.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 29 years and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. Maurice, Storck, Sr.; 775 W Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585

For sale: Masonic promotional items. Promote your Masonic organization in style with beautifully customized coins lapel pins belt buckles, coffee mugs, and more, all affordably priced to fit into your Masonic budget. Stock up and commemorate your next Masonic event. All items are imprinted with your Masonic logo and name or other info of your choosing. Most items come in minimum orders of 50 to 100 only. For your free color brochure call (800) 765-1728, or send letter to Frank Looser 408 Asililar Circle, Nashville, TN 37211, e-mail masonnfiniementive.com or web www.cnfinitemctiocco.m 3/c of profits to KTEF.

I would like to thank all the Sir Knights who have mailed me old fishing lures and related fishing catalogues for my collection and items for the tackle boxes I give to any youngster between age 7 and 16 who does not have father living at home. I have given 203 kids a rod, reel, and a tackle box full of fishing equipment to get them started in the hobby of fishing in their spare time. I know this will keep them out of trouble Any lures I buy that I don't need go into the kids' boxes so if you have any old lures mail them to me, and I will call you with my offer. If not accepted, the lures will be returned with the postage you paid. Send to Dick Lczonu, 19R65 NW 94 Drive, Okeechobee, FL 34972; e-mail Liman7jmaazn web wwwexesnLoreman72 phone (727) 863-9540. I also have a GPO coat, like new, size 38 that I will give to anyone.

Buying all US and foreign coins, paper money, tokens, medals, silver, proof sets. Also selling \$20.00, \$10.00, and \$5.00 gold coins. Call for quotes. Buyer has 40 years experience. A percentage of profits to KTEF. Randy Mogren, 8 Gould Street, Mililbury, MA 01527, (508) 865-4816.

For sale: two Masonic grave-plots in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Schererville, Indiana, worth \$1,800 for both. I will sell for \$1,500. Call William Ford, (863) 453-6422 or write 2412 Orangewood St, Avon Park, FL 33825-7891, e-mail ford@strato.net

### **At the Tomb**

They came to the quiet garden  
In the early morning gloom,  
And there in the shadowed darkness  
They found an empty tomb.

They brought their scented spices  
To anoint the hallowed dead,  
But found, to their amazement,  
The living Lord instead.

Their hearts were heavy-laden -  
Bowed down with deep despair -  
But when they lifted tear-dimmed eyes,  
Lo, Jesus was standing there.

They thought all hope had ended  
With Calvary's dying breath,  
But they found a wondrous Savior,  
Triumphant over Death!

On that wonderful Easter morning,  
In a garden sweet with dew,  
He came from the grave  
- a world to save -  
To live and reign anew.

So oft in the midst of sorrows  
When Hope seems cold and dead,  
With lifted eyes, we too may see  
An empty tomb instead!

Mrs. Roy L. Peifer