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Grand Master's Message—May 2003

Plans for the 62nd (or LXII if you prefer) Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America are in their final stages. It will be a great meeting for every member of the family. We have a Pizza Party planned for all youths who are present and don't want to attend the Grand Banquet on Tuesday evening. Babysitters will be on call for that time and during the Ladies' Luncheon on Monday. Tours of the beautiful, historic, St. Louis area will be available for those who are interested. Sunday morning there will be a Religious

Service for everyone. Breakfasts and dinners and other activities have been planned for several groups. The GRAND OPENING on Monday morning will be an event you will remember for a long time! The Grand Commanders of all jurisdictions are being invited to participate and be introduced. All Grand Masters of Masons who are present, as well as many other Masonic dignitaries, will be introduced. You will want to be at the Installation of Officers Ceremony on Wednesday morning to congratulate the new officers and wish them well.



May 1-5 we will be in Lucca for the Annual Conclave of the York Rite of Italy. The following weekend we are planning to be at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Virginia in Roanoke. Wednesday, May 14, I am scheduled to speak to the Sons of the American Revolution about Templar. May 16-18 I will journey to Jefferson City, Missouri, for the Missouri Conclave. The next week we go to another state capital, Harrisburg, to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. I hope to be able to be present at Villa Grove Camargo Lodge No. 885 for the two stated meetings this month plus help with two Master Mason degrees we think will be coming up. I would also like to have a little time with our new granddaughter, Susan Esther Pickett, and Phillip, my son and partner, has said he would appreciate my help in the office for a few days this month.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jackson Jones". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Dr. William Jackson Jones
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

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

MAY: On page 2, Grand Master William Jackson Jones has an update on up-and-coming Knights Templar events, including the Grand Encampment 62nd Triennial Conclave scheduled for 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 7) concerning the 35th Annual Campaign. See if you can guess who the one for this month is, before Chairman Pruitt tells you! Check page 10 to see where your state stands in the Campaign! Next month we'll publish some of the Campaign results. Sir Knight Clyde Beatty was a most interesting personality, and our May cover and our feature story (starting on page 23) celebrate his life. And don't miss our wonderful biography of Brother Franz Liszt starting on page 18. Also, enjoy news from across the nation!

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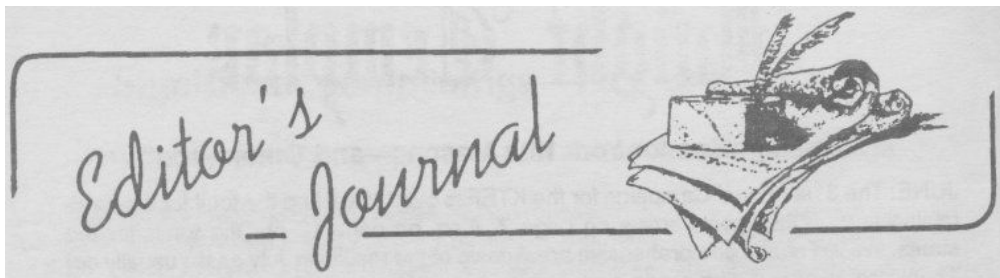
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62nd Triennial Advance Registration Voting Delegates



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.

Name _____

Address _____

**SAVE TIME AND
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Title _____

Arrival date _____

Registration fee\$150.00

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Make check payable to: 62nd Triennial Conclave, and mail to:

Lionel J. Goede
780 Murray Hill Drive
Fenton, MO 63026
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This is the voting delegate's registration. See the March 2003 issue, page 12, for the registration form for non-voting delegates.

**Holy Cross Commandery No. 10, Clinton, Iowa
Presents a Large Donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation!**

Mid-January 2003, Iowa Knights Templar had a nice surprise when Holy Cross Commandery No. 10 of Clinton, Iowa, presented to the Iowa Chairman of the KTEF, Sir Knight Glenn N. Marshall, a check for \$5,700 to cover the cost of 57 Patron certificates, one for each current member; this makes their Commandery 100% in that category. They are the first and only Iowa Commandery to be recognized a such.

Sir Knight Glenn N. Marshall, reporting on the affair, writes: "What a pleasant addition to our fund-raising for the 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign, and it is most certainly a pleasure to report! Now, wouldn't it be wonderful to add others to this class group? Chapeaux off to the Sir Knights of Holy Cross for coming through in a big way! Thanks for all your care and concern."



Left to right: Sir Knights Glenn N. Marshall, P.G.C., KCT, State Chairman KTEF; Robert Seiler, Recorder, Holy Cross No. 10; 4th from left Chris Rice, Commander, Holy Cross; 5th from left: Richard A. Zummak, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Iowa.

**Idaho Commandery No. 1, Boise, Idaho - Raises KTEF Funds
Through Frank J. Kester Groundhog Day Breakfast**

The late Frank J. Kester of Boise, for whom the fund-raising event is named, first organized the breakfast in 1972. The breakfast benefit raises funds to assist the KTEF and its program of providing surgery for the restoration and preservation of sight, including correction for strabismus (crossed eyes) and cataracts and also including cornea transplants and laser surgery.

Sir Knight Ernest Teter, chairman of the event and Past Department Commander, Northwestern Department, says: "The breakfast is our major fundraising event. ...We are continually working for funds as our work is ongoing. I also must give credit to the local caregivers, ophthalmologists, anesthetists, and hospitals, for without their assistance, we could not provide our service at the level we are able to."

Sir Knight Teter, state chairman KTEF, also sends the following letter from a lady who became aware of the KTEF while reading an article in a local newspaper in 2000 and who has been a strong supporter of the KTEF since, even though her only connection with Knights Templar was an uncle who was a member:

Dear Mr. Teter,

It was good to speak with you and learn something of the work the Knights Templar are doing through their Eye Foundation. As a person who has had two corneal transplants, I can testify how such treatment can change one's life.

Wishing your organization great success in your effort to give the gift of sight to those who are in great need, enclosed find a contribution to help the effort.

**Mrs. Thelma M. Conner
Boise, Idaho**



Message from the General Chairman 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign

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

Once again I bring you a photograph of a handsome Sir Knight who is well known to all of you (at about age 35). I am told this picture was taken at his first drill competition. Since he is now well known as an expert in drill competition, that was a momentous event and the beginning of an illustrious career in drilling activities. Do you think you can guess who he is? If not, read on and you will find out.

You will remember that we are featuring famous Sir Knights in their 35th year, in honor of this 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign. It is also a reminder that a contribution of \$35.00 is really needed from each of you in order to keep our Eye Foundation "in the black."

We are not doing very well this year. As of this writing, our contributions are some \$90,000 below those of last year.

Surely we can do better! If you have not made your contribution yet this year, won't you please do so before the end of this month so that your Commandery can be credited with it for the Campaign? Even if you have sent one contribution, see if you can't find a few bucks more to help us get back on track.

I attended a men's retreat recently at a lovely location near Santa Cruz, California. It is in a peaceful valley, surrounded with redwood trees, bathed in clear, fresh air and so quiet that you can hear the leaves rustle. (The name of the conference grounds is Mission Springs.)

The speaker at this retreat began his talks by touching on the subject of **Passion**. Have you ever noticed how excited children can get about things? When a five year old gets



out of a car, does she just stroll into the house? No way! She **runs!** In fact, young children run everywhere - except to go to bed. Going to bed means the day is over; there is no more fun to be had. Isn't that interesting?

When you get to be my age, it is just the opposite: you only run when you absolutely have to, and you hurry to bed whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Children are passionate about life. If they like you, they will tell you about every one of their toys, everything they did in the past hour, and why it is they just have to have a new pony. If children like you, they won't just say "Hi," they will run up and jump in your arms. That's the way children were with Jesus. They wanted to climb up in his lap and get close to him. When the disciples tried to push them away, Jesus said: "No, the children love me and I love them. Let them come. You need to be more like a little child if you are going to be a part of the Kingdom of Heaven."

Being like a little child can have two meanings. It can mean being humble

and trusting. It also means being passionate about important things.

It is easy to see, these days, that people can get passionate about lots of different things. Let me list a few, and see what picture each one of them creates in terms of passionate people:

**Football...Motorcycles
Clothes...Food...Automobiles
Travel...TV Shows...Entertainment**

Now, none of those things is bad in itself. All of them can be, though, if they are taken in excess, and it seems so easy for one of them to become a passion.

I am here to say, however, that there are better things that deserve our passion. As Christian Masons, we can better be dedicated to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Furthermore, as Knights Templar, we certainly can, and should, be passionate about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. How can we expect the Eye Foundation to

thrive, grow, and continue to serve those in need without our constant dedication?

Let's get excited about the Eye Foundation! If we do, the Sir Knight whose picture is on page 7 will be very happy. He is none other than our own Deputy Grand Master, Kenneth Fischer. Did you guess it? He's very passionate about the Eye Foundation. How about you?

Best wishes from Lady Shirley and me,
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 wbpruitt@aol.com - For information on the KTEF, e-mail: ktef@knightstemplar.org or call (773) 205-3838.

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

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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 April 11, 2003. The total amount contributed to date is \$531,130.02.

Alabama	\$7,097.67
Arizona	6,110.07
Arkansas	3,656.00
California	25,838.14
Colorado	12,542.50
Connecticut	5,559.75
Delaware	1,470.25
District of Columbia	7,713.00
Florida	11,160.36
Georgia	44,223.50
Idaho	3,099.95
Illinois	19,658.49
Indiana	9,487.35
Iowa	23,616.03
Kansas	5,117.93
Kentucky	10,704.26
Louisiana	11,087.40
Maine	5,821.63
Maryland	9,846.91
Mass./R.I.	26,155.00
Michigan	6,162.04
Minnesota	3,962.00
Mississippi	4,294.00
Missouri	5,879.41
Montana	1,559.00
Nebraska	4,274.69
Nevada	3,524.75
New Hampshire	5,002.70
New Jersey	5,175.00
New Mexico	12,084.51
New York	7,134.50
North Carolina	11,899.25
North Dakota	526.00
Ohio	26,345.60
Oklahoma	4,087.50
Oregon	10,216.92
Pennsylvania	33,290.00
South Carolina	11,015.01
South Dakota	22,918.00
Tennessee	10,943.50
Texas	35,196.86
Utah	971.00
Vermont	1,970.25
Virginia	17,498.00
Washington	7,510.94
West Virginia	13,393.50
Wisconsin	8,287.90
Wyoming	4,511.00
Philippines	300.00
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii	20.00
Kalakaua No. 2, Kailua, Hawaii	30.00

Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico	200.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan	100.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany	350.00
Miscellaneous	530.00

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

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

IN MEMORIAM



William Ammer

Ohio
Grand Commander—1984
Born: May 21, 1919
Died: January 30, 2003

Raymond E. Loose

Ohio
Grand Commander—1983
Born: May 17, 1931
Died: February 16, 2003

George W. Worman

Wyoming
Grand Commander—1995
Born: October 26, 1936
Died: February 26, 2003

Ivan D. Rinck

Oregon
Grand Commander—1993
Born: April 6, 1927
Died: March 25, 2003

Parable of the Banquet Table

by Dr. James N. Karnegis, M.D., Ph.D.,
P.G.C. (Nebraska)

Long ago, in the small village of Rak, in the faraway land of Sigen, there existed a tailor shop renowned for its sartorial work. For many years people would come from far and wide to view and buy its beautifully crafted apparel; such as suits, shirts, trousers, coats, and hats. They did so because the owner of the shop required that all work be meticulously done and meet the highest of standards. His motto was "Exercise excellence without exception."

One day his chief tailor came to him, complaining that he was having difficulty maintaining the expected level of skill in fashioning their wares. "I do not understand it," he mused. "Most of the young men we used to hire and train to be expert tailors now prefer to move to the big city. The apprentices whom nowadays we are able to hire declare they are busy and do not have the time needed to become highly proficient in their work. Furthermore, they say that, in their opinion, in these modern times, it is not necessary."

"Why," they ask, "be so meticulous in cutting and sewing the suit material? No one will notice the difference, and no one will

care, anyway. And why make all of those hat sizes? Surely, small, medium, and large sizes are enough. We know that there are many shortcuts we can take if you will allow us, and thereby we can save ourselves much time and effort. Certainly, we contend that our work will be just as good as ever!"

"I am baffled," moaned the chief tailor. "Why do these apprentice tailors not understand and appreciate the basic tenets that we teach?"

The owner then responded with the following parable:

"For the nature of human behavior is like unto a householder who planned a banquet for the workers of his household. And when his steward asked for his instructions, the man of the house answered, 'Spread upon the great banquet table in the great hall all manner of sustenance, beginning from bread and water, to plain fare which is fitting for daily needs, to the finest of delicacies and drink. In this way, it will become manifested that each will choose from all that is presented to him only that part which his own eye can see.'"

Sir Knight James N. Karnegis, M.D., Ph.D., P.G.C. (Nebraska), is a member of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska. He resides at 20975 Bonanza Boulevard, Elkhorn, NE 68022-1838

City Find is Knights Templar's Oldest London Church

by Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent
from: the *London Times*, August 27, 2002
submitted by Sir Knight Samuel B. Walker, samwalk@juno.com

Remains of London's first Temple Church have recently been uncovered, several hundred yards north of its famous successor. Part of the distinctive circular nave which marked churches built by the Knights Templar in the Middle Ages was identified

just south of High Holborn, on the edge of the medieval city of London.

The present Temple Church, which gives its name to the Middle Temple and Inner Temple, two of the four Inns of Court, was built from 1160 onwards. Its circular nave, reflecting

the plan of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, was consecrated by Patriarch Heraclius of Jerusalem in 1185 as the central church of the Templar Order in England; seriously damaged by bombing in the Second World War, it has been completely restored.

The earlier church and the "Old Temple," the initial headquarters of the Order, stood just east of Chancery Lane, where Southampton buildings recently underwent refurbishment. Archaeologists from the Museum of London watched over the site when a new lift-shaft was installed.

At the base of the excavation they found Roman deposits, cut into by what Alison Telfer describes in *London Archaeologist* as "a substantial medieval chalk foundation, consistent with the location and design of the circular 'Old Temple' of the Knights Templar, dating to the 12th century." The foundations rested on the natural gravel of the Thames terrace that underlies the city, and match other sections seen in 1704, and in

1876, when a bank was built in Holborn just north of the present site.

Reconstruction of the plan from the foundations suggests that the circular nave had an internal diameter of about 55 ft - slightly smaller than the present Temple Church. The roof would have been supported by a central colonnade of six columns, recorded in the 1876 work, as in the present building, and Telfer suggests that there was both a western porch for entry and an eastern chancel as long again as the nave. The square chancel of the Temple Church was added in 1220-1240.

The Old Temple was sold to the Bishop of Lincoln when its successor was built closer to the Thames and with direct river access, and he used it as his London residence. It was eventually demolished in 1595.

Apart from the recent discovery; further remains could survive in the surrounding area, Telfer suggests: the bedrock is sufficiently deeply buried for them probably to have avoided destruction by Victorian cellars.

Sir Knight John Cogdell, Jr.: A Man of Honor, a Humble Hero



A member of Pike Lodge No. 91, Arkansas, and Hanford Commandery No. 46, Hanford, California; Sir Knight John Cogdell, Jr., owned his own business for 12 years, wrote a novel titled *Double Standards*, and served as a volunteer fireman, a private investigator, deputy sheriff, chief of police, city marshal, and as a deputy constable. During his tenure he did more than serve the public; *he actually saved lives*.

For instance, as a deputy sheriff in 1983, he helped deliver a baby girl while en-route to the hospital; while on patrol in Mineral Springs, Arkansas, as city marshal, he saved another little girl's life

when the mother of a 7-year-old, who was choking, waved him down at the side of the road (Sir Knight John administered the Heimlich maneuver), and that's not all: when upon driving from a job in Piedra, California, he came upon 2 burning cars that had hit in a head-on at high speed. Acting instantly John hooked a 20-foot chain to his pick-up truck and separated the cars, saving one 19-year-old boy.

Martha Cogdell, John's wife who lovingly submitted this article, says of their life together: "It's been a good ride. Life always has something going, and we look forward to the future." John and Martha celebrated their 40th anniversary in July 2002.

On the Masonic Newsfront...

**Past Grand Commander of Michigan Becomes
Deputy for Michigan, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J.**



Illustrious Brother Erwin W O'Dell, 33°, MSA, KCT, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan (1982), was recently named Deputy for Michigan for the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, N.M.J., USA. He is also the Intendant General for the division of Michigan of the Red Cross of Constantine.

At a reception for Past Grand Commander and Illustrious Brother O'Dell that was held in Lansing, Michigan, on February 1, 2003, a great number of Brothers and Sir Knights were present to honor him, including many officers of Michigan's Masonic bodies, as well as fraternal counterparts from neighboring states.

In the picture above, left to right, are: James E. Olmstead, 33°, Deputy for Ohio, A.A.S.R.; Ray M. Gibson, R.E. Grand Commander of Michigan; David R. Bedwell, Sr., M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; Erwin W. O'Dell, honoree; Robert G. Elrod, 33°, Deputy for Indiana, A.A.S.R.; William E. LeVeque, KYCH, MSA, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S.M., of Michigan; and James J. (Jerry) Vann, Sr., KYCH, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, RAM., of Michigan. (submitted by Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliott, KYCH, Chairman, Public Relations, Grand Commandery of Michigan)

Nappanee Lodge No. 566, Indiana, Awards Gold to Brother Widmoyer

Early in March 2003, W.M. Jacob Dermott presided over a meeting of the Lodge and presented to Brother David W. Widmoyer the distinguished Award of Gold.

Brother Widmoyer received EA and Fellowcraft in 1952, Master Mason in 1953, Master of Nappanee No. 566 in 1958; Grand High Priest, 1967, and Grand Secretary RAM., 1979; 33° 1985. Active in Scottish Rite he does the part of King Solomon in the 10th degree and has worked on other degree teams. Brother Larry E. Gray, Grand King, spoke of being on committees with him, and Brother James M. Barkdull, Sr. Grand Deacon, presented the Award of gold pin to Mrs. Widmoyer, and she pinned it on her husband.

W.M. Dermott presented Brother Widmoyer with the certificate from Grand Lodge, and Brother Donald Rink, Sec., presented him with his dues card for 2003. In the picture on the following page, left to right, are: Brother Donald Rink, Lodge



Secretary, Nappanee No. 566; Brother James M. Barkdull, Sr. Grand Deacon; Brother David W Widmoyer, 50-year Mason and honoree of the Gold Award; Brother Larry E. Gray, Grand King, General Grand Chapter of RAM., Int.; and Brother Jacob Dermott, W.M., Nappanee No. 566.

Sir Knight Scott Bill Hirst Installed Grange Master



Sir Knight Scott Hirst (right), a member since the late 1970s of Narragansett Commandery No. 27, Westerly, Rhode Island, has been installed Master of New London County (Connecticut) Pomona Grange No. 6 for a 2-year term. John A Lawson, Jr. (center), E. Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 13, East Providence, Rhode Island, was the installing officer. Sir Knight Lawson is Past Master and current Chaplain of the Rhode Island State Grange; in addition to being Commander, he is in his 15th term as WM. of Rising Sun Lodge No. 30, E. Providence, and Patron of an Eastern Star Chapter

Sir Knight Hirst, a member of Franklin Lodge No. 20, Westerly, RI, is a Past High Priest. Hirst exchanged offices with Jeffrey Barnes (left), who Hirst succeeded as Master of New London County Pomona Grange. Barnes took the Hirst position as Overseer.

The 3 are shown after the installation ceremony at the North Stonington Grange Hall in Connecticut. (submitted by Sir Knight Scott Hirst)

***Knight Templar* Author Is "Man of the Valley" for Chicago Scottish Rite**

Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother Stephen R. Greenberg, M.S.A., 33^o who has written numerous articles for the *Knight Templar* magazine and who has served the Valley of Chicago, Illinois, and other Masonic bodies since the 1950s, was named "Man of the Valley" for September 2002.

Sir Knight and Dr. Greenberg, who has served in ritual work and ceremonies and as the able Chairman of the Scottish Rite Speakers' Bureau, is shown here with Sovereign Prince Bill Love, who presented him with the 2002 Cryptic Mason of the Year Award from the Grand Council of Illinois



Sir Knight and Dr. Greenberg earned a Ph.D. in Pathology in 1954 and joined the Chicago Medical School in 1955 as a member of the Department of Pathology. He also served at Mt. Sinai and Cook County hospitals and at the Medical Examiners office. He retired from the Chicago Medical School in 1991 as an associate professor of Pathology. During his tenure he trained a large number of medical students in medical and surgical pathology and was in charge of the training program in Forensic Pathology. He also devoted much time to research, especially in diseases of the heart, blood vessels, and the kidneys, and published over 200 articles in medical and scientific journals on his research; in addition he belongs to 26 medical societies and has delivered numerous reports on his work.

Thank you, Sir Knight Greenberg, for your work for *Knight Templar* magazine!

Fort Worth Assembly No. 59, S.O.O.B., Celebrates 75th Birthday



Above are members of Fort Worth No. 59, S.O.O.B., in Fort Worth, Texas, at the celebration in November 2002 of the Assembly's 75th birthday. The Assembly was chartered on March 27, 1927. 4th from right is Mrs. Clarence Parkey, President 2002; at far right is Mrs. Robert Crawford, President 2003.

**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



Origins of the Chivalric Orders

(Continued from March 2003, page 17)

The Knights Templar (continued)

The Templars built many castles throughout Palestine. They participated in all of the major battles and the various crusades, until the Christian forces were driven from the Holy Land in 1291 A.D. They had been awarded the honor of forming the right wing in all battles and did not retreat until the battle was won. There were 22 Grand Masters in the history of the order (until 1312); of them, five were killed in battle, five later died of wounds, and one died in Saracen captivity.

Upon leaving Palestine, the Order established headquarters on the Island of Cyprus, which the Templars had previously purchased from King Richard the Lionheart. At that time the Order owned a great deal of property throughout Europe which was controlled by Preceptories and Pories located in many countries. In addition, the Templars had become the bankers of Europe.

Philip IV, King of France, being envious of the power and wealth of the Templars and requiring funds for his personal projects, entered into an arrangement with Pope Clement V to suppress the Order and avail himself of their French properties. Pope Clement invited the Grand Master of the Temple, Jacques DeMolay, to Paris ostensibly to discuss plans for a new crusade. The Grand Master of the Hospital was also invited but declined the invitation. Upon arriving in Paris, DeMolay and his followers were arrested on October 13, 1307. They were charged with many alleged crimes, tortured, and DeMolay was burned at the stake on an Island in the Seine River on March 18, 1314, along with Guy de Charney, Grand Preceptor of Normandy. To the last,

DeMolay maintained his innocence and that of the Order.

Pope Clement issued a Papal Bull suppressing the Order. This was enforced in each country, but to different degrees ... France executed all Templars who would not recant; however, many escaped. The Templar properties in England were turned over to the Knights of St. John, but the members melted away. There is no record of persecution in Scotland and Spain; however, the Templar properties acquired other owners. Within 3 years a new organization titled "The Order of Knights of Christ" was formed in Portugal by King Dion II, and Pope John XXII permitted the Templar estates to be turned over to that new order in 1319.

Thousands of the Templars survived the suppression. Considering that most of the members had been skilled either as soldiers, administrators in banking and commerce, and craftsmen with numerous trades, this influx into the European economy must have had a decided effect. The Templar way of life was dispersed rather than suppressed.

Unsuccessful attempts have been made in the succeeding centuries to tie the modern Order of the Temple to the ancient Order. These theories will not be dealt with in this work except to point out several obvious influences, rather than connections.

First, the Templars were not persecuted in Scotland. In 1314, Robert the Bruce defeated a major English army at Bannockburn and became King of Scotland. It is highly unlikely that the Scottish Templars, possibly the finest fighting men in the world at that time, were not on the side of Bruce in some capacity. Additionally, Wylie B. Wendt, the noted Masonic scholar has written, on

what he considers fair authority, that John Graham of Claverhouse, Viscount Dundee, was Grand Master of the Scottish Templars, when he fell at the Battle of Killie-Crankie on July 27, 1689, wearing the Grand Cross of the Order. While this proves nothing, it indicates a thread of Templar existence after the suppression.

Second, one John Mark Larmenius claimed that Grand Master DeMolay appointed him to succeed to the Grand Mastership prior to DeMolay's execution. In 1324, Larmenius issued a "Charter of Transmission," transferring the authority to Francis Thomas Theobald, of Alexandria, and from thence a complete list of successors has been maintained through 1838 A.D. Larmenius had titled his body as the "Ordre du Temple," and branches of it have remained in many areas of Europe. While there is no proof that Larmenius was the lawful successor to DeMolay, this circumstance demonstrates an immediate attempt to preserve the Templar organization from the outset, whether legal or not.

Third, thousands of the Templar serving brothers were dispersed throughout Europe. A great number of them were skilled craftsmen. Many had much experience as Masons and in designing and building fortifications. Many had learned their skills in the East and were more advanced than many of the European workmen. Obviously a great number of these survivors joined the Masons' companies which were thriving during the 14th century. This could certainly have resulted in Templar ideology permeating Freemasonry and have provided a thread for later emergence as a fraternal order.

Further theories have been pursued whereby surviving Templars followed Pierre d'Aumont, Provincial Grand Master of Auvergne, to Scotland where he was elected Grand Master of the Temple and later moved

to Sweden. Baron von Hund selected this account upon which to base his claim that Freemasonry was founded upon Templary through "The Rite of Strict Observance." We have mentioned "The Order of Christ" in Portugal. Finally, there is the theory that a number of Templars joined the Knights of St. John and transmitted their customs and ceremonies under the cover of that organization. Due to the rivalry that always existed between those two Orders, this is highly unlikely.

While the foregoing provides interesting lines of research, no connection can be made between the old Order and our Masonic Order of the Temple. We can only state that the spirit and ideals of the ancient Templars lives on today in the Commandery of Knights Templar.

The Knights Of St. John (Hospitallers)

When the armies of the First Crusade captured Jerusalem in 1099 A.D., the Christian community of that city greatly expanded and the small Hospital of St. John was hard pressed to provide for their needs.

Gerard, the Master of the Hospital, completely reorganized his establishment. He secured larger quarters and recruited additional members. Many of the crusaders made substantial contributions to the hospital. New regulations were adopted to govern the organization, and these were based on the Augustinian rule for a monastic society. The rules of government were complete down to precise instructions for treatment of the sick. The members took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and adopted a black robe for their habit. The insignia of their order was a white fishtailed cross of eight points to be worn on the left breast. On February 15, 1113, Pope Paschal II placed the Order under his personal protection and the organization prospered.

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Franz Liszt - Mystic, Mason, and Musician

by Sir Knight Peter H. Johnson, Jr.
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He broke conventions and turned the piano so that the audience could see his chiseled profile. There he sat cajoling all human emotions from the ivory keys. He played transcriptions of Beethoven's symphonies and made the piano react like an entire orchestra. He enchanted audiences with his own incredible compositions based on gypsy melodies of his native Hungary and thoughts of love based on his own personal romantic exploits. His eyes glowed with fire, and at times he seemed absolutely possessed. He could outplay Chopin. Women swooned and stole his handkerchiefs and snuffbox. He was Franz Liszt.

Franz Liszt was born on October 22, 1811, in Doborjan (now Raiding), Hungary, to Adam and Anna Liszt. As a young boy, *Franzi* studied piano with his father with astonishing progress. By age nine the boy was giving recitals and receiving financial aid from several noblemen to study in Vienna. He soon caught the attention of Beethoven, who kissed him in admiration. The great pianist and teacher, Karl Czérny was also impressed and gave young Liszt free musical instruction. Mozart's aging alleged nemesis, Antonio Salieri, supplied the youngster with lessons in theory and harmony.

By age twelve Liszt already performed at the piano like a seasoned professional. Upon being denied admission to study at the Paris Conservatory, the young prodigy continued



to practice on his own and also developed his composition skills. His debut in Paris in 1824 was a great success leading to tours of France and England that included a performance for King George IV.

By age 16 Liszt had already begun to teach piano and had fallen in love with one of his female students. Father Liszt seems to have squelched the budding romance, and Franz was devastated. The young pianist experienced a complete breakdown with seizures and was unable to play for a year and considered going into the priesthood. This incident was a harbinger of Liszt's future romances and volatile emotional state.

Liszt regained his focus when he heard virtuoso violinist Paganini at the Paris Opera House in 1831. As Paganini was the greatest showman of the violin, Liszt vowed to become the greatest showman of the piano. He practiced up to 14 hours a day

and developed a repertoire of old and new music that was without precedent. Liszt began the now accepted practice of playing recitals by memory. He also delighted his audiences by improvising elaborate compositions on suggested popular themes.

While visiting the home of his colleague Chopin, Liszt met the married Countess Marie d'Agoult. They were immediately attracted to each other and soon eloped to Switzerland. The couple never married and their relationship was the equivalent of a modern-day tabloid scandal. They had three children. One daughter, Cosima, later married Liszt's famous pupil, Hans von Bulow. While married to von Bulow, Cosima had an illicit relationship with composer Richard Wagner. Cosima and von Bulow later divorced, and she became Frau Richard Wagner, making Franz Liszt Wagner's father-in-law.

Liszt continued his wildly successful career as a concert pianist until 1847. On a return trip to his native Hungary, he was inspired to compose his ever-popular *Hungarian Rhapsodies*. He also gave benefit recitals to raise money for the victims of the Danube flood of 1838 and also to support the proposed Beethoven Memorial statue the following year. While touring the Ukraine in 1842, he met cigar smoking Princess Carolyne Wittgenstein providing Liszt with another eccentric romantic interlude. During their 12-year relationship, Liszt would compose some of his most inspired works including his B minor piano sonatas and *Faust* symphonies. Liszt also served as music director at Weimar during this period and promoted the "new music"

of Wagner and Berlioz. Liszt also continued his practice of giving free music lessons to needy and worthy students. It is estimated that he helped over 400 such students during his lengthy career.

Liszt's charitable and mystical demeanor no doubt influenced him to become a Freemason. The great musician was Initiated in Lodge *Zur Einigkeit* (Unity) in Frankfurt in 1841. He received the second and third degrees in February of the following year in Lodge *Zur Eintracht* in Berlin.

Approaching the final third of his life, Liszt incurred many family tragedies. Princess Carlyne began to suffer from extreme mental problems. Their long anticipated marriage was also made impossible by the Pope's refusal to grant her an annulment. Liszt also experienced the loss of two of his three children. The grieving musician became increasingly religious and in 1862 entered the Madonna del Rosario Monastery in Rome. In 1864 Liszt received tonsure and minor orders in the Vatican. In 1866 Pope Pius IX conferred the title of "Abbé" upon Franz Liszt, certainly a unique honor for a Freemason.

Abbé Liszt was far from reclusive. He gave several performances for the Pope and also composed "Hungarian Coronation Mass" for Emperor Franz-Joseph.

Liszt dressed in clerical garb for the remainder of his life. Numerous photographs show his Dante like presence in black robes and clerical white collar.

For the remaining decades of his life, Liszt divided his year between Budapest, Weimar, and Rome. Although plagued by failing eyesight

sight, he continued to teach and perform. His legendary memory of countless compositions made his poor sight less devastating. He also met great musicians from the world over and played for Queen Victoria. Liszt also continued to be a staunch supporter of the music of his famous son-in-law Wagner, though the two were not always on speaking terms.

By tragic coincidence, Franz Liszt fell ill with pneumonia at the Wagner Festival at Bayreuth and died on July 31, 1886. Daughter Cosima Liszt Wagner, now a widow herself for three years, kept the Maestro's adoring students from his deathbed. Cosima attended her father's funeral and returned to her duties at the Festival.

Liszt's career was long and remarkable. He crossed paths with musicians, artists, and intellectuals who were active in three centuries. A partial listing includes Beethoven, Salieri, Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Victor Hugo, Chopin, George Sands, Bizet, Debussy, Heine, Berlioz, Borodin, Saint-Saens, Paganini, Doré, Longfellow, Bruckner, Fauré, Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, and Cui.

As a conductor, Liszt was one of the first to emphasize the feeling and mood of the music rather than merely keeping time. He also created the modern piano recital. In composition Liszt is credited with the invention of the "tone poem," a highly developed piece of programme music formed in one movement without a break. Liszt's *Les Preludes* is still a well-know concert favorite.

Although truly eccentric in his personal life, Liszt had an altruistic and spiritual nature that continued to shine throughout his life. He was

not particularly materialistic, and his deeds of charity touched the lives of many.

Liszt's personae at the keyboard inspired pop pianists such as Liberace, and his compositions can be heard in classic cartoons and movie themes from the 1930s.

Although an individual of somewhat flawed character, Liszt's musical prowess is undisputed and he will always be remembered as "King of the Piano."

Notes: Information on Franz Liszt came from numerous internet sources and *The Enjoyment of Music* by Joseph Machlis, published by W. W. Norton, 1957. Masonic information came from **10,000 Famous Freemasons** by Denslow.



Abbé Liszt in clerical garb

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Baphomet Revisited

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The following article is a response to Eric Sieruga's article in the March 2003 issue of Knight Templar magazine, in which he makes some derogatory commentary on templarhistory.com as a reliable source of information. While the author, or anyone for that matter, is entirely welcome to hold an opinion as such, it is disappointing to me that his opinion is based on the fact that he seemingly took what we had to say out of context. I doubted this was his intention, and as I have communicated with the author on the matter, I now know this was not the case.

In the course of defending Templarism against the attacks of Jack Chick, author of the "Curse of Baphomet" Bible tract, the author has erroneously placed our pro-Templar and pro-Masonic web site with the likes of Mr. Chick himself:

Unfortunately, the author has made several errors in judgment and fact, but let's look at the matter bit by bit.

He states, "They cite Levi, via Nesta Webster (himself, a somewhat unreliable source), as stating that Baphomet spelled backwards (TEM OHP 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.'"

This is incorrect. Our commentary on Webster is as follows:

"Eliphas Levi On The Baphomet

"According to the controversial author, Nesta Webster, Eliphas Levi held the conviction that not only did the Templars adore the Baphomet but anyone embracing the Occult sciences did also. We see this in an alleged quote of his own words taken from the works of Nesta Webster, who may well have taken it out of context as so many such writers are want to do. Note the ... usage which we have dealt with on another page. A common tactic for misquoting:

"Let us declare for the edification of the vulgar.. .and for the greater glory of the Church which has persecuted the Templars, burned the magicians and excommunicated the Freemasons, etc., let us say boldly and loudly, that all the initiates of the occult sciences.. . have adored, do and always, will adore, that which is signified by this frightful symbol [The Sabbatic Goat]. Yes in our profound conviction, the Grand Master of the order of The Templars adored Baphomet and caused him to be adored by their initiates."

"Secret Societies and Subversive Movements" Nesta H. Webster, 1924, by The Christian Book Club Source - www.templarhistory.com/levi.html

And this is where our reference to Webster ends. Unfortunately, Eric Sieruga failed to inform the readers of his article that we hold Webster in the same regard as he does, an unreliable and controversial source.

Secondly, we do not state that Webster believed that it was Levi's contention that Baphomet spelled backwards read as a Latin inscription. Rather we use Levi's own belief in the backwards Latin inscription to refute Webster's alleged quote of Levi. What we say is quite clear and is reprinted below for the benefit of the readers:

*"The above quotation does not seem to make sense in light of Levi's theory on the etymology of Baphomet. Levi believed that if one rearranged the letters in Baphomet by reversing them you would get an abbreviated Latin phrase: **TEM OHP AB***

"He further believed that this would represent the Latin 'Templi omnivm hominvm pacis abbas' or in English 'The Father Of The Temple Of Peace Of All Men.' This he felt to be a reference to King Solomon's Temple, which Eliphaz believed had the sole purpose of bringing peace to the world."

Source - www.templarhistory.com/levi.html

I find it sad that the biggest mistake Brother Sieruga makes is that he failed to inform the readers that the material, which he has unintentionally misquoted, falls in our section entitled "Templar Myths," which is one section of a very large web site. It is a site devoted to the history, mystery, myths, and legends surrounding the order, a site that has served Templars and Templar enthusiasts since 1997. The site has led to my being interviewed for no less than three television documentaries, where I have stood steadfast in defending the modern and original order against the very accusations of which Brother Knight Sieruga was defending the order in his article. We do not present the myth material to be accepted as fact, but rather, like our entire web site it is presented to show a wide variety of Templar information. This is referred to in the trade as "objectivity".

Perhaps our preface to the "Templar Myths" section, which was clearly overlooked, will shed some light on the matter:

"Napoleon once said, 'What is history, but a fable agreed upon?' There is certainly some truth to this in regard to the many myths that sprung up regarding the order of the Temple.

"These myths have been supported by conspiracy theorists and Fundamentalists to damn the order then and now. This section of the web site looks at these myths with the objective of presenting them for the curious.

"Did the Templars worship an idol named Baphomet? In all likelihood they did not, but an oft-repeated tale will eventually become accepted by many and thus become, as Napoleon suggested, 'a fable agreed upon.'"

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Sir Knight Clyde Beatty: King of the Lion Tamers

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33^o

For some three decades, Clyde Raymond Beatty was known as one of America's biggest circus attractions. His reputation as the most famous lion tamer in modern history would seem to be unchallenged. In his prime, Beatty fearlessly entered a cage with as many as forty lions and tigers at a time with only a chair, a whip, and a pistol that shot blanks. Through a radio adventure series and movie serials, his name became a household word to millions who were never fortunate enough to see him on the stage or in the ring.

Sir Knight Beatty's life also personified the American dream of one who went from rags to riches, the type of youth who filled the pages of Horatio Alger Junior's inspirational novels.

Clyde Raymond Beatty was born in Bainbridge, Ohio, on June 20, 1902, the illegitimate son of a local farmer, James Edward Beatty, and a local girl named Margaret Everhart. Later, his mother married, and young Clyde had four younger half sisters and a half brother.

As he grew up, the youth became no more than an average student in the classrooms, but he developed a deep love of the outdoors and activities that helped put food on the table such as hunting and fishing.

Like many other youth of his era, Beatty earned money by selling newspapers in Bainbridge and along with his younger sisters kept a number of pets.

Sometime in his mid-to-late teens, "Buster" Beatty ran away



from home and joined a show under the "Big Top" - to be more specific, Howe's Great London Circus.

Entry level positions with the circus frequently paid no more than room and board, but they did provide opportunities to learn while performing such unpleasant tasks as cleaning animal cages, assembling and dismantling tents, feeding animals, and carrying water, and this, for the dedicated, career-minded youth, meant a great deal of hands-on experience.

By 1922 Beatty was tending a hippopotamus for Golimar Brothers, and the next year he had a bear act. Three years later, he had settled on the form of animal training that would make him a legend, to-wit: working with the "big cats." He studied their behavioral patterns both from reading and learning from experienced trainers such as Jules Castane and Peter Taylor.

Despite the fact that Clyde Beatty used a whip and a blank-shooting pistol in his lion and tiger training act,



Sir Knight Clyde Beatty and Cecilia Parker admire a baby lion in scene from *The Lost Jungle*, 1934.

he was generally affectionate toward them. The pistol shots were more to scare the big cats and the whip seldom touched them. According to a lengthy biographical piece in *Timeline* by Danny Fulks, Professor Emeritus at Marshall University:

"He learned to keep his animals well fed, groomed and healthy through regular visits by veterinarians. He learned what spooked them, how they communicated with one another, how males related to females, how they played, and what made them happy. He liked his cats fresh from the jungles, and within the constraints of their lives in captivity, kept them free from curiosity seekers, other trainers, and naive cage boys who might taunt them. He trained them to submit to his commands using limited physical forces and relying upon behaviorism - traditional carrot-and-stick techniques. He petted his animals when they seemed to ask for it, used his whip to stroke their whiskers in an affectionate manner, and returned to the cage after his act to show his appreciation."

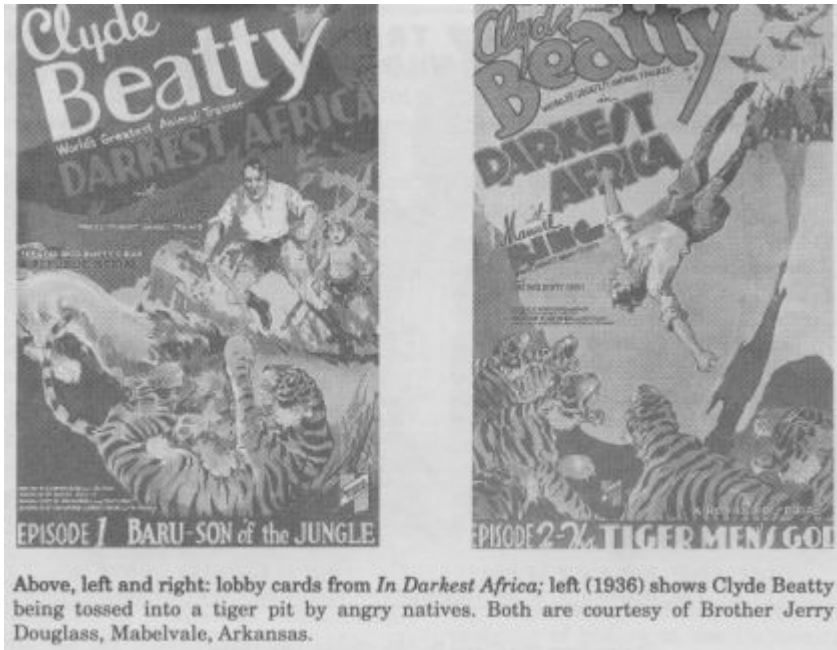
Clyde Beatty's initial years of "big top" stardom were spent with the

Hagenbeck-Wallace Wild Animal Circus, where by 1930 their publicity posters referred to him as "Capt. Beatty" who "presents in sensational exhibit at one time 40 ferocious kings of the jungle."

The next year, he hooked up with Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey, and took his death defying act to Madison Square Garden in New York City. During the cold season Beatty worked on new acts, toiled as a technical advisor on a Tarzan movie, and in 1933 played himself in a motion picture called *The Big Cage*. The following year, he starred again in a twelve-chapter Mascot serial, *The Lost Jungle*, that co-starred Cecilia Parker and Mickey Rooney.

The bosses at Ringling began complaining that Beatty's movies might be hurting the attendance at his live circus appearances. The man billed as the "World's Greatest Wild Animal Trainer" responded by quitting Ringling and joining the Cole Brothers Circus.

The downside of this switch was that all of the "Big Cats" that Beatty used in the circus and both movies were the property of Ringling Brothers.



Above, left and right: lobby cards from *In Darkest Africa*; left (1936) shows Clyde Beatty being tossed into a tiger pit by angry natives. Both are courtesy of Brother Jerry Douglass, Mabelvale, Arkansas.

Accordingly, he had to retrain a whole new corps of lions and tigers, but he opened on schedule to an enthusiastic crowd at the Chicago Coliseum during the third week of April.

The following winter he made another serial for Republic, a fifteen-chapter play, *Darkest Africa*, later re-titled *King of Jungleland*. A featured young actor in this series, Manuel King, received second billing as the "World's Youngest Wild Animal Trainer."

Back in the circus Clyde commanded a salary of \$3,500 weekly in season despite the Depression. He did product endorsements for items ranging from Eveready batteries to Studebaker automobiles, with the latter company furnishing him an automobile.

Stories (probably fictional) about his adventures with lions appeared in Big Little Books (four titles) and

as featured portions of *Crackerjack Funnies*, *Popular Comics*, and *Super Comics*. In addition, a single special 25-cent edition of *The Action-Packed Adventures of Clyde Beatty* appeared in October 1953.

Despite his ability to handle the big cats better than anyone before or since, Beatty managed to survive several close calls with death. In 1926 a five-hundred-pound lion attacked him and he had to be dragged from the cage by an assistant. In January 1932 when he turned his back on a lion named Nero (who ironically had once rescued Beatty when two tigers attacked him), the beast sank a fang into his leg and infection developed. But after treatments, Clyde still opened in New York on schedule.

While touring as a circus act remained his principal occupation, he occasionally diversified his activity.



In 1939 he spent the summer at the Pier in Atlantic City and operated a "jungle zoo" in Rochester, New York, for a season. From 1939 until 1945, Beatty and his wife, Harriett Evans (his second marriage in 1933), operated a zoo in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. It eventually closed following complaints from nearby residents concerning occasional loud noises. Perhaps most significant, he starred in a three-times-weekly radio adventure series on the Mutual Broadcasting System during the early fifties sponsored by Kellogg's cereal (was Tony the Tiger involved?). As an author he collaborated on three books, *The Big Cage* (1933, with Edward Anthony), *Jungle Performers* (1941, with Earl Wilson), and finally *Facing the Big Cats: My World of Lions and Tigers* (1965, with Edward Anthony), which

appeared just prior to his death.

With the end of World War II, Clyde Beatty purchased a previously existing circus and renamed it the Clyde Beatty Circus. He kept it in operation with himself as the star attraction until the operation went bankrupt in 1956.

He went back to working for others until 1959 when he became part of the Clyde Beatty-Cole Brothers Circus. He continued touring into the early sixties.

The circus as a form of American entertainment began to decline in the fifties and early sixties, and Beatty was beginning to get older, but he kept going.

In 1949, he had returned to Hollywood and made a popular movie with the comedy team of Bud Abbott (a Mason) and Lou Costello titled *Africa Screams*, a film the cast of which also included

Frank Buck, known for his own adventures with wild animals.

In 1954 he costarred with detective novelist Mickey Spillane and veteran actor Pat O'Brien in a mystery with a circus setting, *Ring of Fear*.

While he never had a TV show, Beatty did make some appearances on the small screen displaying his talents on Ed Sullivan's show among others.

Not long afterward, Clyde Raymond Beatty became a Mason. Probably under a special dispensation, he received his Blue Lodge degrees in Craftsman Lodge No. 521 in Detroit, Michigan, on February 8, 9, and 10, 1956. A little over two years later, he received his Royal Arch degree in Monroe Chapter No. 1 on November 22, 1958, and was Knighted in Damascus Commandery No. 42 on November 24, 1958. He immediately became a Noble of Moslem Shrine Temple in Detroit. The latter has some significance because Beatty gave one of his last truly stellar performances at the Detroit Shrine Circus in February 1963.

Aging began to take some toll on the man who had plied his unusual trade. (Harriett had died of heart problems in 1950 and the circus as an institution seemed on the decline.) In 1964 he began losing energy and went to see a physician, who diagnosed his problem as cancer. After an operation he tried to come back again in 1965, but the old strength was simply gone, and he went to his west coast home in Ventura, California. He died a few weeks later on July 19, 1965, at the age of sixty-two. Among the mourners at his funeral were his costars and friends from *Ring Of Fear*, Patrick O'Brien and Mickey Spillane.

Although Brother Beatty's Masonic career lasted for only a little more than nine years, he exemplified the view of those in the order who stress that one should do one's best in a chosen vocation. Clyde Raymond Beatty may have had an atypical occupation, but none can doubt that he was the best at what he did.

A good brief biography is Danny Fuiks, "Bainbridge Ohio's Cat Man: Clyde Raymond Beatty," *Timeline 19:4* (July-August 2002), pp. 2-20. One may also wish to consult the man's own books delineated in the text. For his Masonic record I am indebted to the staff at the Grand Lodge of Michigan as well as William R. Denslow, *10,000 Famous Freemasons, IV* (Trenton, Missouri, 1961), p. 371.

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Sir Knight Clyde Beatty with baby leopard.

Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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

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

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

Grand Master William J. Jones



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We have always believed, at templarhistory.com - that the reader is intelligent enough to make his own assessment if presented with all sides of a matter.

To end the matter on a positive note, our Knight Sieruga's purpose in writing the article was noble, and I commend him for it. The Templars were not heretics, and no matter how many anti-Masonic tracts are circulated, at least we can all agree on that matter.

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**Glenview Lodge No. 1058, Illinois,
Sponsors York Rite Masonry Night**



Pictured, left to right, are: Brian Robson, Thrice illustrious Master, Forest C. McDaniel Council No. 115 and Austin Commandery No. 84; William H. Brown, Grand Sr. Warden, Grand Commandery of Illinois, and Austin No. 84; John C. Loayza, Jr., W.M. Glenview Lodge No. 1058 and St. Bernard Commandery No. 35; David P. Miller, R.E.D. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Illinois, and Secretary of Illinois York Rite College No. 15; and John J. Jorgenson, Eminent Commander of Austin Commandery No. 84. The Lodge had presentations on the British and American history of York Rite Masonry; Chapter, Council, and Commandery relationships with Blue Lodge degree work; and charitable work done by each body. The play, "Hiram The Word," was presented by Illinois York Rite College No. 15. Following the educational program, was a dinner sponsored by the York Rite Bodies of Glenview. The result was numerous candidates for the York Rite.



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For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes: 44 short and 46 short. \$23.00 includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad Street, SW; Pataskala; OH 43062, (740) 927-7073.

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Needed wanted hats/cape, robes used in the Royal Arch Chapter degrees. Any York Rite or Masonic holy 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 "War" Winderhceff EJLP; Waukegan Chapter Na 41, 127 N Geneses St.; Waukegan, IL 60087 e-mail RAM41EHP@juno.com

Volume 4 of Masonic Research Papers, published by the South Dakota Lodge of Masonic Research, is now available (\$8.00 a copy). Volumes 2 and 3 are also available for \$5.00 each. Please add \$1.50 per volume to cover shipping costs. Send check or money order to Richard M. Luther, Secretary; SDLMLR; 124 Gilley Avenue, S.; Brookings; SD 57006.

Fund-raiser for Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association, District 82, the Grand Lodge of Texas: copper horseshoe with square and compass on a lapel pin for \$5.00 each, pp. 10% of proceeds to KTEF. Checks payable to MW&S Assoc., Dist. 82; and send requests to Neel A. Wright, P.O. Box 226, Gardendale, TX 79758, (915) 366-3806.

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Cochran Lodge No. 217, F.&AM. Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project: Masonic jewelry boxes, 6x5x2.5 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 Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigfoot.com

Rising Sun Lodge No. 13, Kansas City, Missouri, has coins and books for sale celebrating 150 continuous years of Freemasonry. This Lodge did not shut its doors during the Civil War. Coin and book can be purchased for \$12.00, p.p. Separately the coin is \$7.00; the book is \$6.00. Orders to Marvin G. Shull, 2304 N.E. Shady Lane, Gladstone, MO 64118-5049.

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Masonic coin collectors: Meridian Sun Lodge No. 20, Craftsby, Vermont, has a few remaining special bicentennial coins for sale, sold locally at \$6.00 each. Send \$5.00 each and a SASE for a limited number of coins to Treasurer, Meridian Sun Lodge No. 20, Craftsby, VT 05826-9502.

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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.

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Memorial Day: In its early years, Memorial Day was popularly known as Decoration Day, a descriptive term that is appropriate to the occasion. The major event of the observance was the decorating of graves - in terms of the time, the "strewing" of flowers and garlands "or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades." It is thought that May 30th was chosen as the date because it was the anniversary of the discharge of the last Union volunteer of the war. Early observances of this sort were held as early as 1863 in the South at various times of the year. The campaign by the Grand Army of the Republic to officially establish such a day is credited to a story which appeared in Northern newspapers in 1867. It described the activity of "the women of Columbus, Mississippi, [who] have shown themselves impartial in their offerings made to the memory of the dead. They strewed flowers alike on the graves of the Confederate and of the National soldiers."