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The heraldic banner and trumpet exhibit the symbols of Bill Terry's productive life. The Tennessee mockingbird is reminiscent of his aggressive drive to succeed.

Grand Master's Message - June 2003

The 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has come to a close. I congratulate all those who participated in this annual fundraising event. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., will certainly be able to use all of the contributions sent in during this time. There are always many people who need our help to preserve their sight.



The Grand Commandery of Iowa has always been very generous in their giving to the Eye Foundation. The past year they shared in a special program at the University of Iowa to assist patients with low vision. If their contribution to that program had been eligible for credit in the Voluntary Campaign, they would have ranked near the top. I am sure that all the patients in Iowa who received help with vision aids this year were happy that the Sir Knights of Iowa were able to provide funds for them.

On June 1, I will be returning from an official visit to Wasilla/Palmer Commandery, U.D., in Alaska. The Sir Knights who are members there would like to receive their charter at the 62nd Triennial Conclave. If this happens, Alaska may request a charter as a Grand Commandery. My next visit will be to the Grand Commandery of Michigan in Battle Creek, Michigan. The following week I will be in Peoria for the Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine. My last Regional York Rite Conference as Grand Master will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, June 19 and 20.

Don't forget to register and attend the 62nd Triennial Conclave to be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis, August 16-20. The hotel telephone number is 1-800-444-ADAM. We are going to have a great time! Come and be a part of this exciting event!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jackson Jones". The signature is written in black 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"

JUNE: On page 5 you will find the registration form for voting delegates for the 62nd Triennial Conclave to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 15-20, 2003, and on pages 6 and 7 you will find the schedule of events for the Conclave. Pictures of "mysterious Sir Knights" at the age of 35 are showing up in Sir Knight Bruce Pruitt's messages, (page 8) concerning the 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. See if you can guess who the one for this month is, before Chairman Pruitt tells you! Next month, July, we'll publish complete results of the 35th Annual Campaign. Baseball player, Bill Terry, is celebrated on the June cover, and his story starts on page 19! There is much, much more to educate, excite, and entertain in our pages this month, so sit back and enjoy!

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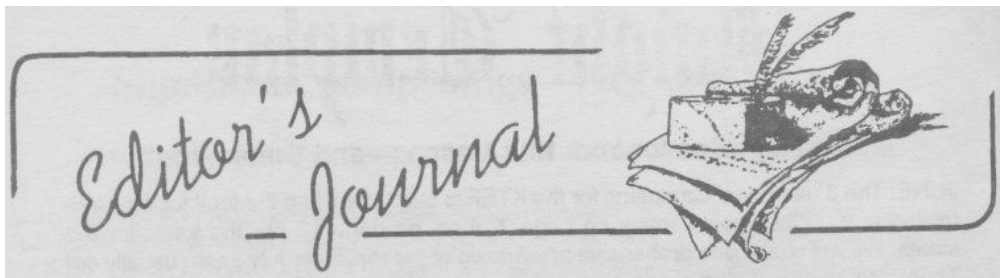
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Attention: all Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 2003; or Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November issue, *Knight Templar* magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders on November 1. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 14, 2003. If your installation will be in late September through December, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots, and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 14, 2003. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.

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<http://www.crypticmasons.org>

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<http://www.royalarchmasons.org>

York Rite Freemasonry . The International Information Site
www.YorkRite.com

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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EARLY
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Title _____

Arrival date _____

Registration fee\$150.00

AFTER APRIL 30, 2003***** 175.00 *****

_____ Ladies' Luncheon ticket (MONDAY)27.50

Total with check for\$ _____

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

Lionel J. Goede
780 Murray Hill Drive
Fenton, MO 63026
(636) 343-3730

This is the voting delegate's registration. See the March 2003 issue, page 12, for the registration form for non-voting delegates.



62nd TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE—AUGUST 15–20, 2003
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—ADAMS MARK HOTEL
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
(All activities are at the hotel unless otherwise noted.)

TIME

EVENT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2003

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Triennial registration/information	Prom Precon South
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.	Drill team judges' meeting	Rose Garden Room
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Knights Templar	
	Educational Foundation meeting	Director's Row Room 29
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Drill team captains' meeting	Rose Garden Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2003

7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Pictures for drill teams	Director's Row Room 47
7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.	Drill team personnel inspection	Rose Garden Room
7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	DRILL COMPETITION	St. Louis and Promenade Rooms
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Triennial registration/information	Prom Precon South
9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	Committee on Finance meeting	Director's Row Room 23
10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.	Committee on Jurisprudence	Director's Row Room 23
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.	Committee on Dispensations and Charters	Director's Row Room 23
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Committee on Ritualistic Matters	Director's Row Room 23
7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.	Drill team Pass in Review and awards	St. Louis Ballroom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2003

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Triennial registration/information	Prom Precon South
9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	Divine Service	Promenade A, B, C, D
1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.	Grand Master's Reception (Admission by ticket only.)	Promenade A, B, C, D

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2003

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Triennial registration/information	Prom Precon South
8:15 A.M.	Grand Encampment distinguished guests line up	Promenade A, B, C, D

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.	Grand Encampment opening ceremonies	Promenade A, B, C, D
12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.	Open for lunch	
12:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.	Ladies' luncheon <i>(Admission by ticket only.)</i>	St. Louis A, B, C, D
1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Grand Encampment business session	Promenade A, B, C, D
7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.	North Central Department dinner	Rose Garden Room

MONDAY EVENING IS OPEN FOR STATE DINNERS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2003

8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	Triennial registration/information	Prom Precon South
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.	Grand Encampment business session	Promenade A, B, C, D
12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.	Open for lunch	
1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Business session	Promenade A, B, C, D
6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.	Social hour	Promenade Ballroom
7:00 P.M.	Grand Master's Banquet <i>(Admission by ticket only.)</i>	Promenade Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2003

9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	Grand Encampment business session <i>(If required)</i>	Promenade A, B, C, D
10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.	Installation of officers <i>(Open to guests)</i>	Promenade A, B, C, D
12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.	Knights Templar Eye Foundation meeting (trustees only)	Director's Row Room 24
3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Incoming grand officers' and committee chairmen's meeting	Director's Row Room 24





Message from the General Chairman The 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign

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

Dear Sir Knights and Ladies,

This month's picture is of one of our senior officers, "galloping along" with his lovely daughter during a time when he was about 35 years old. I am told that a friend of the family gave the young lady two ponies in exchange for a special bill cap that she had. Either that must have been some bill cap, or he was awfully anxious to get rid of the ponies! Regardless of the circumstances, I'll bet they had lots of fun with the "surrey with the fringe on top." I'll give you a hint as to who that young gentleman is - in those days he had hair!

The 35th Annual Voluntary Campaign is now history. I want to thank all of you who made contributions to this Campaign and thank you for your continued allegiance to our Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The final results will be printed in the July 2003 issue of the magazine.

In any case, there are some important things we can still consider.

First of all, I want to comment on something that has recently come to my attention; it seems some members of our order think that they do not need to make a contribution during the Voluntary Campaign.

I sincerely wish I had been made aware of this situation sooner so that we could have cleared up possible misunderstandings. Hopefully, these



remarks will help in future years. They concern the matter of the "Life Sponsorship" status that is available for a one-time \$30 contribution. As you are all aware, every Commandery is obligated to submit a one-dollar amount for each Sir Knight on the rolls, **except** for those who have purchased a "Life Sponsorship." That Life Sponsorship excuses the Commandery from the assessment; however, it does NOT excuse the individual Knight from his obligation to make a contribution. It seems that some folks consider the Life Sponsorship to be the same as a life membership of their Lodge or Commandery. They think it means their obligation is over forever. Sir Knights, such is not the case. It excuses the **Commanders** but not **the individual**.

The same might be said for other special memberships, such as the Grand Commander's Club, Grand Master's Club, 33° Club, etc. All of those one-time gifts are important and gratefully received, but they hold their own reward. I hope there are not too many people who have this attitude, but I have learned there are some. If everyone took the position that a one-time sponsorship excused him from all future obligations, our Knights Templar Eye Foundation would be in really bad shape.

Another subject on my mind is the 33° Club. I must admit that I was not sure if it would continue to be of interest beyond the 33rd Voluntary Campaign. It obviously is, and that is great. We are happy to continue to recognize our Scottish Rite Brothers who have attained that significant position. Since more 33° Scottish Rite Masons are elevated each year, we will continue to make the club available to honor them as long as desired.

I also want to remind everyone to look closely at the per capita contribution from their Grand Commandery. If it is not up to the goal of \$5 per person, that means you have lots to do for next year. For example, I had a very casual lunch with friends today, eating only a nice salad with a glass of tea. The bill, including tip, came to \$12.00. Can't

we all afford a little less than half of a casual lunch for our Eye Foundation? If I don't leave you with any stronger message, I would want it to be this: **Everyone** in the Grand Encampment has an obligation to encourage **everyone else** to do his part for the Eye Foundation. The Eye Foundation should be mentioned at every meeting and given space in every bulletin.

Thank you again for all you have done in the past from me, from my Lady Shirley, and from the Sir Knight and daughter trotting along in the "surrey with the fringe on top." Oh, yes - he is none other than Sir Knight William Koon, our Grand Captain General. Thanks, Bill, for a cute picture.

God bless you all,
Bruce

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HOW TO JOIN THE KTEF GRAND COMMANDER'S AND GRAND MASTER'S CLUBS: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the

Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is 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.

NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO THE 33° CLUB!

Howard William Orr (CT), 33°
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 William L. Hair (NC), 33°
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 Erwin B. Bigger (TN), 33°
 in honor of James L. Pointer, 33°
 Erwin B. Bigger (TN), 33°
 in honor of Edgar C. Wilson, 33°
 Newell B. Morris (TN), 33°
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 Steven B. Plass (UT), 33°
 Richard C. Perkins (CA), 33°
 James H. Brown (IL), 33°
 Joseph Arthur Kimmel (CA), 33°

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

Thank you very much for making it possible for me to have eye surgery. I had a cataract removed from each eye. The surgery went well, and I have my new glasses. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help. God bless you.

Carol M. Miller, Evansville, Indiana

I would sincerely like to thank you and all those involved in helping people like my mother, Martimiana Herrera. I am writing on her behalf to thank you. We would not have been able to afford her surgery without your foundation, which helps people see again and enjoy life. My mother feels better about herself now. She feels more secure and is much happier. We thank you for this! Thank you, Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Dr. James A. Bentley, Jr., and his staff!

Beatriz Herrera, Garland, Texas

I am letting you know that my surgery went well. I surely do appreciate what you have done for me, and I thank you very much!

Barbara Mehren, Spencer, Iowa

I am deeply grateful to the Foundation for helping me with the surgical and doctors' bills. A nice lady at the Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Eye Care Center told me about the KTEF. Thanks from the bottom of my heart to your foundation and to Dr. Dave Westrich, who performed the surgery, and his staff at St. Francis Hospital.

*Ronnie Williams
East Prairie, Missouri*



Kenneth F. Reed
New Jersey
Grand Commander-1974
Born: February 28, 1921
Died: January 9, 2003

Donald S. Smith
Maine
Grand Commander-1973
Born: December 25, 1916
Died: March 12, 2003

Virgil W. Carmichael
North Dakota
Grand Commander-2002
Born: April 26, 1919
Died: April 5, 2003

The Unfinished Work

by Brother C. Bruce Hunter

It is common knowledge that Freemasons claim descent from the stonemasons who built Gothic cathedrals during the Middle Ages. Of course, the last of the medieval masons died centuries ago, but one aspect of their legacy is still with us. If we visit those old cathedrals today, we often find them adorned with scaffolds.

This is not surprising. Any building, especially an old one, needs a little patching up now and then. But there is another reason the people who use cathedrals keep working on them.

A cathedral is different from other structures because of what it represents. It isn't just a building made of stone. It is also an expression of spiritual questing, of reaching out for God. And while the process of erecting a building is supposed to come to an end at some point in time, the spiritual quest never stops.

When the medieval masons built the Gothic cathedrals, they didn't have detailed blueprints like the ones builders use today. They laid out a floor plan on the ground and drew an "elevation," which was basically a picture of how they wanted the finished product to look. Then, they recruited members of the community to help with the work and began construction, sometimes little by

little as money and labor became available. As a result, some cathedrals took centuries to reach the form they have today.

But the funny thing is, the process those builders started has never stopped. It's as if once they began working on their cathedral, the people couldn't bring themselves to step back and say, "It's finished."

The Masonic initiation is not unlike the early stages of erecting one of those cathedrals. It is intended to serve as a "beginning." It gives us a start - a mere foundation - and it provides an impression of what the project will look like as we continue to build. But it doesn't give us a stopping point, nor does it tell us when the job will be finished.

Like working on a cathedral, even if we think our spiritual quest has reached a conclusion, we can't bring ourselves to step back and say, "It's finished." As long as we live, there is always something more to do.

Brother C. Bruce Hunter is a member of Biltmore Lodge No. 446, Asheville, North Carolina. He is a co-author with Andrew Ferguson of *The Legacy of the Sacred Chalice*. You may correspond with him at PO Box 2038, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-2038



Two-Day York Rite Class in Cockeysville, Maryland



Recently Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28, Hiram Council No. 5, and Monumental Commandery No. 3 hosted a special two-day York Rite Class in Cockeysville, Maryland, in which 28 new members were welcomed into the York Rite bodies. The class was named in honor of Sir Knight Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr., R.E.P.G.C., who had the distinction of being one of Maryland's "Four

Star Generals." Each new member received a "Maryland Master Mason" lapel pin from Sir Knight Stephen J. Ponzillo III, R.E.P.G.C. These pins were designed by his father when he served as M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. Each member also received a certificate specially designed for the class, along with Grand Encampment's 2001 Odyssey Membership pin. They were honored to have many distinguished Maryland Masons in the class, including Dr. Hans Wilhelmsen, Deputy of the Supreme Council,



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Maryland. The photograph, above left, shows Sir Knight Keith A. Brown (far right), Grand Commander of Maryland, with the members of the class, and the photograph, above right, shows Dr. Hans Wilhelmsen with Sir Knight Stephen J. Ponzillo III and Sir Knight Keith A. Brown (right), Grand Commander.

Maryland Commandery Sponsored Trip to Dinner Theater



Above are the Sir Knights, ladies, family members, and friends who participated in a bus trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater in Pike Creek Valley, Delaware, near Wilmington. The trip was sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Maryland. The show was Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. A total of 40 people enjoyed a superb performance and delicious food.

DeMolay Announces 2003 Session Events

DeMolay is proud to announce the events that will be held at Session 2003 in Buffalo, New York, June 18-21, 2003: The second annual Alumni Golf Tournament will take place at the Whirlpool Golf Course, Niagara Falls, Canada, just 20 minutes from the session hotel. With a golfer's prize package, prizes offered for best and worst golfers and a major hole-in-one prize, everyone's a winner. The \$100 registration fee includes green fees, power cart, transportation to and from the hotel, and lunch. To register visit www.demolay.org or call 1-800-DeMolay.

DeMolay will host a benefit dinner, "An Enchanted Evening at the Falls," on Friday, June 20, to benefit DeMolay programs and services. It will begin with a gourmet dinner at historic 'Victoria Park Restaurant Commissioner's Quarters, situated on the rim of the Falls. After dinner diners are invited to the Illumination Tower, Niagara's premier lookout point for the Falls, for a program featuring a silent auction, Hall of Fame memorabilia, and DeMolay merchandise. -Ticket price of \$100 per person includes dinner, admission to the Tower, and transportation to and from hotel; www.demolay.org or call 1-800-DeMOLAY.

DeMolay will host the Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday, June 21, to welcome the newest inductees into the Hall of Fame. Scheduled to be present is Dean Spanos, president of A.G. Spanos Corporation and the San Diego Chargers football team and Richard King, the former president of Rotary International. Also being inducted, posthumously, is Karl Reed, a community leader and mediator.

If you are unable to attend Session 2003, consider showing your support through purchase of an ad in the Session Yearbook, to purchase an ad: www.demolay.org or call 1-800-DeMolay.

Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, N.M.J.

St. Louis will be the site of this year's annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic jurisdiction. More than 2,000 33° Masons and their ladies from 15 northeastern states are expected at the meeting on Sept. 21-24. The Supreme Council last met in St. Louis in 1982.

The 2003 Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the organization's 33° upon 143 Scottish Rite Masons who were elected for this high honor at last year's meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. The 33° is awarded for outstanding achievement in the fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry. The impressive ceremony will take place on Tuesday, September 23, in the St. Louis Convention Center.

Introductory luncheons honoring the 33° candidates and their ladies will be on the schedule for Sunday noon.

Earlier business conferences attended by the officers of the Supreme Council will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 19-20.

The larger-scale events will begin on Sunday afternoon, September 21, when the St. Louis Ballroom at the Adams Mark Hotel will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service.

Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston will preside over the General Sessions of the Supreme Council on Monday, September 22. In the course of these sessions, prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations in the United States and throughout the world are expected to be in attendance.

A number of other events have been scheduled, including a Monday luncheon in the St. Louis Ballroom, Adams Mark Hotel, for all ladies attending the St. Louis meeting. Mrs. Susann Ralston, wife of the Grand Commander, will preside over the luncheon and program. At the same time, another luncheon will be served for all Supreme Council members, distinguished guests, and members of the class in the Convention Center.

That evening, the renowned St. Louis Theatre Musicians Orchestra will perform in concert in the St. Louis Ballroom of the Adams Mark Hotel. During the week, special sightseeing tours will be available for those attending the meetings.

In addition to the major events sponsored by the Supreme Council, a Masonic Marketplace will allow vendors to display Masonic-related items.

Seminars on Tuesday will provide an opportunity for those attending the session to learn more about the St. Louis Arch, the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., and estate planning! Throughout the week, there will be many smaller social functions occurring under the auspices of the 15 participating states and the 101 Valleys comprising the N.M.J.

The 2003 meeting will end with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the 33° at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in September 2004.

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



Blue Lodge Wall Hanging Benefits the KTEF

The wall hanging is made of 100% USA cotton, and it is manufactured in the USA with 380 picks per square inch to give it outstanding definition. The wall hanging is made out of upholstery material for durability, and it has a solid cotton backing on it. The design has the three steps to Freemasonry and contains a Bible verse, Matthew 7:7. This item is color fast, and it is dry cleanable only. The size of the wall hanging is 25 x33. It comes with a wooden wall hanger and a brass chain and is ready to be hung up when you receive it. It is very colorful. The price is \$44.75, which includes the shipping and insurance. For every wall hanging sold through the *Knight Templar* magazine, there will be an \$8.00 donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. If interested, please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, PO Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052



Freemasonry Through the Eyes of a Senior Warden

This article was written by Brother Michael M. Rush, Senior Warden of Verona Lodge No. 548, Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and expresses his views of what might be conveyed to any man interested in knowing some of the background and activities of the world's oldest fraternity, known as "Freemasonry."

I. WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

This, I feel, is the most pertinent question asked by those interested in becoming Freemasons? What *IS* Freemasonry, anyway? Is it a group of secretive men who wear strange-looking clothing and hold meetings behind closed doors? Is it a club or a social organization like the one Uncle Ted belonged to when he was with Rotary? Are not the Masons those men who use funny handshakes and whisper strange words to one another?

Paradoxically, this question is both very simple, yet very difficult to answer. It is simple in that countless scholars, researchers, writers, and commentators - be they Masonic or not - have supplied the definition of what they think constitutes Freemasonry. It is difficult because, though these definitions may have been correct in themselves, none has ever been comprehensive and complete. If you ask one hundred different Masons what their Fraternity is, you are liable to get one hundred different answers. We *can* say that Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest, secular, fraternal organization. One definition of Freemasonry is that it is "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania affirms that "Freemasonry Is A Way Of Life," and defines it thusly: "Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another, and above all reverence and love for God." Brother Rudyard Kipling described

Freemasonry as "an ancient order dedicated to the brotherhood of all mankind under the all-seeing eye of God." While Freemasonry *IS* all of the above, it is also a forum, a place, and even a *refuge* for upright, like-minded men to gather for fraternal fellowship and camaraderie. Ultimately, though, each Brother - and that, ultimately, is what we are, Brothers - will develop his OWN definition of Freemasonry - as unique and individual as himself:

II. WHAT FREEMASONRY IS NOT

Firstly, it must be emphatically stated that Freemasonry is **NOT** a religion. Many self-appointed critics of our Craft have alleged - quite erroneously - that Freemasonry is a religion or attempts to be a religion. This is not the case. Masonry *is* religious in character: any candidate wishing to join the Fraternity *cannot be an atheist*. The centerpiece of a Masonic lodge is its Volume of Sacred Law; be it the Bible, the Torah, the Koran, the Vedas, or any recognized body of sacred scripture. Freemasonry inculcates moral virtues and reminds us of the duties we owe to God and Man, in that Freemasonry believes in the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God. Unlike formally constituted religious denominations, however, Freemasonry does *not* offer a plan for salvation, nor does it offer forgiveness. The Craft does not ordain anyone in the ministry, and it does not offer sacraments. Freemasonry strongly encourages each Brother to attend his own house of worship or privately cultivate his religious beliefs. The Craft views itself as a *complement* to religion, not a replacement for it.

Secondly, Freemasonry is not a benefits, insurance or charitable organization, such as the Order of Foresters or the Saint Vincent de Paul society. However, I assure you that, while Freemasonry is not intrinsically a charitable organization, it does practice great acts of charity. Freemasonry; which has been called "the world's greatest philanthropy," gives almost \$5 million dollars every day to causes such as running hospitals for burned and physically impaired children, treating eye diseases, operating centers for learning-impaired youngsters and those with language disorders, furnishing dental care to handicapped children, and providing visitation services and assistance to those men and women who are residents of our Veterans Administration hospitals.

Thirdly, Freemasonry is not a political organization.

Lastly, Freemasonry is most assuredly NOT a secret society. The only "secrets" utilized in Freemasonry are the words and signs of recognition. Masonic lodges exist in communities throughout the United States. Thousands of books, pamphlets, and periodicals describing the Craft have been published in the previous three hundred years, some of which purport to contain the rituals used by the Craft. Any interested person with access to the Internet can access an almost limitless number of Web sites with information about Freemasonry;

III HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY (WORLD)

No one can say with certainty when Freemasonry was first constituted, and no individual or group can be credited with its formation. Some scholars believe its origins can be traced to the Egyptian mystery

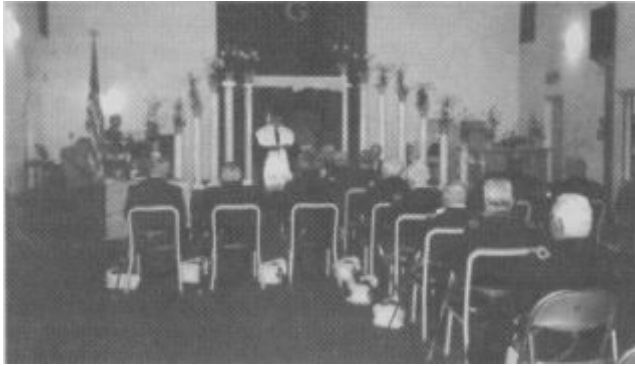
schools, some five thousand years ago. Other commentators believe Freemasonry is an outgrowth of the Roman *Collegia* of Artificers or *Comacines*, who were operative craftsmen in wood and stone and who traveled with the Roman legions, erecting structures in newly conquered territories. Still others believe that we, as SPECULATIVE (or philosophical) Freemasons, are an outgrowth of medieval European guilds of OPERATIVE stonemasons, who labored at erecting the great cathedrals and whose ranks were eventually overtaken by the learned men of England and the European continent, who were attracted by the scientific, architectural, and geometric disciplines used in cathedral-building. Some writers believe that today's Masons are, in fact, the "progeny" of the brutally suppressed order of Crusading warrior-monks known as the Knights Templar. Perhaps, some degree of truth is contained in all these theories.

Whichever point of origin you choose to believe, it can be said with certainty that the oldest document currently available in which Masonry is mentioned is the "Regius Poem"; it dates from approximately 1390. Though there are references to the founding of a Grand Lodge at York, England, in the year A.D. 926, Masonic scholar, Brother H.V.B. Voorhis, dismisses this as an unsubstantiated tradition. The oldest existing lodge record is that of Edinburgh Lodge No. 1 and dates from July 30, 1599. The first recognizable grand lodge of speculative masons was organized in the city of London, England, in the year 1717. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was created eight years later in 1725.

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Easter Afternoon Service In Albuquerque, New Mexico



A warm and sunny afternoon greeted this year's Easter service held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, by Pilgrim Commandery No. 3. Sir Knight Walter D. Wyche, P.M. and Prelate, conducted the "Affirmation of Faith," and Sir Knight Gerald E. Kaye delivered the Easter message: "Mission Completed." (submitted by Sir Knight H. William Hart)

Scottsdale, Arizona, York Rite Masons Confer 2nd Degree (FC)



The Scottsdale York Rite Bodies conferred the 2nd (Fellow Craft) degree on three candidates. Sir Knight Ned Krill, P.C., was the Master; the Grand Commander of Arizona, Sir Knight Robert A. Elsner, was the Senior Warden; and Sir Knight Paul A. Monroe, Jr., Southwestern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, was the Junior Warden. All were in Commandery uniforms, along with the Chaplain, Sir Knight Bruce Burley, and the Grand Captain General, Sir Knight James Hughes, and the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Lowell Andrews. The Stewards were in purple Council jackets, and the rest in red Chapter jackets. All other Sir Knights and Companions wore York Rite aprons. This was a very good showing for the York Rite in the Symbolic Lodge, and comments were made that this should be an annual affair. (submitted by Sir Knight Ned O. Krill, KYCH)

Memphis Bill Terry: Dixie Hutzpah at the Polo Grounds – Part I

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett
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A public figure with great ability must submit to the scrutiny of the news media willingly and with absolute candor, if he wishes to avoid being pilloried by representatives of the working press. It has always been so in the area of professional sports. In baseball circles several of the greatest stars have endured constant negative press because they resisted the insatiable demands of sports reporters that they respond to the most audacious questions. The names of Ty Cobb, Rogers Hornsby, and Ted Williams leap to mind immediately. Add the name of William Harold Terry to that list. All of the above suffered enduring criticism throughout their careers for violating the mantra of the media: "The public has a right to know."

Without a doubt adversity plays a major role in forging the character and personality of some individuals. Many break under personal circumstances and fail to achieve a great deal in life beyond survival. A few rise above poverty and lack of guidance to find that inner spark which will elevate them to greatness. The metamorphosis sometimes leaves the person with an acerbic edge to his personality, which rejects curious personal scrutiny. It is a price most of them are willing to pay for privacy.

Bill Terry did not have much of a childhood. He could never remember



Bill Terry
Artwork by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett

when his parents got along, and it was inevitable they would go their separate ways while he was very young. The youngster was relegated to the custody of his mother when that occurred. Terry never discussed his early life, except to comment on how quickly he became self-reliant. He quit school to support himself when he was 13 years of age. Within two years he was "holding down a man's job."

William Harold Terry was born on October 30, 1898, in Atlanta, Georgia. He loved baseball from the beginning, and it didn't take long to realize that he possessed a natural talent for the game. In addition to playing ball, Bill was working full time as a freight handler for the railroad when he was 15 years old. It was hard, grueling labor, and the job required an adult with both physical and mental maturity. He still found time to become an outstanding baseball star on the

sandlot fields of Atlanta. A strapping youngster physically, he would eventually mature into a 200-pound batting star, but he would never be renowned as a long-ball hitter. Swinging a 42-ounce war club, Terry batted and threw left handed and was six feet, one and a half inches tall. Although a great natural hitter, his earliest reputation was earned as a pitcher, a very effective one. At the tender age of 15, he caught the attention of a St. Louis Browns' scout and was offered a contract.

The big-league offer was a spring-training tryout in 1914. The Browns failed to follow through on their proposition, mailing Terry his release without granting him the proposed evaluation. Undismayed, he turned to the low minor-leagues for training, beginning the 1915 season with Thomasville of the Georgia State League. He was convinced his most promising source of income was in professional baseball. After the season was under way, he moved up to Newman in the Georgia-Alabama League. Terry joined the Newman team in August. The 16-year-old port-sider pitched in 8 games, winning 6, with one of them a no-hitter. It was an impressive beginning, which did not pass unnoticed. During the winter of 1915-1916, his contract was sold to Shreveport of the Texas League.

Terry began the 1916 season with Shreveport, which started as a hand-to-mouth existence for the young pitcher. He was focused on financial stability, a goal which included marriage and normal family life. He had met Elvina Sneed, the daughter of an established and respected family in Memphis, Tennessee; however, the

marriage did not take place until November 1917 for obvious reasons: Before Terry could support a wife, he needed a reliable source of income. Years later, he admitted he was forced to pawn the engagement ring he had purchased for Elvina, in order to pay expenses while awaiting his first Shreveport salary check. Nevertheless, Terry survived to become a promising young pitcher and a superlative hitter in professional baseball.

Bill played two full seasons for the Shreveport club. By the end of the 1917 season, the United States was involved in World War I, and professional baseball was plagued with falling attendance and the loss of many players to military service. Terry's contract was sold to the Little Rock, Arkansas team at the end of the 1917 season. Disgusted with constant travel, low pay, and second-rate accommodations; Bill announced he was leaving professional baseball to take a job with Standard Oil in Memphis, Tennessee. He dismissed his substantial reputation as a fine pitcher and an outstanding hitter with an assured future in the major leagues. The Little Rock manager, Kid Elberfield, a former infield great with the Detroit Tigers and New York Yankees, urged Terry to remain in baseball, to no avail. Bill announced to all interested parties that he would consider playing major league ball only when the sport recovered from the trauma of World War I and if he was assured a salary sufficient to make it worthwhile.

As WWI ended, Terry was firmly established with the Standard Oil Company in Memphis, Tennessee.

He pitched for their corporate industrial-league baseball team, playing first base when not scheduled to take the mound. The Standard Oil Polarines were already a fine industrial league club before Terry came aboard. After he arrived, they were unbeatable. He soon became manager of the Polarines, while continuing to terrorize the league with his fearsome hitting feats and pitching dominance. He also applied himself to learning the oil business and mastering

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its financial details. In the process he proved himself an apt pupil who soon developed into an astute business man. His investment acumen would make him a wealthy man by the end of the 1930s decade.

In spite of Terry's reputation in the major leagues as a truculent individual, he did not leave that impression with the Memphis community. He was a hard-working, no-nonsense young man with a promising future and one who enjoyed the adoration of the Memphis baseball fans. He was the father of a young son, William Harold, Jr., a devoted family man, and a prominent, churchgoing member of the Memphis community.

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Terry was with Standard Oil four years before baseball's major leagues came knocking on his door. He was 24 years old and perfectly happy with his advancing career. Tom Watkins, owner of the Memphis Chicks, a team in the Southern Association, was well acquainted with Bill Terry. He would have been delighted to add the young pitcher/first baseman to his playing roster, but he was unable to pay the salary necessary to lure Terry from

Standard Oil. Watkins called his old friend, John McGraw, long-time manager of the New York Giants. He recommended McGraw consider a meeting with the young Polarine star. McGraw was particularly interested in Terry's famous batting achievements.

The meeting between Terry and McGraw occurred in February 1922. It was mildly unpleasant. Bill was unimpressed with the gruff McGraw and well aware of his reputation as a hard taskmaster. When asked if he would like to come to New York to play, Terry's typical laconic response was "How much?" McGraw was irritated by the terse answer. Bill went on to explain that he wasn't interested in McGraw's offer unless he was guaranteed more than he was earning at Standard Oil. He concluded the interview with the remark: "You can reach me in care of Standard Oil."

Three weeks later, Terry received a telegram from McGraw offering a salary of \$5,000 per year and a guarantee that his contract would be retained by the Giants. Assured that he would have a genuine opportunity of success in the major leagues, Terry accepted. He was instructed to report to the Toledo, Ohio, Mudhens of the American Association (Triple-A) at the beginning of spring training in 1923. He would be groomed primarily as a first baseman. Nevertheless, he pitched in 26 games for Toledo in 1924, posting a record of 9 wins against 9 losses. Terry's batting average of .335 with 14 home runs was of primary interest to John McGraw. He ordered Memphis Bill to New York to finish the last few games of the season as a pinch-hitter. Terry appeared in



only three games but sat beside McGraw on the Giants' bench and had his first taste of major league play.

Terry found formidable competition to overcome in his quest to be the regular first baseman for the New York Giants. George "High Pockets" Kelly was in the midst of a fine career as the Giants' sterling first-base caretaker and would not be easy to displace. During the 1924 season, Bill played only 77 games. He was irritable and disappointed on the bench, and his batting average reflected his frustration. He hit only .239 for the season. Terry repeatedly questioned McGraw's motives for not using him in the outfield or in the pitching rotation. His answer was "Your time will come." Memphis Bill's season highlight occurred after the Giants won the National League pennant in 1924 during the World Series.

The Giants faced the Washington Senators in the World Series in 1924. Bucky Harris, the 27-year-old manager of the Senators, had completed his first year at the helm and was prepared to battle the Giants to the death in the Series. It was a hard-fought, 7-game affair, which the Giants lost primarily through defensive miscues. Third-baseman Fred Lindstrom missed a ground-ball, throwing the seventh game into extra innings, and catcher Hank Gowdy dropped a critical foul ball in the same contest. As it turned out, the Senators took the series 4 games to 3. Terry was the Giants' batting star in the Series and eligible for a full share of World Series earnings.

McGraw's assurances became true in 1925, when Terry displaced High Pockets Kelly as the regular first baseman. Memphis Bill responded by delivering a sparkling fielding season at first base, while posting a batting mark of .319. In order to keep Kelly in the lineup, McGraw moved him to second base.

Personal relations between McGraw and Terry never improved. They began on a frosty note, and over time the relationship deteriorated. Withdrawn and touchy, Terry made no attempt to ameliorate the situation. Likewise, he was grumpy with sports writers who approached him. Baseball was strictly business to Bill Terry; and money was the name of the game. He never allowed the Giants' owner, Charles Stoneham, to forget that at contract time. From the beginning of his major league career, Terry was among the highest-paid athletes in baseball.

After the regular season was over,

most baseball players looked forward to a pleasant winter of relaxation and enjoyment. Not so with Terry; He habitually returned to Memphis and resumed sales duties with Standard Oil there. He expanded his business activity into real estate, financial investments, several auto repair and service station operations, and a string of car-wash establishments around Memphis. One well remembered enterprise was the Bill Terry Auto Laundry at 1750 Madison. By the end of the 1930s, Bill and Elvina, along with their growing family, lived in an impressive estate on the outskirts of Memphis. Over the years, Terry remained the darling of Memphis sports fans and responded generously to public recognition as their adopted hero. Memphis Bill proved to be the quintessential family man and citizen. Eventually, he and Elvina became parents of three sons and a daughter; William Harold, Jr., Ray, Kenn, and Marjorie. Active in civic affairs as his schedule permitted, Bill was also a devoted member of the Episcopal Church. In that capacity, he served as a vestryman and sang in the choir.

During the balance of the 1920s decade, Bill Terry's career reached its zenith. The Giants were continuously in the first division of the National League and in contention for the pennant. The exception was 1926, when the team slipped into a fifth-place finish with Terry's average declining to .289 over a total of 98 games. His playing time was divided between first base and the outfield. By 1927 Memphis Bill was back on the high road for good. He played 150

games and posted a fine batting mark of .326. That became the first of six consecutive years in which Terry would record 100 or more runs batted in during the season, and it was the beginning of ten successive years in which he batted over .300. The same year the legendary Rogers Hornsby came to the Giants to replace High Pockets Kelly.

In spite of his fabulous batting record and sterling field leadership, Hornsby was one of the most-traveled superstars in baseball. He was excessively blunt, tactless, and outspoken. His abrasive manner made him one of the most disliked men in baseball, even though he was one of its most gifted practitioners.

Many fans regarded him as McGraw's intended successor. Obviously, with McGraw and Terry already entrenched at New York's Polo Grounds, the addition of Hornsby gave them the most volatile mix of personalities in the big leagues. Notwithstanding, they made up a fabled infield comprised exclusively of future Hall-of-Fame members. With Terry at first base, Hornsby at second base, Travis Jackson at shortstop, and Fred Lindstrom at third; the Giants had the finest infield in baseball.

By the time the 1928 season opened, Hornsby was gone - traded to the Boston Braves for catcher Francis "Shanty" Hogan and big money. Terry continued to star on the field and in the batter's box, posting an average of .326 over 149 games. He boosted his performance considerably in 1929 by etching an impressive .372 over 150 games. Although in pennant contention

throughout the year, McGraw's team would never win another pennant under his guidance. His final pennant came in 1924, and by 1929 McGraw's health was declining rapidly. That was the year the Great Depression was launched with a catastrophic stock market collapse in October. All of baseball's great thinkers anticipated rocky financial days ahead and searched for a solution to keep attendance and fan enthusiasm at a high level. The agreed solution was to inject additional "life" into the ball itself.

A more lively ball was a boon to hitters. Averages soared throughout both leagues in 1930. As a group, National League batters posted a collective .303 average, a mark never again reached in overall league batting. Memphis Bill led the pack all the way. It was his finest year, ending with a batting mark of .401, a National League record unequaled since that banner year. Terry scored 139 runs, had 129 runs batted in, and won the National League batting championship; along with its Most Valuable Player Award. The Giants hit for a collective average of .319, still a major league team record. In spite of the awesome batting performances in 1930, the Giants finished the year in third place.

Some of the life was taken out of the ball in 1931, but it was barely noticeable in Terry's performance. He was edged out of a second batting championship by Chick Haley of the St. Louis Cardinals, by a very narrow percentage margin (.3489 to .3486). The torrid batting performances of the previous year slowed noticeably around the major leagues. Veteran

spitball pitcher, Burleigh Grimes, sneered: "It's amazing how much better the pitching was in 1931."

At the Polo Grounds the atmosphere was strained as a result of an on-going feud between manager John McGraw and Memphis Bill Terry. Not a word passed between the manager and his first-base star for a year and a half. McGraw had launched a scathing personal attack on Terry following a losing game. His clubhouse tirade was delivered in the presence of the entire team. Terry responded furiously to McGraw's remarks and a loud, abusive exchange ensued. Their mutual antipathy boiled over in a nasty public confrontation. Fortunately, personal feelings had no effect on Terry's field performance, although he made no secret that he thought McGraw's leadership ability eroding.

McGraw's failing health was apparent to everyone in the club. His lack of vitality eventually contributed to a general deterioration of morale, and the Giants went into a prolonged slump. Although the Giants finished the 1931 season in second place, they were 13 games behind at the close and fading rapidly. During the winter of 1931-1932, a rumor circulated that McGraw would soon retire. Third baseman Fred Lindstrom, a particular favorite of the gruff, outspoken McGraw, was regarded as his probable successor.

The economic depression was in full swing by the winter of 1931-1932. Charles Stoneham was gravely concerned over a serious decline in attendance throughout major league baseball, which had

transmitted into a radical income shortfall. Everywhere in the business sector, the word was out to cut costs drastically to survive. Stoneham and McGraw decided that Bill Terry's salary, one of the largest in the National League, must be reduced to reflect the economic hardships of the day. When Memphis Bill received his 1932 contract in the mail, he was shocked and angered by a forty per cent reduction in salary. He mailed the contract back to New York unsigned. He was an official holdout. It was only one of many contract disputes between Terry and the Giant front office, but it was the most vitriolic. Terry's belligerent rejection of Stoneham's offer angered the Giant president, who was the major stockholder. Normally, the Giant owner was a retiring individual who avoided the public eye. On that occasion, he went to the media to plead his case and state his opinion about Terry's contract dispute. Back in Memphis Terry shrugged off the hostile publicity unleashed by Stoneham and McGraw. He simply would not play with the proposed reduction in salary. His business interests in Memphis demanded his attention, anyway.

As spring training began, Terry's attitude remained unchanged. It was apparent that it would stay that way. It became patently obvious to all concerned that, if the Giants wanted their star player on the roster in 1932, they must meet his demands. Stoneham capitulated, but the air of hostility between Memphis Bill and the front office remained. Stoneham's remark to Terry that he had been unable to trade him to any

team in the league, because of his large salary; did little to assuage Terry's ruffled feelings. He proved that the game was a business to him, and he would not play unless the money was there. Spring training in 1932 was predictably somber.

At the training camp in March 1932, McGraw became ill and returned to New York. He struggled to function as field manager for the beginning-of the season, hanging on until June 3rd. A double-header was rained out that day, and the cancellation order was issued. Another notice was posted on the bulletin board in the deserted club house, to the effect that Bill Terry was assuming McGraw's post as manager of the Giants. One lone reporter walked into the club house, hoping to pick up some news item. He became the first member of the press to learn of the managerial switch. It was a blockbuster story; and Tom Meaney of *the New York World Telegraph* had stumbled upon an exclusive. The entire baseball world was stunned by the news. McGraw was not only manager of the Giants, he was a vice president with a substantial block of club stock. He had been a manager for 31 years, the longest tenure in baseball history, with the exception of the Philadelphia Athletics' Connie Mack.

McGraw had offered the job to Memphis Bill on the evening of June 2. After being assured that he would have full authority on the field, control of player trades, and a guarantee of no front office interference; Terry accepted. He had no difficulty in negotiating a lucrative contract. The entire process was a

tribute to John McGraw's devotion to the best interests of his beloved Giants. He selected the man he felt most qualified to manage the club, even though he disliked him intensely. Terry assumed control immediately, and McGraw never again entered the team club house.

Fred Lindstrom was bitterly disappointed to be passed over in the changing of the guard at the Polo Grounds. Although he had no enmity toward Terry, Lindstrom asked to be traded. Terry obliged by trading Lindstrom to the Pittsburgh Pirates at the end of the season. It was too late to salvage the season for the New York Giants. They finished the 1932 season in sixth place, 18 games behind the leader, but Terry was moving rapidly to turn the team fortunes around. Nevertheless, it was a fine year for Terry, the player. He completed his third consecutive season without missing a game and posted a batting mark of .350 with 28 home runs. Three of his home runs came in one game, August 13, 1932. In his management role, he launched significant improvements in the Giants' minor league system.

Don't miss Part II of "Memphis Bill Terry: Dixie Hutzpah at the Polo Grounds" in the July 2003 issue!

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Marching to The Silent Beat of the Drummer's Drum

by Sir Knight Alvin F. Bohne

*Anything and everything occupying space,
Even space itself, is marching, always
marching To the silent beat of the
Drummer's Drum.*

Marching, marching; all are marching;
Always marching, forever marching
To the silent beat of the Drummer's drum.

The Drummer barked an order;
A thund'rous crescendo blast
Scattering dust and gas and stone.

Then came vastness, void of order.
Reigned confusion; scattered matter,
Stars and planets, comets, moons.

Followed then the Drummer's drumroll
Bringing chaos to attention.
Then creation started marching.

The Drummer gazed on His creation;
Said, "It is good." and added man
Giving purpose and a reason to his march.

Now they come, a parade of souls
Marching, marching; all are marching,
To the Drummer's plan of endless time.

Marching all together, each alone,
Each out of step but all in time.
Marching, marching always marching.

And still they come, that endless line;
A known beginning - with a promised end.
Wrought with worry but worry not.

March the hard-felt path of contradiction;
Soothe the soul or pain the conscience.
Some are good and some are evil.

And still they come - that great parade;
Spanning eons blessed with peace
And all the horrors wrought by war.

Gaining knowledge; spawning progress.
Born to love - learned to hate.
Taught to learn, learned to question.

Swollen ranks of differing souls -
True believers and agnostics;
Despots, outlaws, fools and saints.

Timid, bold, careless, caring,
Healthy, sickly marching on.
Conflicts reign but all's in order.

Marching without manual or instruction
Captive in that fateful march -
Inherent by the Drummer's plan.

Some are marching quick-step,
Others marking time and
The others to a cadence in between.

But all are marching, always marching Each
one different, yet all alike; marching To the
silent beat of the Drummer's drum.

Some marchers halt at sunrise,
Others will halt at dusk,
The others halt in times between.

But halt they must, those destined
Marchers; how and when determined By the
silent beat of the Drummer's drum.

Other drummers may beat a drum For
certain poor fools to follow. Following
noise but going nowhere.

Vain their hope. Vain their march;
Marching not to that noisy beat
But still to the silent beat of the Drummer's
drum.

Here comes the young - there goes the
old! Those souls now old yet once were
young... Now the young are growing old.

Still they come, that eternal march. Not by
chance or happenstance but To the beat
divine of the Drummer's drum.

Marching, marching now with questions
What's the reason, sense or purpose, To this
endless beat of the Drummer's drum?

Do the Drummer's angels march in heaven?
Do earth-freed souls march there too? Is this
the wage and profit of their being?

If the Drummer's angels march in the
heaven, Then the earth-freed souls march
there too, All in step and all in time in
measured cadence.

Marching, marching, all are marching -
Always marching; forever marching To the
silent beat of the Drummer's drum.

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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 for more information. I intend to get one, and I hope you will, too!

Grand Master William J. Jones



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

How Will You Pay for Expenses That Medicare Doesn't Cover?

You owe it to yourself to find out about the Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance designed for Sir Knights and their lathes.

With the high cost of health care today, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance Program is becoming a necessity for more and more of us. That's why it is good to know that you now have a choice of Medicare Supplement coverage under our plan at very affordable rates.

Under the Knights Templar Medicare

Supplement Plan, you will benefit in many ways: You have the freedom of choosing your own doctors and hospitals, there are no health questions or medical exams to qualify, there is no waiting period for pre-existing conditions if you switch plans or are about to turn 65, and there is hassle-free claims processing in about 7 days!

To make sure you can pay for the expenses Medicare doesn't cover, call (800) 749-6983 for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan information and enrollment kit.

DeMolay Celebrates Its 84th Birthday!

On March 18, 2003, DeMolay celebrated its 84th birthday as the premier youth organization dedicated to teaching young men to be better persons and leaders. DeMolay has honored "Dad" Land by designating March as DeMolay Month. March is the month when DeMolay chapters across the country unite to raise public awareness of DeMolay through community service projects.

It seems such a short time ago that "Dad" Frank S. Land founded DeMolay. A prominent Mason and Masonic Leader, Land founded DeMolay based on the same principles as Masonry: brotherhood, family, and charity. The year was 1919, and Land was working at the Scottish Rite employment office in Kansas City, Missouri, when he founded Mother Chapter, the original DeMolay chapter.

Since its inception, DeMolay has held fast to timeless values. As always, DeMolay is teaching young men basic life principles and leadership skills - principles and skills the young men of DeMolay will use all their lives. DeMolay continues to provide a positive environment for young men. By teaching love of God, home, and country; DeMolay remains a constant and positive force for the youth of our nation.

By offering a special opportunity for young men to grow, learn, and lead today; DeMolay stands at the forefront of youth development. As a Mason, you can help in many ways. Support a local DeMolay chapter in their DeMolay endeavors, or offer your time and talents as a DeMolay advisor or adult volunteer.

On a larger scale, DeMolay sponsorship is an opportunity to make a difference. Each DeMolay chapter must be sponsored by a group of Freemasons. Masonic sponsorship enables DeMolay chapters to have dependable, dedicated, and devoted adult volunteer "advisors." Preparing the young men of DeMolay to be leaders of character is a rewarding and wonderful experience for many Freemasons.

See if a Masonic organization you are a member of would sponsor a DeMolay chapter or provide financial support to DeMolay. (DeMolay is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so contributions are tax deductible.) If you would like to help in any way, please contact DeMolay International at 1-800-DEMOLAY or e-mail: development@demolay.org - You can also visit our web site at www.demolay.org



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To place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to "Knight Voices," The Grand Recorder, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460. Items submitted to Knight Templar that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free of charge. All other items should be accompanied by a \$5.00 remittance made payable to the Grand Encampment. Any submission may be subject to editing. You must submit a written request and check, if applicable, for each time you want your ad to run. Each request must be separate and at monthly intervals, not several at the same time. All other requests for repeat ads will either run just once or will be returned to sender.

62nd Triennial pins: The Grand Commandery of Illinois is offering 62nd Triennial pins in the shape of a shield with Salem cross (purple/white/gold). Available while supplies last at a cost of \$5.50, including S & H. Checks payable to Grand Commandery of Illinois, P.O. Box 280, West Chicago, IL 60186. Show your support of our Grand Master by wearing the 62nd Triennial pin!

Needed/wanted for St. Michaels Commandery, a new Commandery being formed in Cochran, Georgia Knights Templar uniforms, chapeaux, swords, sword belts, and equipment. We have just received our dispensation and are on the rise. Contact Neal Mimbs, 708 Jeanette Street, Cochran, GA 31014, (478) 9344187 or e-mail neal217@bigfoot.com

Knight Templar dress ties: the perfect Templar gift: cross and crown on square and compass (\$25.00 each). Help us celebrate 150 years of Templary in Texas. The Grand Commandery of Texas was formed in 1855 in San Antonio, and the sesquicentennial will be commemorated in San Antonio, April 16-18, 2005. Ties are navy blue with emblem. Large emblem tie (56 inches long) has one emblem of gold crown, red cross, blue square and compass outlined in gold on the body; small emblem tie (60 inches long) has recurring pattern of emblem with crown, square and compass in gold with red cross diagonally across body. Uniquely beautiful ties can be viewed at www.texasYorkrite.org/ties.htm. Check payable to San Antonio Commandery No. 7 and mail to James N. Higdon, 10122 N. Manton, San Antonio, TX 78213. Ties will be sent day following receipt. H: (210) 344-4309; 0:349-9933; e-mail jnh.kt@hnhzlaw.com

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

Sword slings available in 2-inch or 1-inch wide, white or black straps with black, fine grade leather sword holder and with heavy duty black clips. They are adjustable to fit all sizes - \$19.00 each plus \$3.50 ship-ping.

hipping. For further details or brochure, call (716) 693-7226, e-mail tonawast@odelphia.net and ask for Tom Starnes, PC. Checks to KT Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.

Wanted to buy: Commander's chapeau, size 7 and 3/8, and sword belt. Jim Armitage, 5705 Kneeland Lane, Tampa, FL 33625-3289, (813) 264-4717 e-mail Jrarm@1ampabayrr.com

For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, pairs, finest quality available, all ranks, embroidered in extra fancy gold and silver bullion on velvet with Velcro backs: Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate (green): \$40.00; Emeritus ranks: Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate (red): \$45.00;

Honorary Past Commander with H.C. in Old English silver lettering at foot of cross, \$50.00; Grand Commandery, Grand Rep. (red), \$50.00, and Past Grand Commander (purple): \$60.00. Also: chapeaux crosses: Sir Knight, \$35.00; Commander/Past Commander, \$40.00, Grand Commandery (red), \$50.00; Past Grand Commander (purple), \$55.00. Embroidered bullion sleeve crosses: Sir Knight (silver) and Commander or P.C. (gold) \$35.00. Metal lapel crosses (a pair) in silver, \$35.00; gold, 40.00, Grand Commandery lapel crosses (red): \$45.00 (pair); Past Grand Commander (purple), \$50.00. Cap crosses in metal: silver, \$32.00; gold, \$38.00. Past Commander's jewel (gold plate), \$45.00. All plus shipping, handling and insurance: 1st item, \$5.00 each additional item, \$1.00. Percentage to York Rite and Masonic charities, Checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., PC.; 60 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10310-2698

Are you one of the almost 5,000 Sir Knights who purchased a C.P.O. coat for \$20.00 before we sold out? I now find myself in a situation I never dreamed of: my wife developed End Stage Renal disease, and the only cure is a kidney transplant. A kidney match was found for her, and a successful transplant was performed by Indiana University Hospital. Now, with the anti-rejection medical bills and ongoing travel expenses, I am needing help. I know each of you contributes to a lot of foundations, but this is a chance to contribute one-on-one. I present each of you with my mark. All donations to First Federal Saving Bank of Angola, C/O Jeana's Transplant Fund, 212 East Maumee Street, Angola, IN 46703, and will be used only for that expense. Thank you. John Meyers, KYCH, O.P.C., 20S. John Ct., Angola, IN 46703 - (260) 668-8543

Hot Springs Lodge No. 62, F. & A.M., Hot Springs, Arkansas, is celebrating its 150th anniversary. In commemoration they have commissioned a coin in bright bronze. "G", plumb, and level on obverse side and the name of lodge on reverse, 24-gauge, with mallet and trowel and the dates, 1853-2003, and "Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love." It is available for \$8.00, pp. Check or money order to Stan Schrader, 135 Peninsula Pt., Hot Springs, Alt 71901-9252

For sale: peel-off, vinyl, royal blue square and compass decals designed to fit on your license plate or window: 2 inches high, 1 inch wide. 6 vinyl decals for \$5.00, postpaid. 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, PM., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & A.M.; PO Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014

Cochran Lodge No. 217, F&AM, Cochran Georgia is continuing its long-term charity project. Masonic 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 Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lange No. 217, F & AM.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigfoot.com

2008-200th anniversary of Masonry in Ohio: Now, you can help insure that this celebration will be a great success by purchasing a beautiful 200-piece jigsaw puzzle depicting Brother George Washington opening his lodge in 1788. This 16 x22-inch reproduction is an exact copy of the painting that hangs in many Ohio lodges. Help us get ready for 2008 bicentennial and own a real piece of Masonic history; price \$15.00 plus \$3.00 S & H. Each puzzle is packaged in a round, airtight can. 'lb order call (614) 855-1401 or send payment and request to P Pat Davis, 8359 Mona Road, New Albany, OH 43054, or order online at www.ppdnvisl@earthlink.net Proceeds to benefit 2008 Bicentennial Fund.

Piedmont Lodge No. 447, F. & A.M., Atlanta, Georgia, has had a coin struck to celebrate its 100th anniversary. The coin is available in either antique bronze, \$6.00, or antique silver, \$15.00, including shipping and handling. One face of the coin has the All-seeing Eye, the square and compass, and the working tools of a Mason. The reverse side has "Piedmont Lodge No. 447, F. & A.M., Atlanta, GA, 100 years" and "1902-2002." Send check or MO to Edward A. Radatz, Sr., PM; 2921 Birchwood Way, SW; Marietta; GA 30060-5133.

Kimbrough Lodge No. 118, F.&A.M., Cataula, Georgia, is selling "A Mason's Prayer" CD. "A Mason's Prayer" was written by John Lehmann and has been performed in many Blue Lodges across the US. All profits will be going to Masonic charities, with a portion going directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home. Price is \$6.00 each and \$2.00 shipping in US. Check or MO to Kimbrough Masonic Jsdge No. 118; CIO Harold Culpepper, Chairman; P.O. Box 43; Cataula; GA 31804. Questions?: call (1800) 498-4831 or e-mail armasonsprayect@bigfoot.com

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24 karat gold vermeil finish. Price per pin is \$10.00 as. including S & H. Also available: the four immortal chaplains lapel pin, a beautiful pin honoring the chaplains who sacrificed their lives by giving up their lifejackets in order to save the lives of others. The price per pin is \$8.00 ea. including S & H 10^{1/4} of proceeds will benefit the KTEF. New item. Sept. 11 Memorial Masonic lapel pin, \$8.00 each, including S & H - to commemorate members who lost their lives in terrorist attack - proceeds to New York Grand Lodge WFC Disaster Fund and KTEF, S. Kenneth Banl, 6809 Main St, Apt. 2 West, Cincinnati, OH 45244-3470, (513) 272-2815, fax (513) 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 of Freemasonry. The book is 322 pages, indexed, contains a bibliography of 99 sources, and makes liberal use of footnotes. It also contains a 114-page glossary of Masonic words and terms. Written, published, and financed by Robert L. Breeding; it can be obtained from him only. Price is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling. % to KTEF. Check or MO to Robert L. Breeding at 405 Ascot Court, Knoxville, TN 37923-5807. E-mail rbreed4217@aol.com Telephone (865) 539-9932.

New novelty book available: Pythagoras, This Cross Is for You, by Past Master and Past Commander Jack N. Banicido - \$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 Ounland Enterprises, and send to Ounland Enterprises, 8631 McDade, Houston, IN 77080-4321.

I am trying to locate the ritual for the degree for Wives and Daughters of Master Masons. Also trying to locate the book, Great Masonic Addresses. Can you help me? William B. Gales III, 160 Carroll Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834-3719

For sale: 6-piece Shrine Circus decanter set, made by McCormick Distilling Co., with tent and shelf and still in shipping carton - \$650.00 plus shipping. Jim, (319)232-1668,- address: 147 Oakwood Drive, Evensdale, IA 50707

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 Starch, Sr., 775 W Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson AZ 85705,(520) 888-7585.

For sale: Masonic promotional and presentation items. Represent Masonry with pride with your very own custom quality imprinted items; all items reasonably priced and beautifully customized to fit any Masonic budget die cast coins, lapel pins, coffee mugs, belt buckles, pens, pencils, ornaments, key tags, wooden nickels, and more. Stock up and commemorate your next Masonic event All items are custom imprinted to your specifications in quantity to include but not limited to your Masonic organization's name and/or, or just hand sketch your special ideas or custom designs, and I will turn it into the necessary camera-ready art. For more information, call, write, or e-mail (800) 765-1728, Frank Ittner, 408 Ashlar Circle, Nashville, IN 37211, visit website www.cnfinteractive.com. 3% of profits to KTEF

Retired Sir Knight wants to buy any condition: train sets-American Flyer, Lionel, and Marx; Confederate currency; and pre-1920 US stamps; and WWII and earlier US military items; and German Third Reich (WWII and before) military items (ie., daggers, swords, clothing, insignia). urn Rickheim, 14761 Tunnickliff Road, Petersburg, MI 49270-9716; collect: (734) 854-3021 or e-mail vornueckheim@webTV.net

U For sale: The Celestial Clock, a book about sacred geometry, comparative mythology, and "end times" biblical prophecies looked at from a scientific point of view. GAOTU is the only true scientist, according to Dr. William A. Gaspar, writer and publisher. Price is \$20.00, plus \$4.00 S & H. Send \$24.00 check or MO to Adam & Eva Publishing, 5307 N. Prince Street, Clovis, NM 88101. % to KTEF. Allow 1-2 weeks for delivery.

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, Millbury, MA 01527, (508) 865-4816

Wanted: law enforcement patches and badges for my collection. William C. Bennett, 207 E. South Street, Union, SC 29379-2346

For sale: 2 adjacent cemetery lots in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, South, located at 10507 Holesms Road, Kansas City, Missouri, in the Masonic section. Call John McClure, 114 Winchester, Kalispell, MT 59901, (406) 756-8958

For sale: 3 cemetery plots (section 23, lot 201, graves 2,3, and in Crown Hill Cemetery, Twinsburg, Ohio, valued at \$1,210.00 each; will sell for \$2,400.00 for all 3. Lawrence Hood, E.C.; 3182 Midlle Cheshire Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424, (585) 396-9848

Reunion notice: Johnson Air Base, Japan, APO 994, to be held in San Antonio, Texas, October 16-19, 2003. Contact Claude H. Clawson, (740) 342-0138

A Smile That Says "Hello"

Maybe he's a bit old-fashioned, maybe
sort of every day,
And his battered hat may cover
hair that fast is turning gray;
Yes, perhaps his step may falter
as he walks - this man I know -
But there's something in his manner and
his smile that says 'Hello.'
Just perhaps, he may have suffered,
who is there to say he'd not,
May have been a trifle lonely,
may have missed of life a lot;

Yes, he may have had his troubles
that from day to day would grow,
But, in spite of that, he always
has a smile that says "Hello."

Touch of Midas may have missed him,
but in friendship he is rich,
And in hearts of those who know him
he has carved himself a niche;
Oh, perhaps he lacks the polish,
lacks the glamour others show,
But he warms the hearts of many
with a smile that says 'Hello.'

Fred Toothaker

Remember Dad - Father's Day, June 15