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Kenneth Bernard Fischer
Most Eminent Grand Master
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Greetings - And Thank You!

Greetings, and **thank you for electing me as your Grand Master**. I never dreamed that this might happen in my life.

I was asked to be an officer in Park Place Commandery No. 106, Houston, Texas, some 31 years ago. I sought the opportunity of service as an officer of the Grand Commandery of Texas in 1983 and served as Grand Commander in 1990-1991. I was asked to serve the Grand Encampment, if elected into this grand line, in 1994. I do not know why I find myself in this position, but I do know that there is much work to be done and a lot of opportunities for us all.



Sir Knights, we must always move forward. There is no such thing as the status quo. If you are "holding your own," then you are going backward. We must ALL set goals and make plans to accomplish them.

My goal is to make this THE most sought body of Freemasonry. **Every Christian Mason Must be a Knight Templar.**

How do we do that? We seek perfection in all of our activities and regain the pride that our predecessors demonstrated. Everything must be positive. In Jim Ward's words: **"No Negativism."**

We will institute a Distinguished Service Award for Grand Commanders. This will be done in an effort to take a positive approach and to communicate the importance of the responsibility of the stewardship and management required to serve in that office. We must all be leaders - by example. There will be details of this program in the next issue and at the Department Conferences.

Note: All **dais officers of every Grand Commandery** are required to attend a Department Conference each year.

Again, **thank you and I look forward to serving with all of you**. Let's always move forward and keep the troops supplied so that they are never waiting for directions or materials.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth B. Fischer".

Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

Knight Templar

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

SEPTEMBER: Welcome to our new Grand Master, Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, whose first message is on page 2; we will look forward to much more on his Distinguished Service Award for Grand Commanders! Grand Master Fischer's biography starts on page 5. Grand Encampment grand line biographies and Department Commander biographies will be included in future issues. In this lull before the 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign begins in December, read the wonderful letters from KTEF recipients and news of a KTEF grant recipient in Iowa, starting on page 7, and begin to prepare yourself and your Commandery for the success of the up-and-coming Campaign! We have another interesting article from Sir Knight Hutchens on Templar interpretations (page 11) and much coverage of DeMolay and S.O.O.B. activities throughout the magazine, so enjoy!

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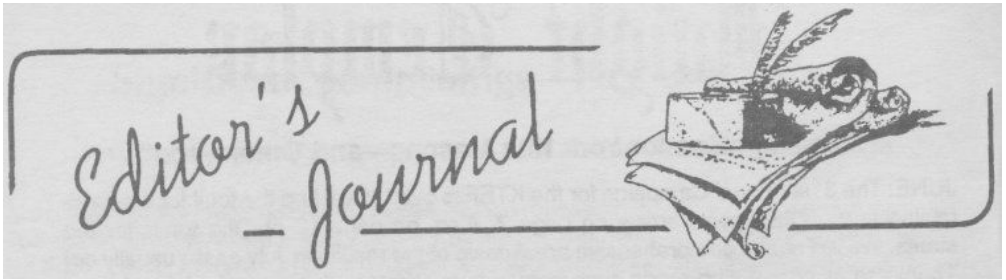
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A Pilgrim's Path Freemasonry and the Religious Right This is John J. Robinson's

last book, and it is available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. • **Born in Blood-** The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$17.00, including shipping and handling. • **Dungeon, Fire, and Sword** This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460

Sir Knights, Attention!: An important and invaluable booklet entitled *The York Rite of Freemasonry - A History and Handbook* is available. It is authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel. This comprehensive, illustrated, 78-page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, and benevolent programs of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery. There are illustrations of the jewels of the officers of each body and of the Red Cross, Malta, and Templar banners. There is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies, plus shipping and handling; \$1.00 each over 100 copies, plus shipping and handling. Write your checks to and mail to the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460

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Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer, Texas Elected New Leader of Templar Masonry

Installed into office on August 20, 2003, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, Most Eminent Grand Master Kenneth Bernard Fischer, pictured on our September cover, will preside over 165,000 Sir Knights, who comprise the Knights Templar of the United States of America. Our new Grand Master was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas, 1990-1991. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment in August 1994 in Denver, Colorado. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo on August 12, 1997 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 15, 2000 in Nashville, Tennessee. He was elected and installed Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 20, 2003, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Kenneth Bernard Fischer was born August 13, 1937, in Houston, Texas. He graduated from the University of Houston receiving a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1960.

He married Arlene M. Martin, and they have five children; Ken Jr., Kristian, Amy, Wendi and Ken; and they have seven grandchildren; Samantha, Alexa, Andrew, Cameron, Triston, Clare and Meridian.

Kenneth and Arlene reside in Friendswood, Texas, and are members of Friendswood United Methodist Church. He is retired from Hoechst-Celanese, as Corporate Rotating Equipment Consultant after thirty-two years.

His professional and civic activities include registered-professional engineering, Texas (36 years); member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers; active member Turbo-machinery Symposium, Texas A & M Pump Symposium, Texas A & M; Vibration Institute; Amateur Radio Operator, W5KBF; and Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

His Masonic affiliations are: Sagemont Lodge No. 1426, A.F. & A.M., Past Master, D.D.G.M., 1994; Galena Park Chapter No. 490, RAM., Past High Priest, D.D.G.H.P., 1977; Galena Park Council No. 405, R. & S.M., Past Thrice Illustrious Master, D.D.G.M., 1992; Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas, Past Thrice Illustrious Master; Park Place Commandery No. 106, Knights Templar, Past Commander; Park Place Commandery No. 106, Drill Captain (25 years); Ruthven Commandery No. 2, Drill Captain (3 years); Grand Commandery of Texas, Past Grand Commander (1990-1991); Resurrection Tabernacle No. 21, HRAKTP, K.C., (1993); '3an Jacinto Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Past Sovereign; Valley of Houston, A.A.S.R., S.J., KCCH (1992), 33° (1997); Royal Order of Scotland; Gulf Coast York Rite College No. 106, Purple Cross (1988); Order of DeMolay, Chevalier, Active Legion of Honor; Friendswood Chapter No. 1131, O.E.S.; Sam Houston Council No. 275, A.M.D., Past Sovereign Master, 1994; Anson Jones Council No. 47, Knight Masons, Past Excellent Chief, 1994; Arabia Temple, AAONMS; Amaranth,

Initiated 1994; holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple. Additionally, he is a M.I. Past Grand Chancellor, Grand College of Rites; a Past Grand Governor, York Rite Colleges of Texas, Y.R.S.C.N.A.; Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine, Division of Southern Texas; a Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees; and a 2nd Grand Pillar, Grand College, HRAKTP, USA.

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More Officer Biographies Will Follow in Future Issues.

23 S.O.OB. Assemblies Contribute at Texas Breakfast

The 23 Assemblies of the Texas Association, Social Order of the Beauceant, at the annual sessions in Addison, Texas, 2002, made a contribution of \$600.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in honor of P.S.W.P (Mrs. Fred H.) Carol Buxton, pictured at right. (submitted by Mrs. Donald J. Spencer, Chairman, KTEF)



New York Commandery Ascension Day Service at Nursing Center



In the picture, left to right, are: Sir Knight Charles Mendell, P.G.C., the Grand Commandery of New York; Reverend Juanita Hilsenbeck with Noah; and Sir Knights Roy Jacobson, Bobby Smith, and Raphael Castro.

The members of Patchogue Commandery brought Ascension Day services to the residents of Berkshire Nursing Center in West Babylon, New York. Sir Knight Charles Mendell assists Reverend Hilsenbeck each month with services. Reverend Juanita is the

wife of Sir Knight Walt Hilsenbeck, Past Commander of Nassau Commandery. Following religious services, they entertain the residents and give each one a gift. Reverend Hilsenbeck has volunteered here 34 years and recently retired from a church to devote more time to those in institutions.

NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO KTEF CLUBS

Grand Master's Club

No. 4,192—Roman Hochhalter (AL)
No. 4,193—Elvin J. Brown (OK)
No. 4,194—William P. Irving, Jr. (TX)
No. 4,195—Joe V. Sanders (TX)
No. 4,196—Dewey Purkey (TN)

Grand Commander's Club

No. 101,869—Daniel C. Campbell, Jr. (TN)
No. 101,870—John R. Garner (ID)
No. 101,871—Bruce Naslund (MN)
No. 101,872—Franklin D. Sears (PA)
No. 101,873—Thomas H. Garr (MA/RI)

HOW TO JOIN THE GRAND COMMANDER'S AND GRAND MASTER'S CLUBS OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

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!

Matthew F. Griffin (CT), 33°
Charles E. Ropp (MO), 33°
Louis Herbert Meisel (MI), 33°

Keneth K. Kent (CA), 33°
Winston-Salem York Rite Bodies (NC)
in honor of Frank L. Collins, 33°

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.

Letters to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation...

My husband and I would like to thank the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for the precious gift of sight that you have given me. Without your help and great kindness, I would still be blind in my left eye. After only a few weeks, there is already improvement for which I am so grateful! I'm looking forward to the day when I have good sight in both eyes and do not have to worry that if something happened to my right eye I would be blind. I cannot tell you how much your help means to me and how much your help was appreciated. I will never forget the gift you have given to me! God bless all of you!

*Margie Whisenant
Brunswick, Georgia*

I wish to express my gratitude to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for the financial assistance you have given me to make my recent cataract surgery possible. I had surgery on both eyes, and now both are excellent - no problems.

It is marvelous to have my vision back again. I was so very pleased with the results, which were better than I had ever expected.

Once again, I cannot thank you enough for making this possible for me. May you be able to keep up the good work in helping others to see again as you have helped me.

Irene Di Floria
Weirton, West Virginia

I'm writing this letter to express my deep appreciation to all involved in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for paying for my eye surgery. I am able to see well enough to do my work as long as I use my old glasses. I have to get new glasses, which may very well bring my eyesight up to par. There is substantial improvement already. Please pass this letter along to all concerned, because of the very fine work they are doing.

Jerald L. Johnson
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Thanks to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, my daughter recently had much needed eye surgery. She says she can see better than before. I want to say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart for everything. May God bless all of you for your good work!

Mrs. James Carver
Louisville, Kentucky

I want to thank you very much for the help you gave me with my eye surgery. My problem was bleeding vessels, which are corrected now. Again, thank you very much for your help!

Nancy Greenwood
Cleveland, Ohio

I am writing you these lines in appreciation for the service I received. I am very happy with the results of the surgery. I hope you can keep helping more people like me. Thank you! if it were not for your organization, I would still be in the same condition as before.

Ezequiel Arriola
El Paso, Texas

Many years ago when I was in school and traveling with many organizations, my dad told me if I was ever in need and he wasn't there: "Find a Mason, and he will help you." Last year I found myself in need, and I found not just a Mason but a whole group of Masons, and they helped me. **You** helped me!

How can I ever tell you how grateful I am? Without your assistance, there would have been no way I could have afforded the surgery I needed. Thank you so much. I will be forever grateful.

Jerri Pollock
Worland, Wyoming

I'm writing to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help in getting the surgery done on my eyes. The doctors and I are hoping it will keep me from going blind. You are very special for doing this for people. The Lord will bless you as I do. Again, thank you!

Choetta Smith
Soplin, Missouri

Dr. Markus Kuehn, University of Iowa, Receives KTEF Grant



On July 8, 2003, a presentation of a grant in the form of a check for \$29,900.00 from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was made to Markus Kuehn, Ph.D. of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Iowa, by Sir Knights T. James Allen, R.E.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Iowa; Glenn N. Marshall, Iowa Chairman of the KTEF, Chairman of the Charitable Activities Committee and P.G.C., Iowa; and Robert D. Allen, a member of the Charitable Activities Committee.

This grant was made for the pursuance of studies of gene expression patterns in the retina associated with the development of enhanced S-cone syndrome, a heritable eye disease in children.

Left to right in the picture above are: Robert D. Allen, Glenn N. Marshall, Markus Kuehn, Ph.D., and T. James Allen.

Markus Kuehn, Ph.D., writes...

Thank you again for visiting me here at the University of Iowa. Let me express again my gratitude for being selected as a recipient of a Knights Templar Pediatric Ophthalmology research grant. These grants provide a really wonderful opportunity to initiate research projects that will, in time, grow strong enough to attract federal research funds.

You had asked me for a short synopsis of my planned studies. Here it is: Title: Characterization of gene expression patterns in the retina associated with the development of enhanced S-cone Syndrome: Enhanced S-cone syndrome is a heritable eye disease which leads to poor vision under low light conditions in children as young as 7 years old. Over time, children afflicted with this condition increasingly lose their ability to see and eventually become completely blind. This disease is caused by a defect in a gene that acts as an on/off switch to a number of other genes that work together to ensure that the retina forms correctly during embryonic development. Currently, the identity of these genes is not known, and their precise function is unclear. Fortunately, a strain of mice exists that has a defect in the same gene as people with enhanced S-cone syndrome and has similar eye problems. I will use these animals to determine which of these other genes are not correctly switched on or off. Once we have a detailed understanding of the problems that are caused by the disease, it may be possible to design strategies to correct them and perhaps to prevent the loss of vision.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Markus Kuehn, Ph.D.



Edwin R. Anderson
North Dakota
Grand Commander-1990
Born: June 7, 1920
Died: July 19, 2003

Your Sympathy Is Greatly Appreciated!

On the occasion of the passing of my mother, I want to express my most profound thanks for the sympathy cards sent from all over the country, for the presence of then M.E. Grand Master William Jackson Jones and then R.E. Grand Captain General William Howard Koon II at the services, and for the calls of then R.E. Deputy Grand Master Kenneth Bernard Fischer and R.E. Grand Recorder Charles Richard Neumann. I was sincerely humbled by it all. Thank you very much for your comfort and support during a difficult time!

Richard B. Baldwin
Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment

Knights Templar Symbolism: Christ and the Serpent

by Sir Knight Rex R. Hutchens G.Jr.W.,
Grand Commandery of Arizona

While most Masons are aware that symbols can have more than one meaning, they are often unaware of the limits and character of this variation. A symbol that can mean anything actually means nothing. For this reason, some constraints must be placed on symbolic interpretation. We can hardly do better than follow the advice of Albert Pike, Past Grand Commander of Arkansas, who advised that there must be a relationship between a symbol and that which it symbolizes, and secondly, that the idea expressed must be worth knowing. It is important to emphasize that the relationship need not be obvious; it need only *exist*.

It is also true that symbols have both a positive and negative connotation. The simplest example of this is probably the square as a symbol in Masonic ritual. It has a positive interpretation as the jewel of the Master, its two arms designating faith and reason, which together give wisdom. As well, it is an instrument of attack against the Master Hiram where, as Pike says, the two arms represent the merging of the two potent forces of church and state, which assail Hiram where the heart is.

This short prelude concluded, we may now return to the title of this article and address the issue of Christ and the Serpent. This symbol can be found on the Waddington Stone shown on the

cover of *Philalethes* magazine, April, 1996 (vol. XLIX, no. 2) just above the "IHS". For those readers fortunate enough to possess, or have access to, Francis J. Skully's *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America*, 1952; I refer to page 62 of that work. There we find a photograph of an original warrant granted in 1816 to Columbian Encampment by the Grand Encampment of the state of New York. At the top center of this document is a rayed eight-pointed star, within which is a design difficult to discern exactly: it is a cross entwined by a serpent.

As a Christian symbol it is very rich indeed. The eight points signify that Christ arose on the "eighth day", an alternative description of the first day of the week, "In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher" (Matt. 28:1, KJV, italics in the original, signifying it is not contained in the original text). For this same reason baptismal fonts should be eight-sided though, through neglect of this symbolism, many are now six-sided. This is stressed here because it is important to remember that numbers possessed great symbolic significance to the early Christians, and without an understanding of this, early Christian iconography is difficult to interpret.

Turning now to the image of the cross and the serpent, we can now begin to unravel its significance. First of all, this symbol harkens back to an Old Testament story of

the Hebrews in the wilderness of Sinai following their escape from Egypt under Moses. In Numbers 21:9 we read of Moses ordering the erection of a brazen (bronze, not brass) serpent to protect the children of Israel when plagued by "fiery serpents." This quasi-idol survived for about 600 years, until destroyed by Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:4). This brazen serpent enters Christianity in the Gospel of John, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up" (3:14). Of subtle but equally important significance is the numerological equivalence of the words *Messiah* and *serpent*. The Hebrews used letters to designate numbers and thus every word was a

number. Both *Messiah* and *serpent* in Hebrew can be seen as representing the same number: 358.

Thus, through this common number, the one (serpent) may be substituted for the other (*Christos*, Greek for *Messiah*).

Although few now take numerology seriously, it is important to keep in mind that it, along with astrology; was the source of much of the symbolism that pervades Christianity, Freemasonry, and Templary;

Sir Knight Rex R. Hutchens, KYGCH, is the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Arizona. He is a member of Arizona Commandery No. 1, Tucson, Arizona. He resides at 4678 Coachlight Ln, Tucson, AZ 85718

Northeast Tennessee York Rite College Confers "Boy Scout" Master Mason Degree

Scout leaders in Northeast Tennessee York Rite College No. 153 conferred the Master Mason degree on fellow Scout leader, Glen Allen Hazelwood, in Overton Lodge No. 5, Rogersville, Tennessee, early 2003. The degree team wore Scout uniforms during the degree. Overton Lodge No. 5 is the oldest continuous lodge in Tennessee. All of the team except Chris Hawk are members of Kingsport Commandery No. 33; Chris is a member of Watauga Commandery No. 25. Pictured, left to right, are: Tommy Kenner, Commander of Kingsport No. 33; David Gibbs; Martin Gourley; Glen Hazelwood (front, middle), new Master Mason; James Brooks, Captain General of Kingsport No. 33; Chris Hawk, Governor of Northeast Tennessee York Rite College No. 153; and Richard Burow, Recorder of Kingsport No. 33 and Grand Governor of Tennessee. (submitted by Richard Burow)



On the Masonic Newsfront...

Past President, S.O.O.B. Assembly in Wichita, Kansas Appointed Chairman of Knights Templar Eye Foundation

(Mrs. N. L.) Nan King (right), Past President of Wichita Assembly No. 8, Wichita, Kansas, Social Order of the Beauceant, was appointed Area No. 6 Chairman of the KTEF by (Mrs. R. D.) Diane Moore, Supreme Worthy President, at Supreme Assembly in 2002. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is near and dear to Chairman King because her god child received benefits through the KTEF.



Mrs. King is a 48-year member of the Beauceant, serving as President in 1961. Also, she is a 50-year member of Rose Douglas Chapter of Eastern Star, served as Mother Advisor for Rainbow Girls, Star Assembly No. 6, and was on the Rainbow advisory board.

She has served Supreme Assembly as Soloist for (Mrs. Douglas, Sr.) Elsie Crotty and (Mrs. Charles J.) Dorothy Meek, was a committee member for (Mrs. Joe N.) Mable I. Randall and (Mrs. Homer) Janice Hendrickson, and was Supreme Assistant Marshal for (Mrs. William) Lois Chant in Baltimore, Maryland. She continues to serve her Assembly as the Chaplain.

Chairman King received her teaching degree from the University of Arkansas. She taught in northwestern Arkansas public schools before moving to Wichita, Kansas, after her marriage in 1945. She was part owner of a Zenith television dealership before retiring in 1984. As a member of the St. James Episcopalian Church, Mrs. King is also a 47-year member of the choir. She has taught church school, is president of Daughters of the King, and has held offices in the Women of St. James, whose mission project is an annual Old English tea held in May of each year. The proceeds of this charity affair go outside the parish. Mrs. King is also a 47-year associate member of the Community of the Holy Spirit of New York City. (submitted by [Mrs. Homer] Janice Hendrickson, P.S.W.P and *Knight Templar* correspondent)

Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B., Completes Her Official Visits

Mrs. R. D. Moore, Supreme Worthy President, Social Order of the Beauceant, recently completed 117 official visits to Beauceant Assemblies by returning to her home Assembly, Austin Assembly No. 125, Austin, Texas, late spring 2003. Preceding the meeting a banquet was held for over 100 people. The Beauceant members then attended her official visit; attendance included 2 Past Supreme Worthy Presidents, 8 of her Supreme officers, 9 Supreme committee members, and 6 Worthy Presidents. These officers are shown in the picture on page 14. Following the meeting, the drill team from Melrose Assembly No. 204, Houston, Texas, performed. A reception followed, and the next day a brunch was held for all members and their Sir Knights.

Several members then toured the Texas State Capital, Texas History Museum, and the L.B.J. Library. All Beauceant members are invited to attend the 2003 Supreme Assembly on September 21-26 at the Radisson Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia. (submitted by [Mrs. Homer] Hendrickson, P.S.W.P., *Knight Templar* correspondent).



George Washington Masonic National Memorial Has DeMolay Ties



In the heart of Washington, D.C., lies a tribute to one of Masonry's most well-known members: George Washington. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial has over 400,000 visitors per year, many of whom are Masons and their families. DeMolay has had a long relationship with the Memorial. Not only is there a DeMolay display, featuring a touch-screen selection of two Masonic videos and a DeMolay membership introduction, but the centerpiece of the Memorial was donated by DeMolay in 1950.

On February 21, 1940, the Founder of DeMolay, Frank S. Land, appeared before the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial to

ask their permission for the members of DeMolay to present the Memorial with a heroic statue of George Washington, which would fill a niche in the vast George Washington Memorial Hall. Permission was granted.

No gift from DeMolay to Freemasonry could have been more appropriate. In fact, much of the Memorial is built around the statue itself. Throughout the years millions of visitors to the Memorial have been reminded of the DeMolays who, with the help of their friends, had a statue purchased and created in honor of George Washington.

The statue was selected by the architects and Board of Directors of the Memorial. It cost \$40,000. While that was a large sum of money for young men to raise, DeMolays felt strongly that they needed to show their appreciation and gratitude

for the interest that Freemasonry had always shown to DeMolay.

The 'America First' campaign to raise funds for the statue began on October 15, 1940. The plan for raising funds was simple. DeMolays across the United States were asked to sell decals with the "America First" logo that could be transferred to windows or windshields. Each decal cost 50 cents.

On February 22, 1950, DeMolay presented the George Washington Masonic National Memorial with the bronze statue. Created by Bryant Baker, the statue, standing over 17-feet tall and weighing in at 7 tons, depicts Washington as the Charter Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22. The day it was presented is noted as one of the most important days in the history of the Memorial. President Harry S Truman, Past Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, presided over the dedication and gave the presentation address. To this day a bronze plate at the base of the statue indicates that the statue is a gift from the members of DeMolay. The great statue of Washington is the first object seen by visitors as they enter the structure.

While visiting the D.C. area, take time to stop by the Memorial, a historical national monument with strong DeMolay ties!

DeMolay Session 2003 in Buffalo, New York, Proves Memorable

An Enchanted Evening at the Falls: An intimate dinner is the best way to describe "An Enchanted Evening at the Falls." The evening's events were emceed by Bill Sardone of New York and took place at the historic Victoria's Restaurant Commissioner's Quarters. The all-glass front of the restaurant displayed a spectacular view of both the U.S. and Canadian Falls. A silent auction was held, and door prizes were distributed. When the sun went down, guests were treated to a limited-access area of the Illumination Tower. Each guest had the unique opportunity to control the lighting of the Falls by taking a turn at the light switches and setting the colors to his/her desired effect. Upon returning to the restaurant, each participant was given a certificate stating "I Lit Up Niagara Falls," signed by the Niagara Parks Commission Chairman.

Grand Master's Banquet with Hall of Fame Induction: Ronnie Seale was the emcee for the banquet, and after introductions and opening remarks, the Hall of Fame induction began: Karl Reed, a businessman and community leader, was inducted posthumously. His son Karl Reed II made remarks on his behalf, portraying how important DeMolay was in Reed's life. To Reed, the most important part of DeMolay seemed to lie in the 6th Precept, cleanness of thought, word, and deed.

Dean Spanos was inducted next. As President and CEO of the San Diego Chargers, Spanos completes the first father/son pair in the DeMolay Hall of Fame. In a video (because he could not be there), Spanos recalled how DeMolay got him started and encouraged the young men of DeMolay to make the most of their DeMolay experience.

Richard King, former president of Rotary International and community activist, was the final inductee. King flew in for just a few hours to be a part of the Hall of Fame induction. King addressed his speech primarily to the youth present. He explained how he drew on his DeMolay experience, even while leading Rotary International. He encouraged young men to "begin." He spoke about how easy it is to put your life on hold until after the next big accomplishment and emphasized the importance of starting to *live life now*.

The Grand Master's Banquet signaled the end of Session 2003. Over 500 Active DeMolays and adult volunteers from across the globe attended. After 4 days of hard work and some play, the leaders of DeMolay returned to their respective jurisdictions with a renewed commitment to DeMolay.

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Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Milford Commandery No. 11, 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!

William J. Jones, Past Grand Master



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

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Brother Carl Thomas Curtis: Nebraska's Watchdog of the Treasury

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

Throughout the twentieth century hundreds of individuals, including numerous Masons, have held seats in the United States Senate. While perhaps a majority make only a minimal impact on the national scene and leave little impression after their departure, others distinguish themselves as leaders. They may be either Democrats or Republicans by party affiliation, and their philosophical leanings range from very liberal to hardcore conservative. The subject of this sketch, Brother Carl T. Curtis, spent most of his forty House and Senate years in the minority. Yet he earned a wide degree of respect throughout the period from both friends and foes for honor and integrity while being an unyielding opponent of big government, big labor, and big deficits. However, his most significant legacy is probably as father of the Individual Retirement Account (I.R.A.) Law.

Carl Thomas Curtis was born in Kearney County, Nebraska, on March 15, 1905. His grandfather, Swedish immigrant Carl Svenson, had met a girl named Mary Johnson aboard ship, and they married after their arrival in America. Svenson changed his name to Charles Curtis and worked for a half-century as a blacksmith. His father, Frank Curtis, had a small farm and worked as a custodian in the courthouse at the county seat of Minden. Young Carl would begin his public service career in that same courthouse as a county attorney.



1985 portrait of Brother Carl T. Curtis

Curtis grew up on his father's farm near Minden learning about hard work by experience at an early age and learning the "three Rs" at the local one-room school that his father had helped build. Later, he went to a larger school in town. The family also attended lectures on the local Chatauqua circuit. History became Carl's favorite subject. At Minden High School he was a member of the football and debate teams; he graduated in 1923. He taught school for a year in nearby Danville and then attended Nebraska Wesleyan University until his mother suffered a stroke, after which he returned home.

Carl resumed teaching at rural high schools in Kearney County and then became an elementary principal in Minden. During his teaching days,

he set his heart on the legal profession. At that time in Nebraska, one could still study law on one's own and with a practicing attorney. Curtis did this for three years, took his bar exams, and got his legal license in January 1930. The following year, he was married to Lois Atwater of Minden, and the couple subsequently adopted two children.

and build up their reputations by serving as County Attorney or Prosecuting Attorney. Carl Curtis followed that route, winning his first election in 1930. Ironically, he began his career as a Democrat. Years later, he reflected, "I wasn't a good Democrat." Even then he "admired the intellectual integrity and the principles of Herbert Hoover."

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Young lawyers in smaller counties, then and still, get practical experience

Nonetheless, he served his first four years in office as a Democrat during the early part of the New Deal, but by 1936 he threw his support to Sir Knight Alfred Landon (of Fortitude Lodge No. 107 and St. Bernard Commandery No. 10 in Independence, Kansas) for President, and according to his biographer Regis Courtemanche "proclaimed himself a Republican." At the time this may have seemed nearly politically suicidal since this was a time when the Cornhusker State's leading statesman, George Norris, termed himself an Independent Republican and supported most of President Franklin Roosevelt's policies.

Yet Carl Curtis was undeterred. In 1938 he entered the Republican primary for the Fourth Nebraska

Congressional District. To again quote Courtemanche, "He had no rich friends, no private fortune, and no political organization." As Curtis himself said, he had only "a deep conviction that the course charted... by the New Deal was basically wrong." Of course, as an eight-year practicing lawyer, he was not a total unknown. Still he had to overcome two primary opponents, both of whom he overcame in August, and then he faced incumbent Democrat, Charles G. Binderup, who also came from Minden, voted in the same precinct, and attended the same Presbyterian church as Curtis. Above all else, the GOP challenger crusaded for flood control on the Republican River. The latter had been devastated in the spring of 1935, and Binderup had crusaded for this project, too, with the Public Works Administration, but to date his pleas had not resulted in action. Curtis promised to push for action, and voters apparently took his promises to heart because in November he defeated Binderup by somewhat more than 16,000 votes.

Curtis took office and again began to push for Republican River flood control but shifted his focus to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation. Other Nebraska congressmen worked on this effort, too, including Norris, but Curtis gave a renewed emphasis to the project. His efforts turned out to be successful. Even though slowed down by World War II, Republican Valley, and in fact the entire Missouri Valley flood control endeavors, eventually became a reality. His success in this area probably goes a long way to explain his popularity

with constituents. In 1940 he won easy reelection and ultimately served eight terms in the House.

Nebraska voters had largely been isolationists in the immediate pre-war period, and Curtis, like Norris, reflected their viewpoint. He opposed Lend-Lease and continued to identify with the anti-war movement until Pearl Harbor, but then he became an enthusiastic supporter of all efforts to produce victory. He especially took a position of opposition to labor disputes and strikes that might interfere with the cause of winning of the war. However, his main thrust always remained with domestic issues.

Perhaps the most notable actions of Congressman Curtis dealt with his policy making in the fight of Social Security legislation. During the first two years of the Eisenhower Administration, he chaired the subcommittee that eventually put together the Social Security Act of 1954. His goals were to make the system as universal in coverage as possible to maintain "fiscal soundness." Throughout his subsequent twenty-four years in the Senate, he continued to strive for those goals.

In 1954 Carl Curtis ran for and was elected to the United States Senate. During those years, he introduced a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget - several times in fact - and also advocated giving the President line-item veto power in order to reduce and control federal expenditures. In fact, he became one of the best known of what would later be termed "deficit hawks." Continuing in this role during the turbulent sixties, he opposed most of the New Frontier-Great Society measures as

fiscally unsound. In 1972 he opposed a 20% increase in Soda! Security on the grounds that such a large increase was more than the system could handily bear. Only four senators had the courage to oppose it, and of them Curtis was the only one up for election. Many seniors criticized the aging senator for this act, particularly since he had always been known as a friend of Social Security. He managed to win his fourth term but by a much smaller margin than before - roughly 36,000 votes or 53%. As historian Regis Courtemanche commented, "The populace does not strew garlands along the path of financial responsibility." However, the problems that the Social Security system began to experience in the early 1980s justified Curtis' view that the 1972 increase had been extravagant. One could say in retrospect that as the cost of entitlement programs increased in ways that their original supporters did not imagine, much of the Curtis reluctance to support them has been vindicated.

Carl Curtis was not known simply as one who opposed spending bills even though he termed his combination biography-autobiography, *Forty Years Against the Tide*. Perhaps, his principal positive legacy outside of the Missouri Basin flood control and irrigation project was his longtime championing and eventual success as principal advocate of the Individual Retirement Account (IRA). The Nebraska Senator first began to push for this plan in 1959, and it took some fourteen years to get it adopted. Selling powerful Democrat, Brother Russell Long, on the idea took some time, but it eventually succeeded in 1973.

The act was amended and enlarged in 1981, two years after Curtis had retired.

As one of the most unabashed conservatives in the Senate, Brother Curtis came to be a close friend of the more colorful and charismatic, Brother Barry Goldwater of Arizona. Accordingly, Goldwater appointed Curtis as his floor manager at the GOP National Convention in 1964 that nominated him. (Brother Everett Dirksen gave the nominating speech.) While the Nebraskan has generally been praised as doing a good job for his fellow senator at the convention, in retrospect probably nothing would have made Goldwater a winning candidate in November. Curtis did believe, however, that Goldwater could have done better if the people running his general election campaign had been more competent.

Relating a full history of Carl Curtis' forty years in Congress would



encompass more space than would be wise in a brief article of this nature. Therefore, it would seem best to mention only a few of the highlights of his many faceted career. He served on the committees that investigated both the Billie Sol Estes and Bobby Baker scandals, convinced that the majority party did its best to prevent any leads that might go to the White House, since many in the minority believed that Lyndon Johnson would be implicated.

Brother Carl T. Curtis chose not to seek another Senate term in 1978 and retired on January 3, 1979, having spent a total of forty years in the Congress. While elated at the election of Ronald Reagan to the Presidency in 1980, he seemed to have no regrets about leaving the Senate when he did. In 1982 his devotional book, *To Remind*, was published (Curtis was a devout Presbyterian.) and in 1983 he returned to Nebraska, where he and his second wife Mildred (Lois had died in 1970 and he remarried in 1972.) made their home in the Cornhusker state capital of Lincoln. His autobiography, *Forty Years Against the Tide: Congress and the Welfare State*, written with the help

of Professor Regis Courtemanche of Long Island University, came out in 1986. More than sixty-five years after he had been Raised a Master Mason and more than sixty years after he first set foot in Congress, Brother Curtis passed to the celestial lodge above on January 24, 2000. He had been his home state's reigning elder statesman for more than twenty years. While he and Nebraska's other statesman of stature, Brother George Norris, represented different political traditions, they still managed to complement each other in many respects, and both earned much respect.

Note: The principal source of information on Senator Curtis is the aforementioned *Forty Years Against the Tide: Congress and the Welfare State* (Lake Bluff, IL: Regnery Gateway, 1986) and the two sketches in *Current Biography*. For his Masonic record I am indebted to the staff at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and of the Scottish Rite to Brother John Boettjer, Managing Editor of *The Scottish Rite Journal*.

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2003-2004 DeMolay Officers Installed at Session 2003		
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**North Central Department Conference—2003
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America**

The North Central Department Conference will be held Saturday, October 25, 2003, at the Regency Suites Hotel, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301: telephone 1-800-236-3330; fax (920) 432-0700; e-mail *regency@regencygb.com*. The arrangements for this Conference have been made in cooperation with the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council as part of the North Central York Rite Conference. Green Bay is known for its many area attractions and shopping opportunities.

It should be noted that the Statutes of the Grand Encampment **require the attendance of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, and Grand Recorder of each of the Grand Commanderies in the Department.** All other Sir Knights are also cordially invited to attend this important and informative conference. There will be an interesting program for the ladies.

Room reservations must be made directly with the Regency Suites Hotel. Please indicate that you are attending this conference in order to receive the group daily rate of \$90 plus tax. This rate also includes the hotel providing a complimentary full breakfast and an evening social hour for each guest. Accommodations are limited, and it is strongly recommended that reservations be made as early as possible.

Conference reservations may be made by completing the form printed below.

**North Central Department Conference
Saturday, October 25, 2003
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Conference registrations must be received no later than October 1, 2003.

The following three items we "stole" from the Alabama Supplement, September 2003 issue, Thomas Craig, editor, because they are so wonderfully of general interest!

Thomas Smith Webb

Thomas Smith Webb was born in Boston, Massachusetts, October 13, 1771, and died in Cleveland, Ohio, July, 1819.

He was made a Mason in Rising Sun Lodge, at Keene, New Hampshire, at some unknown date about 1792.

Later he moved to Albany, New York, and opened a bookstore, and it was here in 1797 that he published the first edition of his *Freemason's Monitor or Illustrations of Masonry*. The book bears no name as author (it is "By a ROYAL ARCH MASON, K. T., K. of M, etc., etc."), but it is marked "Printed at Albany for Spencer and Webb, Market-street, 1797," and subsequent editions of the same work do bear his name. Thus, the edition of 1802, printed in New York City, is "By Thomas S. Webb, Past Master of Temple Lodge, Albany, and H. P. of the Providence Royal Arch Chapter."

The book has been of importance to American Grand Lodges, most of which adhere rather strictly to his text of the written or exoteric work. Much of his labor was but rearrangement, abbreviation, and changing Preston to fit American conditions. But Webb published an **American** book, for **American** Masons, and then put the driving force of his personality, his zeal, his enthusiasm and his marked ability as a teacher behind that which he had published. It is to Webb the teacher, the Masonic zealot, to whom American Masons are indebted so heavily, not Webb the originator or the inspired writer. Webb so believed in what he did that he went out of his way to teach it, preach it, fight for it, memorize it, make others memorize it, spread it. Freemasonry in the early days had little if any unity in work. While the essentials were the same, the variations were enormous.

Webb brought, to some extent, order. The esoteric work of all American Jurisdictions differs between some but little, between others, much. But the printed work is markedly similar in a majority of our jurisdictions. **This is Webb's monument.**

In 1801, Webb went to Providence, Rhode Island. His reputation as a Masonic teacher had preceded him, so that a Committee from St. John's Lodge waited upon him, to ask him to become a member. This he did; having been Master of Temple Lodge in Albany, New York, he acquired membership in the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1802, Senior Grand Warden in 1803 and for several years immediately following, Deputy Grand Master in 1811, Grand Master in 1813 and 1814, declining reelection in 1815.

Few brethren have had a greater influence upon the Craft in this country. His labors have stood the acid test of time, a fact attested by the well nigh universal use of exoteric work first to be brought to American Freemasonic eyes through the justly famous Webb *Monitor*.

from the Masonic Service Association

Comfort

"Beware the lust for comfort, that stealthy thing that enters the house a guest and then becomes a host, and then a master."

- Kahlil Gibran

The General Officers Of The Continental Army

The Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, appointed George Washington General and Commander in Chief on June 15, 1775, "to command all the continental forces, raised, or to be raised, for the defense of American liberty."

Therefore, by successive appointments, seventy-three additional General Officers of the Army were commissioned. At the time of Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown in October, 1781, a total of twenty-nine Major Generals and forty-four Brigadier Generals had been appointed, although not all of these were in the service at the conclusion of hostilities.

The military records of these General Officers have been taken from *Heitman's Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army*, 1914 edition. In the various groupings, the listing of each officer is according to rank in the Continental Army and priority of date of appointment, showing period of service in that grade. Service in the Militia of the Colonies is shown in some instances, as well as brevet commissions authorized by Congress.

The list of General Officers is presented here in three groups.

Those officers whose Masonic membership can be documented fully are included in Group I. Group II comprises those whose membership in the Fraternity is based on tradition, family or other records, or other sources not yet verified. Group III is the remainder of the list, for which no information as to Masonic membership or activity has as yet been located.

Group I: Membership in the Masonic Fraternity Accepted (33)

Group II: Membership in the Masonic Fraternity doubtful, supported only by tradition, contradictory evidence, or other unverified or undocumented information (15)

Group III: No evidence of Masonic membership or activity has yet been found for these individuals (26)

Ronald E. Heaton

*Masonic Membership of the General Officers of the Continental Army from the
Masonic Service Association, 1960*

The Ten Commandments Of A Mason

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| 1. Believe in God. | 7. Be temperate. |
| 2. Practice Brotherly love. | 8. Be courageous. |
| 3. Relieve the distressed. | 9. Be prudent. |
| 4. Search for the truth. | 10. Be Just |
| 5. Be an exemplary citizen. | |
| 6. Be pure in life and conduct. | |

John R. Nocas, P.M.
Southern California ResearchLodge

Long Beach No. 39, S.O.O.B., California, Receives Marjorie Bollin



A reception for (Mrs. Reed) Majorie Bollin, Supreme Jewelry Committee member, was given by Long Beach Assembly No. 39, Social Order of the Beauceant, Long Beach, California. At left, left to right: (Mrs. William) Lois Chant, P.S.W.P.; Mrs. Bollin; and (Mrs. Fred) Carole Buxton, P.S.W.P. Below are new officers, left to right: row 1, back: Mrs. Theodore Matis; Mrs. John Jansen; Mrs. Walter Spaddlin; Mrs.

Thomas Roa, Worthy President; and Mrs. Frank Smith; row 2: Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Mrs. Reed Bollin, Mrs. Glenn Hoapt, Mrs. James Larney, Mrs. Preston Marlow, and Mrs. Lawrence Burton; row 3: Mrs. Ira Green, Mrs. Leo Earlich, Mrs. Barton Collins, and Mrs. Jack Gaskins; front row: Mrs. Milton Ammana, Mrs. Richard Faulk, and Mrs. Charles Mann.



Some Things Worthy of Consideration!

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can overlook when people take things out on you,
 when, through no fault of your own, something goes wrong,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can face the world without lies or deceit,
If you can conquer tension without medical aid,
If you can relax without alcohol,
If you can sleep without the need of drugs,
If you can admit to doing all of these things...
 ...You are probably the family dog!

Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33°
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P.C. and Recorder, St. Bernard No. 35, Chicago, Illinois
418 Huron Street, Park Forest, Illinois 60466

Fred Welch Elected Grand Master of DeMolay International

Frederick W. Welch of Bristol, New Hampshire, was installed as Grand Master at the 83rd Annual Session in Buffalo, New York, on June 21, 2003.

Brother Welch was born on November 13, 1942, in Newport, Rhode Island. He joined Wellesley Chapter DeMolay in Wellesley, Massachusetts, in November 1957.

Brother Welch's fraternal affiliations include: Maugus Hill Lodge, A.F. & A.M., since 1964, serving three terms as Worshipful Master, 1995-1998; Union Lodge No. 70, F. & A.M., and Meridian Lodge, A.F. & A.M.; membership in the Scottish Rite Valley of Concord, the York Rite Bodies, and Bektash Shrine; he was invested with the Jeremy Cross Medal in May 2001, the highest honor conferred by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Brother Welch is a Past Master Councilor of Wellesley Chapter, Past District Master Councilor, Past Divisional Master Councilor, and Past State Senior Councilor. Brother Welch has served on Advisory Councils in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and as Chapter Advisory of Gus Grissom Chapter in Maynard, Massachusetts.

Brother Welch was elected an Active Member of DeMolay's International Supreme Council in 1994. He served for four years as the Region I Representative. He has served on the International Relations, Alumni, and Budget and Finance committees, and as Chairman of the Nominating, Foundation Grants, and Athletics committees. He has been the Executive Officer of New Hampshire since 1994. He was honored with a DeMolay Eagle Award in 1999 as Executive Officer of the Year and holds the Active Legion of Honor.

Brother Welch recently accepted an appointment as Town Manager of the town of Seabrook, New Hampshire, and serves as Chairman of the Merrimack River Valley Flood Control Commission for both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He has held a number of elected offices in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and is listed in the *International Who's Who in Government*.

Brother Welch has been married to Patricia Mitchell for 10 years. He was a widower after 24 years of marriage to Judy Holdsworth. He has two grown daughters, Karen and Heather, a stepson Ross, who is a Past Master Councilor, and three granddaughters.

"DeMolay has been a positive experience in my life. My hope is to provide those opportunities to those who follow, that they may have a worthwhile life of adventure and productivity for themselves and others for the benefit of us all."

Fred Welch can be reached for comment at fwelch@demolay.org



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The Last Pearl

DeMolay Headquarters was recently informed that Jerome Jacobson, the last surviving member of the original nine young men who formed the club which became DeMolay, recently passed away at the age of 100. Jacobson was the youngest of the original nine, having turned seventeen just days before his initiation into DeMolay.

When DeMolay first began, Land tried to find an emblem that would represent the organization. While in art school, Land had drawn a Heraldic Shield. Put away for years, shortly after the founding of DeMolay Land suggested that it be used as the DeMolay emblem. On the shield there were ten jewels. Land wanted the emblem to have a greater meaning than just ornamental.

"I believe they should signify the first of our boys, Louie Lower, and the other eight who came with him on that first night that now

seems so long ago," Land said. "The tenth jewel will stand for me as the Founder of the group. I will always be proud of becoming in this way a part of the symbolic organization of DeMolay. In the years to come, each of us will enter into the adventure beyond this life. Then the color of each jewel, in turn, can change from white to red. Years from now, there will be ten rubies to give testimonial that in the beginning, there were ten who shared a dream together."

Nine pearls have changed to rubies. Now, the final pearl, represented by Jerome Jacobson, becomes a ruby as well.

Much time has passed since Frank Land and nine boys met together and from their informal meeting gave DeMolay to generations of young men. Each young man had a role in the fabric of DeMolay, making it the organization it is today with millions of Senior DeMolays worldwide.

DeMolay Session 2003 in Buffalo, New York, Proves Memorable

The Second Annual Alumni Golf Tournament: Designed for pros and hackers alike, the tournament was held in conjunction with Session 2003 at the Whirlpool Golf Course in Niagara Falls, Canada. Teams of 4 competed in the scramble-style tournament. The team of Frank Kell, Ben Johnson, Derek Sprague, and Tony Krall won the tournament. While there were hole-in-one prizes up for grabs, including a \$25,000 grand prize, no one was able to lay claim to any of them. Everyone walked away a winner, though; each participant was awarded with door prizes as well as lunch at the clubhouse.

Illumination Tour of Niagara Falls: A memorable part of Session 2003 was this tour. Friday evening 300 Session attendees boarded a bus to begin an evening tour arranged specifically for DeMolay. The tour included a boat ride on the *Maid of the Mist* to the base of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls. Attendees got an up-close, scenic view of the Falls and experienced first-hand the mist of the Falls that is visible throughout Buffalo. Later, while the Falls roared with massive sound and spray filled the air, attendees strolled along a walkway at the top of the Falls. At sunset guests were treated to a spectacular view of the Falls illuminated by multi-colored spotlights.



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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) 934-4187 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 reoccurring pattern of emblem with crown, square and compass in gold with red cross diagonally across body. Uniquely beautiful ties can be viewed at www.texasorkrite.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; O: 349-9933; e-mail jnkk@hhzlaw.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, SW; Pataskala, OH 43062, (740) 927-7073

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 Rd, Staten Island, NY 10310-2698

For sale: Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver trim and silver bullion thread for embroidered crossed swords on flap, skull and crossbones on the apron. These are identical to those worn by all Sir Knights in the last century and still worn in some jurisdictions: brand new: \$75.00 plus \$5.00 U.P.S. A percentage to York Rite charities. Sal Caradonna, PC., 23 Gail Ct, Staten island, NY 10306-2234, (718) 987-4532

Approximately 65 years ago, a theft in our family home resulted in the loss of 2 family swords: Paulson and Hipke. As another family member is contemplating entering the Craft, I am trying to locate either or both swords. Any info greatly appreciated. Jon Wothe, 1917 72nd Street, Darien, IL 60561-3541, (630) 960-1120

My husband was a Knight Templar, and he passed away this year leaving a ceremonial sword that I would like to pass on to a member of the York Rite. It is an engraved silver sword with a silver sheath and has a leather case. Contort Mrs. Bernice Stephens, 42 Pego Circle, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909-3034, (501) 922-1832

Fundraiser for Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association, District 82, Grand Lodge of Texas: copper horseshoe with square and compass on a lapel pin for \$5.00 each, pp. 10% of proceeds to KTEE Checks payable to MW&S Assoc., Diet. 82 and send requests to Neel A Wright, PO Box 226, Gardendale, TX 79758, (432) 366-3806

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. To order call (614) 855-1401 or send payment and request to Pat Davis, 8359 Morse Road, New Albany, OH 43054, or order online at www.ppdavis1@earthlink.net. Proceeds to benefit 2008 Bicentennial Fund.

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, approx. 4-inch square, reflective-chrome, vinyl square and compass or Shrine decals to fit on your tail lights, only \$5.00 per set of 2, postpaid. All profits go to our Masonic Widows' fund. Joe Allen, P.M., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; PO Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014.

Cochran Lodge No. 217, F. & AM., Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project: Masonic jewelry boxes, 6 x5 x2.5 inches in size and the shape of the

square and compass, constructed of exotic woods from Central America, and hand-crafted with an interlocking design. All profits to Masonic charities, a portion directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund. They are \$20.00 each with \$6.00 shipping in the U.S. Check or money order to Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217 and mail to Harry A. Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; PO Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail: harry217@bigfoot.com

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. The S & C with a "G", plumb, and level and Lodge name on obverse side and on reverse, 24-inch gauge 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, AR 71901-9252

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, pp. Separately the coin is \$7.00; the book is \$6.00. Check or MO to and mail to Rising Sun Lodge No. 13, Marvin G. Shull, 2304 N.E. Shady Lone Drive, Gladstone, MO 64118-5049.

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 Lodge No. 118; CIO Harold Culpepper, Chairman; PO Box 43; Cataula; GA 31804. Questions?: call Gary Dawson, 1 (800) 498-4831 or e-mail amasonsprayer@bigfoot.com

Connetquot Masonic Lodge No. 838, New York, offers their 100-year anniversary lapel pins, 1903-2003, in blue and gold with square and compass, available for \$8.00, including S & H. Help us commemorate our 100th year! Checks payable to Connetquot Fellowship Club, and mail to Bob Koehler, Chairman; 85 North Main Street, Sayville, NY 11782

Greetings to all fellow members of Yellow Dogs of the Kennel. I am seeking correspondence with any and all Yellow Dogs all over the world as well as correspondence from potential members. Robert L. Tedeschi, PO Box 1198, Main Post Office, Ward Street, Paterson, NJ 07509

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24 karat gold vermeil finish. Price per pin is \$10.00 ea. including S & H. Also available: the four immortal chaplains lapel pin, a beautiful pin honoring the chaplains who sacrificed their lives by giving up their lifejackets in order to save the lives of others. The price per pin is \$8.00 ea. including S & H 10% of proceeds will benefit the KTEE New item: Sept. 11 Memorial Masonic lapel pin, \$8.00 each, including S & H - to commemorate members who lost their lives in terrorist attack - proceeds to New York Grand Lodge WIC Disaster Fund and KTEF. S. Kenneth Bard, 6809 Main Street, 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@drxol.com Telephone (865) 539-9932. Order now for Christmas gifts!

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

For sale: the definitive biography of Sir Knight Tom Mix by Sir Knight Paul E. Mix - hard cover, library binding, 328 pages, over 80 photographs of America's boyhood idol and cowboy hero of the 1930s and 1940s. For an autographed copy, send \$30.00 plus \$4.00 S & H. Book previously sold by Amazon.com for \$48.50 plus S & H. Also available 4 CDs of Ralston Straight Shooters programs: CD #1, original Ralston 1983 release; CD #2, 4 episodes of Vanishing Village; CD #3, previously unreleased episodes; and CD #4, Miracle Rider and Twisted Trail. KT cost for each CD is \$10.00 plus \$2.00 S & H. Check or MO to Paul E. Mix, 13116 Billiem Drive, Austin, TX 78727-3258. 10% of all sales goes to KTEF.

For sale: sword slings, available in 2-inch or 1-inch-wide white or black nylon straps with black fine grade leather sword holder and heavy-duty black clips. They are adjustable to fit all sizes. \$19.00 each plus \$3.50 shipping. For further details or brochure Tom Starnes, 156 Utica Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150, (716) 693-7226 or e-mail tonawsta@adelphia.net Checks to KY Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.

New novelty book available: Pythagoras, This Cross Is for You, by Past Master and Past Commander Jack N. Barricklo - \$6.00 each, pp. "For the serious Craftsman with short history, illustrations, and instruction by the 'Master' himself." % of profits will go to KTEF. (Please write "KTEF" in memo.) Checks payable to Ourland Enterprises, and send to Ourland Enterprises, 8631 McDade, Houston, TX 77080-4321

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 (i.e., daggers, swords, clothing, insignia). Tim Rickheim, 14761 Tunncliff Rd, Petersburg, MI 49270-9716; collect: (734) 854-3021 or e-mail vonrueckheim@webTV.net

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

Retired Sir Knight wants to buy old ammunition cartridges, from boxes to full cases, from 22s to 1-inch. John Scott, 3027 Hilltop Drive, Murrysville, PA 15668, toll free (888) 278-1692

Wanted: Sir Knight needs help with his obsession. I collect coffee cups/mugs with military emblems, crests, logos, patches, etc. on them - all branches, US and foreign. Names and addresses of possible leads appreciated. Your extra cups accepted. I will be glad to pay cost and shipping; just let me know. John W. Fanning, 40 Siesta Drive, Jackson, TN 38305, e-mail Johnwfanning@Juno.com

Labor Day: The celebration of Labor Day in its formative years was marked by great parades, but these were long ago abandoned. The holiday is now principally observed as a three-day weekend, the final extended holiday of the summer, and, in fact, as the traditional "end" of summer. As a result, some people believe that the day has lost its "meaning." But in a very real sense, they are mistaken, for Peter J. McGuire himself chose the date on seasonal grounds and without any association with historical events in mind. "I suggested the first Monday in September of every year for such a holiday," he wrote, "as it

would come at the most pleasant season of the year, nearly midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving and would fill a wide gap in the chronology of legal holidays." McGuire created Labor day so that one day in the year could be set aside especially to honor labor. "There were other worthy holidays representative of the religious, civil, and military spirit, but none representative of the industrial spirit - the great vital force of every nation." And what better way to honor labor than by observing a day of rest? As the Bible tells us, even God, at the end of Creation, "rested.. from all his work."