

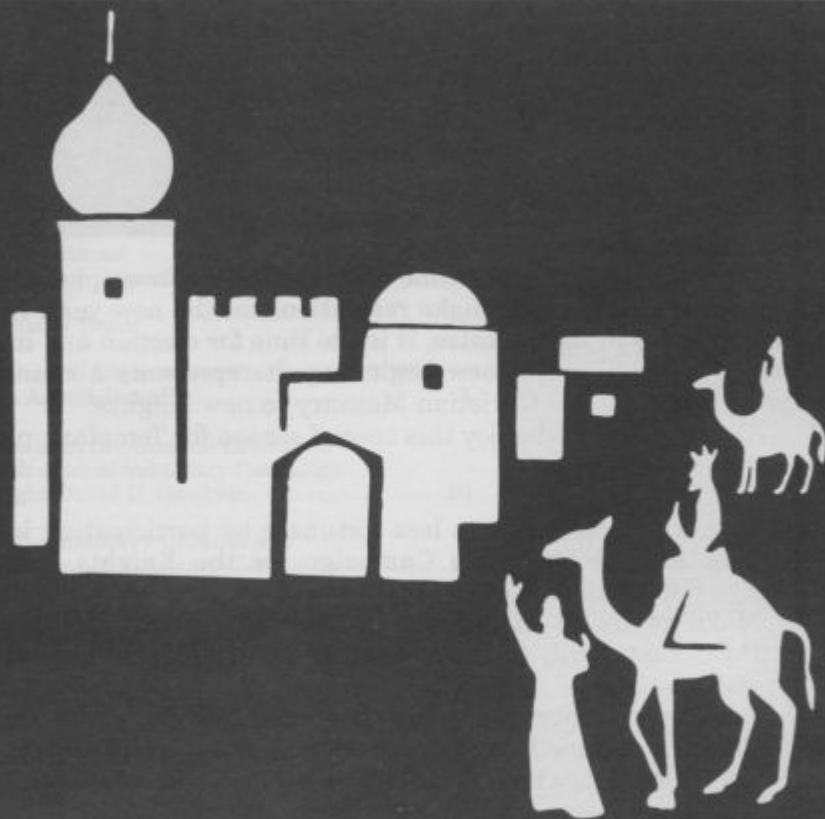


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Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. (St. Matthew 2: 7-12, KJV)

## Grand Master's Message: December 2003 - Merry Christmas!

Christmas for most people is a very special time; this is especially true for Christian Masons.

It is a time of year when we celebrate the Birth of the Great Captain of Our Salvation. It is a time when we gather with our families and friends to express that most noble **attribute of Jesus: love for one another.**

We do this in many ways. Some ways are: the exchange of gifts, cards, and letters (maybe even e-mail greetings); social functions; simple verbal expressions of greeting; etc. Whatever the way may be, we enjoy the feeling that love brings.

December also brings a time for reflection when we plan for the coming year and perhaps make resolutions for the new year. In the Commanderies in many states, it is the time for election and installation of new officers, a new beginning. It represents a chance to improve and take our Christian Masonry to new heights.

As you reflect and enjoy this special season for Templary, please consider the following:

1. Give a present to those less fortunate by participating in the 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.
2. Make plans to attend the Easter Service in Washington, D.C., next April, to share another great Templar observance of Jesus' life.
3. Resolve to increase your participation in your Lodge, Chapter, Council, and your Commandery, and enjoy the fellowship, which is there waiting for you.

It is my wish that you have the **happiest Christmas and New Year** holiday possible and that you receive and share **His Love** with all your contacts!

**May God Bless Us Every One!**



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth B. Fischer". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Kenneth B. Fischer  
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

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

DECEMBER: The 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation began on December 1, so it is time to plan your fund-raising activities. Read Chairman David Goodwin's comments on page 10 for the inspiration, and note the list of state chairmen for the Campaign on page 12. You will need to contact these people if your Commandery is to be given state credit in the Campaign. Our Cross of Honor recipients for 2003 are listed on pages 5 and 6. Congratulations to these extremely worthy Sir Knights! Starting on page 14, Department Commander James N. Karnegis has written a very informational article on the Order of the Temple, and he encourages a renewed enthusiasm for this *most* important part of the Templar ritual. Christmas greetings and wonderful poems are scattered throughout the magazine at this inspirational time of year! Don't miss a one, and also, don't miss the biography on page 19 and a Sir Knight's opinions on page 25.

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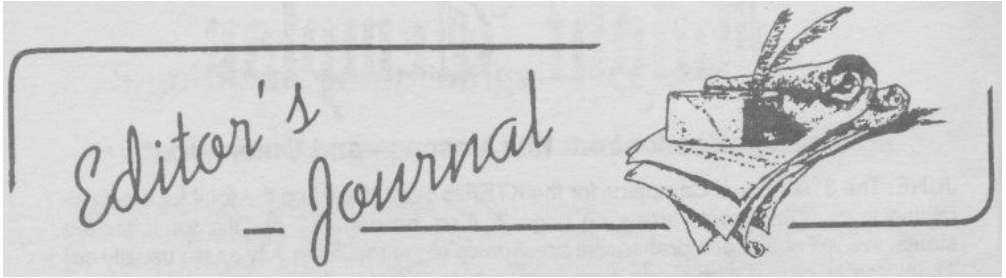
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## ***Templary's highest award...***

### **Our Cross of Honor**

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for the year 2003. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected fifty-three Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

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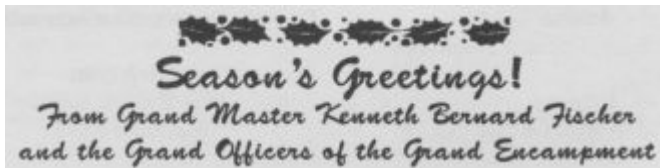
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## Grand Prelate's Christmas Message—2003



by Sir Knight and Reverend Thomas G. Keithly  
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment

*"Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."  
(St. Luke 2:13–14, KJV)*

As we approach this Christmas Season, we are saddened by the extent of evil being waged by the forces of darkness in this world. It is ironic that the place of the Christ Child's birth is a focus of hostility. We want to proclaim, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come," but wonder if the right people will hear the message. I was discussing this recently with a dear friend of mine and said I felt I must speak to this in my Christmas message as Grand Prelate to the Knights Templar. Three days later she presented me the attached poem. It says so well what is in my heart that I want to pass it on to you.

We have a challenge as successors to a Crusading Order of Knights to arm ourselves for *spiritual* warfare against the powers of evil, the enemies of justice and peace, and to participate with all true Christians in fighting the spiritual battle. We are enlisted to carry forward the banner of Him who was born to be "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

Christmas reminds us that we are not alone in this battle. If there were no sin, there would be no meanness in the world. Christ came precisely because we *need* salvation. So let us sing with joy this Christmas Season, because "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that we might have eternal life." Then, may we carry the light of that joy into the darkness around us in the year to come. A few years ago Julie Andrews said something like this: "It is not the things we do at Christmas, but the Christmas things we do all year long, that make the gift of our Lord important!

**May the peace of the Christ Child abide with you all year long!**



### **A Prayer in Time of Peril (for Christmas Time)**

Our times are in thy hand,  
O Lord. Protect us, if it be thy will,  
From plague and poison, fire and sword  
From snares that sicken, maim, or kill.

Let lion, leopard, wolf lie down  
With calf, kid, lamb in straw-filled stall.  
A virgin's son will wear the crown;  
A little child will lead them all.

We await the coming of thy day,  
The reign of righteousness and peace.  
Let ancient hatred end, we pray -  
Blood vengeance, feuds, and violence  
cease.

We have heard the distant "Peace on earth"  
That came upon the midnight clear  
As angels sang our Savior's birth  
And fearful shepherds dared draw near.

Bright heavenly light made night like day.  
The King of Glory Prince of Peace  
And Word made flesh in manger lay,  
The sinner's ransom and release.

And yet his own received him not,  
For men loved evil more than good.  
Soon rivulets ran red and hot  
With slaughtered infants' blameless blood.

Now missiles fall and bombs explode  
In crowded bus and packed café  
And donkey cart on dusty road;  
Shots cut down children as they play.

For peace on earth we pray, O Lord –  
Have ever prayed, by shock struck numb,  
As walls collapsed and cannon roared;  
In thy time only will it come.

Give us the armor of thy light  
And help us, Lord, to cast away  
The works of darkness, deeds of night,  
And walk as children of the day.

Even as with joyful reverence  
We seek the Christmas Child to greet,  
So may we with sure confidence  
Behold Christ on the Judgment Seat.

All praise to God who wondrously  
Created us from nothingness,  
And in yet greater mystery  
Redeemed us in our sinfulness

All praise to Holy Trinity  
For Advent hope and prophecy  
Made flesh in blest Nativity.

Amen,

Copyright 2003 by Susan Skelton. (The author is a friend and confidant of the R.E. Grand Prelate and wrote this especially for him and the Christmas Message for the *Knight Templar* magazine. She is a poet, sometime journalist, and devout member of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, Texas.)

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## Mission Accomplished! North Central Department Conference-2003

The North Central Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was held Saturday, October 25, 2003, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The arrangements were made in cooperation with Charles E. Bird, Regional Deputy Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, and Harlan F. Peterson, Regional Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council. The 2003 North Central York Rite Conference was under the general auspices of the General Grand Chapter.

The North Central Department Conference began at 8:00 A.M. and was completed at 4:00 P.M. The agenda was fully covered, and all of the items that had been specified by the Most Eminent Grand Master were included.

All of the officers of the Grand Encampment were present. Program participants included the following Sir Knights: Kenneth B. Fischer, Most Eminent Grand Master; Richard B. Baldwin, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; William H. Koon II, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; David D. Goodwin, Right Eminent Grand Captain General; Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder; William J. Jones, Most Eminent Past Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Treasurer; Dr. James N. Karnegis, Right Eminent North Central Department Commander; and Douglas L. Johnson, Right Eminent Past Northwestern Department Commander. Lawrence O. Presnell, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Wisconsin, gave the Invocation and Benediction, and Stanley P. Boyd, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Illinois, led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

There were 61 Knights Templar in attendance. As required by the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, officers present to represent their Grand Commanderies were as follows:

Grand Commandery	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Recorder
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<i>Nebraska</i>	Edward Morrow	Robert Wunder			Jay Speck
<i>North Dakota</i>	Neill Burnett				Merle Huhner
<i>South Dakota</i>		Richard Aldrich			Carl Pengra

The Conference produced much information, many suggestions, and lively discussion. It was not an event any Templar would want to miss!  
**Go Templars! Charge!**



## Message from the General Chairman The 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign

by Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, P.D.C. and G.C.G. of the Grand Encampment General Chairman of the Annual Voluntary Campaign

The 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign  
Begins...

*We are pleased to announce the 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign for your Knights Templar Eye Foundation! It will begin on December 1, 2003, and continue until April 30, 2004.*

As you know our Foundation provides eye care to needy recipients in excess of five million dollars a year and provides research dollars of approximately six hundred thousand dollars a year. With the decline in the return on our investments due to the economic climate, the Voluntary Campaign has become more important than ever. Each of us must do our part to assure the continued success of our Foundation.

Our goal from our Commanderies and individual contributors this year will be \$1,000,000. This is a very attainable goal if each Sir Knight will join us and contribute to the Campaign. We will be concentrating on raising the percentage of those giving this year over last year.

We will be recognizing those Sir Knights, Commanderies, and Grand Commanderies that make an outstanding effort on behalf of the Campaign. We will be detailing these recognition awards in future articles throughout the course of the Campaign. All of the goals will be reasonable and very attainable. We trust that each of you will aid the Campaign with your personal donation as



well as by assisting your Commandery in raising funds.

We are asking each Commandery to have fundraising efforts to increase their contributions this year. We will also address fund-raising ideas in this column during the Campaign.

Wills and bequests are a very important source of funding for our Foundation, although not counted in Campaign figures. Please consider including the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in your will.

You may obtain any needed information from the Eye Foundation office. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact me or the Eye Foundation office. We all stand ready to meet your requests.

We wish to thank all of the Sir Knights and ladies in advance for their support of our fine Templar Masonic charity. With your help we are confident that we will exceed our goal!

May Almighty GOD bless you as you do HIS work through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation!

My family joins with me in wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Courteously,  
Dave

Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, Grand Captain General, P.D.C., and the General Chairman of the 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, is a member of Malta Commandery No. 21, Endicott, New York, and The Empire State Commandery No. 83, Rochester, New York. He resides at 1509 Campus Drive, Vestal, NY 13850-4036

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Happy New Year!*



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## **On Considering the Order of the Temple**

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**Don't you think everyone loves a celebration? Don't you think everyone would be eager to go to a celebration?**

***"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."***

(Matthew 2:10, KJV)

A Christian Mason is made a Knight Templar when he receives the Order of the Temple. The essence here is that the Order is founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. Becoming a Knight of the Temple is the final goal in York Rite Masonry. It is the culmination of a search for light and a quest for eternal life. It is evident, then, that the Christmas season, i.e., the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is analogous to the Order of the Temple, which is itself a celebration of our Christian essence and the birth of a Knight Templar. This clearly stamps the ceremony of Knighting as an extraordinary event. It is a landmark achievement in Masonic education and experience. It is the expression of our Masonic Fraternity in a Christian context!

***"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning."***

(Proverbs 1:5, KJV)

As the Pilgrim begins his journey through the Order of the Temple, he learns many things. Unable to defend himself as he treads his weary way, he experiences indignities but also receives lessons of comfort and consolation. Eventually, he is able to make the necessary pledge and is permitted to take up the sword and actively to defend the honor of Knighthood. He thus becomes prepared to receive the lessons of faith and humility. These accomplishments are then crowned by participating in the fifth libation. Here the great lesson dealing with the mortality of the body and the immortality of the soul is vividly portrayed. The Pilgrim is thereupon formally Knighted and admitted into the Order of the Temple, being enlisted under the banner of Emmanuel.

York Rite ritual is particularly beautiful and meaningful. It is difficult to give preeminence to any one part. York Rite ritual can be compared to a Christmas tree that has been decorated with many ornaments, each of which has its own individual significance and beauty.

The Order of the Temple, however, is like the star on top of the Christmas tree. It crowns the tree and covers the tree with its light.

The Order of the Temple is great drama. The critical life lessons, which it teaches, are powerfully displayed. The awareness of the salvation that is ours through the sacrifice on Mount Calvary is sharpened and brought into brilliant focus. Here we find the great lessons of the human condition wrapped in beauty of word and presentation and well

exemplified in the birth of a new Knight Templar. All of this is available to us if we simply participate in or attend the Order of the Temple.

***"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."***  
(Psalms 51:10, KJV)

**Don't you think that a real benefit accrues to a Knight Templar if he renews this experience whenever possible?**

Surely, it is doubtful that, in our frail human condition, one exposure is sufficient to last us our entire lifetime and to prepare us for the Day of Judgment. The conferrals of the Order of the Temple give us continued opportunities to refresh our awareness of our tenets and to view with pleasure a dazzling drama. This being true, it would be reasonable to expect that crowds of Knights Templar would seek to press their way into the asylum when the Order of the Temple is conferred. It would be expected that they would be seen coming from the four points of the compass in happy expectation of this spectacular event and to renew their faith in their Lord and Savior. But is this what happens in most Commanderies? Few, if any, will be able to verify this scenario.

A frequent picture is that it is difficult to round up a sufficient number of members to make up the cast. Then, unfortunately, sometimes those who have been conscripted stumble around, trying to read from the ritual book words they cannot pronounce and which they do not understand.

***"The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing."***  
(Proverbs 20:4, KJV)

**Why do we err?**

We may err because we do not present our work in an impressive and professional way. We may err because we do not teach the new Sir Knight the significance and implications of his now being a Christian Knight. We may err because we do not continually highlight to the members of the Commandery the importance of the Order of the Temple. We may err because we allow ourselves to succumb to the temptations of the world that surrounds us and end up devoting our time and energy to those seductive activities, rather than to the benefit of our soul. We may err because it is easier to be lazy and to do nothing. We may err because we are ignorant and do not educate ourselves. We may err because our leadership, i.e., our dais officers and especially our Commander, do not exert leadership. We may err for many other reasons, as well.

***"Then said I, Lord, how long?"***  
(Isaiah 6:11, KJV)

**How long will our deficiencies continue? We await your answer.**

***"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..."*** (James 1:22, KJV)

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## ***Historical Sketch of...*** **The Knights Templar**

Some historians trace the present-day Order of Knights Templary directly to the Order of the Temple that was founded soon after the capital of the Holy Land was captured centuries ago.

Important events do prove that the modern Order of Knights Templar has descended through devious paths from these ancient warriors - the Crusaders.

In 1118 nineteen years after the conquest of Jerusalem by the Crusaders, Hugh de Payens was installed Grand Master, and Baldwin II, King of Jerusalem, granted them quarters in the sacred enclosure of the Temple of Solomon. They became known as "The Knighthood of the Temple of Solomon," "Knights Templar," or Knights of the Temple." Thus the name is a direct inheritance.

In 1146 the Templars unfolded the Red Cross Banner on the field of battle. They wore the Red Cross upon their garments, which distinguished them from the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, who wore the White Cross. Today the Red Cross is an important insignia in the Order.

On April 6th, 1199, King Richard I (Coeur de Lion) "The Lion Heart," died. Many Commanderies of the United States bear the name honoring this ancient Crusader. Among them are Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 23, New York

City; Coeur de Lion No. 17, Scranton, Pennsylvania; there is No. 64 in Cleveland, Ohio and others in various states.

After the fall of Jerusalem in 1187, the Order withdrew to Acre - and to Cyprus in 1291.

Commanderies in every state bear the names of Jerusalem, Cyprus, Palestine, Crusader and others important in the history of the Crusades.

March 18th, 1313, Jacques de Molay, then Grand Master, with four other distinguished Brethren, was burned at the stake, on the Isle de la Citi, Paris, near the spot where now stands the equestrian statue of Henry IV. Thus perished the last Grand Master of the original Order of the Temple.

The memory of the ancient Templars is commemorated by the modern Templars through emblems, names, historical episodes, and the highest ideals of Knighthood.

After the overthrow (not destruction) of the Order of Knights Templar throughout Europe, through many sources the existence of the Order was protected from complete annihilation.

There are several channels, deemed to be feasible and authentic, from which the Order may claim rightful succession. This statement is justified by the following facts:

Four years after the death of Jacques de Molay, Dennis, King of Portugal, in 1317, reestablished the Order of the Temple in his dominions.



In France, Johannes Larmenius was elected successor to Jacques de Molay, from which came the French Templars. The charter is preserved in Paris. It was from this line that the Duke of Sussex (1824), then Grand Master of Masons in England, received authority to establish a Grand Conclave in England.

Upon the death of Jacques de Molay, the Grand Master of the Templars, Pierre d'Aumont, the Provincial Grand Master of Auvergne, with two Commanders and five Knights, went to Scotland where they continued the Order.

On St. John's Day, 1313, d'Aumont was made Grand Master. These Knights became Freemasons. In 1361 the Grand Master removed his headquarters to Old Aberdeen, and from that time the Order, as a Masonic body, spread rapidly through France, Germany, Spain, and to other countries.

Laurie in his history of Freemasonry in Scotland assures us that, "The Knights of the Temple were introduced into Scotland before 1153, by King David I. During the persecutions of the Order in the fourteenth century the Knights took refuge with Robert Bruce, who founded the Masonic "Order of Heredom" or "Royal Order of Scotland," after the battle of Bannockburn, 1314, and became Grand Master.

In the reign of James IV (1488) a union was affected between the Knights of the Temple and of St. John.

Then there are those historians who claim authority from Prince Charles Edward and his adherents, the Templars of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Also there were the English Templars, with authority in a body called "Baldwyn Encampment," that formed with encampments from London, Bath, York, and Salisbury, supposed to have united with the Masonic Fraternity.

We may assume that the Order of Knights Templar was transmitted to the United States by a few Sir Knights who, having received the Order in England, Scotland, or Ireland, emigrated or were sent as soldiers to this country.

It is a known historical fact that Templar Masonry was introduced into New England through British soldiers. October 1st, 1768, several regiments of British soldiers arrived in Boston. The Army Lodges with these regiments brought a knowledge of the Order of the Temple. They affiliated with the Lodge of St. Andrew of Boston, with its charter from Scotland, and worked under the same "Ancient" system as the British Army Lodges.

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## ***A CHRISTMAS PRAYER***

*His birth was foretold many years before  
By prophets revealing God's word.  
A Messiah was part of this people's lore  
He would be the Son of our Lord.*

*What did the people expect of Him  
This Saviour about whom they talked.  
What miracles to perform when life was grim  
And death followed wherever they walked.*

*The Romans had conquered their precious land  
And made slaves of the people therein.  
This nation which formerly was so grand  
Now suffered because of their sin.*

*Christ seemed the answer to their prayer,  
He could lead them to freedom's great joy  
And perhaps would defeat the conqueror there  
And the bonds of slavery destroy.*

*But they didn't perceive Christ's mission of love,  
Of its message to each person's needs  
And grant us freedom which comes from above  
To release us from blame for our deeds.*

*Christ freed us from death and from our sins  
When He died for you and for me,  
And spoke of mansions where life begins  
Which believers will certainly see.*

*So we thank God today for His blessings of life  
As we honor the birth of His Son,  
Who has given us peace and saved us from strife  
And has blessed our lives every one.*

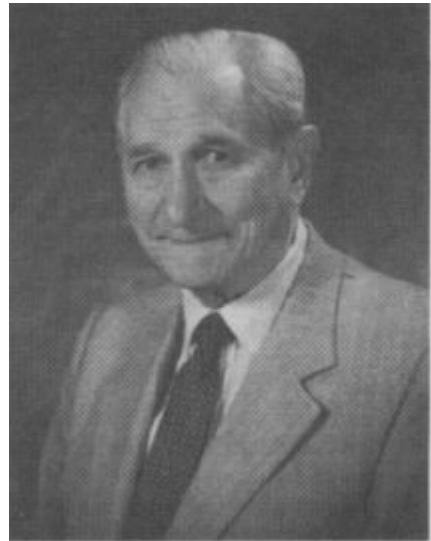
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## **Brother Robert T. Secret: the Muskingum Valley Conservative Democrat**

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

The Muskingum Valley of eastern Ohio has contributed its share of political legends to the American scene ranging from Rufus Putnam, who helped found the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to 1950's Governor and Supreme Court Judge, C. William O'Neill. Within the last century probably none could match the success of a moderate to conservative Democrat named Robert Secret, who served ten terms in the U.S. Congress and an additional ten years in the Ohio legislature. He managed to do this in an area generally dominated by Republicans. A Mason for sixty-six years, Brother Bob had his share of admirers and critics, but in his locale he could claim almost everyone as a friend. Secret's political rivals within Republican ranks also included a considerable number of Masonic Brothers, some of which were also his friends.

Robert Thompson Secret was born in Noble County just outside Senecaville, Ohio, on January 22, 1904. His parents were Ralph and Amelia Thompson Secret; the former was a farmer and was also employed as a coal miner at various times. Bob lived a typical life of rural youth; attending school, working as a farm laborer, and even toiling some in the mines. When he finished high school, Bob went to Muskingum College in New Concord (later famous as the hometown of astronaut, Brother and Senator John Glenn, who was only a baby when



Brother Bob Secret, ca. 1984  
courtesy of the Valley of Cambridge  
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Secret started his higher education). The future congressman earned an A.B. degree in 1926 and expected to spend his working life as a school teacher. He had, in fact, a brief experience as a teacher at the one-room Opperman School in 1922. After another brief pedagogical fling at the junior high in the county seat of Cambridge, he became high school principal in his hometown of Senecaville, a post he held for some five years.

Robert Secret began his Masonic journey early in 1928 when he was initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 11, 1928, in Point Pleasant Lodge No. 360 in nearby Pleasant City. (There was no lodge in Senecaville.) He was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 8, 1928, and Raised a Master Mason on March 28, 1928. He retained his

membership in Point Pleasant until his death some sixty-six years later. Becoming very much the joiner, Secrest also belonged to the Odd Fellows, Eagles, Elks, and Patrons of Husbandry (Grange). On November 28, 1929, the young principal married Virginia Bowden, who bore the affectionate nickname "Dutch." The marriage resulted in two daughters, Nancy Ann and Mary Jane, and a son, Robert Thompson Secrest, Jr. Virginia Secrest passed away on August 10, 1990. Both Bob and Virginia belonged to the Eastern Star in Pleasant City. Both also belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

Bob Secrest entered politics seemingly as a near afterthought. When Noble County's Representative to the Ohio House, H. D. Hune, decided not to seek another term in 1928, he talked the young school principal into running for the office. That turned out to be a very poor time to begin a quest for office for a Democrat, as both GOP candidate for President, Herbert Hoover, and Governor Myers Cooper won election by a landslide and very few non-Republicans won anything. Still, Secrest, whose opponent S. W. Burlingame said he was too young, made a strong bid for the seat losing by a close vote of 3,249 to 3,513. Two years later, it was a different story as the economy was falling into a severe depression, and it was the Republican's turn to be on the defensive. This time Secrest defeated Burlingame by the comfortable margin of 4,184 to 2,692. By all accounts, Secrest was always a strong campaigner.

The Ohio legislature was not a full-time job during the thirties, and Bob Secrest moved to another teaching job as head of the Murray City schools in

Hocking County. Meanwhile he also decided to challenge a seven-term, incumbent congressman, Republican C. Ellis Moore, in the six-county Fifteenth Congressional District. The Great Depression made things difficult for the GOP, and Secrest rode into office on Franklin D. Roosevelt's coattails 50,313 to 38,113, a margin of 12,200 votes. One of his major campaign points was championing the early release of the World War I Veteran's Bonus, a hot issue at the time. From that point, he never taught school again and served in Congress for nearly a decade, resigning to enter the U.S. Navy on August 3, 1942.

Still, the Fifteenth District, normally Republican, had its challenges. In both 1934 and 1936, he faced strong competition from another educator-politician, Kenneth C. Ray of Morgan County, a member of Clemente Amity Lodge No. 285 in Reinersville. The two had served together in the Ohio House and were, in fact, close friends. Ray's son John, a retired physician in Zanesville, recalls that the two often campaigned together, and as Secrest frequently had car trouble, Ray often drove him to public appearances. Ray carried Morgan County both times but came up short in the whole district losing by respective margins of 8,772 and 11,210. Ken Ray later enjoyed a distinguished career as an educational appointee serving as head of the Ohio school system in the Bricker Administration (1939-1945), as a federal administrator under Eisenhower and as a faculty member at Ohio University, but he never bested Secrest in an election. The year 1938 saw a strong GOP comeback at the polls, and Secrest faced another tough challenge from Percy W. Griffiths, a former

Marietta College football coach, auto dealer, mayor of the city, and member of American Union Lodge No. 1. Griffiths ran especially well in Muskingum County but came up 3,670 votes behind Secrest; however, in 1940 Bob coasted to an easy victory over Clair Young. During his early years in Congress, Bob's main achievements probably came in the form of his efforts on the Public Works Committee in helping to make the Muskingum River Conservancy Program a reality, particularly Lake Seneca.

The coming of World War II changed the Secrest focus. He resigned from Congress on August 3, 1942, and entered the U.S. Navy, during which time he served in England, North Africa, Italy, and the Pacific, rising to the rank of commander. For fifteen months his duties included being on the staff of Admiral Chester Nimitz. Discharged on February 28, 1946, he soon entered the race for his old seat in Congress.

Meanwhile, the Fifteenth District had returned to the GOP fold. With Secrest in military service, Percy Griffiths had captured the seat in both 1942 and 1944, and in 1946 he sought a third term. Dissatisfaction with the Truman Administration peaked that fall, and it was not a good year for Democrats, even for a returning war hero. Griffiths won the race by 4,405 votes with Secrest winning only Noble County by 246 and losing what was increasingly considered his home county, Guernsey, by 22. Two years later, however, a different situation existed, and Secrest recaptured the seat by a margin of 10,281 with Griffiths carrying only Morgan County. After Bob won an easy victory in 1950, Brother Griffiths made a last challenge in

1952, but Bob had become entrenched, and even the popularity of Eisenhower was of little help to the Marietta man as Secrest won by a 27,947 margin in an enlarged district that now included Perry County. By this time Veteran's Affairs had become the Congressman's major specialty. He maintained active connections with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other veterans' groups long after he had retired from politics.

Meanwhile Brother Secrest continued his Masonic sojourn. In the fall of 1953, he took the Scottish Rite work in the Valley of Cambridge through the 18°. As Cambridge did not confer the Consistory degrees until 1955, he did not become a 32° Mason until September 8, 1958. Secrest subsequently became a member of Aladdin Shrine Temple in Columbus. On January 3, 1973, he received an honorary membership in Summerfield Lodge No. 425. On September 28, 1977, he received the 33° in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Brother Bob once wrote that "since my career was a mobile one," he never held any offices in his Blue Lodge, but it has been noted that he spoke often at various Masonic functions.

Although he now occupied a safe seat, Robert T. Secrest took on a new challenge when President Eisenhower appointed him to the Federal Trade Commission; he resigned on September 26, 1954. A Perry County Democrat Max Underwood (son of Mell Underwood of New Lexington Lodge No. 250, who had been a congressional colleague of Secrest) replaced him; however, Republicans again took the Fifteenth District with a new face, two-term Guernsey County State Representative, Brother

John Earl Henderson (33<sup>rd</sup> at the Valley of Cambridge in 1966). Henderson served three terms and retired, after which Brother Tom V. Moorehead of Zanesville, a longtime GOP State Senator, narrowly took the seat in 1960.

Meanwhile Brother Secrest's term on the F.T.C. expired at the end of 1961, and the Guernsey County man was appointed Director of Commerce in the cabinet of Ohio Governor Mike DiSalle. When William Rider resigned as the Democratic 15th District Congressional nominee in mid-1962, local Democrats designated Bob as his replacement. Back in his favorite role of campaigning again, Bob bucked a Republican trend and took the seat from Moorehead by a narrow plurality of 3,761 votes.

In 1964 Secrest won his biggest congressional victory by defeating former Washington County Prosecuting Attorney, Randall Metcalf (of American Union Lodge No. 1 and the Marietta York Rite Bodies) in a landslide vote of 62,438 to 31,803, sweeping every county in the district. Ironically, Metcalf's father, Brother Verner Metcalf, had been a popular state Senator in the thirties and later an Appellate Court Judge (and District Deputy Grand Master) in many of the same counties as the Secrest district.

Unfortunately, that would be Secrest's last victorious congressional race. A court ordered redistricting led to the abolition of the old Fifteenth District and placed it in the Columbus area, where Brother Chalmers P. Wylie would hold the seat for another generation. Meanwhile, Guernsey County became part of the Seventeenth District, which had been

held for some sixteen years by another popular incumbent, the articulate conservative Republican, John M. Ashbrook (of Center Lodge No. 86 in Johnstown, Ohio). In another ironic twist, Ashbrook's father, Brother William A. Ashbrook, had been an anti-New Deal, conservative, Democratic congressman prior to his death on January 1, 1940, and he and Secrest were colleagues. While Secrest had been the most conservative Democrat in the Ohio congressional delegation, he still looked like a liberal to the younger Ashbrook. While Secrest did well in familiar counties like Guernsey and Muskingum, most of the battle was fought on Ashbrook turf, and the latter prevailed by a margin of 14,101 votes.

The Secrest career had hardly ended as he came back in 1968 as a candidate for the state Senate. Former rival Tom Moorehead had been chosen for a two-year term in 1966, and Secrest challenged him for a full four-year term. Bob made Moorehead's comeback a short one by beating him by some 30,798 votes. Moorehead was probably ready for retirement at age seventy, but Secrest must have given the veteran lawmaker nightmares. Bob Secrest went on to serve a second term in the state Senate, winning his last victory in 1972 over the little known Clyde C. Hardesty by a vote of 82,830 to 40,147, his only two-to-one victory in a series of contests that began forty-four years earlier.

Robert T. Secrest retired at the end of his term in 1976. With his retirement his senate district went back into Republican hands as Brother Sam Speck of New Concord (a 1988 Valley of Cambridge, 33<sup>rd</sup>) easily

defeated his Democratic opponent. Secrest and Speck must have enjoyed a good relationship because when "Dutch" Secrest died in 1990, Speck helped with the service at her funeral. During his half-century in politics, Brother Bob had won so many honors that it would double the length of this article just to list them.

Robert Thompson Secrest lived on until his death on May 15, 1994. During his latter years he was widely regarded as an elder statesman in the Muskingum Valley. When he received his fifty-year pin in Point Pleasant Lodge, Brother Glenn Arnold, an active Scottish and York Rite Mason, was flattered to be asked to present it. Unlike many well-known Masons, Brother Secrest did leave some written comments on the fraternity which are quoted herein:

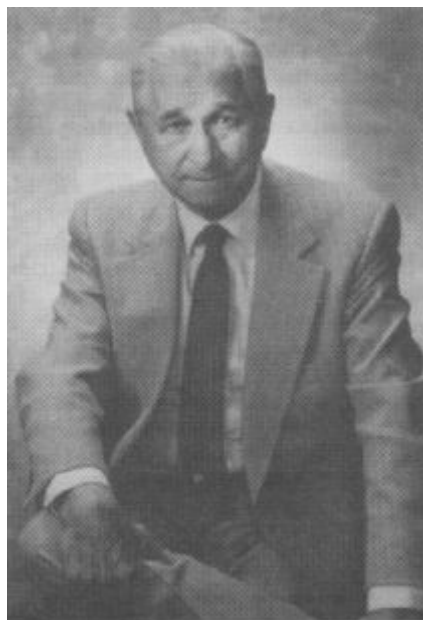
"The lessons learned in Masonry transcend into everyday life. Its philosophy fits into one's own life and forms the basic rules and conduct we should each live with. Everything should have its basis in good words and deeds. Early and often attendance in lodge helped and still does today, to formulate and reinforce our beliefs. Masonry has a tremendous positive influence on everyone it comes in contact with, either directly or indirectly, and cannot help but have an uplifting effect on the lives it touches."

Much of the world may have forgotten the highly successful state and national legislator who became a legend in the Muskingum Valley, but his name lives on in that region. The Secrest Auditorium in Zanesville, The Robert T. Secrest Senior Citizen Center in Senecaville, and a life-size statue in

front of the court house in Cambridge all serve as reminders of the Democrat who became a legend in an area generally dominated by Republicans, many of whom also held him in high esteem. As a man and as a Mason, he stood tall.

*Note: No biography exists of Brother Secrest, but this sketch has been put together with congressional directories, election statistics, material supplied by Brother Chad Simpson of the staff of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, recollections from my own memory, and a file of documents held by the Valley of Cambridge, A.A.S.R., and made available by Sir Knight E. Glenn Arnold, Secretary of the Valley of Cambridge.*

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Brother Bob Secrest, ca. 1984  
courtesy of the Valley of Cambridge  
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## Grand Commander's Reception at St. Elmo No. 9, Meriden, Connecticut



September 2003 there was a reception for the Grand Commander of Connecticut, Sir Knight Edwin F. Dingus, at St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Meriden, Connecticut. Above, left: the James A. Grace Award was presented by Grand Commander Dingus to Sir Knight Richard L. Smail (right) for meritorious service. Above, right: the Award of Appreciation was presented to Sir Knight Wesley Alexander (right), Eminent Commander of Elmo No. 9, for the Commandery's participation in the Knights Templar Campaign (exceeding \$10.00 per member), and the third picture, at right, shows Sir Knight James A. Grace (left), P.G.C., and Sir Knight Arthur M. Pugh (right), P.G.C.

The Most Eminent Price Hall Grand Commander, Sir Knight William D. McLean and his corps of officers were also present for the dinner and festivities.



## Tennessee Commandery Sells Lapel Pin to Benefit KTEF

Manchester Commandery No. 40, Manchester, Tennessee, is pleased to announce that it has created a new lapel pin. The pin is a replica of an early 1900's Knight Templar apron and is beautifully decorated in black with gold trim and in symbolism that is familiar to every Knight Templar.

This pin is a great way for all Sir Knights to proudly display their membership in the organization when not in uniform. They sell for \$6.00 each including shipping and handling, and 100% of the profits from the sale of these pins will go directly to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



Manchester No. 40 has received great response from other pin sales. For the first time they have achieved donations of \$10.00 per member or more during the 2002-2003 Annual Voluntary Campaign. Their goal is to make that \$15.00 per member for the 2003-2004 Campaign starting in December.

Other pins are available at a cost of \$6.00 each, and they include a Blue Lodge/Commandery pin, a Knight Crusader of the Cross pin, and a Malta pin. **Again, all profits go to KTEF.**

Make checks/MO payable to: Manchester Commandery No. 40, and send them to: Garry L. Carter, Recorder; 424 Winchester Hwy; Hillsboro; TN 37342



# The Fraternity Should *Not* Resort to Advertising!

by Sir Knight Barry Eastham, KYCH, 32°

This article is being written in response to an article appearing in the August 2003 issue of *Knight Templar* magazine. The article appeared on page 22, and is titled "Road Signs - A Key to Masonic Vitality."

Before reading this article, please take note that this is NOT directed against the author of the article, Sir Knight James A. Marples. It is, however, directed against a pattern of thought that is running rampant in this country, and I feel this pattern of thought will be the death of true Freemasonry.

I begin with the subject of the road signs, and although I do "veer off" and go into other subjects, I feel the rest of the issues addressed go hand in hand with this particular thought pattern. This article is meant to be read with the Blue lodge, York Rite, and Scottish Rite in mind, not the Shrine.

The opinions expressed in this article are my own, and as such I am fully prepared to accept any and all criticism from the printing of the article, but I know that I am not alone in my opinions, and I truly feel that myself and others with these opinions rarely see them in print in such magazines. We silently go about our business, we avoid confrontation, and we let such ideas grow until they are too old and accepted to be seen as being wrong or false, because it's "always been done that way"; however, I feel we are the "silent majority."

The main thrust of the article "Road Signs" is that signs advertising where we are and when we meet are vitally important to our survival. They provide good advertisement for men who may be interested in our order but may be too busy or shy to ask about it. They let people know what an excellent community organization we belong to, etc., etc., etc.

To all this, I say humbug! We have gone on long enough trying to "put ourselves in the public eye." Leave the

signs to the true community organizations, those that are public oriented, such as those listed by Sir Knight Marples: the Lions, Elks, Kiwanis, Moose, IOOF, and Eagles.

I am not in any way knocking these organizations, for they are excellent organizations and fulfill a purpose. All of them (with the possible exception of the IOOF) are all public oriented.

Sorry, but Masonry IS a secret organization and should be treated as such. It is NOT a "community organization that stretches around the globe." It is a private organization for the individual man with members the world over.

Obviously, this mistake of thinking of our order as another community organization comes from people who have no idea how Masonry is viewed outside the borders of this country. We are degenerating our Fraternity (in this country) into a money-driven machine that cannot function without large membership lists and even larger bank accounts.

Brothers, everyone needs to take a good long look at this order outside of our country, for this would help us to understand how we have deviated from our principles. Brothers in England, Scotland, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, and all over Europe laugh at the idea of the Fraternity being so much in the public eye. The Fraternity is viewed there (rightly) as a very personal thing, a spiritual journey, not something to be touted to everyone on the street.

We are concentrating way too much on pleasing "John Q Public" and not enough on our self-development. It seems that things such as "PR campaigns" and our philanthropies have supplanted our spiritual journey, but the journey itself will naturally lead to charity for our fellow man, if we are not there already; however, **it seems that many are not interested at all in the quest.**

There is an old saying about the human mind which says, "garbage in, garbage out," meaning that if the mind is fed with trash what can it put out but trash?

The same is true of our Fraternity. Freemasonry is not for everyone. If a man is too busy to ask about our order, then we don't need him. We have enough of those guys.

I realize that some Brothers do have jobs and lives which require much of their time, but how many of those men are actually out there? How many of our Brothers are not active or seeking the journey simply because they don't want to? Maybe there's a ball game on TV they'd rather see? If you take in men who are not committed, then what have you gained besides another dues payer? Yet this is all that matters to some.

Publicize nothing: not on a road sign, not in a newspaper, and if you must do it on your person, be discreet.

How many times have you been to some public function and run across a Brother with about ten pounds of Masonic lapel pins on the lapels of his suit? That's kind of tacky and does nothing except show your bad taste in dressing.

Leave the publicity to our Brothers, the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. They have an unsurpassed charity driven by an excellent PR system that is helping millions of people each year, and they have the people who know how to operate it.

If you don't think we should be secret, then how about our at least being private? There is a lot to be said for mystery, but we seem to want to throw everything out in the public view. Our public appearances should be very few and far between, but most impressive when they do happen. I say, close the doors! It's none of the public's business what it is that we do!

Stop begging men to join. The heretical mass initiations must stop. Grand Lodges are actually revoking charters from subordinate lodges that refuse to participate in this travesty!

Why is this so? We are not educated concerning what we are and what we are supposed to be doing. The spiritual

education must begin. We must draw from the current of forces that we invoke when performing our work and not take for granted what it is that we are doing.

I have often thought that those who feel they must prove to the public that "we have nothing to hide" are in fact trying to placate themselves. They feel guilty about being involved in our order because they have not truly come to us without the least equivocation or free from mental reservations. Perhaps, they have listened to the ignorant who have labeled us as evil; most likely, however, it is that they have no idea what it is they are truly involved with.

Albert Pike put it very well when he stated that we are the spiritual successors of the ancient mysteries. Our order is the "great grandfather" of all surviving strains of the Western mystery tradition and should be treated with the respect due to it. We should not be lumped in with all the other organizations that are active in our community because we are different. They are for the community spirit, we are for the spirit of the man.

Also, our allegiance should be to an idea, not to an organization. Grand Lodges do not define who we are, we do. I am loyal to my Grand Lodge and other parent bodies only so long as they continue to represent the true spirit of Freemasonry. When this ceases, so will my loyalty to that organization.

If this had always been the case for all men who have passed our portals, we would have ensured that this representation will not cease. We teach that man is sovereign over institutions. I feel many of us forget that.

We have been given a precious gift, Brothers. Let it not die while it is in our care. Let's not turn it into something it was never meant to be. Just because our Fraternity loses members does not mean we are dying. In my opinion, it means that the world is dying; we are merely a reflection of that. The true Masons will keep this Fraternity alive, no matter how few we are. A very good friend of mine put it quite well when he

said: "A smaller *fraternity* is not necessarily a worse fraternity."

Finally, my Brothers, remember: We will attract the true seekers in due time, and we will not need a road sign to do it. When the pupil is ready, the teacher will appear one way or another. God provides this, and the cyclical nature of the cosmos teaches that at any given time there will be more seekers in a certain epoch than another. Are we on a downturn? Yes, it does seem that way, but surely, this too we will survive. Make no mistake about it!

### **Past Master Stein to Benefit The Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

This Past Master stein was produced as a dedication to Brother William Mumpower, Jr. and Brother George Spielman and all Brothers who are Past Masters in the Blue Lodge. The stein is 7 and 1/2 inches tall, and it is made of white German porcelain and has a pewter lid. On top of the lid is the Holy Bible, in front of the stein is the Past Master's symbol, and other artwork is on each side of the Past Master symbol. The stein has Matthew 7:7 on the bottom of the stein. This stein is very colorful. The price of the stein is \$60.00, and for each stein sold through the *Knights Templar* magazine, there will be a \$10.00 donation to the KTEF. If interested, please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, PO Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052

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*We should repeat often: No individual view of any writer is particularly representative of Grand Encampment principles. We believe that contradictory positions aired in the magazine are healthy for all Masonic organizations.*



### **Sale of Afghan-Throw to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**



Tapestry throw is made of 100% cotton and has many advantages over the old triple-weave design because it has 360 picks per square inch, which enhances the color immensely. There are new items in this design, including the 3 steps to Freemasonry. It has a black and white checkered floor leading up to the center column, and the compass and square are larger and enhanced with a cluster of leaves symbolizing Acacia of Freemasonry. The afghan measures 48-in, by 60-in, and is lightweight but weaved very tight for definition.

There are only 1,000 of these afghans made, and each one comes with a beautiful certificate so that you may write your important dates of Freemasonry on it. The price is \$48.00 each, including shipping in the US. A donation of \$5.00 for each one sold will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Send check or money order to: Sandra Knotts, PO Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087

## 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](http://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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-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.

*Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!*  
*..from the Staff of the Grand Encampment*



The Grand Encampment staff persons are, left to right: top: Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder, and Sir Knight James O. Potter, comptroller; middle: Karla Neumann, accounting and database supervisor, and Sylvia Ericksen, database operator; bottom: Joan Morton, assistant editor, and Bessie Cooper, word processor.



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.

For sale: lapel pins. The 64th Triennial Conclave Committee is offering a lapel pin (2 knights on horseback) for \$6.00 each, including S & H. Checks payable to 64th Triennial Conclave Committee, C/O E. K. Longworth; 502 Wentworth Avenue, N.E.; Roanoke; VA 24012-3545. This is a fund-raiser for the 64th Triennial Conclave.

Wanted to buy: gold-plated Eminent Commander's sword with scabbard - must be in good condition. I am willing to pay fair price. C. Shirley Edgerton, 115 S. Sycamore Street, Petersburg, VA 23803

For sale: old Knight Templar sword, 36 inches long, beautifully engraved, and made by McIlilly & Co. of Columbus, Ohio: \$250.00. Marianne Howard, 5919 S. Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46807; e-mail howardmaestro@aol.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.texasorkrite.org/ties.htm](http://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; 0:349-9933; e-mail [jnh.kt@hzhzlaw.com](mailto:jnh.kt@hzhzlaw.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, \$500 each additional item, \$1.00. Percentage to York Rite and Masonic charities. Checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., P.C.; 60 Manor Road; 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 Caradona, P.C., D.Z.O., 23 Gail Court, Staten Island, NY 10306-2234, (718) 987-4532

Ostrich feathers: Griffin Commandery No. 35, Fayetteville, Georgia, has a fund-raiser to supply new Knights with equipment and provide a portion of the profits to the KTEF. Replace those worn out feathers on your chapeau. The bleached white feathers are a minimum of 23 inches long and 8 inches wide. Price per feather is \$15.00 plus \$5.00 S & H while quantities last. Check or MO and request to Mark Johnson, 291 Buckeye Road, Fayetteville, GA 30214-3139; order online [mjfayette@aol.com](mailto:mjfayette@aol.com)

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 and handling. For further details or brochure Tom Starnes, 156 Utica Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150, (716) 693-7226 or e-mail [tonawasta@adelphia.net](mailto:tonawasta@adelphia.net). Checks to K.T. Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.

For sale: Middle Georgia Chapter No. 165, RAM., the first R.A.M. Chapter to be chartered in Georgia in 25 years, is selling their newly minted shekels for \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00, postpaid. They are mounted in a 2 x 2 coin folder and come with a certificate of authenticity. Orders to Chuck Smith, 6559 Cypress Drive, Eastman, GA 31023; e-mail [chappy31023@yahoo.com](mailto:chappy31023@yahoo.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 the 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 P. Pat Davis, 8359 Morse Road, New Albany, OH 43054; online at [www.ppdavis1@earthlink.net](http://www.ppdavis1@earthlink.net)

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 taillights, 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. & A.M., 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 & A.M.; 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

We still have some 1756 anniversary celebration medallions left. They bear a likeness of Lafayette on one side and have symbolic emblems on the reverse. Price is \$5.00 plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Send to Lafayette Lodge No. 14, AF & AM.; PO Box 1; Rockland; DE 19732-0001

Scotch Ireland Lodge No. 154, Cleveland, North Carolina, has coins for sale celebrating 150 years of Freemasonry. During the Civil War General Stoneman burned every building in Cleveland except the Masonic Lodge. These coins have the working tools on one side and the Lodge name and number, the outline of NC, 150 years, town, County, state, and 1853-2003 on the other side. These can be purchased for \$6.00, postpaid. Send orders to Steve McNeely, 2885 Back Creek Church Road, Mount Ulla, NC 28125

Available is 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 WTC Disaster Fund and KTEF. S. Kenneth Banl, 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., PO 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: the book, The History of Freemasonry in Tennessee, by Charles Snodgrass and Bobby J. Demott. It is 483 pages long and \$30.00, postpaid. Make check payable to and order from Bob Demoit, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921. % 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. 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

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. Especially wanted are Iowa, Michigan, and Alaska. Maurice Stork, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Rd, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585

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. Please do contact me! Robert L. Tedeschi, PO Box 1198, Main Post Office, Ward Street, Paterson, NJ 07509

Wanting to buy: Masonic cachets and first day covers. Also buying: covers and stamp collections. G. B. Adkins, Rt. 1, Box 152A, Keyser, WV 26726, (304) 788-3783, gadkins@pennswoods.net

For sale: beautifully designed commemorative coins, "custom made by Masons for Masons," competitively priced to fit your Masonic budget, available in antique gold, bronze, silver, or copper, with or without color inlays and hand finished to a beautiful finesse. Coin thickness is 118 inch. A thicker medal is also available. Delivery time takes 3 to 4 weeks with no color, 4 to 5 weeks with color. Rush service available for a small fee. These coins are perfect for your fund-raisers, lodge anniversaries, and other occasions. Just tell us what you want, and we'll turn it into a custom coin to fit the occasion. Custom lapel pins are also available. Special Masonic discounts are available to all Masons when order is placed within 30 days of a written quote. Call or e-mail Frank Looser, PM.; for your discount quote: coins@interactive.com - 800-765-1728.5% of profits go to KTEF.

Wanted: Sir Knight needs belt buckles for his collection. James Roush, 61209 Spencer Rd, Cassopolis, MI 49031; e-mail baldy@beanstalk.net

I would like to thank all the Sir Knights who have mailed me old fishing lures and related fishing catalogues for my collection, as well as items for the tackle boxes I give to any youngster between the ages of 12 and 16 who does not have a father living at home. 203 kids have received a rod, reel, and a tackle box full of fishing equipment to get them started in the hobby. I feel this will keep them out of trouble. Please mail any lures you have to me, and I will call you with my offer. If not accepted, lures will be returned with the postage you paid. Dick Laneou, P.G.D.C.; 19865 NW. 94 Drive, Okeechobee, FL 34972; e-mail lareman72@jano.com; web site www.gesocities.com/lureman72; phone (727) 345-4323

Retired Sir Knight wants to buy any condition: train sets - American Flyer, Lionel, and Mars; Confederate currency; pre-1920 US stamps; WWII and earlier US military and German Third Reich (WWII and before) military items (i.e., daggers, swords, clothing, insignia). Tim Rickheim, 14761 Tunnlicliff Road, Petersburg, MI 49270-9716; collect: (734) 854-3021 or e-mail vonrueckheim@hotmail.com

