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Joyous Easter—2004

Happy Easter! He lives! Grand Master's Message for April 2004

We hope to see and greet many of you in Washington, D.C., for the Annual Easter Observance. There will be many activities and a lot to see in our nation's capital. Details are on the web site and were published in the November 2003 issue of this magazine.

Easter is celebrated in many different ways around the Christian world, and it is celebrated with differing styles of music. Handel's *Messiah* and the traditional hymns in this country all inspire us and help us worship the Great Captain of Our Salvation. I recall a piece of music called *The Russian Easter Festival Overture*, a very stirring piece of music, which always seemed a bit strange when compared to the music I heard as a young person. I never thought of Easter as a festival until I attended the first Easter Observance in Washington, D.C. It does resemble a festival, as it probably should. What happier time is there in the Christian calendar than that which reminds us that **He arose and lives?**

For those who cannot come to Washington this year, please hold your Annual Easter Observance in your asylum, or better yet, go to a local church as a group and show them that Templars or Christian Masons do defend and protect the Christian religion.

Also, we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Grand Commandery of Indiana on April 23 and 24. We're hoping to see you there!



A handwritten signature of Kenneth B. Fischer in cursive script.

Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

Reminder: The Observance will be a Sunrise
Service on Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M.

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

APRIL: Don't miss the Grand Master's Message (page 2): Grand Master Kenneth Fischer has written a stirring Easter Message as he welcomes all to the Easter festivities in Alexandria, Virginia, and Washington, DC, and Grand Prelate Keithly responds with his Message (page 5), which will be presented at the Sunrise Service on April 11. The 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is in full swing and runs through April 30. There is still plenty of time to donate, and if you wish to do so through the 33° and OPC clubs, it is easy to use the forms on page 9! Join us for an 11-day cruise in Alaska! Information is on page 11, and there will be more to come next month! On page 19 Sir Knight Robert Cave bemoans the loss of Christian sentiments surrounding Christmas, inviting us to hang onto them at that time and throughout the year. Sir Knight Hugh Cole recalls Templar history in his saga starting on page 21.

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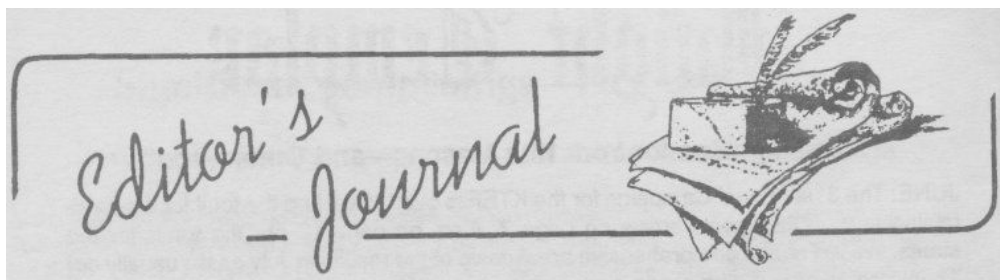
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Recently Arrived: The Order of Malta is now available on DVD. This informative DVD is only \$15.00 plus \$3.50 for S & H (\$18.50). Send in your order today!

Place Mats & Napkins: The place mats have pictures of the Masonic Presidents of the USA, and the napkins have the Cross and Crown emblem. The cost of either one is \$15.00 per 250 in intervals of 250 (ie. 250, 500, etc. - No exceptions) PLUS S & H - UPS charges vary by location.

62nd Triennial Memorabilia: From the 62nd Triennial Conclave, we still have available the black carrying cases that were given at registration - \$20.00 plus \$6.00 S & H (\$26.00). See above for ordering information.

Great Knights Templar Gifts: Available is the 2-volume set of **History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America** by Francis J. Scully, M.D., and **History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America - Book II** by Lt. Col. Jacob C. Baird, Chairman, the Committee on Knights Templar History. As a set, the two books are \$25.00 plus \$4.00 S & H (\$29.00). Separately, each book is \$15.00 plus \$3.00 S & H (\$18.00).

Knight Templar Magazine Index, including all previous indexes and covering the years,

1969-1999, is now available at a price of \$5.00, plus \$2.50 postage - total, \$7.50. This is your chance to invest at a bargain price in the index which covers main articles of the magazine from 1969 to the turn of the century.

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. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 S & H. **Born in Blood:** The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$17.00, including S & H. **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 S&H.

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 is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies, plus S & H; \$1.00 each over 100 copies, plus S & H.

PINS: Malta pins and red or green widow's pins are \$5.00 each. You may order ANY quantity - even just one.



Sir Knight Thomas G. Keithly, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, presents the message below at the 74th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 11, 2004.

A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master, Kenneth B. Fischer, to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at the traditional Easter Service. For those who are/were unable to attend the Easter ceremony in Alexandria or who wish to read the message in addition to being there, here we share it with you.

Reverend Keithly resides at 1612 Kiltartan Drive, Dallas, Texas 75228.

"He has risen! He is not here." (Mark 16:6)

On the first day of the week, the Sunday after that Friday we Christians call "Good," Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were discussing who would roll away the heavy stone door from the entrance to the tomb for them. When they found it already opened, they were surprised by an angel, who told them, "He has risen! He is not here." The horror of Good Friday was erased, as the message of eternal hope was given.

After the women's encounter with the angel, Mark adds, "And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Curiously, in the earliest and most reliable manuscripts, St. Mark's account stops there! Some added verses appear in the later versions, which most biblical scholars reject as late additions. Obviously those of us of the Christian Faith want to hear - and tell - "the rest of the story."

And that is precisely the point: the power of Easter, and therefore of the Gospel itself, is not in the finding of an empty tomb. The timid silence of the women in St. Mark's telling of it accomplished nothing. The power of Easter lies in the personal encounters with the risen Lord. The angel had added to his message, "But go, tell

his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee, there you will see him, as he told you."

It is in those encounters - on the road to Emmaus, in the upper room in Galilee - and continuing down through history to our own time and place, that lives are wonderfully transformed, that sinners are forgiven, the broken are healed, the fallen are redeemed. The literal meaning of the word "gospel" is "Good News!" It may be old news to many, but it not news at all *if it is not proclaimed*. To those who do not encounter Jesus Christ in their own lives, it *is* old news, and therefore stale news. To those who meet the living Lord in their daily lives, it is always fresh news, and is *always* being proclaimed.

If we open our eyes to the philosophy being proclaimed to our society today, we see that the message is, "Seek pleasure and wealth." This has become the national pastime - (dare I say it?) the national religion - and major occupation of our culture. It is all around us; in the media, in the news, in advertising, in television programming, and in the cinema. We must remember that the Gospel admonishes us to not be conformed to this world, but be *transformed*.

We are transformed by our own encounters with the risen Lord. Recognizing Him in the "breaking of bread" arouses in us the impulse to share with others the truth of His Resurrection. Hearing His voice, as the Word is proclaimed, dispels all doubt about the goodness and mercy of God. Being baptized into His death brings us promise of *our* resurrection into His risen life. Encountering Him in the Living Community brings membership in His Body, the Church.

Individuals and congregations who only find an empty tomb are doomed to a slow death as they are buried in their silence and timidity. Those who meet the Risen Lord and become part of his Living Body are inheritors of eternal life. Let the traditional Easter cry go out: **"Alleluia! Christ is risen!"** And let the reply be: **"The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."**

The following poem (on page 7) was written by the same lady who wrote the one especially for our Christmas Message in the December issue of the Knight Templar magazine. It was first published in "The Angelus," the biweekly newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, Texas. From there it was picked up by "The Anglican Digest," a quarterly publication of The Episcopal Book Club. Last Easter it was quoted in "The Living Church," an independent weekly newsmagazine of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. Dr. Skelton has kindly given us permission to use it in the Knight Templar magazine. Susan did her undergraduate work at Auburn University and earned her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature at the University of Southern California.

Who Moved the Stone?

What force removed the massive stone that sealed
The tomb where Jesus' body had been placed?
God's saving love, in mighty acts revealed?
Or all too human hands in stealthy haste?

If Caiaphas or Pilate gave the word,
Would not their minions have rejoiced to know
The Resurrection story was absurd
Because there was a still dead corpse to show?

It was not shown. Could followers and friends,
While soldiers slumbered, drugged or drunk with wine,
Have stolen his remains for their own ends,
To claim a dead man rose as one divine?

Can we believe they lived a lie, then died -
Proclaiming Christ arisen - roasted, flayed,
Stabbed, stoned, beheaded, cudgeled, crucified?
No hoax inspired the valor they displayed.

The power of God broke open that great seal
And raised His Son Christ Jesus from the grave,
Filled frightened mourners with the Spirit's zeal,
And sent them out, a fallen world to save.

All other explanations make less sense
Leave more unanswered questions, more doubts raised,
And fit less closely with evidence
Than that Christ rose in glory: God be praised!

Susan Shelton





Message from the General Chairman The 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign

by Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, PDC and GCG of the Grand Encampment - General Chairman of the Annual Voluntary Campaign

The 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign Comes to a Close...

Let's make the last big push for SUCCESS

Where have the last four months gone? It seems as if it were only yesterday that I was preparing my opening letter and article for this Campaign, and now I am writing in its last month.

By the time this issue reaches you, we will have somewhere between two and four weeks to get all our monies in so that they may be counted for the 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign. Each Commandery Chairman and each Grand Commandery Chairman must make that last effort to reach every Sir Knight and ask him to participate now. Those of you who have chaired fundraising events must bring them to a close and see that the proceeds are forwarded to your chairman.

I am writing this article the night before I leave for Chicago for a meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Eye Foundation. This is the meeting where the grant requests are reviewed and the final selection of awardees is made. We hope to be able to give \$600,000 in research grants to deserving medical researchers across the country. This is the type of work made possible by your donations to our Eye Foundation and the Voluntary Campaign. Each of you should be very proud of your contribution to this great charity.

Last month we discussed the many types of gifts that can be made to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Following this article will be applications for the two special "clubs" of the Foundation, the 33° Club and the Order of the Purple Cross Club. Any holder of the 33° of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, either Northern or Southern Jurisdiction, may apply for membership in the 33° Club with a minimum donation of \$33.00. Any holder of the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign



College of North America may apply for membership in the OPC Club with a like minimum donation of \$33.00. Anyone may recognize any holder of either with an "in honor of" contribution. Each honoree will receive a Knights Templar Eye Foundation lapel pin representing the "honor dub" of which he is a member.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation would like to thank the Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite, Northern and Southern jurisdictions, and the York Rite Sovereign College of North America for their support of our special recognition "dubs."

Keep up the fine efforts and the great momentum that we have established. Success is in our future!

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

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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Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____
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Number: _____ Signature: _____

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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.

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Join Us for an 11-day Cruise-tour of Alaska!

Join the Knights Templar for an 11-day Cruise-tour with Holland America Cruise Lines on August 26, 2004!

The Denali Express Tour begins with a night in Anchorage boarding the McKinley Explorer domed rail car for luxury sightseeing the next day. That evening you will stay at the McKinley Chalet Resort on the Nenana River. You will continue on with a comprehensive Tundra Wilderness Tour with the best views of Mt. McKinley. Then, it is on to Fairbanks for a taste of Gold Rush history on your tour of the authentic, historic Gold Dredge No. 8 and panning for gold! A flight from Fairbanks to Anchorage and motor coach on to Seward will take you to your waiting ship, the *Veendam*, for a festive bon voyage dinner and party!



The 7-night cruise will include 3 days at sea, cruising the College Fjords, Glacier Bay National Park, and the beautiful Inside Passage. Stops include the towns of Sitka, Juneau, and Ketchikan with many shore excursions available to help you enjoy the wonders of Alaska. You will disembark in Vancouver, Canada, and travel home or enjoy a post-night stay to see Vancouver.

Prices for the Cruise-tour include the cruise tour, round-trip airport/hotels transfers, all government fees, taxes, and port charges. Airfares from your departure city and cancellation insurance can be booked with the cruise line at an additional cost. An inside cabin category begins at \$2,142.81 per person. An outside cabin with picture window begins at \$2,557.81 per person, and the balcony cabin category begins at \$3,017.75 per person. For more information you may call Barbara Crump at Carlson Wagonlit Future Travel, (281) 480-1988 or (800) 929-9004. E-mail address is: crumpb@carlsontravel.com

On the Masonic Newsfront...

JUST RELEASED: A very limited number of the HO model engine and caboose, given at the 62nd Triennial Conclave in St. Louis, are now available from the Grand Encampment office. The engine is \$25.00 PLUS \$5.85 S & H (\$30.85), and the caboose is \$15.00 PLUS \$3.30 S & H (\$18.30). Don't delay because when these are gone, there will be no more!

California Commandery Now Has Five Martin Family Sir Knights



Sir Knight Doug Martin is shown flanked by his sons, left to right: Sir Knights Ian, Sky, Doug, Dax and Wes. All 5 are members of Stockton Commandery No. 8, Stockton, California. At the Bill Tool festival in Vallejo, Stockton Commandery No. 8 with the help of San Francisco Commandery No. 1 conferred the Order of the Temple under the direction of Sir Knight Edgar Blake, P.C., presiding as Commander, and Sir Knights Ian Martin, Sr. Warden; Wes Martin, Prelate; and Doug Martin, Hermit and Guard, performed the Order of the Temple for Sky and Dax.

This marked another first for the Martin family: Sky is 20-years old, the youngest son, and may be the youngest Sir Knight in California. All of the family believes that being Knighted in the York Rite is the best of all the achievements of their lives, and they all look forward to many years of fun in the Masonic family.

Sir Knight Edgar Blake III, Inspector Dept. V, Division A., who sent this news item, writes: "It is always a particular honor to be part of an exceptional team conferring degrees upon a family. Such a united family is a living demonstration of Masonic principles and devotion to raising young men and Masons. May time keep their feet upon the right path and fortune allow greater service and charity in years to come."

News from York Ritters in Frederick, Maryland

Companions and Sir Knights of Enoch Chapter No. 23, Enoch Council No. 10, and Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 4 presented 50-year pins for Chapter, Council, and Commandery to 3 of their Brethren at Homewood Nursing Home, Frederick, Maryland. Companions and Sir Knights Charlie Hartman, Howard Graham, Chuck Kennedy, Robert Perry, and Dennis Brekhus presented the pins to Companions and Sir Knights Robert L. Littleton, Charles V. Main, and R. Le Roy Hildebrand. In the picture at right, the presenters of the pins are standing behind the seated honorees.



Companion and Sir Knight Dennis A. Brekhus (Enoch Chapter No. 23, Enoch Council No. 10, and Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 4, Frederick, Maryland) is shown, second from the right, as a cross-country skiing guide for the blind at the Regional Ski for Light, N.E. PA, Land of Vikings, Sherman, Pennsylvania. Ski for Light is a non-profit organization that assists the blind in participating in winter and summer sporting activities. Sir Knight Brekhus has participated in the International Ski for Light, as well as the summer Sports for Light, guiding the blind in canoeing, hiking, and many other activities. The activities draw from 50 to 150 blind participants, each requiring a volunteer guide. Guides are always in short supply, so volunteers are solicited.

Shreveport No. 60, S.O.O.B. of Louisiana Takes Part in Toys for Tots



Shreveport Assembly No. 60, Social Order of the Beauceant, Shreveport, Louisiana, collected "toys for tots" and turned them over to the firemen of Station No. 7 for distribution. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Larry Ledbetter, Mrs. Earl Wright, Mrs. Warren Hoffman, Mrs. Manfred Johnscher, Mrs. Charles England, Mrs. Dwight Brown, Mrs. J. T. Rosson, Mrs. Roy E. May. Back row: Capt. Mitch O'Neal; Michael Barber, F.F.; Marcus Vinson, F.F.; Capt. Tommy Carpenter; Capt. Freddie Powell; Daniel Turner, F.F.; Reggie Taylor, F.F.; Sir Knight D. C. Hall, retired Fire Chief.

Below are the installed officers of Shreveport No. 60, taken at a joint open installation with the Sir Knights of Ascension Commandery No. 6. Front row, left to right: (Mrs. Dwight) Dorothy Brown, Chaplain; (Mrs. Charles) Betty England, Oracle; (Mrs. Manfred) Theresa Johnscher, Worthy President; (Mrs. Timothy) Linda Riley, Standard Bearer; (Mrs. Larry) Trellis Ledbetter, Assistant Marshal; (Mrs. Earl) Nelia Wright, 1st Vice-President. Back row: (Mrs. Pat) Chloe Dickson, Marshal; (Mrs. J. T.) Dorothy Rosson, Treasurer; (Mrs. Roy E.) Viva May, Recorder; (Mrs. R. V., Jr.) Jo Roberts, Flag Bearer.



(Mrs. Edward) Marge Williams of Cleveland Assembly No. 15, S.O.O.B.

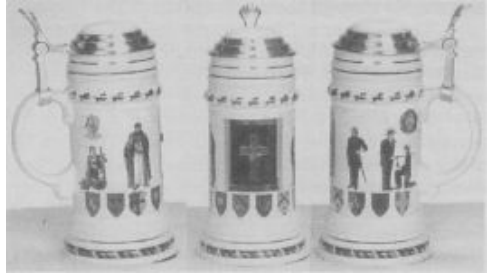


Mrs. Williams has been an active member since 1973, serving as Treasurer of Cleveland No. 15 for many years. After a fall last year in which she broke her arm and shoulder she resigned, but she is still Treasurer Pro-tem. Mrs. Williams is 94 years old and still going strong. In fact, she is still a hospital volunteer twice a month and is truly a dedicated member of the S.O.O.B. Her Assembly, Cleveland No. 15, is the oldest Assembly east of the Mississippi. It was chartered during Supreme Beauceant's first year and is still active. The Assembly has initiated 6 new members in the last 2 years, and they have 4 prospective candidates.

Past Commander's Stein to Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The stein is made of white ceramic from Brazil, is 8 and 112 inches tall, with a pewter lid. It is hand-decorated with 22 karat gold and six blended colors. On one side of the stein are 2 crusaders from the early 1100s, and on the other side is a Commander-elect being installed into office. On the top of the lid is a green board the Eminent Commander would wear until he finished his obligation as Commander, and in front is a red board he is given as a symbol of honor for completing

his obligation. The 9 beautiful shields are for the 9 crusaders who founded the Knights Templar, and there are crosses and crowns around the stein and a color band around the bottom. There are 2 pictures of scenes from the early crusaders. The price is \$65 each, and from each sale \$10.00 will go to the KTEF. If you are ordering out of the United States, please add \$20.00 additional shipping cost. Send check or MO to: Stanley C. Buz, PO Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052



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 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign.

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

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

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Managing the Way Others Perceive Your Commandery

You know your Commandery inside and out. You know who the members are and what they want. You have served as an Officer with dignity and love the Christian fellowship. You may also know many non-York Rite Masons and what you think they want. But maybe you need to know something more.

Perhaps your Commandery needs to perform a self-evaluation of its reputation of "implementing change" to meet the needs of its membership. How do they perceive your Commandery? What are you doing right? What could you be doing better? What keeps potential members away from local York Rite membership and yet they may be active in Symbolic Lodges or other Masonic organizations? Is there any way to change their perception of the Commandery?

The answer is "Yes"! Any company or fraternity can research and manage the way it is perceived by its current or future members or any other group that's important to its success. Perceptual issues, if not positive, can have many tangible effects on a local Commandery, ranging from revenue impact to morale.

The key is for the leadership of a Commandery to identify and manage the perceptions of those it wishes to reach. This can be accomplished by borrowing from many of the traditional disciplines such as market research, marketing, public relations, customer service, and media advocacy programs.

But these are fancy terms for performing a "situation assessment" of your Commandery. How can we do this quickly, determine if changes are needed, and prepare for our membership development efforts? Don't we want to assure ourselves that we have a good product with defined features and tangible benefits to sell to an emerging audience?

A Quick Situation Analysis—Focus Groups

Simple market research can be accomplished by identifying three (3) separate categories: existing Knights Templar, former Knights Templar (who either demitted or are inactive in the Commandery), or non-York Rite Masons active in their Symbolic Lodges.

Call a meeting of the Commandery leadership. Agree that the task at hand is to determine what changes in our product offering are needed, if any, to improve the perception of the Commandery by members, former members, and potential members. Develop a list of names of people who you know and respect that fall into one of the three categories. Agree as to who should contact them.

Active Knights Templar (Satisfied Customers): Ask them what is it about the Commandery that creates the commitment and desire to participate in our order. Is it the meetings, the ritualistic conferral of the Orders, the family activities, programs, drill team, philanthropies, and fellowship? Ask them to identify areas that need to be improved.

Also ask them for any recommendations of changes that, if made, might bring back inactive Sir Knights or assist in attracting new Sir Knights to join our ranks. Make a list of the recommendations.

Inactive Knights Templar (Possibly Dissatisfied Customers): These are the Sir Knights that are either inactive members or have demitted from our ranks. Performing a "product assessment" with this group requires patience and perseverance. But these are also the Sir Knights that may feel the Commandery did not meet their needs or expectations. Perceptions to these Sir Knights are based upon first-hand experiences.

First, tell them how much they are missed. But begin to further explore the reason for their inactivity or separation. Focus the questioning on what changes could or should be made to meet their needs. Listen intently, and avoid being defensive. Acknowledge their observations or recommendations, and make a list of them.

Potential Knights Templar (New Customers): These Masons are the primary target of our membership development effort. These are the future Knights Templar that will not join our ranks unless we have the "right product" for them. They may know little about our Christian Masonic heritage, but they may have formed an impression of what it represents based upon perceptions.

Share with them an overview of the York Rite, and emphasize the features and benefits of membership. Ask them to consider joining the York Rite. Invite them to a planned activity; however, does your local Commandery really meet their needs?

Feedback Results: Once you know what motivates your target audience, you can take the appropriate action. Do they need to be re-educated, inspired, trained, won over or even entertained? Must we "re-define" or change our product to meet their needs? How can we persuade them to join Templary

Action Plans: We might now have learned that our beloved Commandery is not meeting the needs or expectations of some current, former, or new members. Our product may need to be "reengineered" for the existing and perhaps be "re-defined" for the new. We are not referring to changes in our Orders or our Christian teachings and principles but progressive changes in operations that might be considered.

Perhaps we have learned that we may need more programs at Stated Conclaves involving diversified topics of current interest, more family involvement and scheduled activities. We may also need more Masonic education, leadership training, and increased promotion of our good works. Perhaps support in community projects, programs and activities for our youth, and more joint activities with other Masonic organizations. Maybe some "teambuilding" is in order.

Discuss the results of your feedback with the Commandery leaders, and decide what changes need to occur. Establish both short and long-term changes that should be implemented. Begin the implementation process with enthusiasm.

Promote Any Progressive Change: Begin to communicate the changes, and include all three groups in the implementation process if possible. You might be surprised at the enthusiasm change can create. You must develop effective programs that best connect with your key perceivers. Finally, follow up. Continually monitor the results of your efforts, and make adjustments to achieve the best possible results. Ask for restorations, and seek new members to become a part of the order.

Once this is accomplished, it's not a once-and-for-all activity. Perceptions, like anything else, can change over time. Changes in our social climate can have an ongoing impact on how your key perceivers get their information and form opinions.

That's why it's important to continually track your efforts over time, making sure that our product offering meets the major needs of current members, rekindles interest for former members, and is attractive to potential members.

So What's The Point?: Perceptual issues can be managed just as you manage finance or growth of any enterprise. Taking this approach helps avoid the effects of "unfavorable opinions" by understanding the "needs" of your target audience and implementing the changes needed to satisfy them.

With the implementation of creative new management techniques, we have the opportunity to reexamine our product and assure ourselves of the value received. Until you have seen your Commandery through the eyes of others, you haven't seen one of your greatest opportunities for customer satisfaction and growth.

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Bangor Blaze Destroys Masonic Temple

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A devastating fire at the Bangor, Maine, Masonic Hall took with it not only 135 years of history but also the meeting place for Rising Virtue Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge, the Scottish Rite Valley of Bangor, the DeMolay, the Tuscan Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the York Rite, a 32° Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexia, and several businesses.

The five-story structure at 116 Main Street caught fire during the early evening of January 15 and continued to blaze for two days. The fire was fierce enough to warrant the closing of Main Street for the entire period.

When the fire was quelled, the remnants of the building were knocked down for safety reasons.

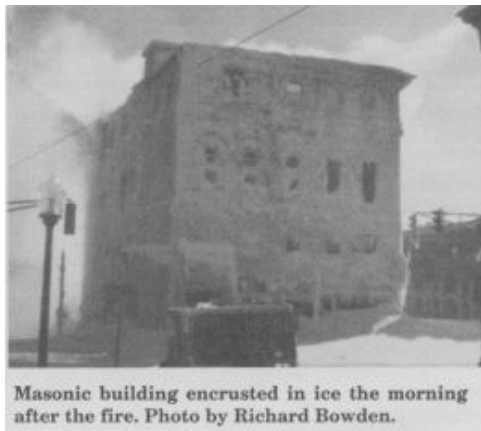
The various Masonic organizations turned to lodges in the vicinity for temporary quarters.

Royce "Wheeler, 33°, an official with the learning

center, commented that the hardest part of starting over is the re-creation of paperwork lost in the blaze. The Active Emeritus Member also commented that it is too early to know where or when, but he is confident that there will be a new Masonic home in Bangor.

There is some hope for the recovery of artifacts. The fire department reported finding packages of photographs in the rubble, virtually untouched. A ceremonial sword was also among the surviving memorabilia.

The building was valued at \$800,000. When asked if this represented one of the largest fires in city history, Deputy Chief Richard Cheverie answered, "without a doubt."



The Bangor blaze destroyed the Masonic Temple. The York Rite bodies need paraphernalia for all the degrees and orders. If you can help, please contact:

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Christmas Lost?

by Sir Knight Robert J. Cave, P.G.C. of New York, KCT
Chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities

Sir Knights, in the Chamber of Reflection prior to having the Order of the Temple conferred on us, we ponder the question: "If called upon to draw your sword in a religious cause, will you give preference to the Christian Religion?" This we must answer in the affirmative. We must then give assent to this in the obligation.

Perhaps now, as much as at any time in the past, we must figuratively take up our sword in defense of Christianity for it is under attack by the media as well as by other groups in our society who seek to secularize Christmas even further. This is no more obvious than by the effort of some to obliterate Christmas altogether. The Christmas of our youth is lost, and too many Christians are oblivious to it.

Examples of this abound: The word "Holiday" has replaced the word "Christmas." We no longer have a Christmas tree as it is now called a "Holiday" tree by the government and by the media. In one school the teacher changed the word "Christmas" to "winter" in a song relating to Christmas. Parents objected but the word remained. In one of our large school systems, the symbol for Hanukkah and a Muslim symbol were permitted to be displayed, but the Christian Crèche was not. In a magazine listing television programming "Holiday" hymns and carols were to be played

when it was obvious they were "Christmas" hymns and carols. Whereas in the past advertisements referred to "Christmas" shopping, it has now become "Holiday" shopping. In other words, "Holiday" is politically correct, and "Christmas" is politically incorrect, and all of this while the polls show that over ninety percent of all people in the United States celebrate Christmas.

Only a few courageous commentators have called this the "tyranny of the few" and have said that Christianity is under attack.

It is time for Knights Templar to take our obligation seriously and figuratively, symbolically draw our swords in defense of the Christian Religion as we face this subtle attack. There are several things we can do:

First, we can be aware of the insidious and not so insidious threat that some groups are waging against Christianity. Too many people have become complacent about this.

Second, we can refuse to fall into the trap of becoming "politically correct" on this issue.

One of the churches I served before retiring sent a newsletter to its membership wishing them "Happy Holidays" rather than wishing them a "Merry Christmas" or a "Blessed Christmas." When it is obvious that the person to whom we are talking is a Christian, we can be specific and wish them a "Blessed" or "Merry" Christmas.

Third, we can rededicate ourselves anew to service and participation in our churches, whatever churches we may be affiliated with. The churches need for us to support them with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

Finally, we can commit ourselves to the ideals of Knights Templary for it may be the repository of much of ancient Christianity. Templary is not the church, and it should never be confused with it, but it can stand outside of the many theological arguments besetting the church and bear witness to the traditional faith.

I am sure there are other ways that we can symbolically wage war against the enemies of the Christian

Religion in defense of the faith, but we can at least do the above. We must not allow the Christian Faith to be removed from our society without a positive response from us in upholding our Christian heritage. To allow that, we would neither be dedicated Christians nor true Knights Templar.

It is too late to wish you a Merry or Blessed 2003 Christmas, but I truly wish you a Merry and Blessed 2004 Christmas.

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Senior DeMolay Serves As Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

Walter Webber joined Washington Chapter DeMolay, North Kingston, Rhode Island, in 1957. Fall 2003 he was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council, 33^o for the Northern Jurisdiction. Also, in 2003, Webber was elected to DeMolay's International Supreme Council, where he serves as an honorary member.

Webber became a Mason in 1971 after completing college and law school. He was raised a Master Mason in Casco Lodge No. 36, A.F. & A.M., Yarmouth, Maine, and has never been without a Masonic office or responsibility since; for example, he was District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Maine, 1980-1981; served on many Grand Lodge committees; served as Potent Master of Yates

Lodge of Perfection 3 times; was Commander-in-Chief of Maine Consistory; was named Scottish Rite Deputy for Maine in 2001; and is a member of the York Rite Bodies of Portland.

Prior to accepting the position of Sovereign Grand Commander, Webber was the Senior Director of the Portland law firm of Jensen, Baird, Gardner, and Henry. He continues to be counsel to the firm. In the community, he is a member of the board of trustees of the Maine Life Care, Inc.; the Portland Country Club; an active participant in the First Parish Congregational Church; former member of Portland Kiwanis Club; and trustee of Yarmouth Zoning Board of Appeals. He also sat on the board of trustees at Brighton Medical Center, serving as chairman in 1989-1992; was chairman of Diversified Health Services, 1989-1992; and was chairman of York Mutual Insurance Company of Maine in 1991.



Part I: Saga of the Knights Templar and Origin of DeMolay

by Sir Knight Hugh A. Cole, 33°

With the arrival of the second millennium, the anticipated "Second Coming of Christ" did not occur, nor did the world come to its predicted end! Optimistic and penitent pilgrims, from the Latin *peregrinus*, questioning the sagacity of the clergy, commenced to defy their monopoly over spiritual welfare. Throngs of people embarked on wanderlust treks to Jerusalem in the Holy Land. Dedicated pilgrims had to cope with inhospitable strangers of other cultures, situations in foreign lands to which they were not accustomed, and marauding bands of beggars, assailants, heretics, and scoundrels awaiting opportunities to deprive them of their belongings or take their lives. To retain hold over the faithful, the clergy urged protecting pilgrims and tending to their medical needs. The people were naturally curious and strongly relied on "Holy" places and "Holy" relics on their quest for personal salvation. Thus the Holy Land seemed their prime destination!

Pilgrims characteristically equipped themselves with a staff or walking stick, a leather canteen for water, a pouch or sash to carry food, a scabbard or long, coarse tunic, and a cockle-hat, which was a wide-brimmed hat worn as protection from the hot sun. The front of this hat was usually adorned with crossed palm leaves, crossed keys, a cockleshell or other symbol of religious significance. Months of walking or riding in a caravan passed before arriving at a seaport. More weeks or

months were spent at sea to arrive at a Near East destination. If a pilgrim conserved money or treasures for the overland trek; many dangers, difficulties, and challenges had yet to be overcome. Beyond their comprehension were being arrested on false accusations, hanged, placed in a wooden cage with a rooster and hen, unless they fortunately escaped such adversaries. Pilgrims were known to freely offer alms to persons who appeared to be poor and destitute. They stood vigils at shrines and ignored admonitions not to chip off souvenirs from sacred relics! The reward for a pilgrim was walking where Jesus walked, standing where Peter stood, seeing what the Apostles viewed, and praying at "Holy" shrines. The ever-increasing throngs stressed facilities and relationships between residents and travelers.

In 1095 Pope Urban II endeavored to resolve matters by proclaiming the First Crusade. The purpose was to combat Moslem Seljuk Turks and retrieve control of the Near East. Duke Godfrey of Bouillon was named to assemble and lead an army of crusader knights and townspeople. He was joined by Robert, Duke of Normandy; Robert, Count of Flanders; and Tancred, King of Sicily. Godfrey announced that the crusade intended to avenge the blood of Jesus upon all Jews who did not accept Christianity. A monk arousing Christian ardor may have prompted Godfrey's announcement. This monk said that an inscription, on the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, made conversion of all Jews a moral obligation of all Christians!

Godfrey completely ignored the general amicability then prevailing among Moslems, Jews, and Christians in the Near East as he accumulated faithful followers from rich communities. Children singing "Fairest Lord Jesus"

led Godfrey's procession down the Rhine River. Many Christians felt intimidated into joining the army. Others were reacting to pilgrims returning from the Holy Land in 1070 and relating acts of oppression and desecration committed by Turks. They implored Pope Urban II to provide papal response and support. The pope calculated it was an opportunity to open Near Eastern markets to European goods; to reunite the Eastern Church under papal rule, into a mighty Christendom. He dispatched papal delegates to enlist support for the crusade shouting the battle cry "*Dieu li volt*," or "God wills it." Enlistees wore crosses upon the brow or breast. Nobility, monks, and hermits fell upon their knees before the pope to consecrate themselves as soldiers of Christ. They then placed all their assets to the service of God. Family and friends bade farewell to departing warriors, saying "Godspeed, Thee!"

European Jews suffered sporadic persecution but dreamed that a Christian victory would restore Palestine to them! The Moslems in Palestine then lived by Mohammed's teachings and thought otherwise. They resented that Jews rejected Moslem prophets and that Christians accepted the divinity of Christ, so to the Moslem there was nothing inhuman in their subjugating Palestine throughout those several centuries! In Germany Jews had developed commerce and held a respected and restrained piety. They lived peacefully among their Christian neighbors. Indeed, Bishop Rudiger of Speyer guaranteed autonomy and security for resident Jews of his district. Emperor Henry IV issued a charter protecting all Jews within his realm, so Godfrey's pronouncement sent a paralyzing terror

ahead of him. Christians at Cologne began secluding their Jewish neighbors, and others engaged in savage murdering of Jews. This initiated the Two Hundred Years' War for the soul of man and the profits from trade. Seven Crusades between 1095 and 1275 gained marginal and temporary victory for Christians.

The arrival at Nicaea of the First Crusade met with a disciplined force of Turkish Moslems. These skilled bowmen marched out of the city to repel the approaching crusaders. The crusaders were nearly annihilated! Eventually the crusaders achieved a weakened victory. King Philip I of France, King William II of England, and King Henry IV of Germany were under Pope Urban's sentence of excommunication and so were absent from the battlefield. Leadership of the crusaders was vested in subordinate counts and dukes, mostly of French lineage. The predominant French influence caused Near Easterners to refer to the First Crusaders as French, or Franks. Duke Godfrey, a Frenchman, combined the qualities of soldier and monk. He was brave and competent in both war and government and pious to the point of fanaticism. In 1097 he united Europeans into an army of nearly 30,000 men which proved difficult to manage. Fortunately for Godfrey, the Moslem armies were equally as divided as were the Christians!

In spite of Godfrey's insensitivity his exceptional integrity wrested Palestine after 465 years of Byzantine rule. He acquired the title, "Defender of the Holy Sepulcher." Most of his leaders, after the fall of Jerusalem, left to return home to Europe thus weakening Godfrey's kingdom.

Attention now focused on a small group of Italian merchants who in 1048 formed a Jerusalem society of military

monks. They vowed chastity, poverty, obedience, and opened a hospital serving Christian pilgrims. This group was known as Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem. Raymond du Puy reorganized them as Hospitalers or Knights of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem. Their insignia was subsequently the Maltese Cross or cross of Malta (of four spear points meeting at the center and emblematic of the beatitudes).

In 1118 Hugues de Payens, a nobleman living near Troyes in Burgundy, and Geofroy de St. Omer, a Norwegian knight, together with eight other knights of the first three crusades, formed the Knights Templar or Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon. They were Christian warriors and men of faith inspired with love to serve God and Church. They dedicated themselves to monastic discipline and martial service. In this capacity they defended pilgrims from attacks by the Saracens while in route to and from the Sepulchre of Jesus at Jerusalem. In 1128 the Council of Troyes sanctioned the order. King Baldwin II provided them quarters inside the compound of King Solomon's magnificent temple, where now stands the Dome of the Rock.

Bernard (Saint Bernard) was born in 1091. As a Roman Catholic priest, he served as advisor to popes and kings. He founded the order of Cistercian Monks and became Abbott of Clairvaux. His symbol is a shield having three papal miters above a closed *book*. His *Sermao exhortatorius ad Milites Templi*, or "Exhortation to the soldiers of the Temple," induced the order to adopt the Strict Rule of Saint Benedict (similar to that of the Cistercian Monks). Abbott Bernard instructed the knights to wear a white tunic or smock over their armor.

This was to be embellished with a red Greek Cross (having arms of equal length at right angles) and later the Cross Pattée (resembling the Maltese Cross, but spreads to the extremities symbolizing the spread of the Gospel). Their banner or Beauceant of white and black denoted death to enemies and protection for those within their charge. Saint Bernard died in 1153. The mission of this order attracted numerous young men who in addition to ranks also enlarged the order's properties and treasuries. Europe's jealous clergy and impoverished monarchs continually viewed the order with intent to relieve them of their assets!

Jacques DeMolay was born in 1245 as a nobleman's son at Franche-Comte. About the age of seven or eight he would have been entered as a page. At twelve to fourteen he would have become a squire. That meant waiting on table, helping in the bed chamber, on the manor, in jousts or in battle. The arduous discipline leading to knighthood found him fortifying his flesh and spirit with dangerous exercises and sports. He learned by imitation and trial to handle weapons of feudal war. His apprenticeship ended with being received into the knightly order. Beginning with a bath, he cleansed himself spiritually and physically as a "knight of the bath," distinguishing him from "knights of the sword," who had bravely been rewarded for receiving their accolade in battle.

The aspirant for knighthood was clothed in a white tunic (for purity of morals), red robe (for blood he might shed for honor and God), and a black coat (for death he must prepare to meet unflinchingly). He fasted for a day, passed a nightly vigil at church in prayer, and confessed sins to a priest, attended Mass, and received

Communion. He listened to a sermon on moral, religious, social, and military duties, which as a knight he must promise to fulfill. He advanced toward the altar with a sword suspended about his neck. A priest removed the sword, blessed it, and repositioned it about his neck. The aspirant next faced the baron, requesting to become knighted. Knights and ladies prepared him for knighthood. They attired him in a knightly array of hauberk (a gorget to protect the neck), cuirass (a breastplate), armlets (armored gauntlet gloves), sword (a broad or double bladed sword), and spurs (worn on a knight's heels having a rowel to prod a steed and giving rise to the expression *to win one's spurs*).

The aspirant then knelt, bareheaded and weaponless, before the feudal baron. He placed his folded hands between the baron's hands and declared himself the baron's *homme* or man. While pledging this oath, he might also touch a sacred relic or Holy Bible. The vow was of eternal fealty to the baron while remaining a freeman. The baron raised the kneeling knight and kissed him. In modern etiquette we kiss family and friends in reassurance of our love, respect, and obedience. The baron gave the knight an accolade (three blows on the shoulder, at the neck, with the flat of a sword). This symbolized the last affront the knight would receive, or accept, without redress. The baron dubbed him, speaking words such as this: "In the name of God, St. Michael, and St. George; I make thee knight." The knight was invested symbolically with straw (signifying subordination and origin of the term *straw boss*), stick (signifying to adhere, to abide and persevere), lance (signifying prowess with armaments and endurance in battle),

and a glove (signifying friendly terms of agreement). He received a lance, helmet, horse, sword, and gifts before riding off to church and a hardy feast.

Medieval European barons were militant landholders who erected impregnable castles and châteaux of stone. It was their custom for the livery of their men at arms to provide garments distinguishing knights by heraldic devices or coats of arms. These inspired pride and identified them when traveling or in battle. Each knight acquired a retinue of heralds, squires, horses, and wagons to accompany him on his quests. Along thoroughfares and in battle, a knight held the horse's bridle in the left hand and adhered to the left, leaving the right hand free to wield a sword or lance in defense or attack. Thus, they passed to the left of approaching traffic, a custom retained in some parts of the world. Knights in armor lifted their visors, signifying a peaceful attitude towards approaching persons. Extending the right hand to grasp another's right hand also signified a peaceful attitude. Modern etiquette retains this custom in raising the hat, saluting superiors, and in acts of greeting. The baron owed his vassals protection, friendship, fidelity, and economic or legal aid. Each knight pledged his "liege" to serve whether in peace or war. The baron was expected not to seduce a vassal's wife or daughter nor insult a vassal. Doing so released the vassal from fealty to the baron. The vassal threw down a glove as a *de-fy*.

De Molay probably experienced this procedure before entering the Templars at Beaune in 1265. His initial assignment was Acre, north of Haifa, on the Mediterranean seacoast of Palestine. He is known to have addressed 400 knights, denouncing

certain unspecified practices corrupting the order that threatened to destroy it. After years of constant fighting, Acre in 1291 was finally evacuated. DeMolay had been a respected knight though little is recorded of his exploits. He is known to have served as Grand Master of the Order of Knights Templar from 1295 to 1314.

King Philip IV (the fair) of France and his predecessors resented the power accorded to the Templars, who were above the rule of monarchs and beholden directly to the papacy. Considerable Templar properties and treasuries were thus immune to French law. King Philip IV suffered from ulcers while he waged war against neighboring kingdoms and depleted the French treasury. In 1307 he contrived a ruse by which to return DeMolay from Cyprus to Paris. Pope Clement V was also sickly and shied from the horrors of his papacy at Avignon. He acquiesced in King Philip's ruse for his own purposes.

On DeMolay's arrival in Paris, he was accorded the great honor to serve as pallbearer at the funeral of Princess Catherine, late wife of King Philip's brother, Charles of Valois. DeMolay was also named as godfather for a royal child. Pope Clement V participated in the ruse supposedly to inquire of DeMolay the feasibility of raising another hapless Crusade. On the night of October 12, 1307, the subterfuge was dispensed with, and the very next day, Friday, October 13, 1307, DeMolay and four of his 15,000 knights were captured and imprisoned. Their Paris properties and treasuries were confiscated! False charges of heresy, idolatry, sorcery, immoral sexual practices, and human sacrifice were levied against DeMolay and the order. On May 12, 1312, Pope Clement

V issued his edict at Vienne, Papal Bull Ad Providam, which transferred Templar properties to the Knights of Rhodes (Hospitallers) and disposed of the Templars. Some Templars are said to have then joined the Order of Saint John, later known as the Sovereign Order of Knights of Malta.

**Part II of "Saga of the
Knights Templar and
Origin of DeMolay"
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Ernest E. Fricks (NJ), 33°
Le Roi Edward Crandall (CA), 33°
Gary J. Ausman (WA), 33°
Donald L. Struble (IN), 33°
Gene F. Patton, Sr. (SC), 33°
Glenn D. Smith (SC), 33°
in honor of Arthur R. Datnoff, 33°
Arthur A. Babbitt (IL), 33°
Robert E. Buecheler (MT), 33°
Mark A. Hoffman (ND), 33°
Robert B. Campbell (TX), 33°
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Edgar L. Toulson, Jr. (GA), 33°
Norman W. Fain II (AZ), 33°
John G. Moy (MA/RI), 33°
Phillip J. Huff (GA), 33°
Calvin W. Stampley (TX), 33°
James McGuire (MO), 33°
Harry E. Garrett (LA), 33°
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Benny D. Croyle (CA), 33°
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Many more 33° Club members will be listed in the May 2004 issue!

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending March 5, 2004. The total amount contributed to date is \$388,708.22.

Alabama	\$3,982.00
Arizona	7,641.84
Arkansas.....	1,725.00
California.....	25,502.63
Colorado.....	9,366.33
Connecticut.....	3,767.00
Delaware.....	916.00
District of Columbia	5,167.00
Florida	23,916.50
Georgia	35,817.57
Idaho	1,447.00
Illinois.....	19,763.00
Indiana	5,634.99
Iowa	5,286.04
Kansas	4,110.00
Kentucky	6,555.49
Louisiana.....	6,439.60
Maine	1,866.00
Maryland.....	7,932.00
Mass./R.I.....	5,516.00
Michigan.....	6,168.00
Minnesota.....	1,915.00
Mississippi.....	2,158.00

Missouri	3,682.00
Montana	1,975.00
Nebraska	1,888.68
Nevada.....	2,198.00
New Hampshire.....	2,483.21
New Jersey.....	2,010.00
New Mexico.....	3,134.93
New York	8,312.00
North Carolina.....	7,770.00
North Dakota	976.50
Ohio	18,831.05
Oklahoma	2,319.00
Oregon	4,341.58
Pennsylvania.....	29,049.63
South Carolina.....	8,978.43
South Dakota	23,033.00
Tennessee.....	7,417.00
Texas	19,650.92
Utah	8,126.65
Vermont	2,191.00
Virginia.....	12,463.00
Washington.....	4,583.05
West Virginia.....	4,265.60
Wisconsin.....	9,308.00
Wyoming.....	2,469.00
Philippines.....	270.00
Alaska.....	290.00
Hilo No. 3, Hawaii.....	30.00
Cuahuil No. 3, Mexico.....	38.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico	100.00
Miscellaneous	3,930.00

IN MEMORIAM



Charles Raymond Hager
New York
Grand Commander—1989
Born: July 21, 1912
Died: June 1, 2003

Lloyd R. Bashaw
Pennsylvania
Grand Commander—1989
Born: March 5, 1913
Died: November 5, 2003

Russel R. Robison
Pennsylvania
Grand Commander—1972
Born: July 6, 1913
Died: December 3, 2003

Walter B. Pearce
Pennsylvania
Grand Commander—1980
Born: March 23, 1916
Died: December 20, 2003

Elwood L. Nelson
Ohio
Grand Commander—1979
Born: January 30, 1914
Died: December 24, 2003

Supreme Worthy President Harris, S.O.O.B., Tours Florida

Mrs. Charles Harris, Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, recently toured Florida Assemblies, accompanied by Supreme Officers, Mrs. Fred Lombard and Mrs. William Graham, Jr., and Past



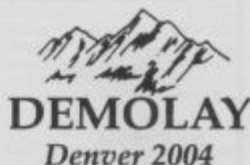
Supreme Worthy Presidents, Mrs. Paul Case and Mrs. Keith Dean. Her first stop was Jacksonville Assembly No. 220 (picture above, left), where they initiated Miss Melba Meeks (center front), the daughter of a Sir Knight. Ocala No. 249 (picture above, right) and Orlando No. 256 (picture below, left) followed. She completed her visits with Tampa Assembly No. 208 (picture below, right), where they initiated Mrs. Harry Klaus (center front).



S.W.P. Harris, S.O.O.B., Presents Plaque to Orlando's Mrs. J. Fletcher

S.W.P. Mrs. Charles Harris (center) presents outgoing Recorder, Mrs. John Fletcher (right), with a plaque honoring her for her many years of dedicated service to Orlando Assembly No. 256. Also shown is Mrs. Michael Rudd, President of Orlando No. 256.





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Even with all that information, the Yearbook is so much more to its delegates. The Session Yearbook provides delegates with a souvenir program from Session, while helping jurisdictions raise money to offset the travel expenses of the young men. The Session Yearbook is a historical record of the DeMolay year. And, the Yearbook is provided at no charge to all convention attendees.

Session attendees come from all over the world for our annual meeting. Attendees include some of the most prominent members from each jurisdiction, as well as adult leaders from Advisors to Chapter Dads; from Potentates to Grand Masters. Session attendees represent some of the most important men in DeMolay and in Masonry. By purchasing an ad in the Session Yearbook, you are announcing to all attendees that you are proud to support DeMolay and its programs.

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

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 1 E. K. Longworth, 502 Wentworth Avenue, N.E.; Roanoke, VA 24012-3545. This is a fundraiser for the 64th Triennial Conclave.

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. Neal Mimbs, 708 Jeanette Street, Cochran, GA 31014, (478) 934-4187, e-mail neal217@bigfoot.com

For sale: tailor-made Commandery uniform, worn twice: cost, size 52; cost \$220.00 - will sell for \$75.00. Also, belt with sword slings: \$20.00; chapeau, size 7 and 118, with case: \$40.00; and white gloves, large: \$4.00. Phone (864) 575-3241

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, formed in 1855 in San Antonio, will be commemorating its sesquicentennial in San Antonio, April 16-18, 2005. The ties are a fund-raiser for this event. 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. Order and check (payable to San Antonio Commandery No. 7) 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: jnh.kt@hzh2law.com

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; size: 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 Road; Staten Island; NY 10310-2698

Ostrich feathers: Griffin Commandery No. 35, Fayetteville, Georgia, has a fundraiser 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, while quantities last, plus \$5.00 S & H for your total order. Check or MO and request to Mark Johnson, 291 Buckeye Road, Fayetteville, GA 30214-3139; order online mjfayette@aol.com

Sword slings available in 2-inch or 1-inch wide, white or black nylon straps with black, fine grade leather sword holder and with heavy duty black clips. They are adjustable to fit all sizes - \$19.00 each plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. For further details or brochure, write Tom Starnes, 156 Utica Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150, call (716) 693-7226 or e-mail tonawsta@netzero.net Checks to KY 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. Each coin is mounted in a 2x2 coin folder and comes with a sealed certificate of authenticity. Orders to Chuck Smith, 6559 Cypress Drive, Eastman, GA 31023, e-mail choppy31023@yahoo.com

For sale: York Rite cap with six-color embroidery showing Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery emblems. Specify white or dark blue cap. \$11.00 each plus \$1.00 postage. Also: gold color Knights Templar lapel pin, \$4.00. Part of each sale goes to the York Rite charities. Robert Haupt, PO Box 433, Farmington, NM 87499

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 art 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.ppdavis@earthlink.net Proceeds to benefit the 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 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, 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, 6x5x2.5 inches in size and the shape of the square and compass, constructed of exotic woods from Central America, and hand-crafted with an interlocking design. All profits to Masonic charities, a portion directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund. They are \$20.00 each with \$6.00 shipping in the U.S. Check or money order to Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217 and mail to Harry A. Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail: harry217@bigfoot.com

Fund-raiser: Lodge auto togs with blue vinyl letters on white, 6 x12-inch aluminum, include lodge name and number, square and compass, F & AM (AF & AM, AAFM, etc.), city and state: \$8.00 each plus shipping: 5 at \$5.00, 10 at \$7.00, 20 at \$10.00 shipped to same address in US - minimum order of 5. One free tag with each ten ordered. 25% of proceeds to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund Send info, check or money order to Ernest P Gentry, 893 Brookside Drive, Winder, GA 30680-2848, e-mail tagmaker@att.net

For sale: Syria Temple goblets, Pittsburgh, PA 1894-1917. Price list may be obtained by sending SASE to Charles A. Games, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, or e-mail charles.games@verizon.net and list will be returned by e-mail.

Sprig of Acacia pin: each handcrafted pin is 14 karat gold; it will make a nice gift for the newly raised Brother; price is \$40.00 each, including S & H. Also 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 KTEF. New item: Sept. 11 Memorial Masonic lapel pin, \$8.00 each, including S & H - to commemorate members who lost their lives in terrorist attack - proceeds to benefit the KTEF. S. Kenneth Baril, 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: In Memoriam booklet, 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, from Blue Lodge to family of deceased Brother. Card stack cover with 5 parchment-like pages including personal history page. The Lodge's Memorial presents Masonic sympathies and convictions in 2 1/2 pages, and there is a signature page for Brethren. Quality presentation for family, especially if no Masonic service or Brother lived away. \$3.75 each including postage, or ten (10) for \$23.50. Satisfaction or refund. Check to Monument Lodge, P.O. Box 743, Houlton, ME 04730.

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 Demott, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921. % to KTEF.

On March 20, 2004, Newton Lodge No. 136, A.F. & AM., Burkeville, Texas, is celebrating its 150-year anniversary. They have bronze commemorative coins with the Lodge name and dates on one side and the square and compass and working tools of the fraternity on back. Price is \$6.00 per coin. Check or money order payable to Burt T Keller, Sec.; P.O. Box 283; Burkeville; TX 75932.

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Library of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the library has published They Made a Difference.. Arkansas' Freemasons. This 138-page, hard-cover book, published by Macoy Publishing, details the lives and profound effect these men had and continue to have on the citizens of Arkansas. Available from the Library of the Grand lodge of Arkansas, 700 Scott Street, Little Rock, AR 72201, (501) 374-6408, e-mail: Dick E. Browning, dbrowning@ardemgaz.com for \$19.00 including S & H in the U.S. Proceeds to the library.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 30 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 needed are Hawaiian and Alaskan pennies. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585

Wanted: Masonic postcards. I am interested in expanding my Masonic postcard collection. New or used cards with pictures of the buildings or any Masonic structure (interior or exterior) or other Masonic related organization or subject would be appreciated. Plans are that one day the entire collection will be presented to a Masonic museum. Send cards to Robert J. Graziosi, PO Box 242, Glyndon, MD 21071

For sale: 5 Royal Arch Mason (various Iowa Chapters) sterling antique forks from 1908-1913, beautifully engraved. Photos on request. \$40.00 each or all 5 for \$150.00. Helen Wenger, 805 Eastmoor Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246-2908, (319) 354-8551

Planning a Rusty Nail Degree? We have pins and certificates available at \$35.00 per unit. (A unit consists of 5 pins and 5 certificates, S & H included.) Make check out to Tom A. Stevens, 5 Old Duxbury Court, Fairfield, OH 45014. Phone (513) 942-2490; fax (513) 272-2830 Proceeds go to the John Hayes Gerard Masonic Scholarship Fund.

For sale: customized Masonic gifts and incentive items. Represent Masonry with pride with beautiful custom-imprinted fraternal gifts and presentation items, all reasonably priced to fit any Masonic budget. Choose from a variety: lapel pins, die cast coins, coffee mugs, ink pens, pencils, ornaments, belt buckles, key tags, and wood nickels, just to mention a few. Hand sketch and we will design camera-ready art to produce your imprinted items. For a free brochure or catalog loaded with unique ideas, call or write Frank Looser, (800) 765-1728, 408 Ashlar Circle, Nashville, TN 37211, or e-mail mason@tnfiinteractive.com or web site www.cnfiinteractive.com 3% of profits go to KTEF.

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. Donating a % of profits to the KTEF. Randy Mogren, 8 Gould Street, Millbury, MA 01527, (508) 865-4816

Violins wanted in any condition by a retired violinist for worthy students. I will buy them and put them in good playing condition and let worthy students play them. Write H. Harry Kazarian, 91 Beaufort Street, Providence, RI 02908.

For sale: Meadowridge Memorial Park, Maryland: in a prime location in the Masonic area are 4 beautiful burial sites with 2 vaults; will sell in parcels of two or all four for \$10,000.00 For information call James Roberts, (757) 490-0974.

